

## **LAZER Z<sup>®</sup> E-SERIES**

**For Serial Nos.  
315,000,000 & Higher  
Lazer Z (LZE) Units**  
Part No. 4502-375 Rev. A

# **Operator's Manual**

**⚠ WARNING**

**CALIFORNIA  
Proposition 65 Warning**

This product contains a chemical or chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer, birth defects, or reproductive harm.

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

**Important:** The engine in this product is not equipped with a spark arrester muffler. It is a violation of California Public Resource Code (CPRC) Section 4442 to use or operate this engine on any forest-covered, brush-covered, or grass-covered land as defined in CPRC 4126. Other states or federal areas may have similar laws.

To acquire a spark arrester for your unit, see your Engine Service Dealer.

This spark ignition system complies with the Canadian standard ICES-002. Ce système d'allumage par étincelle de véhicule est conforme à la norme NMB-002 du Canada.

The enclosed Engine Owner's Manual is supplied for information regarding The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the California Emission Control Regulation of emission systems, maintenance and warranty.

Keep this engine Owner's Manual with your unit. Should this engine Owner's Manual become damaged or illegible, replace immediately. Replacements may be ordered through the engine manufacturer.

Labeled power ratings are supplied by the engine manufacturer in accordance with SAE testing and gross/net power rating standards (J1940, J1995, J1349).

Exmark reserves the right to make changes or add improvements to its products at any time without incurring any obligation to make such changes to products manufactured previously. Exmark, or its distributors and dealers, accept

no responsibility for variations which may be evident in the actual specifications of its products and the statements and descriptions contained in this publication.



If your Exmark dealer does not have the Exmark part in stock, Exmark will get the parts to the dealer the next business day or the part will be FREE Guaranteed!! (Some restrictions apply. See your participating Exmark Dealer for details.)

# Introduction

**CONGRATULATIONS** on the purchase of your Exmark Mower. This product has been carefully designed and manufactured to give you a maximum amount of dependability and years of trouble-free operation.

This manual contains operating, maintenance, adjustment, and safety instructions for your Exmark mower.

## **BEFORE OPERATING YOUR MOWER, CAREFULLY READ THIS MANUAL IN ITS ENTIRETY.**

By following the operating, maintenance, and safety instructions, you will prolong the life of your mower, maintain its maximum efficiency, and promote safe operation.

**Important:** To maximize safety, performance, and proper operation of this machine, it is essential that all operators carefully read and fully understand the contents of the Operator's manual provided with the product. Safe operation of Exmark equipment is essential. Failure to comply with the operating instructions or receive proper training may result in injury. Go to <http://www.Exmark.com> for additional safe operation information, such as safety tips, training materials, and Operator's manuals.

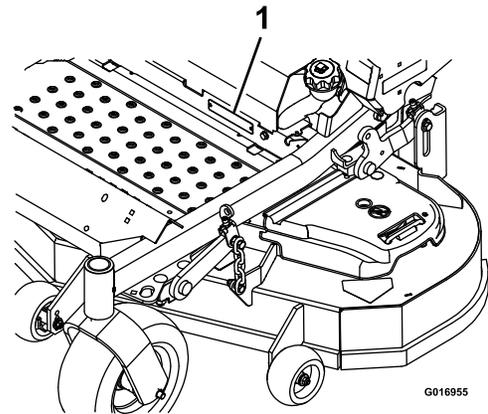
If additional information is needed, or should you require trained mechanic service, contact your authorized Exmark equipment dealer or distributor.

All Exmark equipment dealers and distributors are kept informed of the latest methods of servicing and are equipped to provide prompt and efficient service in the field or at their service stations. They carry ample stock of service parts or can secure them promptly for you from the factory.

All Exmark parts are thoroughly tested and inspected before leaving the factory, however, attention is required on your part if you are to obtain the fullest measure of satisfaction and performance.

Whenever you need service, genuine Exmark parts, or additional information, contact an Authorized Service Dealer or Exmark Customer Service and have the model and serial numbers of your product ready.

Figure 1 identifies the location of the model and serial numbers on the product. Write the numbers in the space provided.



**Figure 1**

1. Model and serial number location

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

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

# Contents

Introduction .....	3	Motion Control Damper Adjustment.....	52
Safety .....	5	Motion Control Neutral Lock Pivot	
Safety Alert Symbol.....	5	Adjustment .....	52
Safe Operating Practices .....	5	Motion Control Handle Adjustment .....	53
Safety and Instructional Decals .....	11	Motion Control Full Forward Tracking	
Specifications .....	18	Adjustment .....	53
Model Numbers .....	18	Caster Pivot Bearings Pre-Load	
Systems .....	18	Adjustment .....	53
Dimensions.....	21	Cleaning .....	54
Torque Requirements .....	23	Clean Engine and Exhaust System	
Product Overview .....	24	Area.....	54
Operation .....	24	Remove Engine Shrouds and Clean	
Controls .....	24	Cooling Fins.....	54
Pre-Start.....	28	Clean Hydro Fan Cooling Guards, Hydro	
Operating Instructions .....	28	Cooling Fins, and Fan.....	54
Transporting .....	34	Clean Debris From Machine .....	55
Maintenance .....	37	Clean Grass Build-Up Under Deck .....	55
Recommended Maintenance Schedule(s) .....	37	Cleaning the Suspension System .....	55
Periodic Maintenance .....	38	Waste Disposal.....	55
Check Engine Oil Level.....	38	Troubleshooting .....	56
Check Mower Blades .....	40	Schematics .....	59
Check Safety Interlock System .....	41		
Check Rollover Protections Systems (Roll			
Bar) Knobs.....	41		
Check Seat Belt.....	42		
Check for Loose Hardware .....	42		
Service Air Cleaner .....	42		
Change Engine Oil.....	42		
Check Hydraulic Oil Level.....	43		
Check Tire Pressures .....	43		
Check Condition Of Belts.....	43		
Lubricate Grease Fittings.....	44		
Lubricate Deck Lift Pivot .....	45		
Check Spark Plugs.....	45		
Change Hydraulic System Filter and			
Fluid .....	45		
Wheel Hub - Slotted Nut Torque			
Specification.....	46		
Check Spark Arrester (if equipped).....	46		
Thread Locking Adhesives.....	46		
Copper-Based Anti-seize .....	46		
Dielectric Grease.....	46		
Adjustments .....	47		
Deck Leveling .....	47		
Pump Drive Belt Tension.....	49		
Deck Belt Tension .....	49		
Adjusting the Parking Brake.....	49		
Electric Clutch Adjustment.....	50		
Motion Control Linkage Adjustment .....	51		

# Safety

## Safety Alert Symbol

This lawn mower meets or exceeds the B71.4 specifications of the American National Standards Institute in effect at the time of production.

Exmark designed and tested this lawn mower to offer reasonably safe service; however, failure to comply with the following instructions may result in personal injury.

This Safety Alert Symbol (Figure 2) is used both in this manual and on the machine to identify important safety messages which must be followed to avoid accidents.

This symbol means: **ATTENTION! BECOME ALERT! YOUR SAFETY IS INVOLVED!**



**Figure 2**  
Safety Alert Symbol

The safety alert symbol appears above information which alerts you to unsafe actions or situations and will be followed by the word **DANGER**, **WARNING**, or **CAUTION**.

**DANGER:** Indicates an imminently hazardous situation which, if not avoided, **Will** result in death or serious injury.

**WARNING:** Indicates a potentially hazardous situation which, if not avoided, **Could** result in death or serious injury.

**CAUTION:** Indicates a potentially hazardous situation which, if not avoided, **May** result in minor or moderate injury.

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

## Safe Operating Practices

### Training

- Read the Operator's Manual and other training material. If the operator(s) or mechanic(s) can not read English it is the owner's responsibility to explain this material to them; other languages may be available on our website.
- Become familiar with the safe operation of the equipment, operator controls, and safety signs.
- All operators and mechanics should be trained. The owner is responsible for training the users.
- Never let children or untrained people operate or service the equipment. Local regulations may restrict the age of the operator.
- Only adults and mature teenagers should operate a mower, and even mature teenagers should have adult supervision. Be sure a teenager:
  1. has read and understands the Operator's Manual and recognizes the risks involved;
  2. is sufficiently mature to use caution; and
  3. is of sufficient size and weight to operate the controls comfortably and to manage the mower without taking risks.
- The owner/user can prevent and is responsible for accidents or injuries occurring to himself or herself, other people or property.

### Preparation

- Evaluate the terrain to determine what accessories and attachments are needed to properly and safely perform the job. Only use accessories and attachments approved by Exmark.
- Wear appropriate clothing including safety glasses, substantial footwear, and hearing protection. Do Not operate when barefoot or when wearing open sandals. Long hair, loose clothing or jewelry may get tangled in moving parts.

#### **▲ CAUTION**

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

**Wear hearing protection when operating this machine.**

# Safety

---

- Inspect the area where the equipment is to be used and remove all rocks, toys, sticks, wires, bones, and other foreign objects which can be thrown by the machine and may cause personal injury to the operator or bystanders.

## **⚠ DANGER**

In certain conditions gasoline is extremely flammable and vapors are explosive.

A fire or explosion from gasoline can burn you, others, and cause property damage.

- Fill the fuel tank outdoors on level ground, in an open area, when the engine is cold. Wipe up any gasoline that spills.
- Never refill the fuel tank or drain the machine indoors or inside an enclosed trailer.
- Do Not fill the fuel tank completely full. Fill the fuel tank to the bottom of the filler neck. The empty space in the tank allows gasoline to expand. Overfilling may result in fuel leakage or damage to the engine or emission system.
- Never smoke when handling gasoline, and stay away from an open flame or where gasoline fumes may be ignited by spark.
- Store gasoline in an approved container and keep it out of the reach of children.
- Add fuel before starting the engine. Never remove the cap of the fuel tank or add fuel when engine is running or when the engine is hot.
- If fuel is spilled, Do Not attempt to start the engine. Move away from the area of the spill and avoid creating any source of ignition until fuel vapors have dissipated.
- Do Not operate without entire exhaust system in place and in proper working condition.

## **⚠ DANGER**

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

- Always place gasoline containers on the ground away from your vehicle before filling.
- Do Not fill gasoline containers inside a vehicle or on a truck or trailer bed because interior carpets or plastic truck bed liners may insulate the container and slow the loss of any static charge.
- When practical, remove gas-powered equipment from the truck or trailer and refuel the equipment with its wheels on the ground.
- If this is not possible, then refuel such equipment on a truck or trailer from a portable container, rather than from a gasoline dispenser nozzle.
- If a gasoline dispenser nozzle must be used, keep the nozzle in contact with the rim of the fuel tank or container opening at all times until fueling is complete. Do Not use a nozzle lock open device.

## **⚠ WARNING**

Gasoline is harmful or fatal if swallowed. Long-term exposure to vapors has caused cancer in laboratory animals. Failure to use caution may cause serious injury or illness.

- Avoid prolonged breathing of vapors.
  - Keep face away from nozzle and gas tank/container opening.
  - Keep away from eyes and skin.
  - Never siphon by mouth.
- 
- Check that the operator presence controls, safety switches, and shields are attached and functioning properly. Do Not operate unless they are functioning properly.

## Operation

### ⚠ WARNING

Operating engine parts, especially the muffler, become extremely hot. Severe burns can occur on contact and debris, such as leaves, grass, brush, etc. can catch fire.

- Allow engine parts, especially the muffler, to cool before touching.
- Remove accumulated debris from muffler and engine area.

### ⚠ WARNING

Engine exhaust contains carbon monoxide, which is an odorless deadly poison that can kill you.

Do Not run engine indoors or in a small confined area where dangerous carbon monoxide fumes can collect.

- Operate only in daylight or good artificial light, keeping away from holes and hidden hazards.
- Lightning can cause severe injury or death. If lightning is seen or thunder is heard in the area, Do Not operate the machine; seek shelter.
- Be sure all drives are in neutral and parking brake is engaged before starting engine. Use seat belts with the roll bar in the raised and locked position.
- Never operate the mower with damaged guards, shields, or covers. Always have safety shields, guards, switches and other devices in place and in proper working condition.
- Never mow with the discharge deflector raised, removed or altered unless there is a grass collection system or mulch kit in place and working properly.
- Do Not change the engine governor setting or overspeed the engine.
- Park machine on level ground. Stop engine, wait for all moving parts to stop, remove key and engage parking brake:
  - Before checking, cleaning or working on the mower.
  - After striking a foreign object or abnormal vibration occurs (inspect the mower for

damage and make repairs before restarting and operating the mower).

- Before clearing blockages.
- Whenever you leave the mower.
- Stop engine, wait for all moving parts to stop, and engage parking brake:
  - Before refueling.
  - Before dumping the grass catcher.

### ⚠ WARNING

Hands, feet, hair, clothing, or accessories can become entangled in rotating parts. Contact with the rotating parts can cause traumatic amputation or severe lacerations.

- Do Not operate the machine without guards, shields, and safety devices in place and working properly.
- Keep hands, feet, hair, jewelry, or clothing away from rotating parts.
- **NEVER** carry passengers. **DO NOT** operate the mower when people, especially children, or pets are in the area.
- Be alert, slow down and use caution when making turns. Look behind and to the side before changing directions.
- Stop the blades, slow down, and use caution when crossing surfaces other than grass and when transporting the mower to and from the area to be mowed.
- Be aware of the mower discharge path and direct discharge away from others.
- Do Not operate the mower under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
- Use extreme care when loading or unloading the machine into a trailer or truck.
- Use care when approaching blind corners, shrubs, trees, or other objects that may obscure vision.

## Slope Operation

Use **Extreme** caution when mowing and/or turning on slopes as loss of traction and/or tip-over could occur. The operator is responsible for safe operation on slopes.

## ▲ DANGER

Operating on wet grass or steep slopes can cause sliding and loss of control. Wheels dropping over edges, ditches, steep banks, or water can cause rollovers, which may result in serious injury, death or drowning.

- Do Not mow slopes when grass is wet.
- Do Not mow near drop-offs or near water.
- Do Not mow slopes greater than 15 degrees.
- Reduce speed and use extreme caution on slopes.
- Avoid sudden turns or rapid speed changes.
- Keep the roll bar in the raised and locked position and use seat belt.
- See inside the back cover to determine the approximate slope angle of the area to be mowed.
- Use a walk behind mower and/or a hand trimmer near drop-offs, ditches, steep banks or water. (Figure 3).

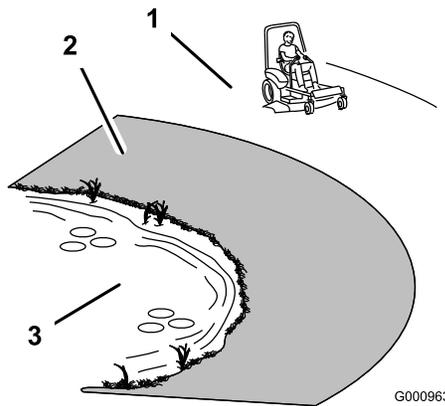


Figure 3

1. Safe Zone-Use the mower here on slopes less than 15 degrees
2. Danger Zone-Use a walk behind mower and/or hand trimmer on slopes greater than 15 degrees, near drop-offs and water.
3. Water

- Remove or mark obstacles such as rocks, tree limbs, etc. from the mowing area. Tall grass can hide obstacles.
- Watch for ditches, holes, rocks, dips and rises that change the operating angle, as rough terrain could overturn the machine.
- Avoid sudden starts when mowing uphill because the mower may tip backwards.

- Be aware that operating on wet grass, across steep slopes or downhill may cause the mower to lose traction. Loss of traction to the drive wheels may result in sliding and a loss of braking and steering.
- Always avoid sudden starting or stopping on a slope. If tires lose traction, disengage the blades and proceed slowly off the slope.
- Follow the manufacturer's recommendations for wheel weights or counter weights to improve stability.
- Use extreme care with grass catchers or attachments. These can change the stability of the machine and cause loss of control.

## Using the Rollover Protection System (ROPS)

A Rollover Protection System (roll bar) is installed on the unit.

## ▲ WARNING

There is no rollover protection when the roll bar is down. Wheels dropping over edges, ditches, steep banks, or water can cause rollovers, which may result in serious injury, death or drowning.

- Do Not remove the ROPS.
- Keep the roll bar in the raised and locked position and use seat belt.
- Lower the roll bar only when absolutely necessary.
- Do Not wear seat belt when the roll bar is down.
- Drive slowly and carefully.
- Raise the roll bar as soon as clearance permits.
- Be certain that the seat belt can be released quickly in the event of an emergency.
- Check carefully for overhead clearances (i.e. branches, doorways, and electrical wires) before driving under any objects and Do Not contact them.
- In the event of a rollover, take the unit to an Authorized Service Dealer to have the ROPS inspected.

- Replace a damaged ROPS. Do Not repair or revise.
- Any accessories, alterations, or attachments added to the ROPS must be approved by Exmark.

## Maintenance and Storage

- Disengage drives, set parking brake, stop engine and remove key or disconnect spark plug wire. Wait for all movement to stop before adjusting, cleaning or repairing.
- Keep engine and engine area free from accumulation of grass, leaves, excessive grease or oil, and other debris which can accumulate in these areas. These materials can become combustible and may result in a fire.
- Let engine cool before storing and Do Not store near flame or any enclosed area where open pilot lights or heat appliances are present.
- Shut off fuel while storing or transporting. Do Not store fuel near flames or drain indoors.
- Park machine on level ground. Never allow untrained personnel to service machine.
- Use jack stands to support components when required.
- Carefully release pressure from components with stored energy.
- Disconnect battery or remove spark plug wire before making any repairs. Disconnect the negative terminal first and the positive last. Reconnect positive first and negative last.
- Use care when checking blades. Wrap the blade(s) or wear gloves, and use caution when servicing them. Only replace damaged blades. Never straighten or weld them.
- Keep hands and feet away from moving parts. If possible, Do Not make adjustments with the engine running.
- Charge batteries in an open well ventilated area, away from spark and flames. Unplug charger before connecting or disconnecting from battery. Wear protective clothing and use insulated tools.

### **⚠ DANGER**

**Charging or jump starting the battery may produce explosive gases. Battery gases can explode causing serious injury.**

- Keep sparks, flames, or cigarettes away from battery.
- Ventilate when charging or using battery in an enclosed space.
- Make sure venting path of battery is always open once battery is filled with acid.
- Always shield eyes and face from battery.

### **⚠ DANGER**

**Battery electrolyte contains sulfuric acid, which is poisonous and can cause severe burns. Swallowing electrolyte can be fatal or if it touches skin can cause severe burns.**

- Wear safety glasses to shield eyes, and rubber gloves to protect skin and clothing when handling electrolyte.
- Do Not swallow electrolyte.
- In the event of an accident, flush with water and call a doctor immediately.

### **⚠ CAUTION**

**If the ignition is in the “ON” position there is potential for sparks and engagement of components. Sparks could cause an explosion or moving parts could accidentally engage causing personal injury.**

**Be sure ignition switch is in the “OFF” position before charging the battery.**

- Keep all guards, shields and all safety devices in place and in safe working condition.
- Check all bolts frequently to maintain proper tightness.
- Frequently check for worn or deteriorating components that could create a hazard.

## **▲ WARNING**

Removal or modification of original equipment, parts and/or accessories may alter the warranty, controllability, and safety of the machine.

Unauthorized modifications to the original equipment or failure to use original Exmark parts could lead to serious injury or death.

Unauthorized changes to the machine, engine, fuel or venting system, may violate applicable safety standards such as: ANSI, OSHA and NFPA and/or government regulations such as EPA and CARB.

## **▲ WARNING**

Hydraulic fluid escaping under pressure can penetrate skin and cause injury. Fluid accidentally injected into the skin must be surgically removed within a few hours by a doctor familiar with this form of injury or gangrene may result.

- If equipped, make sure all hydraulic fluid hoses and lines are in good condition and all hydraulic connections and fittings are tight before applying pressure to hydraulic system.
- Keep body and hands away from pinhole leaks or nozzles that eject high pressure hydraulic fluid.
- Use cardboard or paper, not your hands, to find hydraulic leaks.
- Safely relieve all pressure in the hydraulic system by placing the motion control levers in neutral and shutting off the engine before performing any work on the hydraulic system.

For Kohler EFI (Electronic Fuel Injection) Units:

## **▲ WARNING**

Fuel system components are under high pressure. The use of improper components can result in system failure, gasoline leakage and possible explosion.

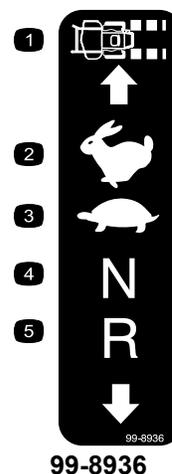
Use only approved fuel lines and fuel filters for high pressure systems.

## Safety and Instructional Decals

- Keep all safety signs legible. Remove all grease, dirt and debris from safety signs and instructional labels.
- Replace all worn, damaged, or missing safety signs.
- When replacement components are installed, be sure that current safety signs are affixed to the replaced components.
- If an attachment or accessory has been installed, make sure current safety signs are visible.
- New safety signs may be obtained from your authorized Exmark equipment dealer or distributor or from Exmark Mfg. Co. Inc.
- Safety signs may be affixed by peeling off the backing to expose the adhesive surface. Apply only to a clean, dry surface. Smooth to remove any air bubbles.
- Familiarize yourself with the following safety signs and instruction labels. They are critical to the safe operation of your Exmark commercial mower.



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



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



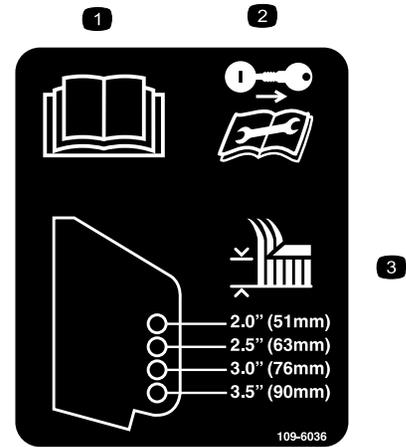
1. Warning-do not touch or approach moving belts; remove the ignition key and read the instructions before servicing or performing maintenance.

# Safety



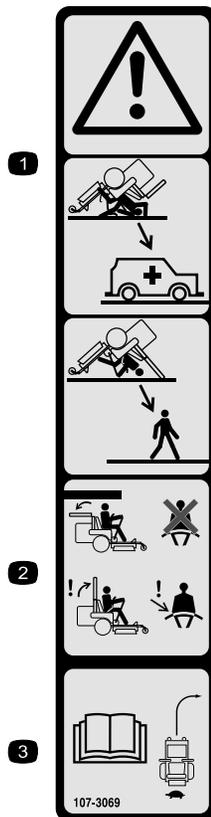
106-5517

1. Warning—do not touch the hot surface.



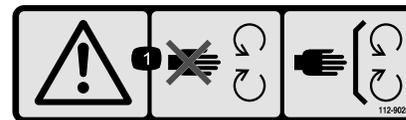
109-6036

1. Read the Operator's manual
2. Remove the ignition key and read the instructions before servicing or performing maintenance.
3. Height of cut



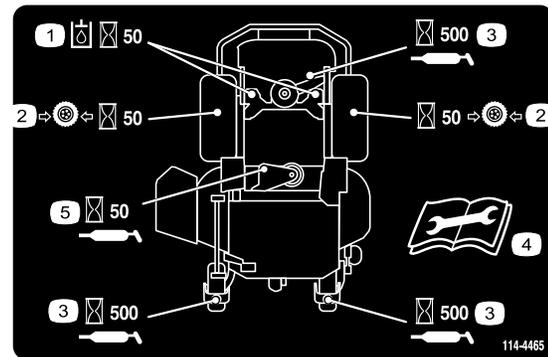
107-3069

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



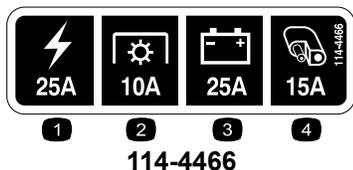
112-9028

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

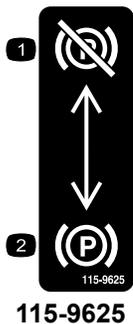


114-4465

1. Hydraulic fluid service interval—50 hours
2. Tire pressure service interval—50 hours
3. Lubricate service interval—500 hours
4. Read the *Operator's Manual* before servicing or performing maintenance
5. Lubricate service interval—50 hours



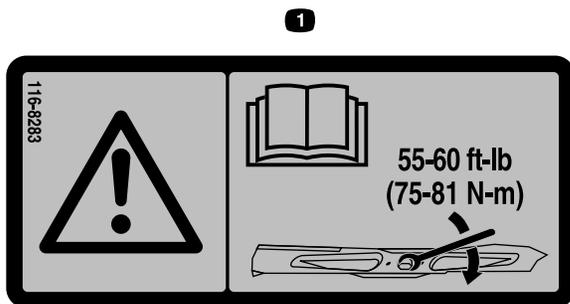
1. Main, 25A
2. PTO, 10A
3. Charge, 25A
4. Auxiliary, 15A



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



116-4858



116-8283

1. Warning—read the Operator's Manual for instructions on torquing the blade bolt/nut to 55-60 ft-lb (75-81 N-m).



116-8724

1. Throttle-fast
2. Throttle-slow
3. Choke-on
4. Choke-off
5. PTO



116-8725  
EFI Units Only

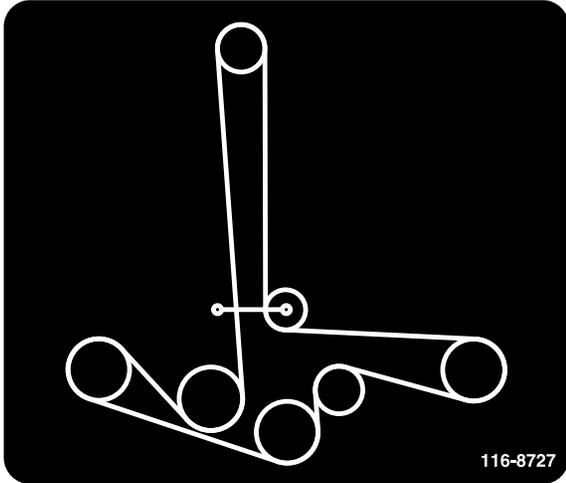
1. Throttle-fast
2. Throttle-slow
3. PTO
4. Check engine

# Safety



116-8726

1. Read the Operator's Manual for recommended hydro oil.

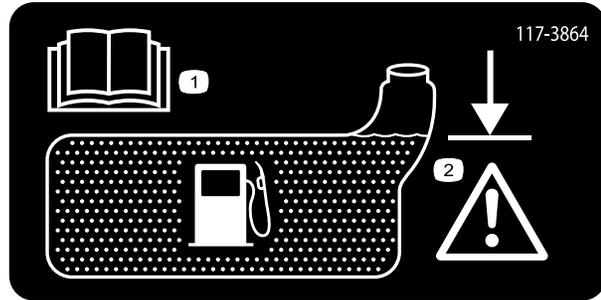


116-8727



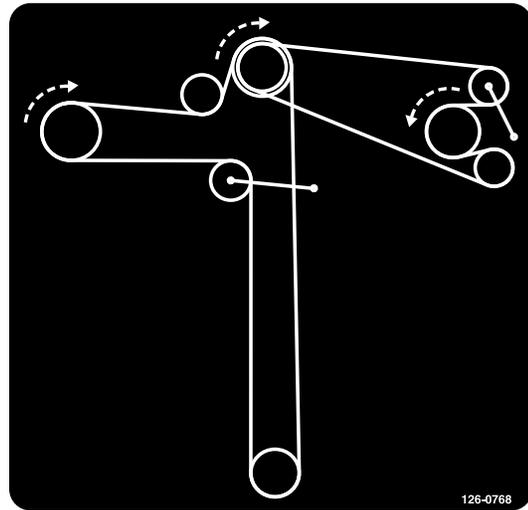
117-3848

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



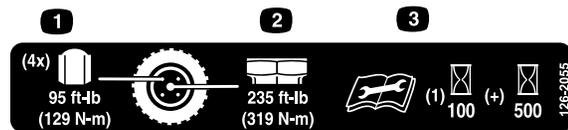
117-3864

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



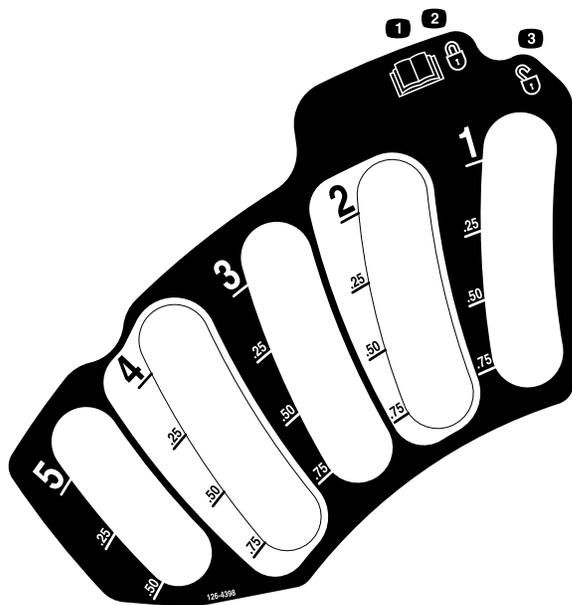
126-0768

Rear Discharge Units Only



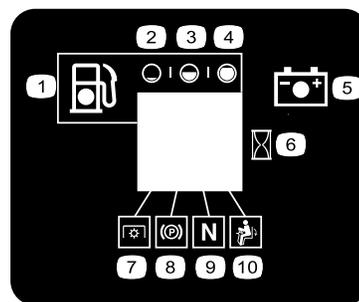
126-2055

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



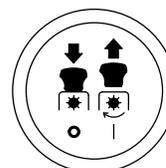
**126-4398**

- 1. Read the Operator's manual
- 2. Lock
- 3. Unlock



**Message Display**

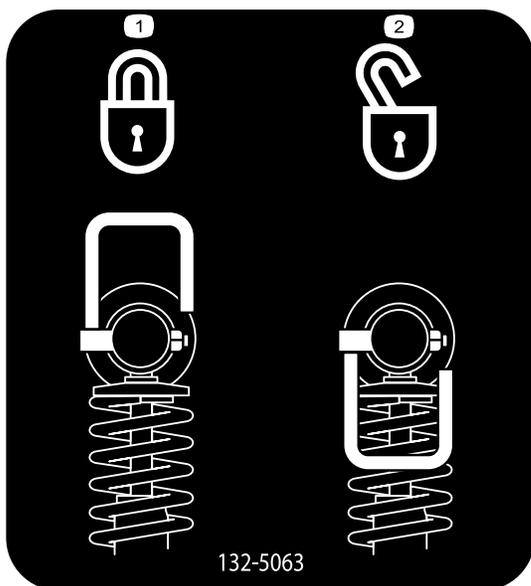
- 1. Fuel
- 2. Empty
- 3. Half
- 4. Full
- 5. Battery
- 6. Hour meter
- 7. PTO
- 8. Parking brake
- 9. Neutral
- 10. Operator presence switch



**1 2**

**PTO Switch Symbols**

- 1. PTO-disengage
- 2. PTO-engage



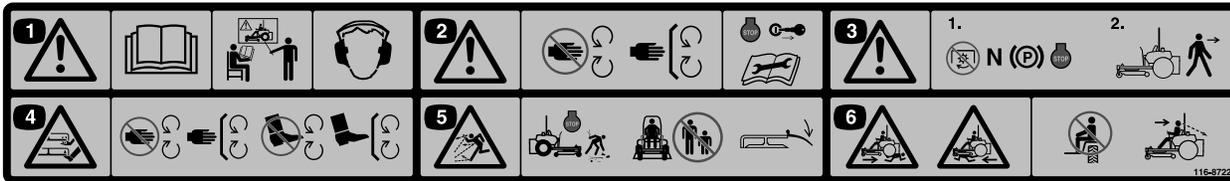
**132-5063**

**132-5063**

"B3" Models Only

- 1. Cam lock
- 2. Cam unlock

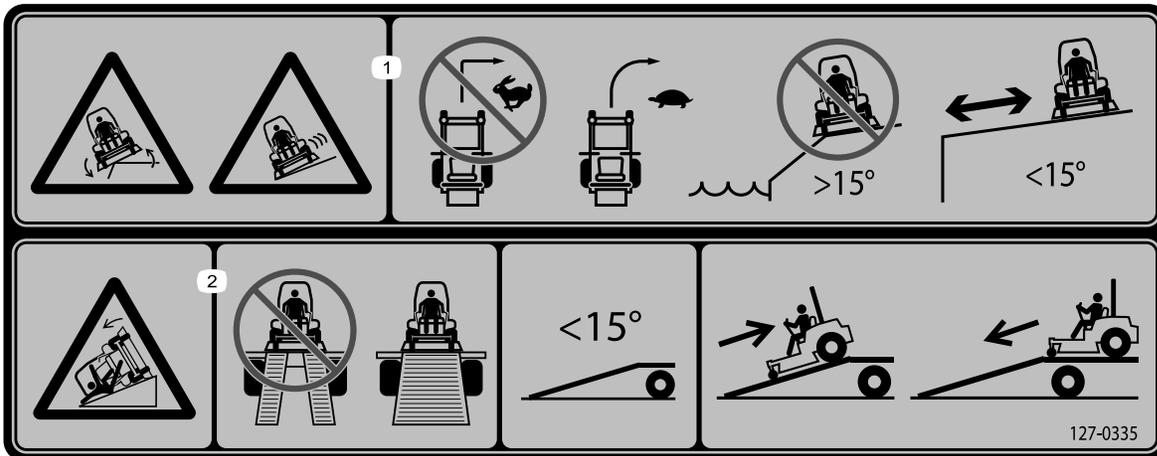
# Safety



**116-8722**

All Models Except "B3"

1. Warning-Read the Operator's Manual. Do Not operate this machine unless you are trained. Wear hearing protection.
2. Warning-Stay away from moving parts; keep all guards in place. Stop engine and remove key before adjusting, servicing, or cleaning.
3. Warning-Disengage PTO, move drive levers out to neutral lock position, engage parking brake, and stop engine before leaving the operator's position.
4. Cutting/dismemberment of hand or foot-stay away from moving parts; keep all guards and shields in place.
5. Thrown object hazard-Pick up objects that could be thrown by mower. Do Not operate when people and pets are in the area. Keep deflector in place.
6. Crushing/dismemberment hazard of bystanders - do not carry passengers, look forward and down when operating the machine, look behind and down when reversing.



**127-0335**

All Models Except "B3"

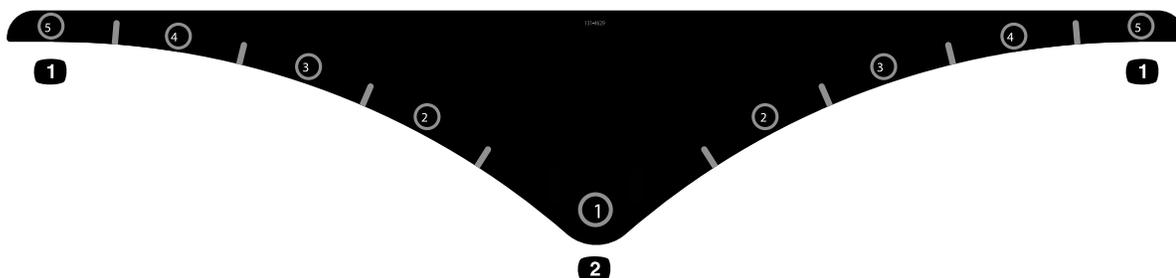
1. Tipping hazard— do not turn at high speeds; make slow, wide turns; do not use this machine near drop-off's with slopes greater than 15 degrees or near water; use the machine a safe distance from drop-off's on slopes less than 15 degrees.
2. Ramp hazard—when loading onto a trailer, do not use dual ramps; only use a singular ramp wide enough for the machine. Ramp angle with the ground should be less than 15 degrees; back up the ramp (in reverse) and drive forward off the ramp.



132-0871

"B3" Models Only

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



131-4629

"B3" Models Only

1. Firmest position
2. Softest position

# Specifications

## Model Numbers

Serial Nos: 315,000,000 and Higher

LZE600GKA484A2; LZE691GKA524A2; LZE730GKA604A3; LZE730GKA604B3; LZE730GKA60RA1;  
LZE740EKC60400; LZE740EKC604A3; LZE742GKC524A2; LZE742GKC60400; LZE742GKC60403;  
LZE742GKC604A3; LZE749EKC72RA1

## Systems

### Engine

- Engine Specifications: See your Engine Owner's Manual
- Engine Oil Type: Exmark 4-Cycle Premium Engine Oil
- RPM: Full Speed: 3750 ±50 RPM (PTO not engaged) Idle: 1500 +100/-250 RPM

### Fuel System

- Capacity: 8.0 gal. (30.3 L)
- Fuel Recommendations:
  - For best results, use only clean, fresh, unleaded gasoline with an octane rating of 87 or higher ((R+M)/2 rating method).
  - Oxygenated fuel with up to 10% ethanol or 15% MTBE by volume is acceptable.
  - **Do Not** use ethanol blends of gasoline (such as E15 or E85) with more than 10% ethanol by volume. Performance problems and/or engine damage may result which may not be covered under warranty.
  - **Do Not** use gasoline containing methanol.
  - **Do Not** store fuel either in the fuel tank or fuel containers over the winter unless a fuel stabilizer is used.
  - **Do Not** add oil to gasoline.
- Fuel Filter:
  - Kawasaki  
Kawasaki P/N 49019-0014
  - Kohler:  
Kohler P/N 24 050 13
  - Kohler EFI

Kohler P/N 25 050 42

- Fuel Shut-Off Valve:  
All Units: 1/4 turn (“ON”, “OFF”).
- Fuel level eight segment display — right hand control panel.
- Low fuel indicator light.

### Electrical System

- Charging System: Flywheel Alternator
- Charging Capacity:
  - Kohler and Kawasaki: 15 amps
  - Kohler EFI: 20 amps
- Battery Type: BCI Group U1
- Recommended Minimum Battery CCA: 260 CCA
- Battery Voltage: 12 Volt
- Low Voltage Light — RH control panel
- Polarity: Negative Ground
- Fuses:  
All units:
  - 25 amp main fuse
  - 25 amp charging system fuse
  - 10 amp PTO fuse
  - 15 amp accessory fuse

### Safety Interlock System

- LCD indicators appear for the PTO, park brake, drive levers, and operator presence in the message display on the RH control panel.
- PTO must be disengaged, brake engaged, and motion control levers out (neutral lock) to start engine. (It is not necessary for the operator to be in the seat to start the engine.)

- Operator must be in seat when PTO is engaged, brake is disengaged, or motion control levers are moved in or engine will stop.
- Engine will stop if either the left, the right, or both levers are moved from neutral lock position while brake is engaged.

## Operator Controls

- Steering and Motion Control:

**Note:** Motion control levers are adjustable to two heights.

- Separate levers, on each side of the console, control speed and direction of travel of the respective drive wheels.
- Steering is controlled by varying the position of the levers relative to each other.
- Moving motion control levers outward (in slots) locks the drive system in neutral.
- PTO Engagement Switch: Engages electric clutch (to drive belt) which engages mower blades.
- Parking Brake Lever: Engages/Disengages parking brake.
- Deck Height Adjustment Lever: Sets cutting height to desired position.
- Deck Lift Pedal: Foot pedal that lifts deck.
- Transport Lock:
  - Latching position: Automatically latches at the transport position.
  - Unlatching position: Deck does not latch at the transport position.

## Seat

- Seat Type:
  - Models ending in “00” or “03”:

Standard seat with high back, foam padded seat cushion with internal suspension, bolstering, two-tone cover, armrests, and integral safety switch.

Optional seat accessories for units with standard seats:

    - ◇ Deluxe suspension seat with high back, (adjustable spring suspension), armrests, and integral safety switch. Adds approximately 1/2 inch (1.3 cm) to seat height.

- ◇ Seat Isolation System for reduced vibration, to enhance ride of standard seat, standard seat with Custom Ride Seat Suspension or Deluxe Suspension Seat. Adds approximately 1 inch (2.5 cm) to seat height.

- Models ending in “B3”:

Standard seat with high back, foam padded seat cushion with internal suspension, bolstering, two-tone cover, armrests, and integral safety switch. Seat Isolation System for reduced vibration, to enhance ride of standard seat.

- Models not ending in “00”, “03”, or “B3”:

Deluxe suspension seat with high back, (adjustable spring suspension), armrests, and integral safety switch. Adds approximately 1/2 inch (1.3 cm) to seat height.

- Mounting: Adjustable fore and aft on seat tracks.
- Armrests:
  - Models ending in “00” or “03”: Molded flip-up armrests.
  - Models not ending in “00” or “03”: Foam padded adjustable flip-up armrests.
- Seat Safety Switch:

Integrated seat switch. Time delay seat switch eliminates rough ground cut-outs.

## Hydrostatic Ground Drive System

- Two unitized hydrostatic transmissions:
  - 12cc Parker axial piston pump
  - 240cc Parker geroler motor
- Hydraulic Oil Type: Exmark Premium Hydro Oil.
- Hydraulic Oil Capacity: 52 oz (1.5 L) per side
- Hydraulic Filter: P/N 116-0164
- Speeds:
  - LZE600GKA484A2, LZE691GKA524A2, and LZE742GKC524A2:
    - ◇ 0-8 mph (12.9 km/hr) forward.
    - ◇ 0-4.5 mph (7.2 km/hr) reverse.
  - All models except LZE600GKA484A2, LZE691GKA524A2, and LZE742GKC524A2:

# Specifications

- ◇ 0-10 mph (16.1 km/hr) forward.
- ◇ 0-5.5 mph (8.9 km/hr) reverse.
- Drive wheel release valves allow machine to be moved when engine is not running.

## Tires and Wheels

	Drive	
	Pneumatic (Air filled)	Pneumatic (Air filled)
Deck Size	48 & 52	60 & 72
Quantity	2	2
Tread	Super Turf	Super Turf
Size	23 x 9.50-12	24 x 12.00-12
Ply Rating	4	4
Pressure	13 psi (90 kPa)	13 psi (90 kPa)

Front Caster			
	Semi-Pneumatic		Pneumatic (Air filled)
Deck Size	Models ending in "A1"	Models ending in "A2" and "00"	Models ending in "A3", "03", and "B3"
Quantity	2	2	2
Tread	Smooth	Smooth	Smooth
Size	13 x 6.50-12	13 x 5.00-6	13 x 6.50-12
Ply Rating			4
Pressure			13 psi (90 kPa)

## Cutting Deck

- Cutting Width:
  - 48 inch Deck: (121.9 cm)
  - 52 inch Deck: (132.1 cm)
  - 60 inch Deck: (152.4 cm)
  - 72 inch Deck: (182.9 cm)
- Discharge:
  - Side Discharge: Non "R" models
  - Rear Discharge: "R" models
- Blade Size: (3 ea.)
  - 48 inch Deck: 16.25 inches (41.3 cm)

- 52 inch Deck: 18.00 inches (45.7 cm)
- 60 inch Deck: 20.50 inches (52.1 cm)
- 72 inch Deck: 24.50 inches (62.2 cm)
- Blade Spindles: Solid steel spindles with .984 inch (25 mm) I.D. bearings.
- Deck Drive:
  - 48 & 52 inch and 60R & 72R inch Decks: "B" Section belt with self-tensioning idler.
  - 60 inch Deck: 5V Section belt with self-tensioning idler.
- Electric clutch: 200 ft-lb Mag Stop
- Deck:
  - Side Discharge: Full floating deck is attached to out-front support frame. Anti-scalp rollers provide maximum turf protection. Deck design allows for bagging, mulching or side discharge.
  - Rear Discharge: Full floating deck is attached to out-front support frame. Anti-scalp rollers and side bumpers provide maximum turf protection. Deck design allows for rear discharge or finish cut (reduced discharge).
    - ◇ 48 inch Deck: 3 anti-scalp rollers
    - ◇ 52 inch Deck: 3 anti-scalp rollers
    - ◇ 60 inch Deck: 4 anti-scalp rollers
    - ◇ 60 inch Deck-Rear Discharge: 4 anti-scalp rollers
    - ◇ 72 inch Deck-Rear Discharge: 4 anti-scalp rollers
- Deck Depth:
  - 48 inch Deck: 5.5 inches (14 cm)
  - 52 inch Deck: 5.5 inches (14 cm)
  - 60 inch Deck: 5.5 inches (14 cm)
  - 72 inch Deck: 5.5 inches (14 cm)
- Cutting Height Adjustment:
 

Foot activated lever is used to adjust the cutting height from 1 inch (2.5 cm) to 5 1/2 inches (14 cm) in 1/4 inch (6.4 mm) increments.
- Mulching Kit: Optional.

## Dimensions

### Overall Width

#### Side Discharge Units:

	48 inch Deck	52 inch Deck	60 inch Deck
Without Deck	45.7 inches (116.1 cm)	45.7 inches (116.1 cm)	53.0 inches (134.6 cm)
Deflector Up	51.8 inches (131.6 cm)	56.3 inches (143.0 cm)	62.5 inches (158.8 cm)
Deflector Down	59.6 inches (151.4 cm)	64.8 inches (164.6 cm)	72.8 inches (184.9 cm)

#### Rear Discharge Units:

	60 inch Deck	72 inch Deck
Without Deck	53.0 inches (134.6 cm)	59.1 inches (150.1 cm)
With Deck	66.2 inches (168.1 cm)	78.2 inches (198.6 cm)

### Overall Length:

#### Side Discharge Units:

	48 inch Deck	52 inch Deck	60 inch Deck
Roll Bar - Up	79.2 inches (201.2 cm)	79.2 inches (201.2 cm)	83.1 inches (211.1 cm)
Roll Bar - Down	80.9 inches (205.5 cm)	80.9 inches (205.5 cm)	84.8 inches (215.4 cm)

#### Rear Discharge Units:

	60 inch Deck	72 inch Deck
Roll Bar - Up	87.2 inches (221.5 cm)	87.2 inches (221.5 cm)
Roll Bar - Down	89.2 inches (226.6 cm)	89.2 inches (226.6 cm)

### Overall Height:

#### All Models Except "B3"

Roll Bar - Up	Roll Bar - Down
70.5 inches (179.1 cm)	46.8 inches (118.9 cm)

#### "B3" Models

Roll Bar - Up	Roll Bar - Down
70.5 inches (179.1 cm)	50.3 inches (127.8 cm)

### Tread Width: (Center to Center of Tires, Widthwise)

#### Side Discharge Units:

	48 inch Deck	52 inch Deck	60 inch Deck
Drive Wheels	36.2 inches (91.9 cm)	36.2 inches (91.9 cm)	41.6 inches (105.7 cm)
Caster Wheels	32.8 inches (83.3 cm)	32.8 inches (83.3 cm)	39.5 inches (100.3 cm)

#### Rear Discharge Units:

	60 inch Deck	72 inch Deck
Drive Wheels	41.6 inches (105.7 cm)	43.6 inches (110.7 cm)
Caster Wheels	33.0 inches (83.8 cm)	33.0 inches (83.8 cm)

### Wheel Base: (Center of Caster Tire to Center of Drive Tire)

#### Side Discharge Units:

48 inch Deck	52 inch Deck	60 inch Deck
48.0 inches (121.9 cm)	48.0 inches (121.9 cm)	51.6 inches (131.1 cm)

#### Rear Discharge Units:

60 inch Deck	72 inch Deck
54.7 inches (139.0 cm)	54.7 inches (139.0 cm)

# Specifications

## Curb Weight:

LZE600GKA484A2	1044 lb (473 kg)
LZE691GKA524A2	1076 lb (488 kg)
LZE730GKA604A3	1138 lb (516 kg)
LZE730GKA604B3	1275 lb (578 kg)
LZE730GKA60RA1	1240 lb (562 kg)
LZE740EKC60400	1115 lb (506 kg)
LZE740EKC604A3	1147 lb (520 kg)
LZE742GKC524A2	1083 lb (491 kg)
LZE742GKC60400	1115 lb (506 kg)
LZE742GKC60403	1127 lb (511 kg)
LZE742GKC604A3	1147 lb (520 kg)
LZE749EKC72RA1	1288 lb (584 kg)

## Accessory Weight Table Worksheet:

Use the table below to determine if extra weight is required for the unit. Identify the accessories and correct deck size and place the corresponding values in the Accessory Score column. If the Total Accessory Score meets the following, add the recommended weight kit.

**Note:** Rear Discharge decks do not require a weight kit.

### For Side Discharge Units Only

	48 inch Deck	52 inch Deck	60 inch Deck	Accessory Score
Light Kit	2	3	2	
Suspension Seat	11	12	3	
Bagger	0	0	3	
Mulch Kit	-3	-4	-5	
Striper Kit	-2	0	0	
OCD02	-5	-7	-4	
Hitch Kit	1	2	1	
Sunshade Kit	2	3	2	
<b>Total Accessory Score</b>				

Total Accessory Score	Required Weight Kit(s)
0 – 9	None required
10 – 19	*116-1173 Under toe board mount weight kit
20 and Higher	*Two 116-1173 Under toe board mount weight kits or one 116-1173 Under toe board mount weight kit and one 116-1238 Front toe board mount weight kit

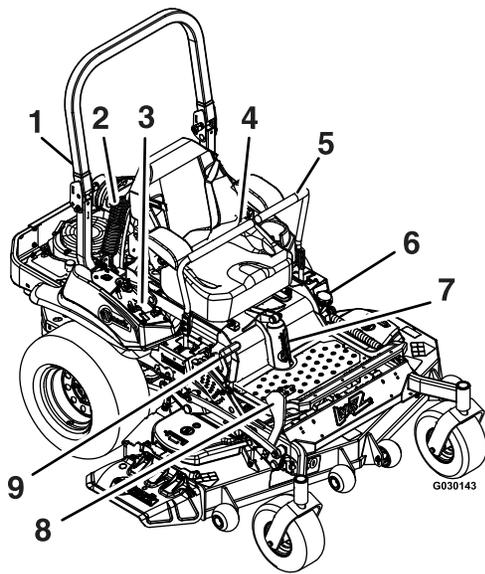
\*48 inch units that come with an under toe board weight as standard, can add an additional toe board weight for primary accessory weighting (scores 10-19); and front toe board weight kit for secondary accessory weighting (scores 20 and higher). Other units should install a first under toe board kit for primary accessory weighting (scores 10-19); and a second under toe board kit for secondary accessory weighting (scores 20 and higher).

## Torque Requirements

Bolt Location	Torque
Blade Drive Sheave Mounting Nut	130-160 ft-lb (176-217 N-m)
Blade Mounting Bolt (lubricate with anti-seize)	50-60 ft-lb (68-81 N-m)
Anti-Scalp Roller Nyloc Nut-Side Discharge Units (See Figure 18)	50-55 ft-lb (68-75 N-m)
Anti-Scalp Roller Nyloc Nut-Rear Discharge Units (See Figure 19)	30-35 ft-lb (41-47 N-m)
Engine Mounting Bolts (Kawasaki) (Kohler) (Kohler EFI)	17-23 ft-lb (23-31 N-m) 27-33 ft-lb (37-45 N-m) 27-33 ft-lb (37-45 N-m)
Wheel Lug Nuts	85-105 ft-lb (115-142 N-m)
Hydro Mounting Bolts	72-77 ft-lb (98-104 N-m)
Wheel Hub Slotted Nut	211-260 ft-lb (286-352 N-m)
Rollover Protection System (Roll Bar) 1/2 inch Mounting Bolts	75-80 ft-lb (102-108 N-m)
Clutch Retaining Bolt (secured with threadlocker)	55-60 ft-lb (75-81 N-m)
Hydro Park Brake Cable Anchor 1/2 inch Mounting Bolt (secured with threadlocker)	67-89 ft-lb (91-121 N-m)
Rear Discharge Side Bumpers	10-12 ft-lb (14-16 N-m)
Suspension Platform Side pivot 1/2 inch Mounting Nut	70-80 ft-lb (95-108 N-m)
Rear Shock Lower mounting 1/2 inch Mounting Nut	81-99 ft-lb (110-134 N-m)
Suspension Platform Rear Cross Shaft 5/16 inch Retention Bolt	15-19 ft-lb (20-26 N-m)

Bolt Location	Torque
Suspension Platform Rear Cross Shaft 5/16 in Bearing Retaining nut	215-265 in-lb (24-30 N-m)
Cam Lock 1/2 inch Nut	75-85 in-lb (8-10 N-m)

## Product Overview



**Figure 4**

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| 1. Rollover Protection System (ROPS)       | 6. Fuel cap                                 |
| 2. Rear, shock assembly ("B3" Models only) | 7. Front, shock assembly ("B3" Models only) |
| 3. Engine Controls (right console)         | 8. Height of cut deck lift pedal            |
| 4. Seat belt                               | 9. Parking brake lever                      |
| 5. Motion control levers                   |   |

## Operation

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

### Controls

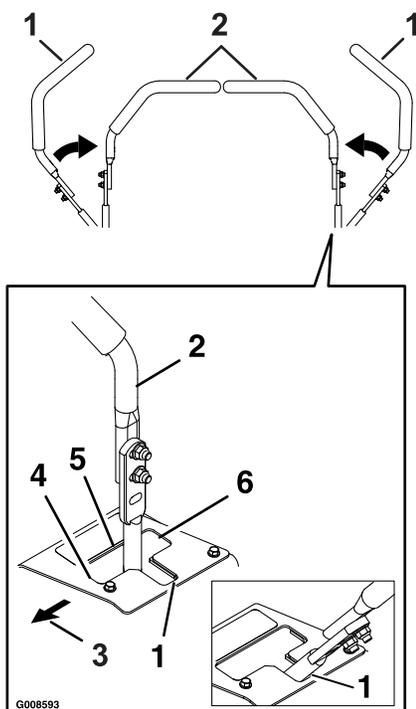
#### Motion Control Levers

The motion control levers located on each side of the console control the forward and reverse motion of the machine.

Moving the levers forward or backward turns the wheel on the same side forward or reverse respectively. Wheel speed is proportional to the amount the lever is moved.

Moving the levers outward from the center position into the T-slot locks them in the neutral position (Figure 5).

When the motion control levers are in the neutral position, the LCD indicator appears in the message display on the RH console (see Figure 8).



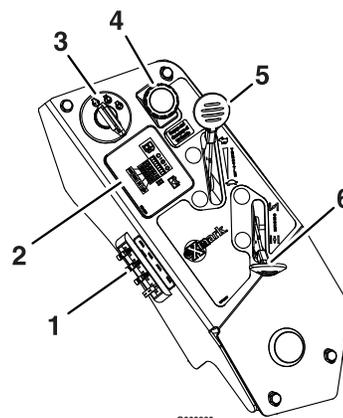
**Figure 5**

- |  |                      |
|--|----------------------|
| 1. Neutral lock position (handles out)   | 4. Forward           |
| 2. Neutral operate position (handles in) | 5. Neutral (operate) |
| 3. Front of Unit                         | 6. Reverse           |

## Choke Control (All Units Except Kohler EFI)

Located on right console (black lever) (see Figure 6).

The choke is used to aid in starting a cold engine. Moving the choke lever forward will put the choke in the “ON” position and moving the choke lever to the rear, to the detent, will put the choke in the “OFF” position. Do Not run a warm engine with choke in the “ON” position.



**Figure 6**  
Right Console

- |                    |                          |
|--------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Fuses           | 4. PTO engagement switch |
| 2. Message display | 5. Throttle              |
| 3. Ignition switch | 6. Choke                 |

## Throttle Control

Located on right console (red lever) (see Figure 6).

The throttle is used to control engine speed. Moving the throttle lever forward will increase engine speed and moving the throttle lever to the rear will decrease engine speed. Moving the throttle forward into the detent is full throttle.

## Brake Lever

Located on right side of unit, just to the front of the RH motion control lever.

The brake lever engages a parking brake on the drive wheels.

**Note:** The LCD indicator appears in the message display on the RH console when the park brake is engaged (see Figure 8).

Pull the lever up and rearward to engage the brake.

Push the lever forward and down to disengage the brake.

The unit must be tied down and brake engaged when transporting.

## Ignition Switch

Located on right console (see Figure 6).

The ignition switch is used to start and stop the engine. The switch has three positions “OFF”, “ON”

# Operation

and “START”. Insert key into switch and rotate clockwise to the “ON” position. Rotate clockwise to the next position to engage the starter (key must be held against spring pressure in this position). Allow the key to return to the “on” position immediately after the engine starts.

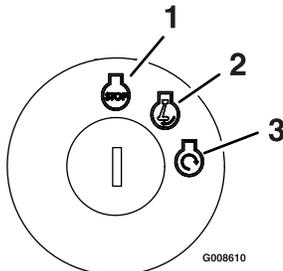


Figure 7

1. Off
2. On
3. Start

**Note:** Brake must be engaged, motion control levers out (neutral lock position) and PTO switch disengaged to start engine. (It is not necessary for the operator to be in the seat to start the engine.)

## Hour Meter

Located on the right console in the message display (see Figure 6 and Figure 8).

The hour meter records the number of hours that the engine has run.

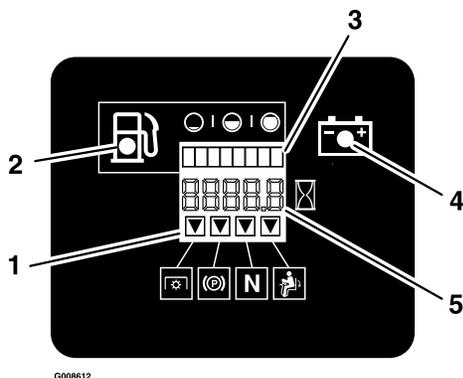


Figure 8

1. LCD Indicators
2. Low fuel indicator light
3. Fuel level bar display
4. Low voltage indicator light
5. Hour/Voltage display

The hour meter is recording when the decimal point is flashing in Hour/Voltage display.

Hours are displayed when the key is off or when the machine is running.

**Note:** If the ignition key is turned to the “ON” position for a few seconds before cranking the engine, the battery voltage will display in the area where the hours are normally displayed.

**Note:** The LCD indicators appear when each control meets the “safe to start” mode (e.g. the indicator turns on when the operator is in the seat.)

## Fuel Shut-Off Valve

Located behind and below the seat.

The fuel shut-off valve is used to shut off the fuel when the machine will not be used for a few days, during transport to and from the jobsite, and when parked inside a building.

Align valve handle with the fuel line to open. Rotate 90° to close.

## Fuel Gauge

Located on the right console in the message display (see Figure 6 and Figure 8).

The fuel level is shown on a bar display. The indicator light appears when the fuel level is low (approximately one gallon remaining in the tank).

## Drive Wheel Release Valves

### ⚠ WARNING

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

Stop engine, remove key, allow all the moving parts to stop before accessing the drive wheel release valves.

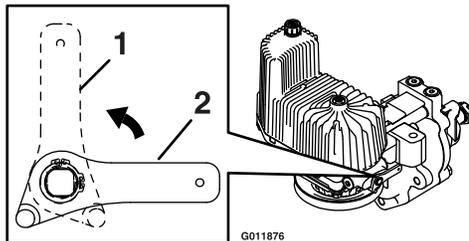
### ⚠ WARNING

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

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

Located on the back of the unitized hydraulic drive units, below the engine deck.

During normal operating conditions, the drive wheel release valves are positioned horizontally. If the machine has to be pushed by hand, the valves must be in the “released” position (see Figure 9).



**Figure 9**

1. Handle in “released” position
2. Handle in “operating” position

To release the drive system (see item 1 in Figure 9), rotate the handle 1/4 turn to the vertical position until it hits against the stop.

To reset the drive system (see item 2 in Figure 9), rotate the handle 1/4 turn to the horizontal position until it hits against the stop.

**Note:** The handle must be horizontal and against the stop for operation.

**Do Not tow machine.**

## PTO Engagement Switch

Located on right console (see Figure 6).

Switch must be pulled out (up) to engage the blades. Switch is pushed in to disengage the blades.

The LCD indicator will appear when the PTO switch is disengaged (see Figure 8).

## Low Voltage Indicator

Located on the right console in the message display (see Figure 6 and Figure 8).

A low voltage condition (less than 12.3 volts) exists when the LCD indicator appears on the message display while the engine is running.

If the ignition key is turned to the “ON” position for a few seconds before cranking the engine, the battery voltage will display in the area where the hours are normally displayed.

**Note:** The indicator normally appears when the engine is off and the key switch is turned to the “ON” position.

## Deck Lift Pedal

Located at the right front corner of the floor pan.

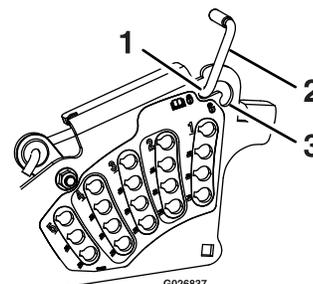
Push the pedal forward with your foot to raise the cutting deck. Allow the pedal to move rearward to lower the cutting deck to the cut height that has been set.

## Transport Lock

Located on the height of cut adjustment plates to the right of the parking brake.

Position in the transport latching position to automatically latch the cutting deck when raised to the transport position (see item 1 in Figure 10).

In the non-latching position, the deck will automatically return to the cutting height when the pedal is lowered (see item 3 in Figure 10).



**Figure 10**

1. Latching position
2. Transport lock control
3. Non-latching position

## Electronic Control Unit Malfunction Indicator (EFI Units Only)

The malfunction indicator light (MIL) is the light located in the right console panel—the right light below the throttle control.

The electronic control unit (ECU) continuously monitors operation of the EFI system. If a problem or fault within the system is detected, the MIL is illuminated. Follow the troubleshooting steps outlined in the Kohler engine operator’s manual if the MIL is illuminated.

# Operation

## Pre-Start

Fill fuel tank on level ground. See **Fuel Recommendations** in the Specifications section for additional gasoline information.

**Do Not** add oil to gasoline.

**Do Not** overfill fuel tank. Fill the fuel tank to the bottom of the filler neck. The empty space in the tank allows gasoline to expand. Overfilling may result in fuel leakage or damage to the engine or emission system.

Make sure you understand the controls, their locations, their functions, and their safety requirements.

Refer to the Maintenance section and perform all the necessary inspection and maintenance steps.

## Operating Instructions

### Raise the Rollover Protection System (ROPS)

**Important:** The roll bar is an integral and effective safety device. Keep the roll bar in the raised and locked position when operating the mower. Lower the roll bar temporarily only when absolutely necessary.

1. The knob must be completely latched with the tabs interlocking as shown in Figure 11 to lock the roll bar in the raised, operate position.
2. Apply forward pressure to the upper hoop of the roll bar.
3. Pull the knob and rotate 90° to hold in the unlatched position to lower the roll bar.
4. To return to the operate position, raise the roll bar, and then rotate knobs 90° so that the tabs interlock partially. Apply forward pressure to the roll bar upper hoop and observe that the knobs return to the completely latched position.

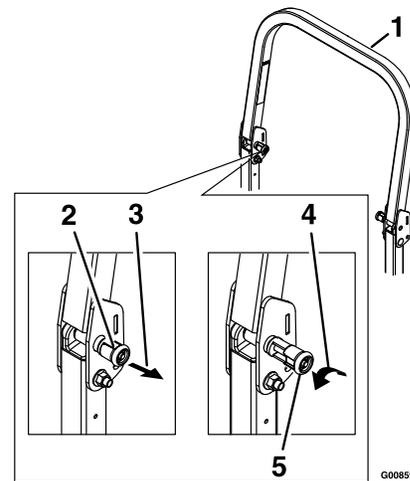


Figure 11

1. Roll bar upper hoop
2. Knob in "latched" position
3. Pull knob to unlatch
4. Rotate 90° to hold unlatched
5. Knob in "unlatched" position

5. Make sure the knobs are fully engaged with the roll bar in the raised position. The upper hoop of the roll bar may need to be pushed forward or pulled rearward to get both knobs fully engaged (see Figure 12).

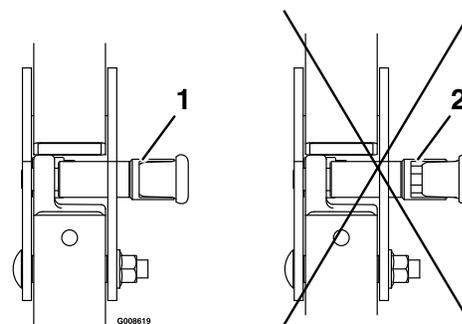


Figure 12

1. Engaged
2. Partially engaged — Do Not operate with ROPS in this condition.

**Important:** Always use the seat belt with the roll bar in the operate (raised) position. Ensure that the rear part of the seat is secured with the seat latch.

### Open the Fuel Shut-Off Valve

Rotate the valve and align with the fuel line to open.

## Starting the Engine

1. Move the motion control levers out to the neutral lock position.
2. Pull up and back on the parking brake lever to engage the parking brake.
3. Push down on the PTO switch to the “disengage” position.

**Note:** It is not necessary for the operator to be in the seat to start the engine.

4. Place the throttle midway between the “SLOW” and “FAST” positions.
5. On a cold engine, push the choke lever forward into the “ON” position.

On a warm engine, leave the choke in the “OFF” position.

6. Turn ignition switch to the “START” position. Release the switch as soon as the engine starts.

**Important: Do Not crank the engine continuously for more than ten seconds at a time. If the engine does not start, allow a 60 second cool-down period between starting attempts. Failure to follow these guidelines can burn out the starter motor.**

7. If the choke is in the “ON” position, gradually return choke to the “OFF” position as the engine warms up.

## Engaging the PTO

### **⚠ DANGER**

The rotating blades under the mower deck are dangerous. Blade contact can cause serious injury or kill you.

Do Not put hands or feet under the mower or mower deck when the blades are engaged.

### **⚠ DANGER**

An uncovered discharge opening will allow objects to be thrown in an operator’s or bystander’s direction. Also, contact with the blade could occur. Thrown objects or blade contact can cause serious injury or death.

Never operate the mower with the discharge deflector raised, removed, or altered unless there is a grass collection system or mulch kit in place and working properly.

The PTO push-pull switch engages the cutting blades. Be sure that all persons are clear of the mower deck and discharge area before engaging PTO.

**Important: Operator must be in seat before the PTO can be engaged.**

1. Set the throttle midway between the “SLOW” and “FAST” positions.
2. Pull the PTO switch outward to engage the blades.
3. Place the throttle in the “FAST” position to begin mowing.

## Disengaging the PTO

1. Set the throttle midway between the “SLOW” and “FAST” positions.
2. Push the PTO switch in to disengage the blades.

## Stopping the Engine

1. Bring the unit to a full stop.
2. Move the motion control levers out to the neutral lock position.
3. Engage the parking brake.
4. Place the throttle midway between the “SLOW” and “FAST” positions.
5. Disengage the PTO.
6. Allow the engine to run for a minimum of 15 seconds, then turn the ignition switch to the “OFF” position to stop the engine.
7. Remove the key to prevent children or other unauthorized persons from starting engine.
8. Close the fuel shut-off valve when the machine will not be in use for a few days, when transporting, or when the unit is parked inside a building.

## Driving the Machine

### **⚠ CAUTION**

Machine can spin very rapidly by positioning one lever too much ahead of the other. Operator may lose control of the machine, which may cause damage to the machine or injury.

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

# Operation

**Important:** To begin movement (forward or backward) the operator must be in the seat, the brake lever must be disengaged (pushed down) before the motion control levers can be moved in or the engine will stop.

When the motion control levers are positioned fully outward (apart) in the T-slot, the drive system is in the neutral lock position (Figure 13).

**Note:** The “N” LCD indicator appears when both levers are in the neutral lock position.

When the motion control levers are moved directly inward (together) the drive system is in the neutral operate position.

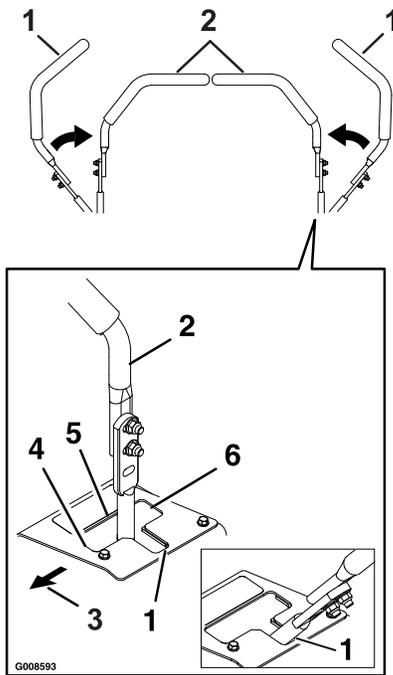


Figure 13

- |  |                      |
|--|----------------------|
| 1. Neutral lock position (handles out)   | 4. Forward           |
| 2. Neutral operate position (handles in) | 5. Neutral (operate) |
| 3. Front of Unit                         | 6. Reverse           |

## Driving Forward

1. Release the parking brake.
2. Move the motion control levers inward to the center to the neutral position.
3. To move forward in a straight line, move both levers forward with equal pressure.

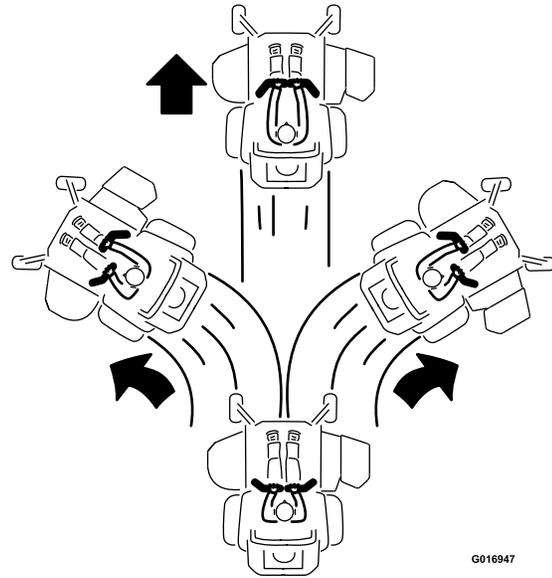


Figure 14

G016947

To turn left or right, pull the motion control lever back toward neutral in the desired turn direction.

The machine will move faster the farther the motion control levers are moved from the neutral position.

4. To stop, position both motion control levers in the neutral operate position.

## Driving in Reverse

1. Move the motion control levers inward to the neutral operate position.
2. To move rearward in a straight line, move both levers rearward with equal pressure.

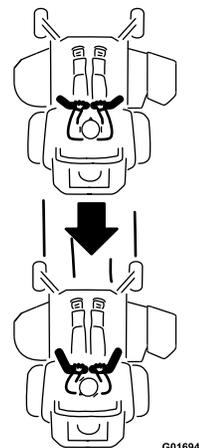


Figure 15

G016948

To turn right, release pressure on the RH motion control lever and the rear of the machine will move towards the rear and to the right.

To turn left, release pressure on the LH motion control lever and the rear of the machine will move towards the rear and to the left.

3. To stop, position both motion control levers in the neutral operate position.

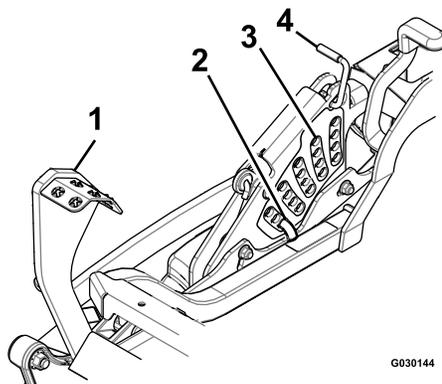
## Adjusting the Cutting Height

The cutting height of the mower deck is adjusted from 1 to 5 1/2 inches (2.5 cm to 14 cm) in 1/4 inch (6.4 mm) increments.

1. Stop the machine and move the motion control levers outward to the neutral locked position.
2. Disengage the PTO.
3. Position the transport lock in the latching position.
4. Raise and lock the deck to the 5 1/2 inch (14 cm) transport position (Figure 16).

The deck is raised by pushing the foot operated deck lift pedal forward. The pedal is located at the front right corner of the floor pan.

**Note:** When changing the cutting height positions, always come to a complete stop and disengage the PTO.



**Figure 16**

1. Deck foot pedal
2. Height adjustment pin
3. Height of cut decal
4. Transport lock control

5. Insert the height adjustment pin into the hole corresponding to the desired cutting height.

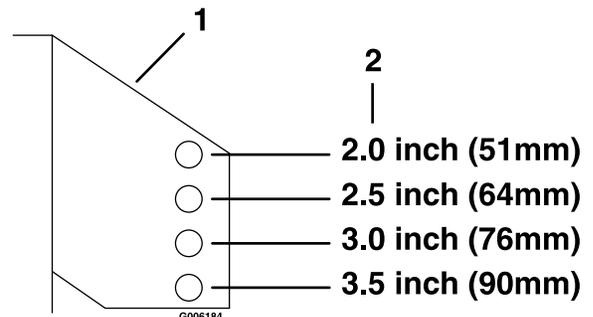
See the decal on the side of the deck lift plate for cut heights.

6. Push the deck lift pedal, release the transport lock and allow the deck to lower to the cutting height.

## Adjusting the Anti-Scalp Rollers

It is recommended to change the anti-scalp roller position, when the height of cut has changed.

1. Stop the machine and move the motion control levers outward to the neutral locked position.
2. Disengage the PTO.
3. Engage the park brake.
4. Stop the engine, remove the key and wait for all moving parts to stop.
5. After adjusting the height of cut, adjust the anti-scalp rollers by removing the mounting hardware.
6. Place the rollers in one of the positions shown (Figure 17). Rollers will maintain 3/4 inch (19 mm) clearance to the ground to minimize gouging and roller wear or damage.



**Figure 17**

For cutting heights above 3.5 inches (90 mm) use the bottom hole. The rollers will still be effective against scalping.

1. Anti-scalp roller mounting bracket
2. Cutting height

**For Maximum Deck Flotation**, place the rollers one hole position lower. Rollers should maintain 1/4 inch (6.4 mm) clearance to the ground. **Do Not** adjust the rollers to support the deck.

7. Reinstall the mounting hardware.

- Side Discharge Units:

- A. Be sure the roller bolts are installed with the spring disc washer between the head of the bolt and the mounting bracket (see Figure 18).

# Operation

- B. Torque the 3/8 nyloc nut to 50–55 ft-lb (68-75 N-m).

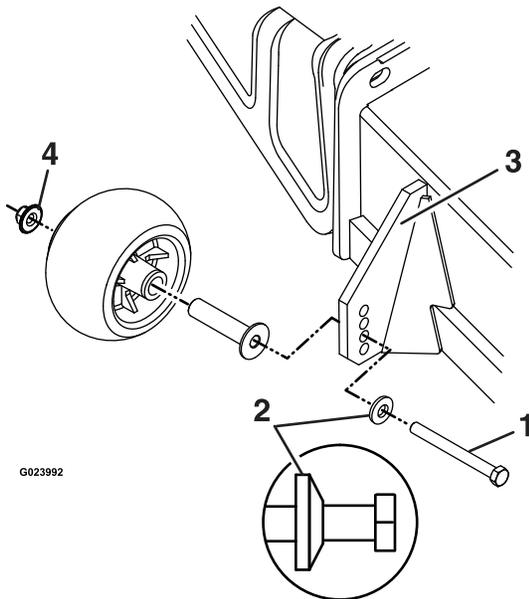


Figure 18

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| 1. 3/8-16 X 3 3/4 Grade 8 bolt                 | 3. Front right anti-scalp bracket shown        |
| 2. Spring disc washer (cone towards bolt head) | 4. 3/8 nyloc-torque to 50-55 ft-lb (68-75 N-m) |

• Rear Discharge Units:

Torque the 3/8 nyloc nut to 30-35 ft-lb (41-47 N-m) (see Figure 19).

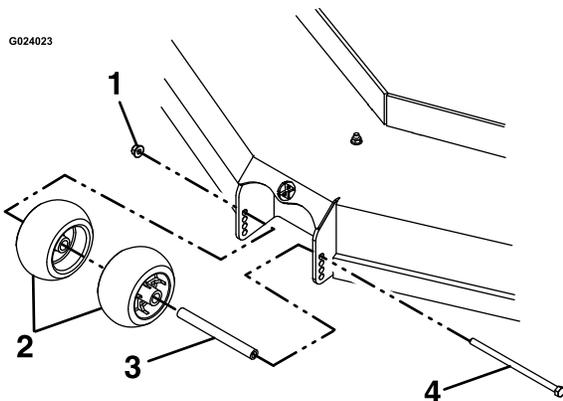


Figure 19

**Note:** The foot operated deck lift assist lever can be used to momentarily lift the deck to clear objects. Be sure that PTO is disengaged.

## Adjusting the Side Bumpers (Rear Discharge Units Only)

Mount the side bumpers in the top holes when operating in height of cuts higher than 2 1/2 inches (64 mm) and in the center holes when operating in height of cuts lower than 2 1/2 inches (64 mm).

**Note:** When bumpers become worn, switch the bumpers to the opposite sides of the mower, flipping them over. This allows the bumpers to be used longer before replacing them.

1. Stop the machine and move the motion control levers outward to the neutral locked position.
2. Disengage the PTO.
3. Engage the park brake.
4. Stop the engine, remove the key and wait for all moving parts to stop.
5. Position the transport lock in the latching position.
6. Remove the bolts and nuts from each bumper.

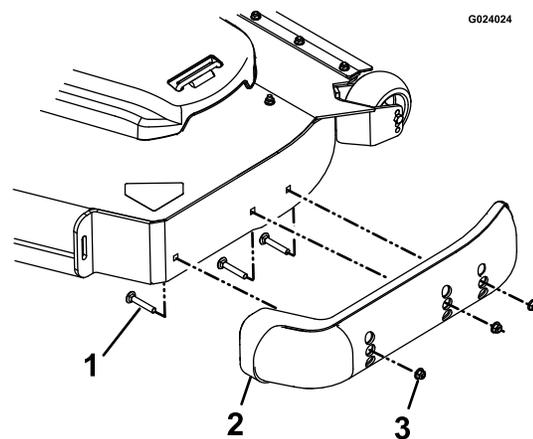


Figure 20

- |           |        |
|-----------|--------|
| 1. Bolt   | 3. Nut |
| 2. Bumper |        |

7. Move each bumper to the desired position and secure them with the bolts and nuts.

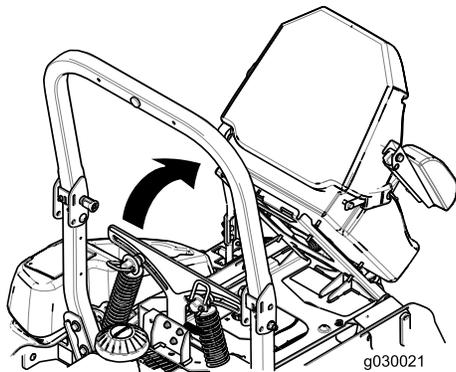
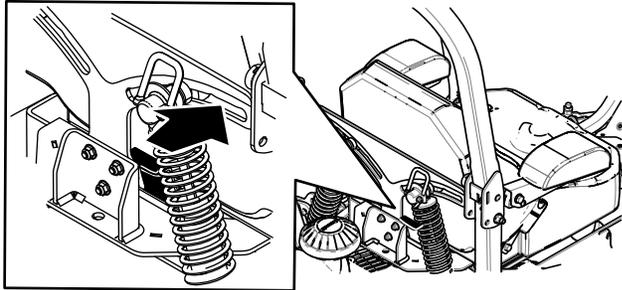
**Note:** Only use the top or center sets of holes to adjust the bumpers. The bottom holes are used when switching sides, at which time they become the top holes on the other side of the mower.

## Adjusting the Suspension Seat For “B3” Models Only

The suspension system on models ending in “B3” adjusts to provide a smooth and comfortable ride.

Adjusting the rear two shock assemblies is the easiest and quickest adjustment for changing the suspension system. Position the suspension system where you are most comfortable.

- **Unlatching the Seat**

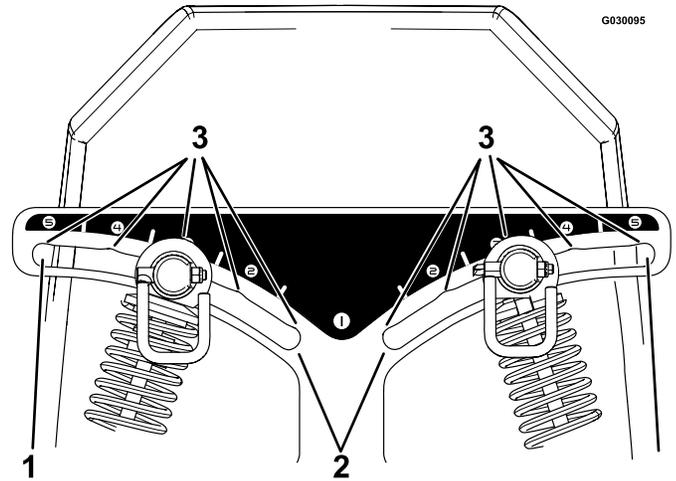


**Figure 21**

- **Adjusting the Rear, Shock Assemblies**

The slots for the rear, shock assemblies have detent positions for reference. The rear, shock assemblies can be positioned anywhere in the slot, not just the detent positions.

The following graphic shows the position for a soft or firm ride and the different detent positions (Figure 22).



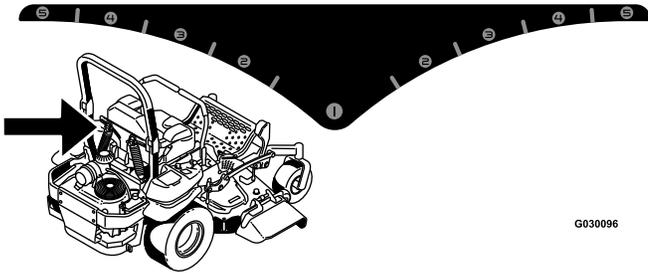
**Figure 22**

- 1. Firmest position
- 2. Softest position
- 3. Detents in the slots

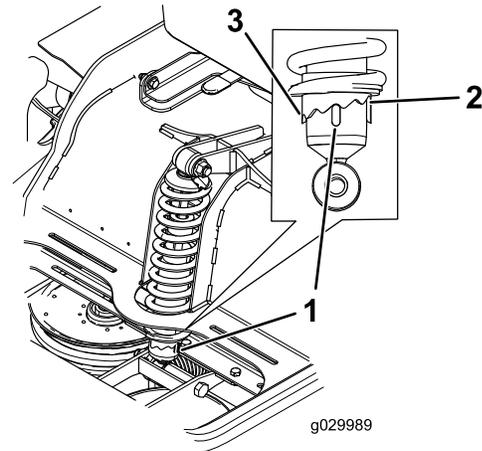
**Note:** Ensure the left and right rear, shock assemblies are always adjusted to the same positions.

Adjust the rear, shock assemblies (Figure 23).

# Operation

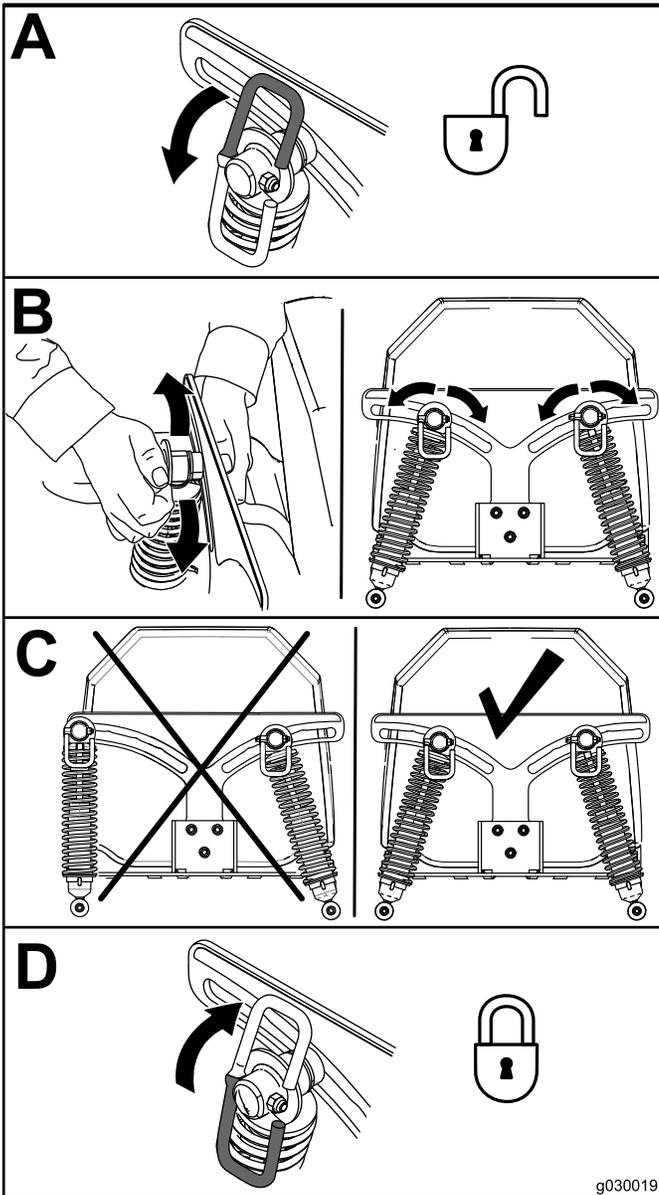


To adjust the front, shock assembly, open the floor pan and adjust it by using a spanner wrench (Part No. 132-5069) or a slip-joint pliers (Figure 24).



**Figure 24**

- 1. Middle position
- 2. Soft ride
- 3. Firm ride



**Figure 23**

## Transporting

### Transporting the Machine

Use a heavy-duty trailer or truck to transport the machine. Ensure that the trailer or truck has all necessary lighting and marking as required by law. Thoroughly read all of the safety instructions. Knowing this information could help you, your family, pets, or bystanders avoid injury.

To transport the machine:

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

### **⚠ WARNING**

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

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

#### • Adjusting the Front, Shock Assembly

The front, shock assembly is set at the middle position and is normally not adjusted.

## Loading the Machine

Use extreme caution when loading or unloading machines onto a trailer or a truck. Use a full-width ramp that is wider than the machine for this procedure. Back up ramps and drive forward down ramps (Figure 25).

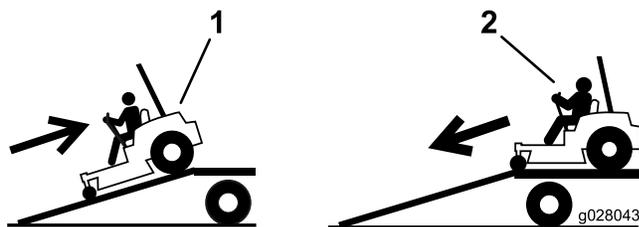


Figure 25

1. Back up ramps

2. Drive forward down ramps

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

Ensure the ramp is long enough so that the angle with the ground does not exceed 15 degrees (Figure 26). On flat ground, this requires a ramp to be at least four times (4X) as long as the height of the trailer or truck bed to the ground. A steeper angle may cause mower components to get caught as the unit moves from the ramp to the trailer or truck. Steeper angles may also cause the machine to tip or lose control. If loading on or near a slope, position the trailer or truck so that it is on the down side of the slope and the ramp extends up the slope. This will minimize the ramp angle.

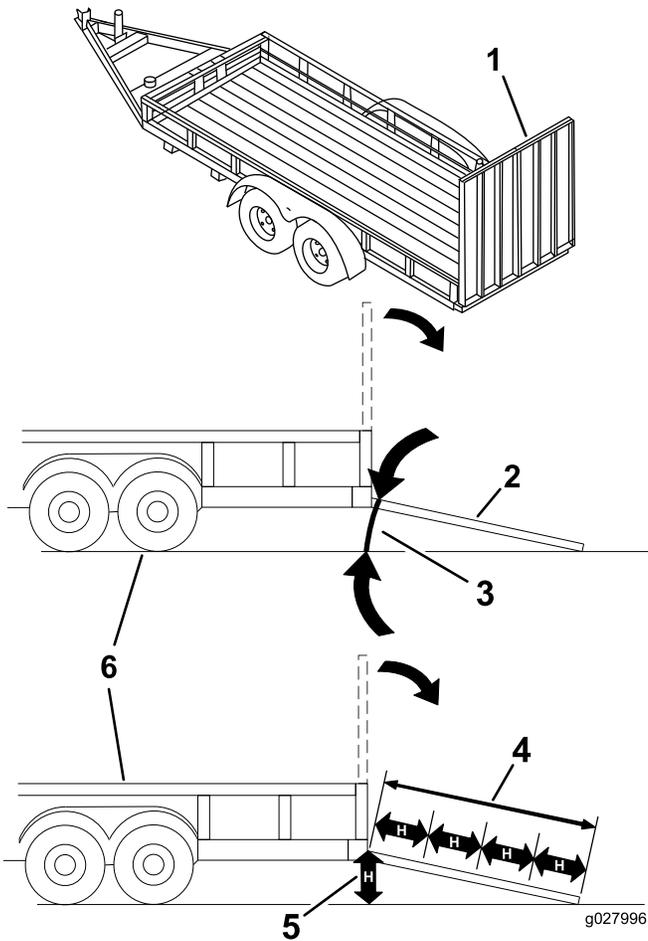
## ⚠ WARNING

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

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

# Operation

---



**Figure 26**

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

# Maintenance

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

## ⚠ WARNING

While maintenance or adjustments are being made, someone could start the engine. Accidental starting of the engine could seriously injure you or other bystanders.

Remove the key from the ignition switch, engage parking brake, and pull the wire(s) off the spark plug(s) before you do any maintenance. Also push the wire(s) aside so it does not accidentally contact the spark plug(s).

## ⚠ WARNING

The engine can become very hot. Touching a hot engine can cause severe burns.

Allow the engine to cool completely before service or making repairs around the engine area.

## 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>
After the first 100 hours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Check the wheel hub slotted nut torque specifications.</li> <li>• Check the wheel lug nuts.</li> <li>• Check the park brake adjustment.</li> </ul>
After the first 250 hours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Change the hydraulic filter and fluid.</li> </ul>
Before each use or daily	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Check the engine oil level.</li> <li>• Check the mower blades.</li> <li>• Check the safety interlock system.</li> <li>• Check the rollover protections systems (roll bar) knobs.</li> <li>• Check the seat belt.</li> <li>• Check for loose hardware.</li> <li>• Clean the engine and exhaust system area.</li> <li>• Clean the hydro fan cooling guards, hydro cooling fins, and fan.</li> <li>• Clean the grass and debris build-up from the machine and cutting deck.</li> <li>• Clean the grass build-up from under the cutting deck.</li> </ul>
Every 50 hours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Check the hydraulic oil level.</li> <li>• Check the tire pressures.</li> <li>• Check the condition of the belts.</li> <li>• Check spark arrester (if equipped).</li> </ul>
Every 100 hours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Change the engine oil. (May need more often under severe conditions.)</li> <li>• Lubricate the deck lift pivots.</li> <li>• Remove the engine shrouds and clean the cooling fins.</li> </ul>
Every 200 hours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Check the spark plugs.</li> </ul>
Every 250 hours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Replace the primary air cleaner element — check secondary air cleaner element; replace if dirty. (May need more often under severe conditions. See the Engine Owner's Manual for additional information.)</li> </ul>

# Maintenance

Maintenance Service Interval	Maintenance Procedure
Every 500 hours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Replace the secondary air cleaner element (May need more often under severe conditions. See the Engine Owner's Manual for additional information.)</li> <li>• Change the hydraulic filter and fluid. (May need more often under severe conditions.)</li> <li>• Check the wheel hub slotted nut torque specifications.</li> <li>• Check the wheel lug nuts.</li> <li>• Check the park brake adjustment.</li> </ul>
Yearly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grease the deck and pump idler pivots.</li> <li>• Grease the front caster pivots.</li> </ul>

## Periodic Maintenance

### Check Engine Oil Level

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

1. Stop engine and wait for all moving parts to stop. Make sure unit is on a level surface.
2. Check with engine cold.
3. Clean area around dipstick. Remove dipstick and wipe oil off. Reinsert the dipstick according to the engine manufacturer's recommendations. Remove the dipstick and read the oil level.
4. If the oil level is low, wipe off the area around the oil fill cap, remove cap and fill to the "FULL" mark on the dipstick. Exmark 4-Cycle Premium Engine Oil is recommended; refer to the Engine Owner's manual for an acceptable alternative. **Do Not** overfill.

**Important:** Do Not operate the engine with the oil level below the "LOW" (or "ADD") mark on the dipstick, or over the "FULL" mark.

### Check Battery Charge

#### Service Interval: As required

#### ⚠ WARNING

#### CALIFORNIA Proposition 65 Warning

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

Allowing batteries to stand for an extended period of time without recharging them will result in reduced performance and service life. To preserve optimum battery performance and life, recharge batteries in storage when the open circuit voltage drops to 12.4 volts.

**Note:** To prevent damage due to freezing, battery should be fully charged before putting away for winter storage.

Check the voltage of the battery with a digital voltmeter or with the message display. If the ignition key is turned to the "on" position for a few seconds, the battery voltage will be displayed in the area where the hours are normally displayed. Locate the voltage reading of the battery in the table and charge the battery for the recommended time interval to bring the charge up to a full charge of 12.6 volts or greater.

**Important:** Make sure the negative battery cable is disconnected and the battery charger used for charging the battery should have an output of 16 volts and 7 amps or less to avoid damaging the battery (see chart for recommended charger settings). This is especially important on Kohler EFI (Electronic Fuel Injection) units. Failure to do so may damage the ECU (Electronic Control Unit).

Voltage Reading	Percent Charge	Maximum Charger Settings	Charging Interval
12.6 or greater	100%	16 volts/7 amps	No Charging Required
12.4 – 12.6	75–100%	16 volts/7 amps	30 Minutes
12.2 – 12.4	50–75%	16 volts/7 amps	1 Hour

Voltage Reading	Percent Charge	Maximum Charger Settings	Charging Interval
12.0–12.2	25–50%	14.4 volts/4 amps	2 Hours
11.7–12.0	0–25%	14.4 volts/4 amps	3 Hours
11.7 or less	0%	14.4 volts/2 amps	6 Hours or More

**Important:** For Kohler EFI units: Unplug the harness from the ECU before performing any welding on the equipment.

## Recommended Jump Starting Procedure

**Service Interval:** As required

1. Check the weak battery for terminal corrosion (white, green, or blue “snow”), it must be cleaned off prior to jump starting. Clean and tighten connections as necessary.

### ⚠ CAUTION

Corrosion or loose connections can cause unwanted electrical voltage spikes at anytime during the jump starting procedure.

Do Not attempt to jump start with loose or corroded battery terminals or damage to the engine or EFI may occur.

### ⚠ DANGER

Jump starting a weak battery that is cracked, frozen, has low electrolyte level, or an open/shorted battery cell, can cause an explosion resulting in serious personal injury.

Do Not jump start a weak battery if these conditions exist.

2. Make sure the booster is a good and fully charged lead acid battery at 12.6 volts or greater. Use properly sized jumper cables (4 to 6 AWG) with short lengths to reduce voltage drop between systems. Make sure the cables are color coded or labeled for the correct polarity.

### ⚠ CAUTION

Connecting the jumper cables incorrectly (wrong polarity) can immediately damage the electrical and/or EFI system.

Be certain of battery terminal polarity and jumper cable polarity when hooking up batteries.

**Note:** The following instructions are adapted from the SAE J1494 Rev. Dec. 2001 – Battery Booster Cables – Surface Vehicle Recommended Practice (SAE – Society of Automotive Engineers).

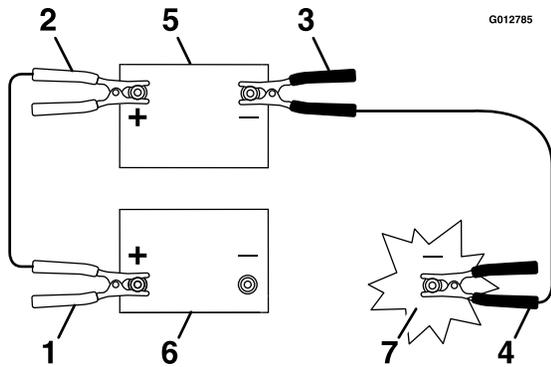
### ⚠ WARNING

Batteries contain acid and produce explosive gases.

- Shield the eyes and face from the batteries at all times.
- Do Not lean over the batteries.

**Note:** Be sure the vent caps are tight and level. Place a damp cloth, if available, over any vent caps on both batteries. Be sure the vehicles do not touch and that both electrical systems are off and at the same rated system voltage. These instructions are for negative ground systems only.

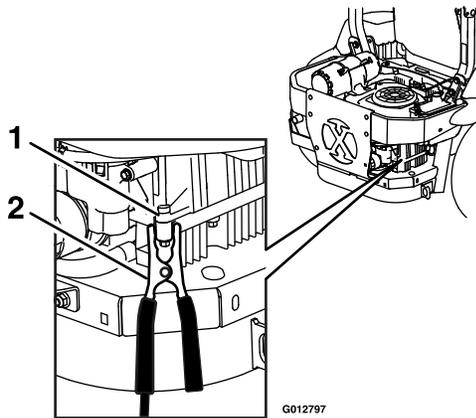
3. Connect the positive (+) cable to the positive (+) terminal of the discharged battery that is wired to the starter or solenoid as shown in Figure 27.



**Figure 27**

1. Positive (+) cable on discharged battery
2. Positive (+) cable on booster battery
3. Negative (-) cable on the booster battery
4. Negative (-) cable on the engine block
5. Booster battery
6. Discharged battery
7. Engine block

4. Connect the other end of the positive cable to the positive terminal of the booster battery.
5. Connect the black negative (-) cable to the other terminal (negative) of the booster battery.
6. **MAKE THE FINAL CONNECTION ON THE ENGINE BLOCK OF THE STALLED VEHICLE (NOT TO THE NEGATIVE POST) AWAY FROM THE BATTERY. STAND BACK** (see Figure 28).



**Figure 28**

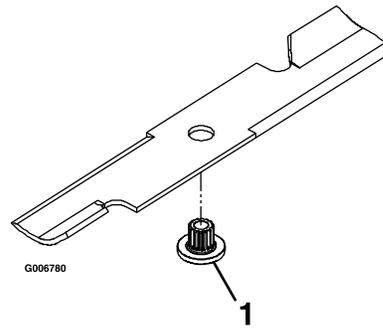
1. Engine block
2. Negative (-) cable

7. Start the vehicle and remove the cables in the reverse order of connection (the engine block (black) connection is the first to disconnect).

## Check Mower Blades

### Service Interval: Before each use or daily

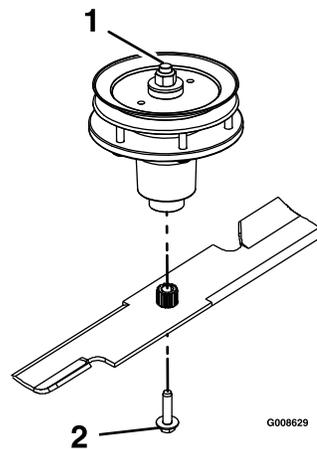
1. Stop engine, wait for all moving parts to stop, and remove key. Engage parking brake.
2. Lift deck and secure in raised position as stated in the **Clean Grass Build-Up Under Deck** section.
3. Inspect blades and sharpen or replace as required.
4. Reinstall the blades (if they were removed) in the following order:
  - A. Install bushing through blade with bushing flange on bottom (grass) side of blade.



**Figure 29**

1. Install bushing in blade prior to installing bushing in spindle.

- B. Install bushing/blade assembly into spindle. Make sure the splines on the bushing are engaged in the spindle before tightening the bolt.



**Figure 30**

1. Use wrench here for blade installation. This nut has been torqued to 130–160 ft-lb (176–217 N-m)
2. Torque to 50-60 ft-lb (68-81 N-m) Apply lubricant to threads as needed to prevent seizing. Copper-based anti-seize preferable. Grease acceptable substitute.

- C. Apply lubricant to threads of blade bolt to prevent seizing. Copper-based anti-seize preferable. Grease acceptable substitute. Install blade bolt finger tight. Place wrench on the top spindle nut then torque the blade bolts to 50-60 ft-lb (68-81 N-m).

**Important:** On rear discharge decks, the RH blade rotates counterclockwise. Be sure to reinstall that blade onto the RH spindle only.

## **⚠ WARNING**

Incorrect installation of the blade or components used to retain the blade can be dangerous. Failure to use all original components and assembled as shown could allow a blade or blade component to be thrown out from under the deck resulting in serious personal injury or death.

Always install the original Exmark blades, blade bushings, and blade bolts as shown.

## Check Safety Interlock System

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

**Note:** To prevent engine cut-outs on rough terrain the seat kill switch has a 1/2 second delay.

1. Check starting circuit. Starter **should** crank with, parking brake **engaged**, PTO **disengaged** and motion control levers moved out in the **neutral lock** position. The operator does not need to be in the seat to start the engine.

Try to start with **operator in seat**, parking brake disengaged, PTO disengaged and motion control levers in the **neutral lock** position - starter **must not crank**.

Try to start with **operator in seat**, parking brake engaged, PTO **engaged** and motion control levers in the **neutral lock** position - starter **must not crank**.

Try to start with **operator in seat**, parking brake **engaged**, PTO **disengaged**, and the **left motion control lever in**, starter **must not crank**, repeat again with the **right lever in**, then with **both levers in** - starter **must not crank**.

2. Check the kill circuits. Run engine at one-third throttle, **disengage** parking brake and **raise off**

of seat (but do not get off of machine) engine **must initiate shutdown** after approximately 1/2 second has elapsed (seat has time delay kill switch to prevent cut-outs on rough terrain).

Run engine at one-third throttle, **engage PTO** and **raise off** of seat (but do not get off of machine) engine **must initiate shutdown** after one second has elapsed if the handles are in. The delay will be 1/2 second if the handles are out.

Run engine at one-third throttle, with brake disengaged, move levers in and raise off seat (but do not get off of machine) engine **must initiate shutdown** after 1/2 second has elapsed.

Again, run engine at one-third throttle, brake **engaged**, and move **left motion control lever in** - engine **must initiate shutdown** after 1/2 second has elapsed.

Repeat again moving the **right lever in**, then moving **both levers in** - engine **must initiate shutdown** after 1/2 second has elapsed whether operator is **on seat or not**.

**Note:** If machine does not pass any of these tests, do not operate. Contact your authorized **EXMARK SERVICE DEALER**.

**Important:** It is essential that operator safety mechanisms be connected and in proper operating condition prior to use for mowing.

## Check Rollover Protections Systems (Roll Bar) Knobs

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

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

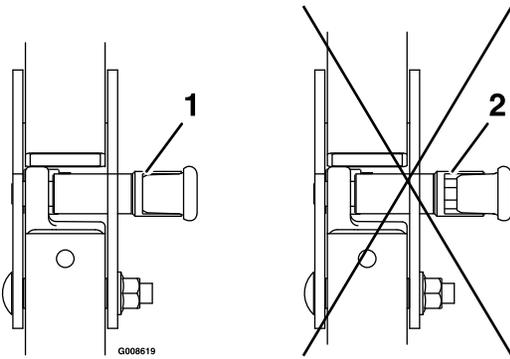


Figure 31

1. Engaged

2. Partially engaged — Do Not operate with ROPS in this condition.

## Check Seat Belt

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

Visually inspect seat belt for wear, cuts, and proper operation of retractor and buckle. Replace before operating if damaged.

## Check for Loose Hardware

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

1. Stop engine, wait for all moving parts to stop, and remove key. Engage parking brake.
2. Visually inspect machine for any loose hardware or any other possible problem. Tighten hardware or correct the problem before operating.

## Service Air Cleaner

**Service Interval: Every 250 hours—Replace the primary air cleaner element — check secondary air cleaner element; replace if dirty. (May need more often under severe conditions. See the Engine Owner's Manual for additional information.)**

**Every 500 hours—Replace the secondary air cleaner element (May need more often under severe conditions. See the**

**Engine Owner's Manual for additional information.)**

1. Stop engine, wait for all moving parts to stop, and remove key. Engage parking brake.
2. See the Engine Owner's Manual for maintenance instructions.

## Check Air Filter Assembly (if equipped)

**Service Interval: As required**

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

1. When checking or replacing the air filter element, make sure the air filter assembly is installed in the brackets.
2. Position the air cleaner cover so that the breather valve does not interfere with the throttle mechanism.

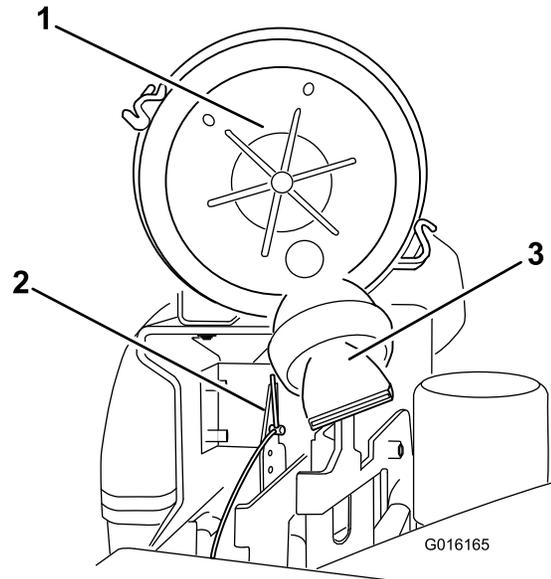


Figure 32

1. Air cleaner cover
2. Throttle mechanism
3. Breather valve

3. Secure the cover with latches.

## Change Engine Oil

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

**Every 100 hours/Yearly (whichever comes first)**

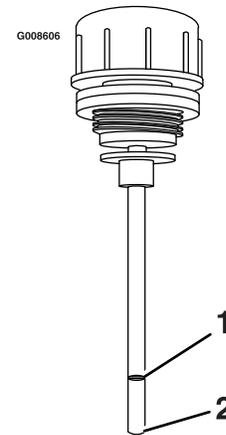
**(May need more often under severe conditions.)**

1. Stop engine, wait for all moving parts to stop, and remove key. Engage parking brake.
2. Drain oil while engine is warm from operation.
3. The oil drain hose is located on right hand side of engine at the rear. Place pan under machine to catch oil. Remove plug from end of drain hose. Allow oil to drain and replace oil drain plug. Torque plug to 20-24 ft-lb.
4. Replace the oil filter every other oil change. Clean around oil filter and unscrew filter to remove. Before reinstalling new filter, apply a thin coating of Exmark 4-Cycle Premium Engine oil on the surface of the rubber seal. Turn filter clockwise until rubber seal contacts the filter adapter then tighten filter an additional 1/2 to 3/4 turn.
5. Clean around oil fill cap and remove cap. Fill to specified capacity and replace cap.
6. Use oil recommended in the **Check Engine Oil Level** section. **Do Not** overfill. Start the engine and check for leaks.
7. Wipe up any spilled oil from engine deck mounting surfaces.

## Check Hydraulic Oil Level

### Service Interval: Every 50 hours

1. Stop engine and wait for all moving parts to stop. Engage parking brake.
2. Wait until the unit cools before checking the hydraulic oil.
3. Slide the seat all the forward to access the caps on the LH and RH hydro drives.
4. Clean the area around hydraulic reservoir cap and remove cap.
5. Wipe the dipstick clean and re-insert the cap back into the hydro. Lightly tighten the cap.
6. Remove the cap again and check the level of the oil on the dipstick. See Figure 33 for oil levels.



**Figure 33**

1. Full
2. Add

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

7. If the dipstick oil level is at the “add” mark add Exmark Premium Hydro Oil.
8. Replace hydraulic reservoir cap and tighten until snug. **Do Not overtighten.**

## Check Tire Pressures

### Service Interval: Every 50 hours

1. Stop engine, wait for all moving parts to stop, and remove key. Engage parking brake.
2. Check tire pressure in drive tires and pneumatic casters.
3. Inflate drive tires and pneumatic casters to 13 psi (90 kPa).
4. Semi-pneumatic caster tires Do Not need to be inflated.

**Note:** Do Not add any type of tire liner or foam fill material to the tires. Excessive loads created by foam filled tires may cause failures to the hydro drive system, frame, and other components. Foam filling tires will void the warranty.

## Check Condition Of Belts

### Service Interval: Every 50 hours

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

# Maintenance

2. Remove left and right belt shields on deck and lift up floor pan to inspect deck drive belt.
3. Check under machine to inspect the pump drive belt.

**Note:** No adjustments are required for belt tension.

## Lubricate Grease Fittings

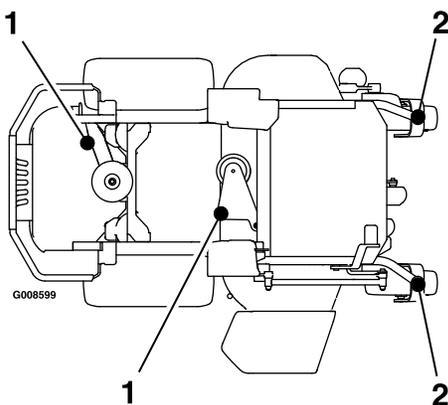
**Note:** See chart for service intervals.

1. Stop engine, wait for all moving parts to stop, and remove key. Engage parking brake.
2. Lubricate fittings with one to two pumps of NGLI grade #2 multi-purpose gun grease.

Refer to the following chart for fitting locations and lubrication schedule.

Lubrication Chart			
Fitting Locations	Initial Pumps	Number of Places	Service Interval
1. Deck and Pump Idler Pivots	1	2	Yearly
2. Front Caster Pivots	*0	2	*Yearly

\* See step 3 for special lubrication instructions on the front caster pivots.

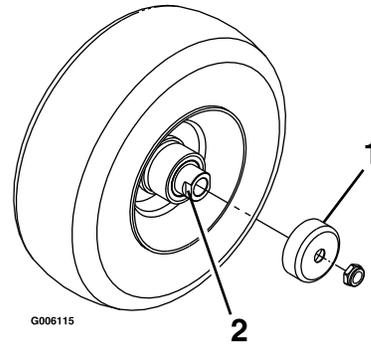


3. Lubricate front caster pivots once a year. Remove hex plug and cap. Thread grease zerk in hole and pump with grease until it oozes out around top bearing. Remove grease zerk and thread plug back in. Place cap back on.

## Lubricate Caster Wheel Hubs

**Service Interval: As required**

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



**Figure 34**

1. Seal guard
2. Spacer nut with wrench flats

2. Remove caster wheel from caster forks.
3. Remove seal guards from the wheel hub.
4. Remove one of the spacer nuts from the axle assembly in the caster wheel. Note that thread locking adhesive has been applied to lock the spacer nuts to the axle. Remove the axle (with the other spacer nut still assembled to it) from the wheel assembly.
5. Pry out seals, and inspect bearings for wear or damage and replace if necessary.
6. Pack the bearings with a NGLI grade #1 multi-purpose grease.
7. Insert one bearing, one new seal into the wheel.
 

**Note:** Seals (Exmark P/N 103-0063) must be replaced.
8. If the axle assembly has had both spacer nuts removed (or broken loose), apply a thread locking adhesive to one spacer nut and thread onto the axle with the wrench flats facing outward. Do Not thread spacer nut all of the way onto the end of the axle. Leave approximately 1/8 inch (3 mm) from the outer surface of the spacer nut to the end of the axle inside the nut.
9. Insert the assembled nut and axle into the wheel on the side of the wheel with the new seal and bearing.
10. With the open end of the wheel facing up, fill the area inside the wheel around the axle full of NGLI grade #1 multi-purpose grease.

11. Insert the second bearing and new seal into the wheel.
12. Apply a thread locking adhesive to the 2nd spacer nut and thread onto the axle with the wrench flats facing outward.
13. Torque the nut to 75-80 in-lb (8-9 N-m), loosen, then re-torque to 20-25 in-lb (2-3 N-m). Make sure axle does not extend beyond either nut.
14. Reinstall the seal guards over the wheel hub and insert wheel into caster fork. Reinstall caster bolt and tighten nut fully.

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

## Lubricate Deck Lift Pivot

**Service Interval: Every 100 hours**

1. Stop engine, wait for all moving parts to stop, and remove key. Engage parking brake.
2. Lubricate deck lift pivot with a spray type lubricant or light oil.

## Check Spark Plugs

**Service Interval: Every 200 hours**

Remove spark plugs, check condition and reset gaps, or replace with new plugs. See Engine Owner's Manual.

## Change Fuel Filter

**Service Interval: As required**

A fuel filter is installed between the fuel tank and the engine. Replace when necessary.

For Kohler EFI Units:

### **⚠ WARNING**

Fuel system components are under high pressure. The use of improper components can result in system failure, gasoline leakage and possible explosion.

Use only approved fuel lines and fuel filters for high pressure systems.

Replacement Filters	
Kawasaki	<b>Kawasaki</b> P/N 49019-0014
Kohler	<b>Kohler</b> P/N 24 050 13
Kohler EFI	<b>Kohler</b> P/N 25 050 42

**Note:** It is important to reinstall the fuel line hoses and secure with plastic ties the same as they were originally installed at the factory to keep the fuel line away from components that could cause fuel line damage.

## Change Hydraulic System Filter and Fluid

**Service Interval: After the first 250 hours  
Every 500 hours thereafter**

**Note:** Only use Exmark Hydro Filter—Part No. 116-0164 for summer or winter.

1. Stop engine, wait for all moving parts to stop, and remove key. Engage parking brake.
2. Raise the rear of machine up and support with jack stands (or equivalent support) just high enough to allow drive wheels to turn freely.

### **⚠ CAUTION**

Raising the mower deck for service or maintenance relying solely on mechanical or hydraulic jacks could be dangerous. The mechanical or hydraulic jacks may not be enough support or may malfunction allowing the unit to fall, which could cause injury.

Do Not rely solely on mechanical or hydraulic jacks for support. Use adequate jack stands or equivalent support.

3. Remove the pump drive belt.
4. Place a catch pan under the hydro.
5. Carefully clean area around the filters. It is important that no dirt or contamination enter the hydraulic system.
6. Using a socket, unscrew filters to remove and allow oil to drain.
7. Before installing the new filters, apply a thin coat of Exmark Premium Hydro Oil on the surface of the two rubber seals.

# Maintenance

8. Install the new filters and torque to 14 ft-lb (19 N-m).
9. Fill the hydraulic system as stated in **Check Hydraulic Oil Level** section.  
Exmark Premium Hydro Oil is recommended.  
Refer to the chart for an acceptable alternative:

Hydro Oil	Service Interval
Exmark Premium Hydro Oil (Preferred)	After first 250 hours *Every 500 hours thereafter
Mobil 1 15W50	After first 250 hours *Every 250 hours thereafter

\*May need more often under severe conditions.

10. Remove the catch pan and properly dispose of hydro oil and filter according to local codes.
11. Re-install the pump drive belt.
12. Start engine and move throttle control ahead to full throttle position. Move the speed control levers to the full speed and run for one minute. Shut down the machine, allow the hydros to cool and recheck oil level.
13. Remove the jack stands.

**Note:** Do Not change the hydraulic system oil (except for what can be drained when changing filter), unless it is felt the oil has been contaminated or been extremely hot.

Changing oil unnecessarily could damage hydraulic system by introducing contaminants into the system.

## Wheel Hub - Slotted Nut Torque Specification

**Service Interval: After the first 100 hours  
Every 500 hours thereafter**

Torque the slotted nut to 211-260 ft-lb (286-352 N-m).

**Note:** Do Not use anti-seize on wheel hub.

## Check Spark Arrester (if equipped)

**Service Interval: Every 50 hours**

## ▲ WARNING

**Hot exhaust system components may ignite gasoline vapors even after the engine is stopped. 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. Stop engine, wait for all moving parts to stop, and remove key. Engage parking brake.
2. Wait for muffler to cool.
3. If any breaks in the screen or welds are observed, replace arrester.
4. If plugging of the screen is observed, remove arrester and shake loose particles out of the arrester and clean screen with a wire brush (soak in solvent if necessary). Reinstall arrester on exhaust outlet.

## Thread Locking Adhesives

Thread locking adhesives such as “Loctite 242” or “Fel-Pro, Pro-Lock Nut Type” are used on the following fasteners:

- ROPS spring pin housing.
- Hydro pump control arm, linkage bolt, and attachment bolt.
- Hydro cooling fan screw on equipped models.
- Hydro park brake cable anchor mounting bolt
- Sheave and clutch retaining bolt in the end of engine crankshaft.

Thread locking adhesives are required for some hardware on engines — see the Engine manual.

## Copper-Based Anti-seize

Copper-based anti-seize is used in the following location:

On threads of Blade Bolts. See **Check Mower Blades** section.

## Dielectric Grease

Dielectric grease is used on all blade type electrical connections to prevent corrosion and loss of contact. Dielectric grease should not be applied to sealed connectors.

# Adjustments

**Note:** Disengage PTO, shut off engine, wait for all moving parts to stop, engage parking brake, and remove key before servicing, cleaning, or making any adjustments to the unit.

## ⚠ CAUTION

Raising the mower deck for service or maintenance relying solely on mechanical or hydraulic jacks could be dangerous. The mechanical or hydraulic jacks may not be enough support or may malfunction allowing the unit to fall, which could cause injury.

Do Not rely solely on mechanical or hydraulic jacks for support. Use adequate jack stands or equivalent support.

## Deck Leveling

1. Position the mower on a flat surface.
2. Stop engine, wait for all moving parts to stop, and remove key. Engage parking brake.
3. Check the tire pressure in the drive tires. Proper inflation pressure for tires is 13 psi (90 kPa). Adjust if necessary.
4. Position the transport lock in the latching position.
5. Push the foot pedal all the way forward and the deck will latch at the 5 1/2 inch (14 cm) transport position (Figure 35).

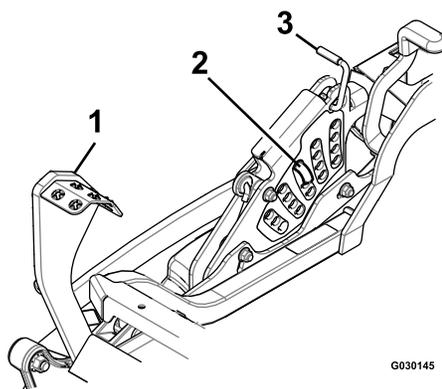


Figure 35

1. Foot pedal
2. Height of cut pin
3. Transport lock

6. Insert the height adjustment pin into the 3 inch (7.6 cm) cutting height location.

7. Release the transport lock and allow the deck to lower to the cutting height.
8. Raise the discharge deflector (side discharge units only).
9. Measure from the level surface to the front tip of the center blade. The measurement should read 3 inches (7.6 cm).

**Note:** In most conditions, the back tips on the side blades should be adjusted:

Side Discharge Units: 1/4 inch (6.4 mm) higher than the front.

Rear Discharge Units: to be level with the front.

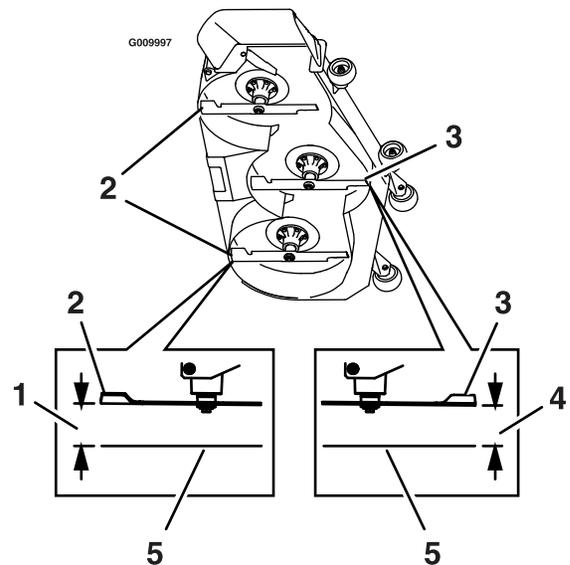


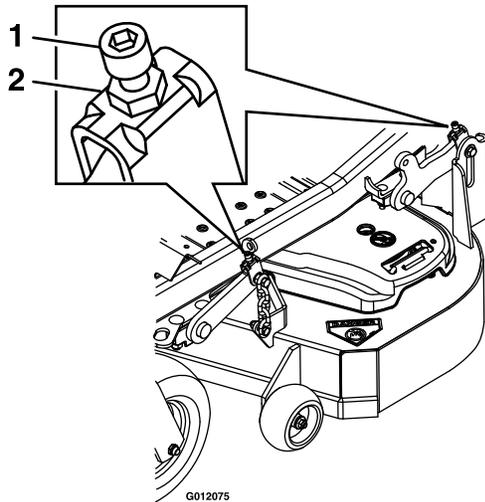
Figure 36

1. Side Discharge: 3 1/4 inches (8.3 cm)  
Rear Discharge: 3 inches (7.6 cm)
2. Back blade tip
3. Front blade tip
4. 3 inches (7.6 cm)
5. Level surface

10. Loosen the jam nuts on the top of each deck link. Fine tune the adjuster on the front deck lift assembly by turning it to get 3 inch (7.6 cm) height (see Figure 37).

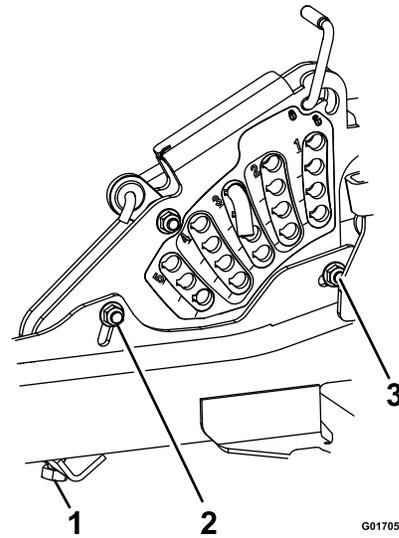
To increase the height, turn the adjuster clockwise; to decrease, turn counterclockwise.

# Maintenance



**Figure 37**

1. Adjuster link
2. Jam nut
3. Adjuster



**Figure 38**

1. Single point height adjustment bolt
2. Front height-of-cut plate mounting bolt
3. Rear height-of-cut plate mounting bolt

11. Measure the back tip height. Fine tune rear adjusters as required; the single point adjustment can be utilized to gain more adjustment.

- Side Discharge Units: The back tips of the side blades should measure 3 1/4 inches (8.3 cm).
- Rear Discharge Units: The back tips of the side blades should measure 3 inches (7.6 cm).

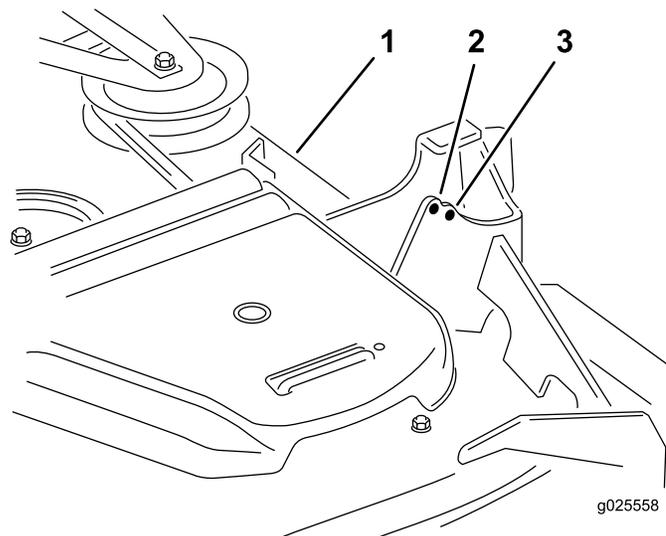
12. Re-measure until all four sides are the correct height. Tighten all the nuts on the deck lift arm assemblies.

13. Lower discharge deflector (side discharge units only).

14. If the four deck links do not have enough adjustment to achieve accurate cut height with the desired rake, the single point adjustment can be utilized to gain more adjustment (see Figure 38).

15. To adjust the single point system, first loosen the front and rear height-of-cut plate mounting bolts.

**Note:** On Rear Discharge Units: The mower deck is attached in the front holes at the factory (see Figure 39). If needed, use the back holes for further adjustment when leveling the mower deck.



**Figure 39**

1. Mower deck
2. Front hole
3. Back hole

16. If the deck is too low, tighten the single point adjustment bolt by rotating it clockwise. If

the deck is too high, loosen the single point adjustment bolt by rotating it counterclockwise.

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

17. Re-tighten front and rear height-of-cut plate mounting bolts.

**Important:** Torque the front and rear height-of-cut plate mounting bolts to 27-33 ft-lb (37-45 N-m).

18. Repeat steps 9 through 13.

## Pump Drive Belt Tension

Self-tensioning - No adjustment necessary.

## Deck Belt Tension

Self-tensioning - No adjustment necessary.

## Adjusting the Parking Brake

**Service Interval: After the first 100 hours  
Every 500 hours thereafter**

Check to make sure brake is adjusted properly. This procedure must be followed after the first 100 hours or when a brake component has been removed or replaced.

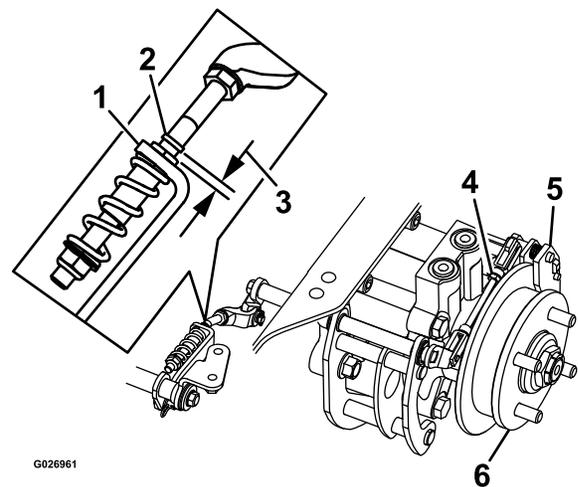
1. Drive the machine onto a level surface.
2. Disengage the blade control switch (PTO), move the motion control levers to the neutral locked position and engage the parking brake (lever is in the “up” position).
3. Stop the engine, wait for all moving parts to stop, and remove the key.
4. Raise the back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

### ⚠ CAUTION

**Raising the mower deck for service or maintenance relying solely on mechanical or hydraulic jacks could be dangerous. The mechanical or hydraulic jacks may not be enough support or may malfunction allowing the unit to fall, which could cause injury.**

**Do Not rely solely on mechanical or hydraulic jacks for support. Use adequate jack stands or equivalent support.**

5. Remove the rear tires from the machine.
6. Remove any debris from the brake area.
7. Rotate the drive wheel release handle to the “released” position. Refer to the **Drive Wheel Release Valves** section in Operation.
8. Check to see if there is a visible gap between the L-bracket and the linkage stop (see Figure 40).



**Figure 40**  
Left Side Shown

- |                 |                          |
|-----------------|--------------------------|
| 1. L-bracket    | 4. Rear linkage assembly |
| 2. Linkage stop | 5. Caliper               |
| 3. Gap          | 6. Wheel hub             |

9. Disengage the park brake, the lever should be in the down position. Turn the wheel hub by hand in both directions relative to the caliper; the wheel hub should move freely between the caliper.
10. If a gap is needed or the wheel hub does not move freely:
  - A. Disengage the park brake.
  - B. Disconnect and fine-tune the rear linkage assembly:

# Maintenance

- Shorten the link to create a gap.
- Lengthen the link to allow wheel hub movement.

C. Reconnect the rear linkage assembly.

11. Engage the parking brake and check the gap.
12. Repeat steps 9 through 12 until a visible gap is achieved and the wheel hub rotates freely. Repeat for the brake on the right side.
13. Rotate the drive wheel release handle to the “operating” position. Refer to the **Drive Wheel Release Valves** section in Operation.
14. Install the rear tires and torque lug nuts to 85-105 ft-lb (115-142 N-m).
15. Remove jack stands.

## Electric Clutch Adjustment

No adjustment necessary. However on units with 60 inch decks, when the clutch brake has worn to the point where the clutch no longer engages consistently, the shim can be removed to extend the clutch life.

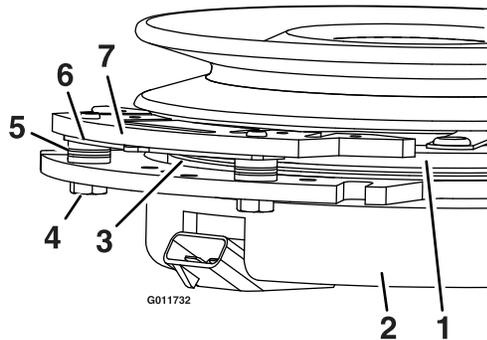


Figure 41

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

### Removing the Shim:

1. Stop engine, wait for all moving parts to stop, and remove key. Engage parking brake. Allow the machine to cool completely before starting these instructions.
2. Using a pneumatic line, blow out any debris from under the brake pole and around the brake spacers.
3. Check the condition of the wire harness leads, connectors, and terminals. Clean or repair as necessary.

4. Verify that 12V is present at the clutch connector when the PTO switch is engaged.
5. Measure the gap between the rotor and armature. If the gap is greater than .04 inch (1 mm), proceed with the following steps:

- A. Loosen both brake mounting bolts one-half to one full turn (see Figure 42).

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

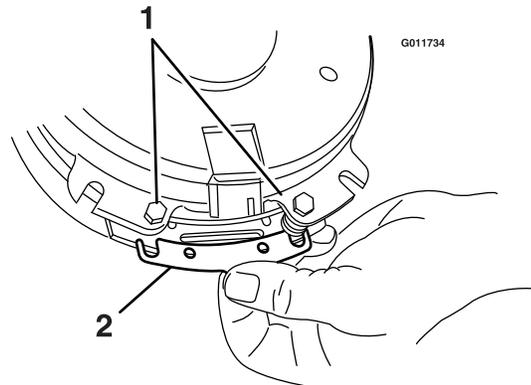
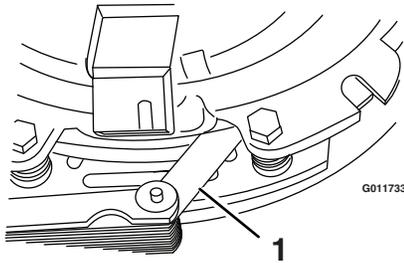


Figure 42

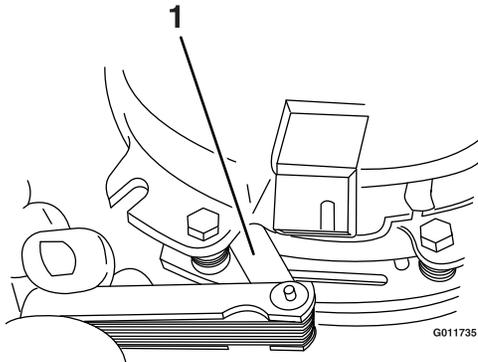
1. Brake mounting bolt
2. Shim

- B. Using needle nose pliers, or by hand, take hold of the tab and remove the shim (Do Not discard the shim until proper clutch function has been confirmed).
- C. Using a pneumatic line, blow out any debris from under the brake pole and around the brake spacers.
- D. Re-torque each bolt (M6 x 1) to 10 ft-lb (13 N-m) +/-0.5 ft-lb (0.7 N-m).
- E. Using a 0.010 inch thick feeler gauge, verify that a gap is present between the rotor and armature face on both sides of the brake pole as shown. (Due to the way the rotor and armature faces wear (peaks and valleys) it is sometimes difficult to measure the true gap.)



**Figure 43**

1. Feeler gauge



**Figure 44**

1. Feeler gauge

- If the gap is less than 0.010 inch, then reinstall the shim and reference the **Troubleshooting** section.
- If the gap is sufficient, proceed to the safety check in step F.

F. Perform the following safety check:

- a. Sit on the seat and start the engine.
- b. Make sure the blades Do Not engage with the PTO switch “off” and the clutch disengaged.

If the clutch does not disengage, reinstall the shim and reference the **Troubleshooting** section.

- c. Engage and disengage the PTO switch ten consecutive times to ensure the clutch is functioning properly. If the clutch does not engage properly, reference the **Troubleshooting** section.

## Motion Control Linkage Adjustment

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

### **⚠ WARNING**

**Engine must be running and drive wheels must be turning so adjustments can be performed. Contact with moving parts or hot surfaces may cause personal injury.**

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

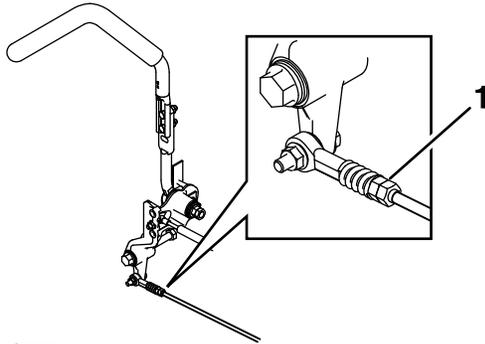
1. Prior to starting the engine, push the deck lift pedal and remove the height of cut pin. Lower deck to the ground.
2. Raise the rear of machine up and support with jack stands (or equivalent support) just high enough to allow drive wheels to turn freely.
3. Remove the electrical connection from the seat safety switch, located under the bottom cushion of the seat. The switch is a part of the seat assembly.
4. **Temporarily** install a jumper wire across the terminals in the connector of the main wiring harness.
5. Start engine. **Brake must be engaged and motion control levers out to start engine. Operator does not have to be in the seat because of the jumper wire being used.** Run engine at full throttle and release brake.
6. Run the unit at least 5 minutes with the drive levers at full forward speed to bring hydraulic oil up to operating temperature.

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

7. Bring the motion control levers into the neutral position. Adjust pump control rod lengths by rotating the double nuts on the rod in the appropriate direction until the wheels slightly creep in reverse (Figure 45). Move the motion control levers to the reverse position and while applying slight pressure to the lever allow the

# Maintenance

reverse indicator springs to bring the levers back to neutral. The wheels must stop turning or slightly creep in reverse.



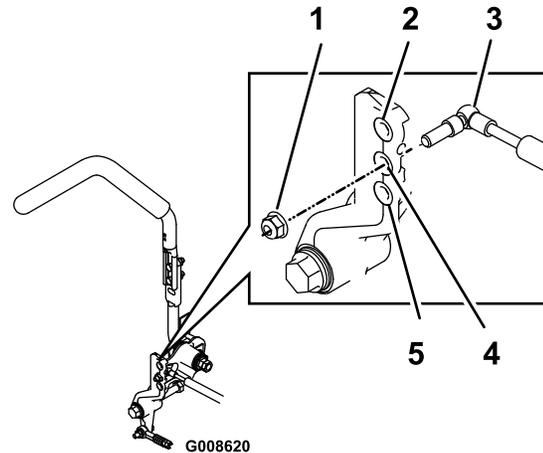
**Figure 45**

1. Double nuts

8. Shut off unit. Remove jumper wire from wire harness and plug connector into seat switch.
9. Remove the jack stands.
10. Raise the deck and re-install the height of cut pin.
11. Check that the machine does not creep in neutral with the park brakes disengaged.

## Motion Control Damper Adjustment

The top damper mounting bolt can be adjusted to obtain a more desired motion control lever resistance. See Figure 46 for mounting options.



G008620

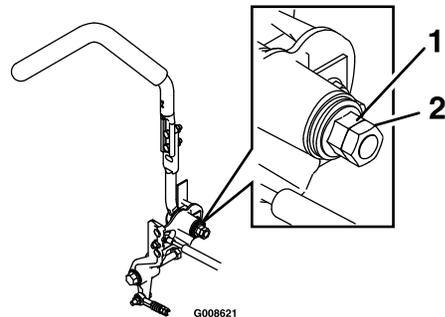
**Figure 46**

RH Motion Control Shown

1. Torque nyloc nut to 200 in-lb (16.7 ft-lb). Bolt must protrude past end of nyloc nut after torque. A T-40 Torx bit will be necessary to hold the stud from turning.
2. Most resistance (firmest feel)
3. Damper
4. Medium resistance (medium feel)
5. Least resistance (softest feel)

## Motion Control Neutral Lock Pivot Adjustment

The flanged nut can be adjusted to obtain a more desired motion control lever resistance (Figure 47).



G008621

**Figure 47**

1. Flanged nut
2. Jam nut

1. Loosen the jam nut.
2. Tighten or loosen the flanged nut to the desired feel.  
For more resistance, tighten the flanged nut.  
For less resistance, loosen the flanged nut
3. Tighten jam nut.

## Motion Control Handle Adjustment

### Adjusting the height:

The motion control levers can be adjusted higher or lower for maximum operator comfort.

1. Remove the two bolts holding the control lever to the control arm shaft (Figure 48).

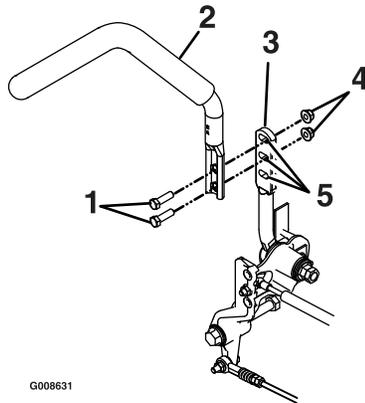


Figure 48

- |                      |                  |
|----------------------|------------------|
| 1. Bolts             | 4. Nuts          |
| 2. Control lever     | 5. Slotted holes |
| 3. Control arm shaft |                  |

2. Move the control lever to the next set of holes. Secure the lever with the two bolts.
3. Repeat the adjustment for the opposite control lever.

### Adjusting the Tilt

The motion control levers can be tilted fore or aft for maximum operator comfort.

1. Loosen the upper bolt holding the control lever to the control arm shaft.
2. Loosen the lower bolt just enough to pivot the control lever fore or aft Figure 48. Tighten both bolts to secure the control in the new position.
3. Repeat the adjustment for the opposite control lever.

## Motion Control Full Forward Tracking Adjustment

If the machine travels or pulls to one side when the motion control levers are in the full forward position, adjust the cover plates.

1. Loosen the screws on a cover plate (see Figure 49).
2. Slide the cover plate backward or forward to adjust the travel of the lever and tighten the screws.
3. Drive the machine and check the full forward tracking.
4. Repeat steps 1 through 3 until desired tracking is obtained.

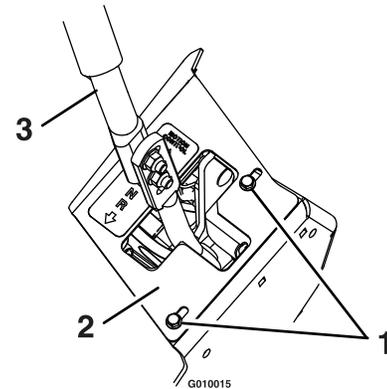


Figure 49

RH Motion Control Shown

- |                |                         |
|----------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Screw       | 3. Motion control lever |
| 2. Cover plate |                         |

## Caster Pivot Bearings Pre-Load Adjustment

Remove dust cap from caster and tighten nyloc nut until washers are flat and back off 1/4 of a turn to properly set the pre-load on the bearings. If disassembled, make sure the spring disc washers are reinstalled as shown in Figure 50.

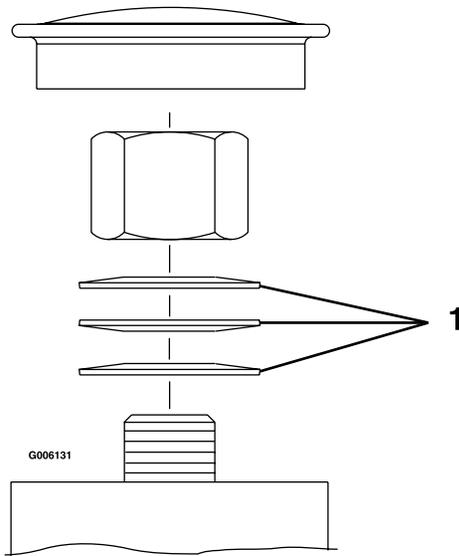


Figure 50

1. Spring disc washers
- 

## Cleaning

### Clean Engine and Exhaust System Area

**Service Interval:** Before each use or daily (May be required more often in dry or dirty conditions.)

#### **⚠ CAUTION**

Excessive debris around engine cooling air intake and exhaust system area can cause engine, exhaust area, and hydraulic system to overheat which can create a fire hazard.

Clean all debris from engine and exhaust system area.

1. Stop engine, wait for all moving parts to stop, and remove key. Engage parking brake.
2. Clean all debris from rotating engine air intake screen, around engine shrouding, and exhaust system area.
3. Wipe up any excessive grease or oil around the engine and exhaust system area.

### Remove Engine Shrouds and Clean Cooling Fins

**Service Interval:** Every 100 hours

1. Stop engine, wait for all moving parts to stop, and remove key. Engage parking brake.
2. Remove cooling shrouds from engine and clean cooling fins. Also clean dust, dirt and oil from external surfaces of engine which can cause inadequate cooling.
3. Make sure cooling shrouds are reinstalled. Operating the engine without cooling shrouds will cause engine damage due to overheating.

### Clean Hydro Fan Cooling Guards, Hydro Cooling Fins, and Fan

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

Removing debris from the hydro fan cooling guards, hydro cooling fins, and fan will allow the hydro

system to run cooler and improve the life of the hydro system.

1. Stop engine, wait for all moving parts to stop, and remove key. Engage parking brake.
2. Slide seat all the way back, then lift the seat to access the LH and RH hydro drive area.
3. Remove accumulated debris from the hydro fan cooling guards, hydro cooling fins, and fan.

## Clean Debris From Machine

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

1. Stop engine, wait for all moving parts to stop, and remove key. Engage parking brake.
2. Clean off any oil, debris, or grass build-up on the machine and cutting deck, especially under deck belt shields, around the fuel tank, around engine and exhaust area.

## Clean Grass Build-Up Under Deck

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

1. Stop engine, wait for all moving parts to stop, and remove key. Engage parking brake.
2. Raise deck to the transport (5 1/2 inch (14 cm) cutting height) position. Lift the front of unit and support unit using jack stands or equivalent support.

### ⚠ CAUTION

Raising the mower deck for service or maintenance relying solely on mechanical or hydraulic jacks could be dangerous. The mechanical or hydraulic jacks may not be enough support or may malfunction allowing the unit to fall, which could cause injury.

**Do Not rely solely on mechanical or hydraulic jacks for support. Use adequate jack stands or equivalent support.**

3. Clean out any grass build-up from underside of deck and in discharge deflector.

## Cleaning the Suspension System

**Note:** Do not clean the shock assemblies with pressurized water.

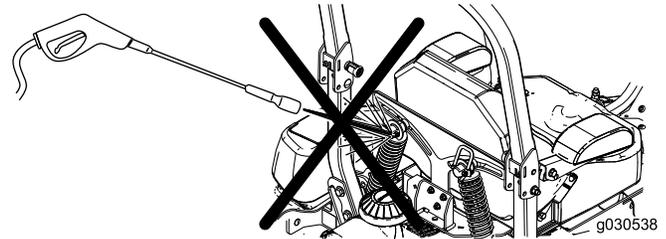


Figure 51

## Waste Disposal

### Motor Oil Disposal

Engine oil and hydraulic oil are both pollutants to the environment. Dispose of used oil at a certified recycling center or according to your state and local regulations.

### Battery Disposal

#### ⚠ DANGER

Battery electrolyte contains sulfuric acid, which is poisonous and can cause severe burns. Swallowing electrolyte can be fatal or if it touches skin can cause severe burns.

- Wear safety glasses to shield eyes, and rubber gloves to protect skin and clothing when handling electrolyte.
- Do Not swallow electrolyte.
- In the event of an accident, flush with water and call a doctor immediately.

Federal law states that batteries should not be placed in the garbage. Management and disposal practices must be within relevant federal, state, or local laws.

If a battery is being replaced or if the unit containing the battery is no longer operating and is being scrapped, take the battery to a local certified recycling center. If no local recycling is available return the battery to any certified battery reseller.

## Troubleshooting

**Important:** It is essential that all operator safety mechanisms be connected and in proper operating condition prior to mower use.

When a problem occurs, do not overlook the simple causes. For example: starting problems could be caused by an empty fuel tank.

The following table lists some of the common causes of trouble. Do not attempt to service or replace major items or any items that call for special timing of adjustment procedures (such as valves, governor, etc.). Have this work done by your **Engine Service Dealer**.

**Note:** When disconnecting electrical connectors DO NOT pull on the wires to separate the connectors.

Problem	Possible Cause	Corrective Action
Starter does not crank	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. PTO is engaged.</li> <li>2. Parking brake is not engaged.</li> <li>3. Drive levers are not in neutral lock position.</li> <li>4. Battery does not have a full charge.</li> <li>5. Electrical connections are corroded, loose or faulty.</li> <li>6. Fuse is blown.</li> <li>7. Relay or switch is defective.</li> <li>8. Faulty module.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Disengage the PTO.</li> <li>2. Set the parking brake.</li> <li>3. Ensure the drive levers are in the neutral lock position.</li> <li>4. Charge the battery. See <b>Check Battery Charge and Recommended Jump Starting Procedure</b> sections in Maintenance.</li> <li>5. Check the electrical connections for good contact. Clean connector terminals thoroughly with electrical contact cleaner, apply dielectric grease and reconnect.</li> <li>6. Replace the blown fuse.</li> <li>7. Contact an Authorized Service Dealer.</li> <li>8. Replace module.</li> </ol>
Engine will not start, starts hard, or fails to keep running	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Fuel tank is empty.</li> <li>2. Fuel shutoff valve is closed.</li> <li>3. Oil level in the crankcase is low.</li> <li>4. The throttle and choke are not in the correct position.</li> <li>5. Dirt in fuel filter.</li> <li>6. Dirt, water, or stale fuel is in the fuel system.</li> <li>7. Air cleaner is dirty.</li> <li>8. Seat switch is not functioning properly.</li> <li>9. Electrical connections are corroded, loose or faulty.</li> <li>10. Relay or switch is defective.</li> <li>11. Faulty spark plug.</li> <li>12. Spark plug wire is not connected.</li> <li>13. Faulty module.</li> <li>14. MIL illuminates and blinks</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Fill the fuel tank.</li> <li>2. Open the fuel shutoff valve.</li> <li>3. Add oil to the crankcase.</li> <li>4. Be sure the throttle control is midway between the "SLOW" and "FAST" positions, and the choke is in the "ON" position for a cold engine or the "OFF" position for a warm engine.</li> <li>5. Replace the fuel filter.</li> <li>6. Contact an Authorized Service Dealer.</li> <li>7. Clean or replace the air cleaner element.</li> <li>8. Check the seat switch indicator. Replace seat if needed.</li> <li>9. Check the electrical connections for good contact. Clean connector terminals thoroughly with electrical contact cleaner, apply dielectric grease and reconnect.</li> <li>10. Contact an Authorized Service Dealer.</li> <li>11. Clean, adjust or replace spark plug.</li> <li>12. Check the spark plug wire connection.</li> <li>13. Replace module.</li> <li>14. Contact an Authorized Service Dealer</li> </ol>

# Troubleshooting

Problem	Possible Cause	Corrective Action
Engine loses power	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Engine load is excessive</li> <li>2. Air cleaner is dirty.</li> <li>3. Oil level in the crankcase is low.</li> <li>4. Cooling fins and air passages for the engine are plugged.</li> <li>5. Dirt in fuel filter.</li> <li>6. Dirt, water, or stale fuel is in the fuel system.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Reduce the ground speed.</li> <li>2. Clean or replace the air cleaner element.</li> <li>3. Add oil to the crankcase.</li> <li>4. Remove the obstructions from the cooling fins and air passages.</li> <li>5. Replace the fuel filter.</li> <li>6. Contact an Authorized Service Dealer.</li> </ol>
Mower pulls left or right (with levers fully forward)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Tire pressure in drive tires not correct.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Adjust tire pressure in the drive tires.</li> </ol>
Machine does not drive	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Drive release handle not in “operating” position.</li> <li>2. Drive or pump belt is worn, loose or broken.</li> <li>3. Drive or pump belt is off a pulley.</li> <li>4. Broken or missing idler spring.</li> <li>5. Hydraulic fluid level is low or too hot.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Position handle in “operating” position; see <b>Drive Wheel Release Valves</b> section in Operation.</li> <li>2. Change the belt.</li> <li>3. Change the belt.</li> <li>4. Replace the spring.</li> <li>5. Add hydraulic fluid to reservoir or let it cool down.</li> </ol>
Uneven cutting height.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Blade(s) not sharp.</li> <li>2. Cutting blade(s) is/are bent.</li> <li>3. Mower deck is not level.</li> <li>4. Underside of mower is dirty.</li> <li>5. Tire pressure in drive tires not correct.</li> <li>6. Blade spindle bent.</li> <li>7. Tips of adjacent blades are at an uneven cutting height. Blades tips should be even within 3/16 inch which is approximately one blade thickness.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Sharpen the blade(s).</li> <li>2. Install new cutting blade(s).</li> <li>3. Level mower deck from side-to-side and front-to-rear.</li> <li>4. Clean the underside of the mower.</li> <li>5. Adjust tire pressure in the drive tires.</li> <li>6. Contact an Authorized Service Dealer.</li> <li>7. Replace blades, spindles and (or) check for damage to mower deck.</li> </ol>
Abnormal vibration	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Cutting blade(s) is/are bent or unbalanced.</li> <li>2. Blade mounting bolt is loose.</li> <li>3. Engine mounting bolts are loose.</li> <li>4. Loose engine pulley, idler pulley, or blade pulley.</li> <li>5. Engine pulley is damaged.</li> <li>6. Blade spindle is bent.</li> <li>7. Belt is damaged.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Install new cutting blade(s).</li> <li>2. Tighten the blade mounting bolt.</li> <li>3. Tighten the engine mounting bolts.</li> <li>4. Tighten the appropriate pulley.</li> <li>5. Contact an Authorized Service Dealer.</li> <li>6. Contact an Authorized Service Dealer.</li> <li>7. Install new belt.</li> </ol>
Blades do not rotate.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Deck belt is worn, loose or broken.</li> <li>2. Deck belt is off pulley.</li> <li>3. Broken or missing idler spring.</li> <li>4. Drive belt not routed correctly.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Install new deck belt.</li> <li>2. Install belt on clutch and deck pulleys, idlers, and tensioning idler per routing decal on deck.</li> <li>3. Replace the spring.</li> <li>4. Refer to belt routing decal on deck.</li> </ol>

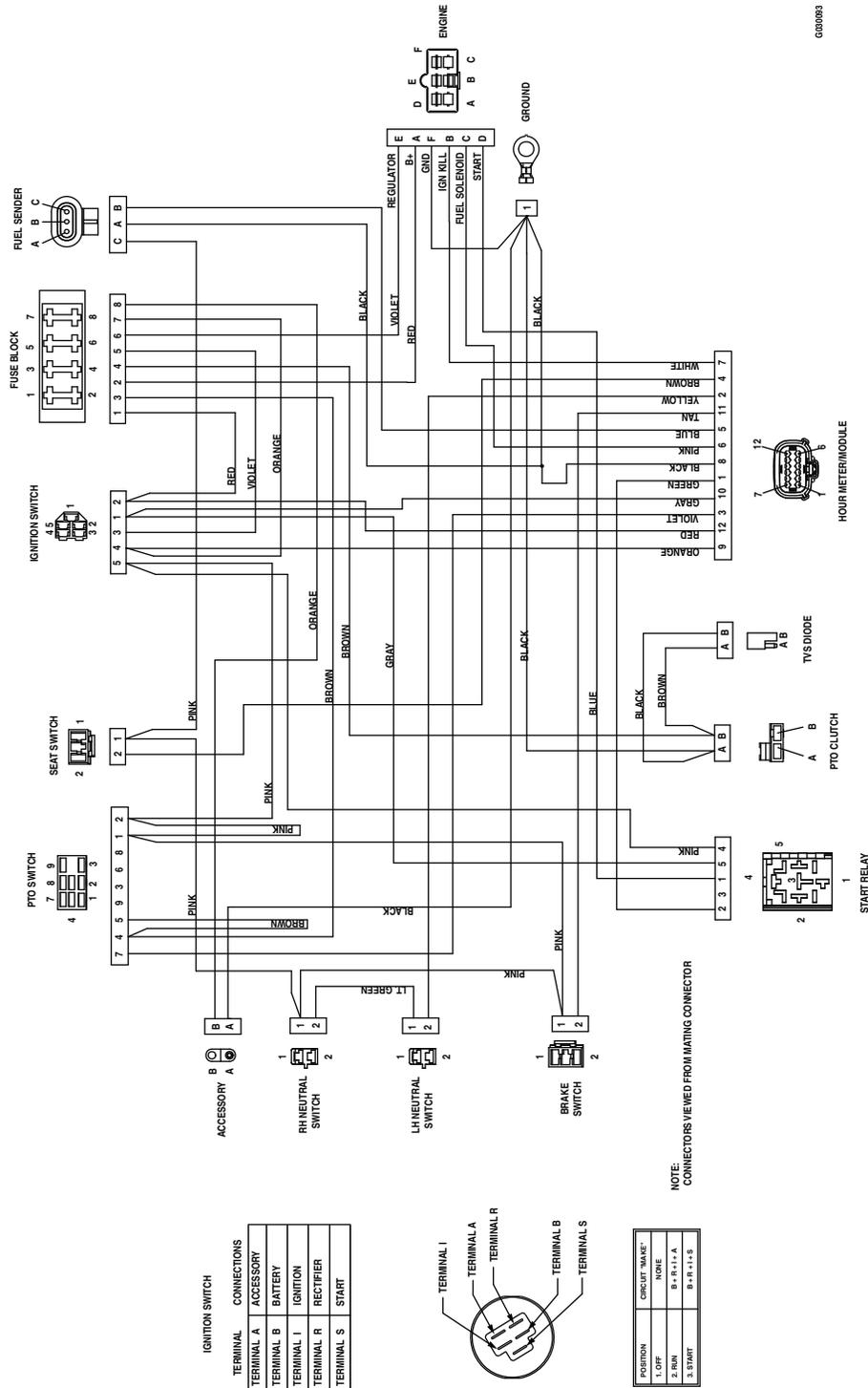
# Troubleshooting

---

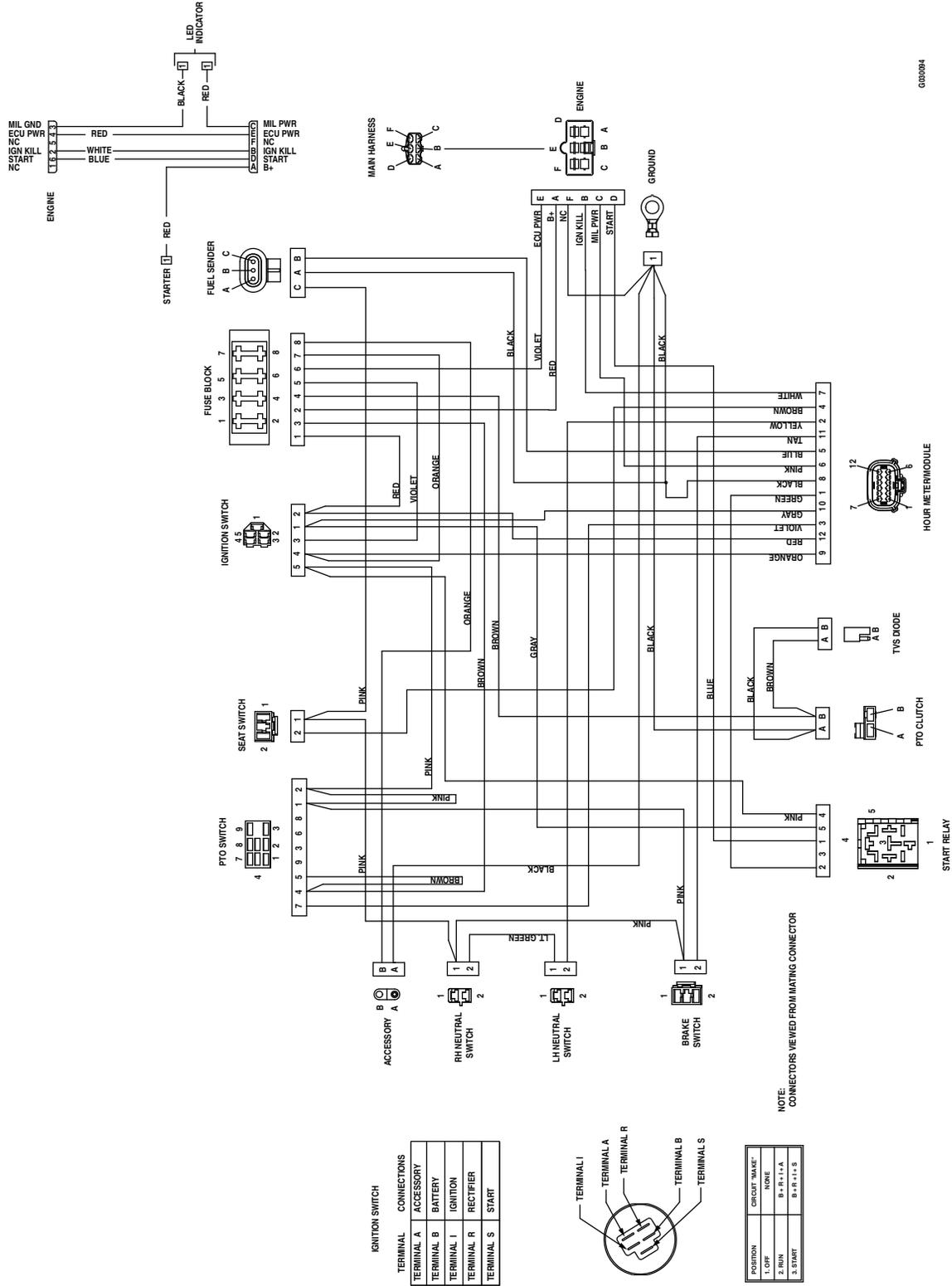
Problem	Possible Cause	Corrective Action
Clutch will not engage.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="565 218 737 243">1. Fuse is blown.</li><li data-bbox="565 336 906 361">2. Low voltage supply at the clutch.</li><li data-bbox="565 420 737 445">3. Damaged coil.</li><li data-bbox="565 453 847 478">4. Inadequate current supply.</li><li data-bbox="565 537 922 562">5. Rotor/armature airgap is too large.</li></ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="1019 218 1399 323">1. Replace fuse. Check coil resistance, battery charge, charging system, and wiring connections and replace if necessary.</li><li data-bbox="1019 336 1432 415">2. Check coil resistance, battery charge, charging system, and wiring connections and replace if necessary.</li><li data-bbox="1019 420 1192 445">3. Replace clutch.</li><li data-bbox="1019 453 1399 533">4. Repair or replace clutch lead wire or electrical system. Clean connector contacts.</li><li data-bbox="1019 537 1344 562">5. Remove shim or replace clutch.</li></ol>

# Schematics

## Electrical Diagram — All units except Kohler EFI



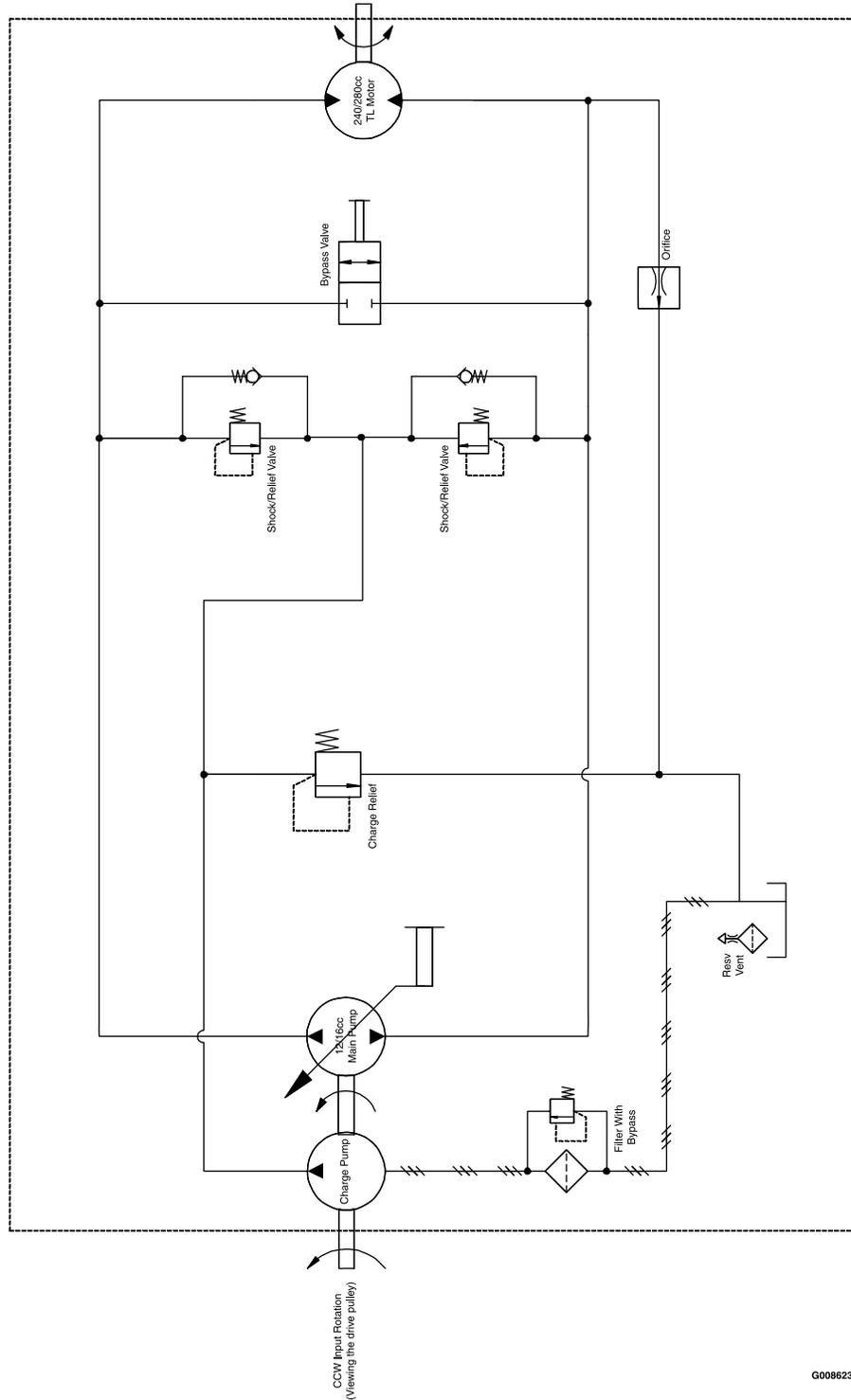
## Electrical Diagram — Kohler EFI







### Hydraulic Diagram



# Lazer Z E-Series Turf Equipment

## 2 Year Limited Commercial Warranty

### 4 Year or 500 Hours Limited Consumer Warranty

#### General Warranty Conditions and Products Covered

Exmark Mfg. Co. Inc. and its affiliate, Exmark Warranty Company, pursuant to an agreement between them, jointly warrant on the terms and conditions herein, that we will repair, replace or adjust any part on these products and found by us (in the exercise of our reasonable discretion) to be defective in factory materials or workmanship.

This warranty may only be assigned or transferred to a second (or third) owner by an authorized Exmark dealer. The warranty period commences upon the date of the original retail purchase.

#### Commercial Warranty Conditions

This warranty applies to Exmark Lazer Z E-Series turf equipment sold in the U.S. or Canada for a period of two years for commercial usage.

This warranty includes the cost of parts and labor for a period of two years. This warranty does not cover pickup and delivery charges to and from any authorized Exmark Service Dealer.

#### Consumer Warranty Conditions

This warranty applies to Exmark Lazer Z E-Series turf equipment sold in the U.S. or Canada for a period of four years or 500 hours (whichever occurs first) for residential usage.

Residential usage means use of the product on the same lot as your home. Use at more than one location is considered commercial use, and the commercial use warranty detailed above would apply.

This warranty only includes the cost of parts and labor. For the first warrantable service repair, Exmark will cover up to \$45 for associated pick-up and delivery charges to and from any authorized Exmark Service Dealer. Additional transportation charges may apply, contact your Dealer for details.

#### Warranty Exceptions

##### Warranty Exceptions

- Bags, Belts and Tires
- Battery
- Engine

##### Warranty Period

- 90 days
- 1 Year Prorated \*

\* The Engine warranty is covered by the engine manufacturer. Please refer to the engine manufacturer's warranty statement that is included in the literature packet.

#### Items and Conditions Not Covered

This warranty does not cover the following:

- Any damage or deterioration due to normal use, wear and tear, or exposure.
- Cost of regular maintenance service or parts, such as filters, fuel, lubricants, tune-up parts, and adjustments.
- Any product or part which has been altered or misused or required replacement or repair due to normal wear, accidents, or lack of proper maintenance as set forth in the maintenance section of the operator's manual.
- Any repairs necessary due to use of parts, accessories or supplies, including gasoline, oil or lubricants, incompatible with the turf equipment or other than as recommended in the operator's manual or other operational instructions provided by Exmark.

There are no other express warranties except for engine and special emission system coverage.

All warranty work must be performed by an authorized Exmark Service Dealer using Exmark approved replacement parts.

#### Instructions for Obtaining Warranty Service

The product must be registered with original proof of purchase by an Exmark Service Dealer before obtaining any warranty service.

Contact any Exmark Service Dealer to arrange service at their dealership. To locate a dealer convenient to you, access our website at [www.exmark.com](http://www.exmark.com). U.S. or Canada customers may also call 402-223-6375.

If for any reason you are dissatisfied with the Service Dealer's analysis or with the assistance provided, contact us at:

Exmark Customer Service Department  
The Exmark Warranty Company  
2101 Ashland Avenue  
Beatrice, NE 68310  
402-223-6375 or  
[service@exmark.com](mailto:service@exmark.com)

#### Owner's Responsibilities

If your product requires warranty service it must be returned to an authorized Exmark service dealer within the warranty period. This warranty extends only to turf equipment operated under normal conditions. You must read the operator's manual. You must also properly service and maintain your Exmark product as described in the operator's manual. Such routine maintenance, whether performed by a dealer or by you, is at your expense.

#### General Conditions

The sole liability of Exmark and Exmark Warranty Company with respect to this warranty shall be repair or replacement of defective components as set forth herein. **Neither Exmark nor Exmark Warranty Company shall be liable for any incidental or consequential loss or damage.**

Such damages include but are not limited to:

- Expenses related to gasoline, oil or lubricants.
- Travel time, overtime, after hours time or other extraordinary repair charges or charges relating to repairs or replacements outside of normal business hours at the place of business of the authorized Exmark Service Dealer.
- Rental of like or similar replacement equipment during the period of any warranty, repair or replacement work.
- Any telephone or telegram charges or travel charges.
- Loss or damage to person or property other than that covered by the terms of this warranty.
- Any claims for lost revenue, lost profit or additional cost as a result of a claim of breach of warranty.
- Attorney's fees.

No Claim of breach of warranty shall be cause for cancellation or rescission of the contract of sale of any Exmark mower.

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

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

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

G4500-734\_C



## MAXIMIZE THE PERFORMANCE OF YOUR EXMARK.

### **4-CYCLE PREMIUM ENGINE OIL**

Part No. 116-3373

Both SAE 30 and SAE 10W-30 in one bottle.

Contains increased levels of zinc and phosphorus for better lubricity.

No Viscosity Index Improvers that tend to shear down in high heat.

Synthetic formulation.

Gas & Diesel compatible.

Anti-corrosion additives.

API 'SL' and JASO rated with wet clutch compatibility for other machines.

### **PREMIUM HYDRO OIL**

Part No. 109-9828

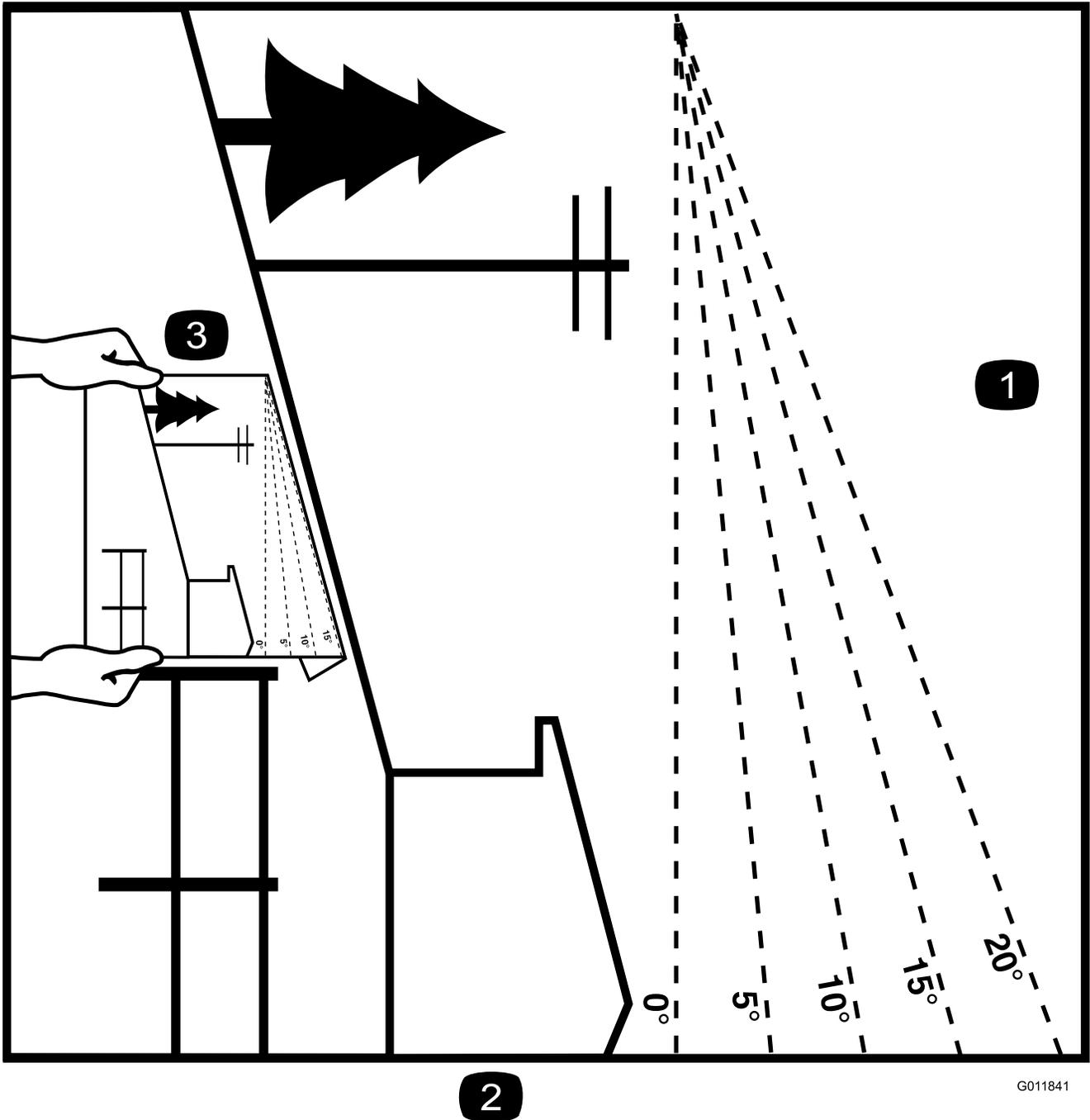
Commercial quality for tough, high-heat conditions.

Designed specifically for zero-turn mower hydraulic systems.

Superior shear resistance under heavy loads.



Available from your local Exmark dealer. Find your closest dealer at [exmark.com](http://exmark.com)



G011841

2

Figure 52

This page may be copied for personal use.

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

## EXMARK ACCESSORIES AND OPTIONS\*

### MID-MOUNT RIDING ACCESSORIES AND OPTIONS

CUSTOM RIDE SEAT SUSPENSION SYSTEM	OPERATOR CONTROLLED DISCHARGE
FULL SUSPENSION SEAT	SUN SHADE
DECK LIFT ASSIST KIT	TRASH CONTAINER
HITCH KIT	TURF STRIPER
LIGHT KIT	ULTRA VAC COLLECTION SYSTEM
12V POWER PORT	ULTRA VAC QUICK DISPOSAL SYSTEM
MICRO-MULCH SYSTEM	

### OUT-FRONT RIDING ACCESSORIES AND OPTIONS

CUSTOM RIDE SEAT SUSPENSION SYSTEM	SNOW BLADE
DUAL-TAIL WHEEL	SNOWBLOWER
FLOOR PAN EXTENDER	SUN SHADE
HITCH KIT	TRASH CONTAINER
LIGHT KIT	ULTRA VAC COLLECTION SYSTEM
MICRO-MULCH SYSTEM	ULTRA VAC QUICK DISPOSAL SYSTEM
ROLL OVER PROTECTION SYSTEM (ROPS)	WEATHER CAB

### WALK-BEHIND ACCESSORIES AND OPTIONS

GRASS CATCHER	TURF STRIPER
MICRO-MULCH SYSTEM	STANDON

\*Some accessories and options not available for some models.

Place Model No. and Serial No.  
Label Here (Included in the Literature  
Pack) or Fill in Below

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

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

Date Purchased \_\_\_\_\_

Engine Model No. and Spec. No. \_\_\_\_\_

Engine Serial No. (E/No) \_\_\_\_\_

©2015 Exmark Mfg. Co., Inc.  
Industrial Park Box 808  
Beatrice, NE 68310  
All Rights Reserved

Part No. 4502-375 Rev. A  
(402)223-6300  
Fax (402) 223-5489  
Printed in the USA

