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## **10. CUTTING DECK REMOVAL**

10.1. Place the PTO switch in the off position.

10.2. Lower the lift lever to the lowest setting.

## Series 1000 and 1500

- 10.3. Remove the PTO belt from electric PTO clutch. See Figure 10.3.

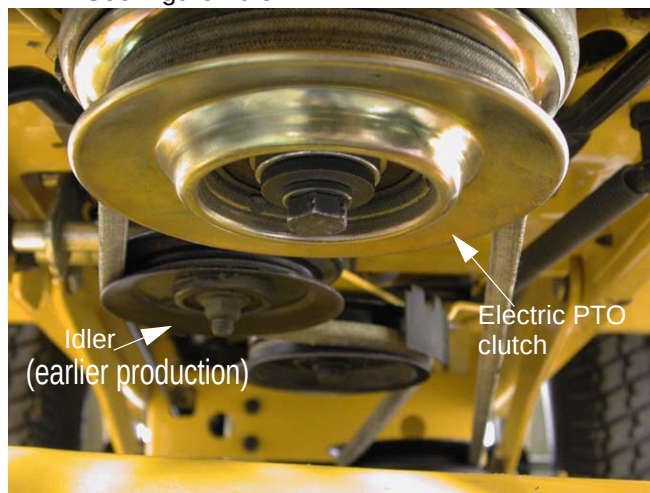


Figure 10.3

**NOTE:** On some models you will need to remove the belt guide first.

**NOTE:** On earlier production models you need to slip the belt off of the idler pulley before you remove the belt from the PTO clutch.

- 10.4. Pull the rear deck support pins outward from the deck lift arms. See Figure 10.4.

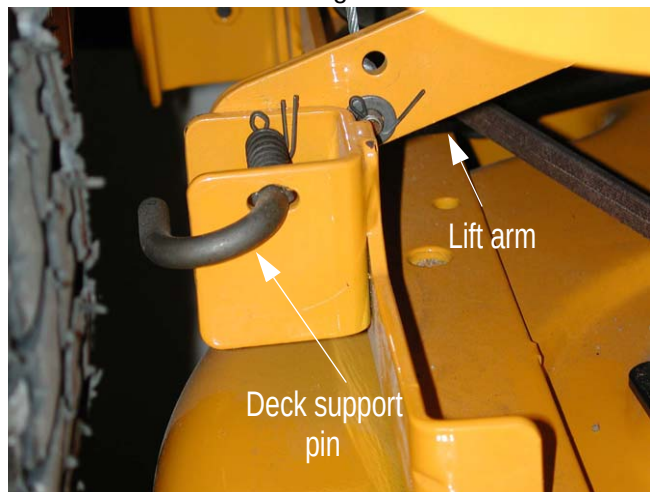


Figure 10.4

- 10.5. Pivot the deck support pins to the rear.
- 10.6. Raise the lift lever to the highest setting. This will raise the lift arms up and out of the way of the deck assembly.

- 10.7. Slide the deck forward and release the front stabilizer rod. DO NOT DROP the deck to the ground. See Figure 10.7.

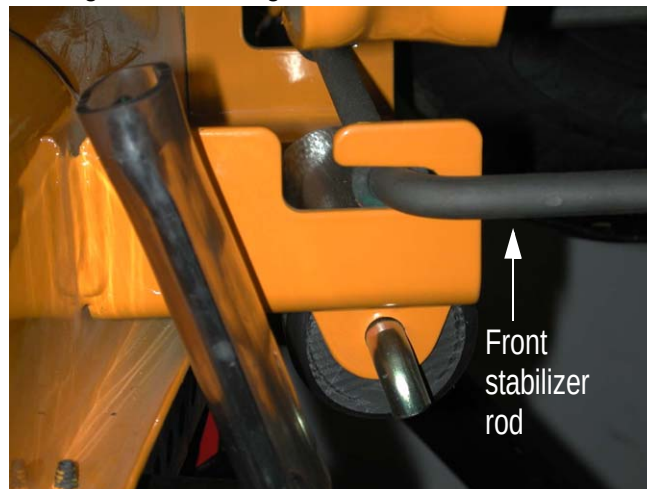


Figure 10.7

- 10.8. Slide the deck toward the right side of the tractor and remove it from under the tractor.

**CAUTION:** Remove the deck stabilizer assembly from the tractor prior to moving the unit.

**NOTE:** Depending on the model and deck, some units have a J-bolt for the front stabilizer bar instead of the U-bolt. On those units you can line up the coined spot stamped in the middle of the bolt with the slot in the bracket and slide it off. See Figure 10.8.



Figure 10.8