

JOHN DEERE
AG & TURF DIVISION

**Wide Area Mower
1600 Turbo**

OMTCU28135 J1

OPERATOR'S MANUAL



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⚠ WARNING: Diesel engine exhaust
and some of its constituents are known to the
State of California to cause cancer, birth
defects, and other reproductive harm.

California Proposition 65 Warning

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Introduction

Thank You for Purchasing a John Deere Product

We appreciate having you as a customer and wish you many years of safe and satisfied use of your machine.

Using Your Operator's Manual

This manual is an important part of your machine and should remain with the machine when you sell it.

Reading your operator's manual will help you and others avoid personal injury or damage to the machine. Information given in this manual will provide the operator with the safest and most effective use of the machine. Knowing how to operate this machine safely and correctly will allow you to train others who may operate this machine.

If you have an attachment, use the safety and operating information in the attachment operator's manual along with the machine operator's manual to operate the attachment safely and correctly.

This manual and safety signs on your machine may also be available in other languages (see your authorized dealer to order).

Sections in your operator's manual are placed in a specific order to help you understand all the safety messages and learn the controls so you can operate this machine safely. You can also use this manual to answer any specific operating or servicing questions. A convenient index located at the end of this book will help you to find needed information quickly.

The machine shown in this manual may differ slightly from your machine, but will be similar enough to help you understand our instructions.

RIGHT-HAND and LEFT-HAND sides are determined by facing in the direction the machine will travel when going forward. When you see a broken line (-----), the item referred to is hidden from view.

Before delivering this machine, your dealer performed a predelivery inspection to ensure best performance.

Special Messages

Your manual contains special messages to bring attention to potential safety concerns, machine damage as well as helpful operating and servicing information. Please read all the information carefully to avoid injury and machine damage.



CAUTION: Avoid injury! This symbol and text highlight potential hazards or death to the operator or bystanders that may occur if the hazards or procedures are ignored.

IMPORTANT: Avoid damage! This text is used to tell the operator of actions or conditions that might result in damage to the machine.

NOTE: General information is given throughout the manual that may help the operator in the operation or service of the machine.

Attachments for Your Machine

There's a John Deere attachment or kit to make your new machine perform more tasks or be more versatile, whether your machine is a lawn tractor or compact utility tractor or a utility vehicle.

You can check out the entire line of attachments for your machine at JohnDeere.com or ask your John Deere dealer. From aerators to electric lift kits to tillers, there's a John Deere attachment or kit to fill every need.

Product Identification

Record Identification Numbers

Wide Area Mower 1600 Turbo PIN (090001-)

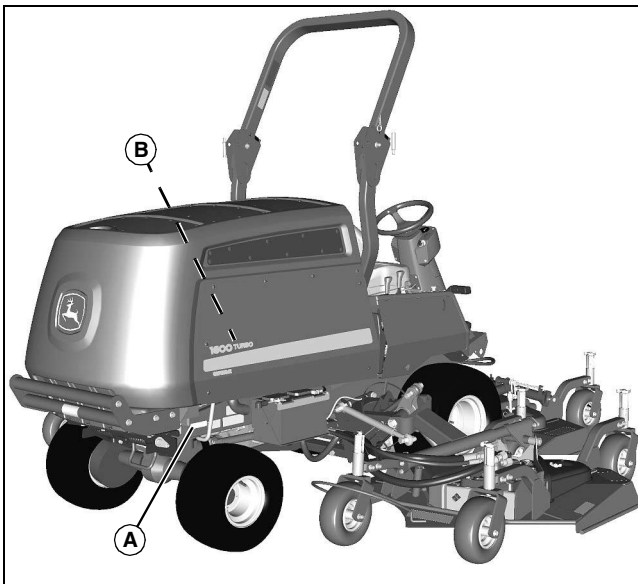
If you need to contact an Authorized Service Center for information on servicing, always provide the product model and identification numbers.

You will need to locate the identification numbers for the product. Record the information in the spaces provided below.

DATE OF PURCHASE:

DEALER NAME:

DEALER PHONE:



MX47008

PRODUCT IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (A):

ENGINE SERIAL NUMBER (B):

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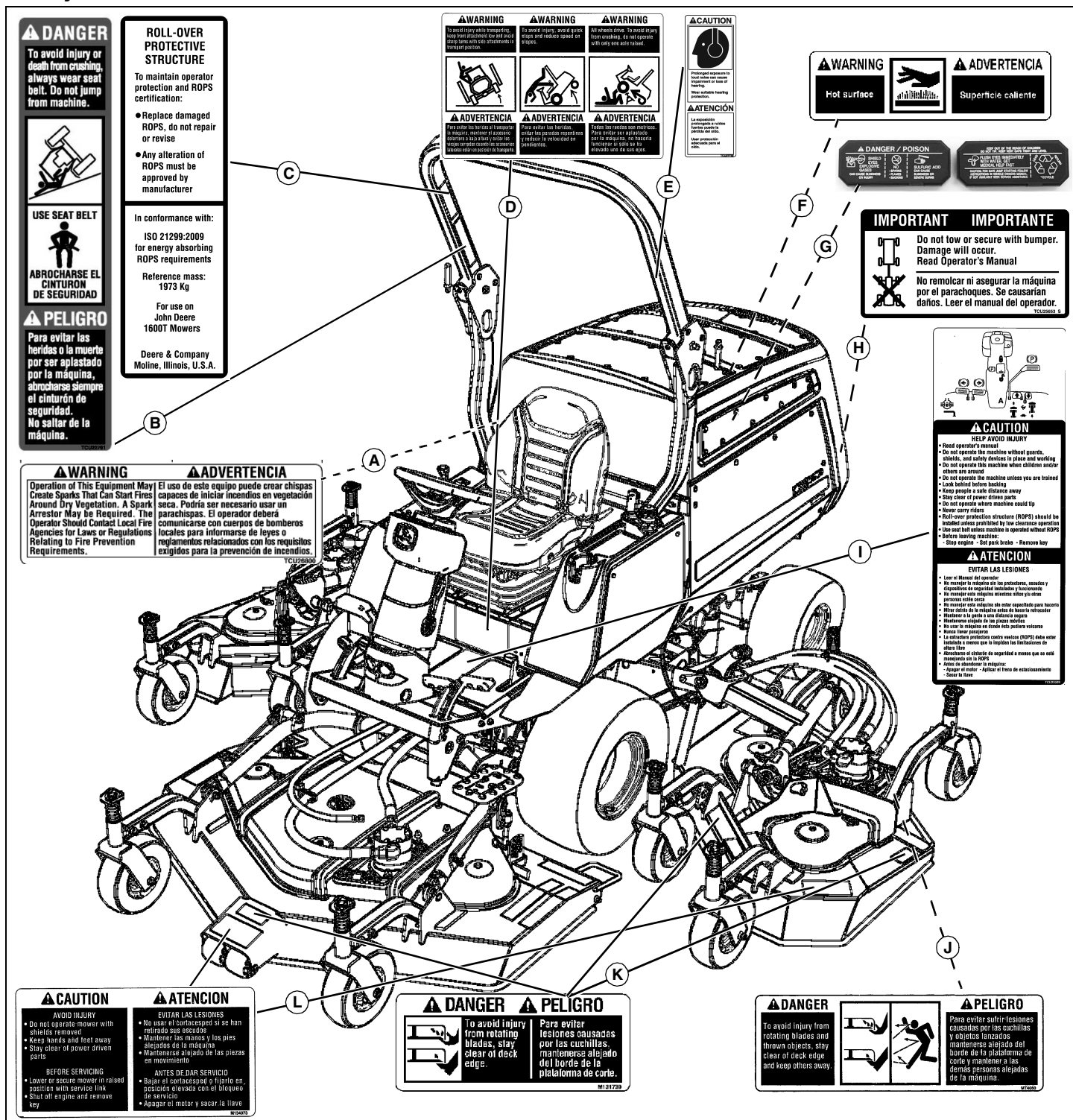
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Safety Labels

Safety Label Location



- A - WARNING TCU26800
- B - DANGER TCU22761
- C - ROPS TCU28257
- D - WARNING TCU51730
- E - CAUTION TCU27738

- F - WARNING M134406
- G - DANGER/POISON M97300
- H - IMPORTANT TCU25653
- I - CAUTION TCU20349
- J - DANGER MT4080

MX47005

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K - DANGER M131739

L - CAUTION M134073

DANGER TCU22761



Understanding The Machine Safety Labels

The machine safety labels shown in this section are placed in important areas on your machine to draw attention to potential safety hazards.

On your machine safety labels, the words DANGER, WARNING, and CAUTION are used with this safety-alert symbol. DANGER identifies the most serious hazards.

The operator's manual also explains any potential safety hazards whenever necessary in special safety messages that are identified with the word, CAUTION, and the safety-alert symbol.

There can be additional safety information contained on parts and components sourced from suppliers that is not reproduced in this operator's manual.

WARNING TCU26800

SPARK ARRESTOR



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Operation of This Equipment May Create Sparks That Can Start Fires Around Dry Vegetation. A Spark Arrestor May Be Required. The Operator Should Contact Local Fire Agencies for Laws or Regulations Relating to Fire Prevention Requirements.



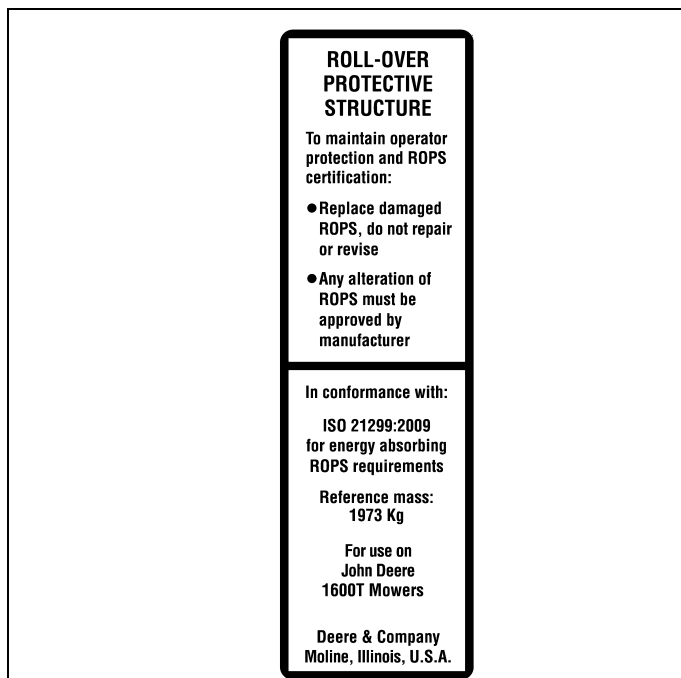
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Use Seat Belt

- To avoid injury from crushing, always wear seat belt. Do not jump from machine.

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ROLL-OVER PROTECTIVE STRUCTURE TCU28257



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ROLL-OVER PROTECTIVE STRUCTURE

To maintain operator protection and ROPS certification:

- Replace damaged ROPS, do not repair or revise.
- Any alteration of ROPS must be approved by manufacturer

In conformance with:

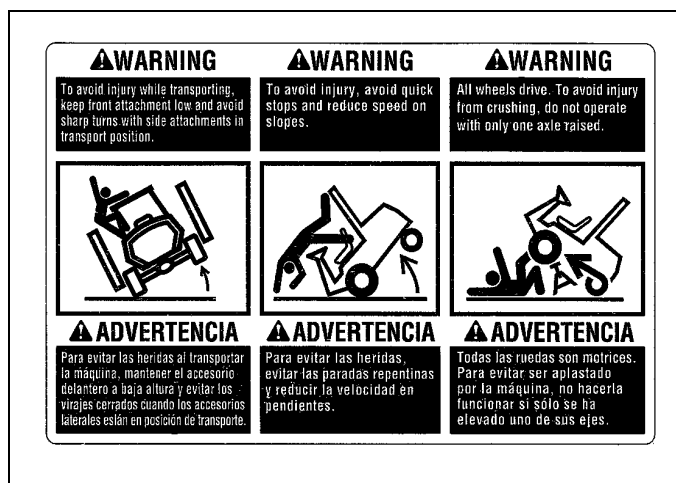
ISO 21299:2009 for energy absorbing ROPS requirements:

Reference mass: 1973 Kg

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WARNING TCU51730



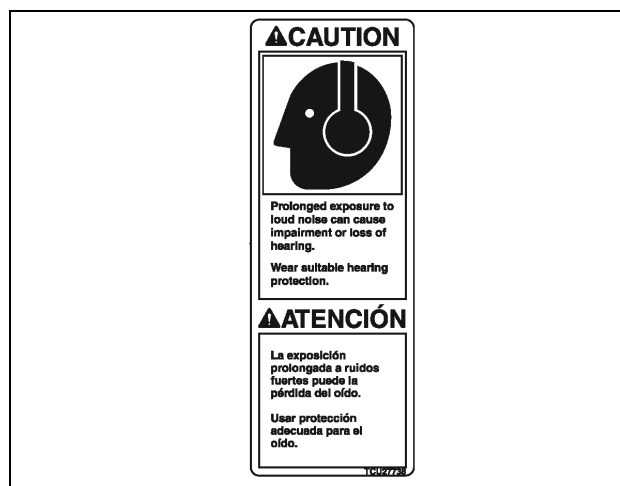
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To avoid injury while transporting, keep front attachment low and avoid sharp turns with side attachments in transport position.

To avoid injury, avoid quick stops and reduce speed on slopes.

All wheels drive. To avoid injury from crushing, do not operate with only one axle raised.

CAUTION TCU27738



TCU27738

- Prolonged exposure to loud noise can cause impairment or loss of hearing.
- Wear suitable hearing protection.

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WARNING - M134406



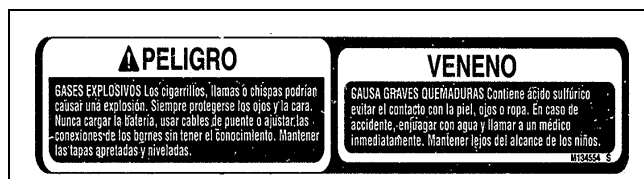
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Hot surface.

DANGER-POISON M93700 M134554



M93700



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SHIELD EYES. EXPLOSIVE GASES can cause blindness or injury.

NO

- Sparks
- Flames
- Smoking

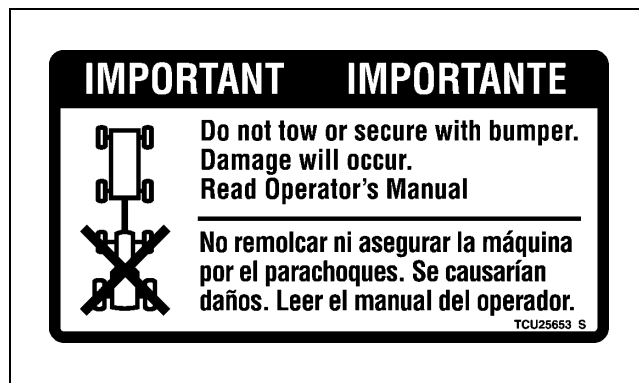
SULFURIC ACID can cause blindness or severe burns.

Keep out of reach of children. Do not tip. Keep vent caps tight and level.

FLUSH EYES IMMEDIATELY WITH WATER. GET MEDICAL HELP FAST.

Caution: For safe jump starting follow instructions in vehicle owners manual. If not available seek service assistance.

IMPORTANT TCU25653



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Do not tow or secure with bumper.

Damage will occur.

Read Operator's Manual.

CAUTION - TCU20349



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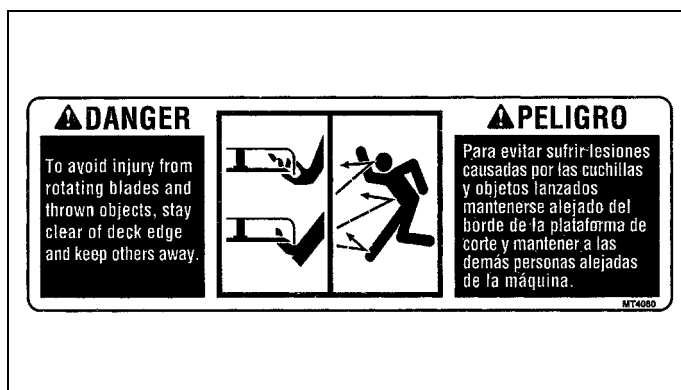
- Read operator's manual.
- Do not operate the machine without guards, shields, and safety devices in place and working.
- Do not operate the machine when children and/or others

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are around.

- Do not operate the machine unless you are trained.
- Look behind before backing.
- Keep people a safe distance away.
- Stay clear of power driven parts.
- Do not operate where machine could tip.
- Never carry riders.
- Roll-Over Protection Structure (ROPS) should be installed unless prohibited by low clearance operation.
- Use seat belts unless machine is operated without ROPS.
- Before leaving machine
 - a. Stop engine.
 - b. Lock park brake.
 - c. Remove key

DANGER - MT4080



MT4080

To avoid injury from rotating blades and thrown objects, stay clear of deck edge and keep others away.

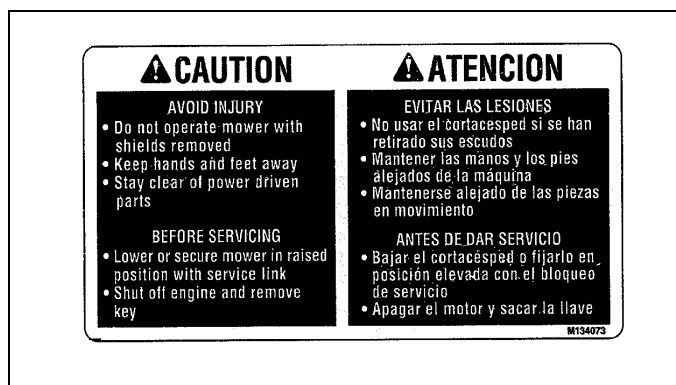
DANGER M131739



M131739

- To avoid injury from rotating blades, stay clear of deck edge.

CAUTION - M134073



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CAUTION

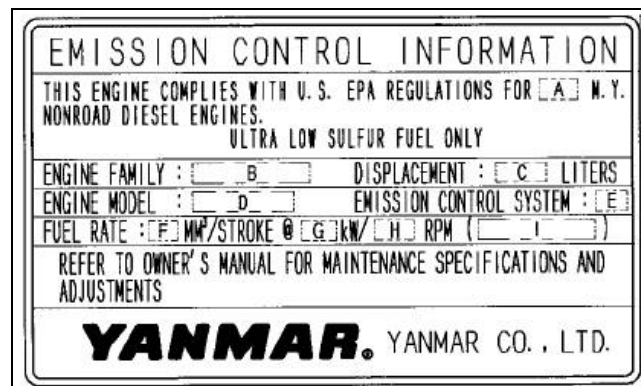
Avoid Injury

- Do not operate mower with shields removed
- Keep hands and feet away
- Stay clear of power driven parts

Before Servicing

- Shut off engine and remove key
- Lower or secure mower in raised position with service link

Emission Control System Certification Label



CAUTION: Avoid injury! Statutes providing severe penalties for tampering with emissions controls may apply at the user's location.

The emissions warranty described in the warranty section applies only to those engines marketed by John Deere that have been certified by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and/or California Air Resources Board (CARB); and used in the United States in non-road

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mobile (self-propelled or portable/transportable¹) equipment. The presence of an emissions label like the one shown signifies that the engine has been certified with the EPA and/or CARB. The EPA and CARB warranties only apply to new engines having the certification label affixed to the engine and sold as stated above in the geographic areas governed by the regulating agencies.

NOTE: The hp/kW rating on the engine emissions certification label specifies the gross engine hp/kW, which is flywheel power without fan. In most applications this will not be the same rating as the advertised vehicle hp/kW rating.

Certification

Your product has been certified for compliance with American National Standards Institute B-71.4, Safety Specifications for Commercial Turf care Equipment.

¹. Equipment moved at least once every 12 months.

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Operator Training Required

- Read the operator's manual and other training material. If the operator or mechanic cannot read English, it is the owner's responsibility to explain this material to them. This publication is available in other languages.
- Become familiar with the safe operation of the equipment, operator controls, and safety signs.
- All operators and mechanics should be trained. The owner of the machine is responsible for training the users.
- Never let children or untrained people operate or service the equipment. Local regulations may restrict the age of the operator.
- The owner/user can prevent and is responsible for accidents or injuries occurring to themselves, other people, or property.
- Operate the machine in an open, unobstructed area under the direction of an experienced operator.

Preparation

- Evaluate the terrain to determine what accessories and attachments are needed to properly and safely perform the job. Only use accessories and attachments approved by the manufacturer.
- Wear appropriate clothing including hard hat, safety glasses and hearing protection. Long hair, loose clothing or jewelry may get tangled in moving parts.
- Inspect the area where the equipment is to be used and remove all objects such as rocks, toys and wire which can be thrown by the machine.
- Use extra care when handling gasoline and other fuels. They are flammable and vapors are explosive.
 - a. Use only an approved container.
 - b. Never remove gas cap or add fuel when engine is running. Do not smoke.
 - c. Never refuel or drain the machine indoors.
- Check that the operator's presence controls, safety switches and shields are attached and functioning properly. Do not operate unless they are functioning properly.

Operating Safely

- Never run an engine in an enclosed area where dangerous carbon monoxide fumes can collect.
- Only operate in good light, keeping away from holes and hidden hazards.
- Be sure all drives are in neutral and parking brake is

engaged before starting engine. Only start engine from the operator's position. Use seat belts if provided.

- Slow down and use extra care on hillsides. Be sure to travel in the recommended direction on hillsides. For this machine, drive up and down hillsides, not across. Turf conditions can affect the machine's stability. Use caution while operating near drop-offs.
- Slow down and use caution when making turns and when changing directions on slopes.
- Never raise deck with the blades running.
- Never operate with the PTO shield, or other guards, not securely in place. Be sure all interlocks are attached, adjusted properly, and functioning properly.
- Never operate with the discharge deflector raised, removed or altered, unless using a grasscatcher. Do not operate mower without discharge chute or entire grasscatcher in place.
- Do not change the engine governor setting or overspeed the engine. Operating the engine at excessive speed can increase the hazard of personal injury.
- Stop on level ground, lower implements, disengage drives, engage parking brake, and shut off engine before leaving the operator's position for any reason including emptying the grasscatchers or unclogging the chute.
- Stop equipment and inspect blades after striking objects or if an abnormal vibration occurs. Make necessary repairs before resuming operations.
- Keep hands and feet away from the cutting units.
- Look behind and down before backing up to be sure of a clear path.
- Never carry passengers and keep pets and bystanders away.
- Slow down and use caution when making turns and crossing roads and sidewalks. Stop blades if not mowing. Watch for traffic when operating near or crossing roadways.
- Be aware of the mower discharge direction and do not point it at anyone.
- Do not operate the machine while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
- Use care when loading or unloading the machine into or off of a trailer or truck.
- Use care when approaching blind corners, shrubs, trees, or other objects that may obscure vision.
- Inspect machine before you operate. Be sure hardware is tight. Repair or replace damaged, badly worn, or missing parts. Be sure guards and shields are in good condition and fastened in place. Make any necessary adjustments before you operate.

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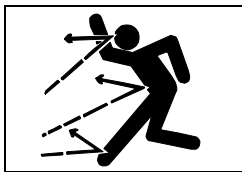
- Before using, always visually inspect to see that the blades, blade bolts and the mower assembly are not worn and damaged. Replace worn and damaged blades and bolts in sets to preserve balance.
- Keep safety labels visible when installing accessories and attachments.
- Do not wear radio or music headphones. Safe service and operation require your full attention.
- When machine is left unattended, stored, or parked, lower the mower deck unless a positive mechanical lock is used.

Using a Spark Arrestor

The engine in this machine is not equipped with a spark arrestor muffler. The California Public Resources Code, section 4442.5 provides as follows:

No person shall sell, offer for sale, lease, or rent to any person any internal combustion engine subject to Section 4442 or 4443, and not subject to Section 13005 of the Health and Safety Code, unless the person provides a written notice to the purchaser or bailee, at the time of sale or at the time of entering into the lease or rental contract, stating that it is a violation of Section 4442 or 4443 to use or operate the engine on any forest-covered, brush-covered, or grass-covered land unless the engine is equipped with a spark arrestor, as defined in Section 4442, maintained in effective working order or the engine is constructed, equipped, and maintained for the prevention of fire pursuant to Section 4443. Cal. Pub. Res. Code 4442.5.

Other states or jurisdictions may have similar laws. A spark arrestor for your machine may be available from your authorized dealer. An installed spark arrestor must be maintained in good working order by the operator.

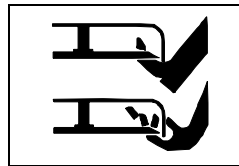


Checking Mowing Area

- Clear mowing area of objects that might be thrown. Keep people and pets out of mowing area.
- Low-hanging branches and similar obstacles can injure the operator or interfere with mowing operation. Before mowing, identify potential obstacles such as low-hanging branches, and trim or remove those obstacles.
- Study mowing area. Set up a safe mowing pattern. Do not mow where traction or stability is doubtful.
- Test drive area with mower lowered but not running. Slow down when you travel over rough ground.

Parking Safely

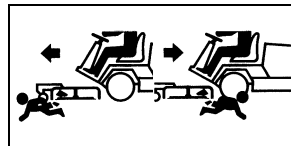
1. Stop machine on a level surface, not on a slope.
2. Disengage mower blades or any other attachments.
3. Lower attachments to the ground.
4. Lock the park brake.
5. Stop the engine.
6. Remove the key.
7. Wait for engine and all moving parts to stop before you leave the operator's seat.
8. Close fuel shut-off valve, if your machine is equipped.
9. Disconnect the negative battery cable or remove the spark plug wire(s) (for gasoline engines) before servicing the machine.



Rotating Blades are Dangerous

HELP PREVENT SERIOUS OR FATAL ACCIDENTS:

- Rotating blades can cut off arms and legs, and throw objects. Failure to observe safety instructions could result in serious injury or death.
- Keep hands, feet and clothing away from mower deck when engine is running.
- Be alert at all times, drive forward carefully. People, especially children can move quickly into the mowing area before you know it.
- Do not mow in reverse.
- Shut off blades when you are not mowing.
- Park machine safely before leaving the operator station for any reason including emptying the catchers or unplugging the chute.



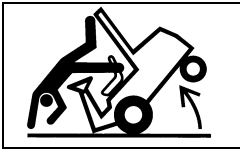
Protect Children

- Death or serious injury can occur when young children associate having fun with a lawn mowing machine simply because someone has given them a ride on a machine.
- Children are attracted to lawn mowing machines and mowing activities. They don't understand the dangers of rotating blades or the fact that the operator is unaware of their presence.
- Children who have been given rides in the past may suddenly appear in the mowing area for another ride and

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be run over or backed over by the machine.

- Tragic accidents with children can occur if the operator is not alert to the presence of children, especially when a child approaches a machine from behind. Before and while backing up, stop mower blades and look down and behind the machine carefully, especially for children.
- Never carry children on a machine or attachment, even with the blades off. Do not tow children in a cart or trailer. They can fall off and be seriously injured or interfere with safe machine operation.
- Never use the machine as a recreational vehicle or to entertain children.
- Never allow children or an untrained person operate the machine. Instruct all operators not to give children a ride on the machine or in an attachment.
- Keep children indoors, out of the mowing area, and in the watchful eye of a responsible adult, other than the operator, when a mower is being operated.
- Stay alert to the presence of children. Never assume that children will remain where you last saw them. Turn the machine off if a child enters the work area.



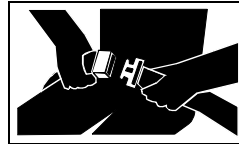
Avoid Tipping

- Slopes are a major factor related to loss-of-control and tip-over accidents, which can result in severe injury or death. Operation on all slopes

requires extra caution.

- If you feel uneasy on a hillside, do not mow it.
- Mow up and down slopes, not across.
- Watch for holes, ruts, bumps, rocks, or other hidden objects. Uneven terrain could overturn the machine. Tall grass can hide obstacles.
- Choose a low ground speed so you will not have to stop or shift while on a slope.
- Do not mow or operate machine on wet grass. Tires may lose traction. Tires may lose traction on slopes even though the brakes are functioning properly.
- Avoid starting, stopping or turning on a slope. If the tires lose traction, disengage the blades and proceed slowly, straight down the slope.
- Keep all movement on slopes slow and gradual. Do not make sudden changes in speed or direction, which could cause the machine to roll over.
- Use extra care while operating machine with grasscatchers or other attachments, they can affect stability of the machine. Do not use on steep slopes.

- Do not mow near drop-offs, ditches, embankments, or bodies of water. The machine could suddenly roll over if a wheel goes over the edge or the edge caves in. Leave a safety area between the machine and any hazard.
- Follow the manufacturer's recommendations for wheel weights or counterweights for added stability when operating on slopes or using front or rear mounted attachments. Remove weights when not required.
- Drive machine very slowly and avoid quick stops when attachment is removed.
- Transport machine with cutting units lowered to improve stability.



Use Seat Belt Properly

- Use a seat belt when you operate with a Roll-Over Protective Structure (ROPS) to minimize chance of injury from an accident, such as an

overturn.

- Do not use a seat belt if operating with an optional folding ROPS in the folded position. Return the folding ROPS to the upright position as soon as possible.
- Never modify, disassemble or attempt to repair the seat belt.
- Replace entire seat belt if mounting hardware, buckle, belt, or retractor show signs of damage.
- Inspect seat belt and mounting hardware at least once a year. Look for signs of loose hardware or belt damage, such as cuts, fraying, extreme or unusual wear, discoloration, or abrasion. Replace only with John Deere-approved replacement parts.
- Layers of heavy clothing can interfere with proper positioning of the seat belt and can reduce the effectiveness of the seat belt.

Keep ROPS Installed Properly

- Never operate the machine without the ROPS installed.
- Make certain all parts of the ROPS are installed correctly if the ROPS structure is loosened or removed for any reason. All ROPS hardware should be tightened to the proper torque per manufacturer's recommendations.
- Any alteration of the ROPS must be approved by the manufacturer. The protection provided by the ROPS will be impaired if the ROPS is subjected to structural damage, is involved in an overturn incident, or is in any way altered by welding, bending, drilling, or cutting.
- The seat is part of the ROPS safety zone. Replace only

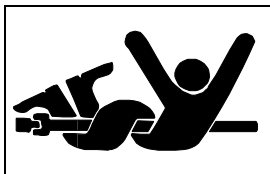
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with John Deere-approved seat.

- Never attempt to repair a damaged or altered ROPS. It must be replaced to maintain the manufacturer's certification of the structure.

Towing Loads Safely

- Stopping distance increases with speed and weight of towed load. Travel slowly and allow extra time and distance to stop.
- Total towed weight must not exceed combined weight of pulling machine, ballast and operator. Use counterweights or wheel weights as described in the attachment or pulling machine operator's manual.
- Excessive towed load can cause loss of traction and loss of control on slopes. Reduce towed weight when operating on slopes.
- Never allow children or others in or on towed equipment.
- Use only approved hitches. Tow only with a machine that has a hitch designed for towing. Do not attach towed equipment except at the approved hitch point.
- Follow the manufacturer's recommendations for weight limits for towed equipment and towing on slopes.
- If you cannot back up a slope with a towed load, the slope is too steep to operate on with the towed load. Reduce the towed load or do not operate.
- Do not turn sharply. Use additional caution when turning or operating under adverse surface conditions. Use care when reversing.
- Do not shift to neutral and coast downhill.



Stay Clear of Rotating Drivelines

Entanglement in rotating driveline can cause serious injury or death.

- Wear close fitting clothing.

- Stop the engine and be sure PTO driveline is stopped before getting near it.

Keep Riders Off

- Only allow the operator on the machine. Keep riders off.
- Riders on the machine or attachment may be struck by foreign objects or thrown off the machine causing serious injury.
- Riders obstruct the operator's view resulting in the

machine being operated in an unsafe manner.

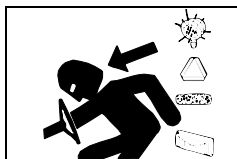


Avoid High Pressure Fluids

- Hydraulic hoses and lines can fail due to physical damage, kinks, age, and exposure. Check hoses and lines regularly. Replace damaged hoses

and lines.

- Hydraulic fluid connections can loosen due to physical damage and vibration. Check connections regularly. Tighten loose connections.
- Escaping fluid under pressure can penetrate the skin causing serious injury. Avoid the hazard by relieving pressure before disconnecting hydraulic or other lines. Tighten all connections before applying pressure.
- Search for leaks with a piece of cardboard. Protect hands and body from high pressure fluids.
- If an accident occurs, see a doctor immediately. Any fluid injected into the skin must be surgically removed within a few hours or gangrene may result. Doctors unfamiliar with this type of injury should reference a knowledgeable medical source. Such information is available from Deere & Company Medical Department in Moline, Illinois, U.S.A. Information may be obtained in the United States and Canada only by calling 1-800-822-8262.



Driving Safely on Public Roads

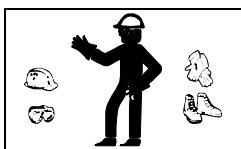
Avoid personal injury or death resulting from a collision with another vehicle on public roads:

- Use safety lights and devices. Slow moving machines when driven on public roads are hard to see, especially at night.
- Whenever driving on public roads, use flashing warning lights and turn signals according to local regulations. Extra flashing warning lights may need to be installed.

Checking Wheel Hardware

- A serious accident could occur causing serious injury if wheel hardware is not tight.
- Check wheel hardware tightness often during the first 100 hours of operation.
- Wheel hardware must be tightened to specified torque using the proper procedure anytime it is loosened.

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Wear Appropriate Clothing

- Always wear safety goggles, or safety glasses with side shields, and a hard hat when operating the machine.

- Wear close fitting clothing and safety equipment appropriate for the job.
- While operating this machine, always wear substantial footwear and long trousers. Do not operate the equipment when barefoot or wearing open sandals.
- Wear a suitable protective device such as earplugs. Loud noise can cause impairment or loss of hearing.



Maintenance and Storage

- Never operate machine in a closed area where dangerous carbon monoxide fumes can collect.

- Disengage drives, lower implement,

lock parking brake, stop engine and remove key or disconnect spark plug (for gas engines). Wait for all movement to stop before adjusting, cleaning or repairing.

- Clean grass and debris from cutting units, drives, mufflers, and engine to help prevent fires. Clean up oil or fuel spillage.

- Let engine cool before storing and do not store near flame.

- 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. Understand service procedure before doing work.

- Use jack stands or lock service latches to support components when required. Securely support any machine elements that must be raised for service work.

- Before servicing machine or attachment, carefully release pressure from any components with stored energy, such as hydraulic components or springs.

- Release hydraulic pressure by lowering attachment or cutting units to the ground or to a mechanical stop and move hydraulic control levers back and forth.

- Disconnect battery or remove spark plug (for gas engines) 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 blades or wear gloves, and use caution when servicing them. Only replace blades. Never straighten or weld them.

- Keep hands, feet, clothing, jewelry and long hair 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.
- Keep all parts in good working condition and all hardware tightened. Replace all worn or damaged decals.
- Check grasscatcher components and the discharge guard frequently and replace with manufacturer's recommended parts, when necessary. Grasscatcher components are subject to wear, damage, and deterioration which could expose moving parts or allow objects to be thrown.
- Keep all nuts and bolts tight, especially blade attachment bolts, to be sure the equipment is in safe working condition.
- Check brake operation frequently. Adjust and service as required.
- On multi-bladed machines, take care as rotating one blade can cause other blades to rotate.



Prevent Fires

- Besides routine maintenance, one of the best ways to keep your John Deere equipment running efficiently and to reduce fire risk is to regularly remove debris buildup from the machine.

- Please review these

recommendations with all operators. See your John Deere dealer with questions.

- Always follow all safety procedures posted on the machine and in this operator manual. Before carrying out any inspection or cleaning, always shut off engine, set parking brake and remove ignition key.

- After operating, allow machine to cool in an open area before cleaning or storing. Do not park machine near flammable materials such as wood, cloth or chemicals.

- Empty any grasscatcher bags or containers completely before storing.

- Frequency of these inspections and cleaning will vary depending on a number of factors including operating conditions, machine configuration, operating speeds and weather conditions particularly dry, hot and windy conditions. When you are operating in these conditions, inspect and clean these areas frequently throughout the day.

- Wind direction, terrain type and moisture content of surrounding vegetation can effect where and how much debris accumulates.

Safety

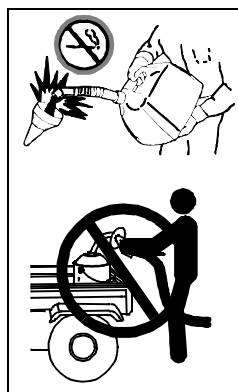
- Debris can accumulate anywhere on the machine, especially on horizontal surfaces.
- Keeping engine area clean will provide the greatest impact on fire prevention. Other areas requiring regular inspection and cleaning include behind wheel rims, wire harness, hose/line routings, mowing attachments, etc. Compressed air, leaf blowers or high pressured water can assist keeping these areas clean.
- Excess lubrication or fuel/oil leaks or spills on the machine can also serve as collection sites for debris. Prompt machine repair and oil/fuel cleanup will minimize the potential for debris collection and reduced cooling throughout machine life.
- Bearing failures or overheating can result in a fire. To reduce this risk, always follow the instructions in the machine operator's manual regarding lubrication intervals and locations. Washing the machine while warm may also reduce bearing life and increase potential for premature bearing failure.
- Always shut off fuel when storing or transporting machine, if the machine has a fuel shutoff.



Tire Safety

Explosive separation of a tire and rim parts can cause serious injury or death:

- Do not attempt to mount a tire without the proper equipment and experience to perform the job.
- Always maintain the correct tire pressure. Do not inflate the tires above the recommended pressure. Never weld or heat a wheel and tire assembly. The heat can cause an increase in air pressure resulting in a tire explosion. Welding can structurally weaken or deform the wheel.
- When inflating tires, use a clip-on chuck and extension hose long enough to allow you to stand to one side and NOT in front of or over the tire assembly.
- Check tires for low pressure, cuts, bubbles, damaged rims or missing lug bolts and nuts.



Handling Fuel Safely

To avoid personal injury or property damage, use extreme care in handling fuel. Fuel is extremely flammable and fuel vapors are explosive:

- Extinguish all cigarettes, cigars, pipes, and other sources of ignition.
- Use only an approved fuel container. Use only non-metal, portable fuel containers approved by the Underwriter's Laboratory (U.L.) or the American Society for Testing & Materials (ASTM). If using a funnel, make sure it is plastic and has no screen or filter.
- Never remove the fuel tank cap or add fuel with the engine running. Allow engine to cool before refueling.
- Never add fuel to or drain fuel from the machine indoors. Move machine outdoors and provide adequate ventilation.
- Clean up spilled fuel immediately. If fuel is spilled on clothing, change clothing immediately. If fuel is spilled near machine, do not attempt to start the engine but move the machine away from the area of spillage. Avoid creating any source of ignition until fuel vapors have dissipated.
- Never store the machine or fuel container where there is an open flame, spark, or pilot light such as on a water heater or other appliance.
- Prevent fire and explosion caused by static electric discharge. Static electric discharge can ignite fuel vapors in an ungrounded fuel container.
- Never fill containers inside a vehicle or on a truck or trailer bed with a plastic liner. Always place containers on the ground away from your vehicle before fueling.
- Remove fuel-powered equipment from the truck or trailer and refuel it on the ground. If this is not possible, then refuel such equipment with a portable container, rather than from a fuel dispenser nozzle.
- Keep the nozzle in contact with the rim of the fuel tank or container opening at all times until the fueling is complete. Do not use a nozzle lock-open device.
- Never overfill fuel tank. Replace fuel tank cap and tighten securely.
- Replace all fuel container caps securely after use.
- For gasoline engines, do not use gas with methanol. Methanol is harmful to your health and to the environment.

Handling Waste Product and Chemicals

Waste products, such as, used oil, fuel, coolant, brake fluid,

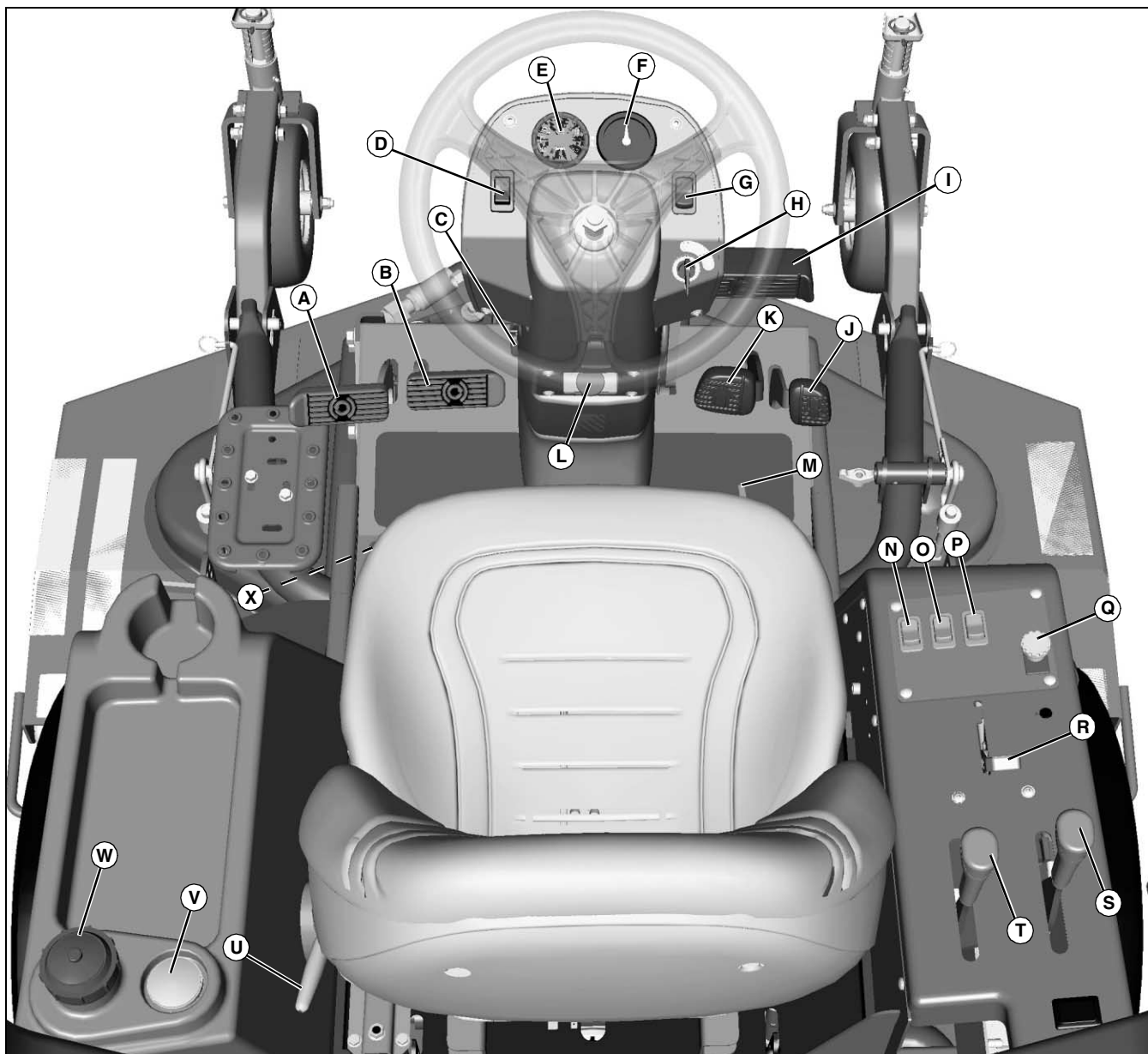
Safety

and batteries, can harm the environment and people:

- Do not use beverage containers for waste fluids - someone may drink from them.
- See your local Recycling Center or authorized dealer to learn how to recycle or get rid of waste products.
- A Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) provides specific details on chemical products: physical and health hazards, safety procedures, and emergency response techniques. The seller of the chemical products used with your machine is responsible for providing the MSDS for that product.

Operating Controls

Operator Station Controls



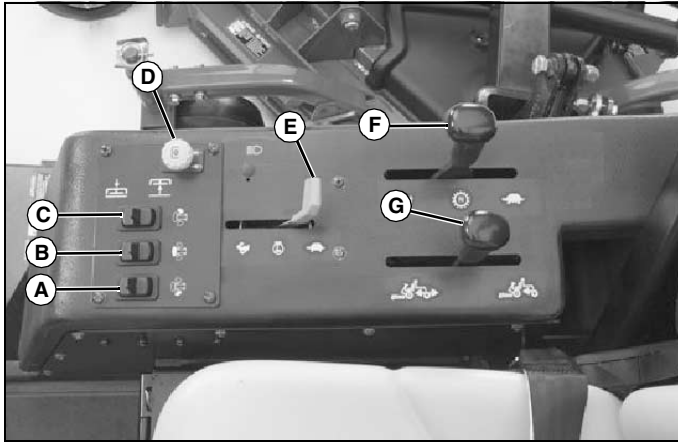
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- A - Left Turn Brake Pedal
- B - Right Turn Brake Pedal
- C - Steering Column Tilt Lock
- D - Headlight Switch
- E - Indicator Lights
- F - Engine Coolant Temperature Gauge
- G - Cruise Control Switch
- H - Key Switch
- I - Park Brake Pedal
- J - Reverse Drive Pedal
- K - Forward Drive Pedal
- L - Park Brake Knob
- M - Seat Adjustment Lever

- N - Left Mower Deck Lift Lever
- O - Front Mower Deck Lift Lever
- P - Right Mower Deck Lift Lever
- Q - PTO Switch
- R - Throttle Lever
- S - Speed Range Lever
- T - Four Wheel Drive Lever
- U - Seat Backrest Tilt Lever
- V - Fuel Gauge
- W - Fuel Cap
- X - Differential Lock Pedal

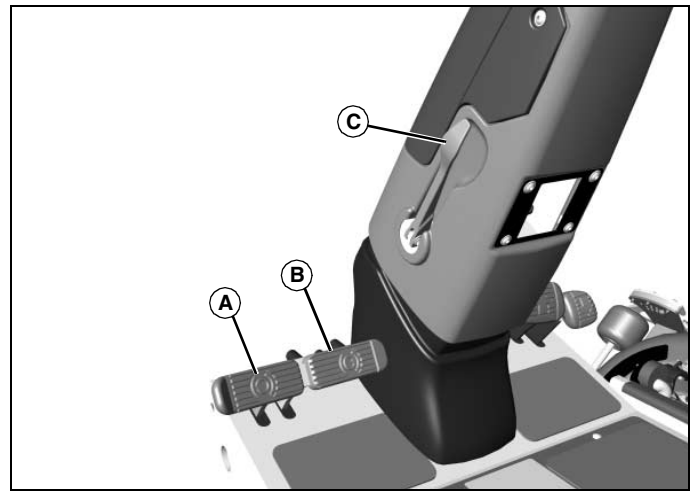
Operating Controls

Operator Station Controls



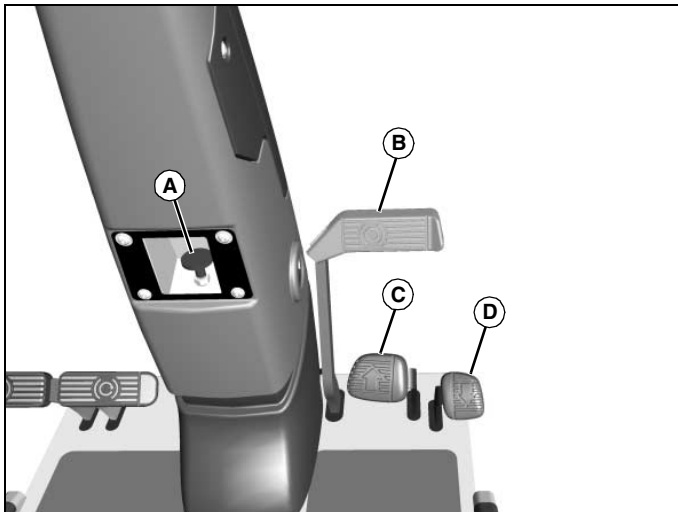
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- A - Left Mower Deck Lift Lever
- B - Front Mower Deck Lift Lever
- C - Right Mower Deck Lift Lever
- D - PTO Switch
- E - Throttle Lever
- F - Speed Range Lever
- G - Four Wheel Drive Lever



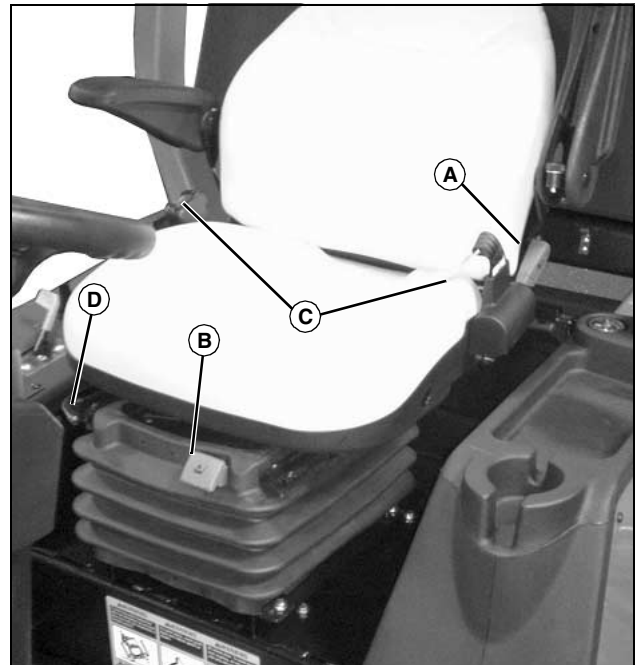
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- A - Left Turn Brake Pedal
- B - Right Turn Brake Pedal
- C - Steering Column Tilt Lock



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- A - Park Brake Knob
- B - Park Brake Pedal
- C - Forward Drive Pedal
- D - Reverse Drive Pedal



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- A - Backrest Tilt Lever
- B - Seat Suspension Adjustment
- C - Retractable Seat Belt
- D - Seat Adjustment Lever

Operating Controls

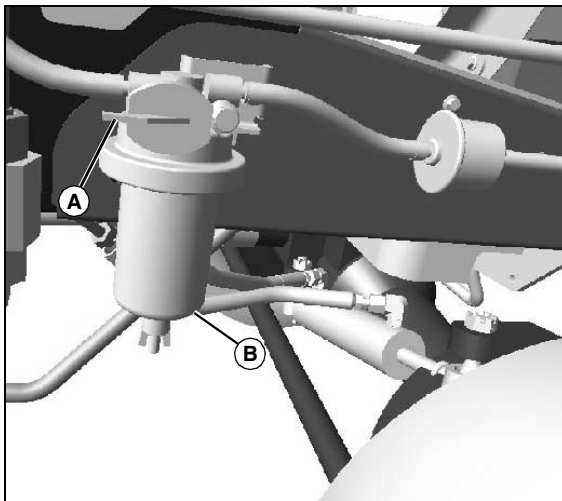


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A - Seat Platform Release Knob

B - Differential Lock

Miscellaneous Controls



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A - Fuel Shutoff Valve

B - Water Separator

Operating

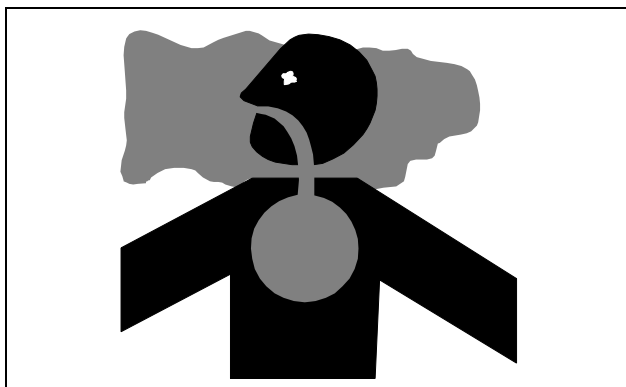
Daily Operating Checklist

- ☐ Test safety systems.
- ☐ Check tire pressure.
- ☐ Check fuel level.
- ☐ Check engine, transmission, and hydraulic oil levels.
- ☐ Remove grass and debris from engine compartment and muffler area, before and after operating machine.
- ☐ Clean air intake screen.
- ☐ Check area below machine for leaks.
- ☐ Check air restriction indicator.
- ☐ Check engine coolant level.

Avoid Damage to Plastic and Painted Surfaces

- Do not wipe plastic parts unless rinsed first. Using a dry cloth may cause scratches.
- Insect repellent spray may damage plastic and painted surfaces. Do not spray insect repellent near machine.
- Be careful not to spill fuel on machine. Fuel may damage surface. Wipe up spilled fuel immediately.
- Prolonged exposure to sunlight will damage hood surfaces.

Testing Safety Systems



CAUTION: Avoid injury! Engine exhaust fumes contain carbon monoxide and can cause serious illness or death.

- **Move the machine to an outside area before running the engine.**
- **Do not run an engine in an enclosed area without adequate ventilation.**
- **Connect a pipe extension to the engine exhaust pipe to direct the exhaust fumes out of the area.**
- **Allow fresh outside air into the work area to clear the exhaust fumes out.**

The safety systems installed on your machine should be checked before each machine use. Be sure you have read the machine operator manual and are completely familiar with the operation of the machine before performing these safety system checks.

Use the following checkout procedures to check for normal operation of machine.

If there is a malfunction during one of these procedures, do not operate machine. **See your authorized dealer for service.**

Perform these tests in a clear open area. Keep bystanders away.

Testing PTO Switch

1. Sit on the seat.
2. Lock the park brake.
3. Pull PTO switch up to the on position.
4. Try to start the engine. Engine must not start. If engine starts, there is a problem with your safety interlock circuit.
5. Unlock park brake. Try and start engine. Engine must not start. If engine starts, there is a problem with your safety interlock circuit.

Testing Seat and Park Brake Switch

1. Sit on seat.
2. Push the PTO switch down to the off position.
3. Depress the park brake foot pedal.
4. Start the engine.
5. Release the park brake foot pedal.
6. Raise up off of the seat, but do not get off of the machine.

Operating

Result:

The engine should stop. If engine does not stop, there is a problem with your safety interlock circuit.

Testing Park Brake

1. Stop the machine on a 17° slope (30% grade). Stop the engine and lock the park brake.
2. Put transmission in N (neutral).
3. Check to be sure the park brake will hold the machine without rolling.

Result:

The park brake must prevent machine from moving. If machine moves, brakes need to be adjusted. See your John Deere Distributor.

Mounting and Dismounting Machine Safely

NOTE: Always mount and dismount from left side of machine to avoid bumping controls and pedals.

1. Place right foot on mower deck and use steering wheel to balance yourself while stepping up onto machine.
2. Use step on lift arm to get up to operator's platform.

Adjusting Seat

To adjust seat position:



CAUTION: Avoid injury! Never adjust seat while machine is moving. Stop machine before adjusting seat to prevent loss of machine control.



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1. Pull seat adjustment lever (A) up, out of locked position.
2. Slide seat forward or rearward to desired position.
3. Release lever.

To adjust seat backrest:

1. Pull up backrest tilt lever (B), while moving backrest to most comfortable position. Release lever to lock backrest in place.

Using Seat Belt

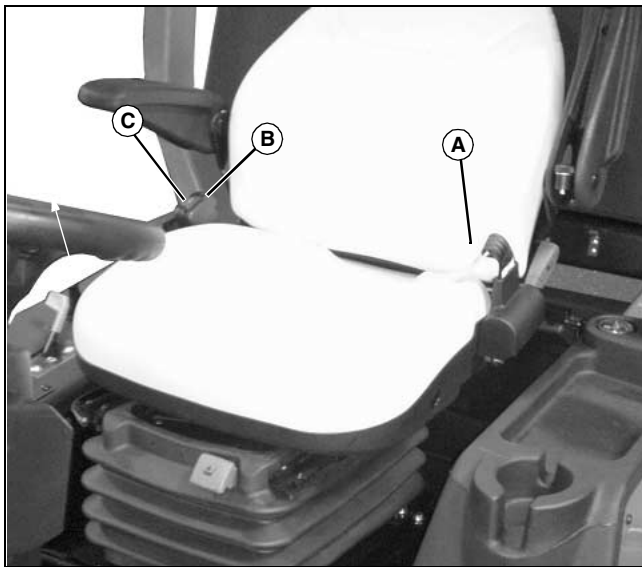
Fasten Belt



CAUTION: Avoid injury! Always wear seat belt when operating machine with a Roll-Over Protective Structure (ROPS). Do not jump from machine if machine tips.

1. Sit in seat.

Operating



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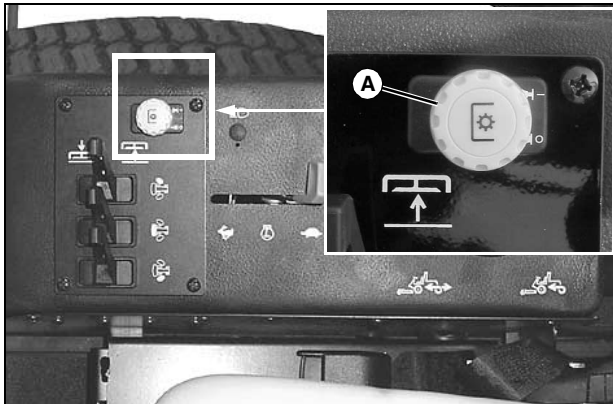
2. Pull out seat belt buckle (A) and stretch across your lap in one nonstop motion.
3. Insert seat belt buckle into latch (B) until it locks.

Release Seat Belt

1. Press red button (C) to release seat belt.

Using PTO Switch

NOTE: Starter will not crank if PTO is engaged. PTO will disengage when master brake pedal is pressed.



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- Pull PTO knob (A) up to engage the PTO.
- Push PTO knob (A) down to disengage the PTO.

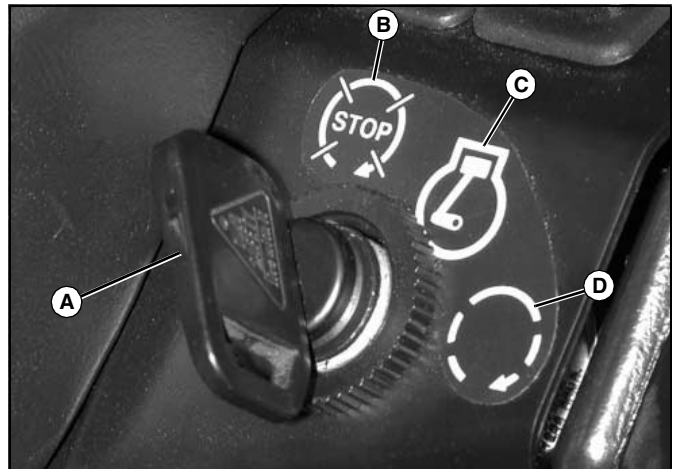
Using Key Switch

NOTE: Starter will not crank if any of the following conditions exist:

- PTO is engaged.

• Hydrostatic drive pedals are not in centered (neutral) position.

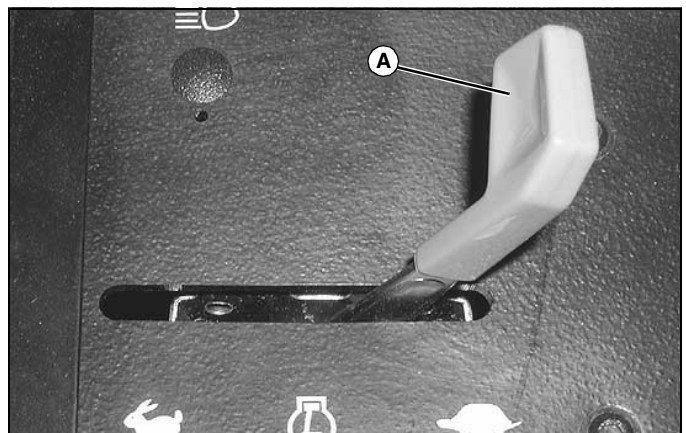
• Park brake is not locked.



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- To turn ignition off, turn the key switch (A) to the STOP position (B).
- To turn ignition on, turn key switch to the run position (C). Indicator lights on instrument panel should go on, and beeper will sound.
- To start engine, wait for engine manifold heater light to turn off, turn key switch to the start position (D). Once engine begins to run, release key switch back to the run position.

Using Throttle Lever

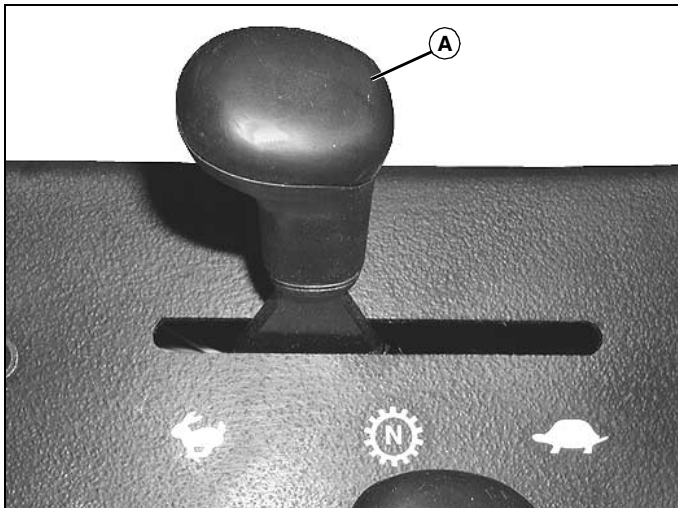


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- Pull the throttle lever (A) to the rear for slow idle. Use this position to start engine and maneuver the mower in confined spaces.
- Push throttle lever fully forward to the fast idle position for transporting and mowing.

Operating

Using Speed Range Lever

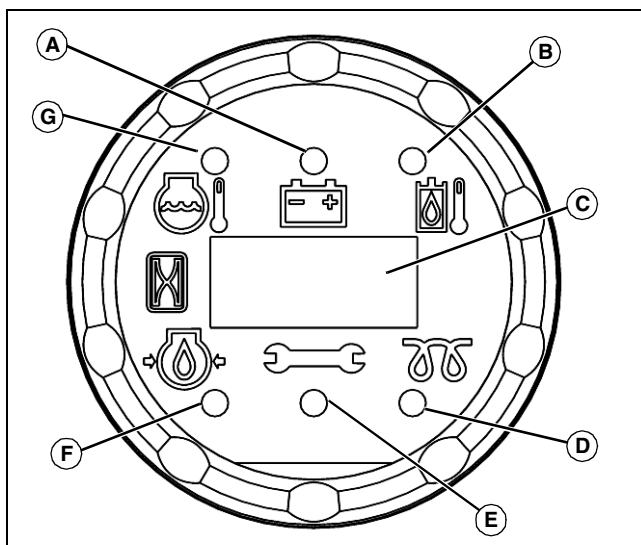


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- Place speed range lever (A) in centered neutral position (N) to prevent machine from being driven.
- Pull speed range lever to rear for low speed range for mowing and low speed transport.
- Push lever to front position for high speed range used for high speed transport.

Indicator Lights

IMPORTANT: Avoid damage! If an indicator lamp turns on while the engine is running, stop the engine to avoid engine damage. Before you restart the engine, find and correct the cause.



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- Battery Discharge Indicator (A) will glow when alternator is not producing adequate current. Stop engine and

determine cause.

- Hydraulic Oil Temperature Indicator (B) will glow when hydraulic oil temperature is high. Stop all hydraulic functions immediately. Let hydraulic oil temperature cool by allowing engine to idle under a no-load situation. This keeps the oil flowing through the oil cooler and cools the oil. Check oil level and make sure oil cooler coils are clean. Continued operation may cause higher temperatures, resulting in damage.

- Hourmeter (C) records the number of hours the engine has run. Use the hour meter and the periodic service chart (located in the engine compartment) to determine when service procedures need to be performed on the machine and mower deck.

- Engine Preheat Light (D) will glow when key switch is turned to the run position. After approximately three seconds the light will go out.

- Engine Controller Diagnostic Light (E) will flash when a problem occurs with the engine. The number of times it flashed indicates an error code listed in the troubleshooting section.

- Engine Oil Pressure Indicator (F) will glow when engine oil pressure is low. If lamp glows when engine is running, stop engine immediately. See your John Deere distributor.

- Engine Coolant Temperature Indicator (G) will glow if engine temperature becomes excessive. When engine overheats, the engine power is reduced to 92% and 2500 RPM maximum. Stop engine and determine cause.

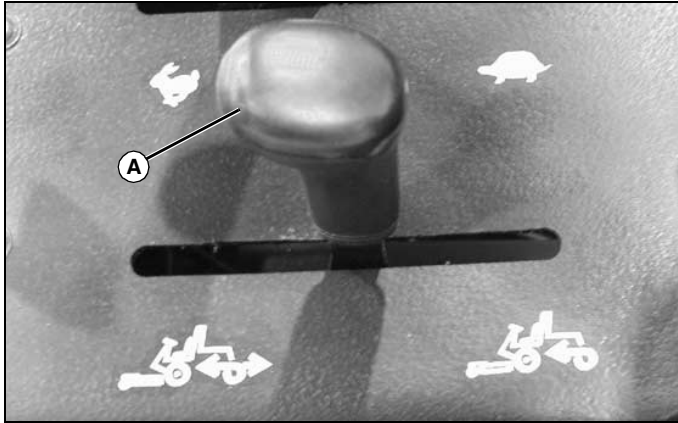
Using Four Wheel Drive Lever



CAUTION: Avoid injury! To avoid loss of control or damage to turf, do not turn suddenly or at high speeds while machine is in four wheel drive. Do not use four wheel drive any longer than required.

Operating

NOTE: “On-demand” operates only forward.



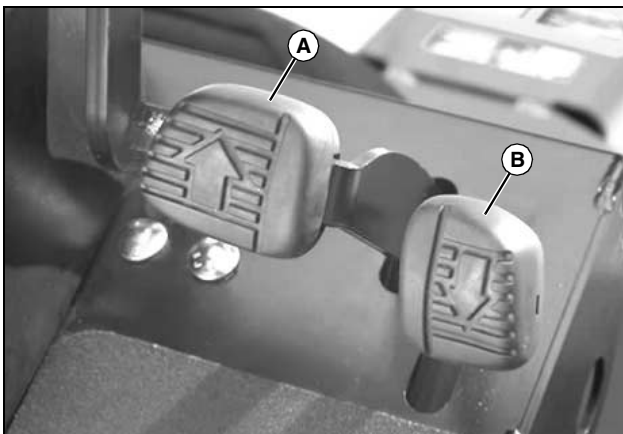
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- Pull back on four wheel drive lever (A) (position shown) to use “on-demand” four wheel drive. Rear wheels will engage whenever front wheel slip is detected, and will disengage automatically.

IMPORTANT: Avoid damage! Damage can result if driven in full-time 4WD while mowing or transporting. Only use 4WD as needed during reverse travel.

- Push four wheel drive lever forward to engage full-time four wheel drive. Four wheel drive is locked in for forward and reverse travel.

Using Hydrostatic Pedals



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Using Forward Travel Pedal:

1. Push the forward travel pedal (A) down to begin driving machine. Push the pedal down more to travel faster.
2. Release the pedal to return to neutral and stop the mower

Using Reverse Travel Pedal:



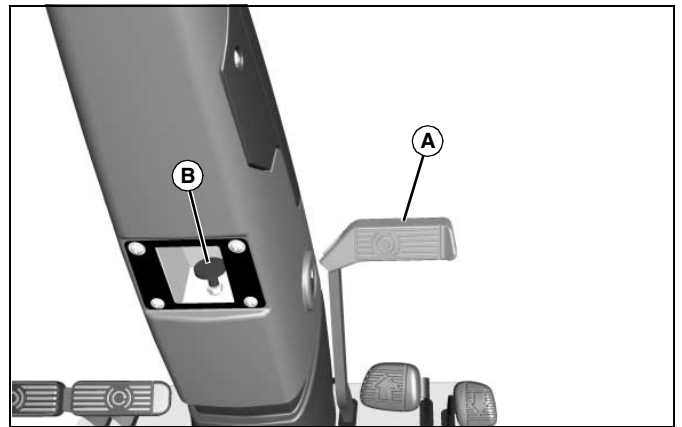
CAUTION: Avoid injury! Rotating blades are dangerous. Children or bystanders may be injured by runover and rotating blades.

Before backing up, carefully check the area around the machine.

1. Push the reverse travel pedal (B) down to back the machine. Push the pedal down more to travel faster.
2. Release pedal to return to neutral and stop the machine.

Using Brakes

Using Master Brake Pedal



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1. Push the master brake pedal (A) down to hold the machine stationary on a slope or for an emergency stop. PTO will disengage when master brake pedal is pressed. and PTO switch will have to be recycled to restart PTO once brake is released.

Using Park Brake



CAUTION: Avoid injury! Children or bystanders may attempt to move or operate an unattended machine.

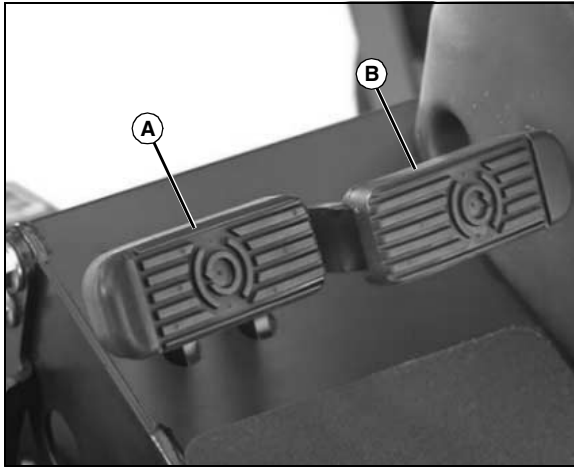
Always lock the park brake and remove the key before leaving the machine unattended.

1. Lock the park brake by pulling the park brake knob (B) fully upwards. Press the master brake pedal (A) down fully. The park brake should now be locked.
2. Unlock the park brake by pushing the park brake knob (B) down fully. Fully press and release the master brake pedal (A). The park brake should now be unlocked.

Operating

Using Turn Brakes

The turn brakes are used to change direction quickly within the width of machine. Avoid locking the tire with the turn brake in areas where turf damage is not acceptable. The turn brakes will not turn the machine if the differential lock is engaged.



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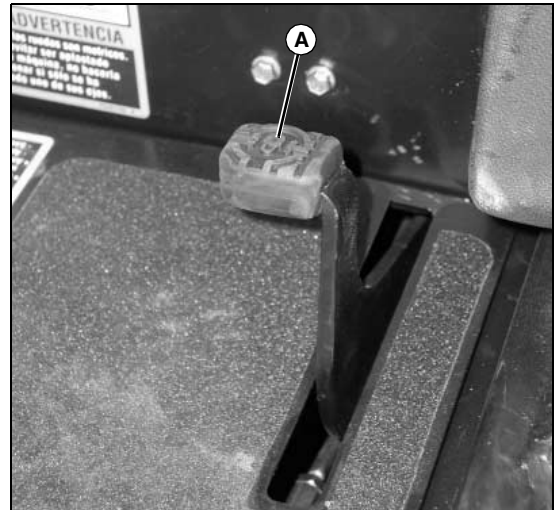
1. Press down on the left turn brake pedal (A) to slow or stop the rotation of the left front tire, while power is applied to the right wheel. The machine will turn to the left. Release the turn brake pedal to resume driving in a straight line.
2. Press down on the right turn brake pedal (B) to turn to the right.

Using Differential Lock Pedal

The differential lock is used to help improve traction on slopes and in slippery surfaces. The front drive axle will lock so that the front wheels turn together.

IMPORTANT: Avoid damage! Use the pedal only when you need more traction. Do not lock the differential at high speed or make sharp turns when the differential is locked, or turf damage may result.

To lock the differential:



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1. Push the pedal (A) down with the left foot and hold it.

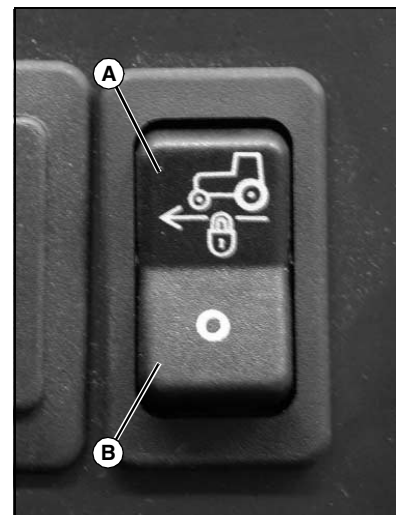
To unlock the differential:

1. Release the pedal.
2. The differential will stay locked as long as wheel slip is unequal. Once the load on the transmission is equalized and reduced, the differential lock will disengage.

Using Cruise Control

Engaging Cruise Control

1. Push the forward travel pedal down until the machine has reached the desired travel speed.



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2. Push the cruise control switch fully forward (A), then release. Allow switch to spring back to the centered position.

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3. Remove foot pressure from forward travel pedal.
Machine should continue to run at desired speed.

Disengaging Cruise Control

To disengage the cruise control, do one of the following:

- Push down on the master brake pedal.
- Push down on the bottom (B) of the cruise control switch.

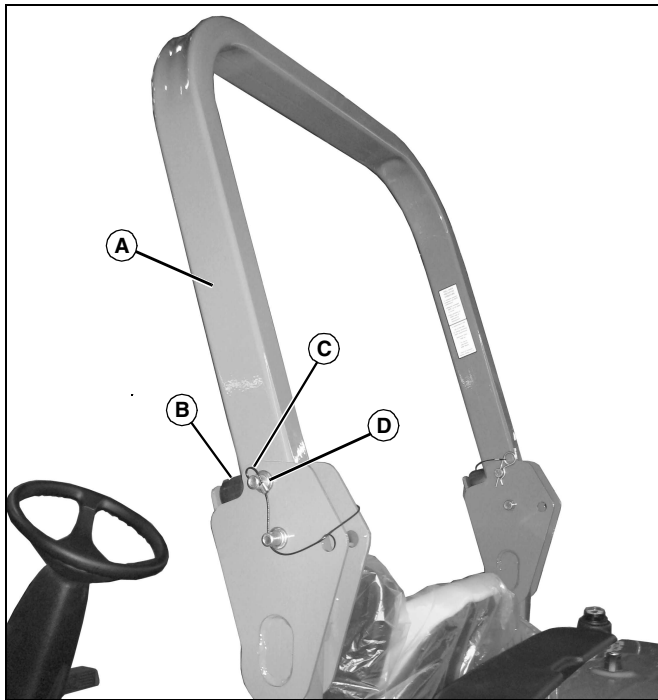
Raising and Lowering ROPS



CAUTION: Avoid injury! Always wear seat belt when operating machine with folding Roll-Over Protective Structure (ROPS) in upright position. Do not jump from machine if machine tips.

If ROPS must be folded to operate in a low clearance area, do not use seat belt. Raise ROPS and use seat belt as soon as conditions permit.

1. Park machine safely. (See Parking Safely in the SAFETY section.)

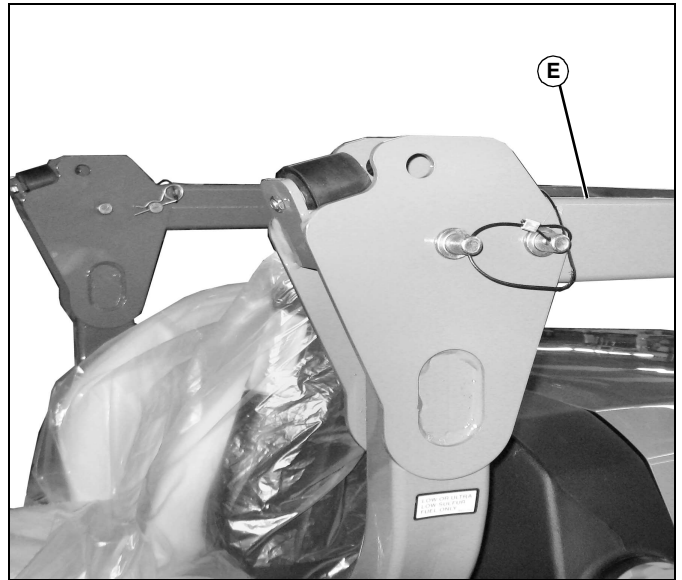


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2. Pull ROPS (A) forward to compress isolators (B).
3. Remove spring pin (C) from drilled pin (D) on side of ROPS.
4. Remove drilled pin (D) from ROPS.
5. Repeat procedure for opposite side of machine.



CAUTION: Avoid injury! Fingers and hands can be pinched or crushed. Be aware of potential pinch points and keep hands away.



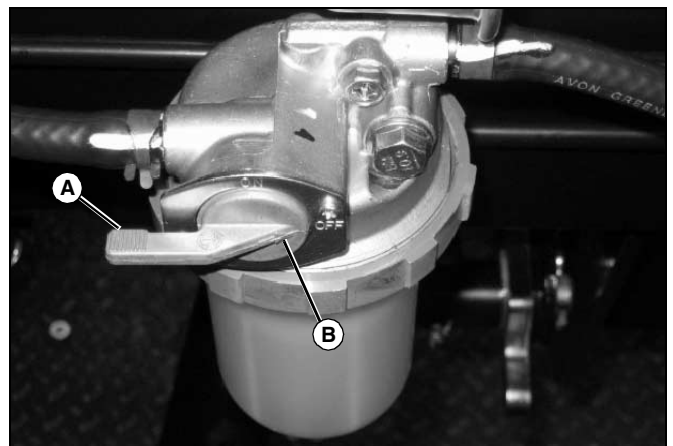
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6. Pull ROPS rearward to lowered position (E).
7. Install drilled pins and spring pins back into holes in ROPS to secure in place.

Using Fuel Shutoff Valve

NOTE: Shut off fuel flow when transporting machine on a trailer or storing machine.

1. Lift and open the engine cover.
2. Rotate the fuel shutoff valve to the open or closed position as follows:



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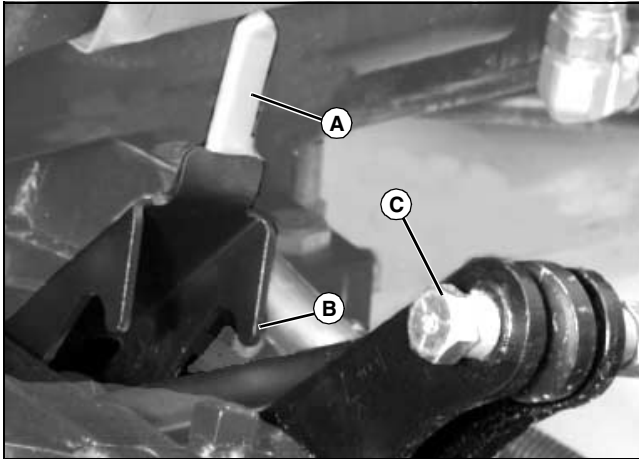
- To open, turn the handle (A) so the pointer (B) is facing upwards.

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- To close, turn the handle so the pointer is facing to the rear as shown.

Using Mower Deck Transport Locks

1. Bring machine to a stop.
2. Raise side decks to top of travel.



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3. Push left and right side transport lock levers (A) down until hooks (B) are over pivot pins (C).
4. Lift transport lock handle to unlock. If mower deck has been lowered while lock is engaged, it will be necessary to raise deck up to unlock transport lock.

Raising and Lowering Mower Decks



CAUTION: Avoid injury! Do not raise the mower decks on slopes or when traveling at high speeds, as the machine could become unstable. Deck lowers quickly when control lever is pushed forward.



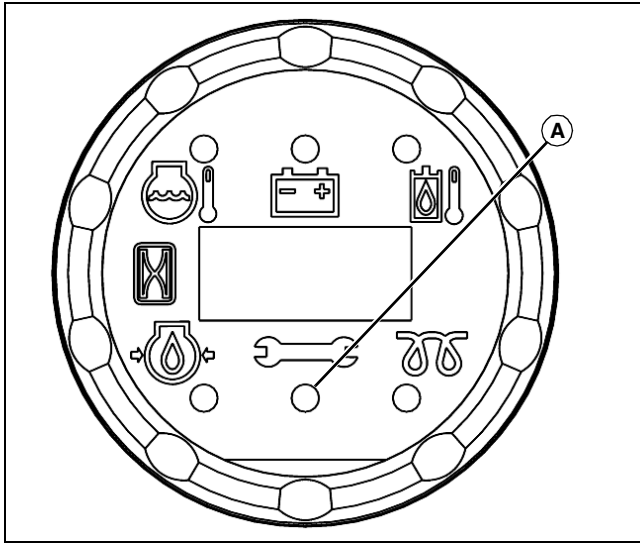
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- A - Left Mower Deck Lift Lever**
- B - Front Mower Deck Lift Lever**
- C - Right Mower Deck Lift Lever**

1. To raise a mower deck, pull the correct mower deck lift lever rearward. Mower deck will raise up until the lever is released, or the mower deck reaches the top of its travel, whichever occurs first.
 2. To lower a mower deck, momentarily push lever forward. Mower deck will drop fully down to the ground. If deck needs to be stopped before it lowers completely, momentarily pull the lift lever rearward, and then allow it to return to center.
- Raising a side deck will stop the blades for that deck. Lowering the side deck will restart the blades.
 - Raising the front deck will stop the blades for all decks. To restart blades, lower the front mower deck, and cycle the PTO switch from on to off, to on again.

Operating

Using Starting Trouble Codes



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If starter will not engage when key switch is turned to start position, one of the start conditions has not been met. A trouble code will flash on the instrument panel at the engine controller diagnostic light (A) when the key switch is held in the start position. The trouble codes are presented as a sequence of flashes and pauses that must be counted and converted to a two digit number:

- One flash, a short pause, and two flashes - Operator attempted to start machine without park brake locked.
- One flash, a short pause, and three flashes - Operator attempted to start machine with PTO engaged.
- Two flashes, a short pause, and one flash - Hydrostatic pedals are not centered into the neutral position.

Starting Engine



CAUTION: Avoid injury! Engine exhaust fumes contain carbon monoxide and can cause serious illness or death.

- Move the machine to an outside area before running the engine.
- Do not run an engine in an enclosed area without adequate ventilation.
- Connect a pipe extension to the engine exhaust pipe to direct the exhaust fumes out of the area.
- Allow fresh outside air into the work area to clear the exhaust fumes out.

NOTE: Engine will not start unless the PTO is off, park

brake is locked, and the hydrostatic pedals are in the centered (neutral) position.

1. Open the fuel shutoff valve (if closed).
2. Sit on the operator's seat. Put on seat belt.
3. Lock the park brake.
4. Push the PTO switch to the off position.
5. Pull the throttle lever back to the slow idle position.
6. Turn the key switch to the run position. Wait for the engine preheat light to turn off.

IMPORTANT: Avoid damage! Do not overheat starter. Do not operate starter more than ten seconds at a time. Wait two minutes before trying again if engine does not start.

7. Turn the key switch to the start position for no longer than ten seconds. Release key to run position after engine starts.

- If starter engages, but engine does not start, wait two minutes and try again for no longer than ten seconds.
- If starter does not engage, the engine preheat light may blink starting trouble codes while the key switch is in the start position. See Using Starter Trouble Codes to help determine why the engine will not start.

IMPORTANT: Avoid damage! Unnecessary engine idling may cause engine damage. Excessive idling can cause engine overheating, carbon build-up, and poor performance.

8. Let engine run at half-speed position for two minutes to allow it to warm up before operating machine.

Stopping Engine

1. Stop PTO by moving PTO switch to off position.
2. Move throttle lever to slow idle position.
3. Lock the park brake.
4. Lower the mower decks to the ground.

IMPORTANT: Avoid damage! Allow engine to idle for two minutes before shutting down after running under load to avoid damage to turbocharger.

5. Turn key switch to STOP position.
6. Remove key.

Operating

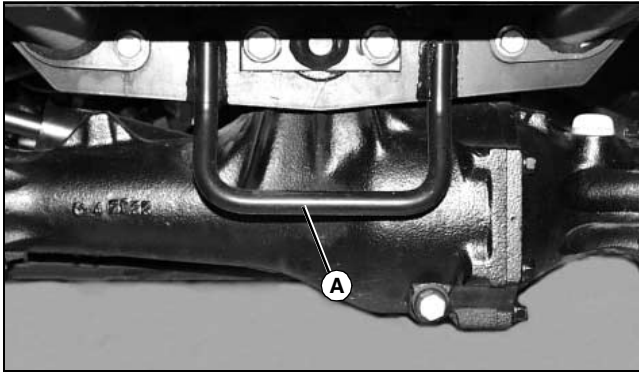
Transporting Machine

1. Turn PTO switch to off position.
2. Lower front mower deck.
3. Lower left and right side mower decks. (If necessary to transport with side decks raised, engage transport locks and keep transport speeds low).
4. Move speed range lever forward to transport position.

Towing Machine

IMPORTANT: Avoid damage! Do not tow machine faster than 15 mph. Steering will be more difficult with engine off. Do not tow machine unnecessarily.

1. Unlock the park brake.
2. Put range shift lever in neutral (N) position.



3. Attach heavy chain or tow strap to tow loop (A) of machine at rear axle.
4. Pull machine slowly, using brakes when necessary.
5. Do not use machine to pull or tow any other vehicle or trailer.

Transporting Machine on Trailer

Be sure trailer has all the necessary lights and signs required by law.



CAUTION: Avoid injury! Use extra care when loading or unloading the machine onto a trailer or truck.

- Park trailer on a level surface.
- Use of a trailer with sides is recommended.
- Keep wheels away from drop-offs and edges.
- Back slowly and in a straight line.
- Close fuel shut-off valve, if your machine is equipped.

IMPORTANT: Avoid damage! Transporting a machine on a trailer or on a truck bed at high speeds can result in hood or engine cover raising and possibly coming off machine if not secured.

- Position machine on trailer so hood or engine cover opens from rear of trailer to prevent wind from blowing hood or cover open.
- Secure hood or engine cover with existing machine locks or latches.
- Secure hood or engine cover with tie down straps if no locks or latches exist.

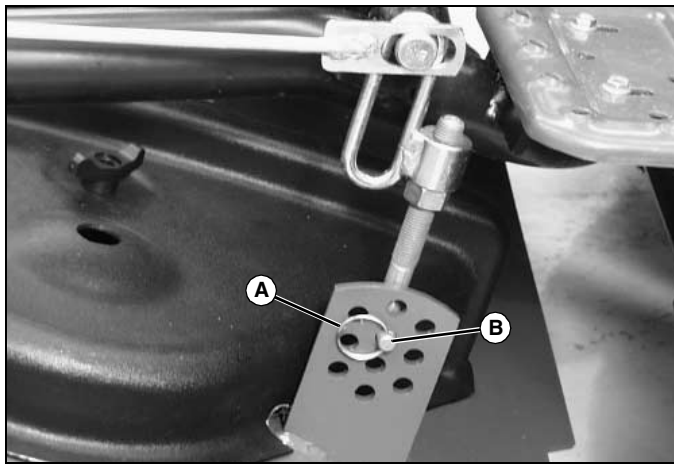
1. Raise side decks and engage transport locks.
2. Drive forward onto heavy-duty trailer with front deck raised.
3. Lower front deck down to platform of trailer.
4. Stop engine, remove key, lock park brake.
5. Close the fuel shutoff valve.
6. Fasten machine to trailer with heavy-duty straps, chains, or cables. Fasten rear straps to rear tow loop behind rear axle. Fasten front straps to tie down holes on operator's platform. Both front and rear straps must be directed down and outward from machine.
7. Check that engine cover latches are locked down.

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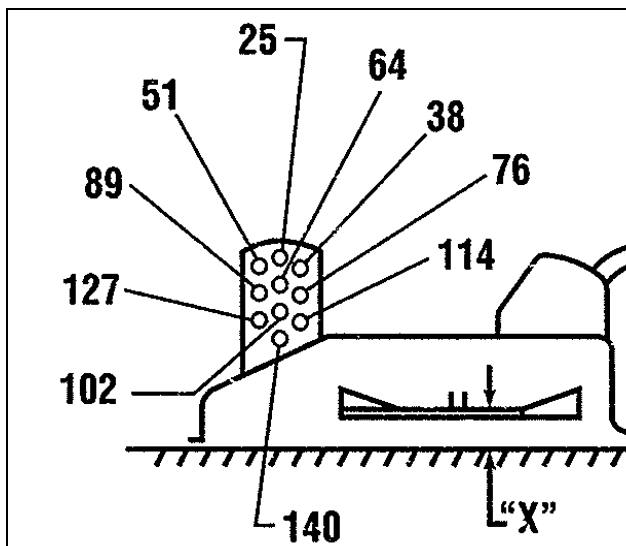
Adjusting Cutting Height

1. Stop machine on level surface, PTO off, park brake locked.
2. Raise all mower decks. Engage left and right side deck transport locks. Stop engine.
3. Check tire pressures on all machine tires, and deck caster wheels.
 - Machine front tires: 207 kPa (30 psi)
 - Machine rear tires: 193 kPa (28 psi)
 - Mower deck caster wheels: 275 kPa (40 psi)

Adjusting Front Deck Cutting Height



1. Remove retainer ring (A) from deck hanger pin (B) on left and right side of front deck.



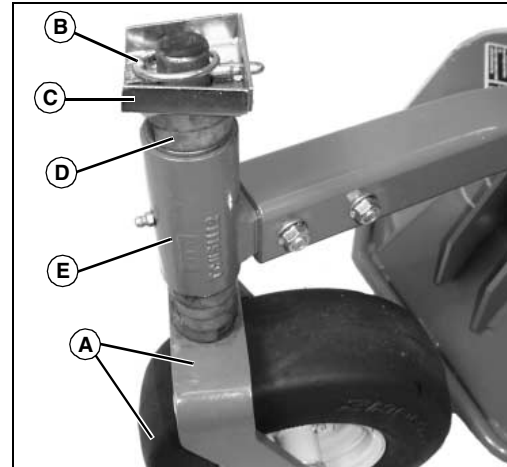
2. Using the figure above, or decal mounted on front deck, place deck hangers into holes that match desired cutting height.

3. Install retainer rings into hanger pins.
4. Adjust caster wheels on front deck to match cutting height selected on hanger.

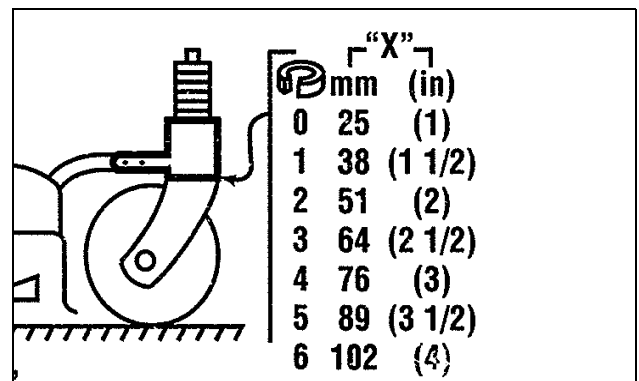
Adjusting Caster Wheels Cutting Height

NOTE: This adjustment is for all caster wheels on front and side mower decks.

1. Raise mower decks.

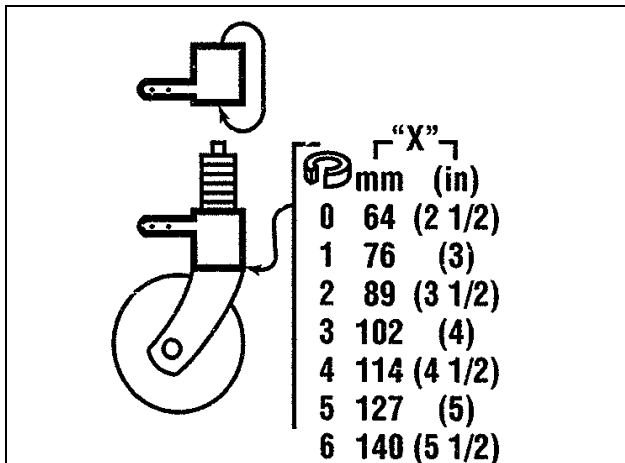


2. Support the caster wheel and bracket (A) with one hand, while removing quick-lock pin (B) and spacer guard (C).
3. Remove the spacers (D) from the top of the caster pivot shaft.
4. Lower the caster and pivot shaft out of the caster support bracket (E).



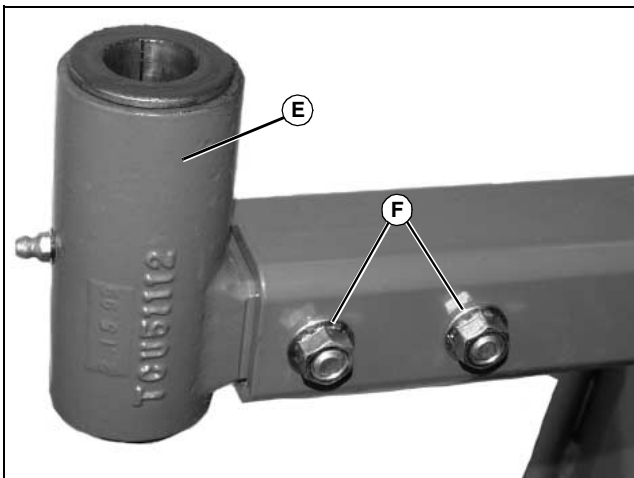
5. Use the figures above, or decal mounted on front mower deck to select the number of spacers needed to set caster wheel to desired height.

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6. Flip caster support brackets over to adjust blades to higher than 102 mm (4 in.) cutting height.



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- To flip the caster support brackets (E), remove two cap screws, nuts, and bushings (F), holding support bracket to mower deck arm. Remove bracket from arm, flip over bracket, and install back into arm.

7. Install cap screws and nuts, but do not tighten nuts at this time.

8. Install the proper number of spacers onto the bottom of the caster shaft.

9. Install the caster wheel and bracket up through the caster support bracket.

10. Install remaining spacers onto the top of the caster shaft.

NOTE: When adjusting side decks to 25 mm (1 in.) height of cut, do not install spacer guard on inside caster wheel pivot. Spacer guard may contact engine cover when side deck is raised.

11. Install the spacer guard with open end facing forward (as shown).

12. Install quick-lock pin into caster shaft and hole in spacer guard. Snap retainer loop over caster shaft.

13. If cutting height was adjusted above 102 mm (4 in.), perform the follow steps:

- a. Lower mower deck to ground.
- b. Turn caster wheels so they are trailing to the rear (as would happen during normal forward travel).
- c. Tighten caster support bracket hardware.

Checking Mower Deck Level

1. Park machine safely. (See Parking Safely in the SAFETY section.)

2. Lower all mower decks completely to ground.

3. Check tire pressures on machine tires.

- Machine front tires: 207 kPa (30 psi)
- Machine rear tires: 193 kPa (28 psi)

4. Check tire pressures on deck caster wheels (Serial No. 050001-100000).

- Mower deck caster wheels: 275 kPa (40 psi)

5. Set the mower decks at the desired cutting height.

6. Check that the front mower deck caster wheels and rear hangers are all set to the same height.



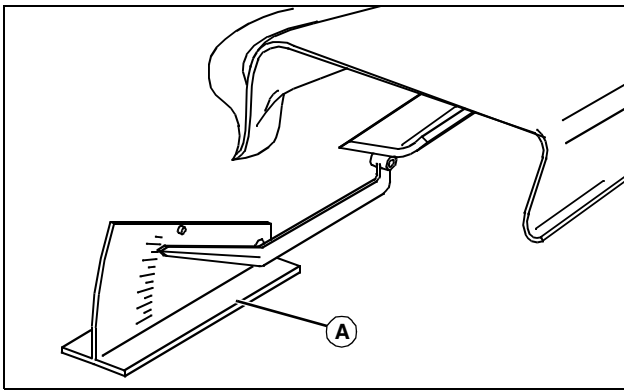
CAUTION: Avoid injury! Rotating blades are dangerous. Before adjusting or servicing mower:

- **Disconnect spark plug wire(s) or battery negative (-) cable to prevent engine from starting accidentally.**
- **Always wear gloves when handling mower blades or working near blades.**

7. Check that all caster wheels are trailing towards the rear, as they would be during normal forward travel.

8. Turn the blades until parallel to the front axle.

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Picture Note: A convenient leveling gauge (A) is available from your John Deere dealer that will slip under the lip of the deck and measure blade height.

9. Measure distance from tip of outside blade to the ground. Repeat for blade on other side of deck. Mower blades should be level on both sides of deck.

10. Turn outer mower blades to face front-to-rear.

11. Measure height of front and rear of outer blade to ground. Repeat for other side.

Results:

- The blade cutting heights should be level side-to-side.
- The rear tips of the blades should be 6 mm (0.25 in.) higher than the front blade tips.

Adjusting Mower Deck Level

1. Park machine safely. (See Parking Safely in the SAFETY section.)

2. Lower all mower decks completely to ground.

3. Check tire pressures on all machine tires, and deck caster wheels.

- Machine front tires: 207 kPa (30 psi)
- Machine rear tires: 193 kPa (28 psi)

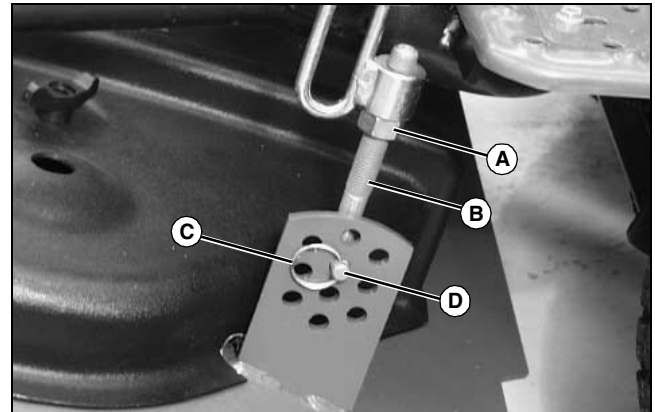
4. Check tire pressures on deck caster wheels (Serial No. 050001-100000).

- Mower deck caster wheels: 275 kPa (40 psi)

5. Set the mower decks at the desired cutting height.

6. Turn all caster wheels so they are trailing to the rear (as would happen during normal forward travel).

Adjusting Front Mower Deck Level



1. Loosen locknut (A) on deck hanger (B).
2. Remove retainer ring (C) on hanger pin (D).
3. Turn rear hanger up or down to adjust deck height until blades are level side-to-side and front-to-rear.
4. Insert hanger pin (D) back into proper height adjuster hole, and secure with retainer ring.
5. Tighten locknut (A).

NOTE: On machines with a serial number between 050001 - 100000, it may be necessary to reduce caster wheel air pressure on one side only to help level mower deck.

Adjusting Side Mower Deck Level (Serial No. 050001 - 100000)

The side mower deck level can be adjusted by lowering the air pressure in the two caster wheels on the side which is high. Do not exceed recommended air pressure in tires.

Adjusting Side Mower Deck Level (Serial No. 100001 -)

See your John Deere dealer.

Engaging Blades



CAUTION: Avoid injury! Clear mowing area of all bystanders when operating this machine. Thrown objects could cause serious injury or death.

Keep hands and feet away from blades and discharge opening.

Do not mow in reverse unless absolutely necessary.

NOTE: Operate engine at full throttle while mowing.

Operating - Mower

1. Start engine and warm up.
2. Move the speed range lever to the low speed position.
3. Unlock the park brake.
4. Lower the mower decks to ground. If the decks are already in the lowered position, toggle the deck lift lever switches to the lower position (forward), then allow them to return to the center position. This sequence must be repeated every time the engine is started.
5. Move throttle forward to full throttle position.
6. Pull up on PTO switch.
 - Blades should start.
 - If one side deck is not lowered, the blades for that deck will not start up until deck is lowered.
 - If front deck is not lowered, none of the blades will start up.
7. Raise decks to disengage blades:
 - If a side deck is raised while mowing, the blades for that deck will stop. Blades will start up again once the deck is lowered.
 - If the front deck is raised while mowing, all blades on all decks will stop. Once front deck is lowered, the PTO switch will have to be cycled on-off-on to restart blades.
 - Move the PTO switch to the off position to stop all blades.

Replacement Parts

Service Literature

If you would like a copy of the Parts Catalog or Technical Manual for this machine call:

- **U.S. & Canada:** 1-800-522-7448.
- **All Other Regions:** Your John Deere dealer.

Parts

We recommend John Deere quality parts and lubricants, available at your John Deere dealer.

Part numbers may change, use part numbers listed below when you order. If a number changes, your dealer will have the latest number.

When you order parts, your John Deere dealer needs the serial number or product identification number (PIN) for your machine or attachment. These are the numbers that you recorded in the Product Identification section of this manual.

Order Service Parts Online

Visit <http://JDParts.deere.com> for your Internet connection to parts ordering and information.

Part Numbers

ITEM	PART NUMBER
Air Cleaner Elements:	
• Primary (Large)	AP33330
• Secondary (Small)	AP33331
• Fuel Filter (Spin On)	M811031
• Water Separator Element	M811032
Oil Filters:	
• Engine	M806419
• Hydraulic	AL77061
Battery	TY25272
Belts:	
• Front Deck	TCU31159
• Left Deck	TCU14539
• Right Deck	TCU14538
• Engine Alternator / Water Pump	M801821

ITEM	PART NUMBER
Mower Deck Blades:	TCU51118
Fuses:	
• 10 Amp	51M7689
• 15 Amp	51M7690
• 20 Amp	57M7691
• 30 Amp	57M8163
Radiator Cap:	AT173610
Indicator Light Bulbs	57M7943

(Part numbers are subject to change without notice. Part Numbers may be different outside the U.S.A.)

Service Intervals

Servicing Your Machine

IMPORTANT: Avoid damage! Operating in extreme conditions may require more frequent service intervals:

- Engine components may become dirty or plugged when operating in extreme heat, dust or other severe conditions.
- Engine oil can degrade if machine is operated constantly at slow or low engine speeds or for frequent short periods of time.

Please use the following timetables to perform routine maintenance on your machine.

Service Intervals

Break-In - After First 5 Hours

- Check and tighten drive wheel hardware to specification.
- Inspect tires and check air pressure.
- Check for loose hardware.
- Check hoses for premature wear.
- Check and adjust park brake. (See the Technical Manual or your John Deere dealer.)

Break-In - After First 50 Hours:

- Change engine oil and filter.
- Change hydraulic oil filter.
- Check fuel filter sediment bowl; drain water if present.
- Inspect alternator belt and fan belt for wear and proper tension.
- Check tightness of air intake and coolant hose clamps.)

Before Each Use

- Check engine oil and coolant levels.
- Check hydraulic and transmission oil levels.
- Check brakes, speed control and neutral start switch functions.
- Clean debris from radiator fins with low pressure air.

After Each Use

- Clean air intake screens.
- Check air restriction indicator.
- Check for loose, missing, or damaged parts.
- Fill fuel tank.

Every 50 Hours or Yearly

- Check for bent or dull mower blades.
- Clean battery and check battery fluid level.
- Check and tighten drive wheel hardware to specification.
- Inspect tires and check air pressure.
- Check mechanical four wheel drive (MFWD) oil level.
- Grease caster wheels and caster arm bushings (20 places).
- Grease mower blade spindles (7 places).
- Grease side deck lift arms (2 places).
- Grease front deck lift arms (4 places).

Every 100 Hours

- Power wash mower decks with shields removed.
- Grease side mower deck lift cylinders - 4 places.
- Grease steering cylinder.
- Grease mechanical four wheel drive shaft universal joints (2 places).
- Grease hydrostatic creep adjustment eccentric (1 place).
- Grease rockshaft pivot areas (2 places).
- Grease tie rod ends (2 places).
- Grease rear axle pivot (1 place).
- Inspect mower deck drive belt condition.
- Check and adjust mower deck drive belt tension.
- Clean debris from radiator fins with low pressurized air.
- Grease pedal linkages.

Every 200 Hours

- Change engine oil and filter.
- Inspect alternator belt and fan belt for wear and proper tension.
- Check tightness of air intake and coolant hose clamps.

Every 500 Hours

- Change hydraulic oil and filter.
- Change rear axle four wheel drive oil.
- Change fuel filter, if not replaced within last year.
- Check roll-over protection system (ROPS) hardware for proper torque.
- Check brakes; adjust if needed.
- Service the rear axle pivot pin. (See the Technical Manual or your John Deere dealer.)
- Check valve clearance. (See the Technical Manual or your

Service Intervals

John Deere dealer.)

Yearly

- Change transmission oil.
- Check coolant freeze point and clarity.
- Replace fuel filter at least once per season.
- Change engine oil and filter, at least once per season.

Every 1500 Hours

- Check fuel injectors. (See the Technical Manual or your John Deere dealer.)

Every 2000 Hours or Two Years

- Check engine coolant and thermostat, if using COOL-GARD™ CONCENTRATE ANTIFREEZE (TY16036).

Every 3000 Hours or Three Years

- Change engine coolant and thermostat, if using COOL-GARD™ PREDILUTED ANTIFREEZE (TY16034).

Every 3000 Hours

- Check fuel injection pump. (See the Technical Manual or your John Deere dealer.)

As Needed

- Replace fuses, light bulbs, and battery.
- Replace radiator hoses.
- Adjust alternator belt tension; or replace belt.
- Check and adjust park brake. (See the Technical Manual or your John Deere dealer.)
- Check/tighten hardware
- Check and/or replace air cleaner elements.
- Clean rubber dust unloading valve.
- Check and drain fuel filter sediment bowl.
- Service or replace battery.

Service Intervals After Converting to BioDiesel Fuel

IMPORTANT: Avoid damage! Only use biodiesel fuel that complies with EN14214 (European Standards) or ASTM D-7467 (USA Standards) in B6 through B20 blends.

Biodiesel fuel must be used within three months of the date of production by the fuel supplier.

NOTE: The use of John Deere Biodiesel Fuel

Conditioner is recommended whenever a biodiesel blended fuel is used.

Use the service procedures below at the intervals listed for machines converted to use biodiesel B6-B20 fuel blends:

Daily

- Check and drain water separator as required.
- Check engine oil. If oil level rises, change engine oil immediately.

Engine Oil and Filter Change Interval

- Change at 50% of Service Interval listed in Operator Manuals for regular diesel fuel usage.

Fuel Filter Change Interval

- Change at 50% of Service Interval listed in Operator Manuals for regular diesel fuel usage.

Every 1000 Hours

- Clean, inspect and adjust fuel injectors.

Service Intervals After Converting to Bio Hy-Gard

Use the service procedures below at the intervals listed for machines converted to use Bio Hy-Gard:

Every 250 Hours

- Change hydraulic oil and filter.

Yearly

- Replace Bio Hy-Gard lubricant.

Service Lubrication

Grease

IMPORTANT: Avoid damage! Use recommended John Deere greases to avoid component failure and premature wear.

The recommended John Deere greases are effective within an average air temperature range of -29 to 135 degrees C (-20 to 275 degrees F).

If operating outside that temperature range, contact your Servicing dealer for a special-use grease.

The following greases are preferred:

High Speed Applications

Use John Deere Multi-Purpose SD Polyurea Grease or John Deere Multi-Purpose HD Lithium Complex Grease for the following high speed applications:

- Mower Spindles (7 places).
- Rear Axle Bearings (1 place).
- Mechanical Four Wheel Drive Shaft Universal Joints (2 places).

Other Applications

Use John Deere Multi-Purpose HD Lithium Complex Grease or John Deere Moly High Temperature EP Grease for all other applications:

- Caster Wheels (10 places).
- Caster Arm Bushings (10 places).
- Mower Deck Lift Arms (4 places).
- Rockshaft (2 places).
- Side Mower Deck Lift Cylinders (4 places).
- Hydraulic Steering Cylinder (2 places).
- Rear Tie Rod (2 places).
- Hydrostatic Creep Adjustment Eccentric (1 place).

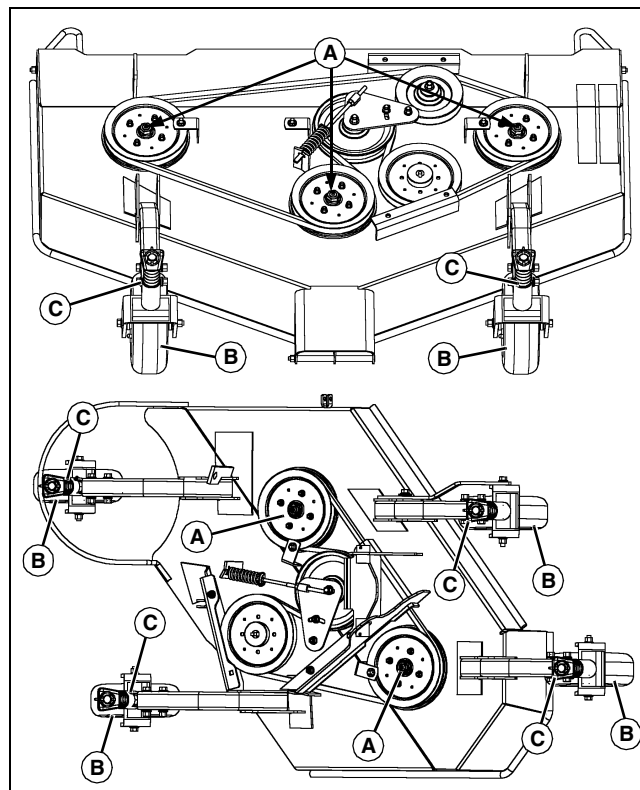
If not using any of the preferred greases, be sure to use a general purpose grease with a NLGI grade No. 2 rating. Avoid use of John Deere Moly High Temperature EP Grease on high speed applications such as mower spindles and the rear axle.

Operating in extremely wet conditions may require use of special purpose greases. See your John Deere dealer.

Wipe off all grease fittings before and after lubrication to prevent contamination.

Lubricating Mower Spindles, Caster Wheels, and Caster Wheel Yokes

1. Lower mower decks completely.
2. Park machine safely. (See Parking Safely in the SAFETY section.)



Picture Note: Front deck shown upper, side deck shown lower. Belt shields shown removed for clarity.

3. Lubricate mower deck grease fittings:

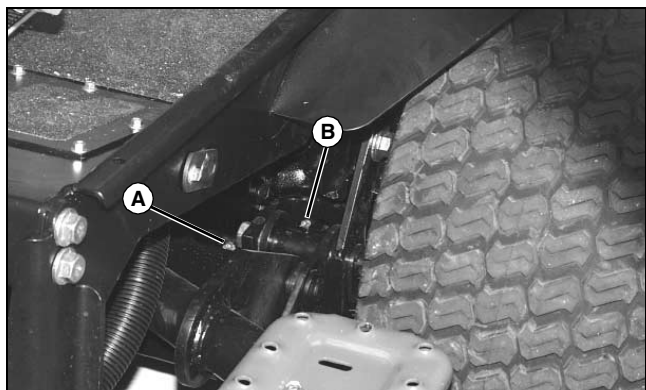
NOTE: Do not use John Deere Moly High Temperature EP Grease on mower spindles.

- Mower blade spindles (A) with John Deere Multi-Purpose SD Polyurea grease or John Deere Multi-Purpose HD Lithium Complex Grease.
- Caster wheels (B) and caster arm bushings (C) with John Deere Multi-Purpose HD Lithium Complex Grease or John Deere Moly High Temperature EP Grease.

Lubricating Mower Lift Arms, Rockshaft, and Lift Cylinders

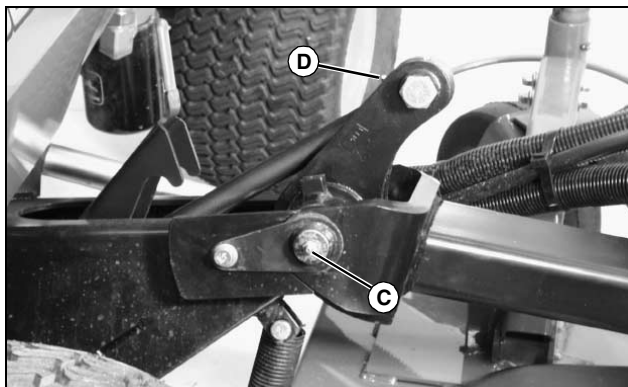
1. Lower mower decks completely.
2. Park machine safely. (See Parking Safely in the SAFETY section.)

Service Lubrication



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3. Lubricate front mower deck lift arm pivot joint (A) and rockshaft pivot joint (B) at both sides of machine with John Deere Multi-Purpose HD Lithium Complex Grease or John Deere Moly High Temperature EP Grease.



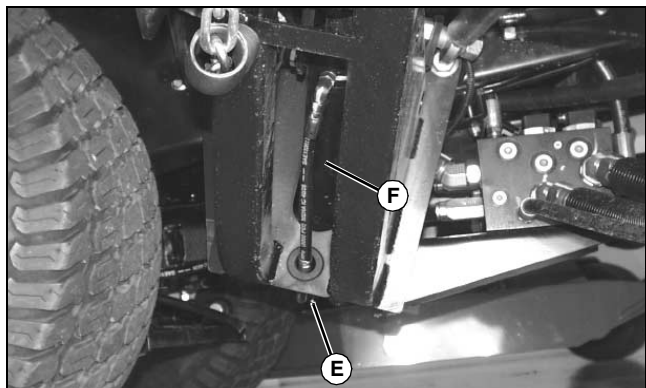
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4. Lubricate the side deck lift arm pivot joint (C) and lift cylinder pivot joint (D) at both sides of machine with John Deere Multi-Purpose HD Lithium Complex Grease or John Deere Moly High Temperature EP Grease.

5. Start machine. Raise side decks completely.

6. Engage both side deck transport locks.

7. Stop engine and remove the key.



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8. Lubricate grease fitting (E) at the base end of side deck lift cylinder (F) at both sides of machine with John Deere

Multi-Purpose HD Lithium Complex Grease or John Deere Moly High Temperature EP Grease.

Lubricating Rear Axle Pivot Pin

1. Park machine safely. (See Parking Safely in the SAFETY section.)

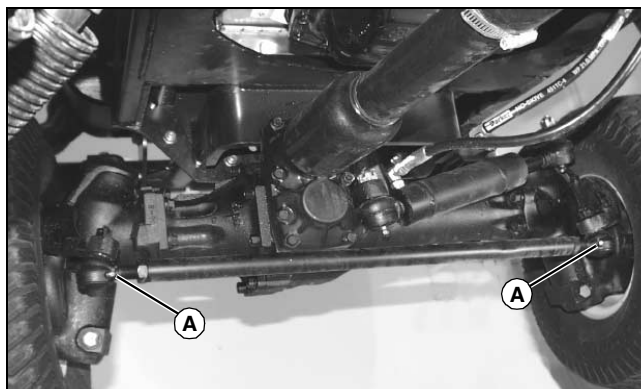


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2. Lubricate grease fitting (A) at left side of rear axle with John Deere Multi-Purpose SD Polyurea Grease or John Deere Multi-Purpose HD Lithium Complex Grease.

Lubricating Rear Tie Rod

1. Park machine safely. (See Parking Safely in the SAFETY section.)



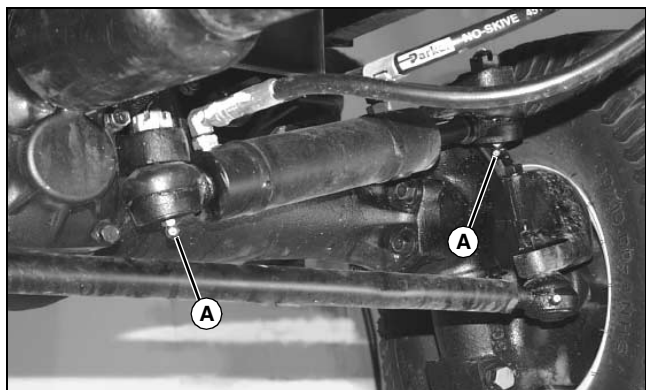
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2. Lubricate rear tie rod ends (A) with John Deere Multi-Purpose HD Lithium Complex Grease or John Deere Moly High Temperature EP Grease.

Lubricating Hydraulic Steering Cylinder

1. Park machine safely. (See Parking Safely in the SAFETY section.)

Service Lubrication



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2. Lubricate hydraulic steering cylinder ends (A) at rear of machine with John Deere Multi-Purpose HD Lithium Complex Grease or John Deere Moly High Temperature EP Grease.

Lubricating Hydrostatic Control Arm

1. Park machine safely. (See Parking Safely in the SAFETY section.)



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2. Lubricate hydrostatic creep adjustment eccentric (A) with John Deere Multi-Purpose HD Lithium Complex Grease or John Deere Moly High Temperature EP Grease.

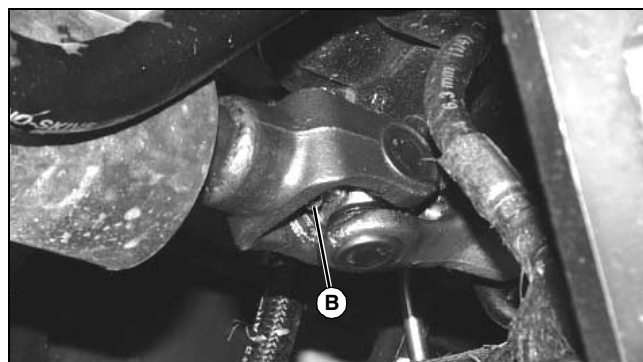
Lubricating Drive Shaft

1. Raise side mower decks completely.
2. Engage both side deck transport locks.
3. Park machine safely. (See Parking Safely in the SAFETY section.)



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4. Lubricate rear universal joint (A) with John Deere Multi-Purpose SD Polyurea Grease or John Deere Multi-Purpose HD Lithium Complex Grease.

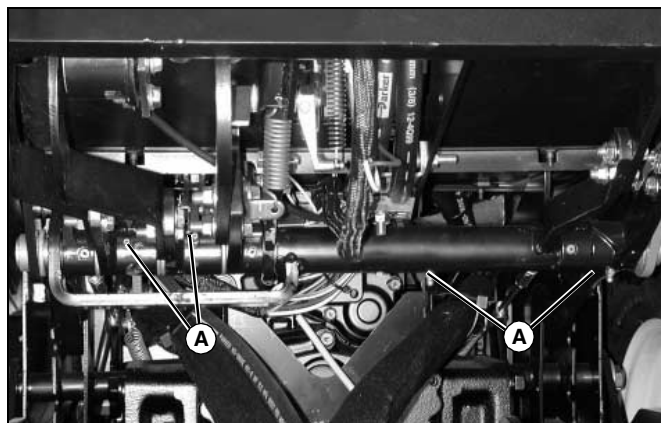


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5. Lubricate front universal joint (B) with John Deere Multi-Purpose SD Polyurea Grease or John Deere Multi-Purpose HD Lithium Complex Grease.

Lubricating Pedal Linkages

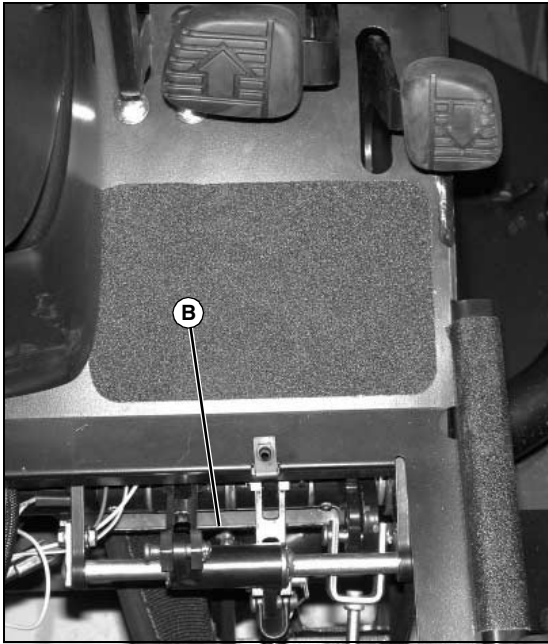
1. Park machine safely. (See Parking Safely in the SAFETY section.)



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2. Lubricate four grease fittings (A) located on brake pivot shaft located under operator's platform.

Service Lubrication



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3. Remove the service hatch on the floor of the operator's platform, and lubricate the hydrostatic pedal linkage at (B).

Service Engine

Engine Warranty Maintenance Statement

Maintenance, repair, or replacement of the emission control devices and systems on this engine, which are being done at the customer's expense, may be performed by any non-road engine repair establishment or individual. Warranty repairs must be performed by an authorized John Deere dealer.

Avoid Fumes

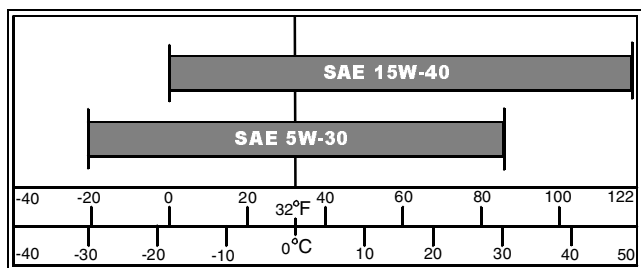


CAUTION: Avoid injury! Engine exhaust fumes contain carbon monoxide and can cause serious illness or death.

- Move the machine to an outside area before running the engine.
- Do not run an engine in an enclosed area without adequate ventilation.
- Connect a pipe extension to the engine exhaust pipe to direct the exhaust fumes out of the area.
- Allow fresh outside air into the work area to clear the exhaust fumes out.

Engine Oil

Use oil viscosity based on the expected air temperature range during the period between oil changes.



The following John Deere oils are **PREFERRED**:

- TORQ-GARD SUPREME™
- PLUS-50™

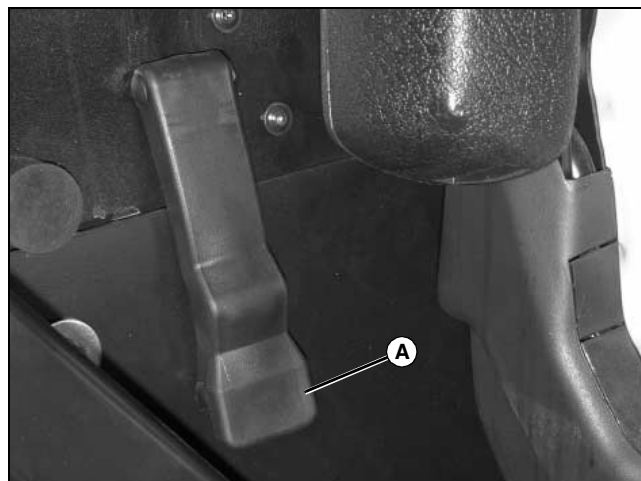
Other oils may be used if above John Deere oils are not available, provided they meet the following specifications:

- API Service Classification SH/CF or higher.

Raising and Lowering the Engine Cover

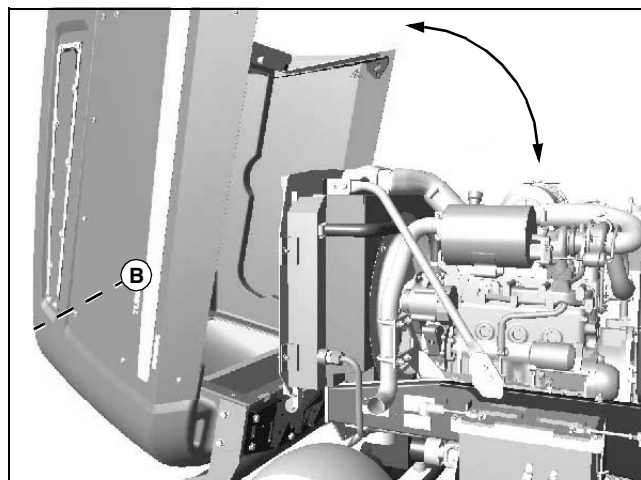
1. Park machine safely. (See Parking Safely in the SAFETY section.)

IMPORTANT: Avoid damage! Do not operate the machine with the engine cover in the raised position.



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2. Pull out on the bottom of engine cover latches (A) on left and right side of machine, behind operator's seat.
3. Unhook tops of the engine cover latches from the hooks on engine cover.



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4. Raise engine cover using handle (B). Open engine cover completely until it comes to rest.
5. Carefully lower engine cover using handle (B).
6. Hook the tops of the engine cover latches onto engine cover, and press in on bottom of latches to lock closed.

Service Engine

Raising and Lowering Seat Platform

To raise the operator's seat platform:

1. Park machine safely. (See Parking Safely in the SAFETY section.)



CAUTION: Avoid injury! Fingers and hands can be pinched or crushed. Be aware of potential pinch points and keep hands away.

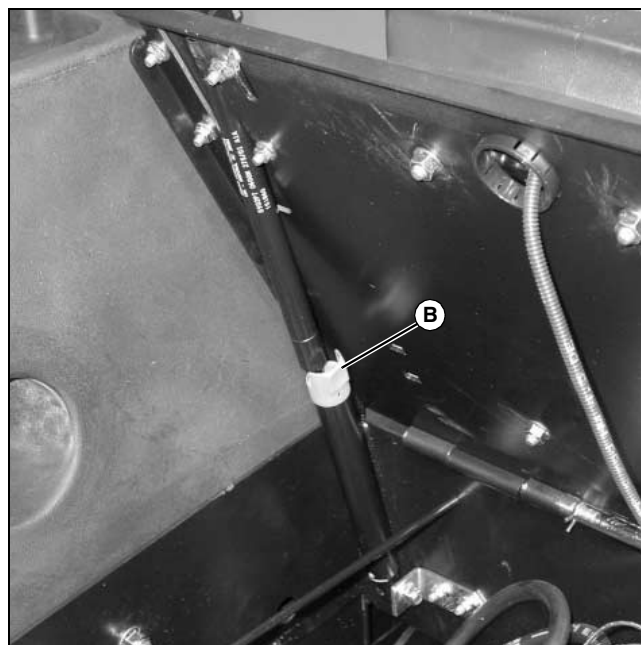
2. Stand on the operator's platform facing the operator's seat.



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3. Pull forward on the lift release knob (A), while pulling forward and upward on the backrest of the operator's seat.
4. The seat platform will latch in the raised position.

To lower the operator's seat platform:



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1. Push in on the orange lock lever (B) on the support rod.
2. Hold in the lock lever while pushing rearward on the backrest of the operator's seat.
3. Release the lock lever while continuing to lower the operator's seat platform until it latches in the fully lowered position.

Checking Engine Oil

1. Park machine safely. (See Parking Safely in the SAFETY section.)

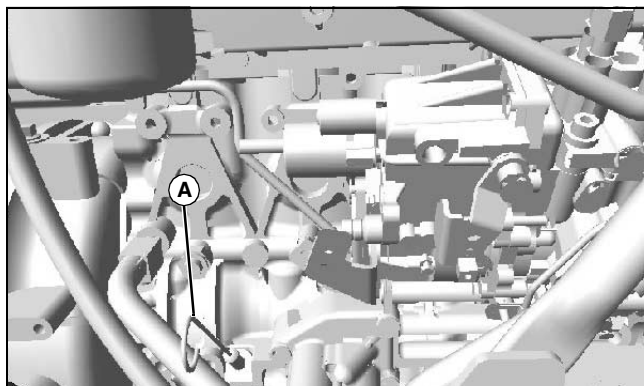
IMPORTANT: Avoid damage! Failure to check the oil level regularly could lead to serious engine problems if oil level is out of the operating range:

- Check oil level before operating.
- Check oil level when the engine is cold and not running.
- Keep oil level between the dipstick marks.
- Shut off engine before adding oil.

2. Raise engine cover.

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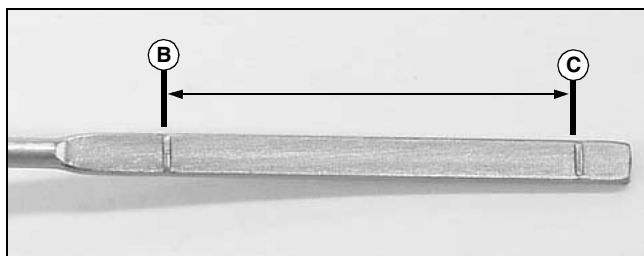
IMPORTANT: Avoid damage! Avoid dirt and other contaminants from entering the oil dipstick tube location. Clean area around dipstick before removing.



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3. Remove dipstick (A) located on the left side of the engine. Wipe dipstick with a clean cloth.

4. Install dipstick.



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5. Remove dipstick. Check oil level. Oil should be between levels (B) and (C) on the dipstick.

- If oil is low, add oil to bring oil level no higher than level (B) on the dipstick.
- If oil is above level (B) on the dipstick, drain to proper level.

6. Install dipstick.

7. Lower engine cover.

Changing Engine Oil and Filter

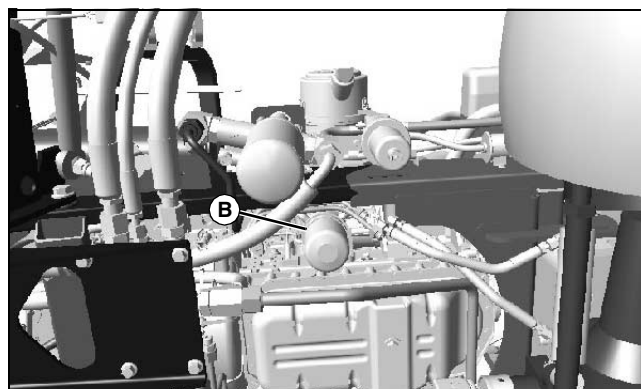
1. Run engine to warm oil.
2. Park machine safely. (See Parking Safely in the SAFETY section.)
3. Raise engine cover.
4. Place a drain pan under the oil drain location.

IMPORTANT: Avoid damage! Dirt and debris in oil may cause damage to the engine. Clean area around opening before removing plug or dipstick.



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5. Remove drain plug (A) located under the engine.



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6. Remove oil filter (B) located under the left side of the engine. Turn filter counterclockwise to remove.

7. Clean filter mounting surface on engine with a clean cloth.

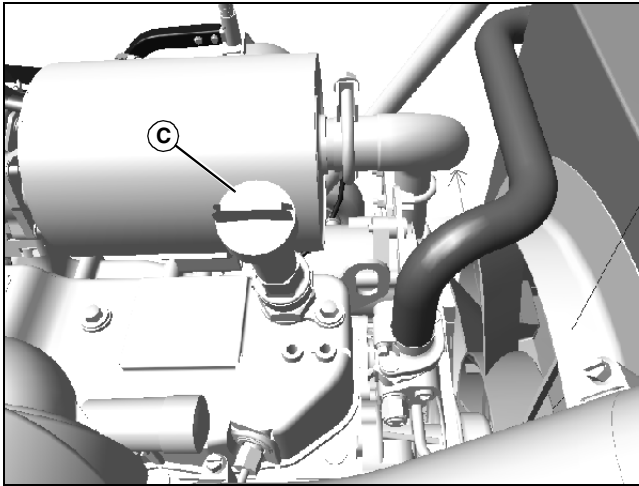
8. Apply a film of clean engine oil on gasket of new filter.

9. Install new filter.

- Turn filter clockwise until filter makes contact with the mounting surface. Tighten 1/2 - 3/4 turn after gasket contact.

10. Install oil drain plug. Do not overtighten.

Service Engine



MX22710

11. Remove oil fill cap (C) on top of engine.

IMPORTANT: Avoid damage! Do not overfill crankcase with oil. Oil capacities given are with engine and crankcase completely dry. Some oil will remain in engine after draining.

12. Add approximately 7.4 L (7.8 qt) of oil.

13. Install oil fill cap.

14. Start engine.

- Run engine at a slow throttle speed for approximately two minutes.
- Check area under engine for oil leaks.

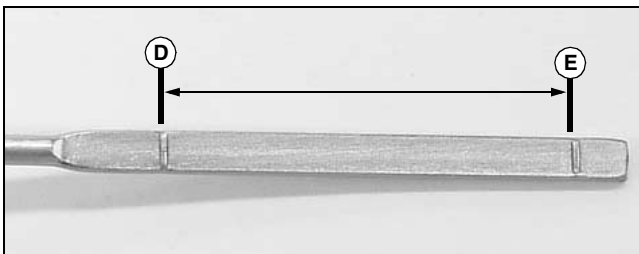
15. Stop engine.

16. After approximately two minutes check engine oil level.

IMPORTANT: Avoid damage! Avoid dirt and other contaminants from entering the oil dipstick tube location. Clean area around dipstick before removing.

17. Remove dipstick. Wipe with a clean cloth.

18. Install dipstick.



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19. Remove dipstick. Check oil level. Oil should be between levels (D) and (E) on the dipstick.

- If oil is low, add oil to bring oil level no higher than

level (D) on the dipstick.

- If oil is above level (D) on the dipstick, drain to proper level.

20. Install dipstick.

21. Lower engine cover.

Cleaning Hood Screens



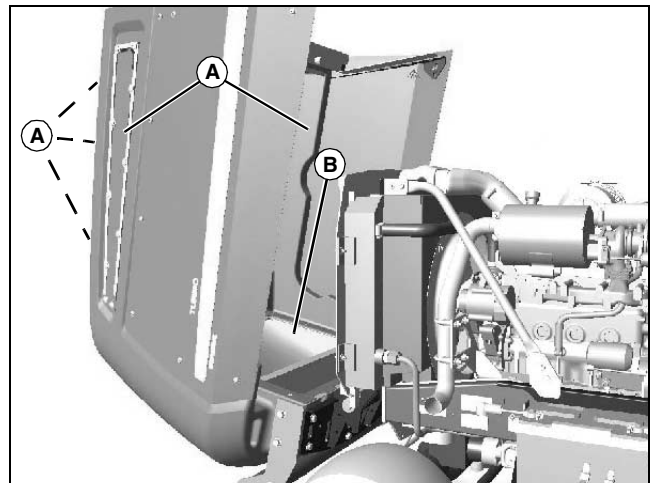
CAUTION: Avoid injury! Compressed air can cause debris to fly a long distance.

- Clear work area of bystanders.
- Wear eye protection when using compressed air for cleaning purposes.
- Reduce compressed air pressure to 210 kPa (30 psi).

IMPORTANT: Avoid damage! An obstructed air intake screen can cause engine damage due to overheating. Keep air intake screen and other external surfaces of the engine, including cooling fins, clean at all times to allow adequate air intake.

1. Park machine safely. (See Parking Safely in the SAFETY section.)

2. Raise engine cover.



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3. Clean all five hood screens (A) with a brush, compressed air, or water.

4. Check for debris inside engine cover at (B).

5. Close engine cover and latch.

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Cleaning Oil Cooler and Radiator

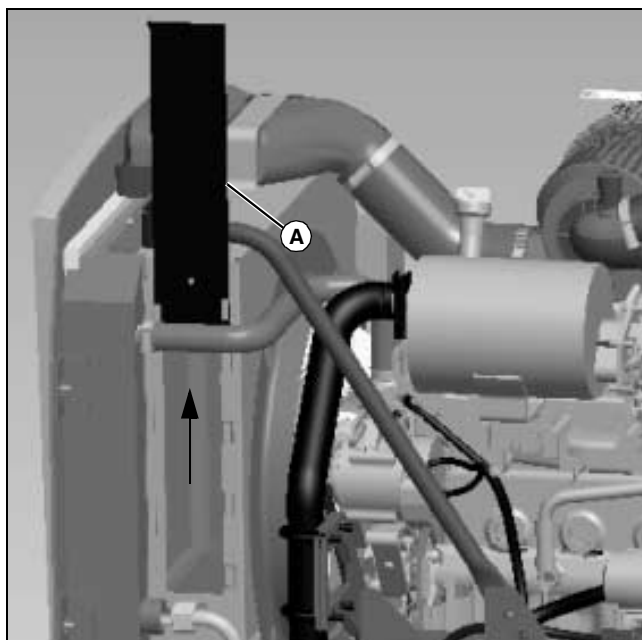


CAUTION: Avoid injury! Compressed air can cause debris to fly a long distance.

- Clear work area of bystanders.
- Wear eye protection when using compressed air for cleaning purposes.
- Reduce compressed air pressure to 210 kPa (30 psi).

IMPORTANT: Avoid damage! Oil cooler coils and radiator cooling fins must be clean to prevent the engine from overheating and to allow adequate air intake.

1. Park machine safely. (See Parking Safely in the SAFETY section.)
2. Allow engine to cool.
3. Open engine cover.

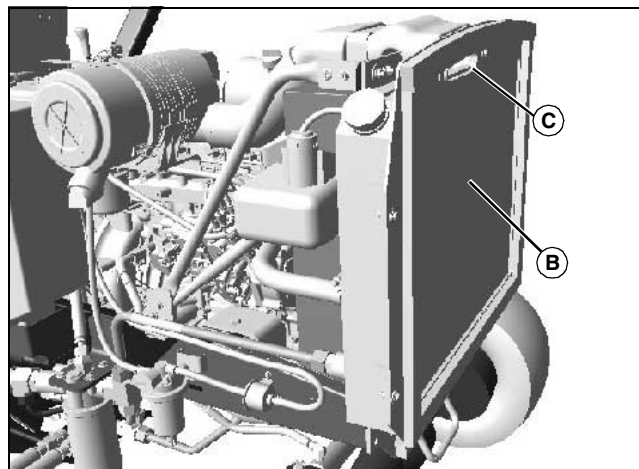


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Picture Note: Machines SN 100001 -)

4. Machines with serial number 100001 and above, raise radiator shroud cleanout cover (A).

IMPORTANT: Avoid damage! When cleaning the oil cooler and radiator fins do not allow water and debris to enter air cleaner intake hose. Keep compressed air nozzle at least 150 mm (6 in.) away from fins while cleaning.



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5. Remove dirt and debris from oil cooler and radiator (B) by directing a stream of compressed air or water from the front side of radiator to the rear, being certain not to allow water or debris to enter air cleaner intake hose (C).
6. Check oil cooler coils and radiator fins for damage.
7. Lower radiator shroud cleanout cover.
8. Lower engine cover.

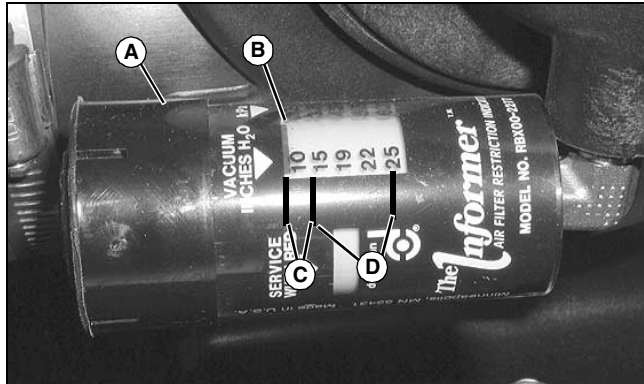
Checking Air Restriction Indicator

Air Restriction Indicator (SN 090001 - 100000)

1. Park machine safely. (See Parking Safely in the SAFETY section.)
2. Raise engine cover.

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NOTE: Indicator will not function correctly if plastic indicator housing is damaged.



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Picture Note: SN 090001 - 100000)

3. Check air restriction indicator (A).

- When the line (B) on the yellow plunger inside the indicator is within range (C), no air cleaner service is required.
- When line on the yellow plunger inside the indicator is within range (D), air cleaner needs replacement.

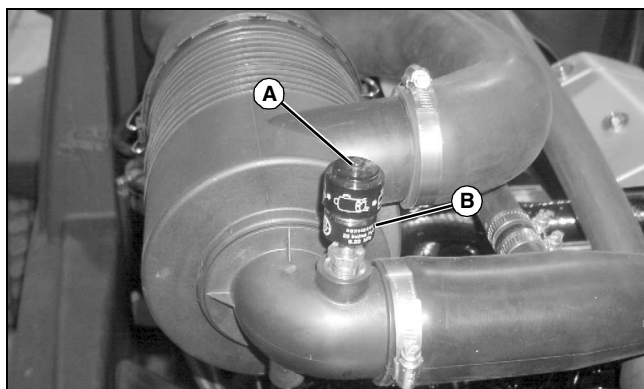
4. Lower engine cover.

Air Restriction Indicator (SN 100001 -)

1. Park machine safely. (See Parking Safely in the SAFETY Section.)

2. Raise engine cover.

NOTE: Indicator will not signal correctly if indicator case is cracked or broken.



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Picture Note: (SN 100001 -)

3. Push reset button (A) on end of indicator.

4. Start engine. Run at full throttle.

5. Check air restriction indicator.

6. Change primary element only when red plunger is visible in window (B).

Changing Air Cleaner Elements

IMPORTANT: Avoid damage! Do not disturb filter unless air filter restriction indicator shows red plunger in window.

Air Cleaner Elements (SN 090001 - 100000)

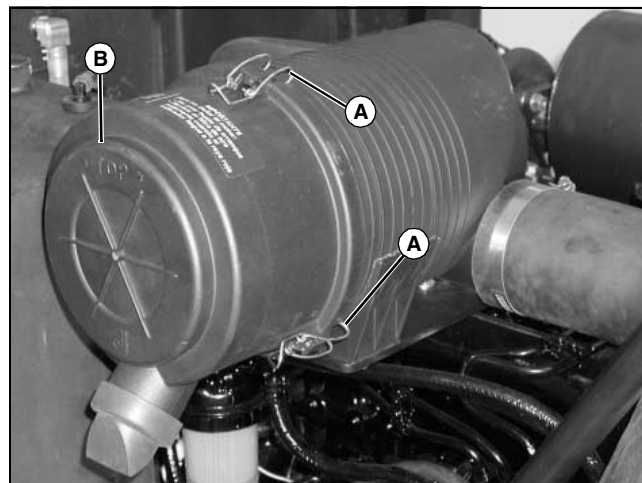
IMPORTANT: Avoid damage! Dirt and debris can enter engine when air cleaner canister is opened. Do not open canister unless required for scheduled service. This will keep contamination of the intake system to a minimum.

Check filter element more frequently if operating in dusty conditions.

1. Park machine safely. (See Parking Safely in the SAFETY section.)

2. Allow engine to cool.

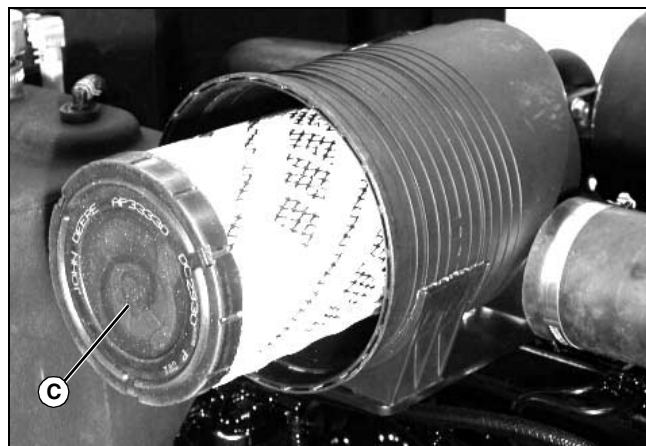
3. Raise engine cover.



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4. Release the three latches (A) (one not shown) and remove air cleaner canister cover (B).

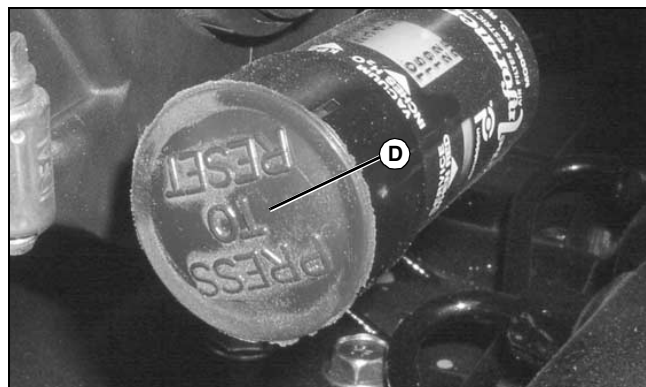
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5. Remove and discard primary element (C). Replace with a new primary filter element.

6. Install air cleaner canister cover with rubber dust unloading valve pointing downward. (Check direction molded into canister cover for proper installation.)



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7. Push reset button (D) on the air restriction indicator.

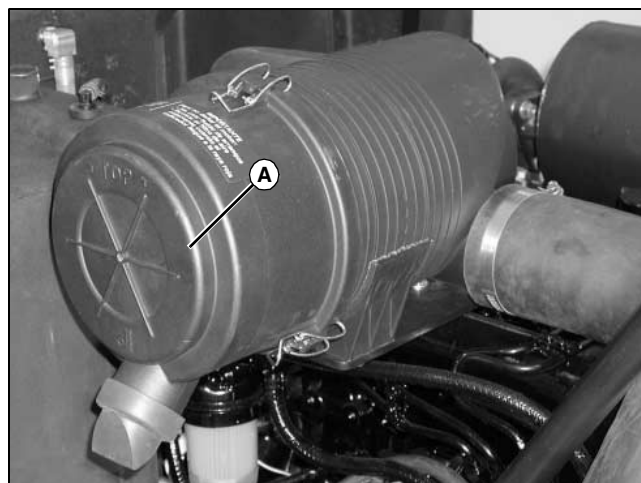
8. Start engine. Allow engine to run approximately one minute at maximum throttle speed. Return to idle speed and run for another minute.

9. Stop engine.

10. Check air restriction indicator.

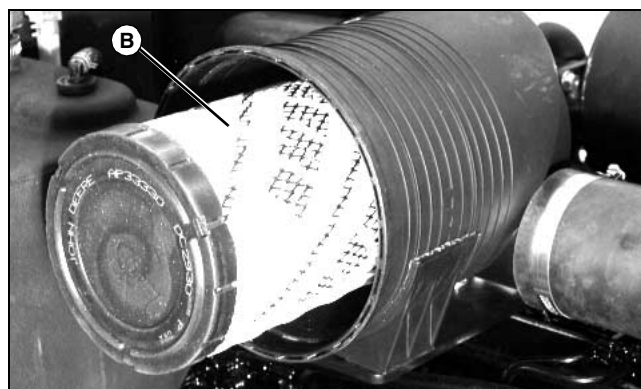
- If yellow plunger inside the indicator is visible inside the red zone, replace secondary air filter element.

Air Cleaner Elements (SN 100001 -)



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1. Stop engine. Remove cover (A).



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2. Remove and discard primary element (B).

3. Install new element into housing.

4. Install cover, and reset air cleaner restriction indicator.

5. Start engine. Check air restriction indicator. If indicator shows red plunger in window, change secondary element.

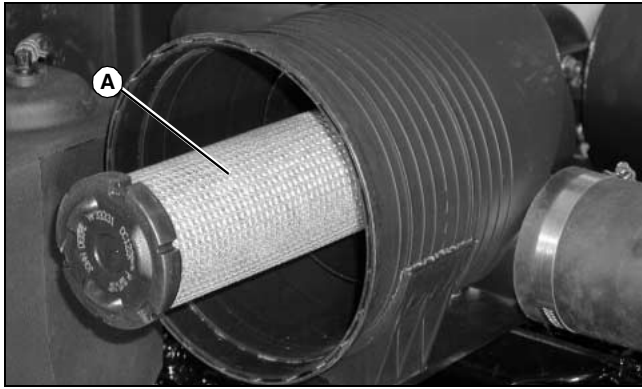
6. If indicator still shows red plunger after resetting and running engine, check for blockage in air cleaner housing or in hose from radiator bulkhead to air cleaner.

Changing Secondary Element

NOTE: Check air restriction indicator. If indicator shows red plunger in window, change secondary element.

1. Remove cover and primary element.

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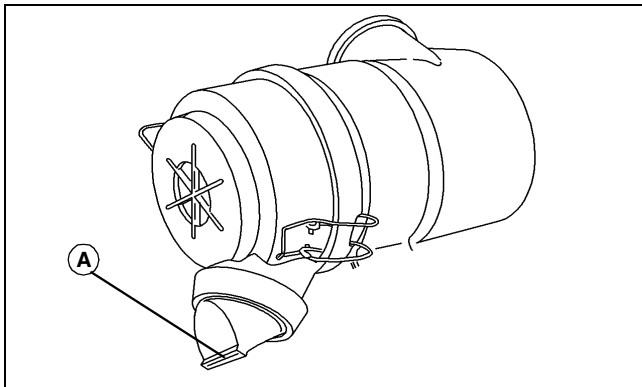
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2. Remove and discard element (A).
3. Install new element.
4. Install primary element and cover.

Cleaning Dust Unloading Valve

IMPORTANT: Avoid damage! Do not operate engine without air cleaner element and rubber dust unloading valve installed.

1. Park the vehicle safely. (See Parking Safely in the SAFETY section.)
2. Allow engine to cool.
3. Access the engine compartment.



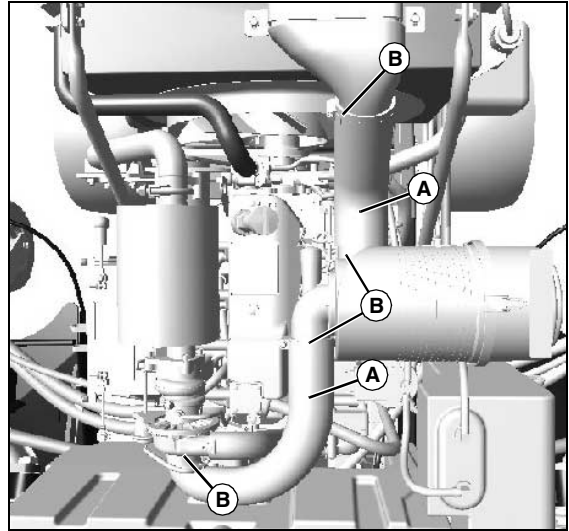
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4. Squeeze dust unloading valve (A) to clean. Remove and replace if damaged.

Checking Radiator Hoses, Air Intake Hoses and Clamps

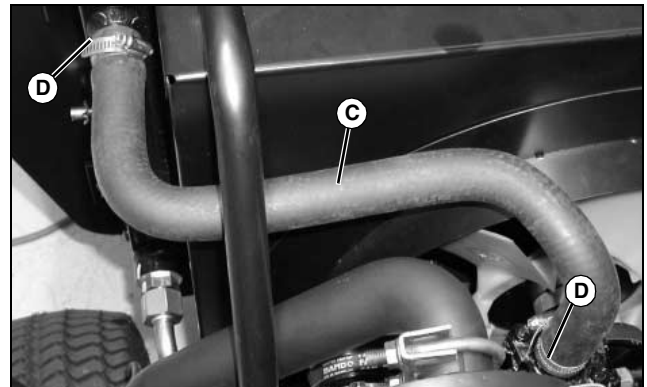
1. Park machine safely. (See Parking Safely in the SAFETY section.)
2. Allow engine to cool.

3. Raise engine cover.



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4. Check air intake hoses (A).
 - Tighten hose clamps (B).
 - Check hoses for cracks or damage. Replace if necessary.

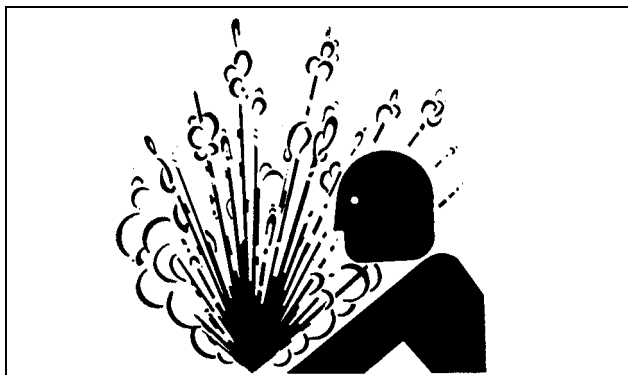


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5. Check upper radiator hose (C) and lower radiator hose (Not Shown).
 - Tighten hose clamps (D).
 - Check hoses for cracks or damage. Replace if necessary.
6. Lower engine cover.

Service Engine

Service Cooling System Safely



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CAUTION: Avoid injury! The radiator will be hot and can burn skin. Built-up pressure may cause explosive release of coolant when the radiator cap is removed:

- Shut off the engine and allow to cool.
- Do not remove the cap unless the radiator and the engine are cool enough to touch with bare hands.
- Slowly loosen the cap to the first stop to release all pressure. Then remove the cap.

Recommended Engine Coolant

IMPORTANT: Avoid damage! Using incorrect coolant mixture can cause overheating and damage to the radiator and engine:

- Do not operate engine with plain water.
- Do not exceed a 50% mixture of coolant and water.
- Aluminum engine blocks and radiators require approved ethylene-glycol based coolant.

The engine cooling system is filled to provide year-round protection against corrosion and cylinder liner pitting, and winter freeze protection to -37 degrees C (-34 degrees F). If protection at lower temperatures is required, consult your John Deere dealer for recommendations.

The following coolants are preferred:

- John Deere COOL-GARD™ II Premix
- John Deere COOL-GARD™ Premix
- John Deere COOL-GARD™ PG Premix

John Deere COOL-GARD™ II Premix and John Deere COOL-GARD™ Premix are available in a concentration of 50% propylene glycol.

John Deere COOL-GARD™ PG Premix is available in a concentration of 55% propylene glycol.

Additional recommended coolants:

- John Deere COOL-GARD™ II Concentrate in a 40% to 60% mixture of concentrate with water.
- John Deere COOL-GARD™ Concentrate in a 40% to 60% mixture of concentrate with water.

If the recommended coolants are unavailable, use an ethylene glycol or propylene glycol base coolant that meets the following specification:

- ASTM D3306 prediluted (50%) coolant.
- ASTM D3306 coolant concentrate in a 40% to 60% mixture of concentrate with water.

Check container label before using to be sure it has the appropriate specifications for your machine. Use coolant with conditioner or add conditioner to coolant before using.

Water Quality

• Water quality is important to the performance of the cooling system. Distilled, deionized, or demineralized water is recommended with ethylene glycol base engine coolant concentrate.

Checking Coolant Level

IMPORTANT: Avoid damage! Using incorrect coolant mixture can damage the radiator:

- Do not operate engine without coolant or with plain water.
- Use antifreeze approved for use in aluminum engines.
- Do not exceed a 50% antifreeze mixture for the coolant.
- Do not pour coolant or water into radiator when engine is hot.
- Do not add Stop Leak or other additives.

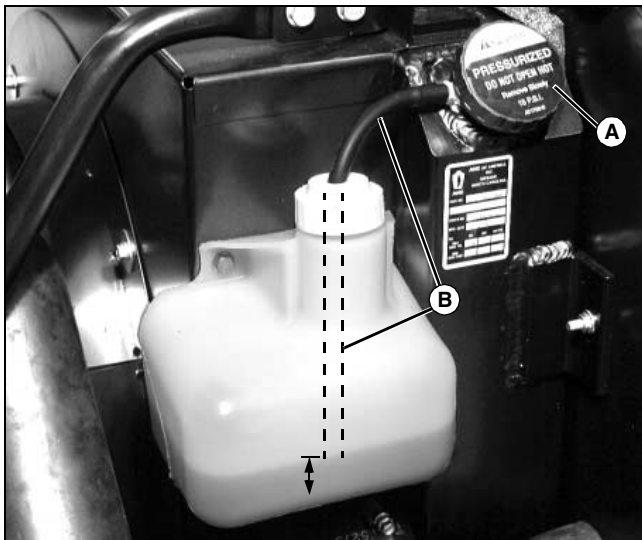
1. Park machine safely. (See Parking Safely in the SAFETY section.)

2. Allow engine to cool. Raise engine cover.

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Servicing the Cooling System

Draining Cooling System



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3. Remove radiator cap (A) and check coolant level is up to filler neck.

4. If coolant is low, add specified ratio of antifreeze and water.

5. Install radiator cap.

NOTE: Coolant recovery tank is used to catch overflow from radiator, and will be about half full during full power operation. Coolant will flow back into radiator as system cools.

6. Check coolant recovery tank. Make sure the overflow hose (B) is not touching the bottom of the recovery tank.

7. Coolant recovery tank should be half full at engine operating temperature.

8. If necessary, clean debris from the engine cover screen, oil cooler coils and radiator cooling fins.

9. Check condition of hoses and clamps. Check for leaks or loose connections.



CAUTION: Avoid injury! Do not remove the radiator cap unless the engine is cool. Slowly loosen cap to the first stop. Release all pressure before removing cap. When the engine is hot, the explosive release of fluids from the pressurized cooling system could cause serious burns.

Antifreeze is hazardous to the environment. Dispose of antifreeze in a proper container

IMPORTANT: Avoid damage!

- Do not operate engine without coolant.
- Do not pour coolant into the radiator when the engine is hot.

1. Park machine safely. (See Parking Safely in the SAFETY section.)

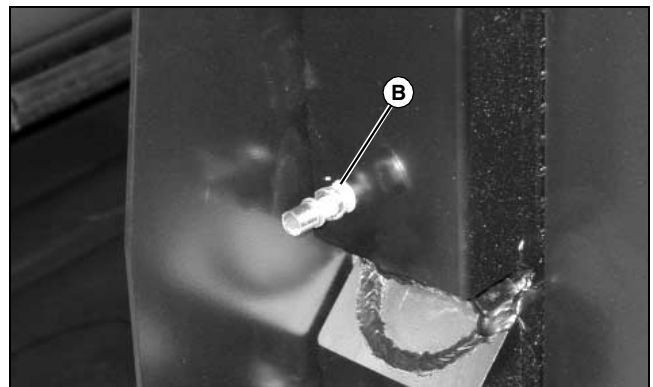
2. Allow engine to cool.

3. Raise engine cover.



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4. Slowly open radiator cap (A) to the first stop to release all pressure.



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5. Open petcock (B) located on the right side of the radiator. Drain coolant into a pan.

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6. Close petcock after all coolant has drained from the radiator.

7. Flush the cooling system.

Flushing Cooling System

IMPORTANT: Avoid damage!

- Do not flush the cooling system when the engine is hot.
- Do not operate engine without coolant.

1. Drain cooling system and add John Deere Cooling System Cleaner, or John Deere Cooling System Quick Flush or equivalent. Fill system with clean water. Follow directions on can.

2. Install and tighten radiator cap.

3. Start and run engine until it reaches operating temperature.

4. Stop engine.



CAUTION: Avoid injury! Touching hot surfaces can burn skin. The engine, components, and fluids will be hot if the engine has been running. Allow the engine to cool before servicing or working near the engine and components.

5. Open radiator petcock.

- Drain cooling system immediately before rust and dirt settle.

6. Close radiator petcock.

7. Fill cooling system with clean water and repeat flushing until system is clean.

8. Drain system and fill with coolant.

Filling Cooling System

IMPORTANT: Avoid damage! Using incorrect coolant mixture can damage the radiator:

- Do not operate engine without coolant or with plain water.
- Use antifreeze approved for use in aluminum engines.
- Do not exceed a 50% antifreeze mixture for the coolant.
- Do not pour coolant or water into radiator when engine is hot.
- Do not add Stop Leak or other additives.

1. With engine and cooling system cool, open radiator cap

to the first stop to release all pressure. Press down on cap slightly and turn counterclockwise to remove.

NOTE: Cooling system capacity is 7.5 L (8 qt).

2. Fill cooling system.

- Certain geographical areas may require lower temperature protection. See the label on your antifreeze container or consult your John Deere dealer to obtain the latest information and recommendations.
- John Deere Cooling System Sealer or its equivalent may be added to the radiator to seal leaks. Do not use any other additives in the cooling system.

3. Start engine and watch coolant level in radiator. Add coolant if necessary to bring coolant level up to filler neck.

4. Install and tighten radiator cap. Run engine until at operating temperature.

5. Stop engine and allow to cool down.

6. Add coolant if necessary.

7. Check condition of hoses and clamps. Check for leaks or loose connections.

Servicing Fuel Water Separator Sediment Bowl



CAUTION: Avoid injury! Fuel vapors are explosive and flammable:

- Shut engine off and allow to cool before filling fuel tank.
- Do not smoke while handling fuel.
- Keep fuel away from flames or sparks.
- Fill fuel tank outdoors or in well ventilated area.
- Clean up spilled fuel immediately.
- Use clean approved non-metal container to prevent static electric discharge.
- Use clean approved plastic funnel without screen or filter to prevent static electric discharge.
- Loosen fuel cap slowly to release pressure and to keep fuel from escaping around the cap.

Checking

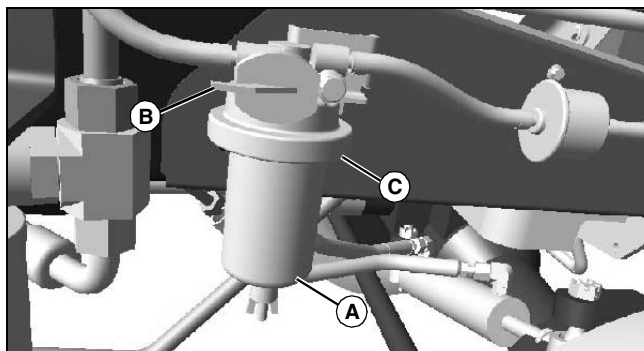
1. Park machine safely. (See Parking Safely in the SAFETY section.)

2. Allow engine to cool.

3. Raise engine cover.

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4. Locate the fuel filter sediment bowl on the left side of the engine.



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5. Look for water and deposits in the sediment bowl (A).

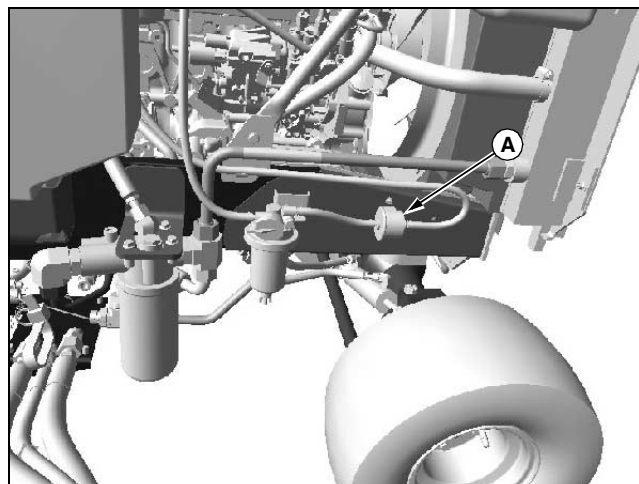
Cleaning and Replacing

1. Close fuel shut-off valve (B) by turning to the horizontal position as shown.
2. Turn collar (C) to remove bowl and filter. Discard filter.
3. Clean bowl and install new filter.
4. Install bowl and collar. Tighten collar hand tight.
5. Open fuel shut-off valve by turning lever to vertical position.
6. Prime fuel system.
7. Start engine and check for leaks.

Priming Diesel Fuel System

NOTE: It may be necessary to prime the fuel system after running out of fuel or changing the fuel filter.

1. Make sure the machine is on a level surface, not a slope.
2. Turn off PTO switch.
3. Lower attachments to the ground.
4. Lock the park brake.



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5. Turn key switch to RUN position for 2 minutes prior to starting engine. The fuel pump (A) will pressurize the fuel and remove any air in the system
6. Start engine. If engine will not start, repeat previous step.

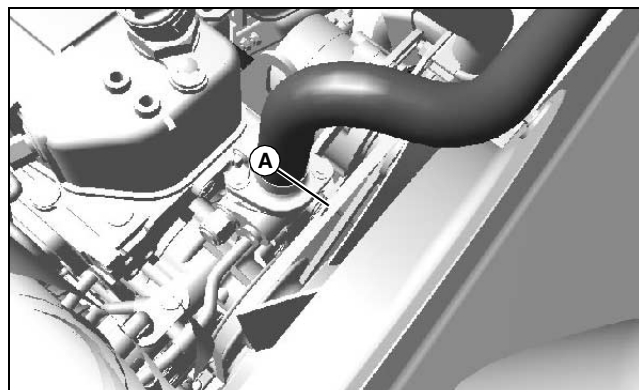
Checking and Adjusting Alternator Belt



CAUTION: Avoid injury! Rotating parts can catch fingers, loose clothing, or long hair. Wait for engine and all moving parts to stop before leaving operator's station to adjust or service machine.

Check Belt Tension

1. Park machine safely. (See Parking Safely in the SAFETY section.)
2. Allow engine to cool.
3. Raise engine cover.



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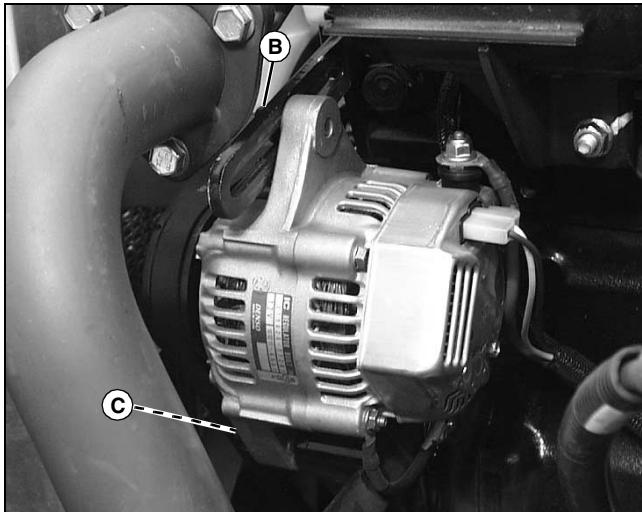
4. Check alternator belt (A).
 - Inspect belt for excessive wear, damage or stretching

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while in position on the fan, alternator and flywheel sheaves.

- Apply thumb pressure to the belt approximately halfway between the sheaves. Belt should deflect inward approximately 10 - 15 mm (3/8 - 1/2 in.).

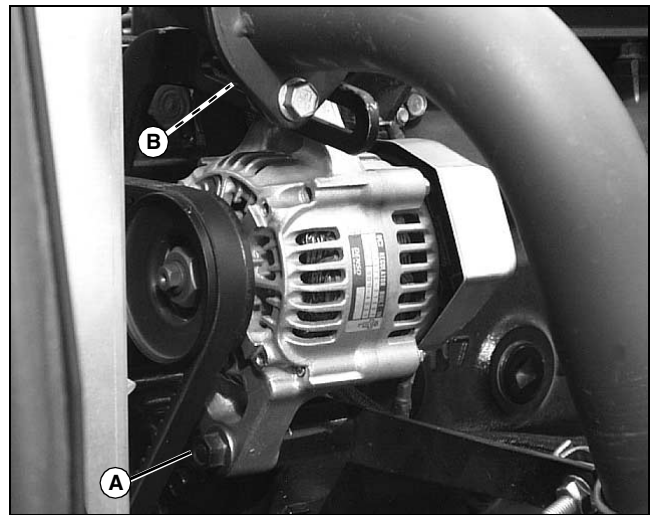
Adjusting Belt Tension



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Picture Note: Alternator located on right side of engine.

1. Loosen adjustment bolt (B).
2. Loosen alternator mounting bolt (C).
3. Apply outward pressure to the alternator housing.
4. Tighten adjustment bolt (B) and mounting bolt (C).
5. Check belt tension:
 - Apply thumb pressure to the belt approximately halfway between the sheaves. Belt should deflect inward approximately 9.5 mm (3/8 in.).
6. Lower engine cover.



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Picture Note: Alternator located on right side of engine.

4. Loosen alternator mounting bolt (A).
5. Loosen and remove adjustment bolt (B).
6. Apply inward pressure to the alternator housing.
7. Remove worn belt from the alternator sheave and both engine sheaves.

NOTE: It may be necessary to loosen nuts holding radiator fan shroud to radiator, and to raise or lower shroud until enough clearance can be gained to pull belt between fan blades and shroud.

8. Install new belt over fan blades and engine sheaves, and over alternator pulley.
9. Adjust belt so it deflects approximate 11 mm (.5 inch) when pushed on between water pump and alternator pulleys with finger.

Replacing Alternator Belt

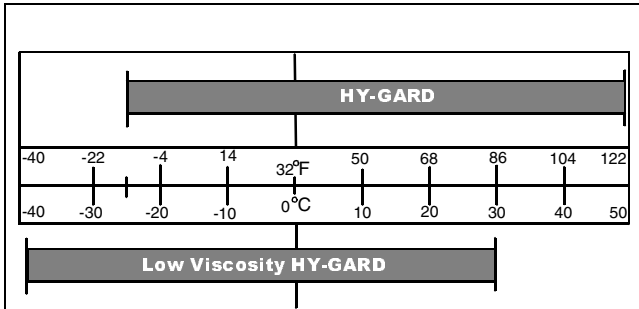


CAUTION: Avoid injury! Rotating parts can catch fingers, loose clothing, or long hair. Wait for engine and all moving parts to stop before leaving operator's station to adjust or service machine.

1. Park machine safely. (See Parking Safely in the SAFELY section.)
2. Allow engine to cool.
3. Raise engine cover.

Service Transmission

Transmission and Hydraulic Oil



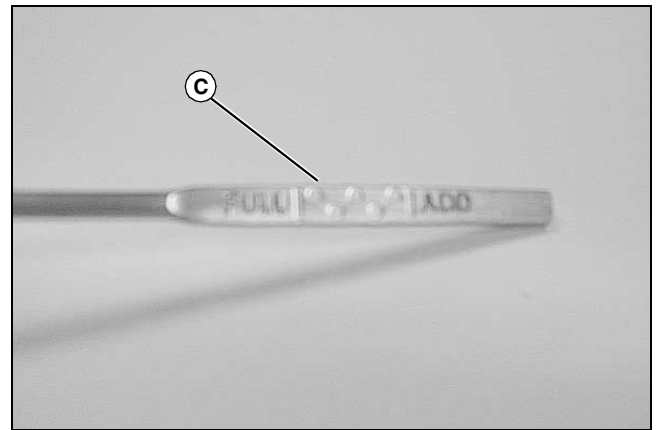
NOTE: Transaxle is filled with John Deere HY-GARD® (J20C) transmission oil at the factory. **DO NOT** mix oils.

Use only HY-GARD® (J20C) transmission oil.

Do not use type "F" automatic transmission fluid.

John Deere HY-GARD® (J20C) transmission oil is specially formulated to provide maximum protection against mechanical wear, corrosion, and foaming.

IMPORTANT: Avoid damage! If operating temperatures are below -18°C (0°F), you must use Low Viscosity HY-GARD® (J20D) or transmission damage will occur.



4. Check the oil level on the dipstick indicator (C). Oil level should be between the FULL and ADD marks on the indicator when machine is cold.

5. Install reservoir cap and close engine cover.

Checking the Transmission Oil Level

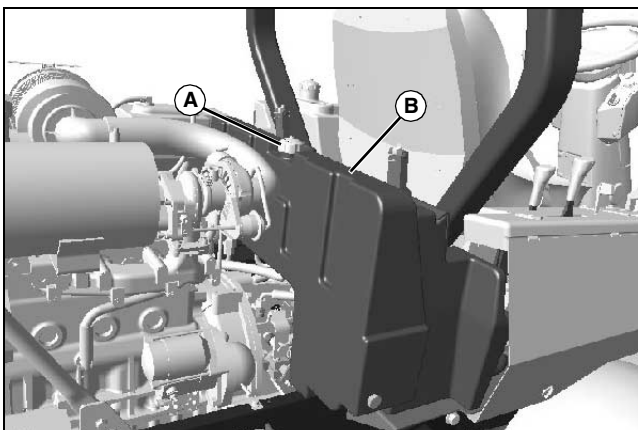
1. Park machine safely. (See Parking Safely in the SAFETY section.)

Checking the Hydraulic Oil Level

Check the oil level before you start the engine.

1. Park machine safely. (See Parking Safely in the SAFETY section.)

2. Open the engine cover.



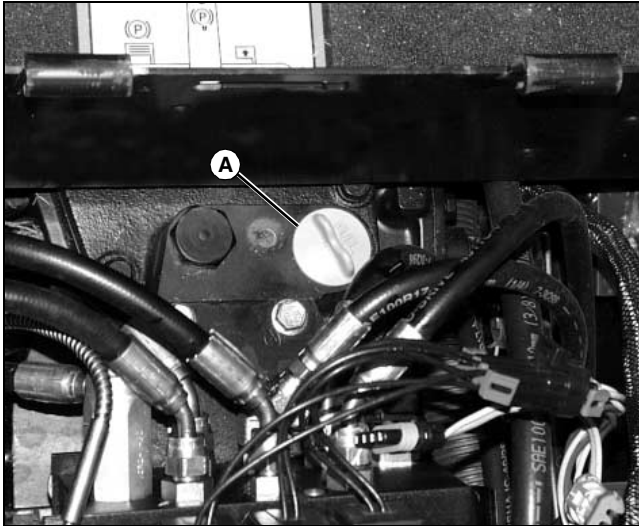
3. Remove oil fill cap (A) on hydraulic reservoir (B).

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IMPORTANT: Avoid damage! Hot hydraulic oil will expand and show incorrect oil level. Check reservoir tank:

- When oil is cold.
- Engine not running.

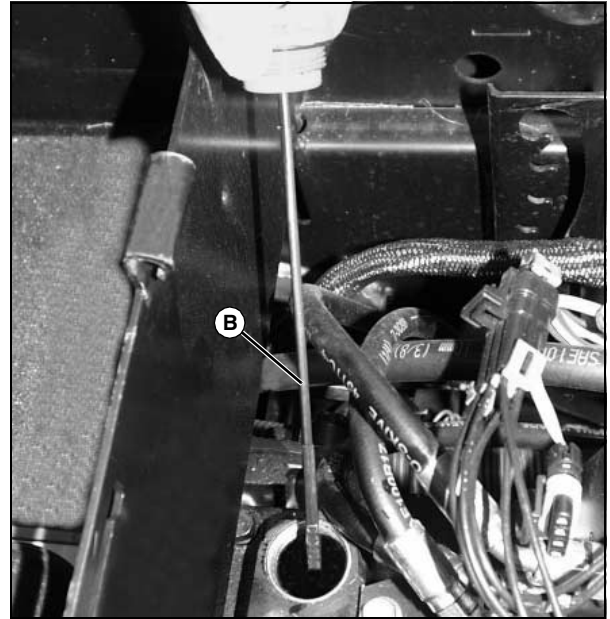
NOTE: The hydrostatic transmission oil is separate from the hydraulic system oil and has an oil filler cap/dipstick located under the operator's seat platform.



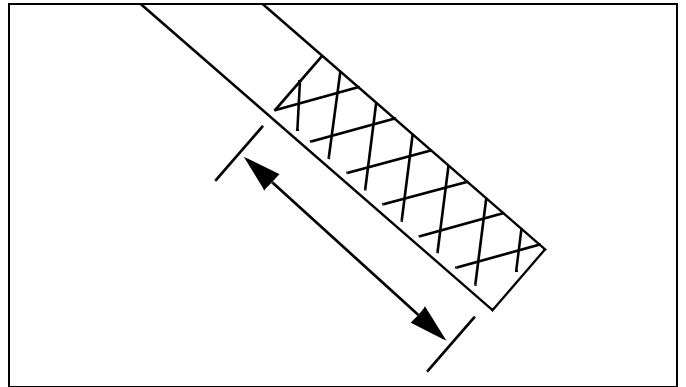
Picture Note: Seat platform removed for photo.

2. Lift operator's seat platform and locate the yellow oil filler cap (A) on top of transmission.

IMPORTANT: Avoid damage! Dirt and debris in oil may cause damage to the transaxle. Clean area around opening before removing dipstick.



3. Unscrew the oil filler cap and wipe the dipstick (B) off with a clean shop towel.
4. Insert the dipstick until the cap contacts the transmission housing and remove again.



5. Oil level should be in XXX range on dipstick. Add oil to transmission if level does not show on dipstick.
6. Install dipstick and lower seat platform. If oil was added, check oil level after driving machine.

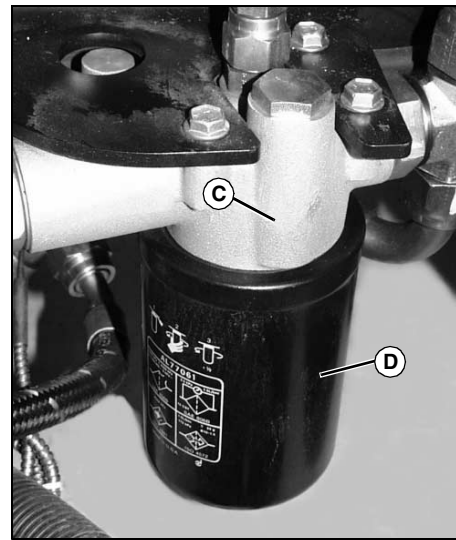
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Changing the Hydraulic Oil and Filter



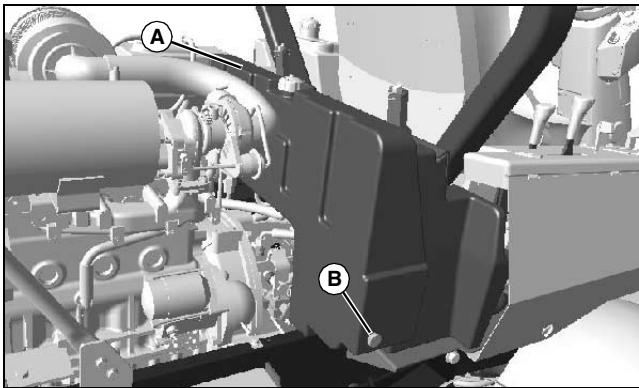
CAUTION: Avoid injury! Escaping fluid under pressure can penetrate the skin causing serious injury. Avoid the hazard by relieving pressure before disconnecting hydraulic or other lines. Tighten all connections before applying pressure. Search for leaks with a piece of cardboard. Protect hands and body from high pressure fluids.

Use caution when filling and draining hydraulic oil. During periods of machine operation the hydraulic oil reservoir can get hot. Allow engine and oil reservoir to cool before servicing.



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1. Lower all mower decks to ground.
2. Park machine safely. (See Parking Safely in the SAFETY section.)
3. Wait until the engine and the transmission are cool before beginning service.



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A - Hydraulic Reservoir

B - Right Side Reservoir Drain

4. Drain the hydraulic reservoir (A) using a siphon pump and the drain plug (B) on the right side rear corner of reservoir.
5. Install drain plug.

6. Clean debris from around hydraulic oil filter base (C) on left side of machine.
7. Use a filter wrench to turn the filter (D) counter clockwise. Remove the filter and drain the remaining hydraulic oil.
8. Clean the filter base and put a film of clean transmission oil on the seal of the new filter.
9. Install the hydraulic oil filter. Turn it clockwise until it contacts the mounting surface, then 1/2 turn more.
10. Fill the hydraulic reservoir until up to FULL COLD mark on sight tube.
11. Run the engine a short time while checking for leaks. Stop the engine.
12. Check that the hydraulic oil level has remained up to the FULL COLD mark on the sight tube. Add oil if necessary.

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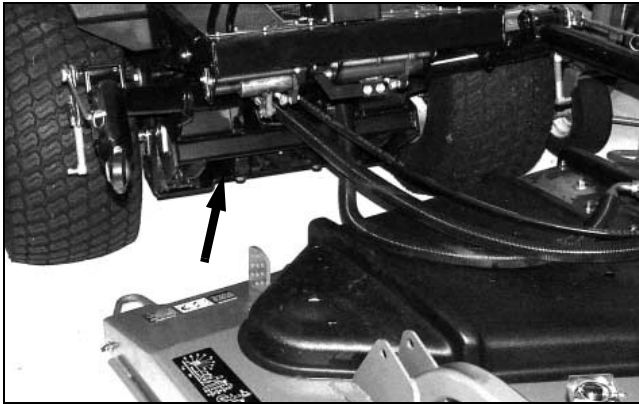
Changing the Transmission Oil



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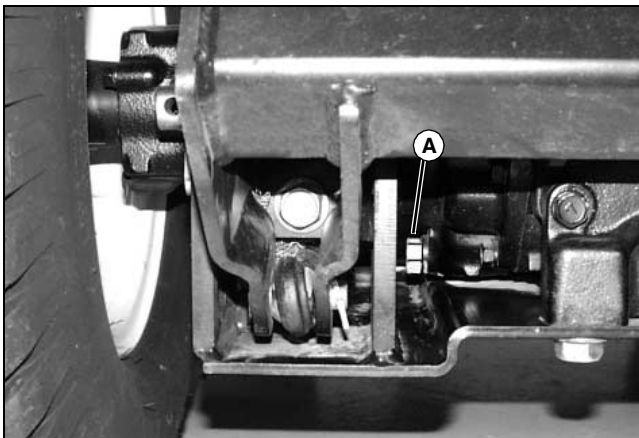
Use caution when filling and draining hydraulic oil. During periods of machine operation the hydraulic oil reservoir can get hot. Allow engine and oil reservoir to cool before servicing.

1. Lower all mower decks to ground.
2. Park machine safely. (See Parking Safely in the SAFETY section.)



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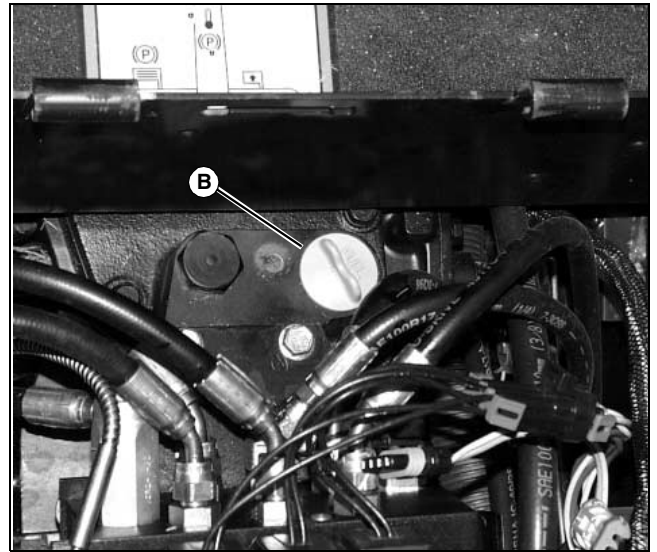
3. Remove the front deck from the lift arms, and move deck to the left to gain access to the right front side of the transmission.



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4. Remove drain plug (A) and allow transmission to drain. Replace plug.

5. Install front mower deck.



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Picture Note: Seat platform removed for photo.

6. Raise and lock seat platform.

IMPORTANT: Avoid damage! Dirt and debris in oil may cause damage to the transaxle. Clean area around opening before removing plug or dipstick.

Be sure dipstick is installed before removing drain plug. Slowly remove dipstick after plug is removed to control rate of oil flow draining into drain pan.

7. Unscrew oil filler cap and dipstick (B).
8. Fill transmission with hydraulic oil until level is up to top of XXX marks on dipstick. Transmission capacity is 13.3 L (3.5 gal) when dry, but may take less when performing oil change. Do not overfill.
9. Run machine, cycling hydrostatic pedals to purge air from transmission. Recheck transmission oil level.

Adjusting Transmission Neutral



CAUTION: Avoid injury! Do not attempt this adjustment unless you are a qualified and properly trained technician. Improper adjustment can result in an unsafe machine.

Adjust transmission neutral to assure that machine does not creep forward or rearward when pedals are in the neutral position.

1. Park machine on a firm, level surface. Place controls in following position:
 - Park brake unlocked.

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- Side decks raised and transport locks engaged.
- Engine off.
- PTO disengaged.
- Differential lock disengaged.
- Four wheel drive disengaged.
- Range shift lever not in neutral.

2. Jack up front of machine. Place hardwood blocks under front sub frame so front tires are off of ground.



CAUTION: Avoid injury! The machine can fall or slip from an unsafe lifting device or supports.

- Use a safe lifting device rated for the load to be lifted.
- Lower machine onto jack stands or other stable supports and block wheels before servicing.

3. Jack up rear of machine. Place jack stands under rear axle so rear tires are off of ground.



CAUTION: Avoid injury! Do not raise or lower decks, engage four wheel drive or differential lock, or turn PTO switch on during adjustment. Keep people clear of machine while running.

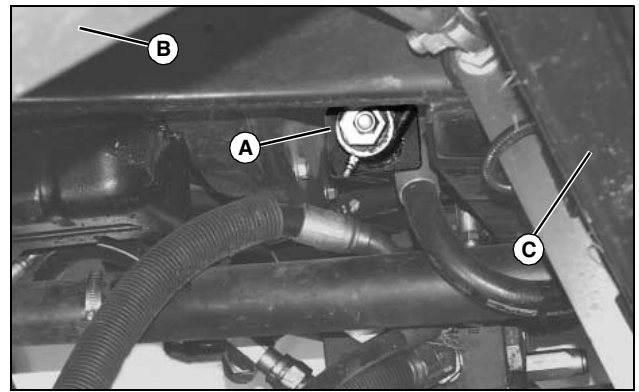
Always jack all four wheels off of ground. Four wheel drive is always engaged and will push machine off jack stands if any tires get traction.

Stay away from tires while making adjustments.

4. Sit in operator's seat and start engine.

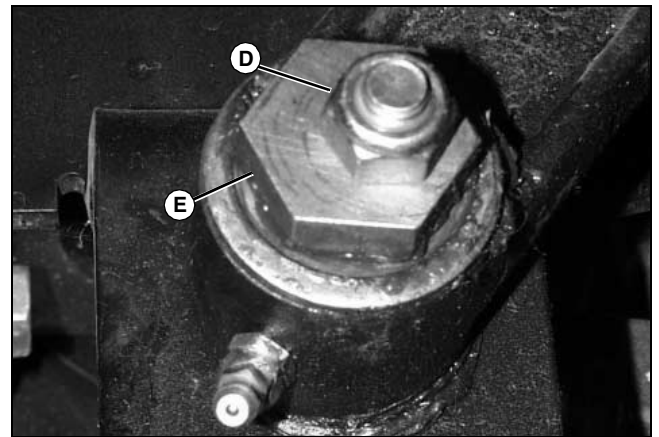
5. Watch front tires for forward or rearward rotation.

6. Cycle forward and reverse hydrostatic pedals and allow to return to centered, neutral position. Check again for tire rotation while in neutral, indicating a neutral adjustment is necessary.



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7. Locate neutral adjuster cam (A) on right side of machine, under right mower deck (B), behind deck subframe (C).



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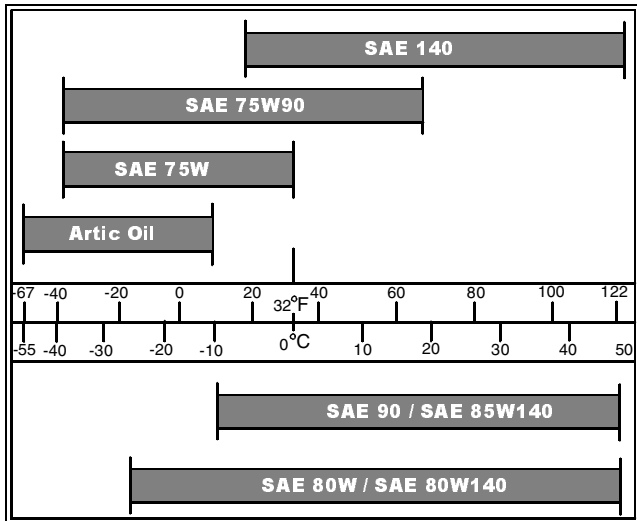
8. Loosen locknut (D).

9. Rotate cam (E) until front drive wheels do not spin.

10. Tighten locknut. Cycle hydrostatic drive pedals and allow to return to neutral. Readjust cam if necessary.

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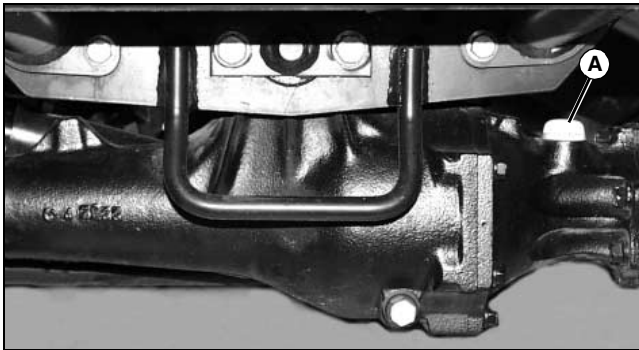
Mechanical Four Wheel Drive (MFWD) Oil



- John Deere GL-5 Gear Lubricant is recommended.
- Other oils may be used provided they meet the following specifications:
 - API Class GL-5.

Checking the Mechanical Four Wheel Drive (MFWD) Oil Level

1. Park machine safely. (See Parking Safely in the SAFELY section.)

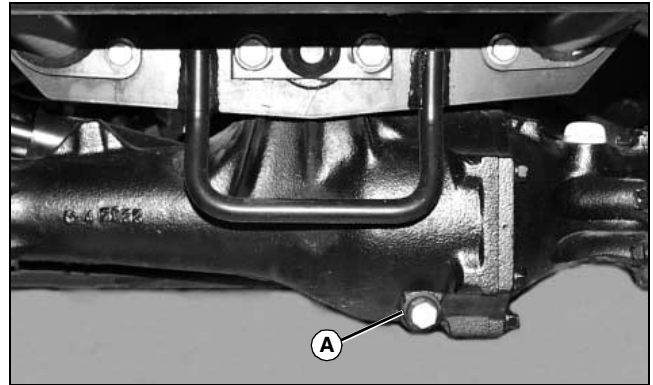


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2. Locate filler cap (A) on right rear side of rear axle.
3. Unscrew filler cap and wipe dipstick clean.
4. Install filler cap back into axle housing but do not turn threads back in.
5. Remove dipstick and check oil level on it. Oil should be in XXX area on dipstick but not above top mark.
6. Add oil if needed. Do not overfill.

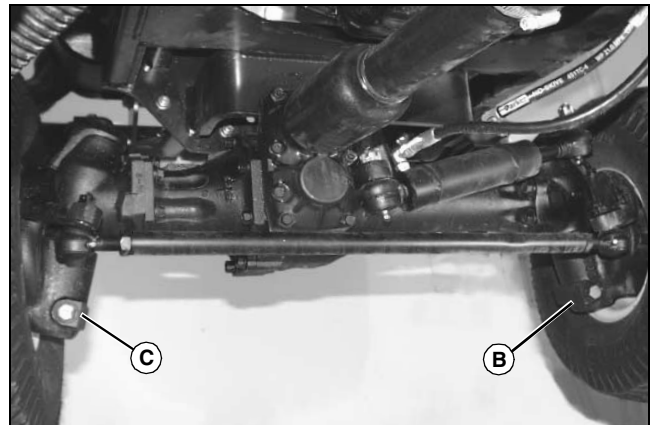
Changing the Mechanical Four Wheel Drive (MFWD) Oil Level

1. Park machine safely. (See Parking Safely in the SAFELY section.)



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2. Place drain pan under center of rear axle housing and remove center drain plug (A).
3. Install center drain plug.



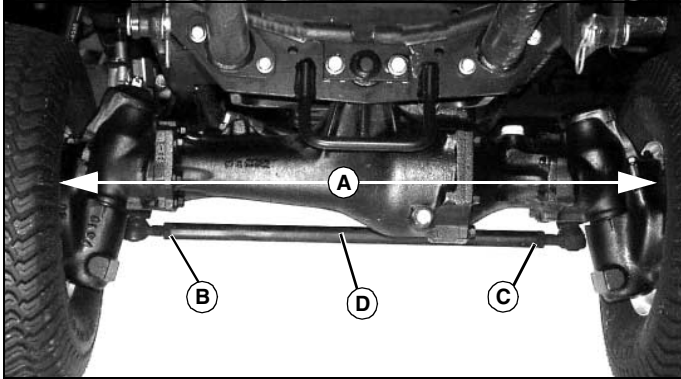
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4. Remove left side final drive housing drain plug (B), and allow to drain.
5. Install drain plug.
6. Repeat for right side housing (C).
7. Fill rear axle housing with 4.7 L (5 qt) of oil. Do not overfill.

Service Steering & Brakes

Adjusting Toe-In

1. Park machine safely. (See Parking Safely in the SAFETY section.)



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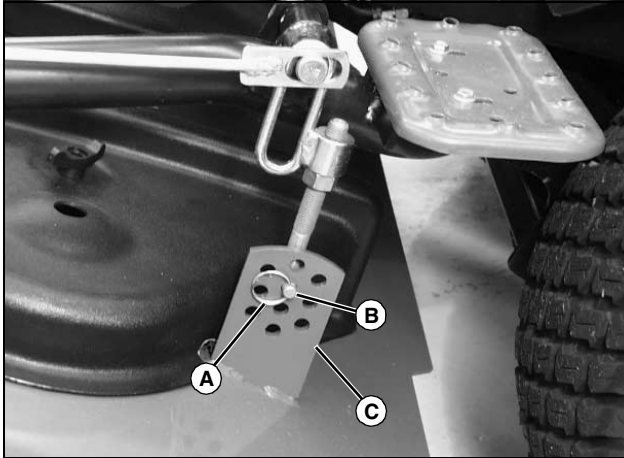
2. Measure the distance between rear tires at rear of tires (A).
3. Measure the distance between rear tires at front of tires.
4. Distance between tires (toe-in) should be 3 - 4 mm (0.12 - 0.16 in.) less in front than in rear.
5. If toe-in requires adjustment, loosen locknuts on left and right side tie-rod ends (B and C).
6. Turn body of tie-rod (D) to adjust toe-in.
7. Measure toe-in again. If correct, tighten locknuts.

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Rotating the Front Mower Deck

Rotate for Service

1. Stop machine on a level surface.
2. Lock park brake.
3. Raise front mower deck completely.
4. Stop engine and remove the key.

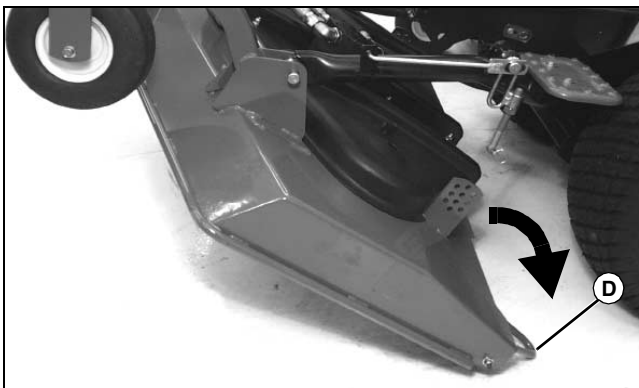


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5. Remove retaining ring (A) from hanger pin (B).

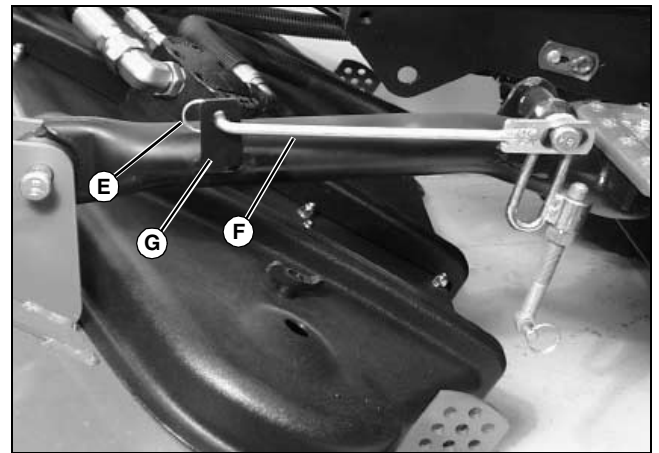
NOTE: To ensure deck can be returned to its original cutting height, note hole location in the adjustment plate before removing the hanger pin.

6. Remove hanger pin from hole in adjustment bracket. (C).
7. Install retaining ring to hanger pin for temporary storage.
8. Repeat at opposite side of mower deck.



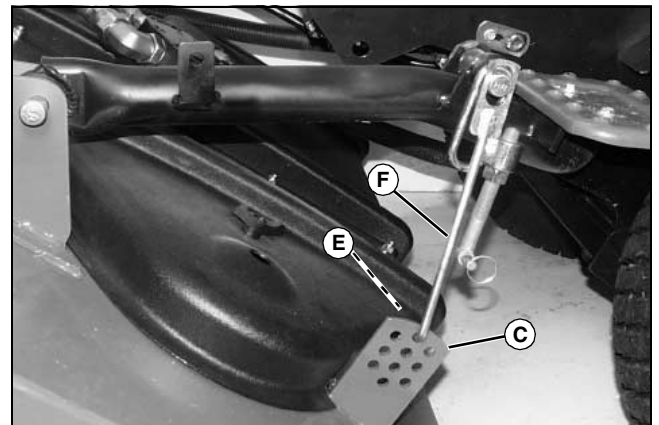
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9. Grasp deck handle (D) and rotate mower deck rearward to the ground.



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10. Remove retaining ring (E) from service lockout rod (F).
11. Remove service lockout rod from mower lift arm (G).



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12. Insert service lockout rod (F) into hole in deck height adjustment bracket (C). Secure with retaining ring (E).
13. Repeat at opposite side of mower deck.

Rotate for Operation

1. Remove retaining ring from service lockout rod.
2. Remove service lockout rod from hole in deck height adjustment bracket.
3. Insert service lockout rod into hole in mower lift arm. Secure with retaining ring.
4. Repeat at opposite side of mower deck.
5. Remove retaining ring from hanger pin.
6. Rotate mower deck forward.
7. Insert hanger pin into original hole in adjustment plate. Secure with retaining pin.
8. Repeat at opposite side of mower deck.
9. Start engine.
10. Lower front mower deck completely.

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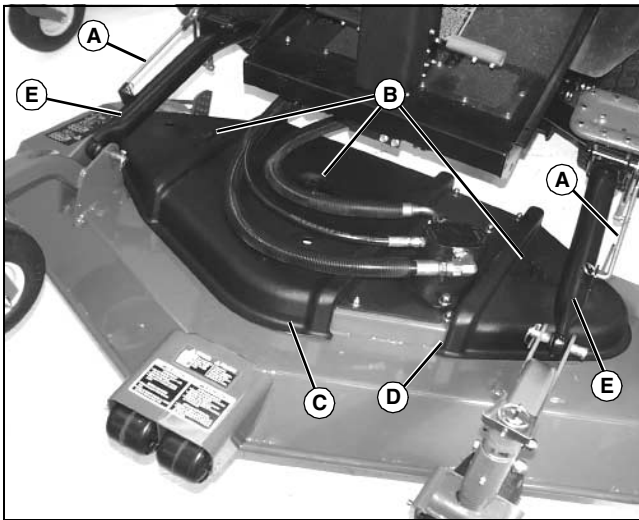
Removing and Installing Belt Shields



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- Always wear gloves when handling mower blades or working near blades.

Front Deck Shields

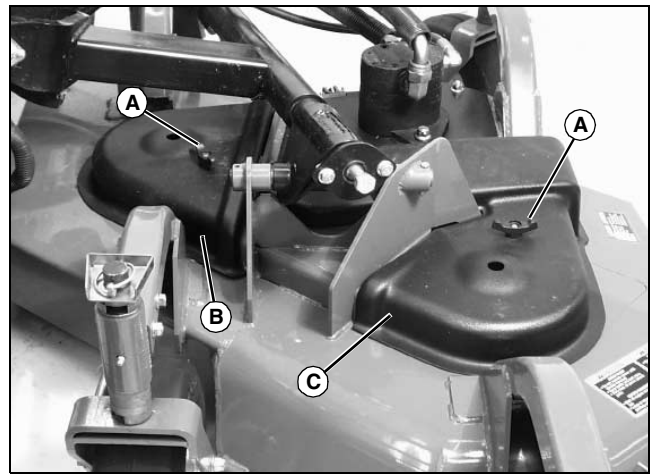


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1. Rotate front mower deck for service. Do not secure service lockout rods (A) to the adjustment plates.
2. Remove threaded knobs (B) securing belt shields (C) and (D) to mower deck.
3. Lift each belt shield up off of the attaching bolts. Slide shields out from between mower lift arms (E) and mower deck.
4. Install the threaded knobs onto the attaching bolts during servicing of the deck.
5. Installation is the reverse of removal.
6. Rotate mower deck for operation.

Side Deck Shields

1. Park the machine safely. (See Parking Safely in SAFETY section.)

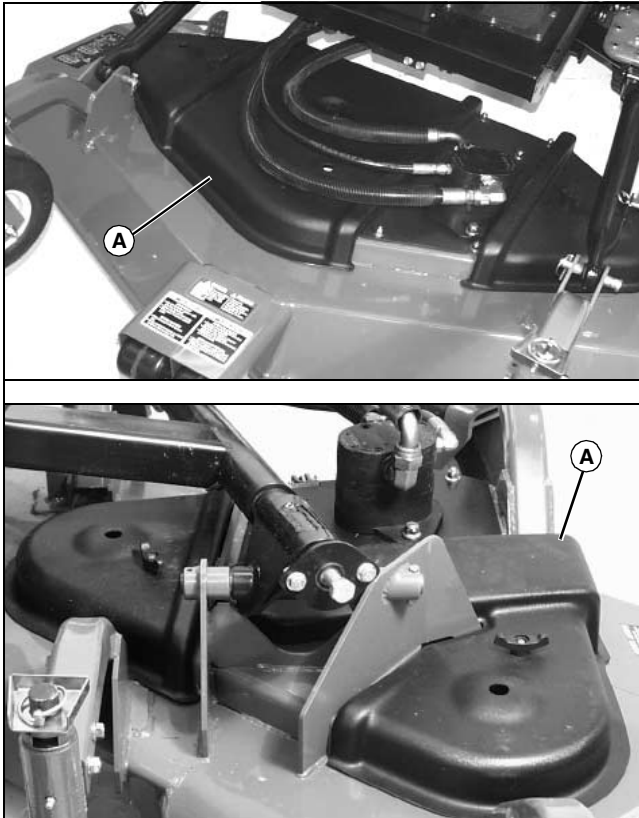


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2. Remove threaded knobs (A) securing belt shields (B) and (C).
3. Lift each belt shield up off of the attaching bolts.
4. Install the threaded knobs onto the attaching bolts during servicing of the deck.
5. Installation is the reverse of removal.

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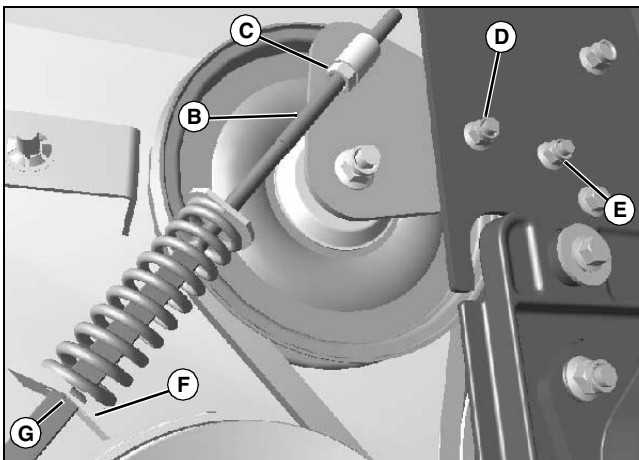
Adjusting Mower Deck Drive Belt Tension



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Picture Note: Front deck shown upper, side deck shown lower.

1. Remove belt shield (A) from mower deck.
2. Lower mower deck.



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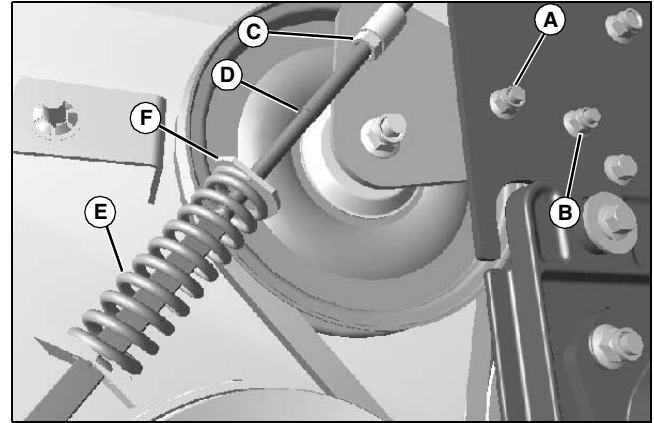
Picture Note: Front deck shown, side deck similar.

3. Loosen hex nuts (D) and (E).
4. Adjust nut (C) until tension indicator hole (G) becomes visible on the outside of retaining plate (F) as shown.
5. Tighten hex nuts (D) and (E) to 60 N•m (81 lb-ft).

Removing and Installing Front Mower Deck Drive Belt

Front Belt Removal

1. Remove belt shields from mower deck.
2. Lower mower deck completely.



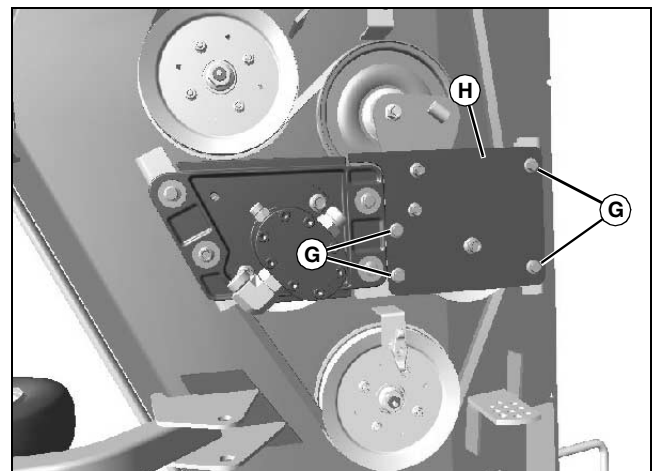
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3. Loosen hex nuts (A) and (B).
4. Loosen nut (C) until all spring tension is removed.
5. Remove tension rod (D), spring (E), and spring retainer (F).



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- Always wear gloves when handling mower blades or working near blades.

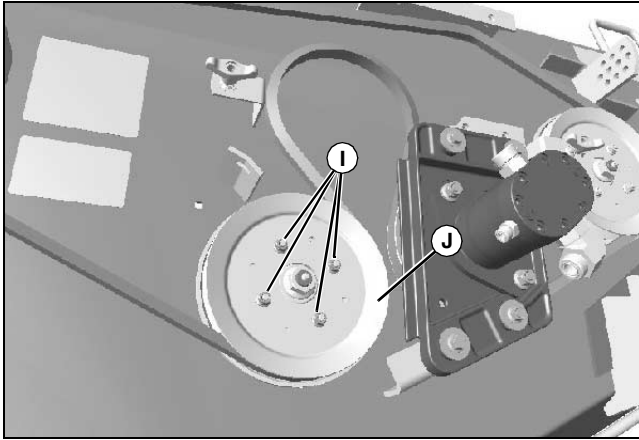


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6. Remove four cap screws (G).

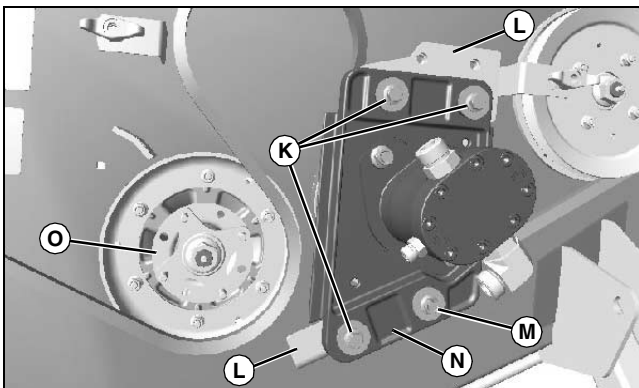
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7. Remove sheet metal plate (H).



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8. Remove four hex nuts (I) and mower deck spindle sheave (J).



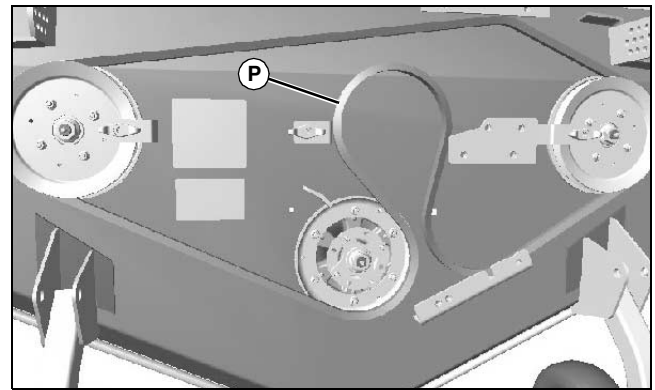
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9. Remove three cap screws (K), three washers, and three upper rubber isolator halves.

10. Remove nut (M), washer, and rubber isolator half from carriage bolt.

NOTE: The lower halves of the rubber isolators are fit into the deck side of the cast mounting plate. Washers are glued to the bottom of each isolator. Ensure rubber isolators and washers remain installed in the mounting plate during installation of the mounting plate to the mower deck.

11. Slide cast mounting plate (N) towards mower deck spindle (O) to remove it from the mounting brackets (L).

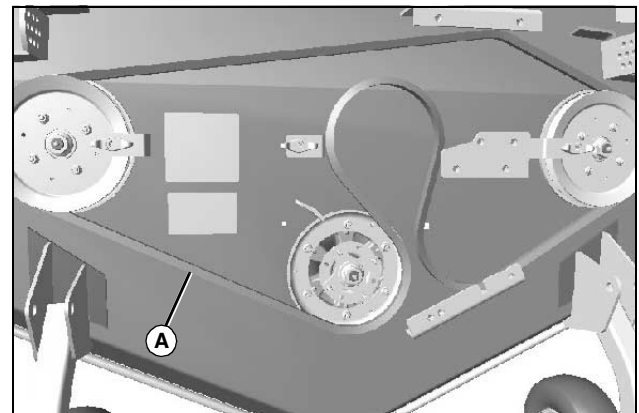


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12. Remove drive belt (P) from mower deck sheaves.

Front Belt Installation

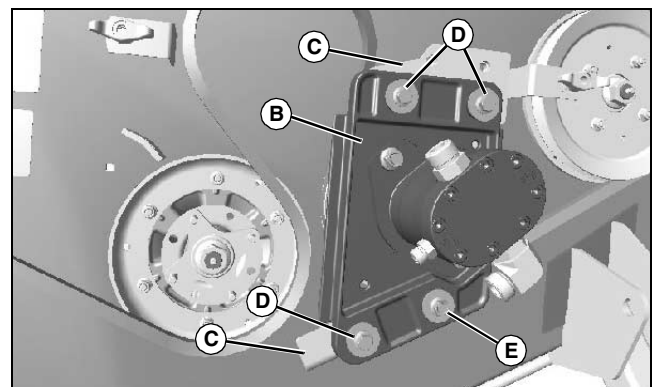
NOTE: Belt routing diagram is affixed to mower deck.



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1. Route drive belt (A) around mower deck sheaves as shown.

NOTE: The lower halves of the rubber isolators are fit into the deck side of the cast mounting plate. Washers are glued to the bottom of each isolator. Ensure rubber isolators and washers remain installed in the mounting plate during installation of the mounting plate to the mower deck.



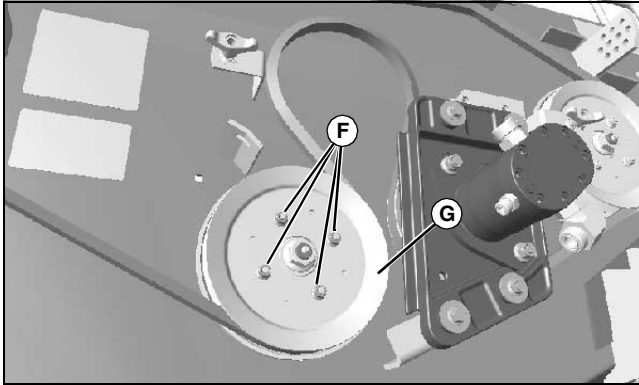
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2. Position cast mounting plate (B) onto mounting brackets (C) so that belt is routed properly around drive motor

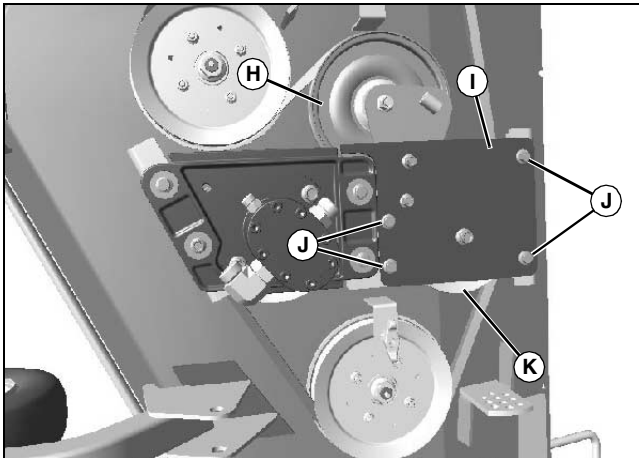
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sheave. Install carriage bolt, upper isolator half, washer, and nut (E). Do not tighten.

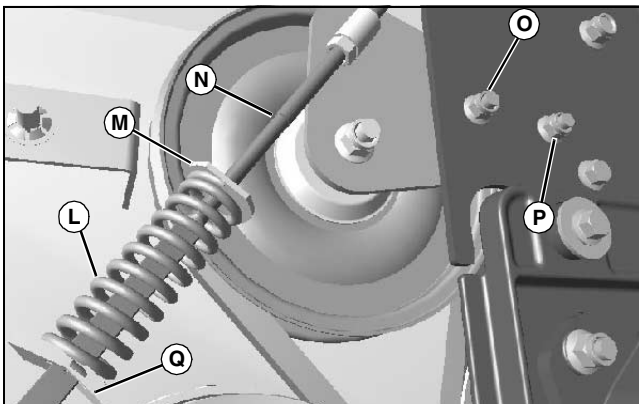
3. Install 3 upper isolator halves, washers, and cap screws (D). Tighten cap screws (D) and nut (E) to 47 N•m (35 lb-ft).



4. Install mower deck spindle sheave (G) and four hex nuts (F). Route belt around spindle sheave.



5. Install sheet metal plate (I) and route belt around tensioner sheave (H) and idler sheave (K). Install four cap screws (J). Tighten cap screws to 81 N•m (60 lb-ft).



6. Ensure spring retainer (M) and spring (L) are installed on tension rod (N). Install tension rod into retaining plate (Q)

on mower deck.

7. Adjust drive belt to proper tension.

8. Tighten hex nuts (O) and (P) to 81 N•m (60 lb-ft).

9. Move the drive belt by hand to turn the sheaves. Ensure belt motion is smooth and sheaves do not rub on deck surfaces.

Removing and Installing Side Mower Deck Drive Belt

Side Belt Removal

1. Lower mower deck completely.

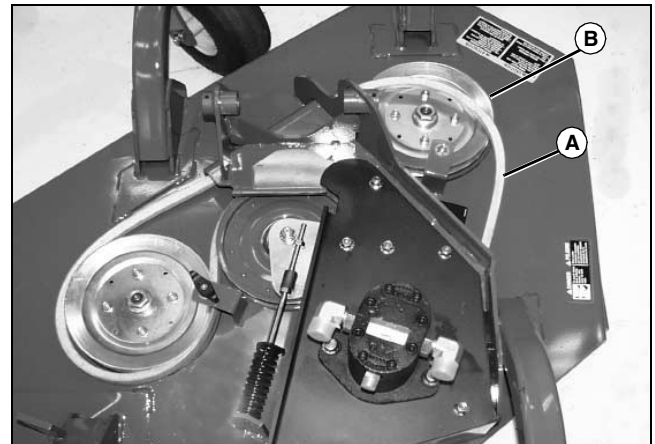
2. Remove belt shields from mower deck.

3. Release the drive belt tension completely.



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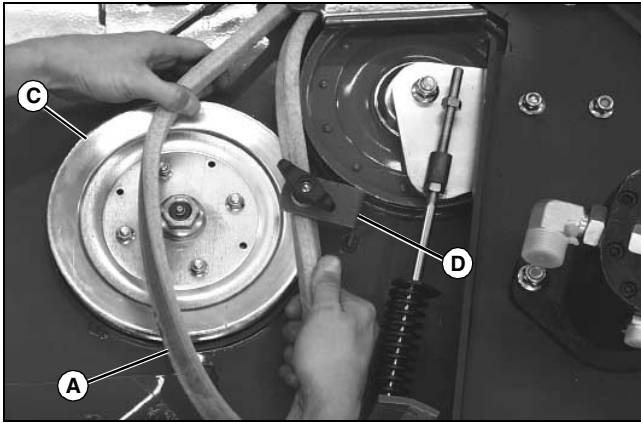
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- Always wear gloves when handling mower blades or working near blades.



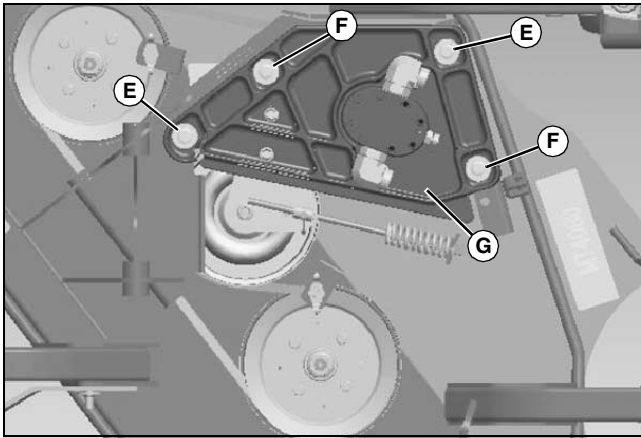
Picture Note: Mower deck shown removed for clarity.

4. Remove drive belt (A) from sheave (B).

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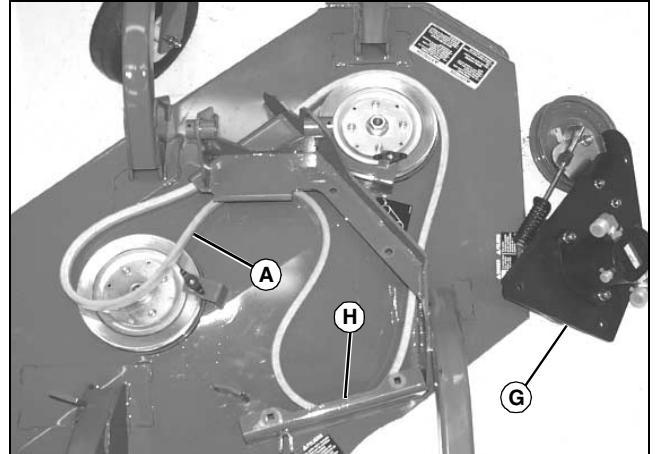


5. Remove drive belt (A) from sheave (C) by twisting the belt and sliding it between belt shield support bracket (D) and the sheave.



6. Remove two cap screws (E), washers, and rubber isolators from motor plate (G). Remove two cap screws (F), washers, rubber isolators, and hex nuts.

NOTE: The lower halves of the rubber isolators are fit into the deck side of the cast mounting plate. Washers are glued to the bottom of each isolator. Ensure rubber isolators and washers remain installed in the mounting plate during installation of the mounting plate to the mower deck.



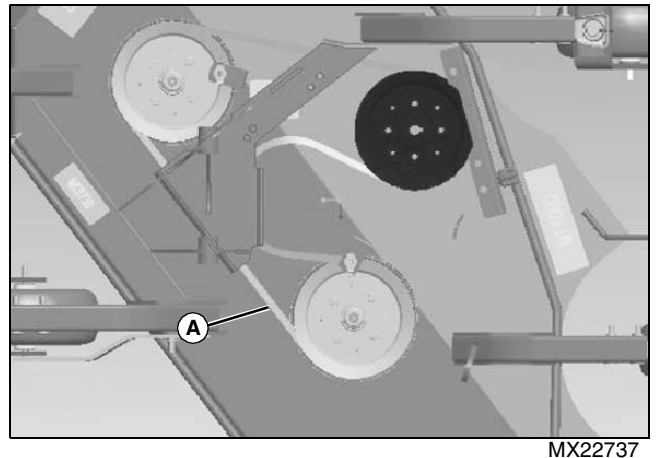
7. Slide motor plate (G) forward so sheave on bottom side clears motor plate mounting bracket (H).

8. Lift motor plate off mounting brackets and set it aside.

9. Remove drive belt (A) from deck.

Side Belt Installation

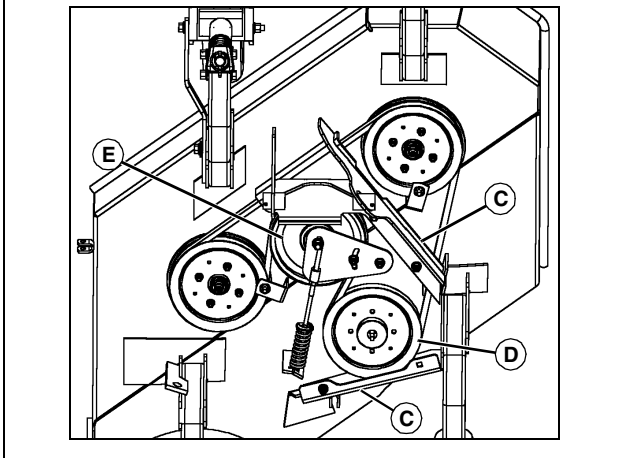
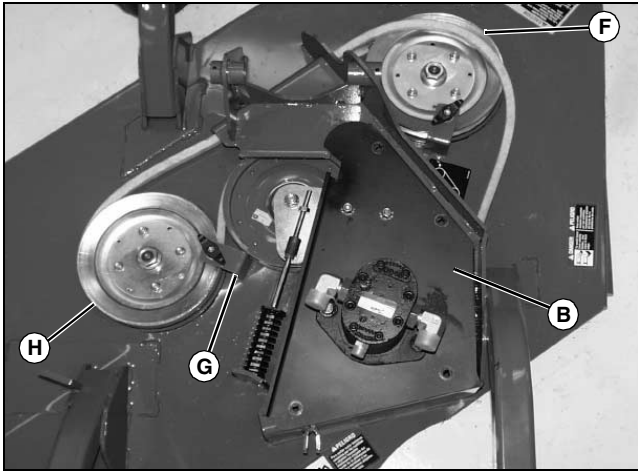
NOTE: Belt routing diagram is affixed to mower deck.



1. Route drive belt (A) as shown.

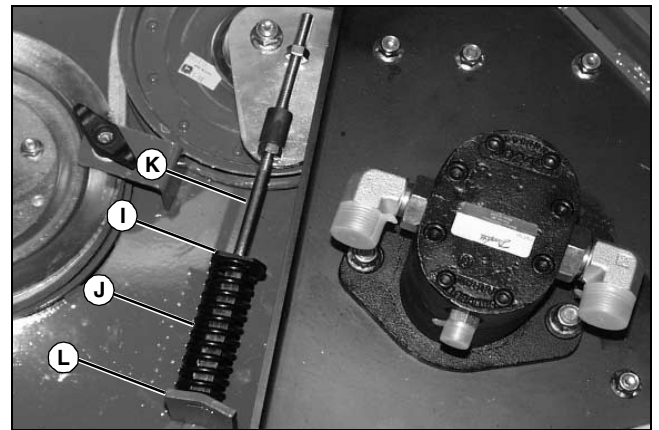
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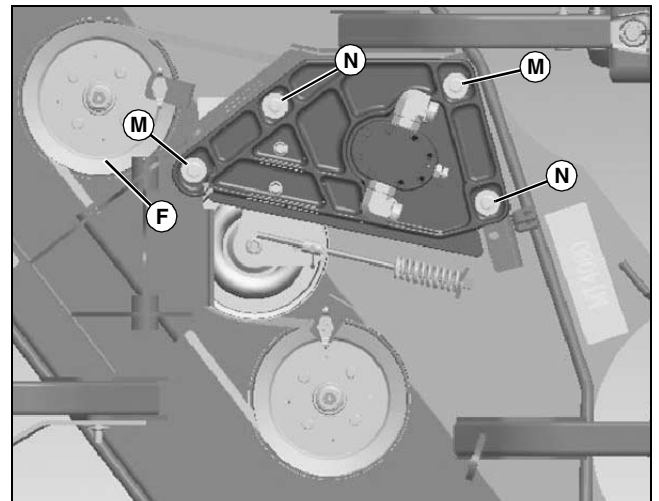
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2. Position motor plate (B) onto motor plate mounting brackets (C) so drive belt is routed properly around sheaves (D) and (E).
3. Remove drive belt from sheave (F).
4. Slide drive belt between belt shield support bracket (G) and sheave (H). Ensure proper positioning of belt in the belt grooves.



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5. Make sure spring retainer (I) and spring (J) are installed on tension rod (K). Insert tension rod into retaining plate (L) on mower deck.



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6. Install two isolators, washers, and cap screws (M). Install two isolators, washers, cap screws, and hex nuts (N). Do not tighten completely.
7. Install drive belt onto sheave (F).
8. Tighten cap screws (M and N) to 47 N•m (35 lb-ft).
9. Adjust drive belt to proper tension.
10. Move the drive belt by hand to turn the sheaves. Make sure belt motion is smooth and sheaves do not rub on deck surfaces.

Removing and Installing Blades

1. Stop machine on a level surface.
2. Lock park brake.
3. Raise mower decks completely.
4. Stop engine and remove the key.

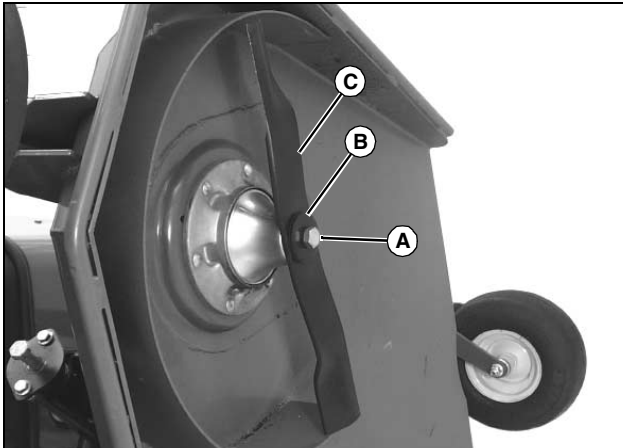
Service Mower

5. Rotate front mower deck for service if blades on front deck will be removed.



CAUTION: Avoid injury! Blades are sharp. Always wear gloves when handling blades or working near blades.

6. Insert wooden block between end of blade and edge of deck to prevent blade from turning while removing attaching hardware.



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7. Remove bolt (A), washer (B), and blade (C) by turning the bolt counterclockwise until removed. Repeat for all blades requiring service.

8. Inspect the blades for damage. Replace all damaged blades.

9. Sharpen dull blades.

10. Clean blades, spindles, and hardware.

11. Balance the blades.

12. Install blade onto mower deck spindle with wings of blade facing up.

IMPORTANT: Avoid damage! Make sure cupped side of concave washer is positioned against the mower blade or blade could be damaged.

13. Install blade bolt and washer with the cupped side of washer against the blade. Tighten blade bolt to 122 N•m (90 lb-ft). Repeat for other blades.

14. Lower mower decks completely.

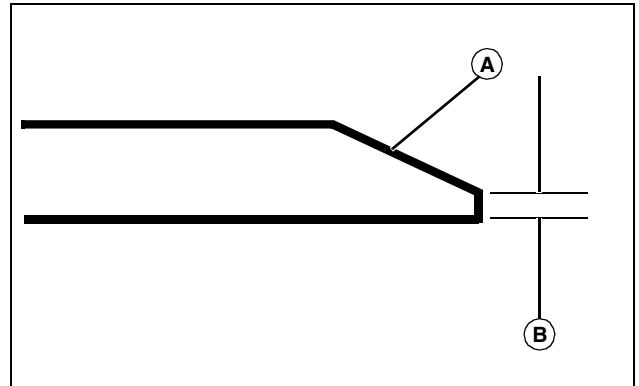
Sharpening Blades



CAUTION: Avoid injury! Blades are sharp. Always wear gloves when handling blades or working near blades.

Always wear safety eye protection when grinding.

- Sharpen blades with grinder, hand file, or electric blade sharpener.



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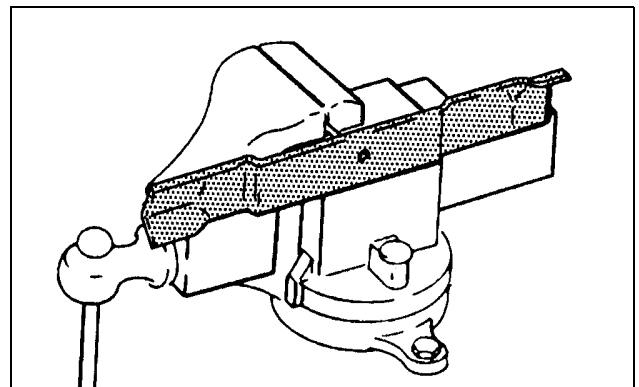
- Keep original bevel (A) when grinding.
- Blade should have 0.40 mm (1/64 in.) cutting edge (B) or less.
- Balance blades before installing.

Balancing Blades



CAUTION: Avoid injury! Blades are sharp. Always wear gloves when handling blades or working near blades.

1. Clean blade.



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2. Put blade on nail in a vise. Turn blade to horizontal

Service Mower

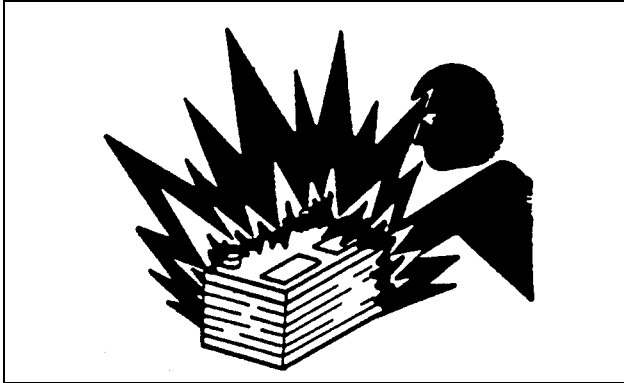
position.

3. Check balance. If blade is not balanced, heavy end of blade will drop.

4. Grind bevel of heavy end. Do not change blade bevel.

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

Service the Battery Safely



CAUTION: Avoid injury! Battery electrolyte contains sulfuric acid. It is poisonous and can cause serious burns:

- Wear eye protection and gloves.
- Keep skin protected.
- If electrolyte is swallowed, get medical attention immediately.
- If electrolyte is splashed into eyes, flush immediately with water for 15-30 minutes and get medical attention.
- If electrolyte is splashed onto skin, flush immediately with water and get medical attention if necessary.

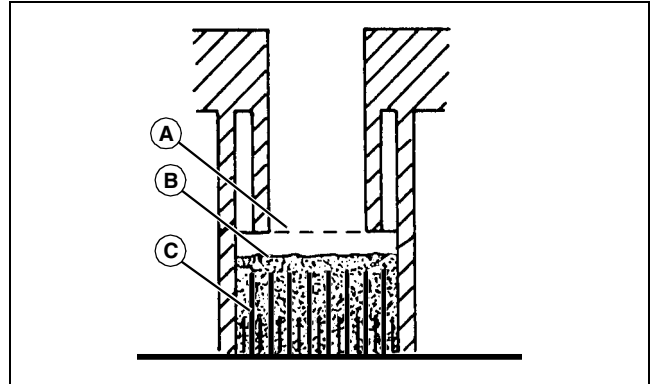
The battery produces a flammable and explosive gas. The battery may explode:

- Do not smoke near battery.
- Wear eye protection and gloves.
- Do not allow direct metal contact across battery posts.
- Remove negative cable first when disconnecting.
- Install negative cable last when connecting.

Checking Battery Electrolyte Level

NOTE: Add only distilled water to replace battery electrolyte.

1. Park the machine safely. (See Parking Safely in the SAFETY section.)
2. Remove battery cell caps. Make sure cap vents are not plugged.



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3. Check electrolyte level. Electrolyte (B) should be approximately halfway between bottom of filler neck (A) and top of plates (C).

IMPORTANT: Avoid damage! Do not overfill battery. Electrolyte can overflow when battery is charged and cause damage.

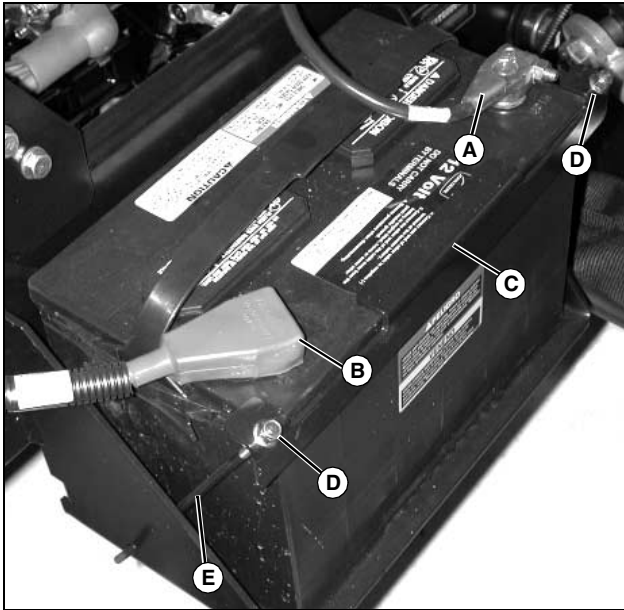
4. Add only distilled water if necessary.
5. Install battery cell caps.

Removing and Installing the Battery

Removing:

1. Park machine safely. (See Parking Safely in the SAFETY section.)
2. Raise engine cover.

Service Electrical



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3. Disconnect negative (-) battery cable (A).
4. Pull up red plastic cover (B) from positive (+) battery clamp and disconnect positive (+) cable clamp from battery terminal.
5. Remove battery hold down bracket (C) by removing locknuts (D) from left and right side J-bolts (E).
6. Remove battery from machine.

Installing:

1. Install battery with positive terminal (+) towards rear of machine.
2. Install battery hold down bracket onto J-bolts and secure with locknuts.
3. Install positive cable clamp (red cable) onto positive (+) battery terminal. Pull red plastic cover over positive cable clamp.
4. Install negative cable clamp (black cable) onto negative (-) battery post.
5. Apply spray lubricant to terminals to prevent corrosion.

Cleaning Battery and Terminals

1. Park machine safely. (See Parking Safely in the SAFETY section.)
2. Disconnect and remove battery.
3. Wash battery with solution of four tablespoons of baking soda to one gallon of water. Be careful not to get the soda solution into the cells.
4. Rinse the battery with plain water and dry.

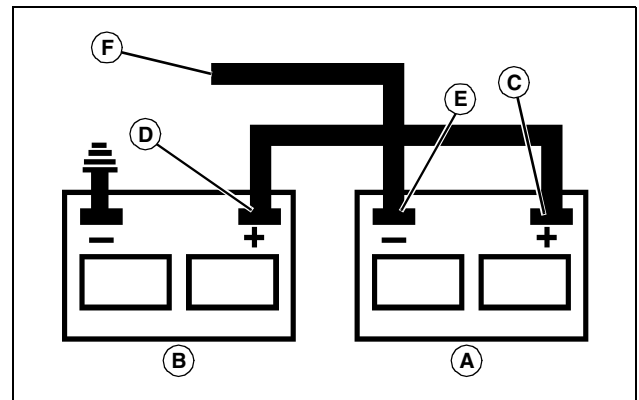
5. Clean terminals and battery cable ends with wire brush until bright.
6. Install battery.
7. Attach cables to battery terminals, beginning with the positive cable, using washers and nuts.
8. Apply spray lubricant to terminal to prevent corrosion.

Using Booster Battery



CAUTION: Avoid injury! The battery produces a flammable and explosive gas. The battery may explode:

- Do not smoke or have open flame near battery.
- Wear eye protection and gloves.
- Do not jump start or charge a frozen battery. Warm battery to 16°C (60°F).
- Do not connect the negative (-) booster cable to the negative (-) terminal of the discharged battery. Connect at a good ground location away from the discharged battery.



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A - Booster Battery
B - Disabled Vehicle Battery

1. Connect positive (+) booster cable to booster battery (A) positive (+) post (C).
2. Connect the other end of positive (+) booster cable to the disabled vehicle battery (B) positive (+) post (D).
3. Connect negative (-) booster cable to booster battery negative (-) post (E).

Service Electrical

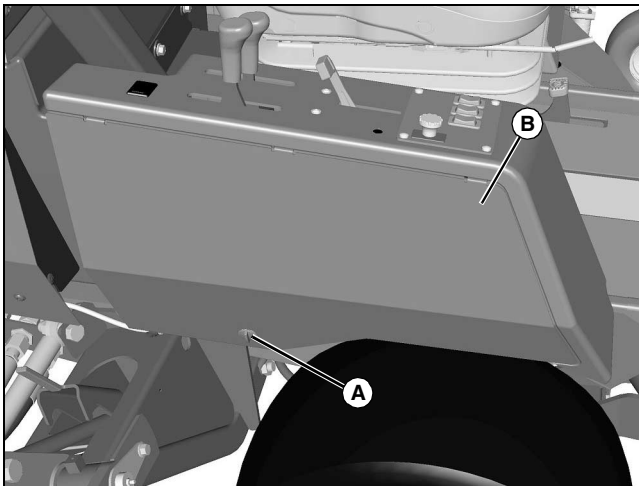
IMPORTANT: Avoid damage! Electric charge from booster battery can damage machine components. Do not install negative booster cable to machine frame. Install only to the engine block.

Install negative booster cable away from moving parts in the engine compartment, such as belts and fan blades.

4. Connect the other end (F) of negative (–) booster cable to a metal part of the disabled machine engine block away from battery.
5. Start the engine of the disabled machine and run machine for several minutes.
6. Carefully disconnect the booster cables in the exact reverse order: negative cable first and then the positive cable.

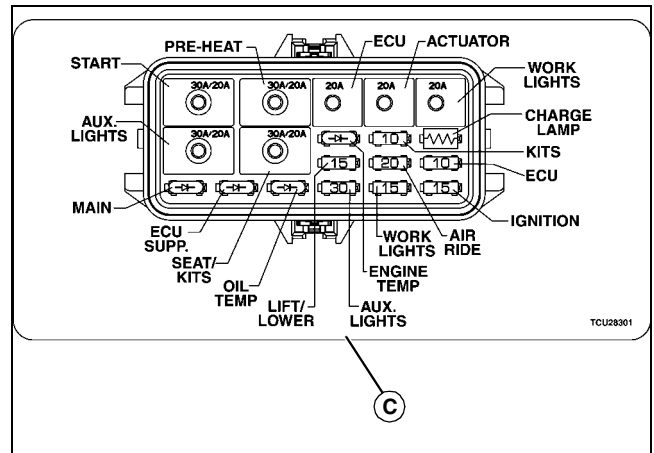
Checking and Replacing Fuses

1. Park machine safely. (See Parking Safely in the SAFETY section.)



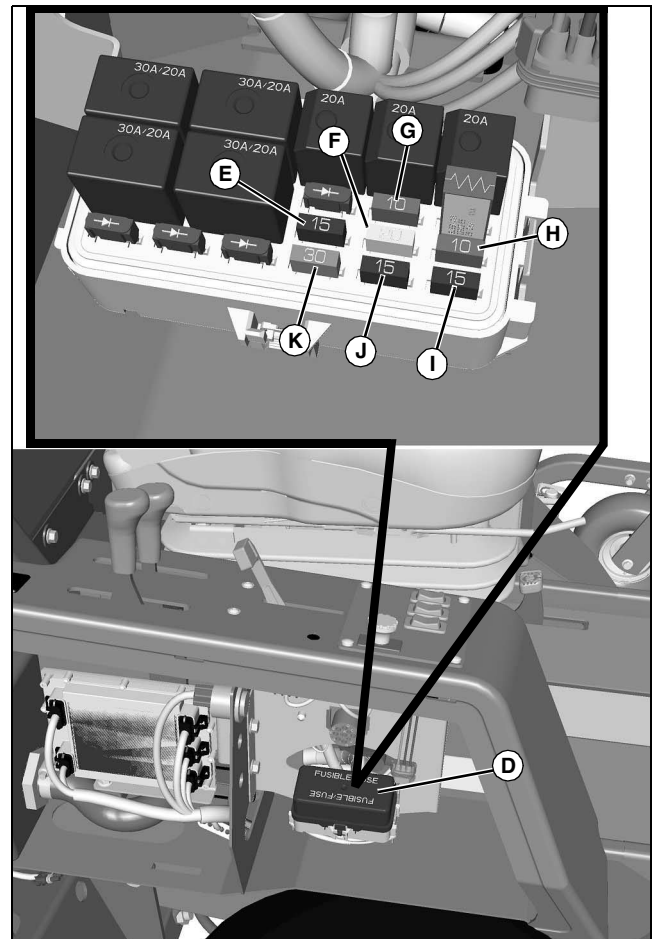
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2. Loosen knob (A) and remove right side electrical service panel (B) to access fuse holders.



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3. Locate label (C) on back side of panel (B) for a fuse and relay location reference.



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4. Remove fuse cover (D).
5. Test fuses with voltmeter or test light and replace if blown. Replace blown fuse with new fuse of correct amperage.
 - (E) 15 amp fuse – raise/lower valve power circuit
 - (F) 20 amp fuse – air ride power circuit

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- (G) 10 amp fuse – kits circuit
- (G) 10 amp fuse – ECU circuit
- (H) 15 amp fuse – ignition circuit
- (I) 15 amp fuse – work lights circuit
- (J) 30 amp fuse – auxiliary lights circuit

6. Replace fuse cover.

7. Replace electrical service panel and tighten knob to secure.

Service Miscellaneous

Filling Fuel Tank



CAUTION: Avoid injury! Fuel vapors are explosive and flammable:

- Shut engine off before filling fuel tank.
- Allow engine to cool before refueling.
- Do not smoke while handling fuel.
- Keep fuel away from flames or sparks.
- Fill fuel tank outdoors or in well ventilated area.
- Clean up spilled fuel immediately.
- Use clean approved non-metal container to prevent static electric discharge.

IMPORTANT: Avoid damage! Dirt and water in fuel can cause engine damage:

- Clean dirt and debris from the fuel tank opening.
- Use clean, fresh, stabilized fuel.
- Fill the fuel tank at the end of each day's operation to keep condensation out of the fuel tank.
- Use a non-metallic funnel with a plastic mesh strainer when filling the fuel tank or container.

Fill fuel tank at the end of each day's operation to prevent condensation and freezing during cold weather.

1. Park machine safely. (See Parking Safely in the SAFETY section.)
2. Allow engine to cool.
3. Remove any trash from area around fuel tank cap.
4. Remove fuel tank cap slowly to allow any pressure built up in tank to escape.
5. Fill fuel tank only to bottom of filler neck. Do not overfill.
6. Install fuel tank cap.
 - Gas models: Turn cap until clicks.

Cleaning Plastic Surfaces

IMPORTANT: Avoid damage! Improper care of machine plastic surfaces can damage that surface:

- Do not wipe plastic surfaces when they are dry. Dry wiping will result in minor surface scratches.
- Use a soft, clean cloth (bath towel, diaper, automotive mitt).
- Do not use abrasive materials, such as polishing compounds, on plastic surfaces.

1. Wash surface with clean water and a mild liquid automotive washing soap.
2. Dry thoroughly to avoid water spots.

Cleaning and Repairing Metal Surfaces

Cleaning:

Follow automotive practices to care for your vehicle painted metal surfaces. Use a high-quality automotive wax regularly to maintain the factory look of your vehicle's painted surfaces.

Repairing Minor Scratches (surface scratch):

1. Clean area to be repaired thoroughly.

IMPORTANT: Avoid damage! Do not use rubbing compound on painted surfaces.

2. Use automotive polishing compound to remove surface scratches.
3. Apply wax to entire surface.

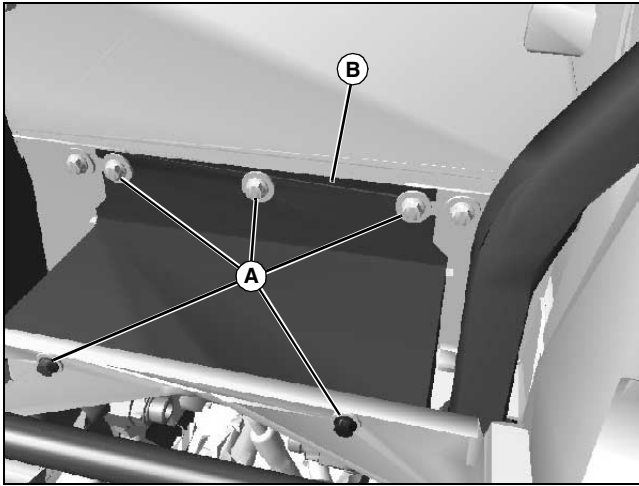
Repairing Deep Scratches (bare metal or primer showing):

1. Clean area to be repaired with rubbing alcohol or mineral spirits.
2. Use paint stick with factory-matched colors available from your authorized dealer to fill scratches. Follow directions included on paint stick for use and for drying.
3. Smooth out surface using an automotive polishing compound. Do not use power buffer.
4. Apply wax to surface.

Tightening ROPS Hardware

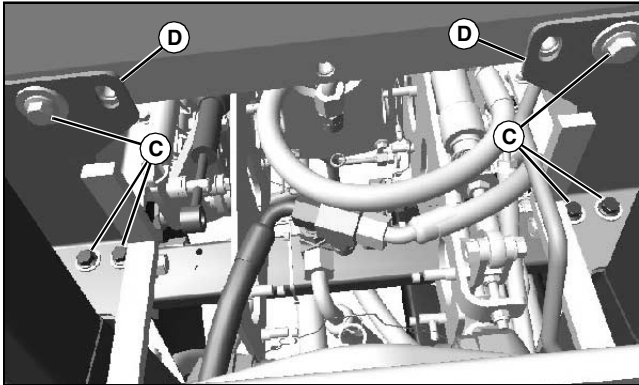
1. Park machine safely. (See Parking Safely in SAFETY section.)
2. Raise the seat platform and engine cover.

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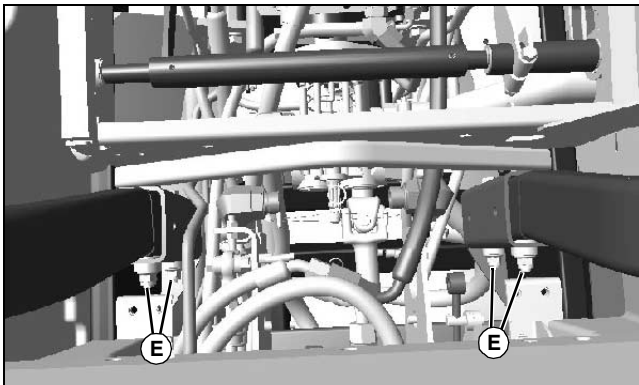
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3. Remove cap screws and washers (A) securing panel (B) to machine.
4. Carefully lift panel from machine and set it aside.



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5. Remove cap screws and washers (C) securing side panels (D).
6. Carefully lift panel from machine and set it aside.



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7. Tighten the four ROPS attaching cap screws, washers, and hex nuts (E) to 136 N•m (100 lb-ft).
8. Install panels and secure with cap screws and washers.
9. Lower seat platform and engine cover.

Removing and Installing Front Tires



CAUTION: Avoid injury! The machine can fall or slip from an unsafe lifting device or supports.

- Use a safe lifting device rated for the load to be lifted.
- Lower machine onto jack stands or other stable supports and block wheels before servicing.

Removing Front Tires

1. Raise side deck completely on side of machine requiring front wheel removal. Leave other side deck lowered completely.
2. Engage the side deck transport lock.
3. Raise front mower deck completely.
4. Park machine safely. (See Parking Safely in SAFETY section.)
5. Rotate front deck for service to obtain as much clearance as possible between rear of deck and ground surface.

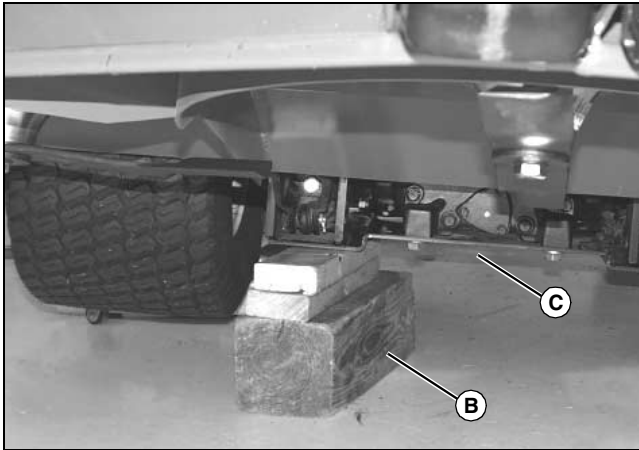
IMPORTANT: Avoid damage! Use caution not to pinch or crush the side deck lift cylinder hydraulic hose with the lifting device.



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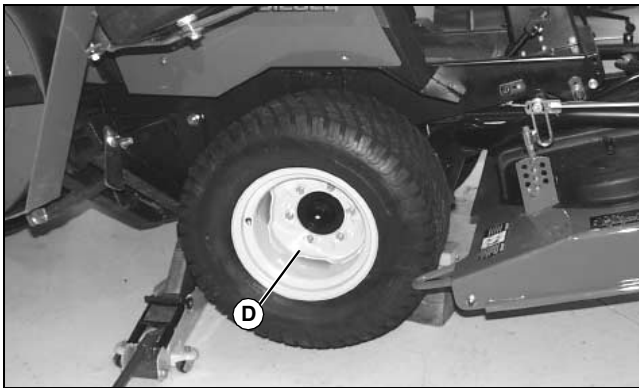
6. Using a safe lifting device, jack up machine at base of lift arm bracket (A) or under the front skid plate if adequate clearance exists.

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7. Install blocking material (B) under front skid plate (C).
8. Lower machine onto blocks.



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9. Remove wheel bolts (D) and wheel.

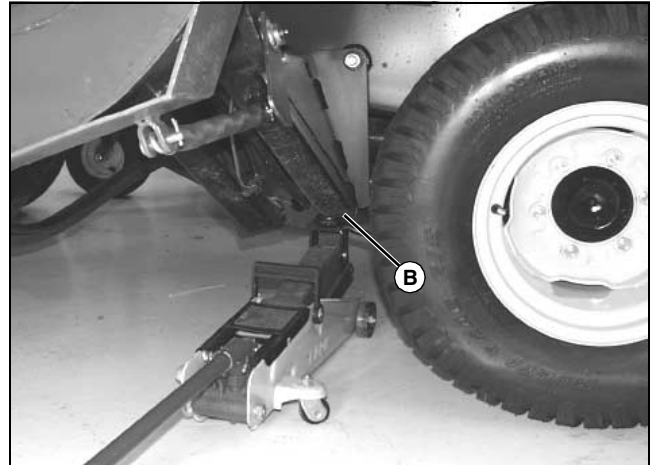
Installing Front Tires



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1. Install wheel onto axle hub with valve stem facing outward. Secure with wheel bolts (A).
2. Tighten front wheel bolts to 136 - 163 N•m (100 - 120 lb-ft) using torque wrench.

IMPORTANT: Avoid damage! Use caution not to pinch or crush the side deck lift cylinder hydraulic hose with the lifting device.



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3. Using a safe lifting device, jack up machine at base of lift arm bracket (B) or under the front skid plate if adequate clearance exists.
4. Remove blocking material from under machine.
5. Lower machine to ground.
6. Remove lifting device.
7. Check wheel bolt torque:
 - After traveling 30 m (100 ft) while changing direction.
 - After 3 to 10 hours of use.

Removing and Installing Rear Tires



CAUTION: Avoid injury! The machine can fall or slip from an unsafe lifting device or supports.

- Use a safe lifting device rated for the load to be lifted.
- Lower machine onto jack stands or other stable supports and block wheels before servicing.

Removal

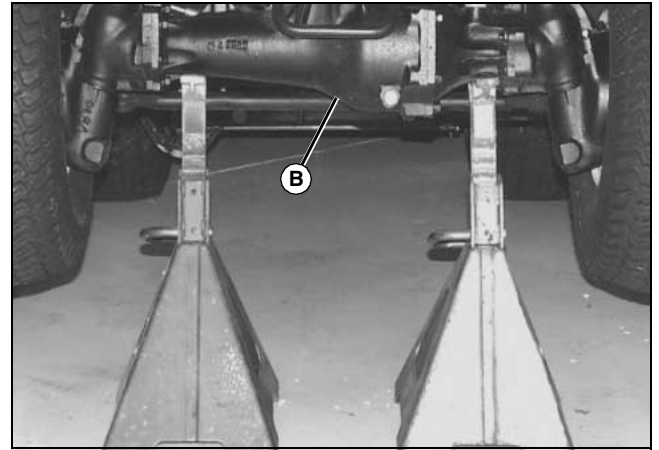
1. Raise side deck completely at side of machine requiring rear wheel removal. Leave other side deck lowered completely.
2. Engage the side deck transport lock.
3. Lower front deck completely.
4. Park machine safely. (See Parking Safely in SAFETY section.)

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5. Using a safe lifting device, jack up machine under rear axle (A) so both rear wheels are above the ground.



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3. Using a safe lifting device, jack up machine under rear axle (B).

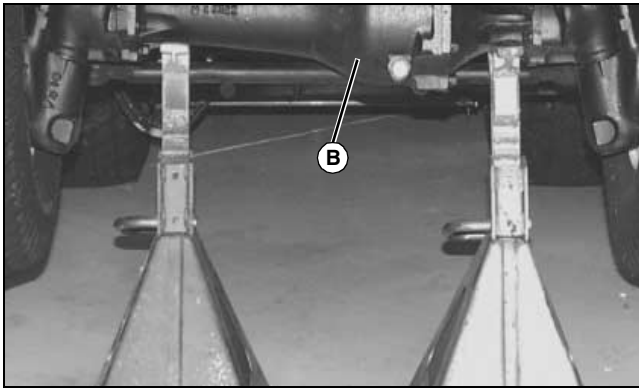
4. Remove jack stands from under machine.

5. Lower machine to ground.

6. Remove lifting device.

7. Check wheel bolt torque:

- After traveling 30 m (100 ft) while changing direction.
- After 3 to 10 hours of use.



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6. Install jack stands under rear axle (B).

7. Lower machine onto jack stands.

8. Remove wheel bolts and wheel from rear axle.

Installation

1. Install wheel onto axle hub with valve stem facing outward. Secure with wheel bolts.

2. Tighten rear wheel bolts to 81 - 95 N•m (60 - 70 lb-ft) using torque wrench.

Troubleshooting

Using Troubleshooting Chart

If you are experiencing a problem that is not listed in this chart, see your authorized dealer for service.

When you have checked all the possible causes listed and you are still experiencing the problem, see your authorized dealer.

Engine

IF	CHECK
Poor Engine Performance	Fuel: • Dirt in fuel system or fuel is old. Replace fuel with fresh stabilized fuel. Obtain fuel from another supplier before suspecting machine problems. Suppliers blend fuels differently and changing suppliers will generally solve any performance problems • Fuel blended for cold or warm climate may contribute to performance problems if used in the wrong season, especially if fuel is stored for several months or more. Obtain fresh fuel.
Engine Will Not Start (Starter Engages and Turns Engine)	Fuel shutoff valve is in off position. Out of fuel or improper fuel. Plugged fuel filter. Electrical problem - See Electrical Troubleshooting Section
Engine Is Hard To Start	Plugged fuel filter. Stale or improper fuel.
Engine Runs Unevenly	Fuel line or fuel filter plugged. Stale or dirty fuel. Fuel injector clogged. Air cleaner element plugged.
Engine Misses Under Load	Stale or dirty fuel. Plugged fuel filter.
Engine Overheats	Engine air intake screen plugged. Engine coolant level is low. Engine oil level is low or too high. Engine operated too long at a slow idle speed.
Engine Will Not Idle	Fuel level too low. Air cleaner element dirty. Operator raising off the seat without park brake locked.
Engine Knocks	Stale fuel. Engine overloaded. Low engine speed.

Troubleshooting

IF	CHECK
Engine Stops Or Misses When Operating On Hillsides	Fuel tank less than half full of fuel. Operator raising off of the seat.
Engine Backfires	Operator raising off of the seat.
Engine Loses Power	Engine overheating. Too much oil in engine. Dirty air cleaner. Travel speed is too fast for conditions. Improper fuel.
Black Exhaust Smoke	Air filter element is dirty.

Electrical

IF	CHECK
Starter Does Not Engage	Park brake is not locked. PTO switch is in on position. Hydrostatic pedals are not in centered neutral position. Battery terminals are corroded. Battery not charged. 15 main fuse is blown.
Battery Will Not Charge	Dead cell in the battery. Battery cables and terminals are dirty. Low engine speed or excessive idling.
Lights Do Not Work	Light plug disconnected. Loose or burned out bulb.

Machine

IF	CHECK
Vibrates Too Much or Rattles Excessively	Engine cover not latched closed. Electrical panel not latched closed.
Machine Will Not Move With Engine Running	Park brake locked. Range shift lever is in neutral position.

Troubleshooting

Mower Decks

IF	CHECK
Mower Deck Plugs With Grass	Grass too wet or too long. Engine not being run at full throttle while mowing. Rear of deck too low.
Patches Of Grass Uncut	Travel speed too fast. Engine should be at full throttle. Dull blades. Cutting height set too high.
Belt Slipping	Mower belt tension not set correctly. Debris in sheaves. Worn belt.
Mower Blades Do Not Stop	Belt routed incorrectly. Mower belt tension needs adjustment.
Too Much Vibration	Debris on mower deck or in sheaves. Damaged drive belt. Damaged sheaves or sheaves out of alignment. Blades out of balance.
Uneven Cut	Check procedures on Adjusting Mower Deck Level. Travel speed too fast. Blades are dull. Check caster wheel tire pressure (Serial No. 050001-100000).
Blades Scalping Grass	Turning speed too fast. Ridges in terrain. Rough or uneven terrain. Low tire pressure. Cutting too low. Bent blade(s).
Mower Loads Down Tractor	Engine should be at full throttle. Travel speed too fast. Debris wrapped around mower spindles. Check procedure on Adjusting Mower Level Front-to-Rear. Grass conditions. Cutting height set too low.
Uneven Clipping Distribution	Cutting height set too low. Mowing too fast. Grass too wet.

Troubleshooting

Error Codes

The following is not a complete list of errors which may display on your machine instrument panel. Contact your John Deere dealer when any other errors are displayed.

DESCRIPTION	PROBLEM SOURCE	MACHINE RESPONSE	ACTION	Lamp Number of Flash
Coolant temperature sensor failure.	Sensor voltage is 4.8 V or more, or 0.2 V or less.	• Continued operation in the coolant temperature condition of 30°C (EGR valve is not in operation) • The same limited operation is performed as the EGR valve failure	Key off	4
Accelerator sensor failure	Sensor voltage is 4.8 V or more, or 0.2 V or less.	Without optional back up accelerator sensor (standard): • The speed immediately before is held (standard) • The engine operation in 1500 min-1	Correct failure	5
Speed sensor failure	Engine start signal (E8) is on, but the engine speed cannot be detected.	Engine stops	Key off	6
Rack position sensor failure	• When the rack position sensor voltage is raised above the rated value by rack self-diagnostics • When the rack position relationship for the rack actuator output is raised above the rated value • When the rack position relationship for the rack actuator output is raised below the rated value	The engine operation with output/speed limitation (Rack position control is inactive and speed control is active).	Key off	7
Rack actuator failure	• When the rated rack doesn't operate by rack self-diagnostics • When the rack actuator output is raised above the rated value • When the rack actuator output is reduced below the rated value • When the engine accelerates rapidly even with minimum rack actuator output • When the engine stalls while rack position sensor is in failed operation	Engine stops	Key off	8
Overspeed	Idling engine speed exceeds high idling speed +600 min-1	Engine stop caused by independent circuit	Key off	9

Troubleshooting

DESCRIPTION	PROBLEM SOURCE	MACHINE RESPONSE	ACTION	Lamp Number of Flash
CAN communication failure	CAN communication packets cannot be received	• Last value is retained • Switch to backup sensor • The failure isn't indicated during the engine start or the power supply voltage is below 10.5 V	Correct failure	1-2
EGR valve failure (37 kW Min.)	• Low status is detected even though port is off • High status is detected even though port is off	The limited engine operation in output 92% and speed 1800 min-1	Key off	1-3
CSD solenoid valve failure	• Low status is detected even though port is off • High status is detected even though port is off	Engine continues to run with CSD being off	Key off	1-4
Starting aid relay failure	• Low status is detected even though port is off • High status is detected even though port is off	Engine continues to run with starting aid relay being off	Key off	1-5
Main relay failure	ECU power is not shut off even though main relay is off	Engine runs normally	Retained until correct failure	1-6
Rack actuator relay failure	• Low status is detected even though port is off • High status is detected even though port is off	Engine stop	Key off	1-7
Oil pressure failure	Oil pressure switch fails to turn on when engine is off	Engine runs normally	Key off	2-1
Power supply voltage failure	• ECU supply voltage exceeds 10.0 V • ECU supply voltage exceeds 16.0 V	Engine runs normally	Correct failure	2-3
Sensor 5 V failure	• Monitoring voltage is approximately. 0 V • Monitoring voltage is approximately 4.5 V or less • Monitoring voltage is approximately 5.5 V or more	Engine runs normally	Key off	2-4
ECU overheat alarm	• Detected when ECU temperature exceeds 105°C* or above • Cancelled when ECU temperature decreases to 100°C* or below • (Optional change is possible)	Engine runs normally*	Correct failure	2-5

Troubleshooting

DESCRIPTION	PROBLEM SOURCE	MACHINE RESPONSE	ACTION	Lamp Number of Flash
Oil pressure low	Oil pressure switch fails to turn off when engine is running	Engine runs normally*	Correct failure	3-1
Coolant temperature high alarm	- Coolant temperature is 110°C* or higher - Alarm is cancelled when coolant temperature decreases to 105°C* or below	Engine runs normally*	Correct failure	3-6
ECU failure (ROM error)	Flash ROM's EEPROM check-sum error	Engine stops	Key off	4-1
ECU failure (EEPROM error)	- Reading/writing fails - EEPROM suffers checksum error	Engine runs normally	Key off	4-1
ECU failure (Sub CPU failure)	ECU fails to communicate with sub CPU	Engine runs normally	Key off	4-1
ECU failure (Mapping error)	Map format is invalid	Engine stops	Key off	4-1
ECU failure (ECU temperature sensor failure)	Sensor voltage is 4.6 V or more, or 1.0 V or less	Engine runs normally	Correct failure	4-1

Storage

Storing Safety



CAUTION: Avoid injury! Fuel vapors are explosive and flammable. Engine exhaust fumes contain carbon monoxide and can cause serious illness or death:

- **Run the engine only long enough to move the machine to or from storage.**
- **Machine fires and structure fires can occur if a machine is stored before allowing it to cool, or if debris is not removed from around the engine and muffler, or if stored near combustible materials.**
- **Do not store vehicle with fuel in the tank inside a building where fumes may reach an open flame or spark.**
- **Allow the engine to cool before storing the machine in any enclosure.**

IMPORTANT: Avoid damage! Stale fuel can produce varnish and plug carburetor components and affect engine performance.

- **Add fuel conditioner or stabilizer to fresh fuel before filling tank.**

15. Fill fuel tank with fresh stabilized fuel to prevent condensation build-up. Drain fuel tank completely if storing machine indoors near potential flame or spark.
16. Remove and clean battery. Check the electrolyte level and fully charge the battery. Store in a cool dry place. Fully charge the battery periodically during storage to maintain its longevity.
17. Support machine at rear axle and front skid plate on blocks or stands to take weight off tires. Remove 1/3 air from tires.
18. Cover machine with waterproof cover if stored outside.

Preparing Machine for Storage

1. Replace all worn and damaged parts. Tighten loose hardware as needed.
2. Wash the machine. Clean inside engine compartment and under mower decks.
3. Run engine and mower decks for several minutes to dry belts, pulleys, and other moving parts.
4. Apply wax to metal surfaces.
5. Repair scratched metal surfaces to prevent rust.
6. Change engine oil and filter.
7. Lubricate grease points. Wipe off excess grease.
8. Replace fuel filter.
9. Replace air intake filter.
10. Change transmission oil.
11. Change engine coolant.
12. Drive machine to storage site. Raise mower decks completely. Engage the transport locks.
13. Park machine safely. (See Parking Safely in SAFETY section.)
14. Apply a light coat of oil to exposed cylinder rods, pivot and wear points to prevent rust.

IMPORTANT: Avoid damage! Biodiesel fuel must be used within three months of the date of production by the fuel supplier.

Before placing a biodiesel fueled machine in long term storage (without operating the engine):

- Drain all biodiesel fuel from the fuel tank.
- Fill the tank with conventional petroleum fuel as indicated in the Operator's Manual.
- Start the engine and run for a minimum of five hours.

Removing Machine From Storage

1. Check tire pressure.
2. Check engine oil level.
3. Check battery electrolyte level, if your battery is not maintenance free. Charge battery if necessary.
4. Install battery.
5. On gas engines: Check spark plug gap. Install and tighten plugs to specified torque.
6. Lubricate all grease points.
7. Open fuel shut-off valve, if your machine is equipped.
8. Run the engine 5 minutes without the mower or any attachments running to allow oil to be distributed throughout engine.
9. Be sure all shields and guards or deflectors are in place.

Specifications

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Engine

Engine Model Number	Yanmar 4TNV84T
Engine Type	4-Cycle, 4-Cylinder, In-Line Turbocharged Diesel
Bore	84 mm (3.307 in.)
Stroke	90 mm (3.543 in.)
Displacement	1.995 L (121.74 cu in.)
Armature Air Gap	0.3 mm (0.012 in.)
Intake and Exhaust Valve Clearance (cold)	0.13 ± 0.025 mm (0.005 ± 0.001 in.)
Cooling	Liquid Cooled
Power Output	41.2 kW (56 hp)
Injection Type	Direct
Air Cleaner	Dry, Replaceable Dual Element

Capacities

Engine Oil (with Filter)	7.4 L (7.8 qt)
Fuel Tank	83 L (22 gal)
Coolant	7.5 L (8 qt)
Hydraulic System	58.7 L (15.5 gal)
Hydrostatic Transmission	13.3 L (3.5 gal)
Rear Axle	4.7 L (5 qt)

Travel Speeds

High Range

Forward	0 - 23.3 km/h (0 - 14.4 mph)
Reverse	0 - 11.6 km/h (0 - 7.2 mph)

Low Range

Forward	0 - 13.7 km/h (0 - 8.6 mph)
Reverse	0 - 7.2 km/h (0 - 4.3 mph)

Tire Dimensions

Front Drive Tires	26x12.00-12
Rear Tires	18x9.50-8
Mower Deck Caster Tires	11x4-5

Tire Inflation Pressures

Machine Front Tires	207 kPa (30 psi)
Machine Rear Tires	193 kPa (28 psi)

Dimensions

Height	2 m (78 in.)
Width (Mower Decks Raised)	2.2 m (84.5 in.)

Specifications

Width (Mower Decks Lowered)	3.3 m (131 in.)
Length (With Mower Deck)	3.4 m (133 in.)
Length (Without Mower Deck)	2.6 m (101 in.)
Wheelbase	1.6 m (61 in.)
Weight (With Mower Decks)	1814 kg (4000 lb)
Ground Clearance	18 cm (7 in.)
Cutting Width	3.3 m (131 in.)

Mower Decks

Front Mower Deck

Cutting Width	1.6 m (62 in.)
Cutting Height	2.5 - 15.2 cm (1 - 6 in.)
Number of Blades	3

Side Mower Decks

Cutting Width	1 m (40 in.)
Cutting Height	2.5 - 14 cm (1 - 5.5 in.)
Number of Blades	2

Tightening Torques

Front Wheels	136 - 163 N•m (100 - 120 lb-ft)
Rear Wheels	81 - 95 N•m (60 - 70 lb-ft)
Blade Mounting Cap screws	122 N•m (90 lb-ft)

Recommended Lubricants

Engine Oil	John Deere PLUS-50™ (15W-40)
.....	John Deere TORQ-GARD SUPREME™ (5W-30)

Hydraulic Oil	John Deere HY-GARD™ J20C
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Transmission Oil	John Deere HY-GARD™ J20C
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Grease: (This may change for high-speed applications such as cutting units)

.....	John Deere Multi-Purpose SD Polyurea Grease
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.....	John Deere Multi-Purpose HD Lithium Complex Grease
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(Specifications and design subject to change without notice.)

Warranty

Product Warranty

Product warranty is provided as part of John Deere's support program for customers who operate and maintain their equipment as described in this manual.

Engine related warranties stated in this manual refer only to emissions-related parts and components of your engine. The complete engine warranty, less emission-related parts and components, is provided separately as the Limited Warranty for New John Deere Commercial & Consumer Equipment.

John Deere, Federal And California Emission Control System Warranty (Non-Road Diesel)

Your Warranty Rights and Obligations

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the California Air Resources Board (CARB) and John Deere are pleased to explain the emission control system warranty on your 1995 and later non-road diesel equipment engine. In California, 1995 and later non-road diesel equipment engines must be designed, built and equipped to meet the State's stringent anti-smog standards. In other states, 1997 and later model year equipment engines must be designed, built and equipped to meet the U.S. EPA regulations for non-road diesel engines. John Deere must warrant the emission control system on your non-road diesel equipment engine for the periods of time listed below provided there has been no abuse, neglect or improper maintenance of your non-road diesel equipment engine.

Your emission control system may include parts such as the fuel-injection system and the air induction system. Also included may be connectors and other emission related assemblies.

Where a warrantable condition exists, John Deere will repair your non-road diesel equipment engine at no cost to you including diagnosis, parts and labor.

John Deere Emission Control System Warranty Coverage

In California, 1995 and later non-road diesel equipment engine emissions control-related parts are warranted by John Deere for five years or 3000 hours of operation, whichever occurs first. In other states, 1997 and later non-road diesel equipment engine emissions control-related parts are warranted by John Deere for five years or 3000 hours of operation, whichever occurs first. If any emission related part on your engine is defective, the part will be repaired or replaced by John Deere.

Owner's Warranty Responsibilities

As the non-road diesel equipment engine owner, you are responsible for the performance of the required maintenance listed in your owner's manual. John Deere recommends that you retain all receipts covering maintenance on your non-road diesel equipment engine, but John Deere cannot deny warranty solely for lack of receipts or for your failure to ensure all scheduled maintenance is performed.

As the non-road diesel equipment engine owner, you should however be aware that John Deere may deny you warranty coverage if your non-road diesel equipment engine or a part has failed due to abuse, neglect, improper maintenance or unapproved modifications.

You are responsible for presenting your non-road diesel equipment engine to an authorized John Deere Commercial and Consumer Equipment Retailer as soon as a problem exists. The warranty repairs should be completed in a reasonable amount of time, not to exceed 30 days.

If you have any questions regarding your warranty rights and responsibilities, you should contact your John Deere Commercial and Consumer Equipment Retailer, or the John Deere Customer Contact

Center, 1-800-537-8233.

Length of Warranty Coverage

John Deere warrants to the initial owner and each subsequent purchaser that the non-road diesel equipment engine is:

- Designed, built and equipped so as to conform with all applicable regulations adopted by the California Air Resources Board (CARB) for 1995 and later equipment engines, and all applicable regulations of the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for 1997 and later equipment engines; and
- Free from defects in materials and workmanship which can cause the failure of an emission warranted part for a period of five years or 3000 hours of operation, whichever occurs first, after the engine is delivered to the initial retail purchaser. John Deere is liable for damages to other engine components caused by the failure of a warranted part during the warranty period. If any emission related part on your engine is defective, the part will be repaired or replaced by John Deere.

Warranted Parts

Coverage under this warranty extends only to the parts listed below (the emission control system parts) to the extent these parts were present on the engine purchased.

Fuel Metering System:

- Fuel injection system.

Air Induction System:

- Air Cleaner
- Turbocharger system.
- Intake manifold.

Diesel System:

- Exhaust manifold.

Miscellaneous Items Used in Above Systems:

- Hoses, belts, connectors and assemblies.

Since emission related parts may vary slightly from model to model, certain models may not contain all of these parts and certain models may contain functionally equivalent parts.

Warranty Service and Charges

Warranty service shall be provided during customary business hours at any authorized John Deere Commercial and Consumer Equipment Retailer. Repair or replacement of any warranted part will be performed at no charge to the owner, including diagnostic labor which leads to the determination that a warranted part is defective, if the diagnostic work is performed at an authorized John Deere Commercial and Consumer Equipment Retailer. Any parts replaced under this warranty shall become the property of John Deere.

Maintenance Warranty Coverage

a) Any warranted part which is not scheduled for replacement as required maintenance shall be warranted as to defects for the warranty period. Any such part repaired or replaced under the warranty shall be warranted for the remaining warranty period.

b) Any warranted part which is scheduled only for regular inspection to the effect of "repair or replace as necessary" shall be warranted as to defects for the warranty period. Any such part repaired or replaced under the warranty shall be warranted for the remaining warranty period.

c) Any warranted part which is scheduled for replacement as required

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maintenance shall be warranted as to defects only for the period of time up to the first scheduled replacement for that part. Any such part repaired or replaced under the warranty shall be warranted for the remainder of the period prior to the first scheduled replacement point for that part.

d) Normal maintenance, replacement or repair of emission control devices and systems, which are being done at the customers expense, may be performed by any repair establishment or individual; however, warranty repairs must be performed by an authorized John Deere Commercial and Consumer Equipment Retailer.

e) Any replacement part that is equivalent in performance and durability may be used in the performance of any non-warranty maintenance or repairs, and shall not reduce the warranty obligations of John Deere.

Consequential Warranty Coverage

Warranty coverage shall extend to the failure of any engine components caused by the failure of any warranted part still under warranty.

Limitations

This Emission Control System Warranty shall NOT cover any of the following:

a) Repair or replacement required as a result of (i) misuse or neglect, (ii) improper maintenance or unapproved modifications, (iii) repairs improperly performed or replacements improperly installed, (iv) use of replacement parts or accessories not conforming to John Deere specifications which adversely affect performance and/or durability, (v) alterations or modifications not recommended or approved in writing by John Deere.

b) Replacement parts, other services and adjustments necessary for normal maintenance.

c) Transportation to and from the John Deere Commercial and Consumer Equipment Retailer, or service calls made by the Retailer.

Limited Liability

a) The liability of John Deere under this Emission Control System Warranty is limited solely to the remedying of defects in materials or workmanship. This warranty does not cover inconvenience or loss of use of the non-road diesel equipment engine or transportation of the engine to or from the John Deere Commercial and Consumer Equipment Retailer. JOHN DEERE SHALL NOT BE LIABLE FOR ANY OTHER EXPENSE, LOSS, OR DAMAGE, WHETHER DIRECT, INCIDENTAL, CONSEQUENTIAL (EXCEPT AS LISTED ABOVE UNDER "COVERAGE") OR EXEMPLARY ARISING IN CONNECTION WITH THE SALE OR USE OF OR INABILITY TO USE THE NON-ROAD DIESEL ENGINE FOR ANY OTHER PURPOSE.

b) NO EXPRESS EMISSION CONTROL SYSTEM WARRANTY IS GIVEN BY JOHN DEERE WITH RESPECT TO THE ENGINE EXCEPT AS SPECIFICALLY SET FORTH IN THIS DOCUMENT. ANY EMISSION CONTROL SYSTEM WARRANTY IMPLIED BY LAW, INCLUDING ANY WARRANTY OF MERCHANTABILITY OR FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE, IS EXPRESSLY LIMITED TO THE EMISSION CONTROL SYSTEM WARRANTY TERMS SET FORTH IN THIS DOCUMENT.

c) No dealer is authorized to modify this Federal, California and John Deere Emission Control System Warranty.

Tire Warranty

John Deere warranty applies for tires available through the John Deere parts system. For tires not available through the John Deere parts system, the tire manufacturer's warranty applicable to your machine may not apply

outside the U.S. (See your John Deere dealer for specific information.)

Limited Battery Warranty

NOTE: Applicable in North America only. For complete machine warranty, reference a copy of the John Deere warranty statement. Contact your John Deere dealer to obtain a copy.

TO SECURE WARRANTY SERVICE

The purchaser must request warranty service from a John Deere dealer authorized to sell John Deere batteries, and present the battery to the dealer with the top cover plate codes intact.

FREE REPLACEMENT

Any new battery which becomes unserviceable (not merely discharged) due to defects in material or workmanship within 90 days of purchase will be replaced free of charge. Installation costs will be covered by warranty if (1) the unserviceable battery was installed by a John Deere factory or dealer, (2) failure occurs within 90 days of purchase, and (3) the replacement battery is installed by a John Deere dealer.

PRO RATA ADJUSTMENT

Any new battery which becomes unserviceable (not merely discharged) due to defects in material or workmanship more than 90 days after purchase, but before the expiration of the applicable adjustment period, will be replaced upon payment of the battery's current list price less a pro rata credit for unused months of service. The applicable adjustment period is determined from the Warranty Code printed at the top of the battery and chart below. Installation costs are not covered by warranty after 90 days from the date of purchase.

THIS WARRANTY DOES NOT COVER

- A. Breakage of the container, cover, or terminals.
- B. Depreciation or damage caused by lack of reasonable and necessary maintenance or by improper maintenance.
- C. Transportation, mailing, or service call charges for warranty service.

LIMITATION OF IMPLIED WARRANTIES AND PURCHASER'S REMEDIES

To the extent permitted by law, neither John Deere nor any company affiliated with it makes any warranties, representations, or promises as to the quality, performance or freedom from defect of the products covered by this warranty. IMPLIED WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY AND FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE, TO THE EXTENT APPLICABLE, SHALL BE LIMITED IN DURATION TO THE APPLICABLE ADJUSTMENT PERIOD SET FORTH HERE. THE PURCHASER'S ONLY REMEDIES IN CONNECTION WITH THE BREACH OR PERFORMANCE OF ANY WARRANTY ON JOHN DEERE BATTERIES ARE THOSE SET FORTH HERE. IN NO EVENT WILL THE DEALER, JOHN DEERE OR ANY COMPANY AFFILIATED WITH JOHN DEERE BE LIABLE FOR INCIDENTAL OR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES. (Note: Some states do not allow limitations on how long an implied warranty lasts or the exclusion or limitation of incidental or consequential damages. So these limitations and exclusions may not apply to you.) This warranty gives you specific legal rights, and you may also have some rights which vary from state to state.

NO DEALER WARRANTY

The selling dealer makes no warranty of its own and the dealer has no authority to make any representation or promise on behalf of John Deere, or to modify the terms or limitations of this warranty in any way.

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PRO RATA MONTHS OF ADJUSTMENT

NOTE: If your battery is not labeled with a warranty code, it is a warranty code B.

Warranty Code	Warranty Period
A	40 Months
B	36 Months
C	24 Months

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John Deere Quality Statement

John Deere Quality



John Deere equipment is more than just a purchase, it's an investment in quality. That quality goes beyond our equipment to your John Deere dealer's parts and service support. This support is needed to keep you a satisfied customer.

That's why John Deere has initiated a process to handle your questions or problems, should they arise. The following three steps will help guide you through the process.

Step 1

Refer to your operator's manual

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| A. It has many illustrations and detailed information on the safe and proper operation of your equipment. | C. It gives ordering information for parts catalogs, service and technical manuals. |
| B. It gives troubleshooting procedures, and specification information. | D. If your questions are not answered in the operator's manual, then go to Step 2. |

Step 2

Contact your dealer

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| A. Your John Deere dealer has the responsibility, authority, and ability to answer questions, resolve problems, and fulfill your parts and service needs. | C. If the parts and service people are unable to resolve your problem, see the dealership manager or owner. |
| B. First, discuss your questions or problems with your dealer's trained parts and service staff. | D. If your questions or problems are not resolved by the dealer, then go to Step 3. |

Step 3

Call the John Deere Customer Contact Center

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| A. Your John Deere dealer is the most efficient source in addressing any concern, but if you are not able to resolve your problem after checking your operator's manual and contacting your dealer, call the Customer Contact Center. | |
| B. For prompt, effective service, please have the following ready before you call: | |
| The name of the dealer with whom you've been working. | Your serial number which you recorded on the inside front cover of this manual. |
| Your equipment model number. | If the problem is with an attachment, your attachment identification number. |
| Number of hours on machine (if applicable). | |
| C. Then call 1-800-537-8233 and our advisor will work with your dealer to investigate your concern. | |

Service Record

Record Service Dates

Oil Change	Oil Filter Change	Lubricate Machine	Air Cleaner Element Check/Clean	Fuel Filter Change	Coolant Change