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OPERATOR'S MANUAL

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Z965M, Z965R, Z970R, Z975M, Z985R Pro Series Gas

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CALIFORNIA

Proposition 65 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.

If this product contains a gasoline engine:



WARNING

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

The State of California requires the above two warnings.

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Introduction

Required Emission-Related Information

Service Provider

A repair shop or person of the owner's choosing may maintain, replace, or repair emission control devices and systems with original or equivalent replacement parts. However, warranty, recall, and all other services paid for by John Deere must be performed at an authorized John Deere service center.

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Emissions Performance and Tampering

Operation and Maintenance

The engine, including the emissions control system, shall be operated, used, and maintained in accordance with the instructions provided in this manual to maintain the emissions performance of the engine within the requirements applicable to the engine's category/certification.

Tampering

No deliberate tampering with or misuse of the engine emissions control system shall take place; in particular with regard to deactivating or not maintaining an exhaust gas recirculation (EGR) or a DEF dosing system. Tampering with an engine's emissions control system voids the European Union (EU) or other country's applicable type approval, certification, and emissions-related warranties.

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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.

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Using Your Operator's Manual

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

Read this operator's manual, watch the safety video, and review the safety signs on your machine before use. They all contain important safety information and operating instructions that must be followed to help keep you and others safe. The operator's manual, safety video, and other important information is also available by scanning this QR code with your smartphone, or by visiting <https://www.deere.com/QR>. Be sure everyone who uses the machine has read the manual, reviewed the safety signs, and knows how to use the machine safely and properly.



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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 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 that 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.

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John Deere Is at Your Service



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Customer satisfaction is important to John Deere.

Our dealers strive to provide you with prompt, efficient parts, and service:

- Maintenance and service parts to support your equipment.
- Trained service technicians and the necessary diagnostic and repair tools to service your equipment.
- **John Deere replacement parts, repair services, and information for maintenance or repair are available. For more information, please visit deere.com or deere.ca.**

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Special Messages

Your manual contains special messages to bring attention to potential safety concerns and 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.

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Attachments for Your Machine

There is 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, 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 is a John Deere attachment or kit to fill every need.

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Service Literature

If you would like to purchase a copy of the Parts Catalog or Technical Manual for this machine, visit The John Deere Technical Information Store at:

<https://techpubs.deere.com/>

or call:

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

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Parts

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

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 <https://partscatalog.deere.com/jdrc/> for your Internet connection to parts ordering and information.

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Product Identification

Record Identification Numbers

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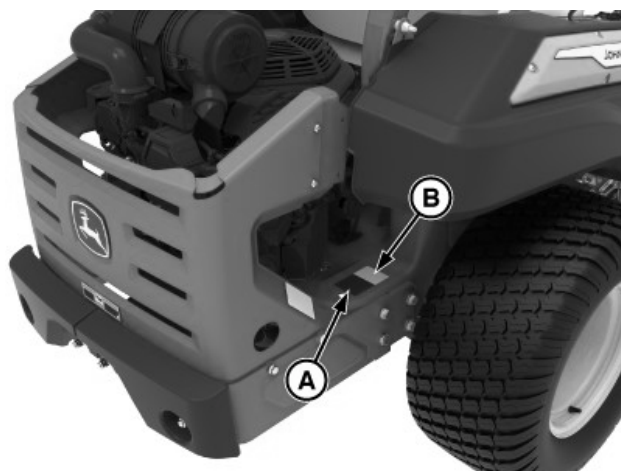
If you need to contact an Authorized Service Center for information on servicing, always provide the product model and serial number.

You will need to locate the model and serial number for the machine and for the engine of your machine and record the information in the spaces provided below.

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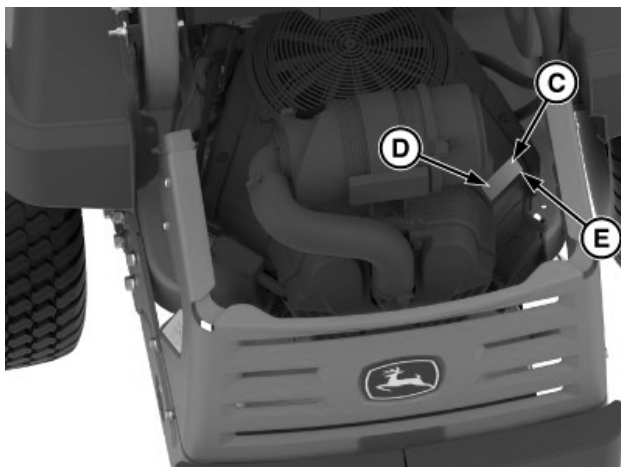
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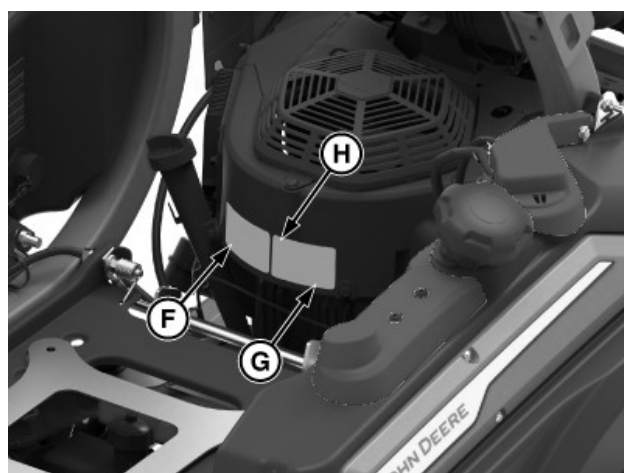
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Vanguard Engine

ENGINE MODEL NUMBER (C):

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ENGINE SERIAL NUMBER (E):



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Kawasaki Engine

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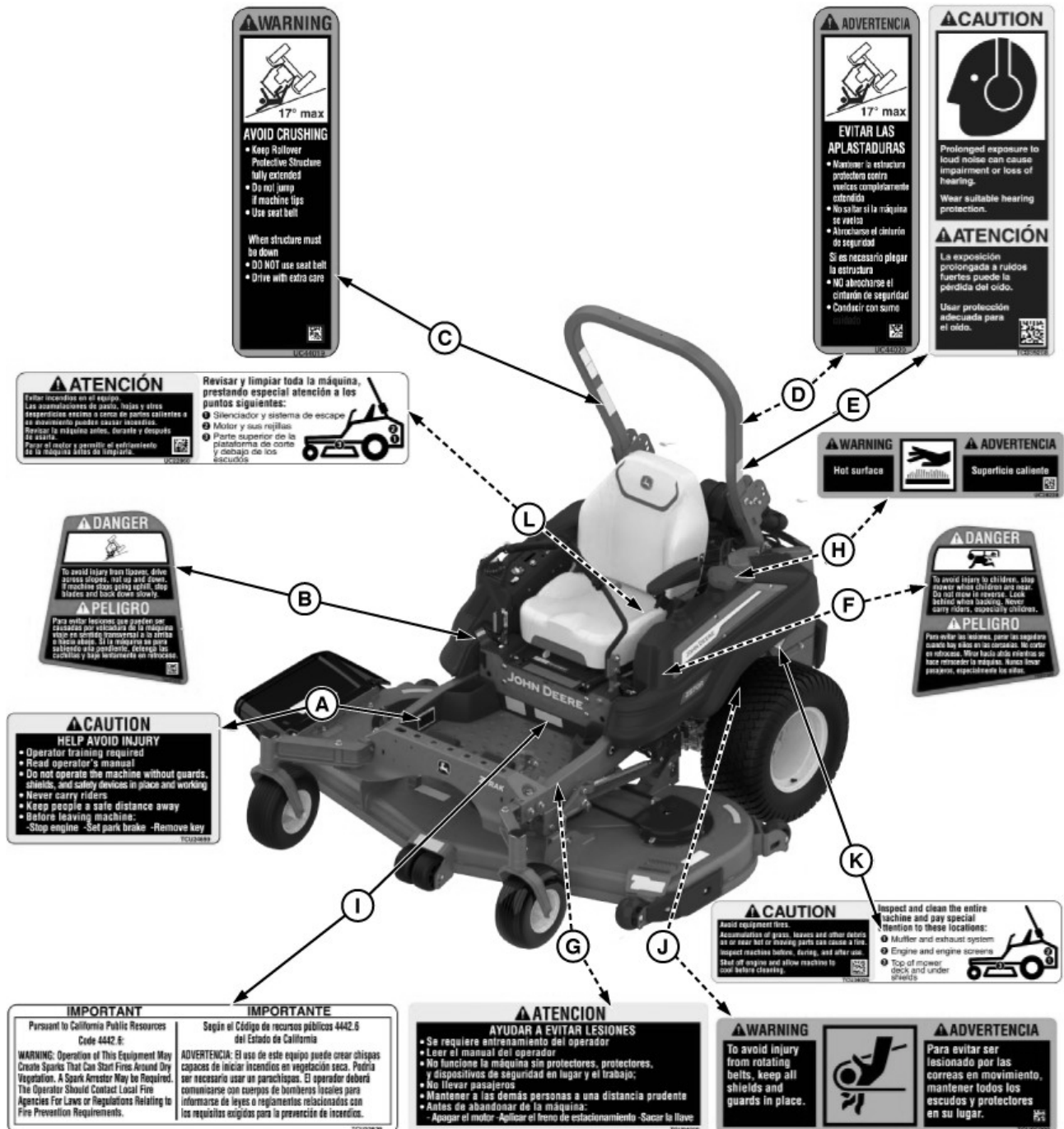
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ENGINE SERIAL NUMBER (H):

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Safety Labels with Text

Safety Label Location (Machine)



A—CAUTION - TCU24659
B—DANGER - TCU37848
C—WARNING - UC44019
D—WARNING (Spanish) - UC44020

E—CAUTION - TCU39706
F—DANGER - TCU37849
G—CAUTION (Spanish) - TCU24660
H—WARNING - UC28228

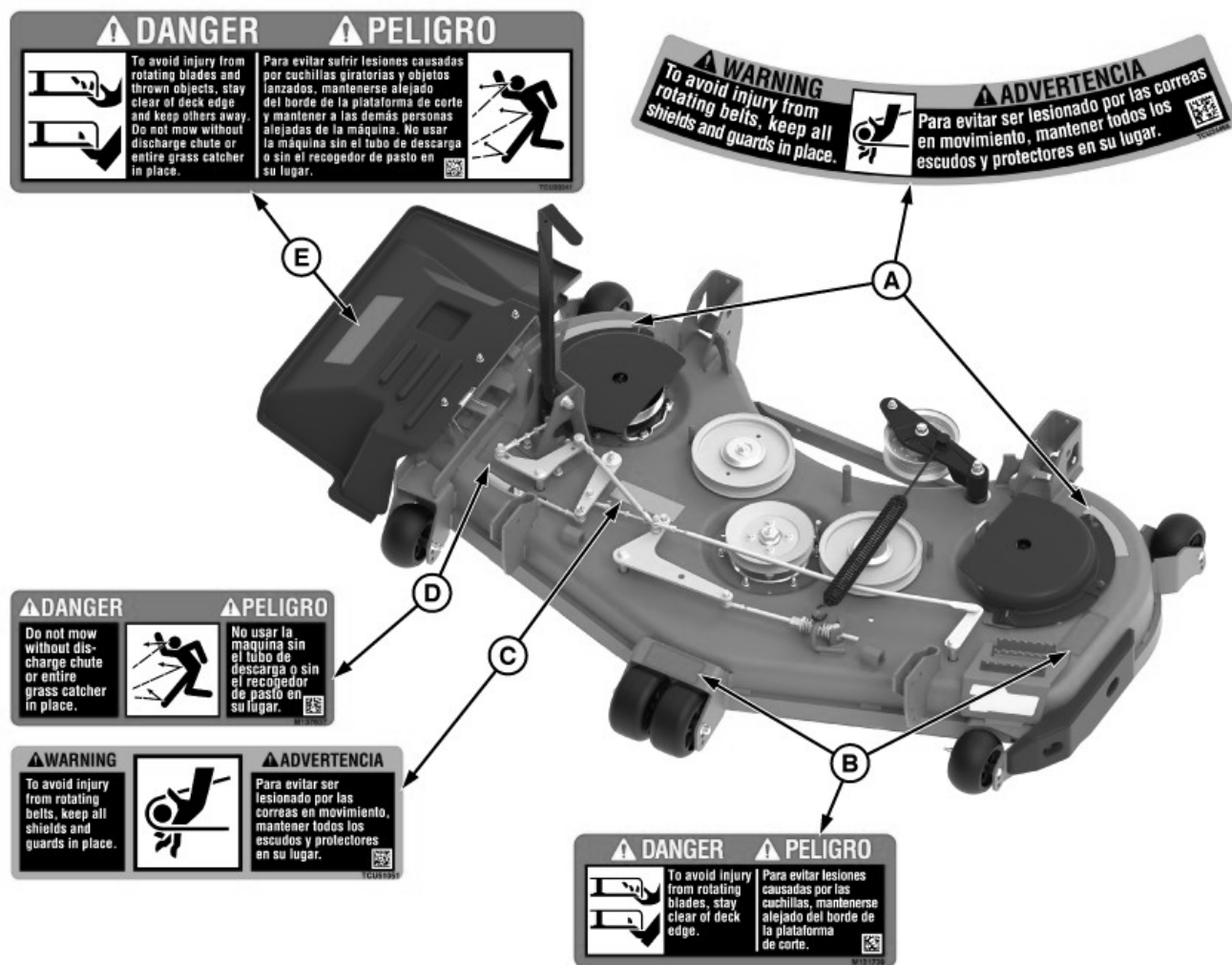
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H—2nd label for OilGuard machines only
I—CAUTION - TCU32529
J—WARNING - TCU25390

K—CAUTION - TCU34029
L—CAUTION (Spanish) - UC22860

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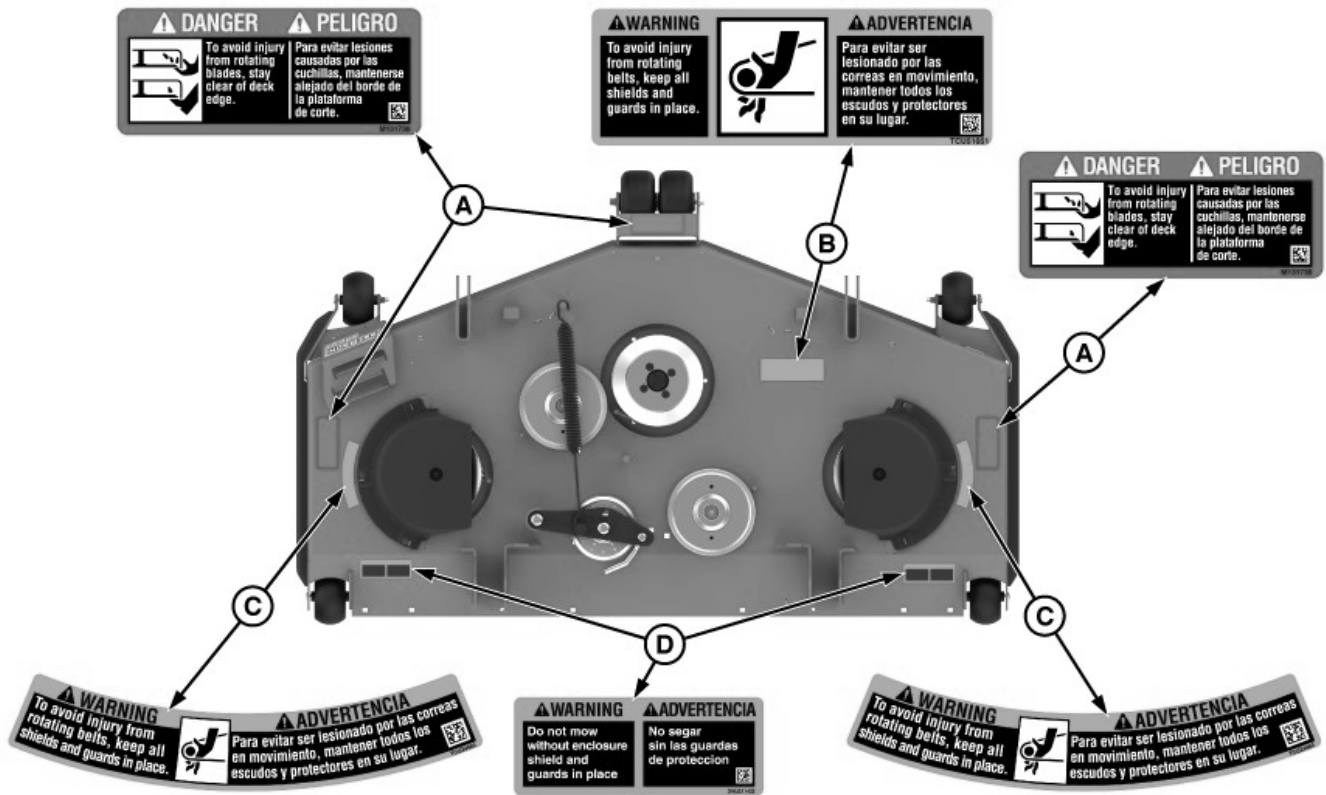
Safety Label Location (Mower)



A—WARNING - TCU24465
B—DANGER - M131739
C—WARNING - TCU51051

D—DANGER - M137637
E—DANGER - M131748

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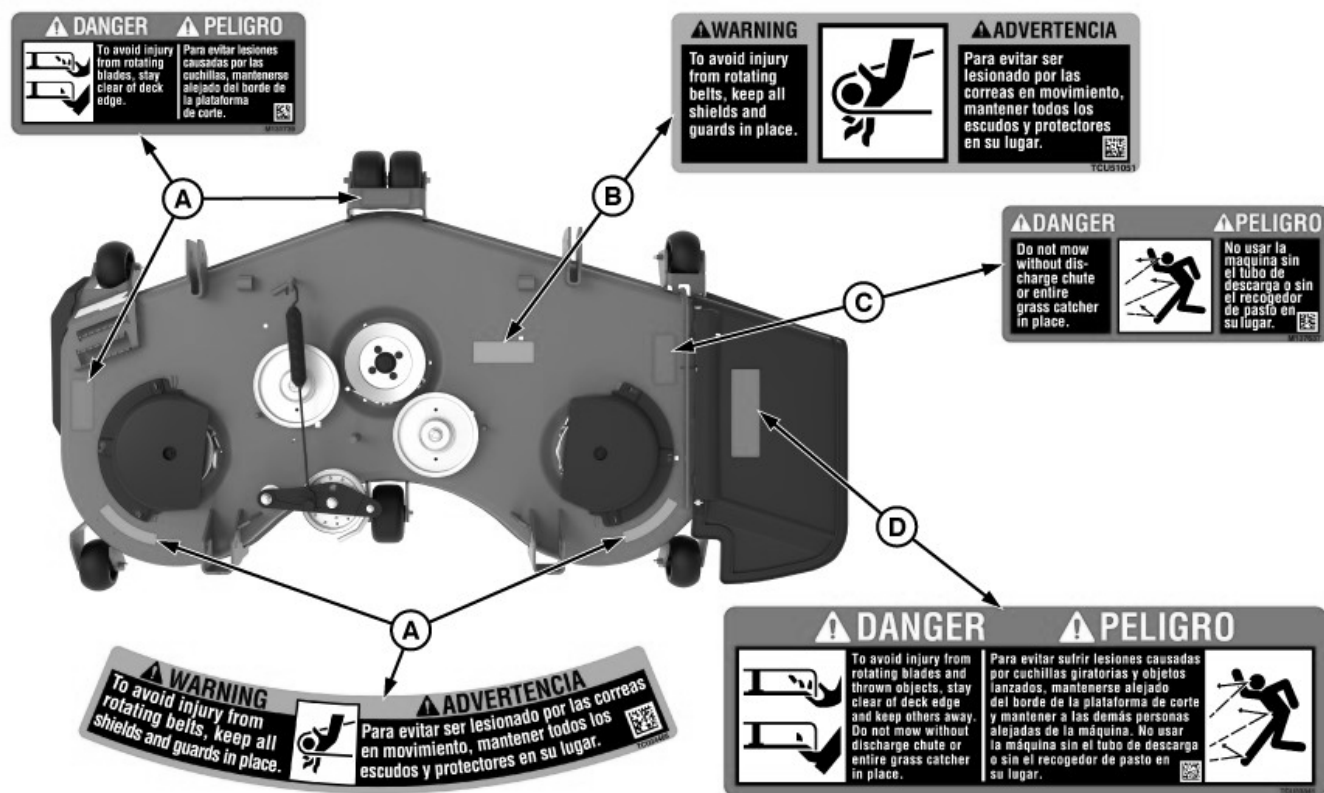


60 inch Rear Discharge Deck Shown

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A—DANGER-M131739
 B—WARNING-TCU51051

C—WARNING-TCU24465
 D—WARNING-DMU211432



60 inch Side Discharge Deck Shown

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A—DANGER-M131739
B—WARNING-TCU51051
C—DANGER-M137637

D—DANGER-M131748
E—WARNING-TCU24465
F—TCU15628

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Understanding the Machine Safety Labels



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The machine safety labels shown in this section are placed in important areas on your machine to draw attention to potential safety hazards. DANGER or WARNING safety labels are located near specific 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.

On your machine safety labels, the words DANGER, WARNING, and CAUTION are used with this safety-

alert symbol. DANGER identifies the most serious hazards:

- **DANGER**; The signal word DANGER indicates a hazardous situation which, if not avoided, will result in death or serious injury.
- **WARNING**; The signal word WARNING indicates a hazardous situation which, if not avoided, could result in death or serious injury.
- **CAUTION**; The signal word CAUTION indicates a hazardous situation which, if not avoided, could result in minor or moderate injury. CAUTION may also be used to alert against unsafe practices associated with events which could lead to personal injury.

Replace missing or damaged safety labels. Use this operator's manual for correct safety label placement.

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

French or Spanish Safety Labels and Operator's Manual

Operator's manuals and safety labels with content in French or Spanish are available for this machine through authorized John Deere dealers. See your John Deere dealer.

NOTE: Both text and no-text labels are shown. Your machine is only equipped with one of these types of labels.

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WARNING



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Never mow or operate this ride-on mower on slope angles greater than 17°.

- Keep Rollover Protective Structure fully extended

- Do not jump if machine tips
- Use seat belt

When structure must be down

- DO NOT use seat belt
- Drive with extra care

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WARNING



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Hot Surface

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WARNING



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- Do not mow without enclosure shield and guards in place.

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CAUTION



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

- Wear suitable hearing protection.

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DANGER



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- To avoid injury to children, stop mower when children are near. Do not mow in reverse. Look behind when backing. Never carry riders, especially children.

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- Keep people a safe distance away
- Before leaving machine:
- -Stop engine -Set park brake -Remove key

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DANGER



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- To avoid injury from tipover, drive across slopes, not up and down. If machine stops going uphill, stop blades and back down slowly.

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CAUTION



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- Operator training required
- Read operator's manual
- Do not operate the machine without guards, shields, and safety devices in place and working
- Never carry riders

CAUTION



TC1362268—UN—28MAR24

- Avoid equipment fires.
- Accumulation of grass, leaves and other debris on or near hot or moving parts can cause a fire.
- Inspect machine before, during, and after use.
- Shut off engine and allow machine to cool before cleaning.

Inspect and clean the entire machine and pay special attention to these locations:

1. Muffler and exhaust system

2. Engine and engine screens
3. Top of mower deck and under shields

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WARNING



TC1362270—UN—28MAR24

- To avoid injury from rotating belts, keep all shields and guards in place.

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WARNING



TC1362272—UN—28MAR24

- To avoid injury from rotating belts, keep all shields and guards in place.

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DANGER



TC1362269—UN—28MAR24

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

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DANGER

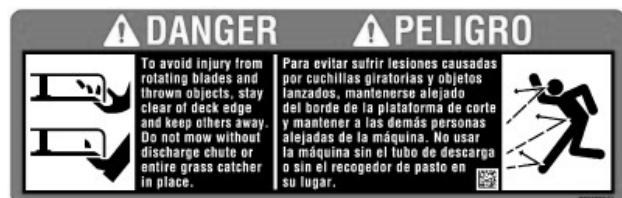


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Do not mow without discharge chute or entire grass catcher in place.

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DANGER



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

Do not mow without discharge chute or entire grass catcher in place.

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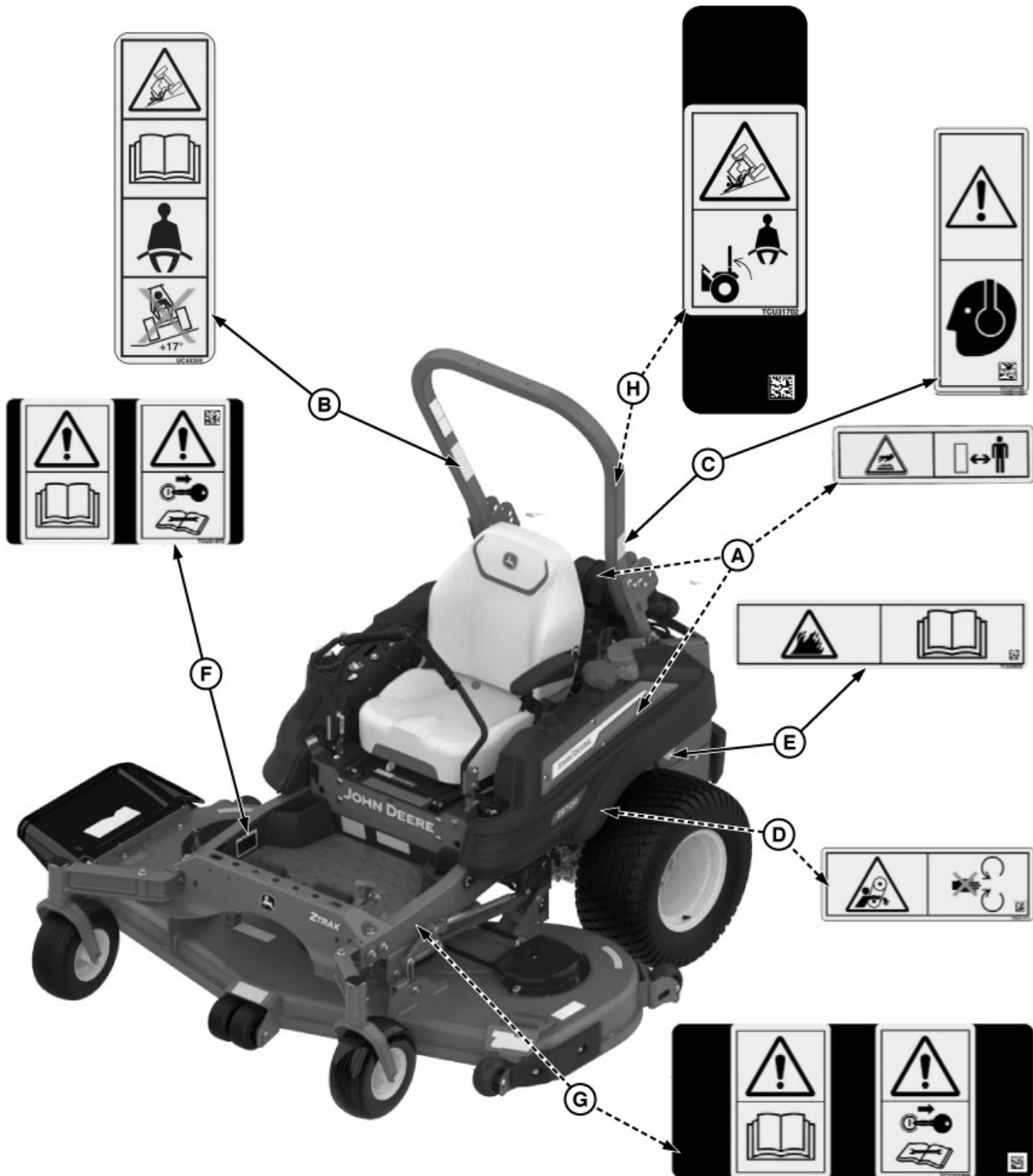
Certification

Your product has been certified for compliance with ANSI/OPEI 5395-3 Safety Requirements for Combustion-Engine-Powered Lawnmowers.

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Safety Labels without Text

Safety Label Location (Machine)

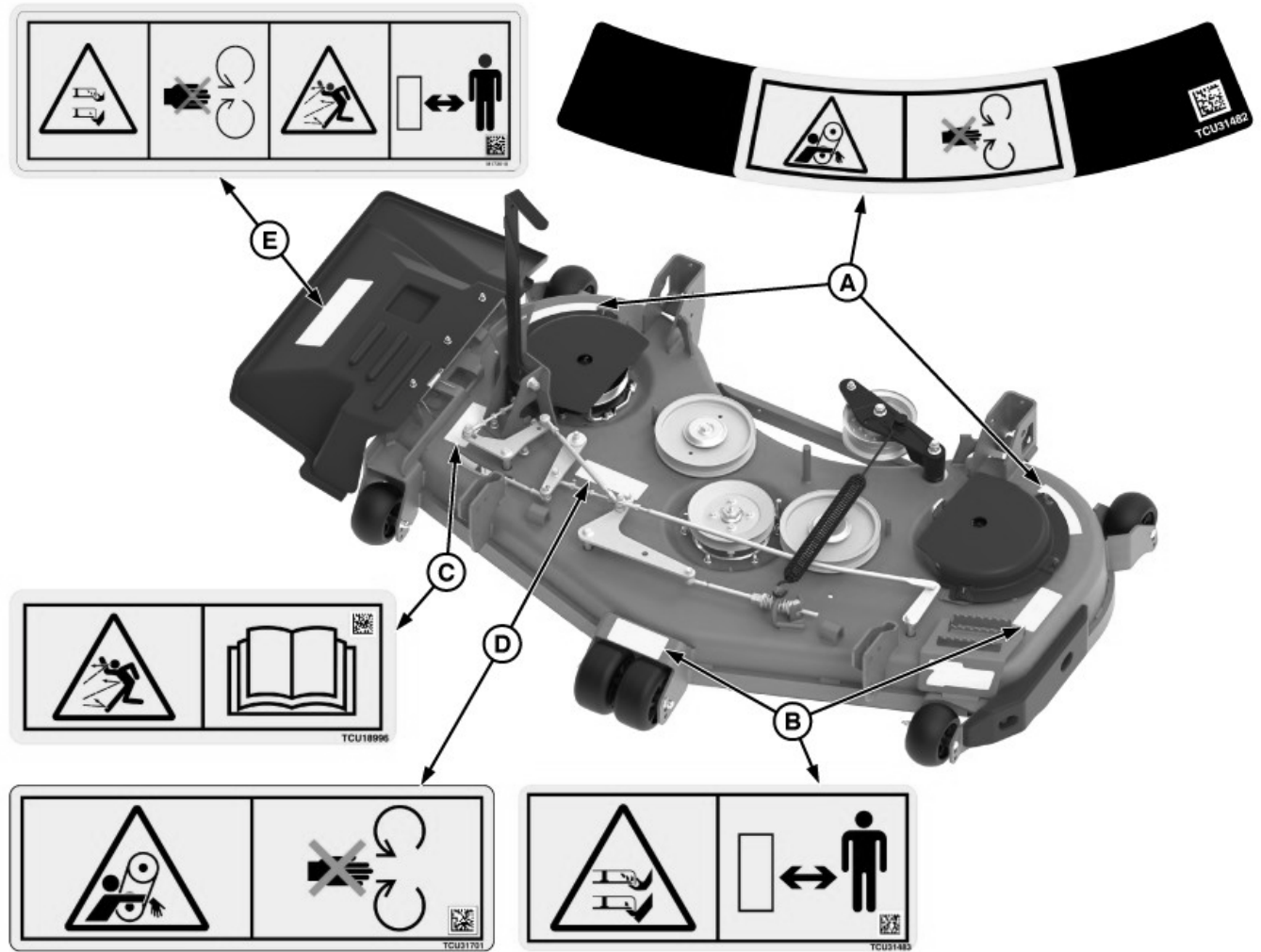


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A—Hot Surfaces - M137684
 A—2nd Label for Oil Guard Machines Only
 B—Avoid Crushing - UC44359
 C—Hearing Protection - TCU27739

D—Rotating Belt - TCU31701
 E—Prevent Equipment Fires - TCU34033
 F—Caution - TCU31972
 G—Caution - TCU32068

Safety Label Location (Mower)



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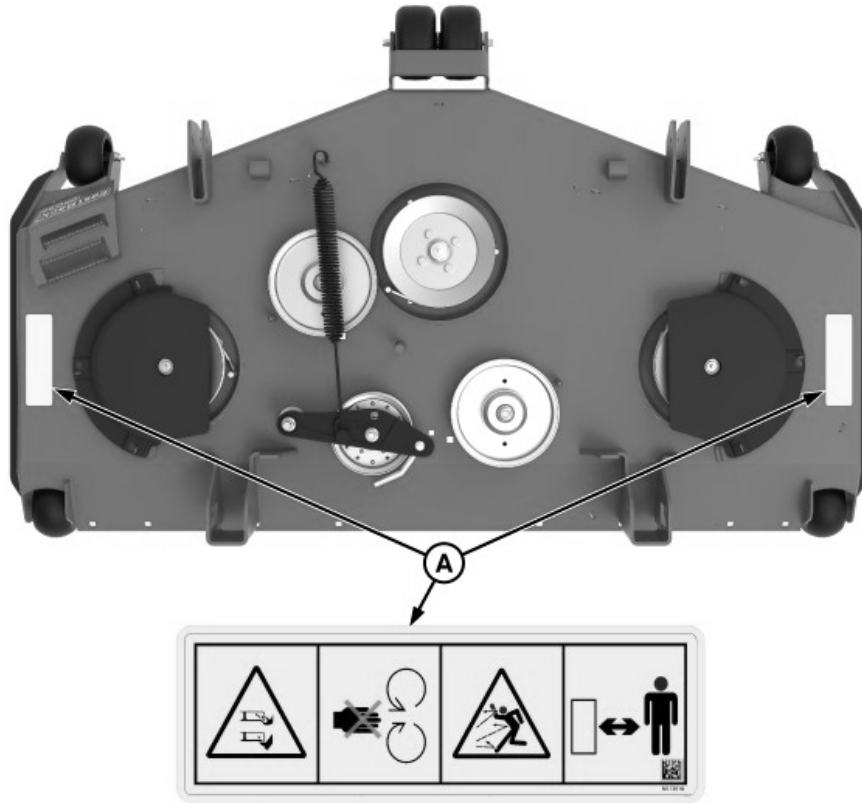
A—Rotating Belt-TCU31482

B—Rotating Blades-TCU31483

C—Rotating Belt-TCU31701

D—Thrown Objects-TCU32117

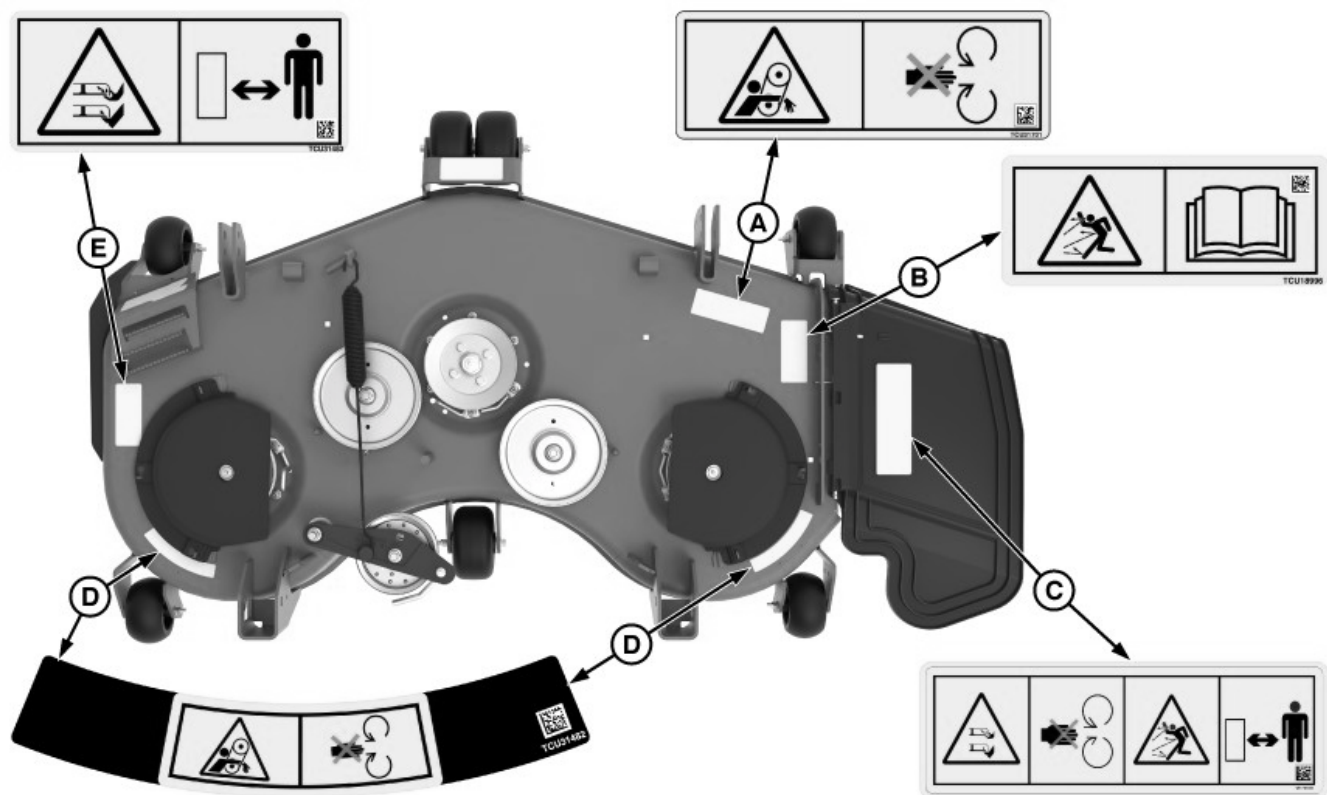
E—Rotating Blade/Thrown Object-M118040



60 inch Rear Discharge Deck

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A—Rotating Blade/Thrown Object-M118040



60 inch Side Discharge Deck

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A—Rotating Belt-TCU31701
B—Thrown Objects-TCU18996
C—Rotating Blade/Thrown Object-M173018

D—Rotating Belt-TCU31482
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Understanding the Machine Safety Labels without Text



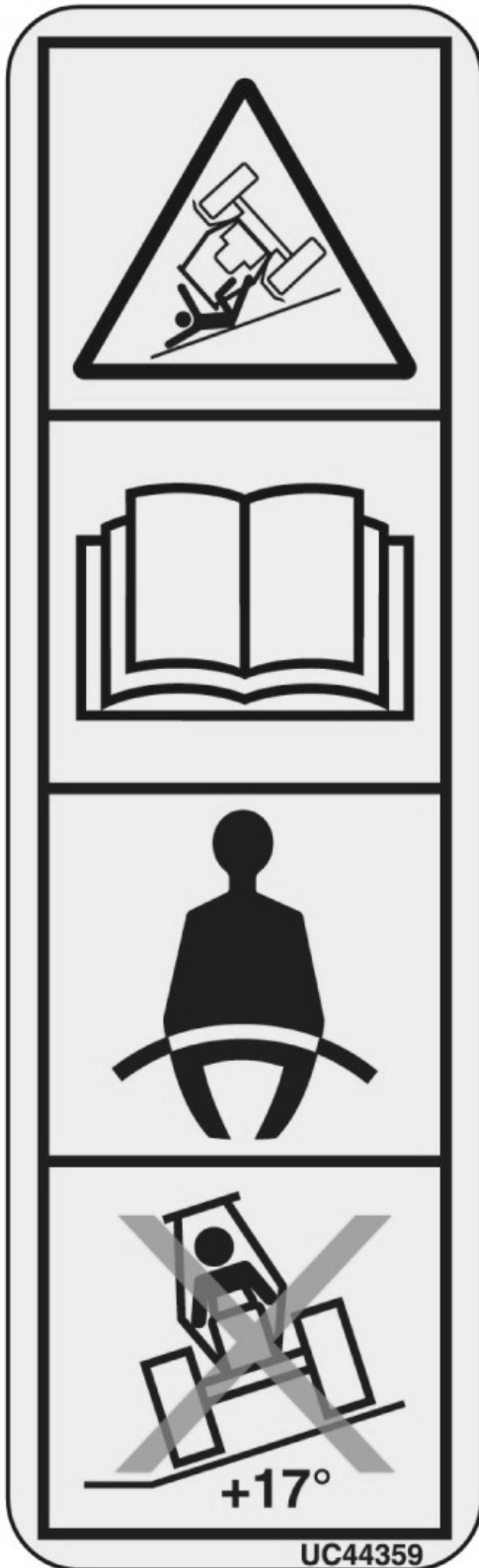
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The machine safety labels shown in this section are placed in important areas on your machine to draw attention to potential safety hazards.

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

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Avoid Crushing



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Never mow or operate this ride-on mower on slope angles greater than 17°.

- Keep Rollover Protective Structure fully extended

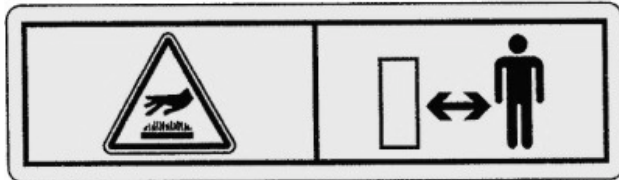
- Do not jump if machine tips
- Use seat belt

When structure must be down:

- DO NOT use seat belt
- Drive with extra care

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Hot Surfaces

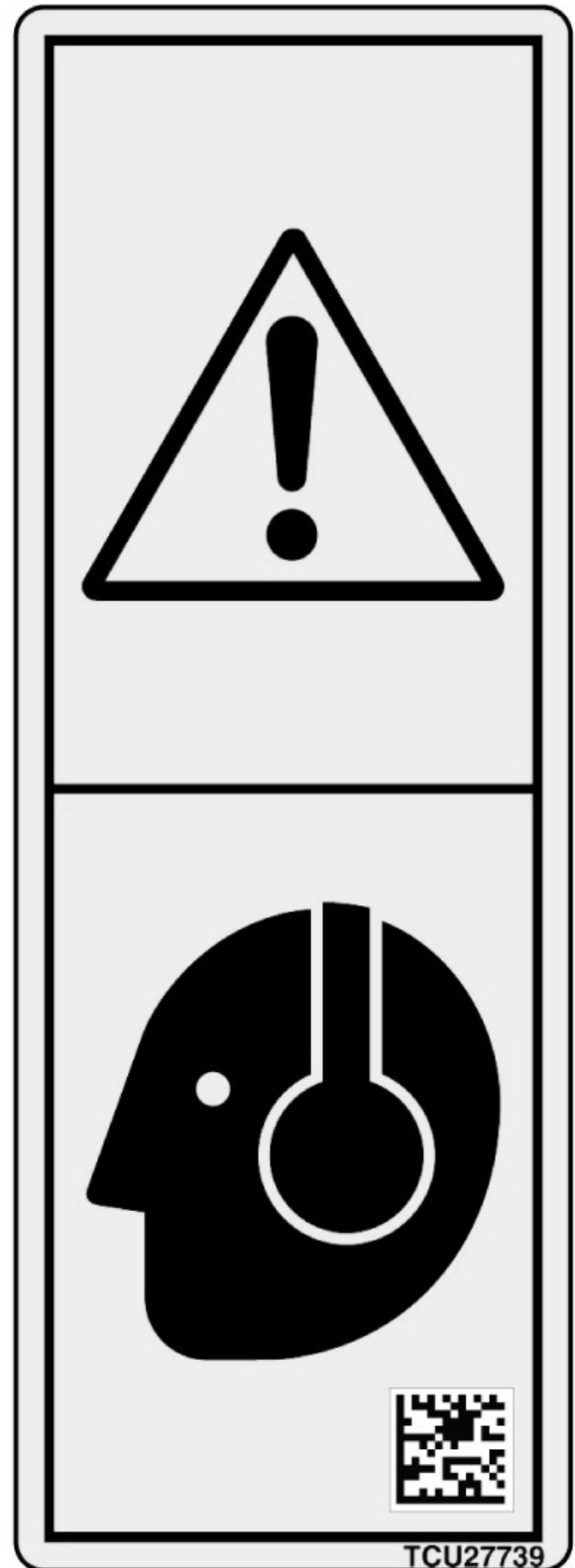


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Keep away from hot surfaces.

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Avoid Injury From Exposure to Loud Noise



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- Prolonged exposure to loud noises can cause impairment or loss of hearing.

- Wear suitable hearing protection.

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Avoid Tipping

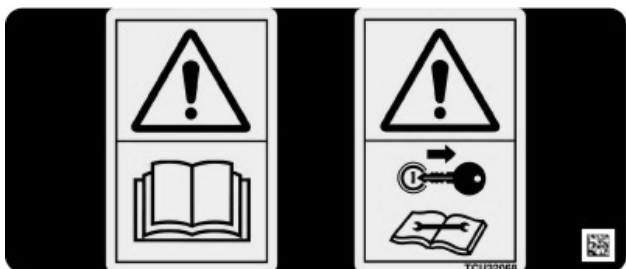


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- To avoid injury from tipover, drive across slopes, not up and down. If machine stops going uphill, stop blades and back down slowly.

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Avoid Injury



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- Operator training required
- Read operator's manual
- Do not operate the machine without guards, shields, and safety devices in place and working
- Never carry riders
- Keep people a safe distance away
- Before leaving machine:

- Stop engine -Set park brake -Remove key

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Keep Children Away from Mower

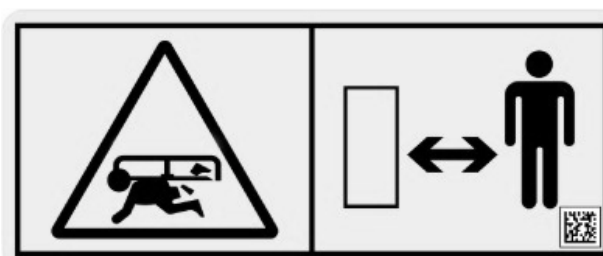


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- Mower can cause dismemberment or death.
- Stay a safe distance from the machine.
- Make sure that children stay clear of mower at all times when the engine is running.

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Keep Children Away from Mower



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- Mower can cause dismemberment or death.
- Stay a safe distance from the machine.
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Avoid Injury from Equipment Fires

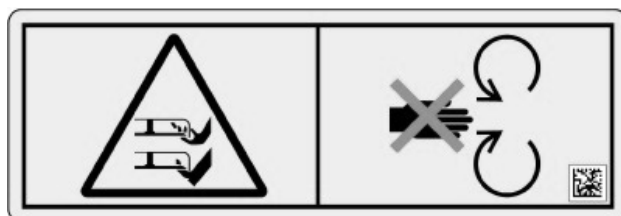


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- Avoid equipment fires.
- Accumulation of grass, leaves, and debris on or near hot or moving parts can cause a fire.
- Inspect and clean the entire machine before, during and after use.
- Shut off engine and allow machine to cool before cleaning.
- Carefully read operator's manual Machine Cleanout section for details.

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Avoid Injury from Rotating Blades

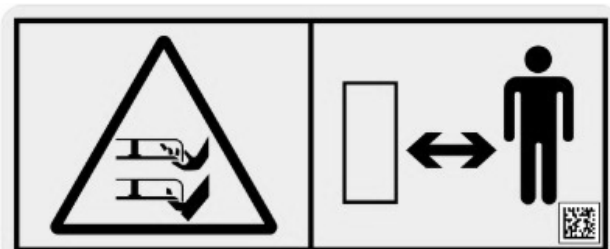


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- Do not put hands or feet under or into mower when engine is running.
- Do not operate mower without discharge chute/deflector or entire grass catcher in place.

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Rotating Blades

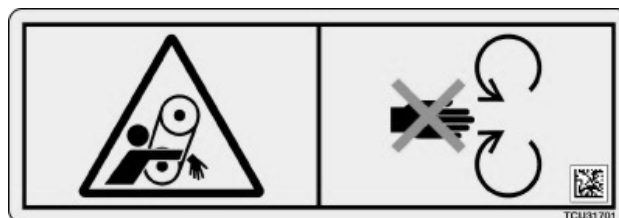


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- To avoid injury from rotating blades, stay clear of deck edge.
- Do not mow without discharge chute or entire grass catcher in place.

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Avoid Injury From Rotating Belts



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- Stay clear of moving belts.
- Do not operate machine without shields in place.

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Thrown Objects



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- Stay clear of thrown or flying objects.
- Read operator's manual.

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Rotating Blades / Thrown Objects



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- Do not put hands or feet under or into mower when engine is running.
- Do not operate mower without discharge chute or entire grass catcher in place.
- Keep away from machine while engine is running.

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Safety

Use Your Mower Safely

General Instructions

- Read this operator's manual, watch the safety video, and review the safety signs on your machine before use. They all contain important safety information and operating instructions that must be followed to help keep you and others safe. Be sure everyone who uses the machine has read the manual, reviewed the safety signs, and knows how to use the machine safely and properly.
- Age, physical ability, and mental capacity can be factors in equipment-related injuries. Operators must be mentally and physically capable of operating the machine properly and safely. Never allow a child to operate the machine.
- Do not operate the machine while under the influence of alcohol or drugs or when distracted or fatigued. Proper operation requires your full attention.
- Always wear eye protection, hearing protection, close-fitting clothing, and substantial footwear while operating the machine. Never operate while wearing sandals or when barefoot.
- Do not wear radio or music headphones. Both safe operation and service require your full attention.
- Never tamper with safety devices.
- Operate the machine only in daylight or good artificial light.
- Only operate the engine in well-ventilated areas. Exhaust gasses contain carbon monoxide, a deadly poison.
- Never leave a running machine unattended.
- Look both ways when approaching roadways and use caution when turning around on public roadways. You can be struck by a vehicle and suffer serious injury or death.
- Never mow when there is risk of lightning.

Before Using Your Machine

- Know how to operate the machine. The Operating Controls section helps you understand the controls of your machine and what they do.
- Prepare your machine and the mowing area by performing required daily checks outlined in the General Instructions section.
- Follow instructions in the Preventing Injuries section, especially related to:
 - Keeping children safe by following instructions in the Protect Children section.
 - Avoiding injury on slopes and near terrain hazards by following instructions in the Operating on Slopes and Near Terrain Hazards section.
 - Follow the instructions in the Avoid Thrown Objects section, and keep all guards in place, including discharge chute.

- Cleaning machine during use and before storing as outlined in the Prevent Fires section.
- Understand how to service and inspect your machine.

Inspection and Daily Checklist

- Inspect machine before you operate. Be sure that hardware is tight, and all guards and shields are in good condition and fastened in place. Make all necessary adjustments before you operate. Repair or replace damaged, badly worn, or missing parts.
- Visually inspect that mower blades, blade bolts, and the mower assembly are not worn or damaged. To prevent machine damage, replace worn or damaged blades and bolts in sets.
- Make sure that the fuel cap and air cleaner are in place before starting engine.

Fuel

- Use care when handling fuel. Fuel is flammable and fuel vapors can be explosive. Do not smoke when handling fuel. Only use an approved fuel container. Clean up spilled fuel immediately.
- Check fuel lines, tank, cap, and fittings frequently for cracks or leaks. Replace if necessary.

Check the Mowing Area

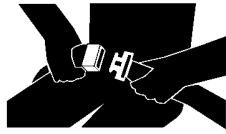
- Keep bystanders and pets out of the mowing area.
- Clear the area of objects such as rocks, wire, or toys, which can be thrown by the blades. Remove low-hanging branches or other obstacles, which can interfere with your travel path.
- Study the mowing area. Set up a safe mowing path. Do not mow where traction or stability is doubtful.
- Slopes and terrain hazards are major factors related to loss-of-control and tipover accidents. Operation on slopes and near terrain hazards requires extra caution. Follow instructions in the Operating on Slopes and Near Terrain Hazards section.

Weights and Attachments

- Some attachments require ballast weights. Follow recommendations for wheel weights or counterweights.
- Use only accessories and attachments approved by John Deere.
- If you do not understand the instructions or have questions, contact your dealer.

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Use Seat Belt Properly



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- Use a seat belt when operating with the folding Roll-Over Protective Structure (ROPS) in the upright position to minimize chance of injury from an accident, such as an overturn.
- Do not use a seat belt when operating with the 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.

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Rollover Protection System (ROPS) - Use and Maintenance

- Conforms to ISO21299:2009 for energy absorbing ROPS requirements.
- Never operate the machine without the ROPS installed.
- DO NOT remove the ROPS.
- The ROPS is an integral and effective safety device. Keep a folding ROPS in the raised and locked position and use the seat belt when operating the machine.
- Lower a folding ROPS temporarily only when necessary. Do not wear the seat belt when folded down.
- Be aware there is no rollover protection when a folded ROPS is in the down position.
- Be certain that the seat belt can be released quickly in the event of an emergency.
- Check the area to be mowed and never fold down a folding ROPS in areas where there are slopes, drop offs, ditches, or embankments or bodies of water.
- Check carefully for overhead clearances (that is, branches, doorways, electrical wires) before driving under any objects and do not contact them.
- Keep the ROPS in safe operating condition by

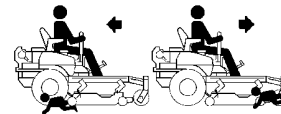
periodically thoroughly inspecting for damage and keeping all mounting hardware tight. Make certain all parts of the ROPS are installed correctly if the ROPS structure is loosened or removed for any reason. All ROPS hardware should be tightened to the proper torque.

- Replace a damaged ROPS. Do not repair or revise. 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. It must be replaced to maintain the manufacturer's certification of the structure
- Any alteration of ROPS must be approved by manufacturer.
- The seat is part of the ROPS safety zone. Replace only with a John Deere-approved seat.

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Preventing Injuries

Protect Children



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- Children can be killed or seriously injured by riding mowers when operators do not follow safe operating practices.
- Do not mow in reverse. Operating with the mower engaged while backing up is discouraged.
- Never give children a ride on a mower or in a cart behind the mower, even when the blades are off. They can fall off and be run over or cut by the mower blades. Children who have been given rides in the past can suddenly appear in the mowing area for another ride. If you are not aware, they can be run over or backed over by the mower.
- Children are often attracted to lawn mowers and mowing activities, especially if they have been given rides before. They do not know if the blades are rotating or understand that they can be killed or seriously injured even if the blades are not rotating.
- Keep children indoors and out of the mowing area when the mower is being operated. Keep children under the watchful eye of a responsible adult, other than the operator. If there is not a responsible adult to ensure that children stay indoors, DO NOT mow.
- Be alert to the presence of children or others. Turn off the mower blades and stop the machine if someone enters the mowing area.
- Look in the direction the machine is traveling. Before and while backing, turn off the mower blades and

look down and behind the machine carefully, especially for children.

- Use extreme care when approaching objects that block your view, such as blind corners, shrubs, or trees, especially while backing. They can hide a child.

Avoid Thrown Objects

- Clear the mowing area of all bystanders when using this machine. Thrown objects could cause serious injury or death.
- Clear the area of objects such as rocks, wire, or toys, which can be thrown by the blades.
- Never direct discharged material toward anyone.
- Avoid discharging material against a wall or obstruction such as a fence or retaining wall. Material can ricochet towards the operator.
- Avoid discharging material towards a street or roadway.
- Stop the blades when crossing gravel surfaces.

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Operating on Slopes and Near Terrain Hazards

- Slopes are a major factor related to loss-of-control and tip-over accidents, which can result in serious injury or death. Use caution and common sense when operating on slopes.
- If you feel uneasy on a slope, do not mow or operate the machine on it.
- Mow across slopes, not up and down.
- Watch for holes, ruts, bumps, rocks, or other hidden objects. Tall grass can hide obstacles.
- Drive slowly so you do not have to stop while on a slope.
- Do not mow on wet grass. Tires can slip on wet grass even if the brakes are working normally.
- Keep all movement on slopes slow and gradual. Do not make sudden changes in speed or direction, which can cause the ride-on mower to roll over.
- If the tires lose traction, disengage the PTO and proceed slowly and carefully off the slope.
- Do not shift to neutral and coast downhill.

Identify Safe Slopes

- Before using your machine, measure slopes of all mowing areas to determine which slopes are safe for mowing with a ride-on mower. Use good judgment and common sense when performing this survey.

Measuring Slopes

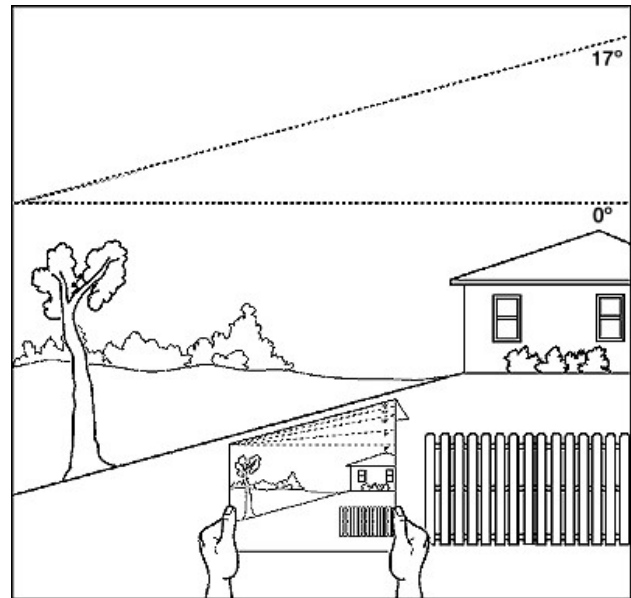
- Suggested method 1: Lay a straight piece of sturdy

lumber 1.2 m (4 ft) long on the slope and measure the angle with an angle gauge or protractor level.

- Suggested method 2: Refer to the slope gauge provided at the end of the manual.

Slope Limits

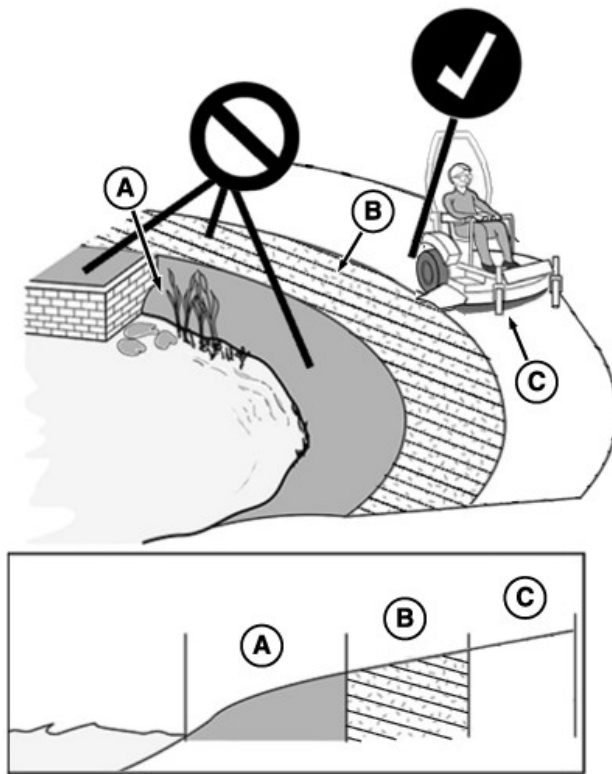
- Exceeding the recommended maximum slope angle increases the risk of rollover accidents that can result in serious injury or death.



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- Never mow or operate this ride-on mower on slope angles greater than 17°.
- A 17° slope is a slope that rises 1.8m [6.1ft] over a horizontal distance of 6.1m [20ft]
- Material collection systems, weather enclosures, or other attachments increase the risk of a rollover.
- As slope increases the risk of rollover increases.

Operating Near Terrain Hazards



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- Terrain hazards such as ditches and drop offs are a factor related to loss-of-control and tip-over accidents, which can result in serious injury or death. Use caution and common sense when operating near terrain hazards.
- Do not mow or operate the machine in areas adjacent to hazards that can cause the machine to roll over. If a wheel goes over an edge or if the edge breaks away, the machine can suddenly lose traction, slide, and/or roll over.
- Hazards (A) include but are not limited to ditches, drop-offs, embankments, or areas near bodies of water.
- Maintain a buffer area (B) at least as wide as the machine between hazards (A) and the mowing area (C). Do not mow or operate the machine in the hazard area or buffer area.
- Only mow or operate in the mowing area (C). Do not exceed the recommended slope operating angle. Refer to the Slope Limits section.

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Prevent Fires



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- Do not mow tall, dry grass or through piles of leaves. Combustible materials can contact hot components and increase the risk of fire.
- Debris can build up anywhere on the machine, especially on horizontal surfaces. While using your machine, periodically check for and remove debris, especially in dry or heavy debris conditions, such as when collecting leaves.
- After operating, completely remove any combustible materials from equipment before storing. Use compressed air, a leaf blower, or water to keep the machine clean.
- Allow machine to cool in an open area before storing. Do not park machine near flammable materials, such as straw, mulch, cloth, or chemicals. Do not park near an open flame or other sources of ignition, such as a water heater or furnace.
- Excess lubrication or fuel/oil leaks or spills on the machine can also provide collection sites for debris. Promptly cleaning up spills and repairing leaks reduces the potential for debris collection.
- Refer to the Machine Cleanout section for more information on checking for debris buildup and locations to inspect.
- Always park the machine safely before cleaning or servicing a machine. See the Parking Safely section.

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Parking Safely

Always apply the park brake and remove the key or key pin before leaving the machine unattended. Children or others may attempt to move or operate an unattended machine.

- Bring the machine to stop on a level surface.
- Disengage mower blades or other attachments.
- Lower attachments to the ground.
- Apply the park brake.
- Shut the machine OFF.
- Remove the key or key pin.

- Wait for all moving parts to stop before you leave the seat.
- Disconnect battery before maintenance.

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Additional Safety Information

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 Towing Capacity stated in Specifications of this 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.
- Towed equipment increases the risk of rollover on slopes. Refer to the Operating on Slopes and Near Terrain Hazards section for more information.
- Do not turn sharply. Use additional caution when turning or operating on adverse surface conditions. Use care when reversing.

Safe Transportation

Follow instructions in the Transporting Machine on Trailer section.

- Use a full-width loading ramp at least 30 cm (12 in) wider than the machine, never two separate ramps.

Service and Maintenance

- Proper service and maintenance of the machine is essential.
- Keep all parts in good condition, keep all nuts and bolts tight, and repair any damage immediately. Stop and inspect the machine immediately if you strike an object.
- Ensure that all safety devices, discharge chute, and grass catcher components are in good condition and replace when necessary.
- Understand service procedures thoroughly before working on the machine. If you do not understand the service procedures or are uncomfortable working in your machine, contact your John Deere dealer or other service provider.
- Disconnect the battery or all spark plug wires before servicing the machine. Disconnect negative terminal first and positive last. Install positive terminal first and negative last.
- Some components could have stored energy in

springs or hydraulic components. Servicing procedures described in the Service section describe how to perform service and maintenance tasks safely.

- Support any machine elements that must be raised for service work. Use jack stands or service locks to support components when needed.

Disposing of Waste Products and Chemicals

- Waste products, such as used oil, fuel, coolant, brake fluid, and batteries can harm the environment and people.
- Do not use beverage containers for waste fluids – someone can mistakenly drink from them.
- A Safety Data Sheet (SDS) 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 SDS for that product.
- To learn how to recycle or properly dispose of waste products generated from service, see your local recycling center, John Deere dealer, or other service provider. If you wish to discard the machine, contact your local recycling center, John Deere dealer, or other service provider.

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Machine Cleanout

General Cleaning Guidelines

Machine must be inspected periodically throughout the day. Buildup of debris must be removed to ensure proper machine function and to reduce the risk of fire. Frequency of these inspections and cleanings vary depending on a number of factors including operating conditions, machine configuration, operating speeds, and weather conditions. Inspections and cleanings may be required multiple times throughout the day particularly in dry, hot, and windy conditions.

IMPORTANT: Avoid fire! Regular and thorough cleaning of machine combined with other routine maintenance procedures listed in the Operator's Manual greatly reduce the risk of fire, downtime, and improve machine performance.

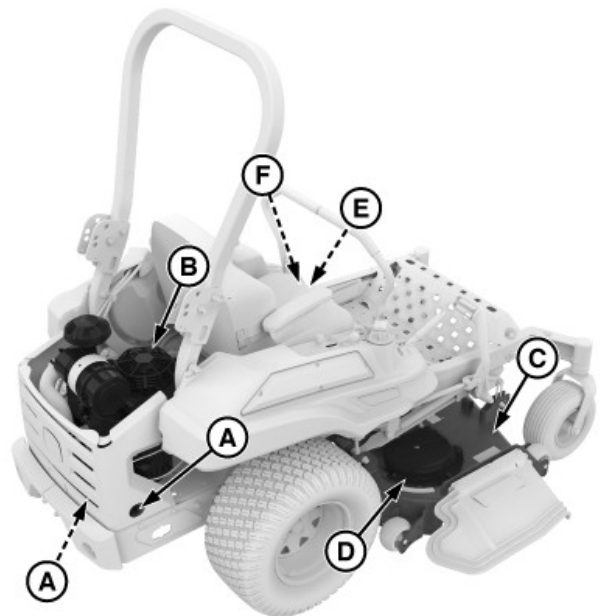
Besides proper maintenance the condition of the material being handled is the most significant factor contributing to fires. Dry, light, and fluffy materials that can create a dust cloud are the most likely to catch fire. Debris can accumulate in various areas especially on horizontal surfaces. Conditions such as wind speed and direction can change where the material accumulates. Be aware of these changing conditions and adjust your cleaning schedule and practices to ensure proper machine function and to reduce the risk of fire.

Always follow all safety procedures posted on the machine and in the Operator's Manual. Before carrying out any inspection or cleaning, always park machine safely. (See Parking Safely in the Safety Section).

The entire machine should be inspected, with extra attention given to the areas noted below.

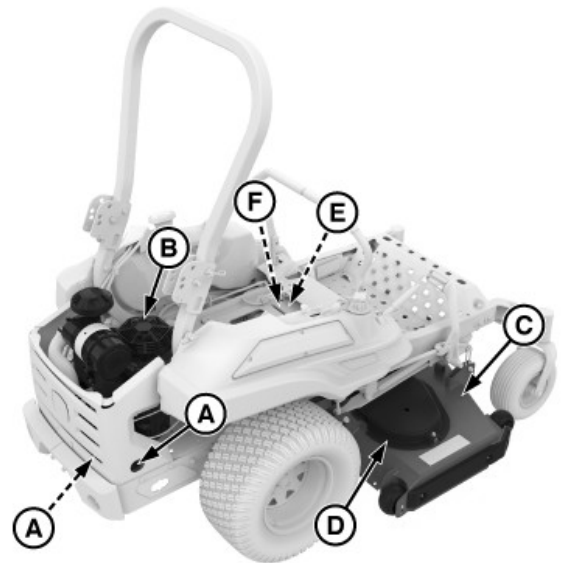
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Cleanout Areas



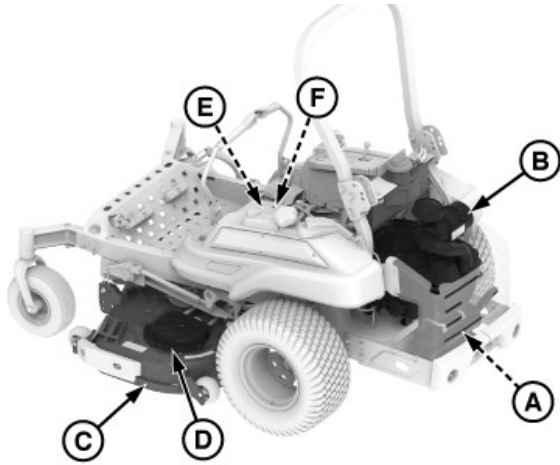
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Machine with Side Discharge Deck



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Machine with Rear Discharge Deck



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Machine with Oil Guard

Inspect and clean the entire machine and pay special attention to these locations:

- Muffler and exhaust system (A).
- Engine and engine screens (B).
- Top of the mower deck (C).
- Under shields (D).
- Inspect battery (E).
- Inspect removable plastic screen (F) beneath the seat.

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Operating Controls

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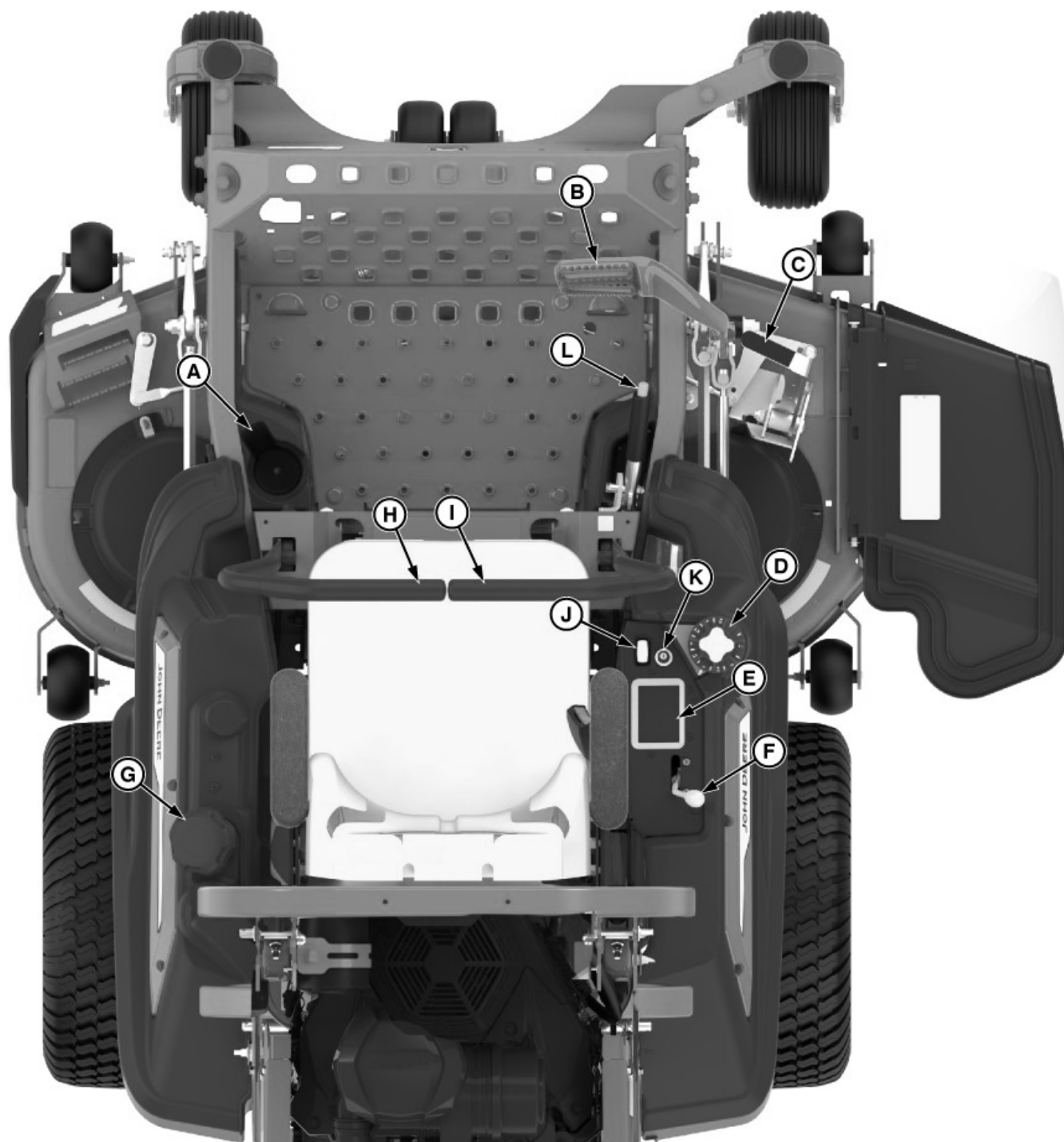
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A—Beverage Holder
B—Deck Height Adjustment Pedal
C—Park Brake Lever
D—MOD Lever
E—Height of Cut / Transport Lock Knob
F—Hourmeter
G—Engine Speed Control Lever

H—Fuel Tank Cap
I—Fuel Level Gauge
J—Left Motion Control Lever
K—Right Motion Control Lever
L—PTO Engagement Switch
M—Ignition Key Switch
N—Carburetor Choke Knob

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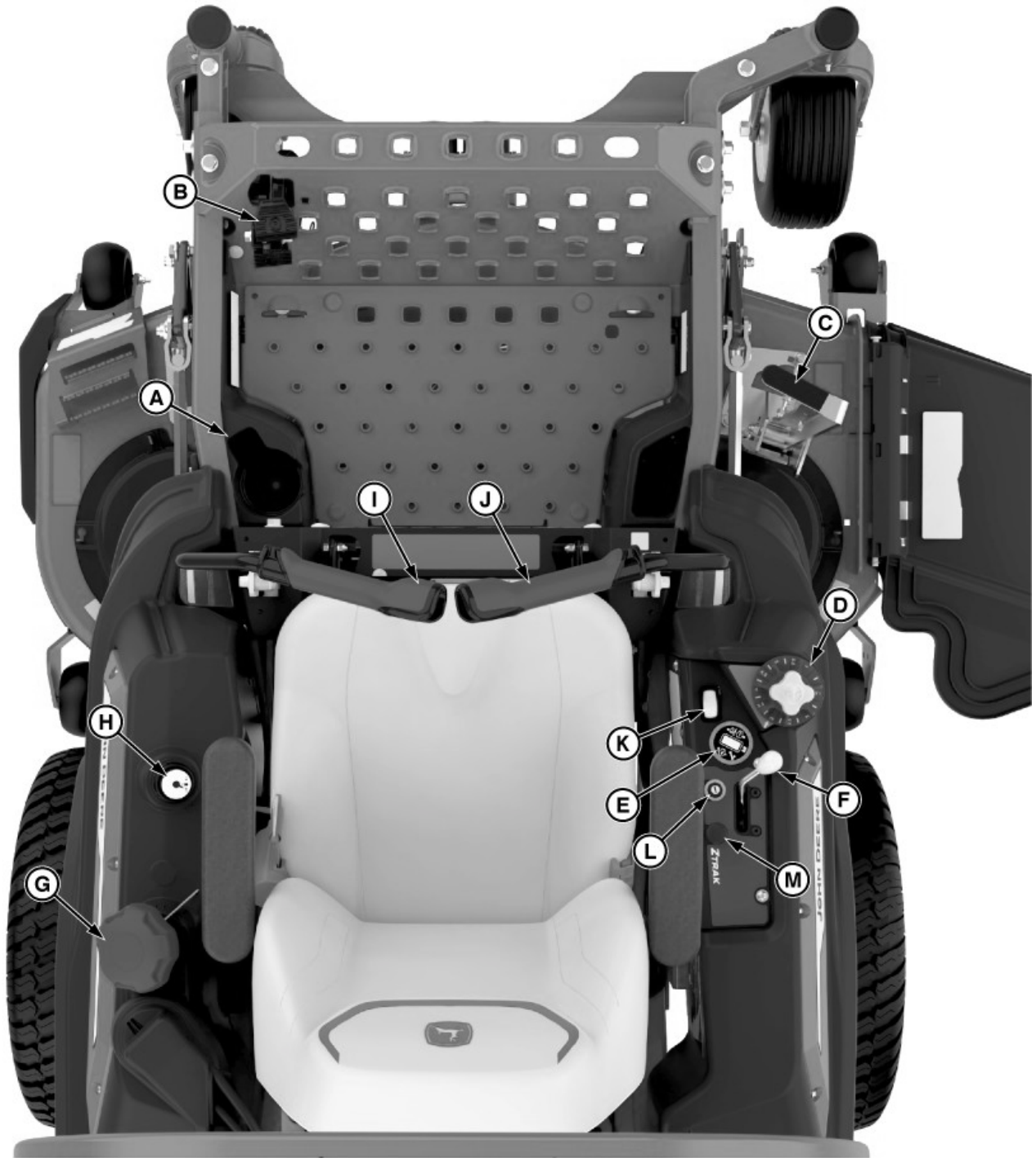
- A—Beverage Holder
- B—Deck Height Adjustment Pedal
- C—MOD Lever
- D—Height of Cut / Transport Lock Knob
- E—Display Module
- F—Engine Speed Control Lever

- G—Fuel Tank Cap
- H—Left Motion Control Lever
- I—Right Motion Control Lever
- J—PTO Engagement Switch
- K—Ignition Key Switch
- L—Park Brake Lever

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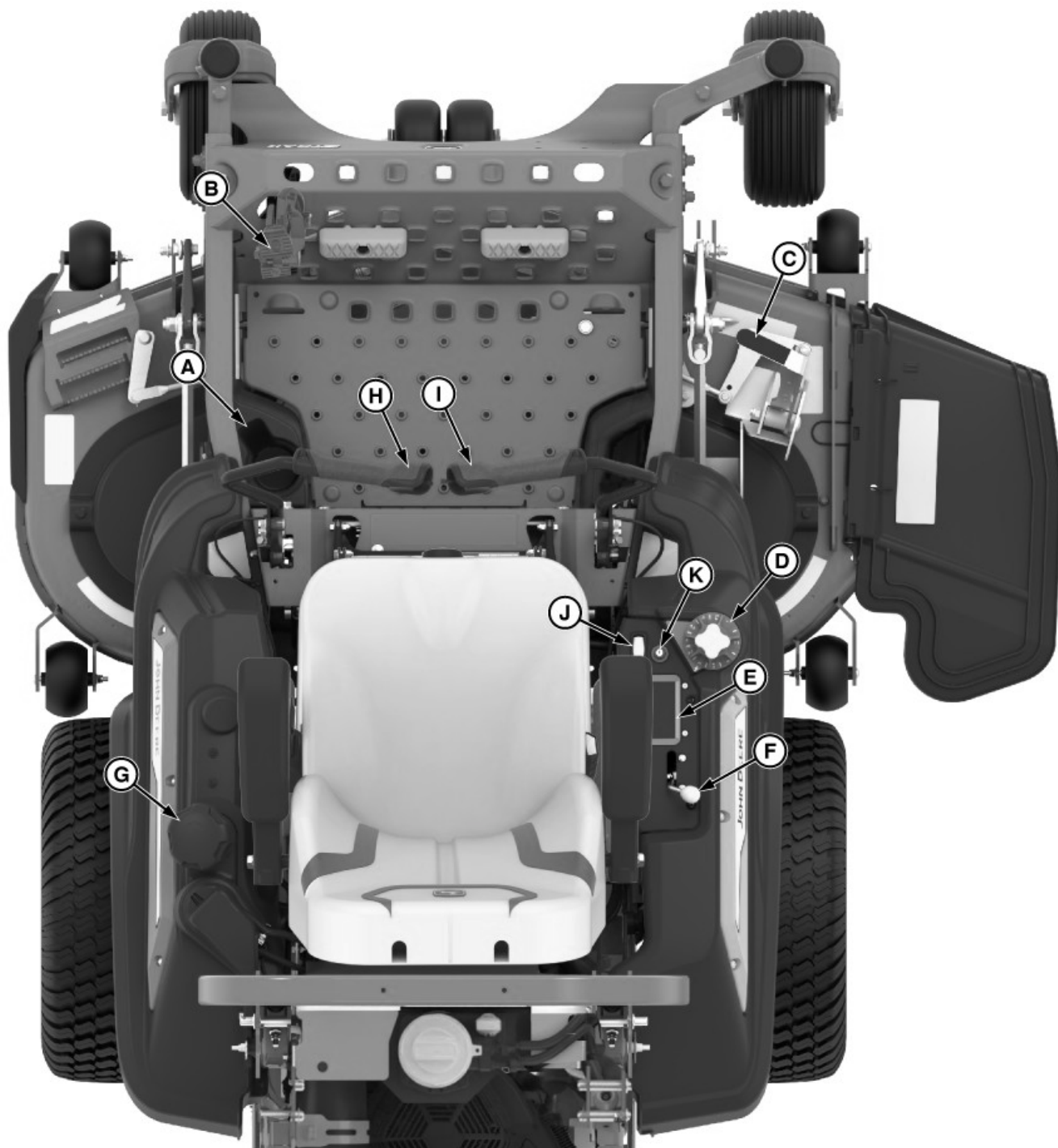
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L—Ignition Key Switch
M—Carburetor Choke Knob

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Z900R EFI Series



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Operating

Daily Operating Checklist

- ☐ Test safety systems.
- ☐ Clean grass and debris from operator station foot platform.
- ☐ Remove grass and debris from operator platform, air intake screen, engine compartment, transmissions, fans, traction drive belt, and muffler area.
- ☐ Remove grass and debris from machine and mower deck.
- ☐ Remove mower deck belt shields. Clean grass and debris from belt area.
- ☐ Check all belts for damage or cracking.
- ☐ Make sure that all necessary guards and shields are safely and securely attached. Check for loose, missing, or damaged parts.
- ☐ Check mower level, cutting height, and blades.
- ☐ Check engine oil level.
- ☐ Check transmission oil level.
- ☐ Check for oil leaks.
- ☐ Check fuel level.
- ☐ Check engine air filter.
- ☐ Check wheel bolt torque. Tighten if necessary.
- ☐ Check tire air pressure. Check tires for damage or cracking.
- ☐ Test park brake.
- ☐ Check and adjust motion control linkages.
- ☐ Check for loose, damaged, or missing parts.
- ☐ Check battery.
- ☐ Remove belt shields from mower deck and clean any grass or debris from around belts and sheaves (rear discharge deck).
- ☐ Raise seat platform and open the engine cover and remove grass and debris from the engine compartment.
- ☐ Check oil tank and hoses for abrasion or leaks (Oil Guard models only).

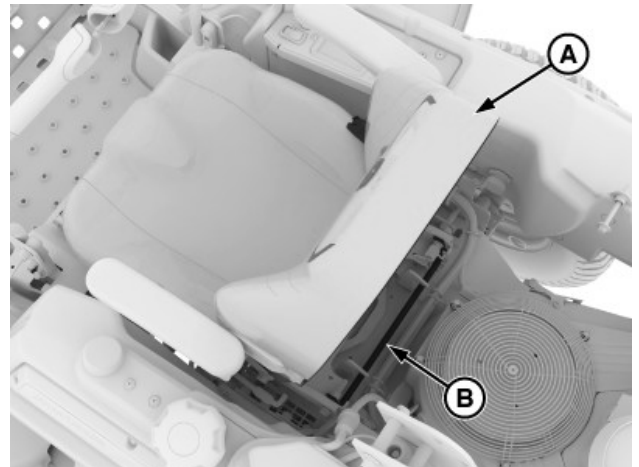
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Avoid Damage to Plastic and Painted Surfaces

- 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.

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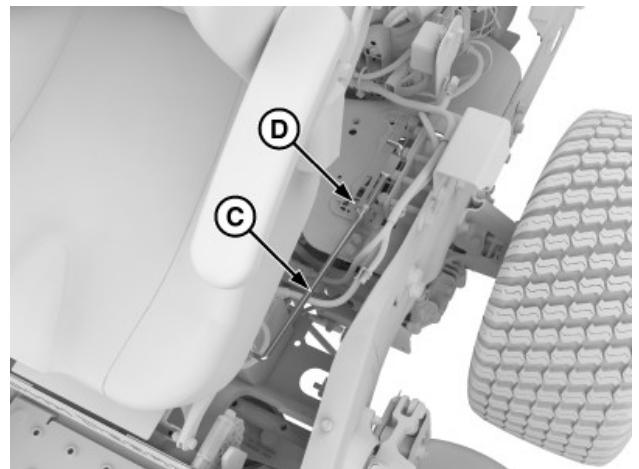
Raising and Lowering Operator Seat



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Raising the Seat

1. Park machine safely. (See Parking Safely in the SAFETY section.)
2. Stand on side of the machine. Lift seat (A) by lifting seat latch (B).



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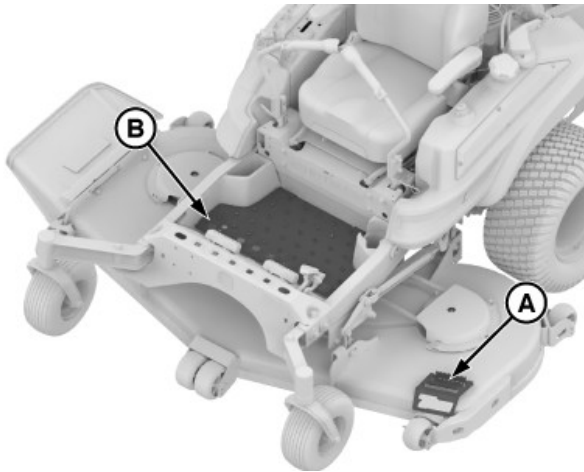
3. Slide seat rod (C) through the bracket cutout (D).
4. Set the seat rod in the lower cutout of the bracket.

Lowering the Seat

1. Stand on the side of the machine.
2. Push seat forward slightly and reset seat rod into the top side of the frame cutout.
3. Lower seat and return vehicle into service.

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Mounting and Dismounting Machine Safely



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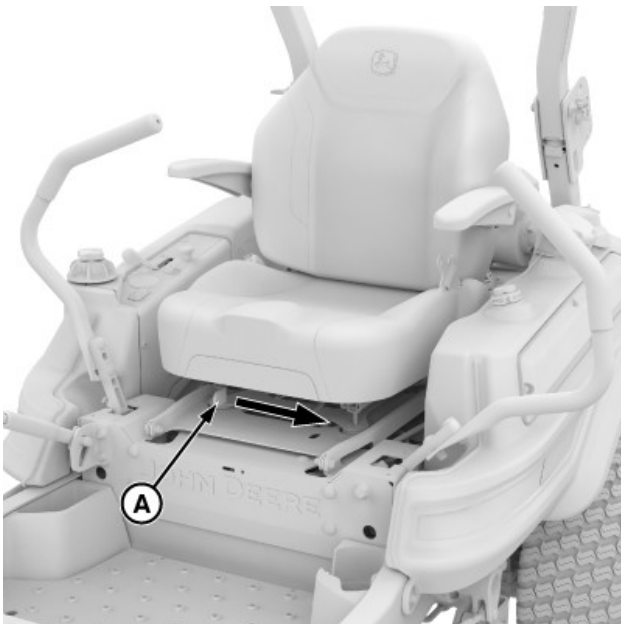
When mounting and dismounting the machine, do so from the left side of the machine using the step (A) or the foot plate (B). Park machine safely (see Parking Safely in the SAFETY section) before dismounting. Do not mount or dismount the machine from the front.

Keep the foot plate clean.

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Adjusting Deluxe Seat

1. Sit on the operator seat.

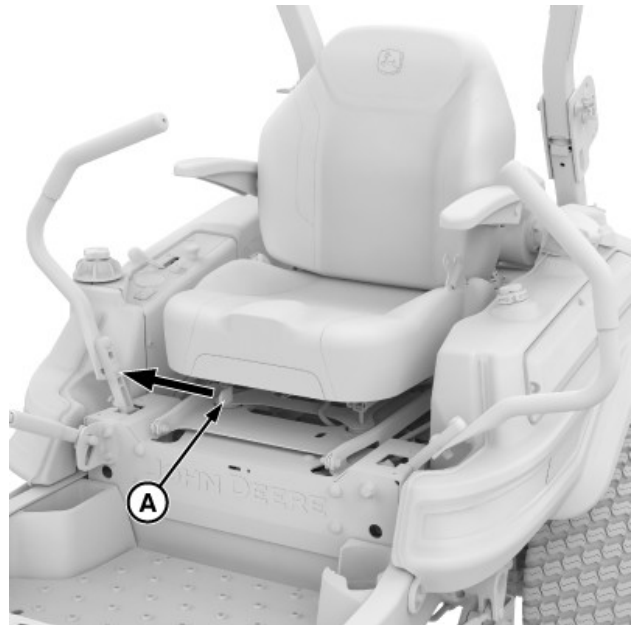


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2. Adjust seat position:

- a. Sit in seat.
- b. Push and hold the seat adjustment lever (A) to middle of seat.
- c. Slide forward or backward to desired position.

- d. Release lever.



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3. Seat ComfortGlide™ feature:

- a. Sit on seat.
- b. Push lever (A) to outside of seat to allow seat ComfortGlide™ feature.
- c. Push lever to middle of seat to disengage ComfortGlide™ feature.

NOTE: If ComfortGlide™ does not disengage, rise off the seat and push lever towards the middle of the seat.

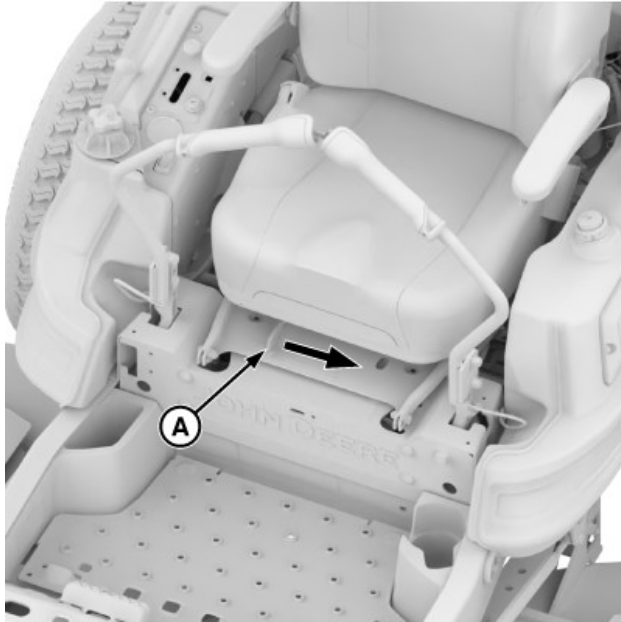
- d. Release lever.

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Adjusting Suspension Seat

Adjust Seat Position

1. Sit on the operator's seat.
2. Pull and hold seat lever (A) towards the middle of the seat.



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- a. Slide forward or backward to desired position.
- b. Release lever.

Using ComfortGlide™ Feature

1. Sit on the operator's seat.



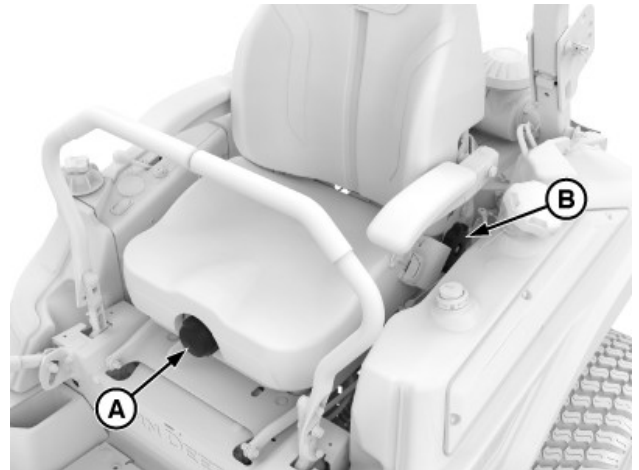
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- a. Push seat lever (A) towards the outside of the seat.
- b. Pull and hold seat lever towards the middle of the seat to disengage ComfortGlide™ feature.

NOTE: If ComfortGlide™ does not disengage, rise off the seat and push lever towards the middle of the seat.

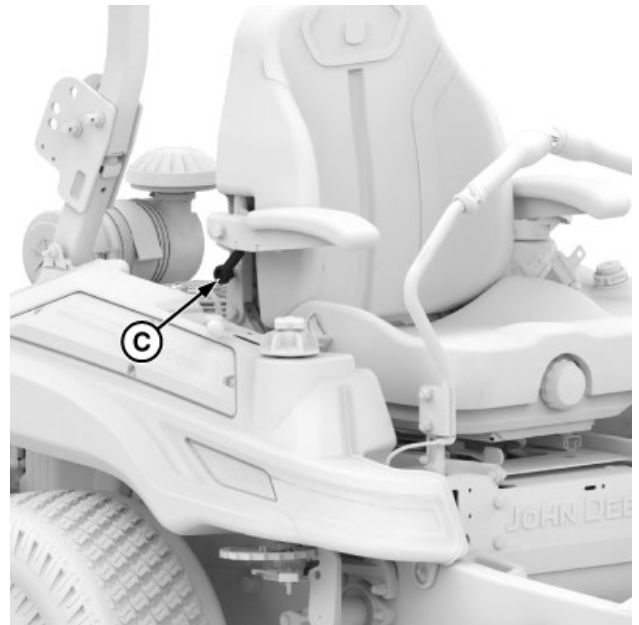
3. Release lever.

Adjust Ride Comfort



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1. Adjust seat weight knob (A) to the weight of the operator.

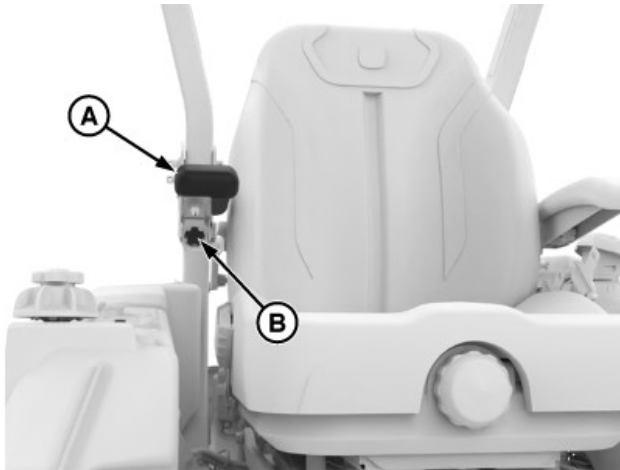


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2. Turn knob (B) to adjust the desired seat back position.
3. Turn lever (C) to adjust the desired lumbar support position.

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Adjusting Seat Armrests



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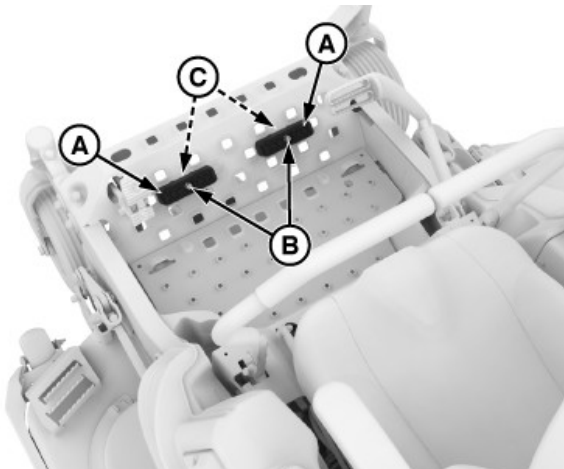
1. Raise each armrest (A).
2. Turn adjustment knob (B) clockwise to raise armrest and counterclockwise to lower armrest.
3. Lower armrests.

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Adjusting Footrests (if equipped)

NOTE: The face of footrest is angled for comfort and is marked with a raised line to aid in getting both footrests oriented the same way. Marks can either be both up or down depending on preference.

1. Orient footrest to desired angle for comfort.



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2. Place footrest (A) in desired opening of toe board. Avoid interference with foot brake or deck lift pedal.
3. Install bolts (B), washers and locknuts (C). Tighten to:

Specification

Foot Rest Bolt—Torque. 20 N·m (15 lb·ft)

4. Repeat for the other footrest.

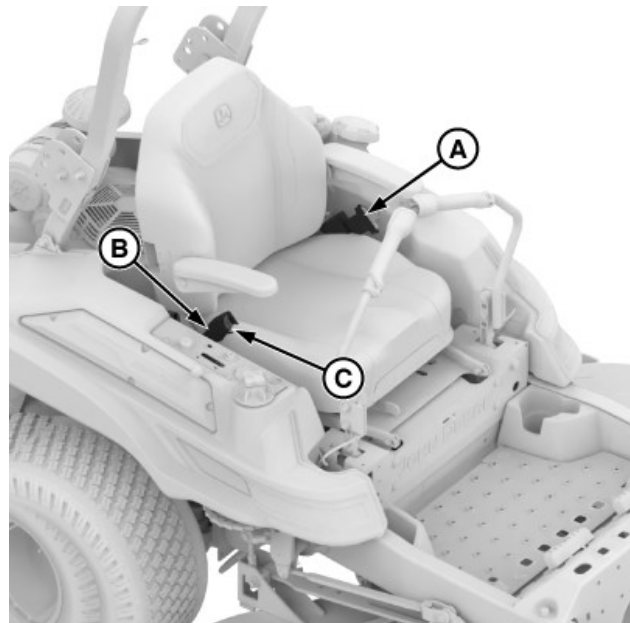
NOTE: Optional Kit available through your John Deere dealer.

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Using Seat Belt

CAUTION: 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.



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1. Sit in seat.
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.
4. To release seat belt, press button (C) until buckle comes out of latch.

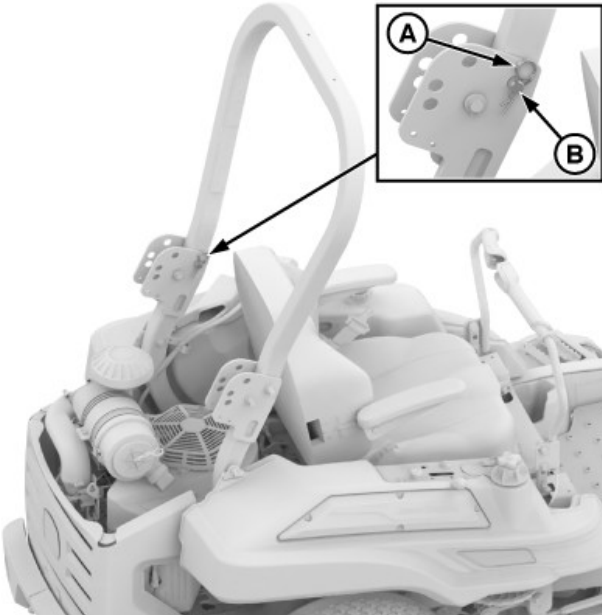
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Raising and Lowering ROPS

CAUTION: 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.

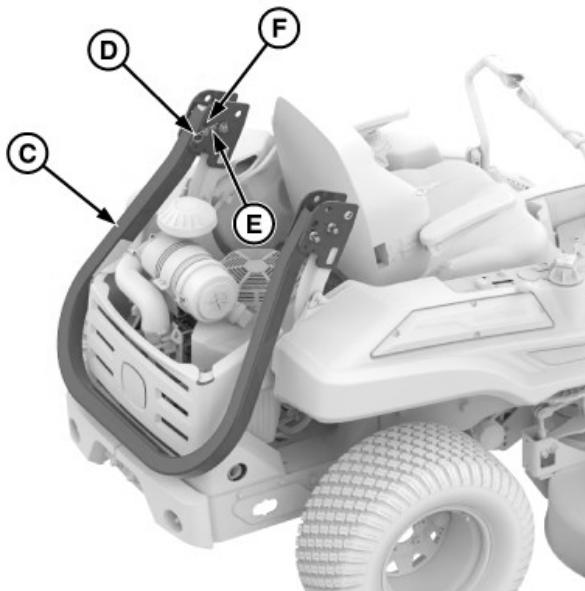
1. Park machine safely. (See Parking Safely in the SAFETY section.)



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2. Remove spring pin (A) from the drilled pin (B) on left and right sides of ROPS.
3. Remove drilled pin from left and right sides of ROPS.

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



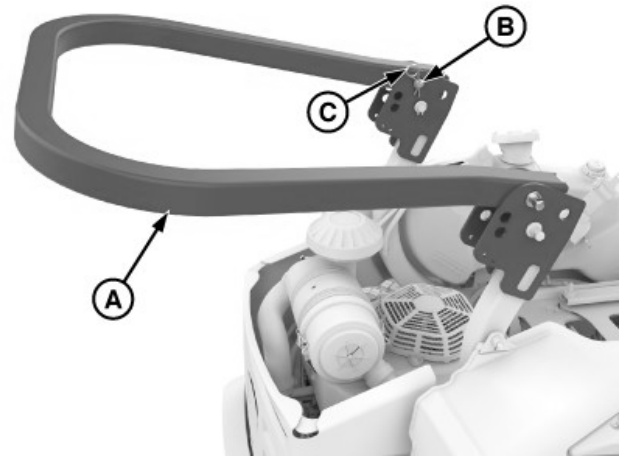
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4. Pull ROPS rearward to lowered position (C).
5. Install drilled pins (E) and spring pins (D) back into holes in ROPS to secure in place.

NOTE: Hole F is used for lower position on EFI only

Placing ROPS into Intermediate Position

NOTE: When a Material Collection System attachment is installed, the ROPS cannot be fully lowered. If the ROPS must be lowered, place it into the intermediate position.



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1. With the spring pins and drilled pins removed, lower the upper ROPS (A) rearward and install drilled pins (B) and spring locking pins (C) to secure position.
2. Repeat for the other side of ROPS.

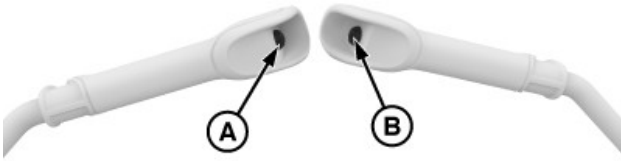
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Using the Comfort and Convenience Package Controls (Z900R Series)

NOTE: Per design, the deck will lower if the lift button is held for 10 to 12 seconds or the machine is turned off.

Power Deck Lift

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



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2. Push button (A) on left motion control lever to raise mower deck.

PTO Shut Off

NOTE: Once PTO has been shut off using the button on the right control lever, the PTO switch must be cycled off and on to re-engage PTO.

- Push button (B) on right motion control lever to shut off PTO.

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Setting Mower Deck Cutting Height

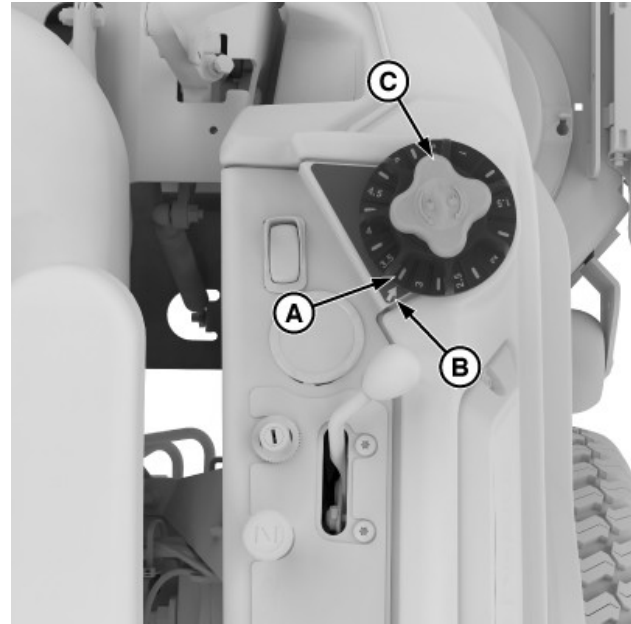
CAUTION: Rotating blades are dangerous and can cut fingers and toes. Stop engine, lock the park brake, and wait for blade to stop rotating before adjusting cutting height.

Cutting height can be adjusted from approximately 25 to 139 mm (1 to 5-1/2 in.). Each increment on the knob adjusts the height-of-cut (HOC) approximately 6 mm (1/4 in.).

The deck can also be raised and locked in a transport position, to provide maximum ground clearance when moving the machine from one area to another.

Adjusting

1. Park machine safely. (See Parking Safely in the SAFETY section.)
2. Disengage PTO.
3. Stop engine and lock park brake.
4. Raise mower deck.



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5. With deck in raised position, adjust height of cut knob (A) to align cut height to index mark (B).
6. Lower deck to desired setting.

Transport Lock

The deck can be locked in a transport position to give maximum ground clearance when the machine is moved to and from various work sites.

The transport lock should always be used if the deck needs to be in the transport position for more than 12 seconds.

The transport lock function allows the deck to be returned to the previous Height of Cut after being in the transport position.

1. Park machine safely. (See Parking Safely in the SAFETY section.)
2. Disengage PTO.
3. Stop engine and lock park brake.
4. Raise mower deck.
5. With deck in raised position, rotate knob (C) counter clockwise into the transport lock position.
6. Lower deck to transport setting.

Release Transport Lock

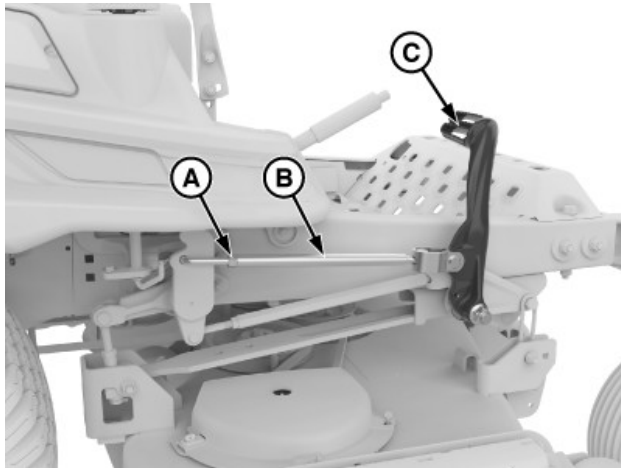
1. Raise mower deck.
2. Rotate transport lock knob clockwise. Knob will release to off position.
3. Lower deck to previous height of cut setting.

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Deck Lift Pedal Link Adjustment M series only

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

NOTE: If the maximum height of cut or transport lock cannot be engaged with the lift pedal (C) fully depressed, the lift link rod (B) can be adjusted to compensate for wear in the lift system and restore all height of cut engagement positions. The procedure can also be used to position the pedal closer to the operator.



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2. Lower the deck to minimum height of cut.
3. Loosen the jam nut (A).
4. Facing the rear of the machine, turn the link (B) clockwise to reduce the link length. Turn link 2-3 revolutions clockwise then check deck lift operation. Repeat until all height cut positions and transport lock can be engaged.
5. Once adjustment is complete use a backup wrench to hold the link stationary and tighten the jam nut to 50 N·m (36 lb·ft).

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Adjusting Mower Deck - All Models

CAUTION: 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.

NOTE: Mower deck anti-scalp wheels should not contact the ground while adjusting deck.

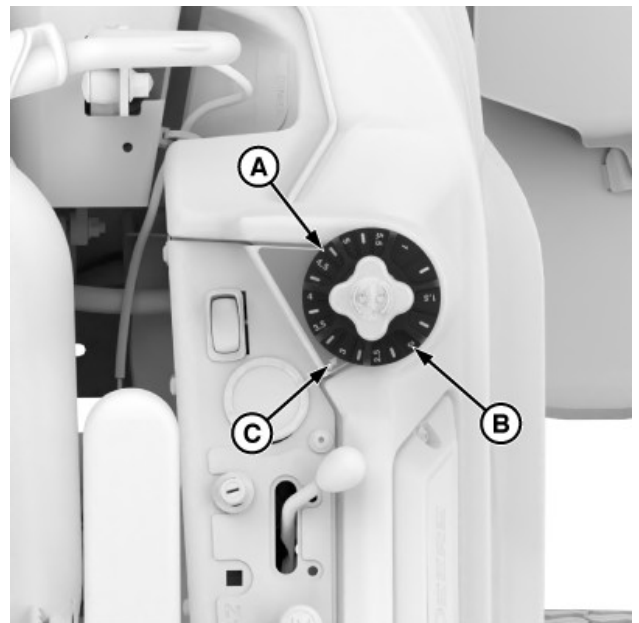
1. Park machine safely. (See Parking Safely in the SAFETY section.)

IMPORTANT: Avoid machine damage, adjustment will be inaccurate if tires are not properly inflated.

2. Inflate tires to the correct pressure and be sure that left and right tire pressures are equal.
3. Raise the mower deck to the transport position.
4. Inspect mower blades for:
 - Blade sharpness.
 - Blade damage.
 - Bent blades.

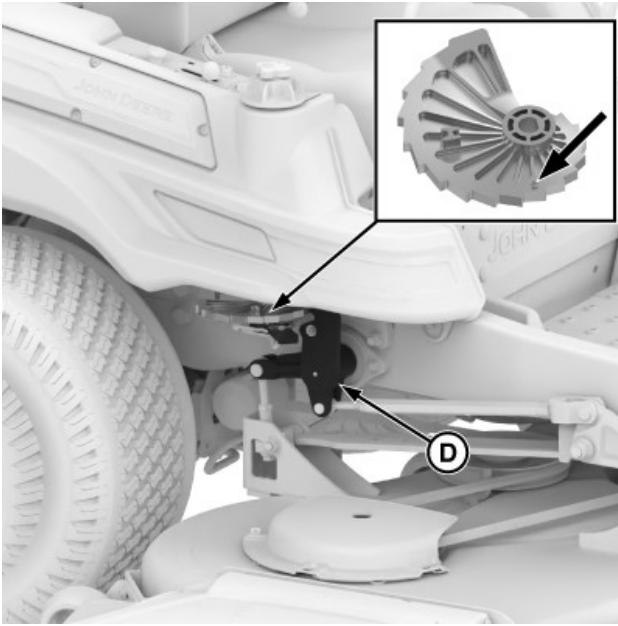
Checking Level and Height of Cut

NOTE: Mower deck anti-scalp wheels should not contact the ground.



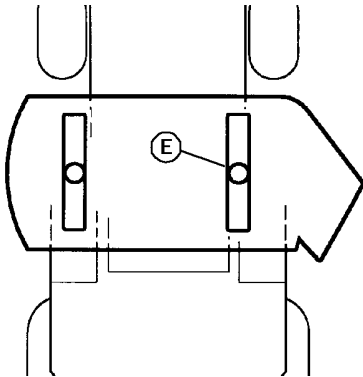
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1. Adjust height of cut knob (A) to align cut height position 3 (B) to index mark (C).



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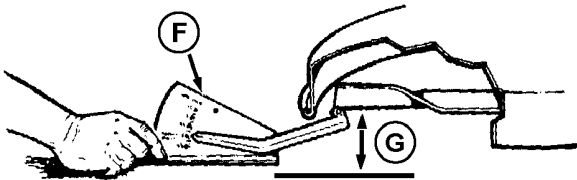
2. Confirm cutting height is at position 3, by checking that the deck height position finger (D) on the lift shaft is aligned with the lobe labeled 3.



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3. Turn right blade (E) so blade tip points straight forward. Position left mower blade in the straight forward (front-to-rear) position.

NOTE: Use a short ruler or a leveling gauge (Part No. AM130907) (F) to check the mower blade level.



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4. Measure the distance from (G) on both left and right

front blade tips to the ground. The front blade tip should be within specification from the ground.

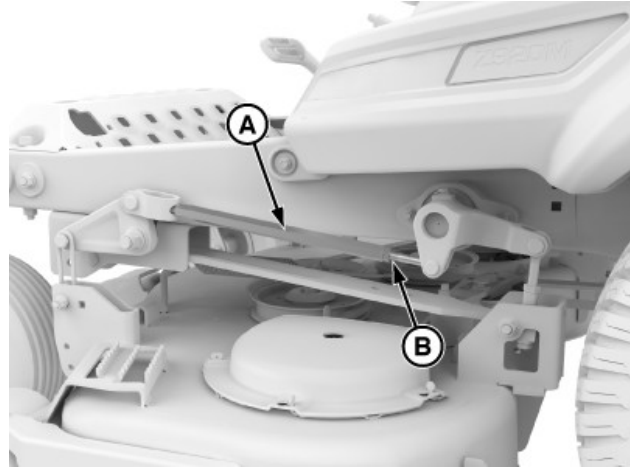
Specification

Left and Right Front Blade

Tip—Distance. 76 mm (+/- 3 mm) (3 in. +/- 1/8 in.)

If distance is incorrect See Adjusting Blade Tip Height. If it is correct, move on to Checking Blade Rake (Front to Rear Height).

Adjusting Blade Tip Height



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1. Loosen jam nut (B).
2. Turn rod tube (A) in small increments on each side of machine to adjust as needed so the left and right blade tips meet specification. Adjust each side simultaneously, one side then the other in small increments.

Specification

Left and Right Front Blade

Tip—Distance. 76 mm (+/- 3 mm) (3 in. +/- 1/8 in.)

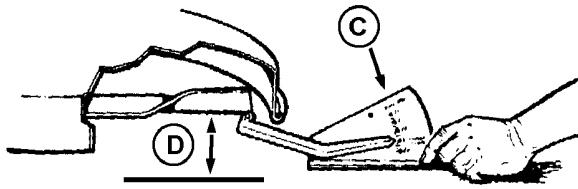
3. Tighten jam nut (B).

Checking Blade Rake (Front to Rear Height)

NOTE: If an adjustment was made to the front blade tip height, the blade rake will need to be checked.

1. Lower mower deck to 76 mm (3 in.) cutting height position.
2. Position right mower blade (discharge side) in straight forward (front-to-rear) position.
3. Measure from the right front blade tip to the ground.
4. Turn blade one hundred eighty degrees and measure from right rear blade tip to the ground.

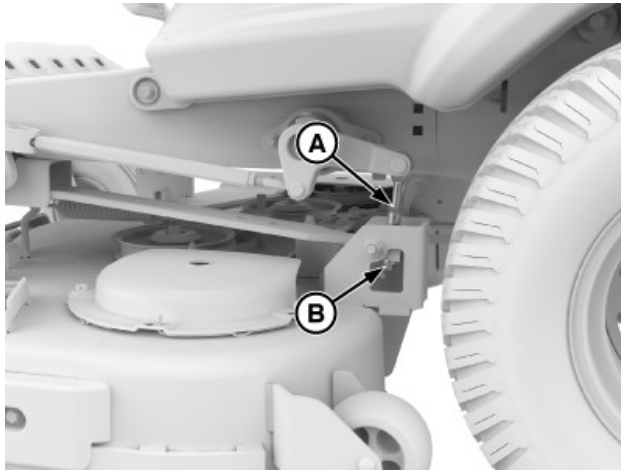
NOTE: Use a short ruler or a leveling gauge (Part No. AM130907) (C) to check the mower blade level.



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5. The height (D) of the rear blade tip should be 3-6 mm (1/8-1/4 in.) higher than the front blade tip.
6. Repeat steps 1-5 for left blade
7. If the blade rake is not within the given tolerance then further adjustment is necessary.

Adjusting Blade Rake (Front-to-Rear)



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1. Loosen rear hanger jam nut (A).
2. Turn tube nut (B) at rear hangers to adjust front-to-rear level.
3. The rear of the blade tips should be 1/8-1/4 in. higher than front.
4. Tighten jam nuts to specification.

Specification

Jam Nut—Torque. 67 N·m (50 ft-lb)

5. Check blade rake. Repeat adjustment if needed.

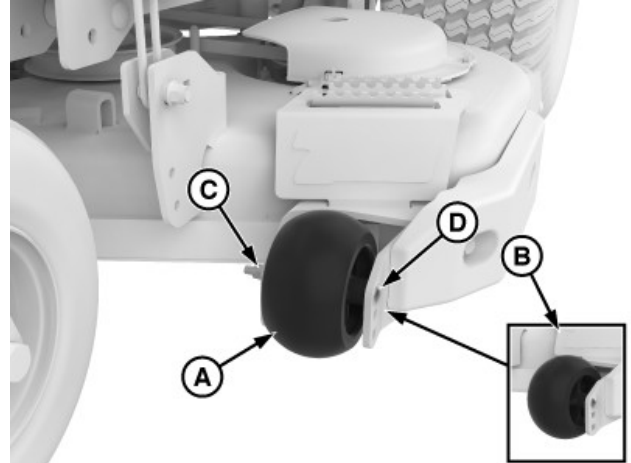
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Adjusting Mower Deck Anti-Scalp Wheels

NOTE: The flattest cut is achieved by having all anti-scalp wheels adjusted off the ground. Check anti-scalp wheel adjustments each time the mower deck cutting height is changed.

It is recommended that all anti-scalp wheels be kept off the ground to minimize scuffing.

1. Inflate tires to correct pressure.
2. Adjust mower deck to desired cutting height.

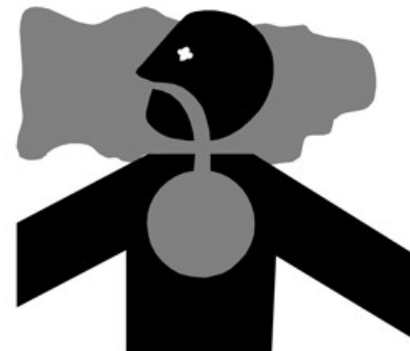


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3. Adjust anti-scalp wheel (A) to one of three positions (B):
 - a. Remove nut (C) and carriage bolt (D).
 - b. Adjust wheel up or down so it is approximately 6—13 mm (1/4—1/2 in) above the mowing surface.
4. Install wheel with attaching hardware.
5. Adjust all wheels to the same height.

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Testing Safety Systems



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

Do not run an engine in an enclosed area, such as a garage, even with doors or windows opened.

Move the machine to an outside area before running the engine.

The safety systems installed on your machine should be checked before each machine use. Be sure that you have read the machine operator manual and are 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 dealer or other service provider for service.**

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

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Testing PTO Switch

CAUTION: Avoid injury! The mower blades should stop in approximately five seconds when the mower or PTO is disengaged.

If you believe that your blade may not be stopping in that period of time, take your machine to your authorized dealer where they can safely check and service your machine.

1. Sit on the operator seat.
2. Lock the park brake.
3. Push front of PTO switch down to engage.
4. Turn key switch to the start position.

Result: The engine will not crank.

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Testing Park Brake Switch

1. Sit on the operator seat.
2. Unlock park brake.
3. Turn key switch to the start position.

Result: The engine must not crank.

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Testing Seat Switch

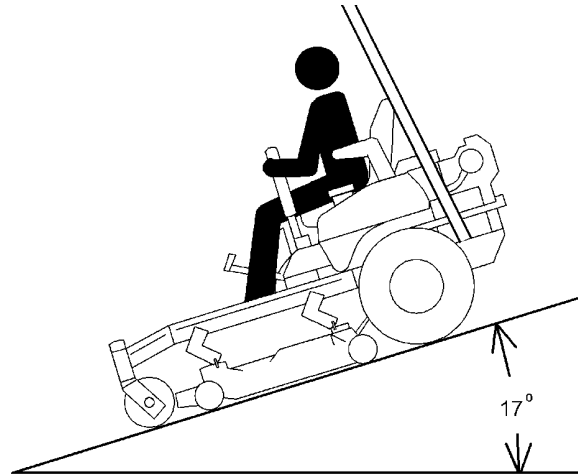
1. Sit on operator seat.
2. Start the engine.
3. Unlock park brake.
4. Push front of PTO switch down to engage.

5. Raise slightly off the seat.

Result: The engine must stop.

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Testing the Park Brake



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1. Stop machine on a slope equal to the slope limit of your machine. (See "Operating on Slopes and Near Terrain Hazards" in the Safety section)
2. Lock the park brake.

Result: Park brake must hold the machine stationary. If machine moves, then brakes need to be adjusted. Contact your John Deere Dealer, or authorized service center, or refer to Adjusting Park Brake in the Service Steering and Brakes section.

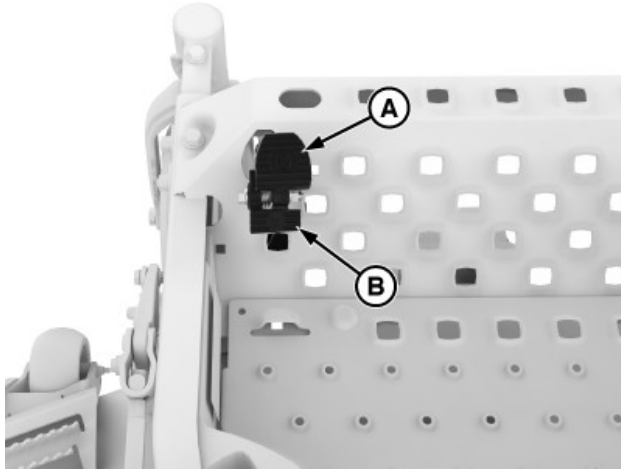
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Using the Park Brake

CAUTION: 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.

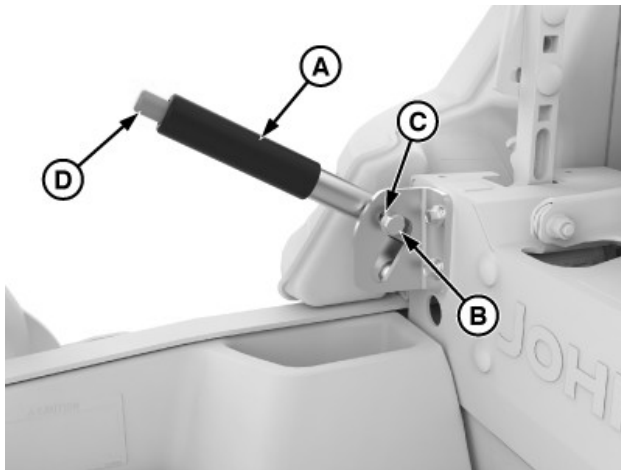
Park Brake Pedal (If Equipped)



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1. To lock the park brake, press park brake pedal (A) fully down.
2. To unlock the park brake, press park brake release (B) with your heel.

Park Brake Lever (If Equipped)

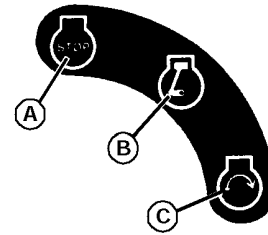


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1. To lock the park brake, pull upward on park brake hand lever (A) fully so that latch (B) is retained into bracket slot (C).
2. To unlock the park brake, pull upward slightly on park brake handle lever (A), press in button (D) and fully lower lever. Release button on hand lever.

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Using Key Switch



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Key switch label.

- A— STOP Position** - With key in STOP position, all switched power is off, and engine should not run.
- B— Run Position** - Turn key from STOP to this position and all switched power circuits will be on.
- C— Start Position** - Turn key to start position to crank the engine. Release key after engine has started and it will automatically return to the run position. The engine will continue to run.

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Using the Hour Meter

- The hour meter shows number of hours the machine has run.
- The service interval chart gives necessary service intervals. Use the hour meter and service interval chart to determine when machine will need service.

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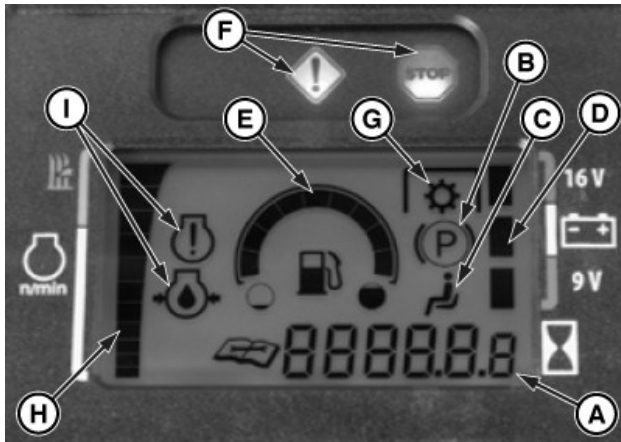
Use the Digital Display

NOTE: Engine must be running before hours will accumulate.



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- Use display and Service Interval section to determine when machine needs service.



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- A—Hour Meter
- B—Park Brake
- C—Operator Presence
- D—System Voltage
- E—Fuel Level
- F—Internal Fault
- G—PTO
- H—Engine Speed
- I—Engine Low Oil

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Using the PTO

Engage PTO:

NOTE: For Z900R models, the PTO will be disabled and not engage if the key switch is in the RUN and/or START position for 10 seconds or longer and the engine has not been started. Turn the key switch to the OFF position and then to the START position and start the engine within 10 seconds to allow the PTO to engage.

1. Move throttle lever to the 1/2 or 3/4 fast position.
2. Push front of PTO switch down to engage mower deck.
3. Move throttle lever forward to the fast position for mowing.

Disengage PTO:

- Push rear of PTO switch down.
- Push button on right motion control lever (R-Series).

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Using the Throttle Lever

- Push throttle lever all the way forward to the fast position when mowing.
- Move throttle lever to the half throttle position when starting and warming the engine.
- Pull throttle lever to rear to slow position to idle

engine. Do not run engine at slow idle any longer than necessary.

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Using the Motion Control Levers

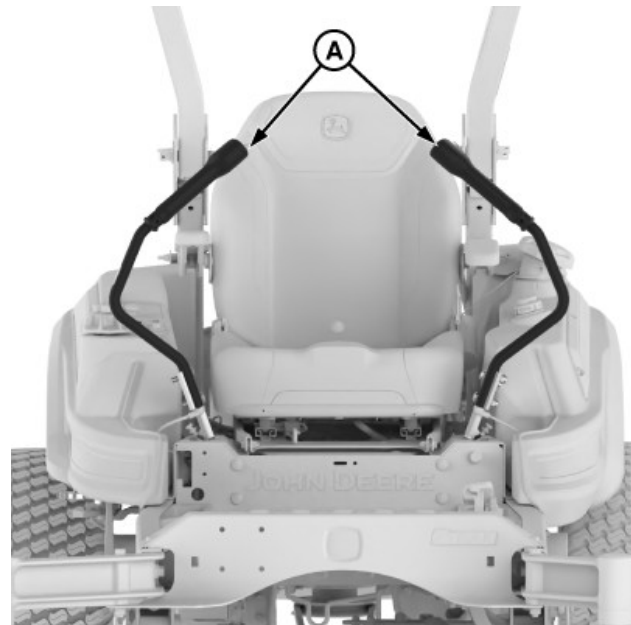
CAUTION: Learn use of the motion control levers and practice at half throttle until becoming proficient and comfortable with the operation of the machine.

Do not move motion control levers from forward to reverse or reverse to forward position rapidly. Sudden direction changes could cause loss of control or damage the machine.

The functions of the motion control levers are:

- Dual function neutral position.
- Steering.
- Acceleration.
- Braking.

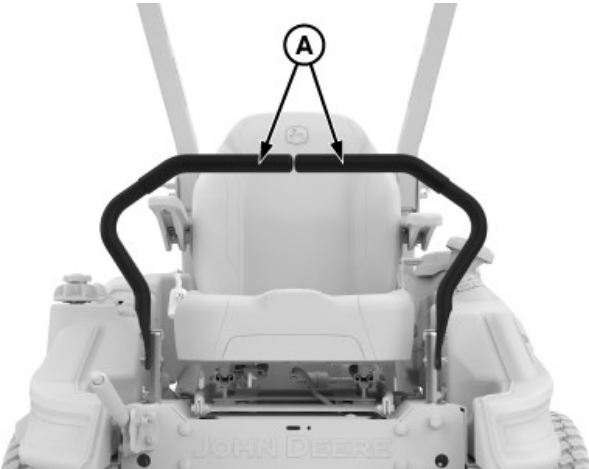
Neutral Lock Position



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- Forward and reverse movement of the motion control levers (A) is prevented when levers are moved to the neutral lock position.
- Operator can exit mower with the engine running when the PTO switch is disengaged, the motion control levers are in the neutral lock position and the park brake is locked.
- Motion control levers must be in the neutral lock position to safely enter and exit the operator seat.

Neutral Position



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- Machine speed, motion, and direction can be controlled when the engine is running, motion control levers are in the neutral position (A), and the park brake is unlocked.

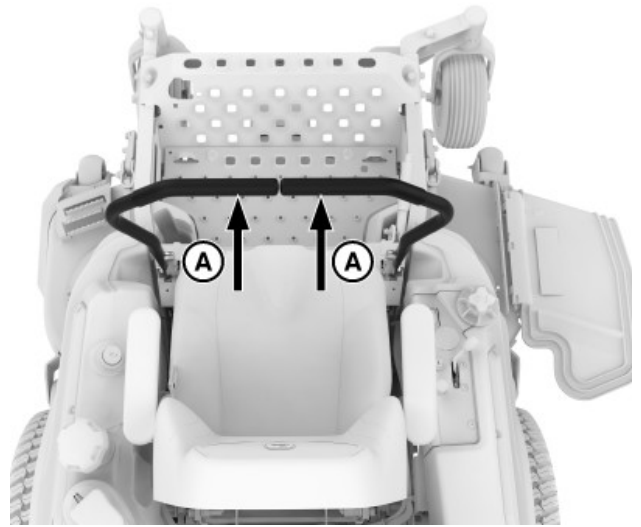
Forward and Reverse Travel

CAUTION: Children or bystanders may be injured by runaway and rotating blades. Before traveling forward or rearward:

- Carefully check the area around the machine.
- Disengage the mower before backing up.

1. Move throttle lever to the fast position.
2. Unlock park brake.
3. Move both motion control levers from the neutral lock position inward to the neutral position.
4. Push the control levers forward to begin forward motion.
 - The farther forward the control levers are moved, the faster the machine will travel.
5. Pull both control levers rearward at the same time to begin reverse motion.
6. To stop motion, move both motion control levers forward or rearward until the machine comes to a stop.

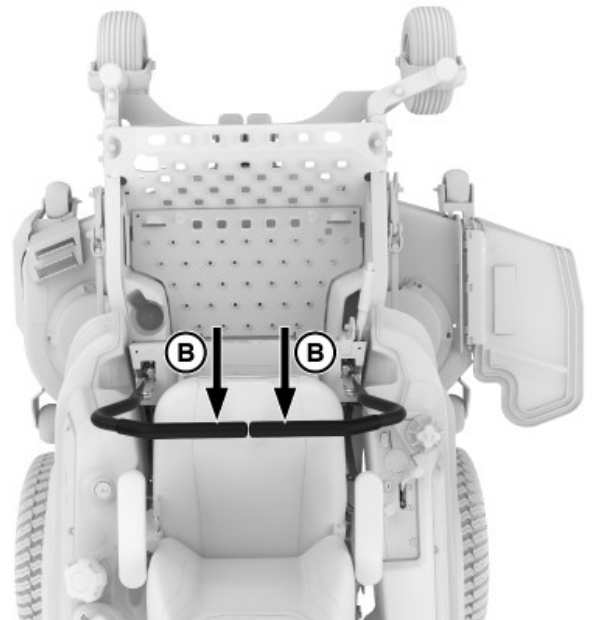
Forward Travel



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- Gradually move both motion control levers evenly forward (A) from neutral. To speed up, move the levers farther forward. To slow down smoothly, slowly move the levers toward neutral.

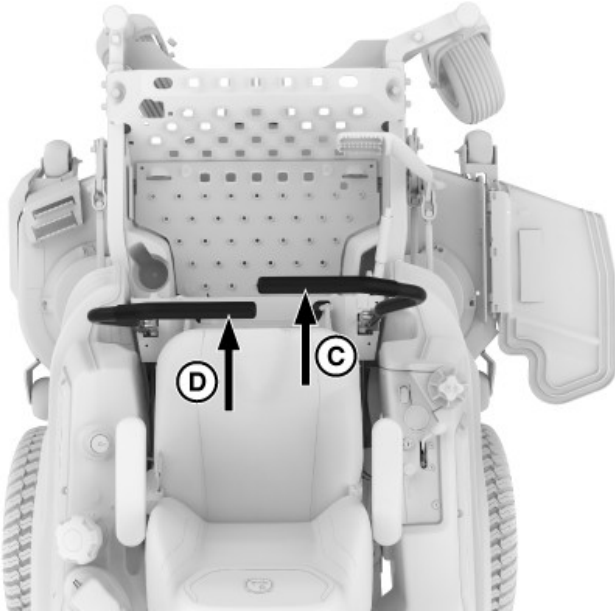
Reverse Travel



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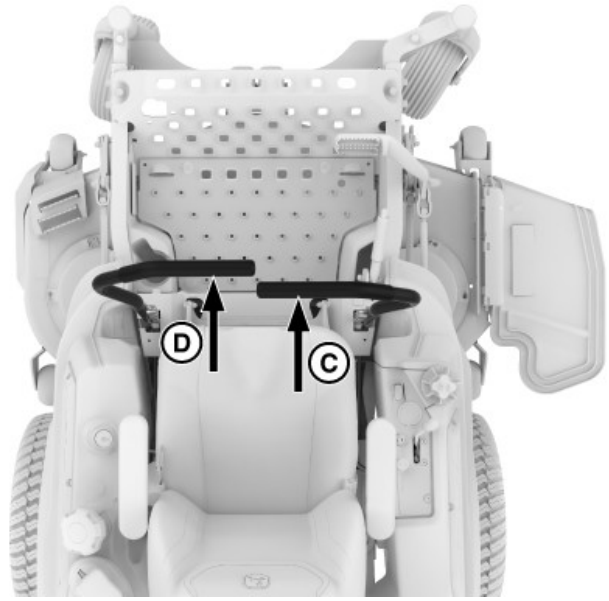
- Look down and behind, then gradually move both motion control levers evenly rearward (B) from neutral. To speed up, move the levers farther rearward. To slow down smoothly, slowly move the levers toward neutral.

Left Turn



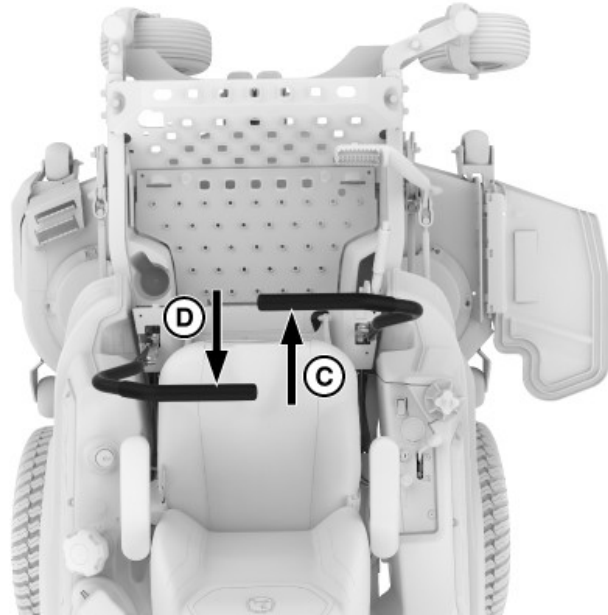
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1. To turn slightly to the left, push right control lever (C) further forward than the left control lever (D).



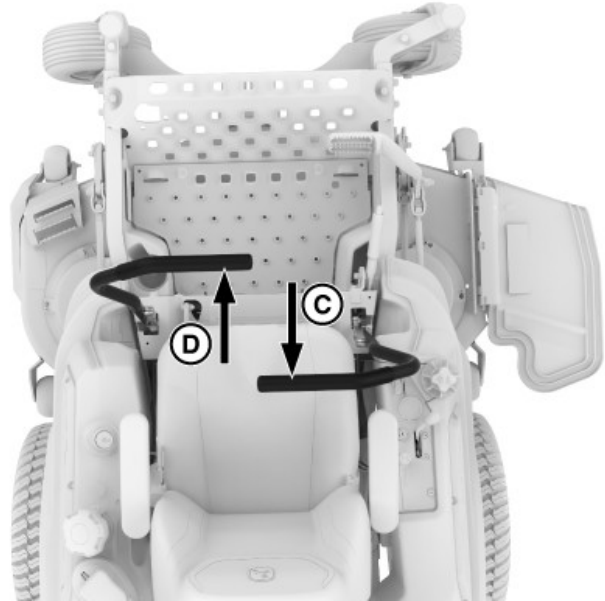
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1. To turn slightly to the right, push left control lever (D) further forward than the right control lever (C).



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2. To turn sharply to the left, push right control lever (C) forward and pull left control lever (D) rearward at the same time.



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2. To turn sharply to the right, push left control lever (D) forward and pull right control lever (C) rearward at the same time.

Right Turn

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Starting the Engine

⚠ CAUTION: 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.

1. Sit on the operator's seat.
2. Lock the park brake.
3. Push the back of PTO switch down to disengage the PTO.
4. Move throttle lever to set engine speed:
 - **Cold engine:** Set throttle lever at the 1/2 to 3/4 fast idle position.
 - **Warm/Hot engine:** Set throttle lever to the fast idle position.
5. Position choke knob (If equipped):
 - **Cold engine:** Pull knob up and hold in the choke position.
 - **Warm/Hot engine:** If necessary, pull knob up and hold in choke position.

NOTE: The starter will shutdown after 20 seconds of cranking. The key can be cycled from OFF to start and the starter will begin cranking again. After three cycles of cranking for 20 seconds (60 total seconds), the controller activates a thermal shutdown until components cool down.

6. Turn key switch to the start position. If engine did not start:
 - Turn key to start position again for no more than 20 seconds.
 - Repeat the procedure if necessary.
7. Release key to the run position when the engine starts.

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

8. With engine started:
 - Push choke knob down to the off position.
 - Move throttle lever to the fast idle position.
 - Unlock park brake.

Engaging Mower

 **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.

IMPORTANT: To help prevent damage to the PTO clutch, do not engage PTO with throttle in the fast position.

1. Adjust the height of cut knob to the desired cutting height and lower the deck.
2. Start engine.
3. Move throttle lever to the 1/2–3/4 throttle position.
4. Unlock park brake.
5. Move both motion control levers to the neutral position.

NOTE: In cold weather or with a new machine, it may be necessary to engage the choke at the same time as the PTO switch to prevent the engine from stalling.

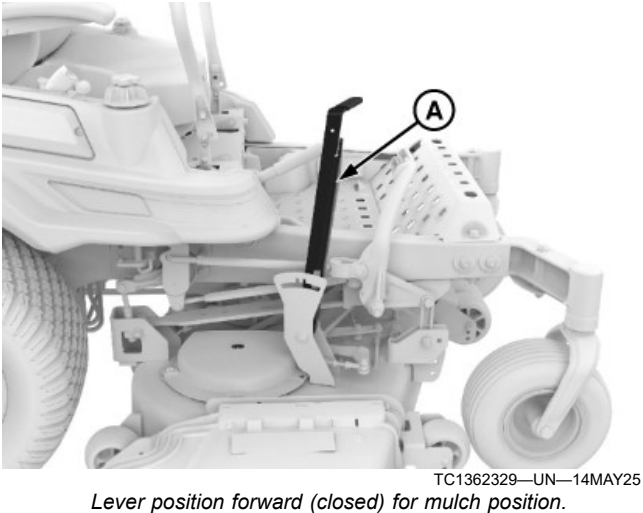
6. Push down front of PTO switch to engage mower deck.
7. Move throttle lever to the fast position.

NOTE: The travel speed and turn rate will vary with the amount that the control levers are moved.

8. Push motion control levers forward slowly. Mow at a safe travel speed.
9. To stop machine motion, move both motion control levers in the opposite direction of motion until machine comes to a stop.

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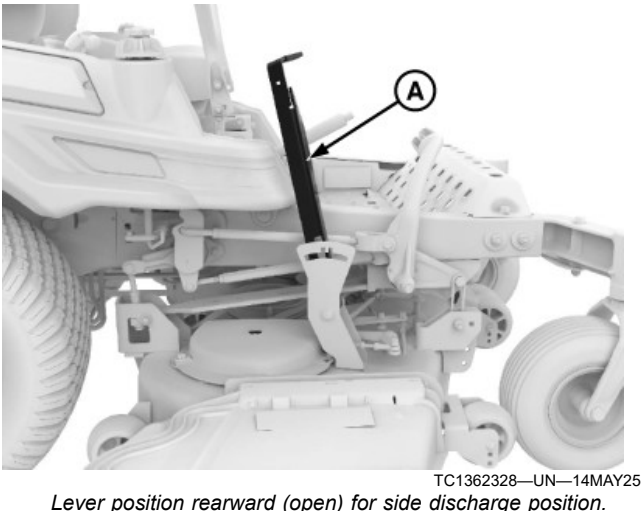
Operating Mulch-On-Demand Mower Deck (MOD) If Equipped To Mulch:



Lever position forward (closed) for mulch position.

1. Push deck mode lever (A) forward for the mulch position.

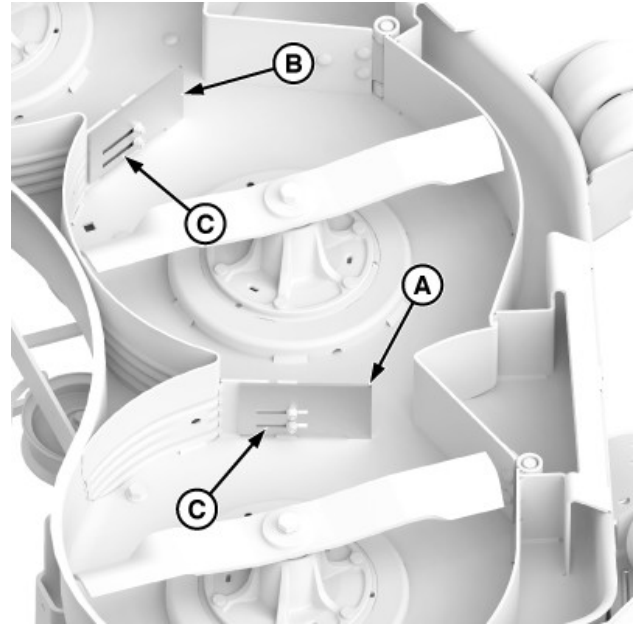
To Side Discharge:



Lever position rearward (open) for side discharge position.

1. Pull deck mode lever (A) rearward for side discharge mode.

Adjusting Chamber Separators



The Mulch-On-Demand Mower Decks are equipped with two adjustable chamber separators that can be used to control grass flow between blades.

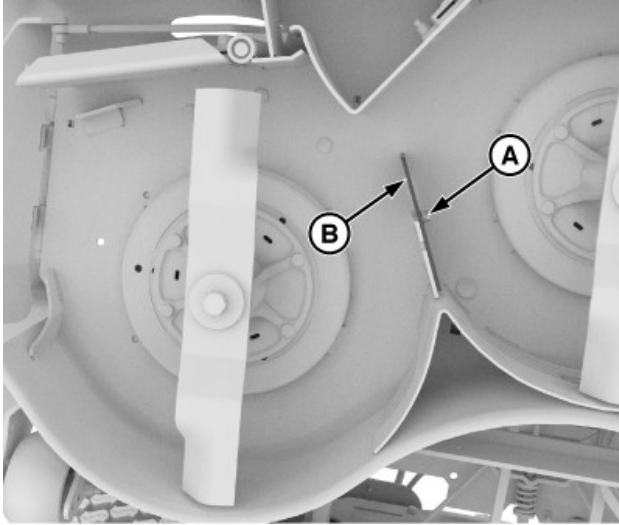
Depending on mowing conditions, chamber separators can be adjusted, or removed, to improve performance when mulching or side discharging.

Move chamber separators in the forward position (B) for best mulching performance; they should be in the rearward position (A) or removed when side discharging. However, any combination of chamber separators placements can be used at the customer's discretion.

Chamber separators are slotted (C) for ease of adjustment.

To Adjust or Remove Chamber Separators:

1. Park machine safely. (See Parking Safely in the Safety section.)
2. Raise the mower deck to the highest position.
3. Raise front of machine with a safe lifting device. (See Lifting Machine in the Service Miscellaneous section.)



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4. Loosen M6 locknut (A).

NOTE: If chamber separators are removed, store M6 locknut and M6 carriage bolt with chamber separators for later use.

5. Move chamber separators (B) in, out, or remove as required.
6. Secure with M6 locknut.
7. Repeat as necessary for second chamber separators.

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Stopping Engine

IMPORTANT: Avoid damage! To help prevent engine backfiring, throttle lever should be set at the 1/2 throttle position and run for 30 seconds prior to stopping the engine.

1. Move the motion control levers to the neutral lock position.
2. Lock park brake.
3. Move the throttle lever between the middle and high idle position.
4. Turn key switch to STOP position.

CAUTION: 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.

5. Remove key.

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Emergency Stopping (Motion Control Levers)

CAUTION: The machine may be unstable if stopped suddenly. Do not stop suddenly unless it is an emergency.

1. Return both motion control levers to the neutral position.
2. Depress brake pedal.
3. Stop mower blade rotation.
4. Turn key switch to stop (Off) position.
5. If possible, lock the park brake.

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Moving Machine by Hand (Using the Bypass Pump Release Valves)

CAUTION: When the bypass valve is open, the machine will have unrestricted motion.

- Do not open the bypass valve when the machine is stopped on an incline to prevent it from going downhill out of control.

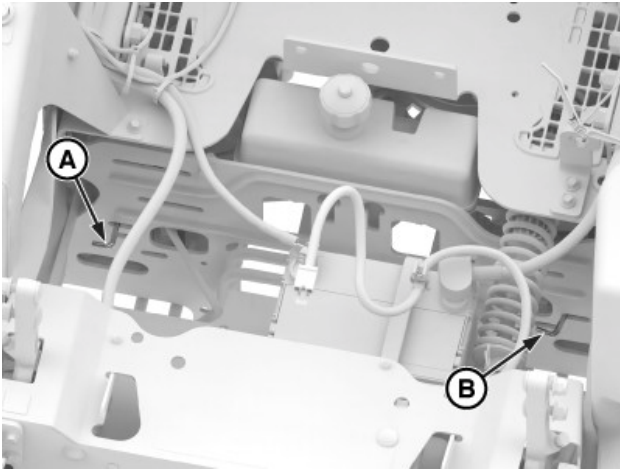
IMPORTANT: Transmission damage may occur if the machine is towed or moved incorrectly:

- Move machine by hand only.
- Do not use another vehicle to move machine.
- Do not tow machine.

NOTE: Both bypass pump release valves must be fully closed (pushed inward towards rear of machine) during normal vehicle operation.

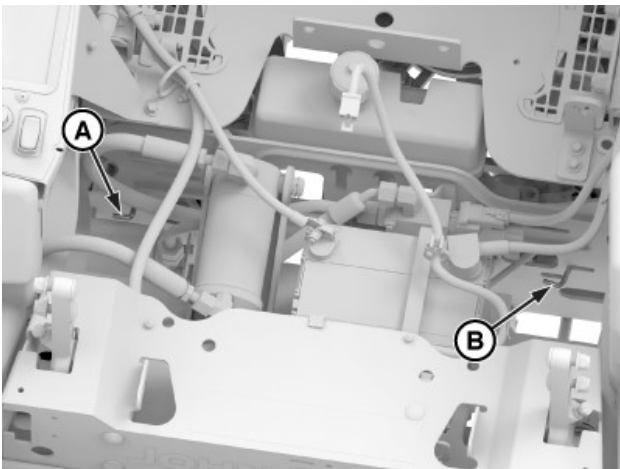
When the machine needs to be moved without starting the engine, use the bypass pump release valves:

1. Lock the park brake.
2. Lift operator seat and lock into position.



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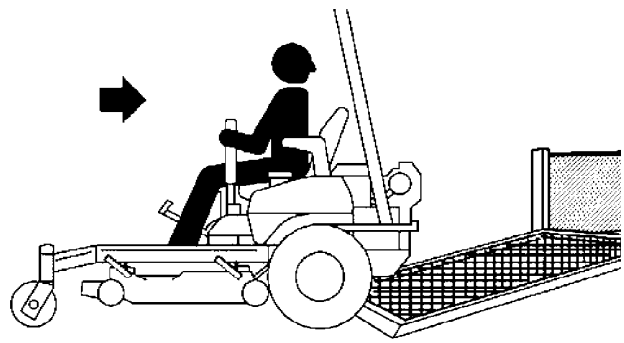
3. On both transmissions pull the bypass levers (A and B) forward (towards the front of the machine) to the open position.
4. Unlock park brake.
5. Push machine to desired location. Due to hydraulic system drag, machine will move slowly.
6. Lock park brake.
7. Push both bypass levers (A and B) back (towards the rear of the machine) to the closed position.

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CAUTION: Use extra care when loading or unloading the machine onto a trailer or truck. Machine wheels can go off the ramp or trailer, causing the machine to tip over.

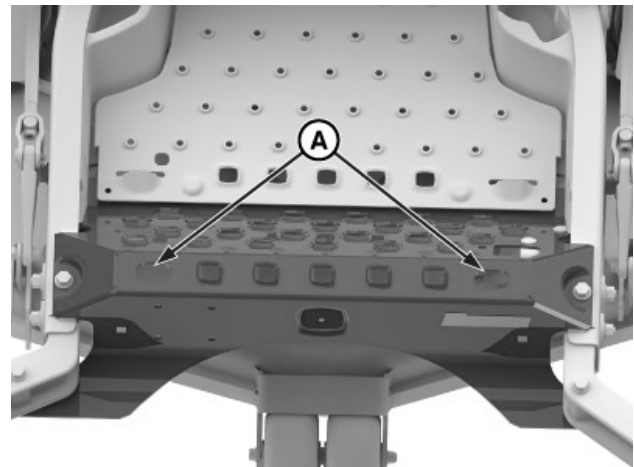
- To load, back slowly and in a straight line. Keep wheels away from drop-offs and edges.
- Do not use two separate loading ramps. Use a full width loading ramp at least 30 cm (12 in.) wider than machine to keep caster wheels from going off the ramp edge.
- Use a trailer with sides.

1. Park trailer on level surface.
2. Raise mower deck to the transport position.



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3. Back machine onto heavy-duty trailer with full-width ramp.
4. Stop engine and lock park brake.
5. Lower mower deck completely.
6. Remove key.



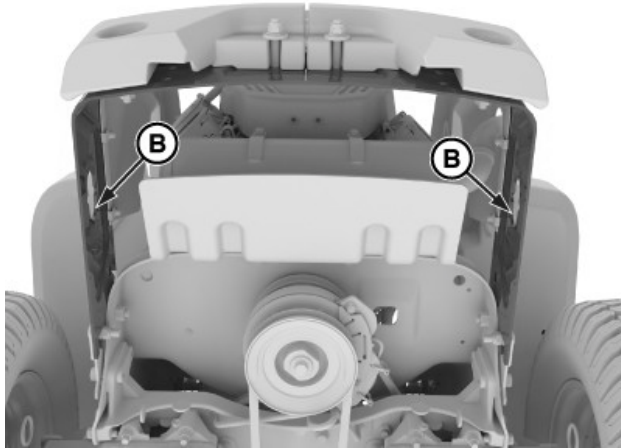
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7. Fasten front of machine in elongated holes at both sides of the frame (A) to trailer with heavy-duty straps, chains, or cables. Straps must be directed down and outward from machine.

Transporting Machine on a Trailer

Use a heavy-duty trailer to transport your machine. Trailer must have signs and lights required by law.

NOTE: Trailer capacity must exceed combined machine weight and attachment weight. (See Specifications section in Operator's Manual).



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8. Fasten rear of machine at both sides of frame at points (B) to trailer with heavy-duty straps, chains, or cables. Straps must be directed down and outward from machine.

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Mowing Tips

- Mow grass with throttle lever in the full fast/mow position.
- Mow grass when it is dry.
- Keep mower deck and discharge chute clean.
- Properly level mower deck for a smooth cut.
- Avoid damaging grass by slipping or skidding machine drive wheels. Practice smooth control lever movements.
- When performing sharp turns, do not allow inside machine drive wheel to stop and twist on grass.
- Keep mower blades sharp. Dull blades will tear grass; tips of grass will then turn brown.
- Adjust cutting height to fit the conditions:
 - Normal mowing - adjust to remove only 1/3 of the grass at a time
 - Tall or wet grass - Mow twice. Cut grass at half desired height, then cut at desired height.
- Mow grass often. Short grass clippings will decay quickly.
- Adjust travel speed to match mowing conditions (see Mowing Travel Speeds):
 - Travel at slow speed when you mow thick, tall grass,
 - Make sharp turns or trim around objects.
- Use a different mowing pattern each time you mow.
- Overlap mowing paths 50 - 100 mm (2 - 4 in.).
- Drive over ridges and through shallow ditches straight-on, not at an angle.

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Mowing Travel Speeds

Use slow travel speeds for:

- Slopes.
- Trimming.
- Close quarters.
- Tall grass.

Use faster travel speeds for:

- Normal mowing on level ground.

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Dismounting to Inspect Mower

CAUTION: Help prevent serious injury. Keep hands and feet away from blades and the discharge opening.

Do not step on either side of the mower deck when mounting and dismounting the machine. Mount and dismount the machine using the front foot plate.

1. Park machine on a hard, level surface.
2. Push down on back of PTO switch to disengage PTO.
3. Move motion control levers to the neutral lock position.
4. Lock park brake.
5. Stop engine and remove key. Wait for mower blades to stop turning before leaving operator's seat.

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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.

High-pressure washing can cause damage to machine components. It is recommended that your vehicle be washed by hand or with a garden hose using mild soap.

Avoid spraying water with any great force near or into the following places:

- Air intake
- Electrical connections (including battery compartment)
- Wheel bearings
- Radiator (if equipped)
- Warning labels
- Other labels
- Ignition switch
- Instrument panel (gauges and switches)
- Breather/tube vents
- Mower spindles
- Mower idler bearings
- Transmission cooling fans

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

Park the vehicle safely. (See Park Safely in the SAFETY Section.)

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Service Intervals

Before Each Use

- Check engine oil.
- Check hydraulic oil.
- Check for leaks.
- Inspect tires and check air pressure.
- Check safety interlock system.
- Check brake system.
- Check air filtration system.
- Check for loose, missing, or damaged parts.
- Check all safety guards and shields.
- Check belts.

- Check pedals and/or steering control.
- Check seat belt.
- Check control cables.
- Clean debris from rear discharge debris enclosure.
- Check fuel line.

After Each Use

- Check / fill fuel.
- Clean debris from machine.
- Clean debris from cooling system.
- Clean debris from the traction drive system.
- Clean debris from mower and/or attachment drive systems.
- Clean debris from the underside of the mower deck.
- Check mower drive belts.
- Check mower blades.
- Lubricate machine after washing. (See Service Lubrication for grease points)

Break In (After First 8 Hours)

- Check and tighten wheel hardware.

Break-In (After First 300 Hours)

- Change transmission oil and filters.
- Change hydraulic oil filter (R models only).

Every 50 Hours

- Lubricate deck spindles.
- Check air cleaner elements and replace as necessary.

Every 100 Hours

- Change engine oil and filter or annually (Non Oil Guard Engines).
- Check drive belt tension.
- Inspect mower drive belt.
- Remove panels, check and clean cooling fins and engine oil cooler (if equipped).
- Clean and check battery.
- Check, clean and re-gap spark plugs.

Every 300 Hours

- Check and adjust valve clearance.
- Replace primary air cleaner element.
- Replace plastic fuel filter (if equipped).

Every 500 Hours

- Replace secondary air cleaner
- Change transmission oil and filters. (Every 500 hrs after 300 hour Initial Break In).
- Change hydraulic oil filter (R models only)

- Check torque on ROPS hardware.
- Lubricate front caster wheel pivots.
- Remove cooling shroud and remove debris (or annually).
- Change engine oil and filter (Oil Guard engines).

Every 1000 Hours or Annually

- Replace metal fuel filter (if equipped).
- Replace spark plugs.

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Service Lubrication

Grease

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

The following grease is recommended for service:

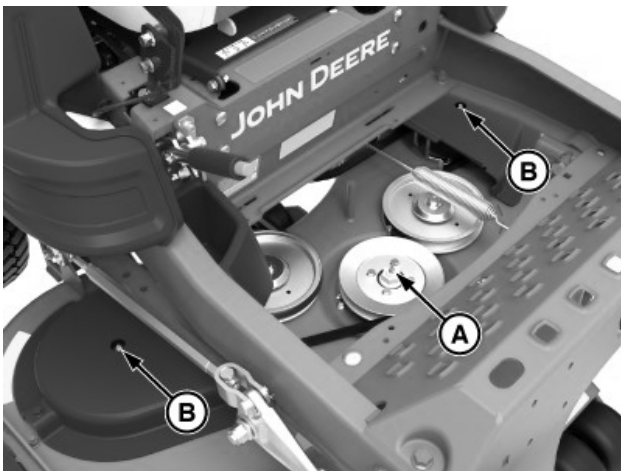
- John Deere Multi-Purpose HD Lithium Complex
- Grease-Gard Premium Plus (Lithium Complex)

Not all grease types are compatible; John Deere does not recommend mixing greases. If using any product other than the recommended grease in service, purge any remaining grease from the system before application. If not practical, grease twice as often until all old grease is purged from the system.

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Lubricating Deck Spindles

NOTE: Removal of belt shields and foot plate is not necessary to lubricate the spindles.

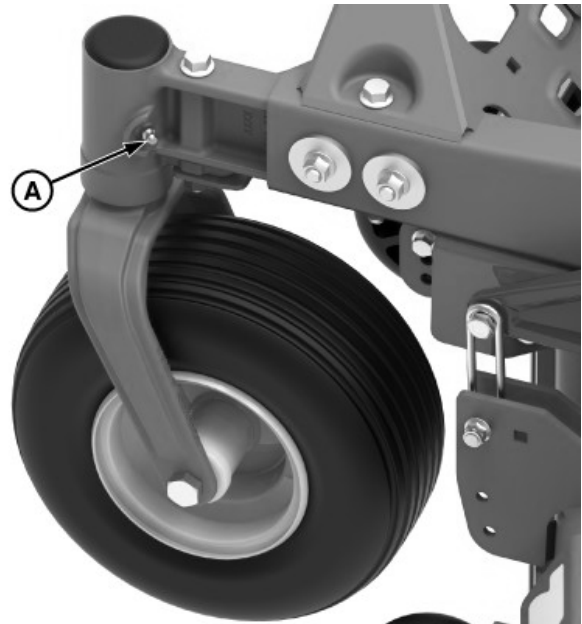


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- Lubricate one mower deck spindle grease fitting (A), located in the center of the deck.
- Lubricate two mower deck spindle grease fittings (B).

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Lubricating Front Caster Wheel Pivots



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Left Caster Wheel Shown



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Right Caster Wheel Shown

1. Lubricate both front caster wheel pivot grease fittings (A) with John Deere Multi-Purpose HD Lithium Complex Grease.

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Service Engine

Emissions Service Information

Within the warranty period, John Deere will reimburse reasonable service costs incurred at service providers outside the John Deere authorized network only in an unsafe, emergency condition if an authorized John Deere dealer is not available and the failure does not arise from the owner's misuse or failure to perform required maintenance. An emergency situation exists under this section if, after 30 days, the authorized John Deere network is unable to perform the repairs or source replacement parts.

Emission Control System Certification Label

NOTE: Tampering with emission controls and components by unauthorized personnel may result in severe fines or penalties. Emission controls and components can only be adjusted by EPA and/or CARB authorized service centers. Contact your John Deere Retailer concerning emission controls and component questions.

The presence of an emissions label signifies that the engine has been certified with the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and/or California Air Resources Board (CARB).

The emissions warranty applies only to those engines marketed by John Deere that have been certified by the EPA and/or CARB; and used in the United States and Canada in off-road mobile equipment.

Altitude Adjustment (Gasoline or Propane Converted Engines Only)

If your engine features a carburetor it is calibrated by the engine manufacturer and is not adjustable.

If your engine is operated at altitudes below 610 m (2,000 ft.), a high altitude carburetor jet kit is not required. If your engine is operated at altitudes above 610 m (2,000 ft.), a high altitude carburetor jet kit may be required for proper engine performance and emissions control. Operating the engine with the wrong carburetor configuration at a given altitude may increase the engine's emissions and decrease fuel efficiency and performance.

See a qualified service provider for details on jet kit requirements for your specific product.

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Avoid Fumes

CAUTION: 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.

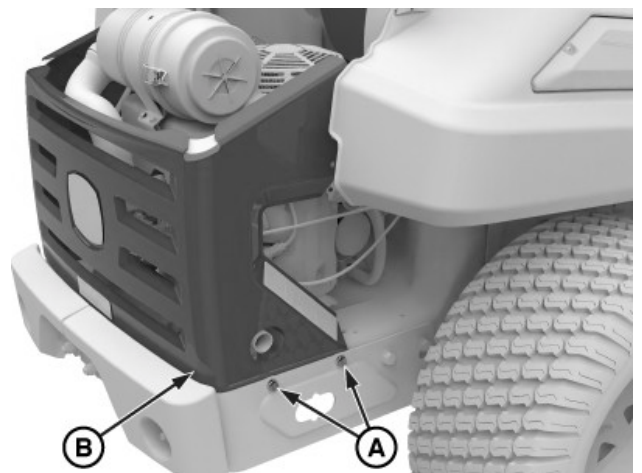
- Connect a pipe extension to the engine exhaust pipe to direct the exhaust fumes out of the area.
- Allow fresh outside air into the work area to clear the exhaust fumes out.

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Removing Engine Access Grill

CAUTION: 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.

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

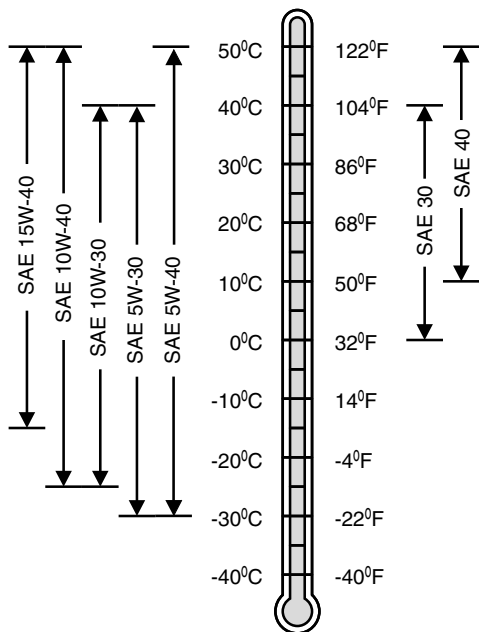


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2. Remove two bolts (A) on each side of machine.
3. Remove and set aside engine access grill (B).
4. Install engine access grill with four bolts.

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Gasoline Engine Oil



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Oil Viscosities for Air Temperature Ranges

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

Using single viscosity grade oils such as SAE 30 or SAE 40 can reduce oil consumption in air cooled engines.

The following oils are approved:

- John Deere Plus-50™ II
- John Deere Turf-Gard™

Other oils may be used if they meet one or more of the following:

- ILSAC GF-6A
- API Service Category SP
- API Service Category SN
- API Service Category SM
- API Service Category SL
- API Service Category SJ
- ACEA Oil Sequence A3/B3
- ACEA Oil Sequence A3/B4
- ACEA Oil Sequence A5/B5
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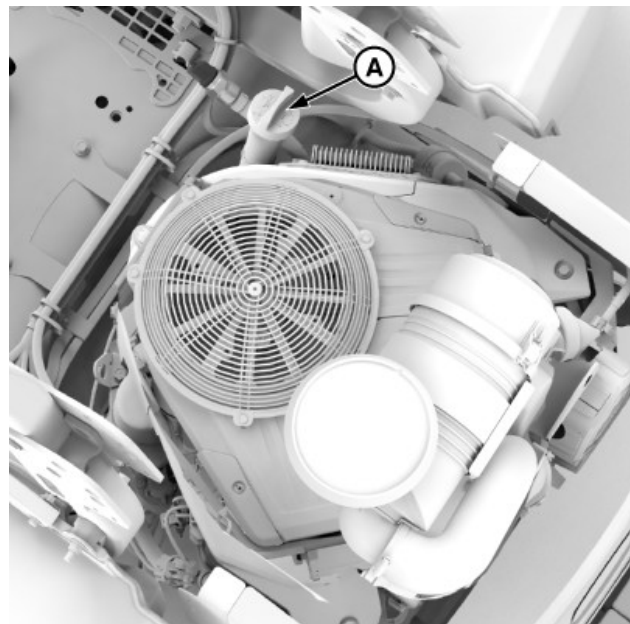
Checking Engine Oil Level

IMPORTANT: 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.
- Park machine on a flat, level surface.
- Keep oil level between the dipstick marks.
- Shut off engine before adding oil.

NOTE: Check oil twice a day if you run engine over 4 hours in a day.

1. Park machine safely. (See Parking Safely in the SAFETY Section.)
2. Allow engine to cool.
3. Clean area around dipstick before removing it.



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4. Remove dipstick (A). Wipe it clean.
5. Install dipstick in tube, but do not screw onto threads.
6. Remove dipstick. Check oil level on dipstick; make sure that oil level is between the ADD and FULL marks.
 - If oil is low, add oil to bring oil level no higher than the FULL mark on dipstick.
 - If oil level is above the FULL mark, drain to the proper level.
7. Install dipstick.

Kawasaki Engines

1. Park machine safely. (See Parking Safely in the SAFETY Section.)
2. Allow engine to cool.
3. Clean area around dipstick before removing it.



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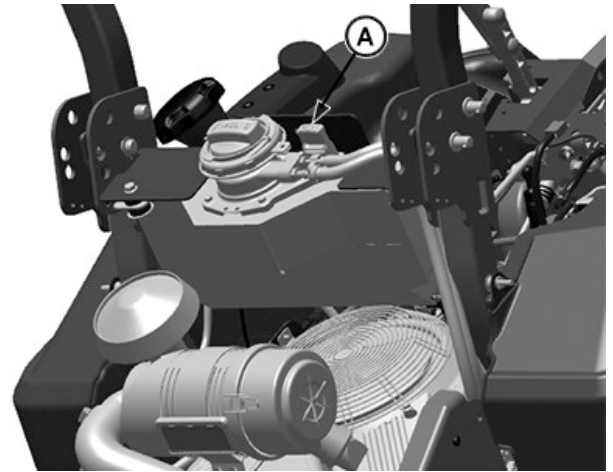
4. Remove dipstick (B) from tube by unscrewing it. Wipe it clean.
5. Install dipstick in tube, but do not screw on to threads.
6. Remove dipstick. Check oil level on dipstick; make sure that oil level is between the ADD and FULL marks.
 - If oil is low, add oil to bring oil level no higher than the FULL mark on dipstick.
 - If oil level is above the FULL mark, drain to the proper level.
7. Install and tighten the dipstick.
8. Start engine and run at a slow throttle for approximately two minutes. Check for leaks around filter and drain plug.
9. Stop engine.

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- Check oil level when the engine is cold and not running.
- Park machine on a flat, level surface.
- Keep oil level between the dipstick marks.
- Shut off engine before adding oil.

NOTE: Check oil twice a day if you run engine over 4 hours in a day.

1. Park machine safely. (See Parking Safely in the SAFETY Section.)
2. Allow engine to cool.
3. Clean area around dipstick before removing it.



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4. Remove dipstick (A) from tube. Wipe it clean.
5. Install dipstick in tube.
6. Remove dipstick. Check oil level on dipstick; make sure that oil level is between the ADD and FULL marks.
 - If oil is low, add oil to bring oil level no higher than the FULL mark on dipstick.
 - If oil level is above the FULL mark, drain to the proper level.
7. Install the dipstick.
8. Start engine and run at a slow throttle for approximately two minutes. Check for leaks around filter and drain plug.
9. Stop engine.

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Checking Engine Oil Level with Oil Guard

IMPORTANT: 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.

Changing Engine Oil and Filter

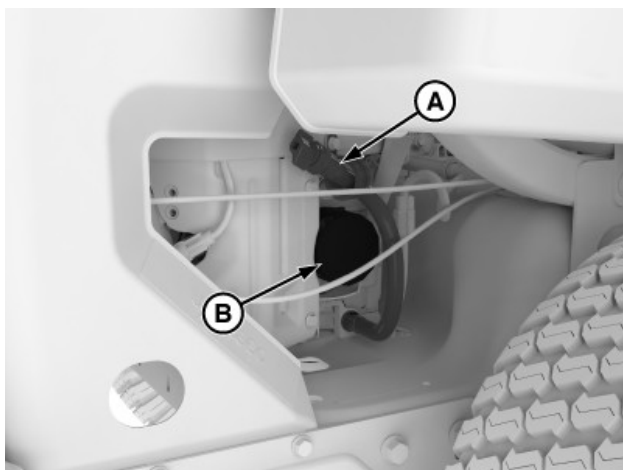
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IMPORTANT: Change the oil more often if the vehicle is used in extreme conditions:

- Dusty conditions.
- Frequent slow or low-speed operation.
- Frequent short trips.

Non Oil Guard Engines

1. Run engine to warm oil.
2. Park machine safely on a level surface. (See Parking Safely in the SAFETY section.)
3. Put container under oil drain area.



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Model Z920M shown.

4. Be certain hose (A) is installed into opening in machine frame.
5. After oil drains close the drain hose and remove the oil filter (B).
6. Apply a film of clean engine oil on gasket of new filter.
7. Install filter. Turn filter clockwise until gasket contacts mounting surface. Tighten by hand 3/4 turn more after gasket contact.



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8. Clean area around the oil dipstick (A).
9. Unscrew and remove the dipstick.
10. Add engine oil (See Engine in the SPECIFICATION section).
11. Install and tighten dipstick.
12. Start engine and run at slow throttle for approximately two minutes. Check for leaks around filter and drain plug.
13. Stop engine.
14. Check oil level:
 - Remove and wipe dipstick clean with a rag.
 - Install dipstick but do not screw onto threads.
 - Remove dipstick. Check oil level on dipstick; make sure that oil level is between the ADD and FULL marks. Add or remove oil if needed.
15. Install dipstick and tighten.

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Changing Engine Oil and Filter with Oil Guard

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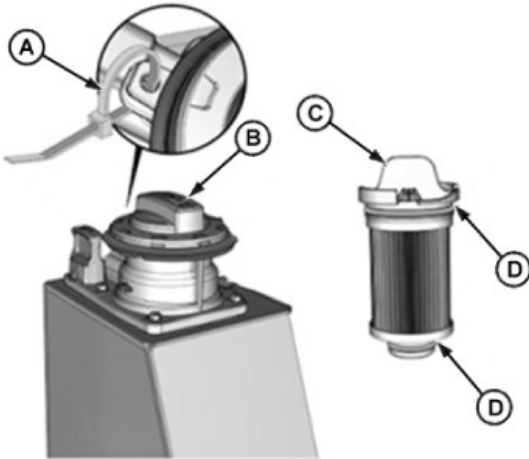
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- Dusty conditions.
- Frequent slow or low-speed operation.

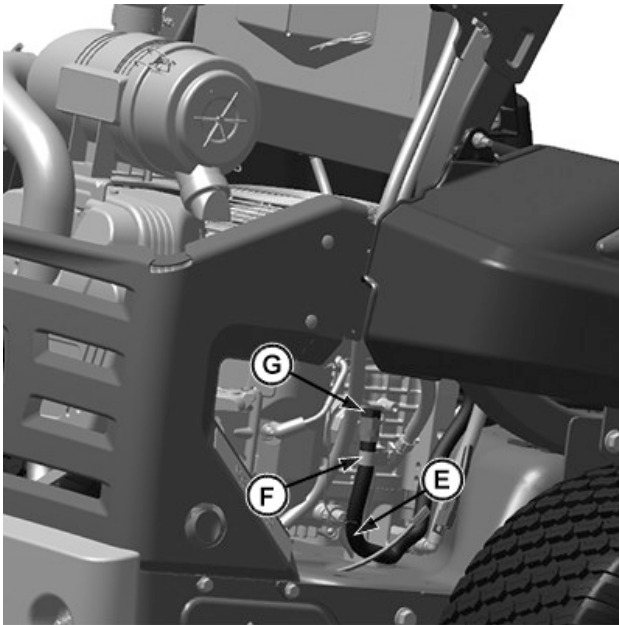
• **Frequent short trips.**

NOTE: After every 8 running hours check reservoir oil level. If required add oil as necessary until oil level is correct.

1. Park machine safely on a level surface. (See Parking Safely in the SAFETY section.)
2. Start and run engine until it reaches temperature. Stop engine.



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3. If present, cut cable strap (A) or remove other locking device to release oil fill cap from oil filter housing
4. Rotate oil fill cap (B) ¼ turn to unlock. Remove cap from filter housing.
5. Remove oil drain hose (E) from retaining clip (F).
6. Unscrew the drain hose cap (G) with the help of

wrench. Remove cap and drain oil into an approved container.

7. Grasp tab and rotate oil filter (C) ¼ turn to unlock. Remove oil filter from filter housing.

NOTE: It is necessary to overcome the resistance of two o-rings (D) to free oil filter from filter housing.

8. Install cap (G) onto oil drain hose and tighten accordingly so that oil is not spill from hose. Capture hose in retaining clip.
9. Slowly add 5 quarts (4.7 L) of the recommended type of oil. DO NOT Overfill.

NOTE: A screened opening at the top of the oil filter allows oil to be added with the filter installed. Oil can be added with the filter removed.

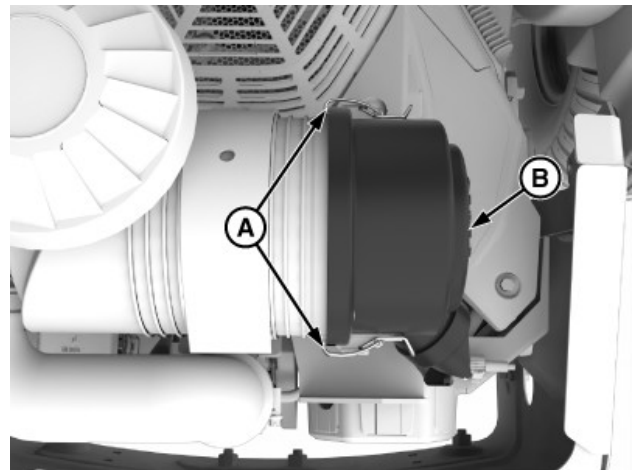
10. Apply light film of clean engine oil to top and bottom O-rings of new oil filter.
11. Install oil filter into filter housing and rotate ¼ turn to lock.
12. Install oil fill cap and rotate ¼ turn to lock.
13. Dispose of used oil and oil filter at a proper waste disposal or recycling center.

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Checking and Replacing Air Filtration System

IMPORTANT: Dirt and debris can enter the engine when removing the air cleaner elements. Service elements only at prescribed intervals.

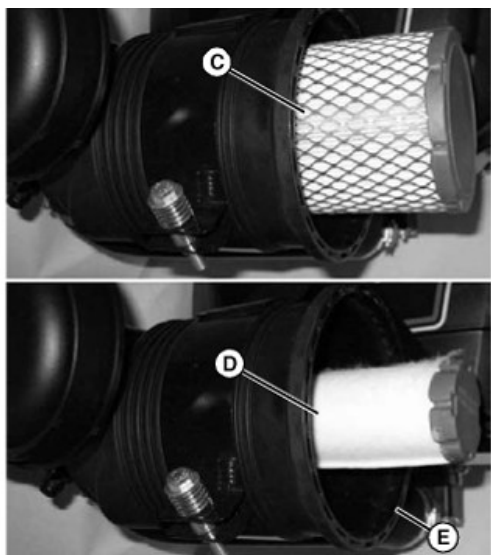
1. Park the machine safely. (See Parking Safely in the SAFETY section.)



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Your model may be different from the model shown.

- Unhook latches (A) and remove cover (B).



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Your model may be different from the model shown.

- Remove primary element (C) and secondary element (D).

NOTE: The air cleaner elements are not recommended to be cleaned.

- Do not wash air cleaner elements.
- Do not oil air cleaner elements.
- Do not use pressurized air to clean air cleaner elements.

- Inspect air cleaner elements and replace if dirty or at specified intervals

- Replace the secondary element if dirty when the primary element is checked and replaced.

- Clean the housing (E) with detergent and water. Dry thoroughly with a clean cloth.

NOTE: If the housing is damaged, it must be replaced.

- Check the housing for deformation or other damage. The housing must seal well and permit only filtered air to reach the carburetor.
- Check that no foreign material is obstructing the air intake.
- Install new element(s).
- Replace cover with the “up” mark on the cover at the twelve o’clock position and secure latches.

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Cleaning Debris From Cooling System

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

NOTE: Checking, cleaning cooling fins and oil cooler must be performed every 100 hours.

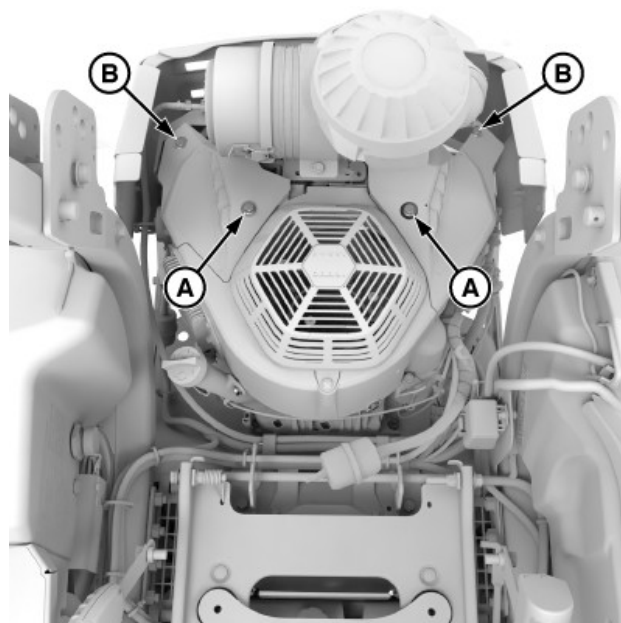
- Park machine safely on a level surface. (See Parking Safely in the SAFETY section.)

IMPORTANT: To avoid damage from overheating, clean all debris from cylinder head cooling fins, oil cooler, and engine area as stated in the machine service intervals.

- The interval for cleaning debris from the engine compartment area is daily.
- Remove the cleanout panels and clean all debris from cylinder head cooling fins every 100 hours, or more frequently depending on operating conditions.
- The interval for removing the cooling shrouds and cleaning debris from complete cooling system is every 500 hours, or more frequently depending on operating conditions.

NOTE: After inspection, If all debris cannot be cleaned out after performing 100 Hour Interval, perform the Every 500 Hours interval.

- Remove cover:



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Remove two screws (A) and two covers (B).

- Remove spark plug wires.

⚠ CAUTION: 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).

4. With compressed air, thoroughly clean debris buildup.
5. Install spark plug wires.
6. Install two covers on shroud.
7. Raise seat.
8. Check and clean engine oil cooler (C) (if equipped) and blow out debris with compressed air.
9. Lower seat.

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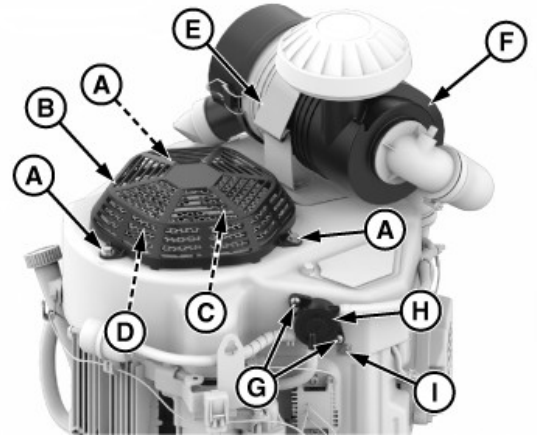
Remove Cooling Shroud and Remove Debris (Model Z920M)

⚠ CAUTION: 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).

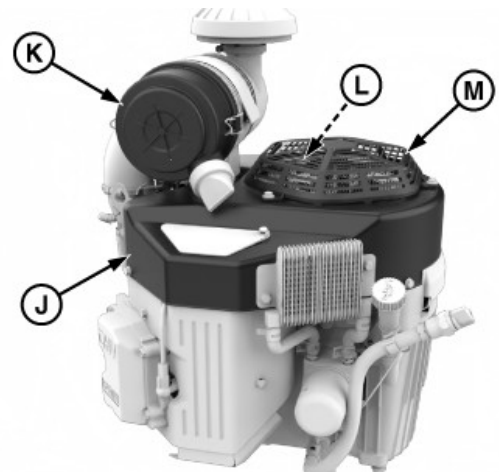
IMPORTANT: To ensure proper cooling, always keep the engine cooling fins and surrounding area clean. Operating the engine with obstructed cooling fins could cause engine damage due to overheating.

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



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4. Loosen and remove three hex socket head bolts (A) and remove fan screen guard (B).
5. Remove three hex head bolts (C) and remove fan screen (D).
6. Open air cleaner latch (E) and remove air cleaner assembly (F) from top of engine.
7. Remove two hex head bolts (G) and remove fuel pump (H).
8. Remove six engine shroud hex head bolts (I).



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9. Lift shroud (J) upward and remove from engine compartment.
10. Clean debris from engine area and all engine cooling fins.
11. Install engine shroud (J).
12. Install fuel pump.
13. Install air cleaner (K).
14. Install fan screen (L).
15. Install fan screen guard (M).
16. Tighten all hardware.

17. Install engine access grill.

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Remove Cooling Shroud and Remove Debris (Models Z930M, Z950M, Z950R, Z960M, Z970R)

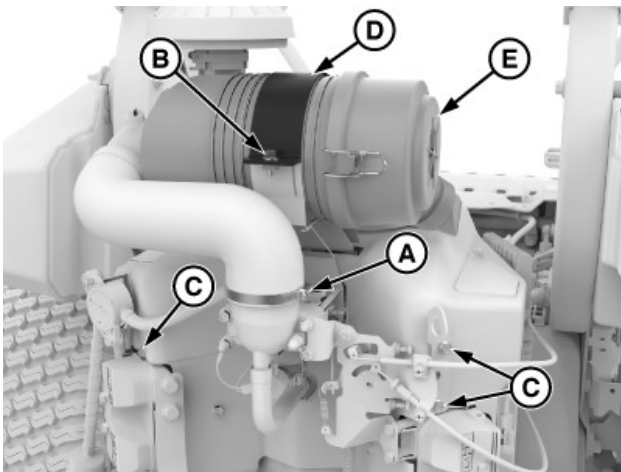
CAUTION: Compressed air can cause debris to fly a long distance.

- 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: To ensure proper cooling, keep the engine cooling fins and surrounding area clean at all times. Operating the engine with obstructed cooling fins could cause engine damage due to overheating.

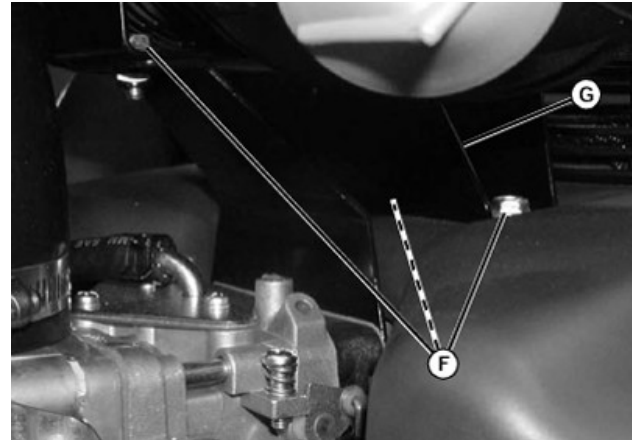
NOTE: Your model may be different from the model shown.

1. Park machine safely. (See Parking Safely in the SAFETY section.)
2. Allow machine to cool down.
3. Remove engine access grill.



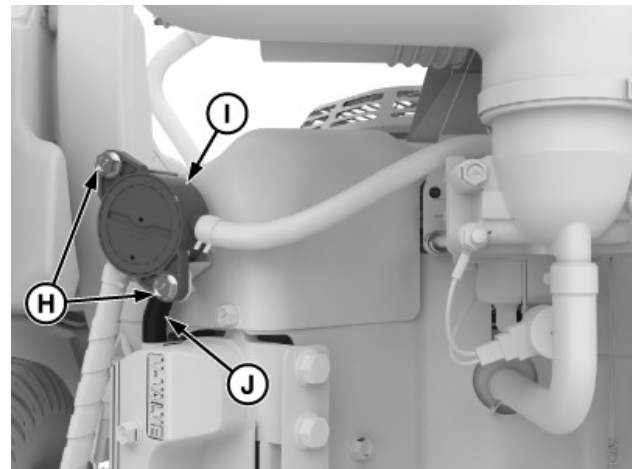
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4. Loosen clamp (A), remove hex head bolts (B) and (C).
5. Lift bracket (D) and pivot air cleaner assembly (E) out leaving the intake hose connected.



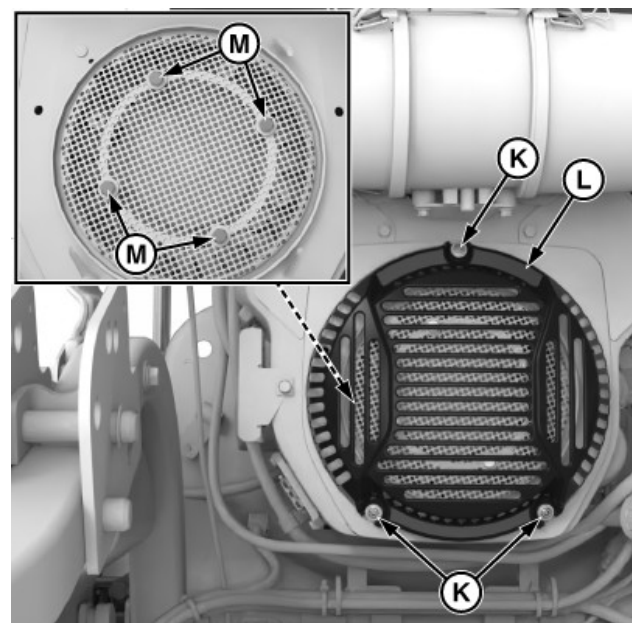
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6. Remove the three hex head bolts (F) and air cleaner bracket (G).



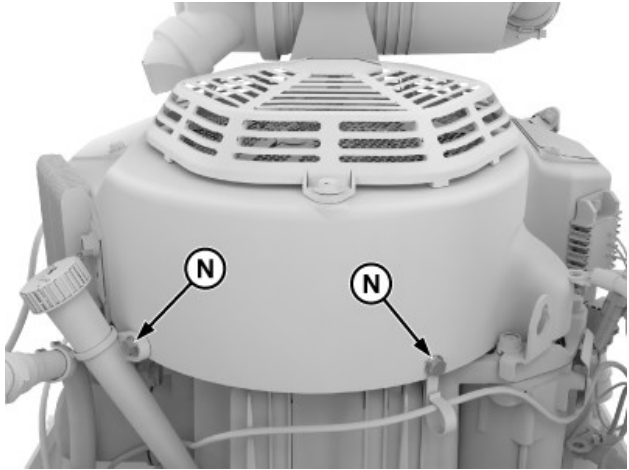
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7. Remove the two hex head bolts (H) fuel pump (I) and disconnect the vacuum hose (J).



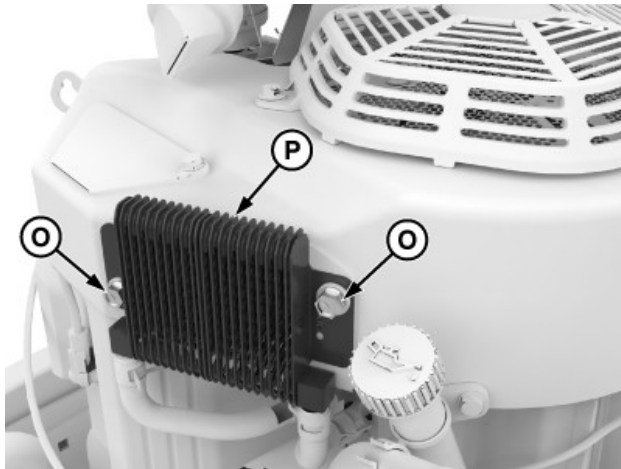
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8. Remove the three hex head bolts (K) and fan shroud (L).
9. Remove the four hex socket head bolts (M) and the fan screen.



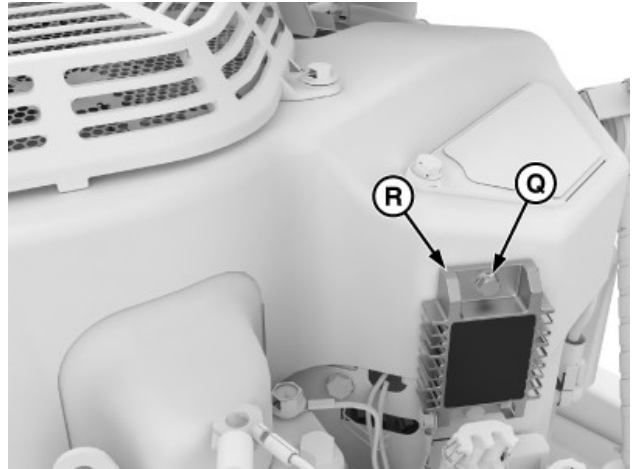
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10. Remove the engine shroud bolts (N).



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11. Remove the four hex head bolts (O) and remove oil cooler (P).
12. Clean oil cooler fins.



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13. Z930M, Z950R: Loosen the top hex head bolts (Q) to the voltage regulator (R).
14. Remove the engine shroud.
15. Clean the debris from the engine area and all engine cooling fins.
16. Install engine shroud.
17. Tighten voltage regulator top bolt.
18. Install oil cooler.
19. Install fan shroud.
20. Install fuel pump and connect vacuum hose.
21. Install air cleaner bracket.
22. Pivot air cleaner to proper position and tighten hardware.
23. Install engine access grill.

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Remove Cooling Shroud and Remove Debris (Models Z965M/R, Z975M, Z985R)

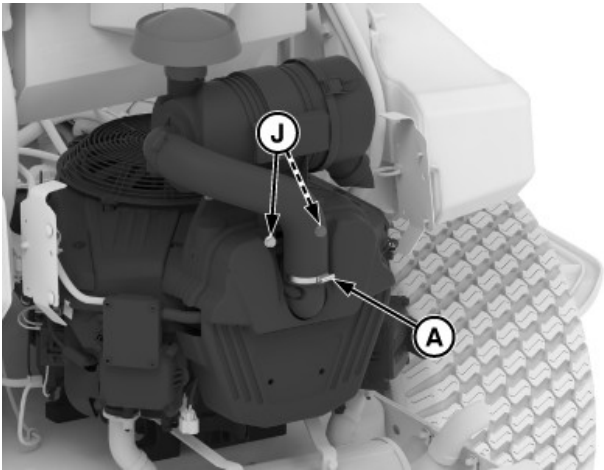
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- Clear work area of bystanders.
- Wear eye protection when using compressed air for cleaning purposes.
- Reduce compressed air pressure to 210 kPa (30 psi).

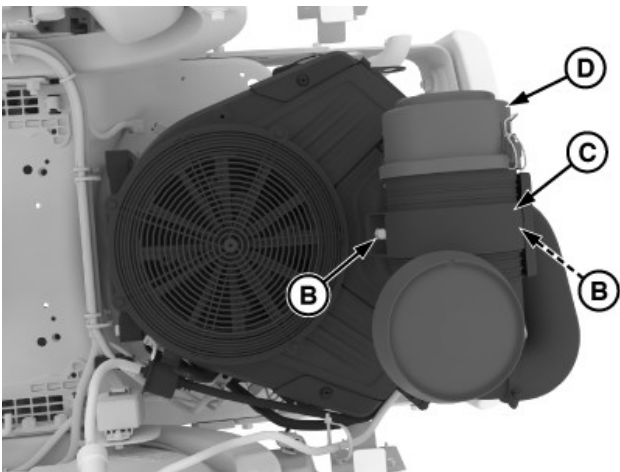
IMPORTANT: To ensure proper cooling, keep the engine cooling fins and surrounding area clean at all times. Operating the engine with obstructed cooling fins could cause engine damage due to overheating.

NOTE: Your model may be different from the model shown.

1. Park machine safely. (See Parking Safely in the SAFETY section.)
2. Allow machine to cool down.
3. Remove engine access grill.

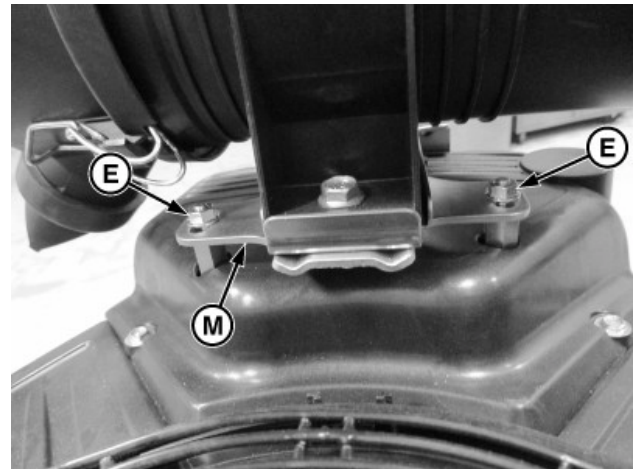


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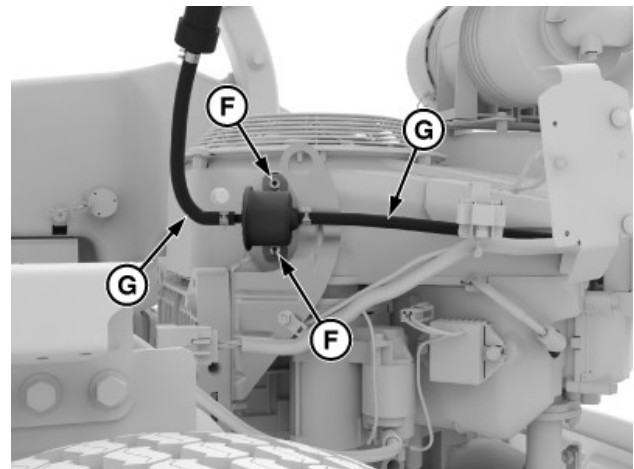
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4. Loosen clamp (A), remove hex head bolts (B) and (J).
5. Lift bracket (C) and pivot air cleaner assembly (D) out leaving the intake hose connected.



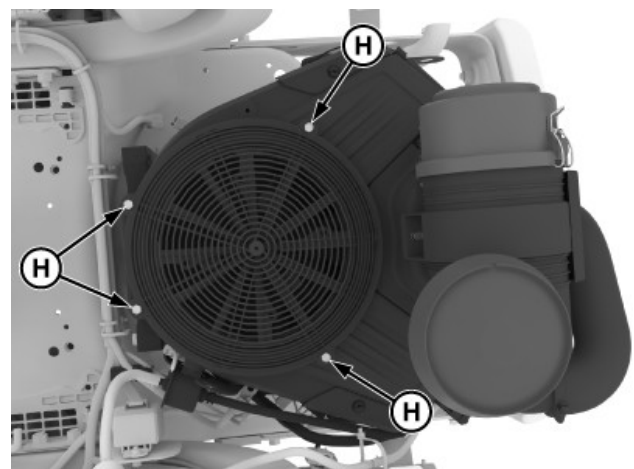
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6. Remove the two hex nuts (E) and bracket (M).

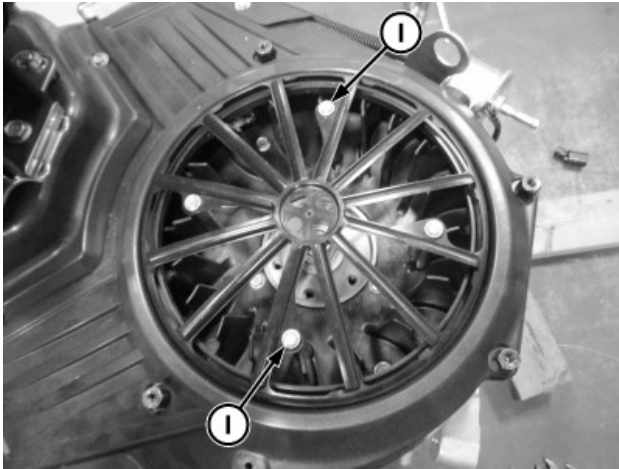


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7. Remove the two bolts (F) and aside the fuel pump along with hoses (G).

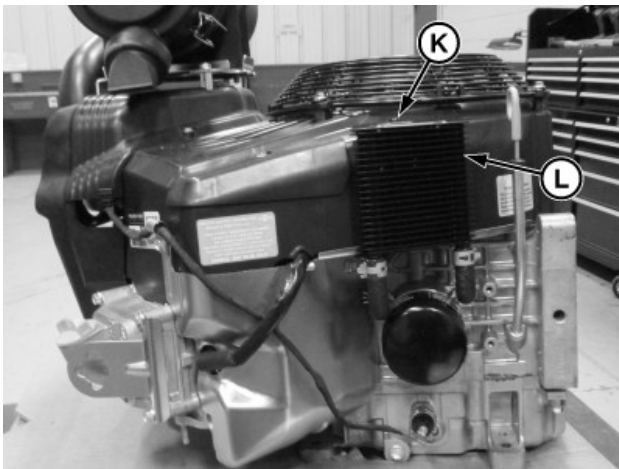


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8. Remove the four hex head bolts (H) and fan shroud (I).

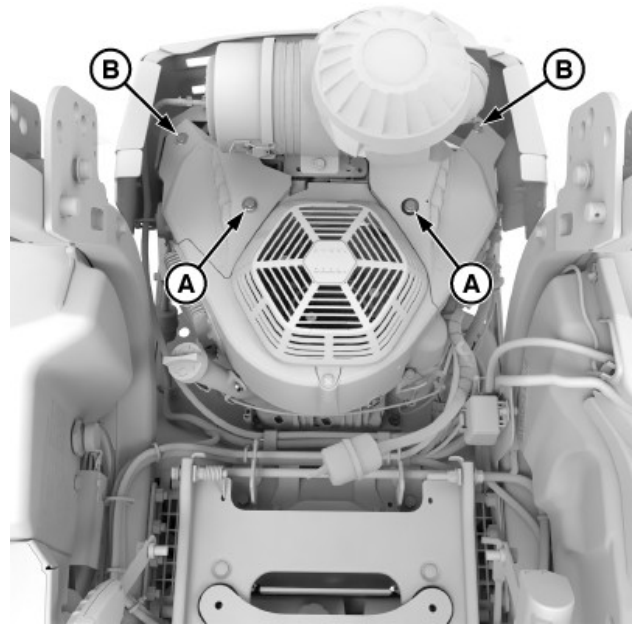


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9. Remove the bolt (K) and aside the oil cooler (L) without disconnecting hoses.

NOTE: No oil cooler on Z965M/R and Z985R models.

10. Clean oil cooler fins.



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11. Remove the engine shroud by removing two hex heads bolts (A) and (B).
12. Clean the debris from the engine area and all engine cooling fins.
13. Install engine shroud.
14. Install oil cooler.
15. Install fan shroud.
16. Install fuel pump.
17. Install air cleaner bracket.
18. Pivot air cleaner to proper position and tighten hardware.
19. Install engine access grill.

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Replacing Fuel Filter

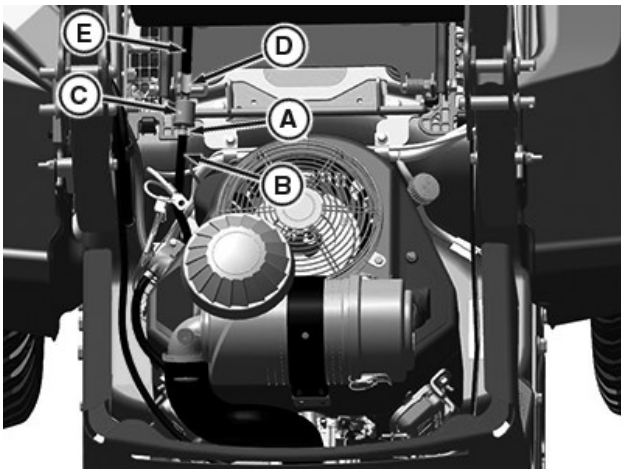
CAUTION: Avoid injury! Fuel vapors are explosive and flammable:

- Do not smoke while handling fuel.
- Keep fuel away from flames or sparks.
- Shut off engine before servicing.
- Cool engine before servicing.
- Work in a well-ventilated area.
- Clean up spilled fuel immediately.

IMPORTANT: Avoid damage! Incorrect installation of fuel filter causes engine damage. Install the filter with the arrow pointing in the direction of fuel flow (towards the engine) for proper operation.

NOTE: Change fuel filter when fuel is low.

1. Park machine safely. (See Parking Safely in the Safety section.)
2. Allow engine to cool.
3. To catch any fuel that is left in the hoses, place a drain pan under hoses.
4. Slide clamp (A) down onto fuel hose (B) and disconnect fuel hose from the outlet side of the fuel filter (C). Drain gasoline into a properly marked container.



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5. Slide clamp (D) up onto inlet fuel hose (E), and remove the fuel filter from the inlet fuel hose.

NOTE: For Z955M/R fuel filter is on right side of the picture shown.

6. Remove and discard filter.
7. Install new fuel filter.
 - Make sure that fuel filter is installed with arrow pointing towards the engine in direction of fuel flow.
8. Connect hoses to new fuel filter and secure each end with hose clamp.
9. Route line through clip (F).

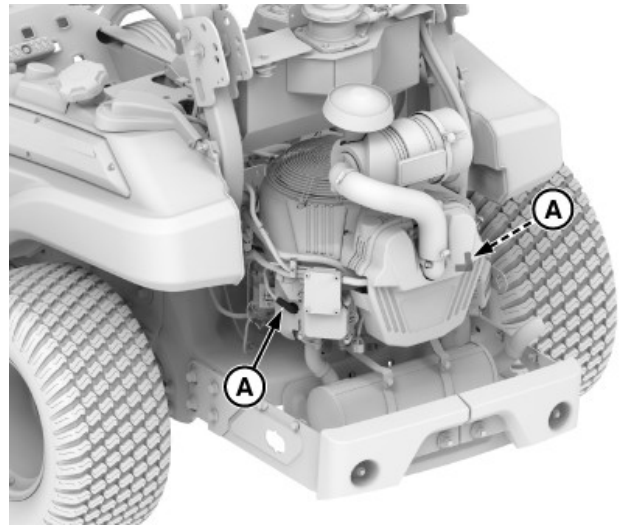
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Checking and Replacing Spark Plugs

CAUTION: 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.

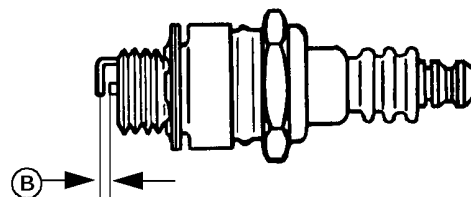
IMPORTANT: Do not clean spark plug area with spark plug removed.

1. Park machine safely. (See Parking Safely in the SAFETY section.)
2. Clean area around both spark plugs.



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Model Z930M shown. Engine access grill removed for clarity.

3. Disconnect the spark plug wire (A) from each plug.
4. Remove and inspect spark plugs:
 - Clean each plug and check for damage, replace if necessary.
 - If plugs are in good condition, check gap.



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5. Check and adjust spark plug gap (B) to specification.

Specification

Spark Plug (Gasoline Engines)—Gap. 0.76 mm (0.030 in.)

Specification

Spark Plug (Propane Engines)—Gap. 0.64 mm (0.025 in.)

6. Install spark plugs.
 - Vanguard Engines: Tighten to specification.

Specification

Spark Plug—Torque. 19.2 N·m (14 ft-lb)

- Kawasaki Engines: Tighten to specification.

Specification

Spark Plug—Torque. 22 N·m (16 ft-lb)

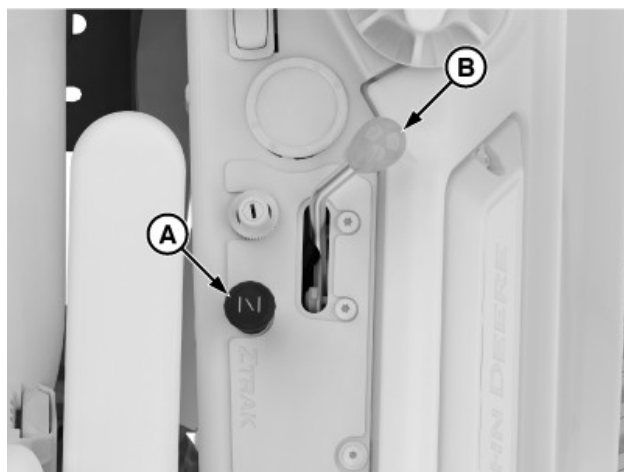
7. Install both spark plug wires.

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Checking Control Cables (If Equipped)

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.

1. Park machine safely on a level surface. (See Parking Safely in the Safety section.)

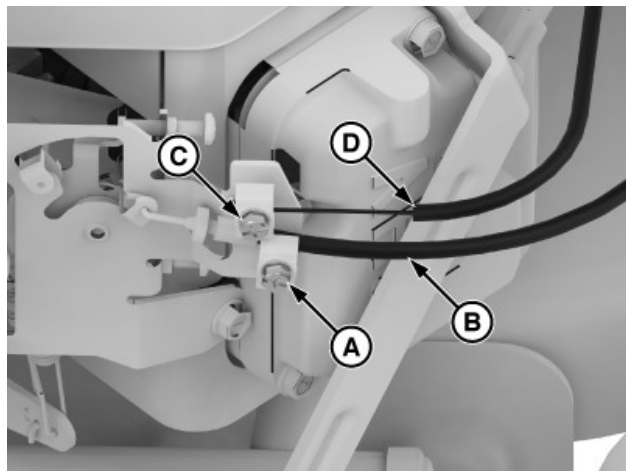


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2. Check for proper cable operation. Move choke knob (A) from ON to OFF and throttle lever (B) from low to high positions while visually inspecting engine control panel.
3. If the choke knob and/or throttle lever does not have full travel within their slots, use following procedures:

Z920M (Kawasaki Engine)**Throttle Cable Adjustment**

1. Remove engine access grill.



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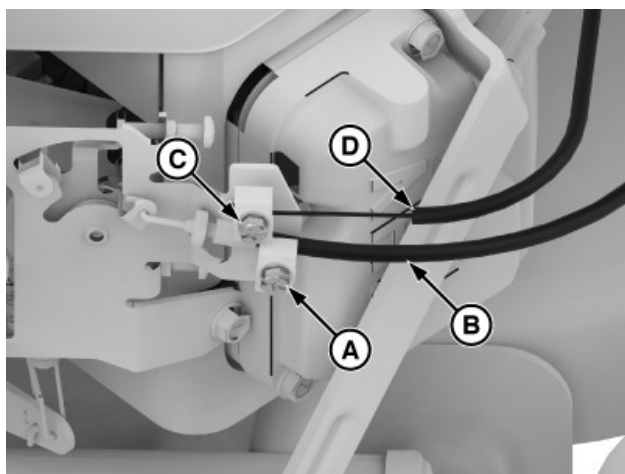
2. Loosen screw (A) for the throttle cable housing (B).
3. Move throttle lever all the way forward to the full throttle position. Move throttle lever backward 3.2 mm (1/8 in).
4. Pull throttle cable outer housing (B) away from the carburetor control plate until it stops. Tighten screw (A) to secure.
5. Verify cable operation and full range of throttle lever within the slot. Repeat if necessary.
6. Install engine access grill.

Choke Cable Adjustment

1. Remove engine access grill.
2. Loosen screw (C) for the choke cable housing (D).
3. Pull choke knob (A) all the way up to the full choke position. Push choke knob down 3.2 mm (1/8 in).
4. Pull choke cable outer housing (D) away from the carburetor control plate until it stops. Tighten screw (C) to secure.
5. Verify cable operation and full range of choke knob. Repeat if necessary.
6. Install engine access grill.

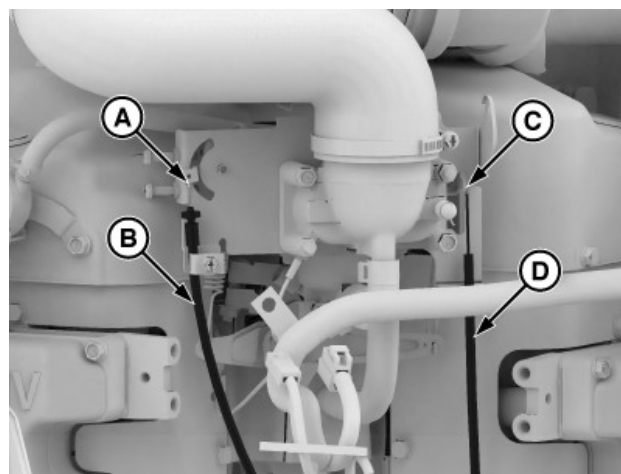
Z930M, Z950M, and Z950R (Kawasaki Engines)**Throttle Cable Adjustment**

1. Remove engine access grill.



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Z930M Shown



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960M Shown

2. Loosen screw (A) for the throttle cable housing (B).
3. Move throttle lever all the way forward to the full throttle position. Move throttle lever backward 3.2 mm (1/8 in).
4. Pull throttle cable outer housing (B) away from the carburetor control plate until it stops. Tighten screw (A) to secure.
5. Verify cable operation and full range of throttle lever within the slot. Repeat if necessary.
6. Install engine access grill.

Choke Cable Adjustment

1. Remove engine access grill.
2. Loosen screw (C) for the choke cable housing (D).
3. Pull choke knob (A) all the way up to the full choke position. Push choke knob down 3.2 mm (1/8 in).
4. Pull choke cable outer housing (D) away from the carburetor control plate until it stops. Tighten screw (C) to secure.
5. Verify cable operation and full range of choke knob. Repeat if necessary.
6. Install engine access grill.

Z960M, and Z970R (Kawasaki Engines)

Throttle Cable Adjustment

1. Remove engine access grill.

2. Loosen screw (A) for the throttle cable housing (B).
3. Move throttle lever all the way forward to the full throttle position. Move throttle lever backward 3.2 mm (1/8 in).
4. Pull throttle cable outer housing (B) away from the carburetor control plate until it stops. Tighten screw (A) to secure.
5. Verify cable operation and full range of throttle lever within the slot. Repeat if necessary.
6. Install engine access grill.

Choke Cable Adjustment

1. Remove engine access grill.
2. Loosen screw (C) for the choke cable housing (D).
3. Pull choke knob (A) all the way up to the full choke position. Push choke knob down 3.2 mm (1/8 in).
4. Pull choke cable outer housing (D) away from the carburetor control plate until it stops. Tighten screw (C) to secure.
5. Verify cable operation and full range of choke knob. Repeat if necessary.
6. Install engine access grill.

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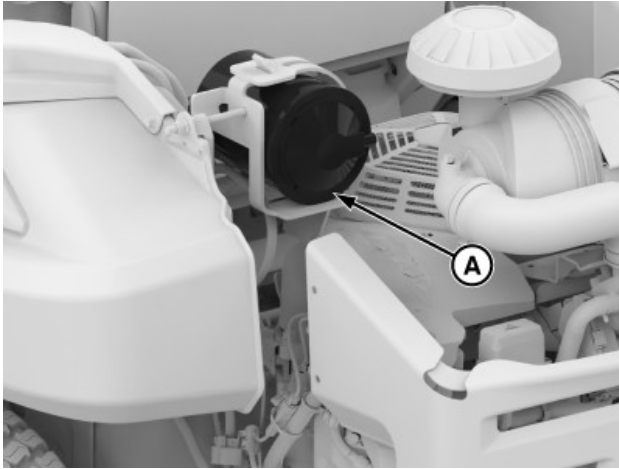
Spark Arrestor Maintenance (If Equipped)

Spark arrestor assemblies include a screen element that should be inspected and cleaned periodically. Visually inspect the screen for tears, broken wires, or loose welds. Replace the spark arrestor assembly if any of these conditions exist. If the screen is determined to be in good condition, proceed with cleaning the screen by brushing away loose dirt or carbon using a brush.

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Carbon Canister

NOTE: A non-serviceable carbon canister is only included on certain models.



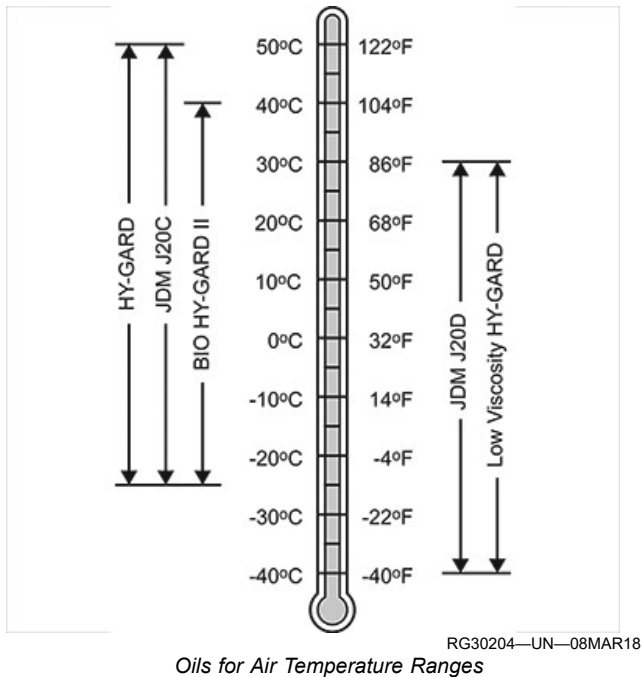
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A carbon canister (A) is included as a non-serviceable component on certain model machines.

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Service Transmission

Transmission and Hydraulic Oil



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

The following oils are preferred:

- John Deere Hy-Gard™
- John Deere Low Viscosity Hy-Gard™

Other oils may be used if they meet one of the following:

- John Deere Standard JDM J20C
- John Deere Standard JDM J20D

Use John Deere Bio Hy-Gard™ II oil when a biodegradable fluid is required.¹

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Checking Transmission Oil Level

IMPORTANT: Hot hydraulic oil will expand and show incorrect oil level. Check oil level:

- When oil is cold.
- With engine not running.

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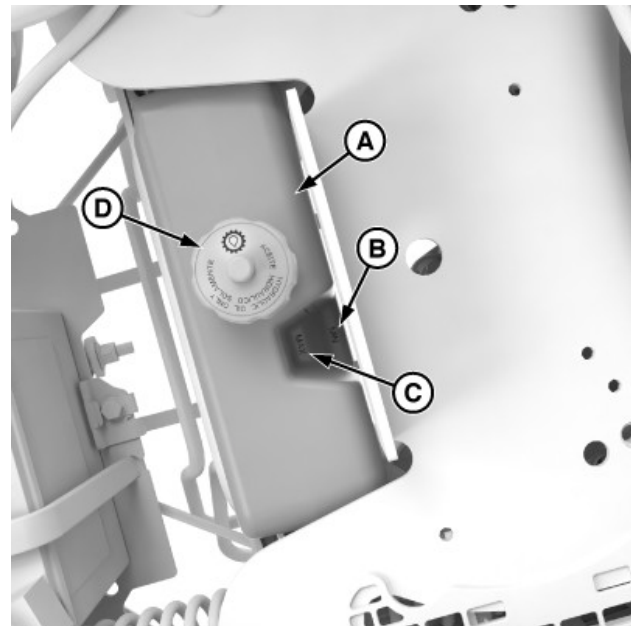
¹ Bio Hy-Gard II meets or exceeds the minimum biodegradability of 80% within 21 days according to CEC-L-33-T-82 test method. Bio Hy-Gard II should not be mixed with mineral oils, because this reduces the biodegradability and makes proper oil recycling impossible.

NOTE: Do not overfill reservoir tank. Oil will expand during operation and could overflow.

1. Park machine safely. (See Parking Safely in the SAFETY section.)
2. Lift operator seat and lock into position.

IMPORTANT: Do not use chlorinated solvents or high pressure water to clean grass and debris from transmission reservoir cap.

3. Clean area around oil level markings and reservoir cap.



4. Check oil level in reservoir (A). Oil level should be between MIN (B) and MAX (C) on reservoir.
5. If oil is below MIN (B) on reservoir, remove cap (D) from reservoir and add oil until oil level is between MIN and MAX on reservoir.
6. Install cap on reservoir and hand tighten only. Do not overtighten cap.

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Changing Transmission Oil and Filters

CAUTION: Escaping fluid under high pressure can penetrate the skin and cause serious injury. Avoid the hazard by relieving pressure before connecting 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. In the United States and Canada only, this information may be obtained by calling 1-800-822-8262.

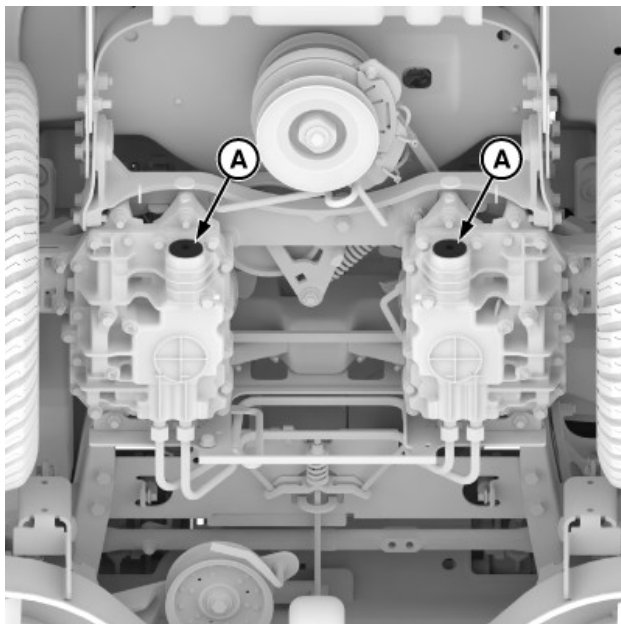
IMPORTANT: Contamination of hydraulic fluid could cause transmission damage or failure. Do not open oil reservoir cap unless absolutely necessary.

Severe or unusual conditions may require a more frequent service interval.

1. Park machine safely. (See Parking Safely in the SAFETY section.)
2. Allow engine and transmission oil reservoir to cool.
3. Place drain pan under both transmissions.

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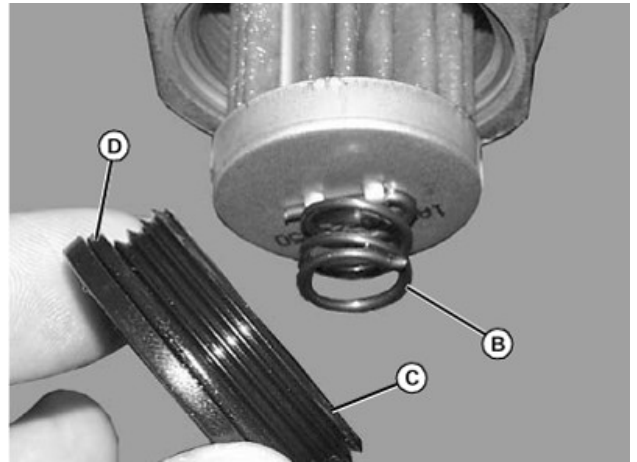
IMPORTANT: Do not use chlorinated solvents or high pressure water to clean grass and debris from filter caps.



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1. Clean area around each filter cap (A).
2. Remove filter cap (A) and filter from each transmission. Discard filters.
3. Allow transmission oil to drain into a drain pan.

4. Apply a film of clean oil on gasket of each new transmission filter.



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5. Install new filter into each transmission, with spring end (B) facing filter cap (C).
6. Replace O-ring (D) on the filter cap.
7. Install filter cap (removed earlier) and tighten to specification.

Specification

Filter Cap—Torque. 9.8 N·m (7.2 lb·ft)

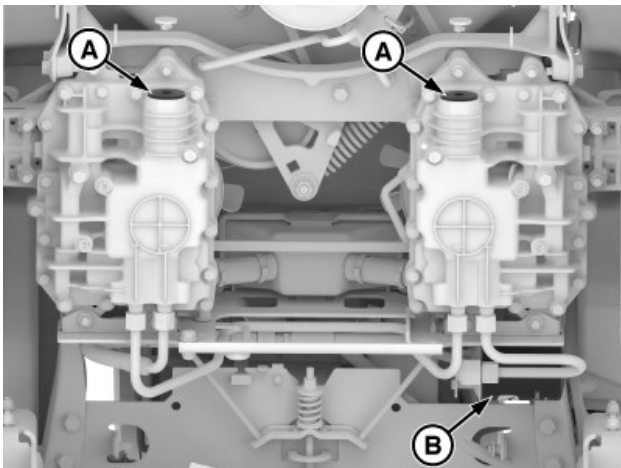
8. Use a safe lifting device to raise the drive wheel off the ground. Support with jackstands.
9. Lift operator seat and lock into position.
10. Fill reservoir until oil level is between MIN and MAX marks on reservoir.
11. On both transmissions, pull the bypass levers back to the open position.
12. Rotate each drive tire by hand 1 full revolution forward and backward.
13. Check and fill reservoir until oil level is between MIN and MAX marks on reservoir.
14. Lower seat.
15. Start engine.
16. Allow engine to idle for 1 minute at low idle.
17. Push both motion control levers to full forward and hold for 5 seconds. Pull both control levers to full reverse and hold for 5 seconds. Repeat two additional times.
18. Stop the engine.
19. Push the bypass levers forward to the closed position.
20. Use a safe lifting device to raise the drive wheels off the ground. Remove the jackstands.

CAUTION: Help prevent serious bodily injury. Remain alert to other people and the surroundings when operating the machine.

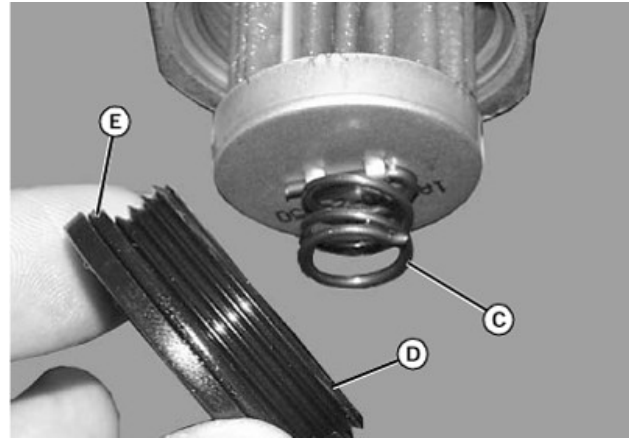
21. Start the engine.
22. Move throttle lever to the 3/4 full throttle idle position.
23. Unlock park brake.
24. Run engine in full throttle for 5 minutes and then cycle motion control levers forward and rearward several times. Check for leaks around filters.
25. Stop the engine. Check oil level. Add oil as necessary.

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IMPORTANT: Do not use chlorinated solvents or high pressure water to clean grass and debris from filter caps and hydraulic filter base.



1. Clean area around each filter cap (A) and hydraulic filter (B) base.
2. Remove filter cap (A) and filter from each transmission. Discard filters.
3. Remove inline hydraulic filter (B) from filter base.
4. Allow transmission oil to drain into a drain pan.
5. Apply a film of clean oil on gasket of new inline hydraulic filter and tighten onto filter base.
6. Apply a film of clean oil on gasket of each new transmission filter.



7. Install new filter into each transmission, with spring end (C) facing filter cap (D).
8. Replace O-ring (E) on the filter cap.
9. Install filter cap (removed earlier) and tighten to specification.

Specification

Filter Cap—Torque. 7.3 - 12.3 N·m (5.4 - 9 lb·ft)

10. Use a safe lifting device to raise the drive wheel off the ground. Support with jackstands.
11. Lift operator seat and lock into position.
12. Fill reservoir until oil level is between MIN and MAX marks on reservoir.
13. On both transmissions, pull the bypass levers back to the open position.
14. Rotate each drive tire by hand 1 full revolution forward and backward.
15. Check and fill reservoir until oil level is between MIN and MAX marks on reservoir.
16. Lower seat.
17. Start engine.
18. Allow engine to idle for 1 minute at low idle.
19. Push both motion control levers to full forward and hold for 5 seconds. Pull both control levers to full reverse and hold for 5 seconds. Repeat two additional times.
20. Stop the engine.
21. Push the bypass levers forward to the closed position.
22. Use a safe lifting device to raise the drive wheels off the ground. Remove the jackstands.

CAUTION: Help prevent serious bodily injury. Remain alert to other people and the surroundings when operating the machine.

23. Start the engine.

24. Move throttle lever to the 3/4 full throttle idle position.
25. Unlock park brake.
26. Run engine in full throttle for 5 minutes and then cycle motion control levers forward and rearward several times. Check for leaks around filters.
27. Stop the engine. Check oil level. Add oil as necessary.

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Cleaning Debris From Traction Drive System

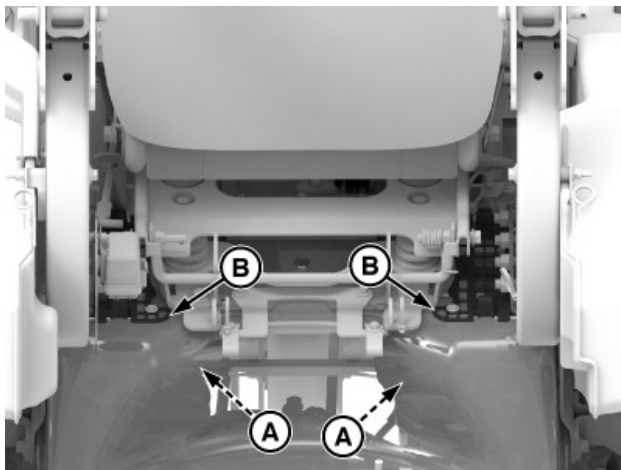
CAUTION: Compressed air can cause debris to fly a long distance.

- 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: To ensure proper cooling, keep the transmission cooling fins and surrounding area clean at all times. Operating the machine with obstructed cooling fins could cause transmission damage due to overheating.

1. Park machine safely. (See Parking Safely in the SAFETY section.)
2. Lift operator seat and lock into position.

IMPORTANT: Do not use chlorinated solvents or high pressure water to clean grass and debris from transmission fan, cooling fins and reservoir.



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3. Clean cooling fins around exterior of transmissions and fans (A) with a rag, brush, or compressed air.

4. Clean transmission fan screens (B).

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Checking and Replacing Traction Drive Belt

CAUTION: Entanglement in a belt or pulley can cause serious injury. Stop engine and wait for all moving parts to stop.

NOTE: The traction drive belt is self-adjusted using a spring tensioner and does not require a tension adjustment.

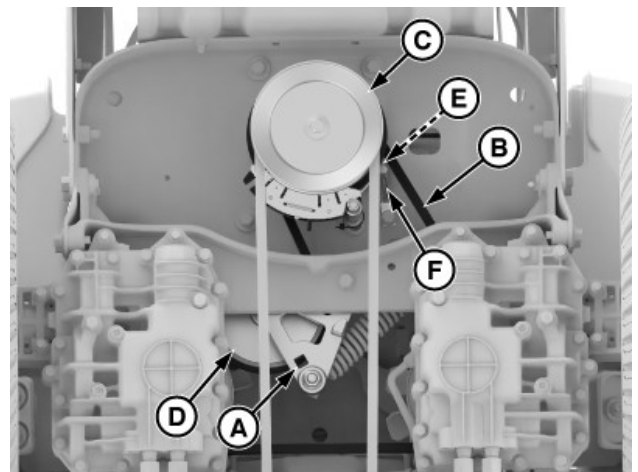
Checking Belt:

1. Park machine safely. (See Parking Safely in the SAFETY section.)
2. Inspect belt for excessive wear, damage or stretching while in position on the transmission pulley and drive belt tensioner pulley.

Replacing Belt

1. Remove mower deck belt. (See Replacing Mower Deck Drive Belt in SERVICE MOWER Section.)

CAUTION: Components are installed under spring tension. Wear eye protection and use proper tools when installing and removing components with spring tension.



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2. Insert a 1/2 in. drive extension tool into square hole (A) on tensioner arm, and rotate clockwise to release tension on belt (B).
3. While tensioner arm is rotated, remove traction drive belt from traction pulley (C).
4. Slowly rotate tensioner arm counterclockwise to release spring tension.
5. Remove belt from both transmission drive sheaves and idler pulley (D).

6. Install belt onto drive pulley and idler pulley as shown.
7. Rotate tensioner arm clockwise and install traction drive belt into traction pulley. Release tension and verify belt routing is correct.
8. Verify that there is a 3.2 mm (1/8 in.) gap (E) between belt guide (F) and clutch pulley (C). If necessary, loosen bolt on belt guide and adjust to specification.

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Checking and Adjusting Neutral Creep

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

Checking Motion Control Linkages

1. Park machine safely. (See Parking Safely in the SAFETY section.)
2. Raise rear of machine only enough for rear tires to rotate freely.

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

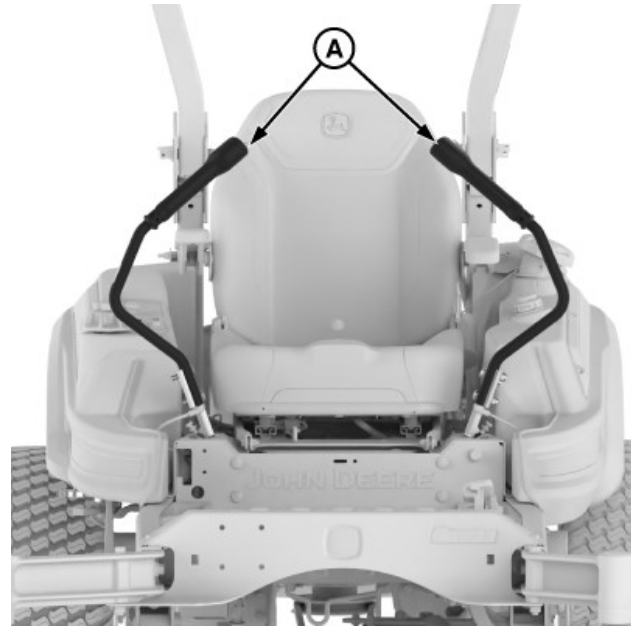
- Move the machine to an outside area before running the engine.
- Do not run an engine in an enclosed area without adequate ventilation.
- Connect a pipe extension to the engine exhaust pipe to direct the exhaust fumes out of the area.
- Allow fresh outside air into the work area to clear the exhaust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

3. Start engine.
4. Set throttle lever to the full throttle position.
5. Unlock park brake.
6. If the rear drive wheels begin to creep, an adjustment is required.

Adjusting Motion Control Linkages

NOTE: Perform adjustments with rear tires off the ground just enough so wheels can rotate.

1. Stop engine and lock park brake.



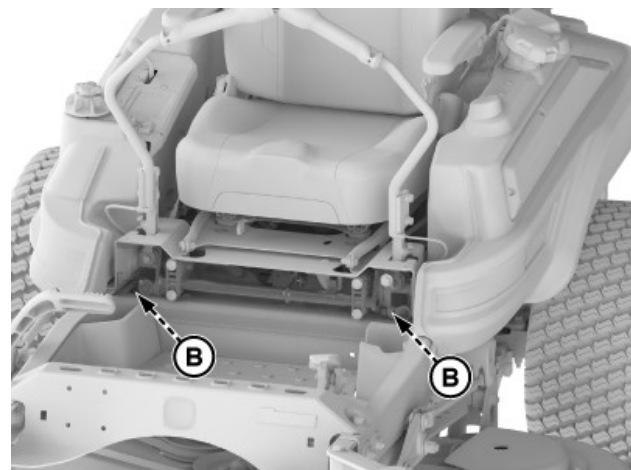
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2. Move both motion control levers (A) to the neutral lock position.
3. Sit on seat.
4. Start engine.

CAUTION: Use extreme caution when adjusting for neutral creep. Drive wheels are free to spin when machine is raised off the floor and the engine is started.

Do not have engine running any longer than necessary to do adjustment. Shut off engine and remove key as soon as possible after adjustment is made.

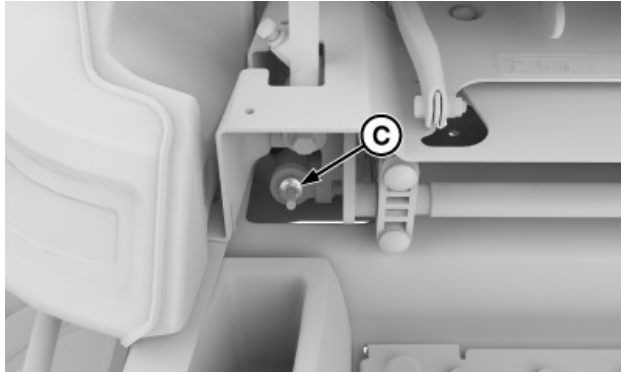
5. Set throttle to fast idle position.
6. Unlock park brake.



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7. Locate left and right motion control linkage adjustment points (B).
8. Be sure the right motion control linkage is in the

neutral lock position. The right drive wheel must not turn. If it does turn, adjust the motion control linkage.

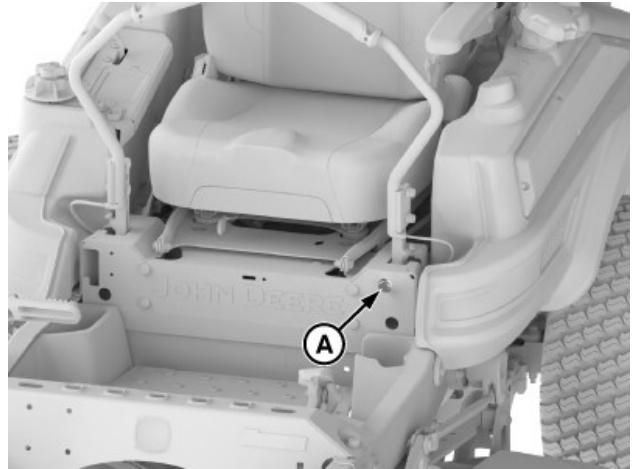


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9. Adjust nut (C) on end of motion control linkage.
 - If wheel is spinning in forward direction, turn nut clockwise to bring wheel to a stop.
 - If wheel is spinning in reverse direction, turn nut counter-clockwise to bring wheel to a stop.
10. Move the right motion control lever completely forward and rearward in the slot and then back to the neutral lock-out position.
 - The drive wheels will slow down to ± 4 rpm. If the drive wheels are rotating faster than ± 4 rpm, repeat previous step.
11. Repeat procedure to adjust the left motion control linkage.
 - Drive wheels should not rotate when in neutral lock position.
12. Stop engine.
13. Move both motion control levers to the neutral lock position.
14. Lock park brake.
15. Dismount from the machine.
16. Lower machine.

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2. Turn the adjusting screw as required:
 - If machine tracks to right, turn adjusting screw (A) clockwise one rotation.
 - If machine tracks to left, turn adjusting screw (A) counter-clockwise one rotation.
3. Test vehicle for proper tracking.
4. Repeat the steps 2 and 3 as necessary to adjust the tracking.
5. Return vehicle to service.

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Adjusting Tracking

If the machine does not track in a straight line while going forward, adjust the tracking:

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

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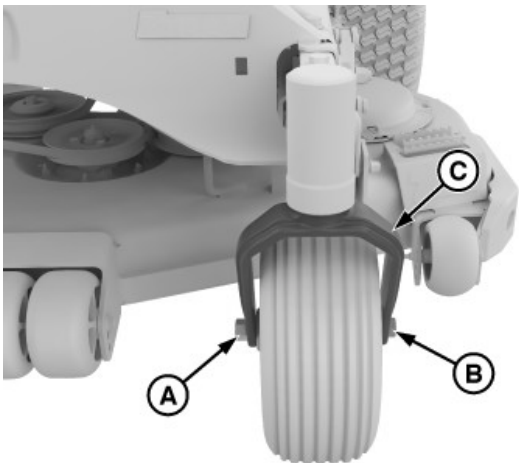
Removing and Installing Caster Wheels

CAUTION: 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

1. Park machine safely. (See Parking Safely in the SAFETY section.)
2. Lift front of machine with a safe lifting device. (See Lifting Machine in the SERVICE MISCELLANEOUS Section.)



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3. Remove hex nut (A) and wheel bolt (B).
4. Remove wheel from assembly yoke (C).

Installing

1. Install replacement wheel. Be sure bearing dust caps are installed.
2. Install wheel bolt (B) and hex nut (A).
3. Tighten nut and torque to specification.

Specification

Wheel Bolt—Torque. 37 N·m (27 lb·ft)

4. Lower machine.

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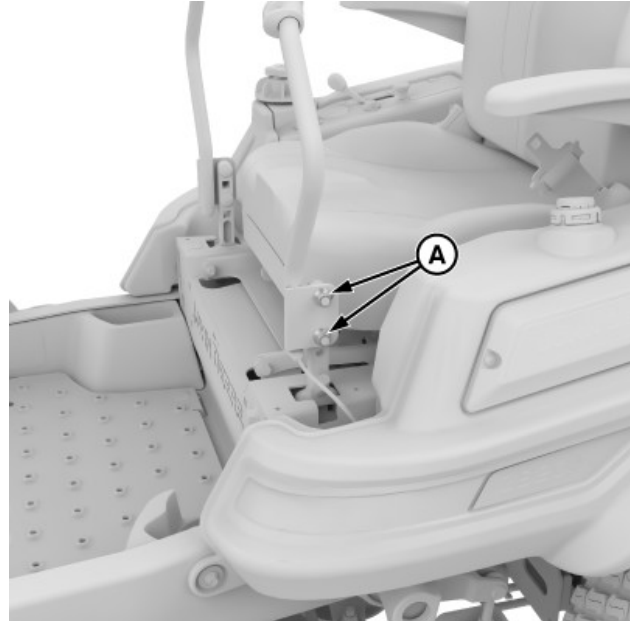
Checking and Aligning Motion Control Levers

Check Alignment

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

2. Move both motion control levers forward.
3. Check levers for equal alignment. If position of control levers are unequal, an adjustment is necessary.

Alignment Procedure



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1. Loosen locknuts (A).
2. Slide both left and right motion control levers forward or rearward to desired position on control arm until levers are aligned.

NOTE: The control lever height can also be adjusted using this procedure. There are two height settings on the control arms.

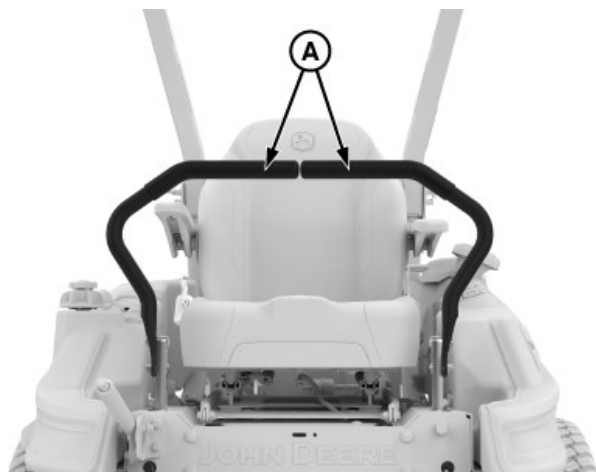
3. Tighten locknuts.

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Checking and Adjusting Motion Control Levers Gap

Checking Alignment

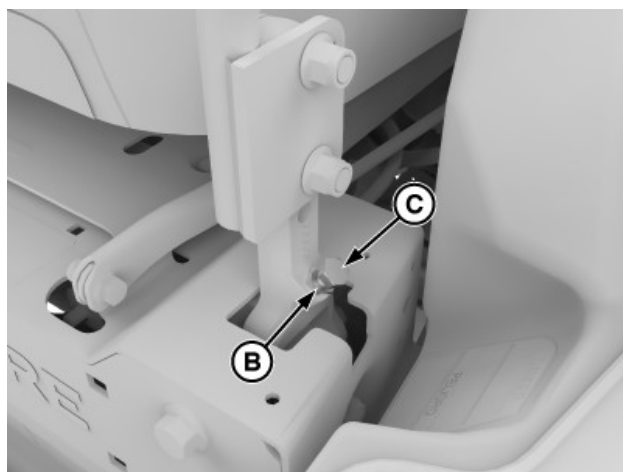
1. Park machine safely. (See Parking Safely in the SAFETY section.)



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2. Move motion control levers (A) inward to neutral position.
3. If the ends of the levers strike against each other while in the neutral position an adjustment is needed.

Adjustment Procedure



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1. Loosen jam nuts (B).
2. Tighten left and right adjustment bolts (C) slightly to increase gap between handles. See the recommended gap specification for motion control levers.

Specification

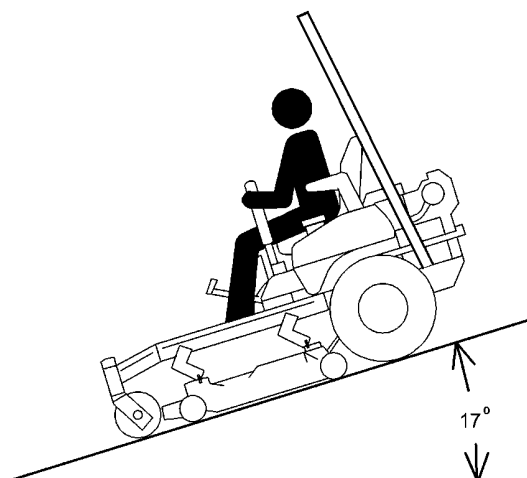
Motion Control Levers—Gap 6-19 mm (1/4-3/4 in.)

3. Tighten jam nuts to hold adjustment bolts in place.

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Checking and Adjusting Park Brake

Check Procedure—Brake Engaged



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1. Stop machine on a slope equal to the slope limit of your machine. (See "Operating on Slopes and Near Terrain Hazards" in the Safety section).

2. Lock park brake.

Results

Park brake must hold the machine stationary. If machine moves, perform adjustment procedure.

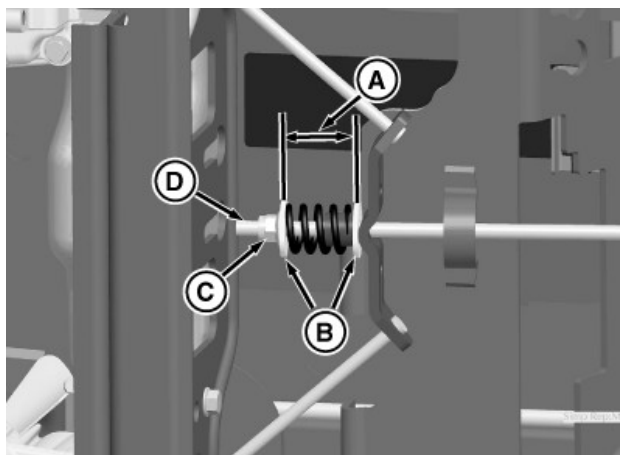
Check Procedure—Brake Released

1. Park machine safely. (See Parking Safely in the Safety section.)
2. Start engine.
3. Unlock park brake.
4. Move both control levers forward.

Results

- If the brakes are adjusted properly, the drive wheels turn freely and the machine begins to travel forward. Adjust the brakes if needed.
- If the brakes are over-tightened, an audible hydrostatic whine occurs and the machine moves slowly. Adjust the brakes if needed.

Park Brake Adjustment



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IMPORTANT: Avoid Damage! Right and left brakes must be adjusted evenly to ensure maximum brake performance and prevent uneven brake wear.

A park brake that is adjusted too tightly could damage the transmission or cause premature brake wear.

NOTE: Perform adjustment if neutral interlock system adequately restrains controls in neutral, but brake does not hold on slope.

1. Park machine safely. (See Parking Safely in the Safety section.)
2. Lock park brake.

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.

IMPORTANT: Avoid Damage! Do not use rear grille as a lift point; using the grille could damage the frame.

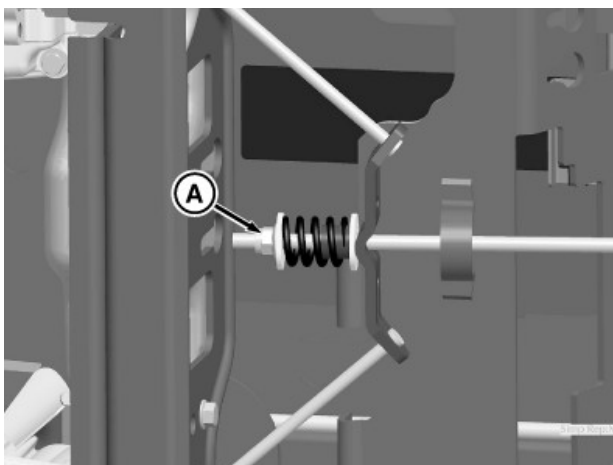
3. Lift rear of the machine using a safe lifting device.
4. Measure the gap (A) between the two washers (B).
5. Tighten or loosen the brake equalizer adjustment nut (C) on the park brake actuator rod (D) so that the gap (A) between the two washers meets specification:

Specification

Park Brake Washer
Gap—Length. 27—29 mm
(1-1/16—1-9/64 in.)

6. Test park brake.

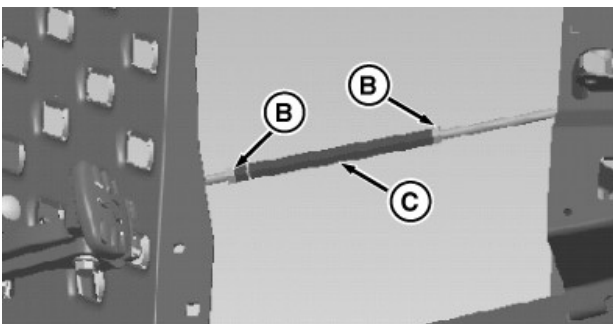
Neutral Interlock Adjustment



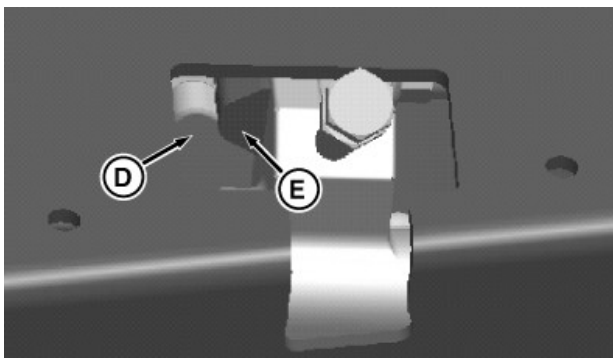
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NOTE: Perform adjustment only if neutral interlock system does not adequately lock control sticks in neutral, or if brake or steering system has been disassembled.

1. Park machine safely. (See Parking Safely in the Safety section.)
2. Unlock park brake.
3. Back off the brake equalizer adjustment nut (A) to end of threaded rod, but do not remove.
4. Lock park brake.
5. Move control levers to the neutral lock position.

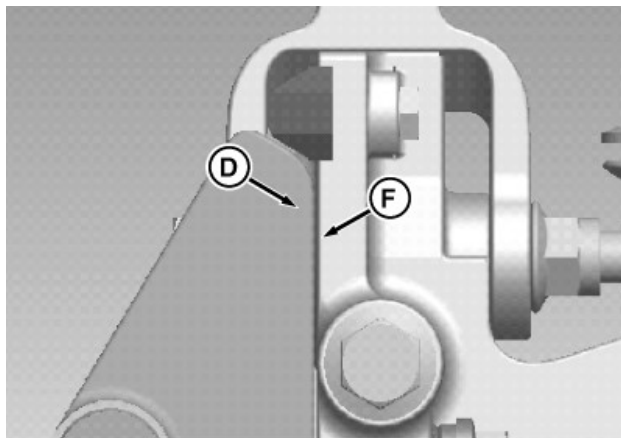


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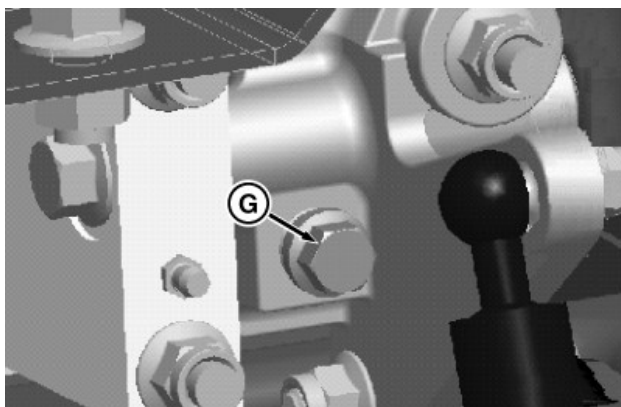
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6. Loosen nuts (B).
7. Adjust (shorten) turnbuckle (C) until cam (D) is fully engaged under the control pivot wedge (E).
 - When adjusted properly, cam (D) and control surface (F) are parallel.
8. Verify that the control handle moves freely in and out of the slot in the frame before tightening nuts.
9. Adjust the equalizer nut. (See Park Brake Adjustment.)
10. Move control levers out to the neutral lock position.



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11. Adjust control set screw (G) until you notice the control lever begin to move forward in the control slot.
12. Move control lever in and out to verify that it is not binding with the frame slot. Engage and release park brake.

NOTE: Do not pull pedal back manually.

13. If the brake pedal binds or does not fully release, back off the set screw one flat. Check pedal again for binding. If the pedal still binds, back off the right-hand set screw by one flat. Repeat as necessary.

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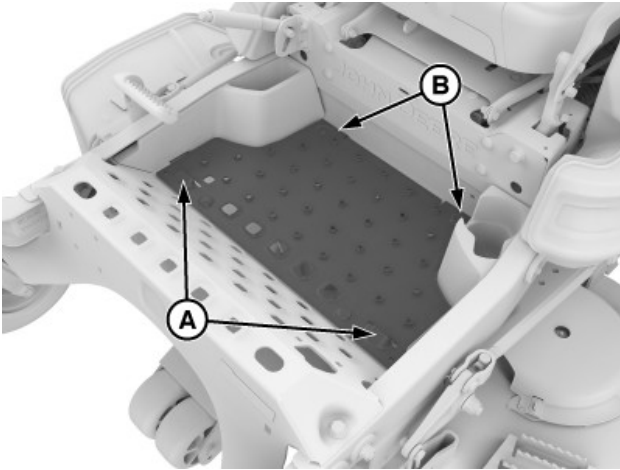
Service Mower

Removing and Installing Foot Plate

CAUTION: Always operate the mower with the foot plate installed. Operating with the foot plate removed can cause serious injury.

Removing Foot Plate

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



2. Rotate foot plate up using handles (A).
3. Remove foot plate.

Installing Foot Plate

1. Place tabs (B) of foot plate into slots in frame.
2. Lower foot plate.

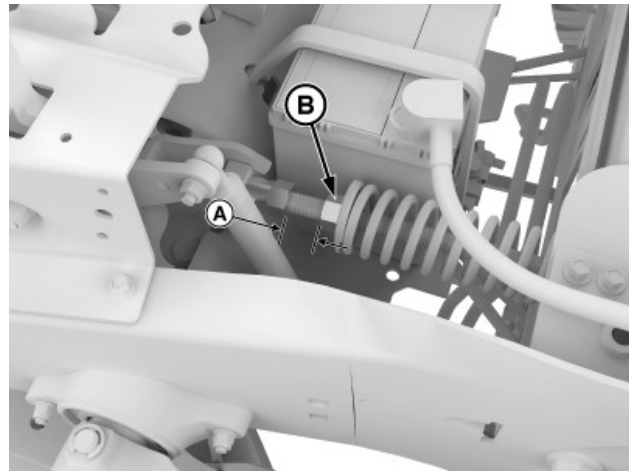
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Adjusting Deck Lift Spring Tension (M Series Machines)

NOTE: Spring tension is adjusted at the factory. If the effort required to raise or lower the mower deck is not satisfactory, an adjustment is necessary.

Check Spring Tension

1. Park machine on a hard, level surface.
2. Stop the engine and lock the park brake.
3. Raise the mower deck to the transport position.
4. Lift the operator seat and lock into position.



5. Measure length (A).

Spring Gap Settings

Spring Gap Setting (A)				
Deck	Spring Color	Factory Setting	John Deere MCS	PECO MCS
48 inch - PRO	Green	41 mm (1.6 in)	85 mm (3.3 in)	53 mm (2.1 in)
54 inch - PRO	Yellow	31 mm (1.2 in)	68 mm (2.7 in)	41 mm (1.6 in)
54 inch - Mulch on Demand™	Yellow	43 mm (1.7 in)	80 mm (3.1 in)	53 mm (2.1 in)
60 inch - PRO	Yellow	41 mm (1.6 in)	78 mm (3.1 in)	51 mm (2 in)
60 inch - Rear Discharge	Yellow	43 mm (1.7 in)	N/A	N/A
60 inch - Mulch on Demand™	Black	31 mm (1.2 in)	65 mm (2.6 in)	39 mm (1.5 in)
72 inch - Rear Discharge	Black	39 mm (1.5 in)	N/A	N/A
72 inch - PRO	Black	43 mm (1.7 in)	77 mm (3 in)	51 mm (2 in)

Adjust Spring Tension

NOTE: Do not over tension the deck lift spring. If the spring is compressed too tightly, the mower deck floats too freely.

Decrease spring tension when operating in rough terrain.

While Looking from Rear of Machine:

- Turn the hex nut (B) clockwise to increase the spring tension.
- Turn the hex nut (B) counterclockwise to decrease the spring tension.

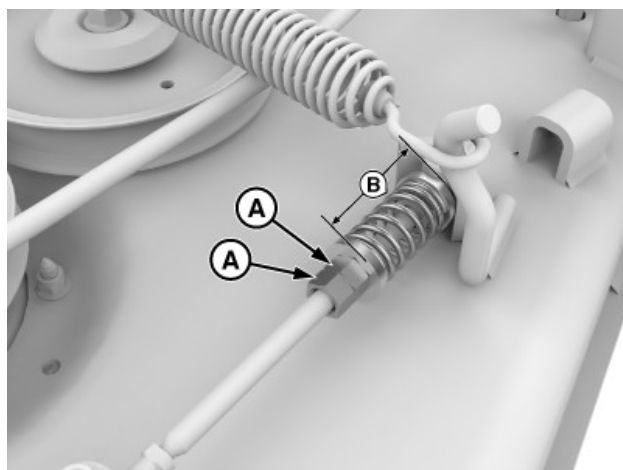
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Operating Mulch-On-Demand Mower Deck (MOD) If Equipped

Adjusting Spring Tension

NOTE: Only check if there are issues with the force when opening or closing baffles. Also check spring tension if the system is popping out of mulch/side discharge while mowing.

1. Park machine safely. (See Parking Safely in the Safety section.)
2. To adjust linkages, put deck in lowest position.
3. Put handle in mulch position.



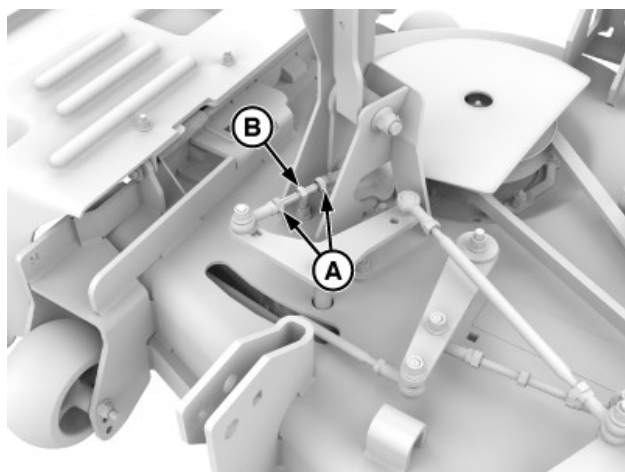
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4. Measure tension spring. To adjust:
 - Loosen nuts (A).
 - Measure distance between outside of washers. Measurement (B) is 83 mm (3.3 in)
 - Tighten nuts (A).

Adjust Handle Position

NOTE: To adjust the handle position, adjust turnbuckle (B) by loosening nuts then turning turnbuckle.

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



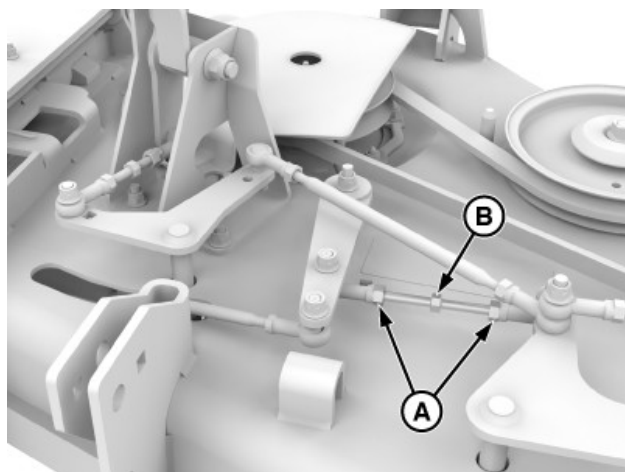
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2. Loosen two nuts (A).
3. Adjust turnbuckle (B) for handle position.
4. Tighten nuts (A).

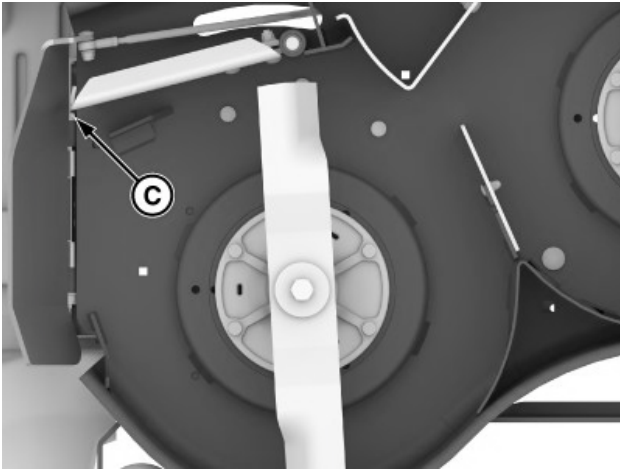
Adjusting Discharge Baffle

NOTE: Adjusting the discharge baffle helps with reducing windrowing in mulch mode.

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



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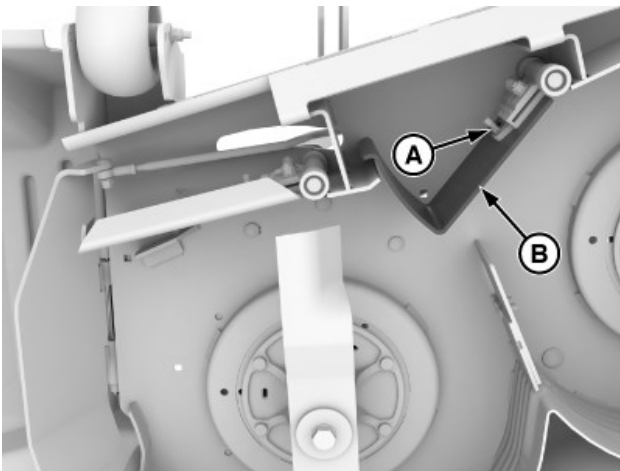
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2. Loosen two nuts (A).
3. Adjust turnbuckle (B) until gap (C) is closed.
4. Tighten nuts (A).

Adjusting Baffle Timing

NOTE: If the baffles are out of timing, or the system is not mowing correctly, check the following:

1. Put system in Mulch Mode.



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2. Loosen two nuts (A) slightly on each clamp for each baffle (B). Slide baffle closed until baffle hits the stop. Tighten nuts to 39 N·m (29 lb·ft).
3. Check discharge baffle gap and adjust if needed. (See Adjusting Discharge Baffle in this section.)

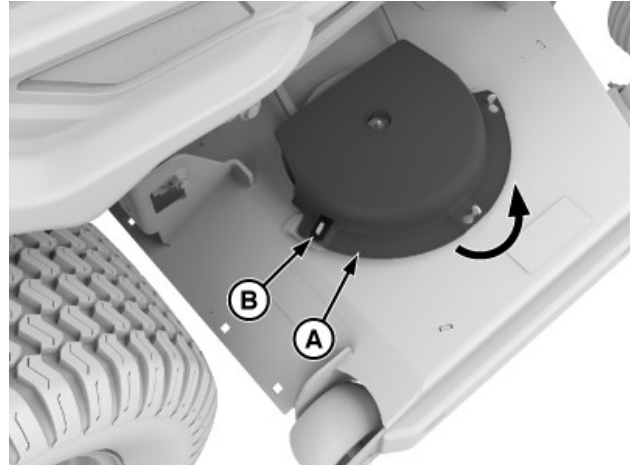
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Removing and Installing Mower Deck Belt Shields

CAUTION: Help prevent serious personal injury. Do not operate the mower without the belt shields installed.

Removing Belt Shields

1. Park machine safely. (See Parking Safely in the Safety section.)
2. Lower mower deck to the lowest cutting height position.



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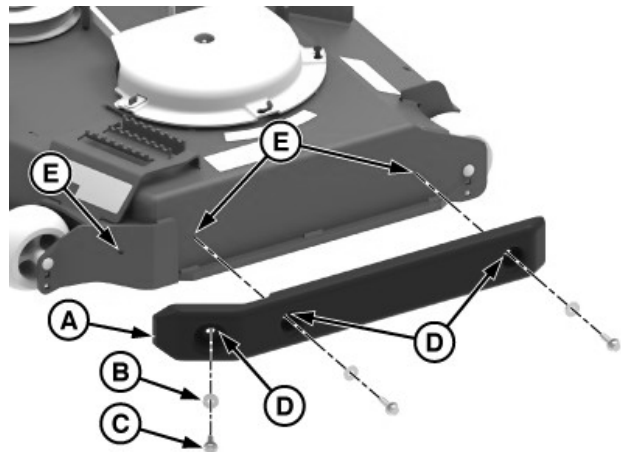
3. Disengage belt shield (A) from grommet (B).
4. Remove belt shield (A).
 - Slide belt shield toward outside of deck to remove.
5. Repeat steps for the other shield.

Installing Belt Shields

1. Slide belt shield (A) into position under frame.
2. Engage the grommet (B) with belt shield (A).
3. Repeat steps for the other shield.

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Replacing Plastic Bumper (Rear Discharge Mower Decks - 60 in and 72 in)



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- A—Side Bumper (2 used)
B—Washer (6 used, 3 per side)

C—Screw (6 used, 3 per side)
D—Hole (6 used, 3 per side)
E—Pilot Hole (6 used, 3 per side)

1. Remove the side bumper (A) from the deck shell by removing three screws (C), and three washers (B).
2. Align three holes (D) in the new side bumper with three pilot holes (E) in the deck shell.
3. Secure the side bumper to the deck shell by loosely installing three washers (B) and three screws (C).
4. Tighten all screws (C) to specification:

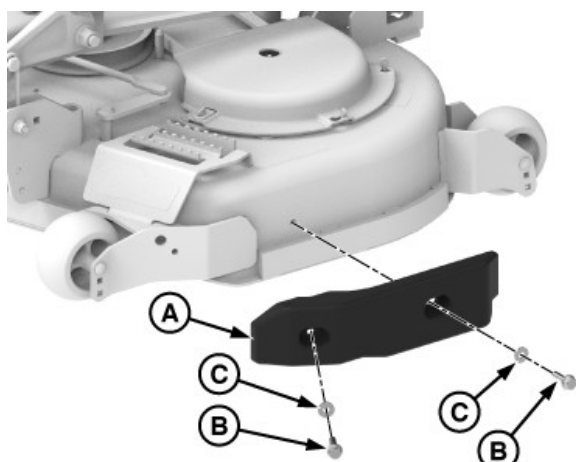
Specification

Screw—Torque. 30 N·m
(22.1 lb·ft)

5. Repeat on the other side for installing the side bumper.

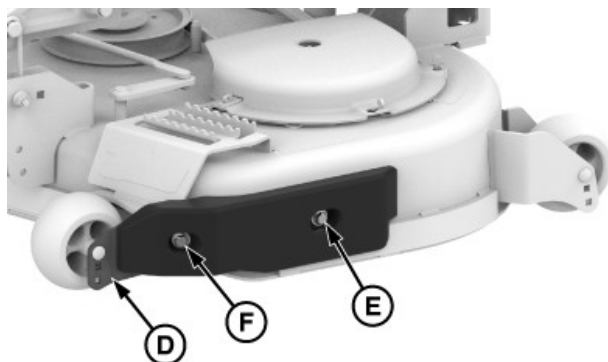
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Replacing Plastic Bumper (7Iron Pro Deck)



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1. Remove the bumper (A) by removing two flange bolts (B) , two washers (C) , and two locknuts.



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2. Place the new bumper flush against the front anti-scalp wheel bracket (D) and side of the deck shell.

3. Loosely install front M8x25 flange bolt (E) , washer, and locknut.
4. Align bumper with rear hole and loosely install M8x30 flange bolt (F) , washer, and locknut.
5. Tighten flange bolts to specification:

Specification

Flange bolt—Torque. 27 N·m
(20 lb·ft)

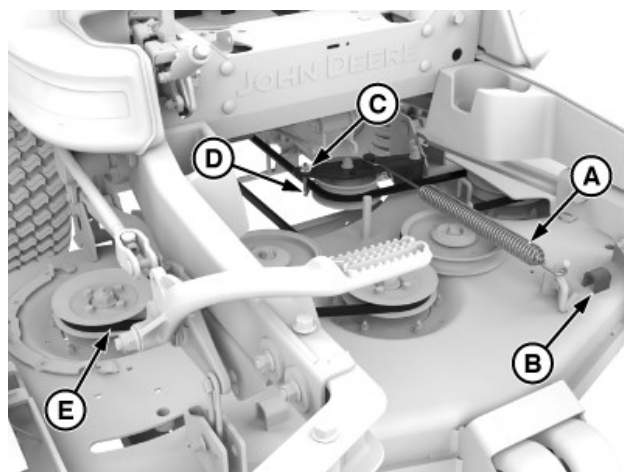
6. Repeat on other side for installing the edge bumper.

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Replacing Mower Deck Drive Belt

Removing Deck Drive Belt

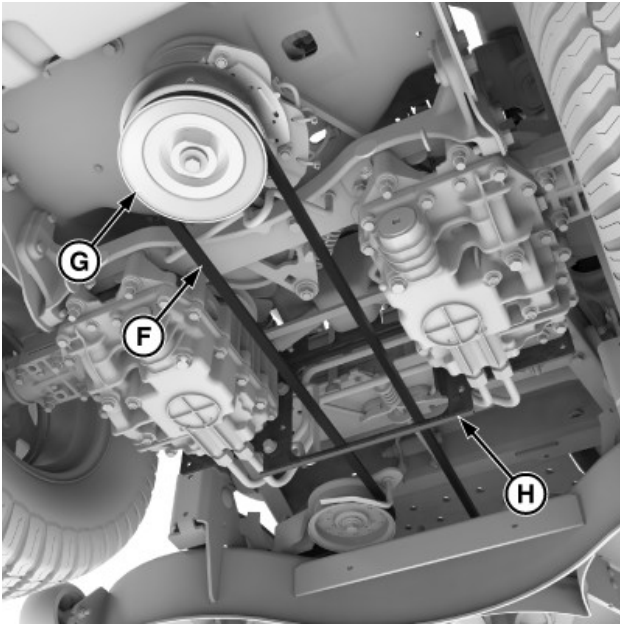
1. Park machine safely. (See Parking Safely in the SAFETY section.)
2. Lower mower deck to the lowest cutting height position.
3. Remove belt shields.
4. Remove the foot plate.



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Frame parts shown removed for a more clarity only.

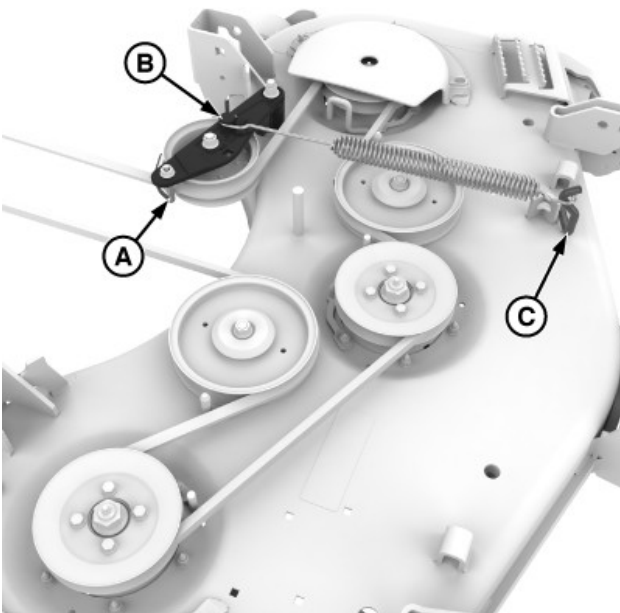
5. Remove the spring (A) from stud (B) using spring puller.
6. Loosen the hardware (C) from the idler arm guide and spindle belt guide (D). Move belt guide (D) out of the alignment slot and rotate it away from the pulley.
7. Remove belt (E) from the deck pulleys.



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8. Remove belt (F) from the PTO drive pulley (G) and through the window of the cross frame member (H).

Installing Deck Drive Belt



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1. Route drive belt around mower deck sheaves as shown. Make sure that there are no twists in the belt.
2. Make sure the idler arm guide (A) is in the alignment slot and fully seated. Tighten the guide hardware.
3. Install belt through the window of the cross frame member and into the PTO drive pulley.
4. Make sure that the spring is in the right orientation - long end toward (B). Hook short end on spring hook (C).
5. Install the foot plate.

6. Adjust mower deck to a desired cutting height.

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Checking and Replacing Mower Blades

⚠ CAUTION: Do not work near raised mower deck unless it is safely supported.

Mower blades are sharp. Wrap blades or wear gloves when servicing.

Before performing any service function, wait for all moving parts to stop turning.

Disconnect battery or remove spark plug wire before making repairs.

IMPORTANT: When replacing mower blades always use genuine John Deere Service Parts.

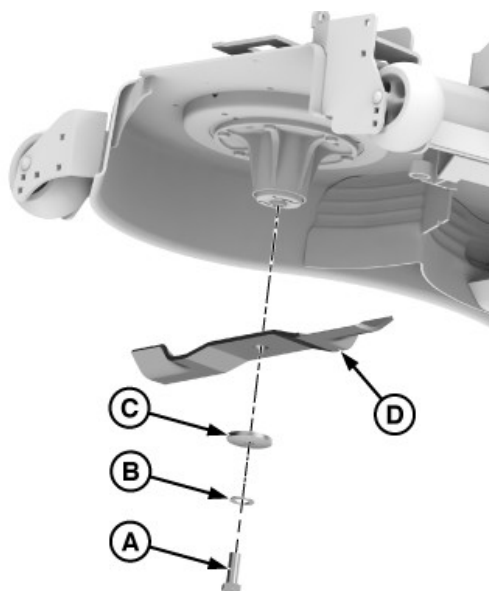
NOTE: Only replace blades. Never straighten or weld them.

Checking Mower Blades

1. Park machine safely. (See Parking Safely in the SAFETY Section).
2. Raise the mower deck to the transport position. (Also the 13.9 cm (5.5 in.) cutting height position.)
3. Raise front of machine with a safe lifting device. (See Lifting Machine in the SERVICE MISCELLANEOUS Section.)
4. Check mower blades:
 - Make sure that mower blades are sharp and free of any damage.
 - Inspect blades; sharpen/balance or replace as necessary.

Replacing Mower Blades

1. To prevent mower blades from spinning, use a wooden block.



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2. Remove screw (A), hardened washer (B), large concave blade washer (C), and blade (D).

3. Install replacement blade:

- Blade wing must face toward top of mower deck.

IMPORTANT: When installing the blade:

- Make sure the blade is properly seated on the spindle.
- Make sure the concave side of the large washer faces towards the blade.

- Install hardened washer, blade, large concave blade washer, and cap screw.
- Tighten blade bolts to specification.

Specification

Blade—Torque. 122 N·m (90 lb·ft)

4. Lower machine.
5. Adjust mower deck to a desirable cutting height.

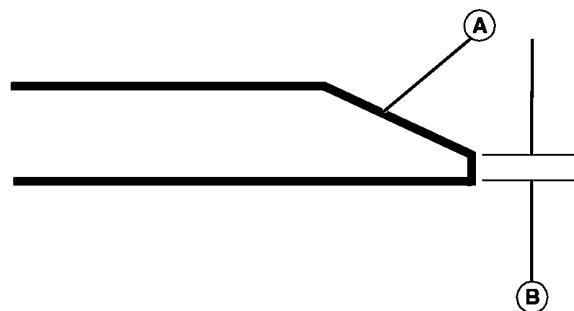
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Sharpen Blades

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.
- The blade cutting edge (B) should meet specifications.

Specification

Mower Blade Cutting

Edge—Distance. 0.40 mm
(1/64 in)

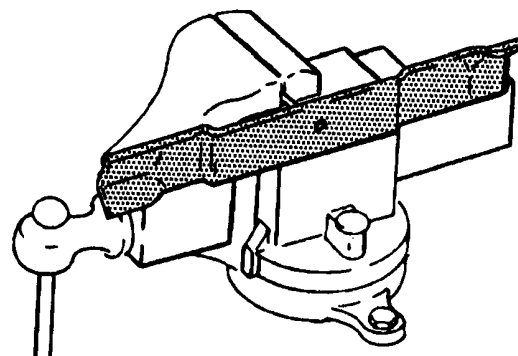
- Balance blades before installing.

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Balancing Blades

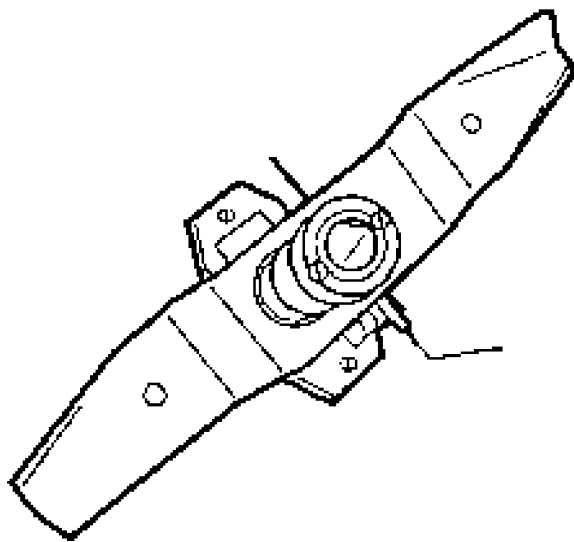
CAUTION: Avoid injury! Blades are sharp. Always wear gloves when handling blades or working near blades.

1. Clean blade.



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



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For your convenience, a blade balancing tool
(B1SB9788) is available from your John Deere dealer.

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Service Electrical

Electrical

WARNING: Avoid injury! 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.**

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Service the Battery Safely



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

To prevent the battery from exploding:

- Do not smoke or have open flame 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.

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Checking the Battery (Sealed Batteries)

NOTE: Do not attempt to open, add fluid or service battery. Any attempt to do so will void warranty.

- Keep battery and terminals clean.
- Keep battery bolts tight.
- Keep small vent holes open.

IMPORTANT: This battery comes fully charged. If the machine is not used by the service expiration date indicated on the battery, charge the battery.

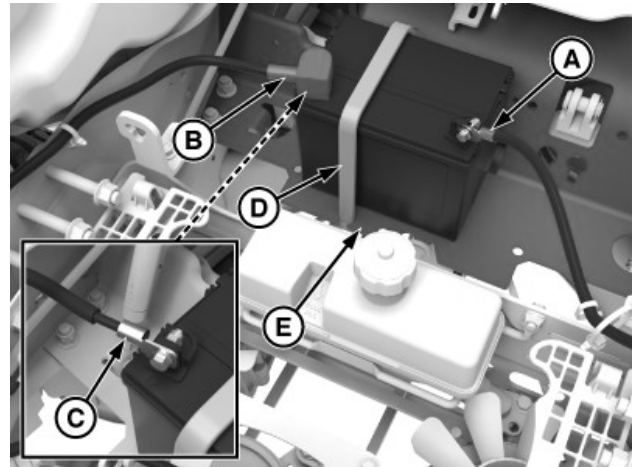
- Recharge, if necessary, at 6-10 amperes for 1 hour.

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Removing and Installing Battery

Removal

1. Park machine safely. (See Parking Safely in the SAFETY section.)
2. Raise and secure operator seat.



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3. Disconnect negative (-) battery cable (A).
4. Remove red cover (B), and disconnect positive (+) battery cable (C).
5. Remove rubber strap (D) from frame tab (E).
6. Remove battery from machine.

Installation

Installation is done in the reverse order of removal.

- Clean all electrical connections.
- Tighten cables, install red cover on positive (+) cable, and install rubber strap.

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Clean 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.

- Apply spray lubricant to terminal to prevent corrosion.

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Use Booster Battery

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

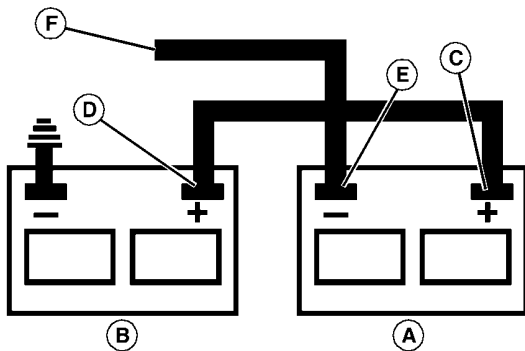
To prevent the battery from exploding:

- 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:

Specification

Battery—Temperature. 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.



A—Booster Battery
B—Disabled Vehicle Battery
C—Positive (+) Post
D—Positive (+) Post
E—Negative (-) Post
F—Negative (-) Booster Cable End

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

IMPORTANT: Avoid damage! Electric charges from the booster battery damages 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.

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

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Replacing Fuses

IMPORTANT: Avoid Damage! When replacing fuses, be sure the replacement fuse has the same fuse rating and is installed in the correct location. Failure to do so could result in damage to the electrical harness and/or electrical components.

NOTE: The fuses are located on the left side of the engine compartment next to the starter.

Your machine utilizes several fuse options depending upon your Machine Model Series and Engine Model.

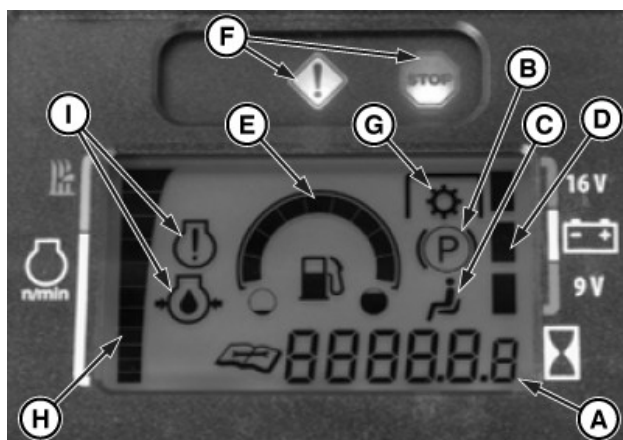
- All machines use one 20 amp fuse to protect the machine electrical system.
- Z900R Series use an additional 5 amp fuse to protect the machine lift system.
- Kawasaki FX730V engines use one fusible link to protect the engine charging system.
- EFI machines have one 10 amp fuse that protects the operator display function.
- EFI machines utilize a 10 amp circuit breaker for PTO function.

To remove fuse:

- Remove cover from fuse holder and remove fuse.
- Check metal clip in fuse window and discard fuse if clip is broken.
- Install new fuse and place cover back onto fuse holder.

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Diagnostic Codes and Switch Status



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- A—Hour Meter
- B—Park Brake
- C—Operator Presence
- D—System Voltage
- E—Fuel Level
- F—Internal Fault
- G—PTO
- H—Engine Speed
- I—Engine Low Oil

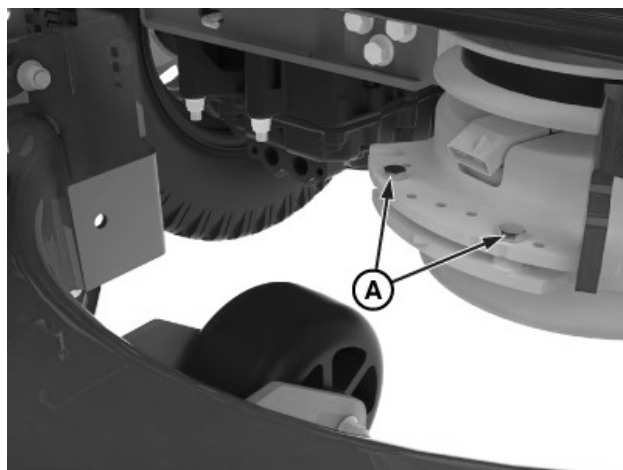
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Drive Clutch Adjustment Procedure

If the drive clutch has worn to the extent that the existing air-gap is too large to allow for complete clutch engagement, the brake shim can be removed. Restoring the air gap allows the clutch to continue to function properly.

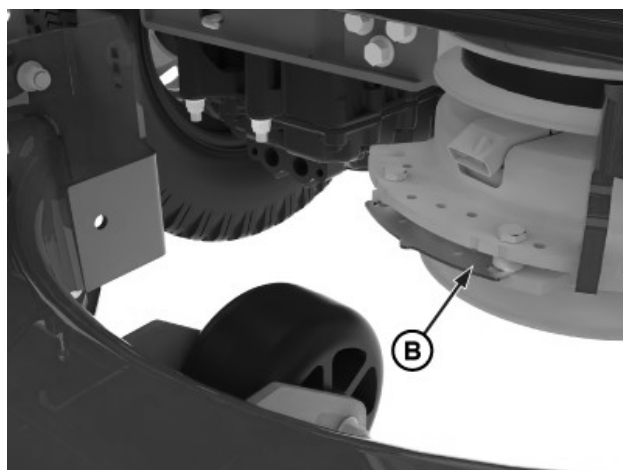
NOTE: Verify that proper voltage and current are supplied to the clutch before proceeding.

1. Clean out any debris from under and around the entire clutch assembly



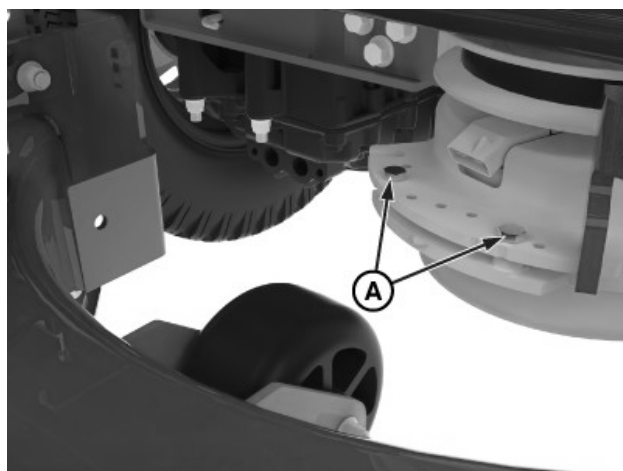
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2. Loosen both brake mounting bolts (A) half to one full turn.



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3. Using a needle nose pliers, or by hand, take hold of the tab and remove shim (B). Do not discard shim until proper clutch function has been confirmed.

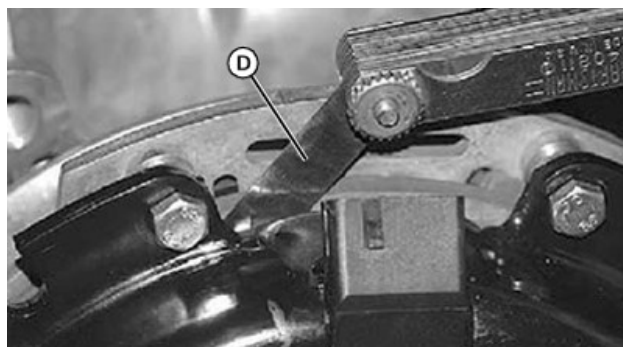


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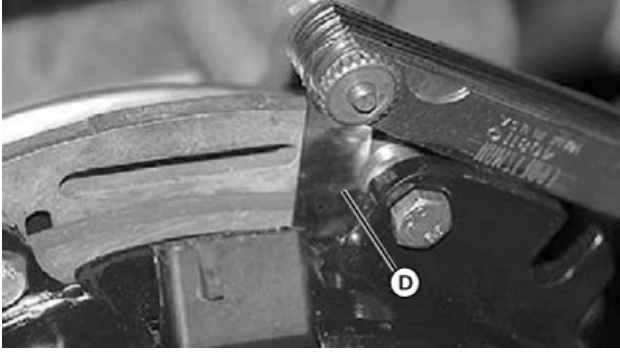
4. Using a pneumatic line, blow out any debris from under the brake pole and around the aluminum spacers.
5. Tighten both brake mounting bolts (A) to specification.

Specification

Bolt—Torque. 13 N·m
(115 lb·in)



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6. Using a 0.010 inch thick feeler gauge (D), verify that a gap is present between the rotor and armature face on both sides of the brake pole as shown.

- If the gap is less than 0.010, then reinstall the shim. Consult your local John Deere Dealer for service.
- If sufficient gap is present, then proceed to the safety check.

7. Perform safety check:

- Observe deck from position on mower seat with engine running to be certain deck is not engaged with PTO switch off and clutch off. From same position, engage and disengage the PTO switch ten consecutive times to ensure proper function of the clutch.
- If the clutch still does not engage, then consult your local John Deere Dealer for service.

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Service Miscellaneous

Gasoline Fuel for 4-Cycle Engines

Use unleaded gasoline with a minimum octane rating of 87 AKI (anti-knock index) or 90 RON (research octane number). Gasoline fuels specified to EN 228 or ASTM D4814 are recommended.

Fuel blends of unleaded gasoline with a maximum 10% ethanol or 15% MTBE (methyl tertiary-butyl ether) are also acceptable.

CAUTION: Reduce the risk of fire. Handle fuel carefully. **DO NOT** fill the fuel tank when the engine is running or hot. Stop engine and allow it to cool for several minutes before filling fuel tank. Fill fuel tank only to the bottom of the filler neck.

Refuel outdoors. **DO NOT** smoke while you fill the fuel tank or service the fuel system.

Store fuel in properly identified polyethylene containers.

When storing fuel, add John Deere Gasoline Conditioner and Stabilizer (or equivalent) at the specified concentration.

IMPORTANT: **DO NOT** use methanol or fuel blends that contain methanol.

Avoid spilling fuel. Gasoline can damage plastic and painted surfaces.

DO NOT mix oil with gasoline.

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Fill 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 ventilated area.
- Clean up spilled fuel immediately.
- Prevent static electric discharge by using a clean, approved, non metal container.

IMPORTANT: Avoid damage! Dirt and water in fuel causes engine damage:

- Clean dirt and debris from the fuel tank opening.
- Use clean, fresh, stabilized fuel.
- Fill the fuel tank at the end of operation each day to prevent condensation and freezing during cold weather.

- If using a funnel, make sure it is plastic and has no screen or filter.

1. Park machine safely. (See Parking Safely in the Safety section.)
2. Allow engine to cool.
3. Remove any debris 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.

NOTE: On some models, the fuel tank cap will click when it is tight.

6. Install fuel tank cap and turn cap until it is tight.

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Checking Tire Pressure

CAUTION: Avoid injury! Explosive separation of tire and rim parts is possible when they are serviced incorrectly:

- Do not attempt to mount a tire without the proper equipment and experience to perform the job.
- Make sure that all tires are inflated to the recommended pressure, especially when operating on slopes. Low pressure can cause machine to become unstable on slopes.
- Do not weld or heat a wheel and tire assembly. Heat can cause an increase in air pressure resulting in an explosion. Welding can structurally weaken or deform the wheel.
- Do not stand in front or over the tire assembly when inflating. Use a clip-on chuck and extension hose long enough to allow you to stand to one side.

1. Check tires for damage.
2. Check tire pressure with an accurate low-pressure gauge.
3. A lower pressure will improve traction and performance depending on turf conditions or if transport areas have steep inclines.
4. Add or remove air to meet specified tire pressure. (See Specifications section for recommended tire pressures.)

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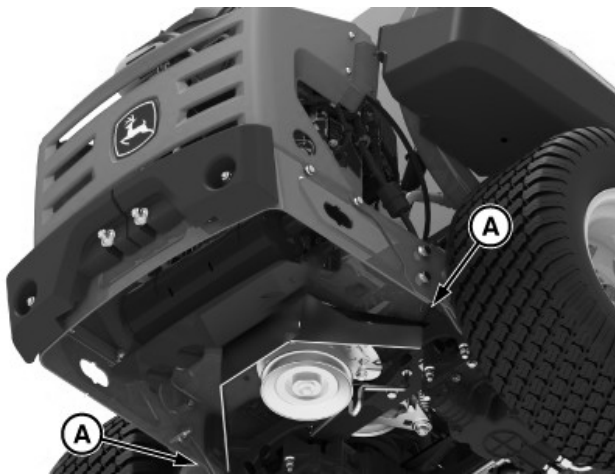
Lifting Machine

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

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

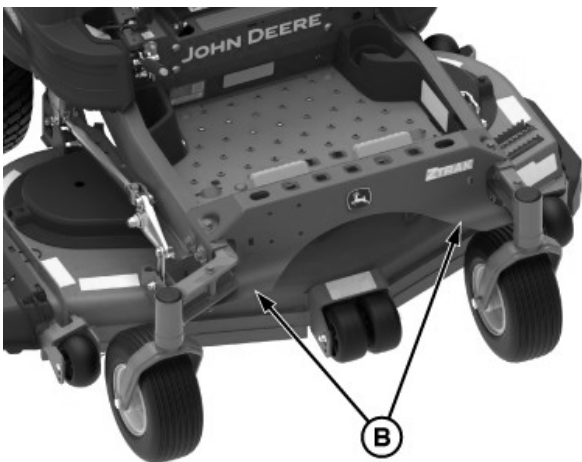
- Use a safe lifting device rated for the load to be lifted.
- Lower machine onto jack stands or other stable supports and block wheels before servicing.

IMPORTANT: Place jack stands under frame, not under transmission or engine, when raising or supporting machine.



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2. Safely lift rear of machine at vertical frame points (A). Place jack stands or other stable supports near lift locations.
3. If only lifting rear of machine, block front wheels remaining on ground to avoid movement of machine.



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4. Safely lift front of machine at bottom of plates (B). Place jack stands or other stable supports near lift locations.

5. If only lifting front of machine, block rear wheels remaining on ground to avoid movement of machine.
6. To lower machine, lift front and/or rear of machine, and remove jack stands or supports. Lower machine.

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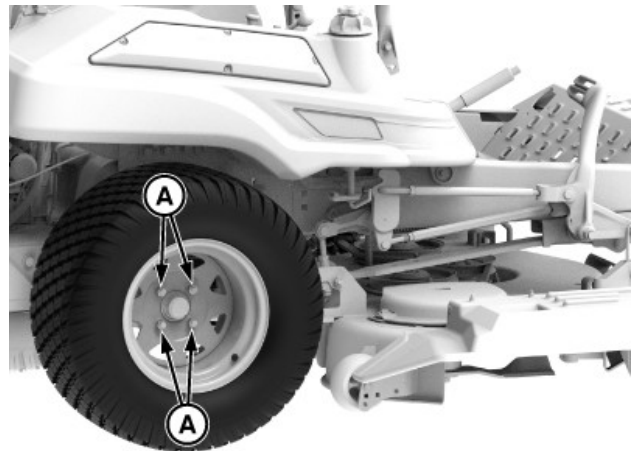
Removing and Installing Rear Drive Wheels

CAUTION: 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:

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



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2. Slightly loosen four-wheel nuts (A).
3. Lift machine with a safe lifting device. (See Lifting Machine in the Service Miscellaneous section.)
4. Remove wheel nuts.
5. Remove wheel.

Installing:

1. Install new wheel.
2. Install and tighten in a star pattern until recommended torque value is reached.
 - Tighten nuts to specification.

Specification

Wheel Nuts—Torque. 100 N·m (75 lb·ft)

NOTE: Do not over-tighten.

3. Lower machine.

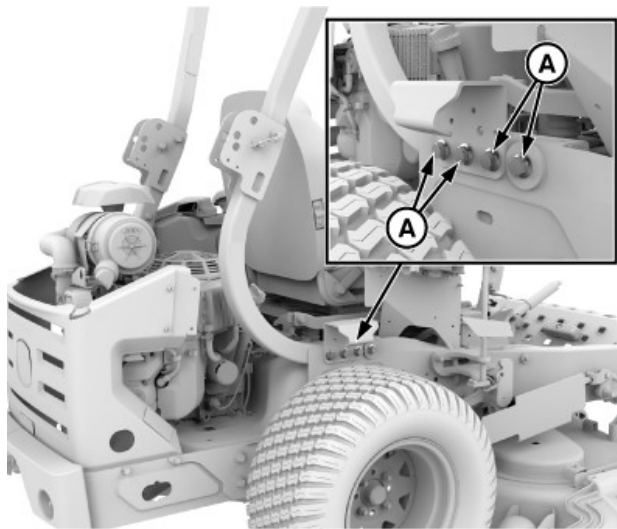
NOTE: Check wheel hardware tightness often during the first 100 hours of operation.

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Checking ROPS Hardware

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

NOTE: When tightening ROPS hardware, tighten the bolt head side and not the nut.



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2. Tighten the four ROPS attaching bolts (A) on each side of ROPS to specification.

Specification

ROPS Attaching Bolts—Torque. 115 N·m (85 lb·ft)

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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.
- Do not use degreaser.
- Do not spray insect repellent near machine.

1. Rinse hood and entire machine with clean water to remove dirt and dust that may scratch the surface.
2. Wash surface with clean water and a mild liquid automotive washing soap.
3. Dry thoroughly to avoid water spots.
4. Wax the surface with a liquid automotive wax. Use products that specifically say “contains no abrasives.”

IMPORTANT: Avoid damage! Do not use a power buffer to remove wax.

5. Buff applied wax by hand using a clean, soft cloth.

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Cleaning and Repairing Metal Surfaces

Cleaning:

Follow automotive practices to care for your vehicle's 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 service provider 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.

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Troubleshooting

Using Troubleshoot Chart

If you are experiencing a problem that is not listed in this chart, see your Technical Manual, dealer, or other service provider for service.

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Engine

If	Check
Engine Will Not Start Or Is Hard To Start	• Park brake unlocked or not adjusted correctly. • PTO is engaged. • Safety interlock switch(es) not engaged. • Starter motor or solenoid defective. • Battery weak or discharged (Low electronic control unit voltage). • Engine seized. • Faulty electronic control unit or sensor(s) • Loose or damaged wiring or connections. • Empty fuel tank. • Air filter restricted. • Clogged fuel tank filter, fuel line or vent line. • Defective fuel pump(s). • Faulty ignition coil/high tension lead. • Poor compression. • Defective head gasket. • Worn piston/piston rings stuck or not seated. • Worn or burned valves. • Worn cylinder bore. • Engine overheated. • Flywheel key sheared. • Intake system leak. • Pulse fuel pump vacuum leak. • Key switch not in proper position or faulty. • Stale or improper fuel / fuel level. • Plugged fuel filter. • Plugged air intake filter. • Spark plug wire is loose or disconnected. • Spark plug not gapped correctly. • Blown fuse. • Electrical problem - dead battery. • Choke adjusted incorrectly. See your John Deere dealer.
Engine Will Not Slow Idle	• Carburetion problems. See your John Deere dealer. • Bent or kinked throttle cable. • Bent governor control. • Incorrect governor idle control.
Engine Runs Rough or Stalls	• Plugged fuel filter. • Plugged air intake system. • Stale or improper fuel / fuel level. • Spark plug not gapped correctly. • Replace spark plug. • Choke adjusted incorrectly. See your John Deere Dealer.
Engine Knocks	• Engine oil level low. • Reduce load (Slower ground speed). • Fuel is bad. Fill tank with fresh fuel, correct octane. • Idle speed too slow. • Internal wear or damage.
Engine Overheats	• Low oil level. • High oil level. • Warped cylinder head. • Worn or burned valves, or improper clearance. • Faulty electronic control unit. • Broken valve spring. • Defective head gasket. • Do not operate at slow idle. Operate at fast idle. • Cooling air intake screen is dirty. • Excessive engine load. • Air intake, cooling fins, oil cooler or cooling shrouds clogged. • Plugged air intake filter. • Operating at too fast ground speed for conditions.
Engine Lacks Power	• Plugged air intake system. • Plugged fuel line or filter.

Troubleshooting

If	Check
	• Improper type of fuel. Drain tank and fill with correct fuel. • Clean cooling fins to help prevent overheating. • Replace spark plug. • Stale fuel. • Weak or faulty spark plug(s). • Low compression. • Worn or burned valves, or improper clearance. • Faulty ignition coil or high tension lead(s). • Warped cylinder head.
Engine Uses Too Much Oil	• Find and correct oil leaks. • Incorrect engine oil. • Plugged oil filter. • Plugged air intake filter. • Crankcase overfilled. • Clogged breather or broken breather reed. • Failed head gasket. • Worn or broken piston rings. • Worn valve stem(s), valve guide(s), and/or valve stem seals. • Worn cylinder bore(s). • Debris around cooling system.
Engine Backfires Through Muffler	• Throttle should be set at 1/2 throttle before turning off machine. • Exhaust leak. • Warped cylinder head. • Defective head gasket. • Intake valve burned or sticking.
High Fuel Consumption	• Improper type of fuel. • Plugged air intake system. • Operating at too fast ground speed for conditions. • Improper valve clearance. See your John Deere Dealer. • Restricted air intake system.

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Electrical System

If	Check
Starter Will Not Work	• Blown fuse. • Loose or corroded battery or ground connections. • Loose harness or ground connections to starter. • Park brake switch faulty or not adjusted properly. (See your John Deere Dealer) • Key switch or starter faulty. (See your John Deere Dealer) • Check that park brake is in proper position. • Low battery power - charge battery.
Battery Will Not Charge	• Loose or corroded battery or ground connections. • Dead cell in battery.
PTO Switch Does Not Work	• Blown fuse. • Failed switch. • Bad clutch. • Clutch air gap too large. Remove shim. • Failed regulator/rectifier. • Loose PTO clutch or switch connections. • Loose harness or ground connections.
Starter Turns Slowly	• Loose or corroded battery or ground connections. • Low battery power - charge battery. • Engine oil viscosity too heavy. • Transmission linkage adjustment problem or failure.

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Accessing Diagnostic Mode — EFI Models

Enter diagnostic mode by cycling the key switch quickly from off to run three times, ending in the run position. The display will sequence through switch states, active and stored codes, maximum recorded engine speed, engine hours, and battery voltage.

To enter diagnostic mode, several conditions must be met. The park brake must be off, the deck lift and PTO cancel switches on the steering levers must not be pressed, the PTO switch must be off, and the operator must be out of the seat. If any of these conditions are not met, a switch status code will be shown. Correct the switch state, and recycle the keyswitch three times to enter Diagnostic Mode.

Switch states are represented by 90xx numbers on the display:

- 9000 Deck Lift Button
- 9001 Park Brake Switch
- 9002 Key Switch Start
- 9003 PTO Cancel Switch

- 9004 PTO Switch
- 9005 Operator Presence Switch

Diagnostic trouble codes are shown as Exxxx numbers followed by the letter "A" for active and "S" for stored.

Engine speed is indicated by the prefix letter "R", and battery voltage is indicated by the prefix letter "B".

To clear stored codes while in diagnostic mode, activate the mow switch then turn the key OFF position. The display will flash, then codes will be cleared.

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Diagnostic Trouble Codes

NOTE: For further assistance with all Diagnostic Codes, refer to the Technical Manual and/or consult your John Deere dealer.

System	Code Number	Level 1 Text	Level 2 Text
ICC	96.02 (E1019)	Fuel Level Sensor Voltage Out of Range	Fuel level sensor inaccurate. Inspect fuel level sensor interface connector and circuit wiring.
ICC	100.01 (E1018)	Engine Oil Pressure Low	PTO disabled. Verify engine oil level. Inspect engine oil pressure switch and circuit wiring.
ICC	168.00 (E1017)	Battery Voltage Critically High	Vehicle disabled. Inspect charging system.
ICC	168.01 (E1016)	Battery Voltage Critically Low	Inspect battery and charging system. If problem persists, charge battery.
ICC	168.02 (E1044)	Battery Voltage Inconsistent	Information in Hydra display unavailable. Inspect battery and circuit wiring.
ICC	190.00 (E1014)	Engine Speed Out of Range High	Vehicle disabled. Inspect engine speed sensor. If problem persists, inspect ECU circuit wiring.
ICC	190.02 (E1022)	Engine Speed Critically High	Vehicle disabled. Inspect engine speed sensor. If problem persists, inspect ECU circuit wiring.
ICC	629.12 (E1048)	Vehicle Controller Software Watchdog Timeout	Vehicle disabled. Restart vehicle. If problem persists, reprogram controller.
ICC	639.12 (E1049)	Vehicle CAN Communication Fault	Restart vehicle. Verify CAN bus voltage and resistance. Check interface connector to the other controllers on the vehicle.
ICC	639.14 (E1050)	Vehicle CAN Bus Off	Restart vehicle. If problem persists, verify CAN bus voltage and resistance.
ICC	677.03 (E1007)	Starter Relay Shorted to Power Source	Vehicle disabled. Inspect starter relay and circuit wiring.
ICC	677.04 (E1006)	Starter Relay Shorted to Ground	Starter circuit disabled. Inspect starter relay and circuit wiring.
ICC	677.05 (E1012)	Starter Relay Output Open Circuit	Starter circuit disabled. Inspect starter relay and circuit wiring.
ICC	677.14 (E1000)	Starter Crank Timeout	Starter circuit disabled. Turn key to the run position before attempting to restart the vehicle. If problem persists, inspect starter circuit wiring.
ICC	677.31 (1001)	Starter Cranking Period Exceeded	Starter circuit disabled. Wait 60 seconds before attempting to restart the vehicle.
ICC	2853.31 (E1047)	ECU No Communication to ICC	Vehicle disabled. Inspect ECU interface connector and circuit wiring.
ICC	3942.03 (E1005)	PTO High Side Driver Shorted to Power Source	Vehicle disabled. Inspect PTO circuit wiring. If problem persists, check PTO.
ICC	3942.04 (E1002)	PTO High Side Driver Shorted to Ground	PTO disabled. Inspect PTO circuit wiring. If problem persists, check PTO.

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ICC	518444.03 (E1030)	Engine Run Relay Shorted to Power Source	Vehicle control lost. Restart vehicle. If problem persists, inspect engine interlock relay and circuit wiring.
ICC	518444.04 (E1031)	Engine Run Relay Shorted to Ground	Vehicle disabled. Inspect engine interlock relay and circuit wiring.
ICC	519326.05 (E1003)	PTO Circuit Breaker Fault	PTO disabled. Cycle PTO switch. If problem persists, inspect clutch and circuit wiring.
ICC	520870.31 (E1053)	Vehicle Software Checksum Fault	Vehicle disabled. Restart vehicle. If problem persists, reprogram controller.
ICC	520871.31 (E1052)	Vehicle Software Non-Critical Data Fault	Display RPM bar inaccurate. Restart vehicle. If problem persists, reprogram controller.
ICC	520873.31 (E1042)	Vehicle Software Hours Data Checksum Fault	Vehicle hours corrupted. Restart vehicle. If problem persists, document last known vehicle hours.
ICC	520874.31 (E1043)	Vehicle Software EOL Mismatch	Vehicle disabled. Restart vehicle. If problem persists, reprogram controller.
ICC	521429.03 (E1061)	Center Deck Raise Solenoid Shorted to Power Source	Deck lift stuck on. Inspect deck raise solenoid and circuit wiring.
ICC	ICC 521429.04 (E1060)	Center Deck Raise Solenoid Shorted to Ground	Deck lift disabled. Inspect deck raise solenoid and circuit wiring.
ICC	521429.05 (E1062)	Center Deck Raise Solenoid Open Circuit	Deck lift disabled. Inspect deck raise solenoid and circuit wiring.
ICC	524265.31 (E1041)	Vehicle Software EOL Checksum Fault	Vehicle disabled. Restart vehicle. If problem persists, reprogram controller.

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Diagnostic Real-Time Codes (Non EFI)

NOTE: For further assistance with all Diagnostic Codes, refer to the Technical Manual and/or consult your John Deere dealer.

Electrical System "Interlock" Violations			
Real-Time Diagnostic Trouble Code Description	Diagnostic Code	Notes	Action Required to Remove Code:
Brake Not Locked	1 - 2	This code can occur under the following conditions: 1. When the engine is trying to be started without the brake pedal locked. NOTE: Machine will automatically shut down if the following occurs: 2. When the engine is running and operator gets out of seat without the brake locked.	• Verify the Park brake is locked.
PTO/Mow Engaged	1 - 3	NOTE: This will cause the PTO to be disabled. This code will occur only when getting out of the seat while operating the machine with the PTO engaged.	NOTE: For Safety, the PTO can not be engaged with the park brake locked or with the operator out of the seat. • Turn key switch to the OFF position.
Crank Time Exceeded (20 second limit)	2 - 4	This code will let the operator know the maximum cranking time of 20 seconds per crank has been exceeded.	• Return the key to the OFF or RUN
Starter Thermal Protect Mode, 60-second Cool- Down Needed	2 - 5	This code indicates that the module has started a 60- second cool-down period to prevent the starter from overheating.	• Turn the key switch to the OFF position and let the starter cool down for at least 60 seconds before making another attempt to start the engine.
Engine Oil Pressure Low, PTO Disabled (Z900R Series Only)	2 - 7	This code indicates that the internal engine oil pressure is low	• Turn key switch to the OFF position

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Electrical System "Interlock" Violations			
Real-Time Diagnostic Trouble Code Description	Diagnostic Code	Notes	Action Required to Remove Code:
		and to eliminate any extra load on the engine, the vehicle control unit will shut down the PTO circuit. The PTO will be disabled and not engage if the key switch is in the RUN and/or START position for 10 seconds or longer and the engine has not been started. Turn the key switch to the OFF position and then to the START position and start the engine within 10 seconds to allow the PTO to engage.	• Check oil level in the engine. • Check oil pressure sender on the engine. • Check the harness wires from the oil pressure sender to the vehicle control unit, insure good connections.

Electrical System 'Fault' Violations			
NOTE: For All "Fault" codes it is important to first check battery, starter, and ground connections.			
• Codes and instructions as follows.			
Electrical System Diagnostic Trouble Code Description	Diagnostic Code	Notes	Action Required to Remove Code:
Over Voltage	3 - 1	This code indicates that the vehicle control unit has detected a voltage higher than normal in the electrical charging system.	• Inspect the electrical harness for loose connections, specifically the battery positive and negative, starter, and frame ground (on engine block).
Low Voltage	3 - 2	This code will let the operator know that the battery is being depleted.	• Check charging system connections.
Weak Battery OR Starter System Issue	3 - 3	This code indicates that the battery may have become too weak to turn the starter or that the vehicle control unit has detected an excessive current draw.	• Recharge the battery. • Check starter system connections and harness.
Starter or PTO Output Circuit is Shorted to Battery	3 - 4	This code indicates that the output circuit from the vehicle control unit for the start circuit or the PTO circuit is shorted to the battery.	• Inspect electrical harness for pinched, chafed, or frayed wires.
PTO Output Over-Current	3 - 5	This code indicates that there is excessive current through the PTO circuit.	• Inspect electrical harness for pinched, chafed, or frayed wires.
Output Fault Detected	3 - 7	This code indicates that the vehicle control unit has detected an electrical problem in the engine wiring harness and the vehicle control unit's internal resettable fuse has tripped to protect the system.	• Inspect engine harness for pinched or chafed wires.
PTO Circuit Open	5 - 6	This code indicates that an open circuit exists between the PTO output from the module and the clutch coil ground.	• Turn key switch to the OFF position. • Inspect for a poor connection between switch contacts in the PTO switch, or an intermittent/ open circuit in the harness connections between the module and the PTO clutch, or an open circuit in the PTO clutch coil winding.

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Diagnostic Test Mode Codes (Z900M and Z900R) (With Machine OFF)

This mode is used to check the integrity of the switches, sensors, wiring, and hardware of the vehicle control unit. Diagnostic information is generated in the vehicle control unit and displayed through a flashing code on the display module (next to the wrench icon).

NOTE: Do not rotate the key past RUN to START mode during these three cycles.

Before entering the Diagnostic Test Mode, it is best to turn off all switch INPUTS (i.e., brake not locked, PTO

switch not in the on position, operator not in seat, etc.). Once all the INPUTS are off, the operator can enter the Diagnostic Test Mode by cycling the key switch quickly from OFF to RUN exactly three times. On the third cycle leave the key in the RUN mode.

Upon entering the Diagnostic Test Mode, the vehicle control unit will perform an automatic diagnostic check. If there are no system FAULTS and all the INPUTS are not detected, the display will flash a 1-1 Code.

See the chart below for instructions on how to remove the Fault/Input Codes in order to achieve a 1-1 Display.

Diagnostic Test Mode Code	Fault/Input Code Description	Action Needed to Remove Unwanted Codes:
3 - 7	Vehicle Control Unit's INTERNAL Resettable Fuse Tripped	- Inspect battery, starter, and ground connections. - Inspect engine harness for pinched or chafed wires.
3 - 1	Battery Voltage High	Inspect electrical harness for loose connections, specifically the battery positive and negative, the starter, and frame ground (on engine block).
3 - 2	Battery Voltage Low	- Check battery, starter, and ground connections. - Check charging system connections.
1 - 2	Key switch to START	Verify key switch is in RUN mode not START.
1 - 3	PTO (Knob) Switch Input ON	Turn OFF switch (knob in the down position).
1 - 4	Brake Switch Input ON	Unlock the brake pedal, check brake switch for engagement.
1 - 5	Seat Switch Input ON	De-activate seat switch (operator not in seat).
1 - 8 (Z900R Series Only)	Deck Lift Switch Input ON	Release the left lever arm button (black) switch.
1 - 9 (Z900R Series Only)	PTO Stop Switch ON	Release the right lever arm button (yellow) switch.

Diagnostic Test Mode Code	Fault/Input Code Description	Action Needed to Generate the Code:
2 - 2 (Z900R Series Only)	Engine Oil Pressure Switch ON (I.E. Closed)	Disconnect the harness connector at the oil pressure switch located on the engine.

Once the 1-1 Code has been achieved, the following steps should be performed to complete the Diagnostic

Test Mode INPUT CHECKS in order to verify electrical functionality for code.

Actions Required to Verify Electrical Functionality NOTE: INPUT actions can be performed in any order.	INPUT Description	Diagnostic Test Mode
Turn the KEYSWITCH to the START position. The 1-2 Code should flash. Return to RUN position.	Key switch to START	1 - 2
Pull the knob to activate the PTO switch. The 1-3 code should flash. Return PTO to OFF position.	PTO (Knob) Switch Input ON	1 - 3
Activate the BRAKE pedal. The 1-4 code should flash. De-activate the pedal.	Brake Switch Input ON	1 - 4
Sit on seat to activate the SEAT switch. The 1-5 code will should flash. Get out of the seat.	Seat Switch Input ON	1 - 5
Push the black button on the left lever arm to activate the DECK LIFT switch. The 1-8 Code should flash. Release the button.	Deck Lift Switch Input ON	1 - 8

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Actions Required to Verify Electrical Functionality NOTE: INPUT actions can be performed in any order.	INPUT Description	Diagnostic Test Mode
Push the yellow button on the right lever arm to activate the PTO STOP switch	PTO Stop Switch ON	1 - 9
Requires removal of the harness connector at the oil pressure switch on the engine. This will generate the code.	Harness connection to the oil pressure switch is working.	2 - 2

If the Diagnostic Test Mode Codes cannot be achieved when applying the INPUT Actions listed above, inspect the applicable wiring harness connections and switch, or contact your local John Deere Dealer for further assistance or part replacement.

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Machine

If	Check
Excessive Machine Vibration	• Engine speed too slow.
Machine Will Not Move With Engine Running	• Check park brake. • Transmission hydraulic oil level low. • Transmission oil cold - allow engine to warm. • Drive belt slipping or broken. • Bypass pump release valves open. • Traction drive belt damaged or worn. • Transmission problems. (See your John Deere Dealer.)
Machine Creeps With Engine Running and Motion Control Levers in a Neutral Position	• Check and adjust neutral creep.

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Brakes

If	Check
Machine levers are adequately locked in neutral when the park brake is engaged, but the machine creeps.	Check and adjust neutral creep. See Park Brake Adjustment. Check and secure cables and hardware.
Machine levers have excessive fore-aft movement with the park brake engaged.	Check and align motion control levers. Check control levers for loose hardware or excessive wear.
Machine levers are adequately locked in neutral, and no creep exists, but the brake pedal will not fully release due to binding in the system.	Back out neutral interlock adjustment set screws 1 flat and re-check system for binding. Add grease to neutral interlock cam. Check and align motion control levers.
Control levers rub/contact slots in the frame when moved to "out" position.	Check and align motion control levers.
Brake pedal difficult to engage.	Check and align motion control levers. Add grease to neutral interlock cam.
Brake switch not engaging/disengaging	Check and align motion control levers.

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Steering

If	Check
Steering Not Working	• Bypass pump release valves partially open. • Improper tire Inflation. • Hydrostatic transmission oil low.

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Mower

Discharge Chute Plugged		• Grass is wet - ground speed may need to be adjusted. • Raise cutting height. • Run engine at fast idle. • Ground speed too fast for conditions. • Correct installation of deck drive belt. • Incorrect blade.
Mower Deck Vibrates		• Run engine at fast throttle. • Loose hardware. • Check/replace deck drive belt.

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		• Blade bolts are loose. • Blade not in pilot when installed. • Ground speed too fast for conditions. • Blades are bent or worn. • Sharpen and balance blades. • Remove belt shields and clean debris from pulleys. • Check pulleys for proper alignment or damage.
Mower Deck Belt Breaks		• Blade rake (Front-to-Rear adjustment) not within specifications. • Debris on deck or lodged in deck drive system. Clean as required. • Belt guide damaged or out of alignment. See Replacing Mower Deck Drive Belt, Installing Deck Drive Belt in the Service Mower Section. • Ground speed too fast for conditions.
Mower Blades Do Not Engage		• Deck drive belt slipping or broken, check belt for wear and replace if necessary. • Deck belt tension spring not installed or broken. • PTO switch failure. • Clutch air gap too large. Remove shim. • Fuse is blown. • Loose electrical connections.
Mower Deck Does Not Lift or Lower Easily		• Check lift assist spring settings. Adjust for more or less assistance when lifting. See Adjusting Deck Lift Spring Tension in the Operating Section. • Excessive debris build up.
Mower Deck Does Not Engage Transport Lock		• Inspect lift bushings and adjust manual lift link.
Mower Mows Unevenly		• Mower deck not properly leveled. • Ground speed too fast for conditions. • Run engine at fast throttle. • Reduce ground speed when making turns. • Sharpen or replace blades. • Change mowing pattern. • Check air pressure in all traction unit tires.
Poor Quality Cut		• Clean debris build-up from underside of deck. • Check blades for sharpness and damage. • Check discharge chute for damage. • Change blades. • Run engine at fast throttle. • Mowing too fast for grass conditions.
Mower Deck Does Not Lift (Z900R Series)		• Vehicle Control Unit Lift Circuit Overheat Protection Circuit Activated - Only use deck lift actuator button to lock deck - do not use to transport. • Increase throttle above idle, deck may move slowly at idle.
Mower Blade Stop Time Excessive		• Clutch air gap too large. Remove shim.
Mulch-On-Demand Baffles Are Out of Timing or System Not Mowing Correctly		• Adjust linkage for gate.
Mulch-On-Demand Handle Loose		• Check linkage adjustments. • Check gate bushings for wear.
Mulch-On-Demand Material Dispersion		• Check linkage adjustments. • Check gate bushings for wear. • Adjust and/or remove chamber separator baffles. • Clean debris build-up from underside of deck. • Check blades for sharpness and damage. • Check discharge chute for damage. • Change blades. • Run engine at fast throttle. • Mowing too fast for grass conditions.

Storage

Storing Safety

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

Engine exhaust fumes contain carbon monoxide and cause serious illness or death:

- Run the engine only long enough to move the machine to or from storage.
- If a machine is stored before allowing it to cool, machine fires and structure fires can occur. Fires can occur 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 reach an open flame or spark.
- Allow the engine to cool before storing the machine in any enclosure.

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Preparing Machine for Storage

1. Repair any worn or damaged parts. Replace parts if necessary. Tighten loose hardware.
2. To prevent rust, repair scratched or chipped metal surfaces.
3. Remove grass and debris from machine.
4. Clean under the rotary deck and remove grass and debris from inside chute and bagger, if applicable.
5. Wash the machine and apply wax to metal and plastic surfaces.
6. To dry belts and pulleys, run machine for five minutes.
7. To prevent rust, apply light coat of engine oil on pivot and wear points.
8. Lubricate grease points and check tire pressure.

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Preparing Fuel and Engine For Storage

Fuel:

If you have been using "Stabilized Fuel," add stabilized fuel to tank until the tank is full.

NOTE: Filling the fuel tank reduces the amount of air in the fuel tank and helps reduce deterioration of fuel.

If you are not using "Stabilized Fuel:"

1. Park machine safely in a well-ventilated area. (See Parking Safely in the SAFETY section.)

NOTE: Try to anticipate the last time the machine is used for the season so little fuel is left in the fuel tank.

2. Turn on engine and allow to run until it runs out of fuel.
3. For machines equipped with key switch, turn key to off position.

IMPORTANT: Stale fuel can produce varnish and plug carburetor or injector components and affect engine performance.

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

4. Mix fresh fuel and fuel stabilizer in separate container. Follow stabilizer instructions for mixing.
5. Fill fuel tank with stabilized fuel.
6. To allow treated fuel mixture to circulate through the entire fuel system, run engine for a few minutes.

Engine:

Engine storage procedure should be used when vehicle is not used for longer than 60 days.

1. Change engine oil and filter while engine is warm.
2. Service air filter if necessary.
3. Clean debris from engine air intake screen.
4. On gas engines:
 - Remove spark plugs. Put 30 mL (1 oz) of clean engine oil in cylinder(s).
 - Install spark plugs, but do not connect spark plug wires.
 - To allow oil to be distributed, start the engine five or six times.
5. Clean the engine and engine compartment.
6. Remove battery.
7. Clean the battery and battery posts. Check the electrolyte level, if your battery is not maintenance free.
8. Close fuel shutoff valve, if your machine is equipped.
9. Store the battery in a cool, dry place where it will not freeze.

NOTE: The stored battery should be recharged every 90 days.

10. Charge the battery.

IMPORTANT: Prolonged exposure to sunlight might damage the hood surface. Store machine inside or use a cover if stored outside.

11. Store the vehicle in a dry, protected place. If vehicle is stored outside, put a waterproof cover over it.

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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.

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Specifications

Engine

For more information on Vanguard Certified Power Engines, see vanguardpower.com

For more information on Kawasaki Certified Power engines, see www.kawasakicriticalpower.com

Model Z920M

Engine Manufacturer	Kawasaki
Engine Model	FX730V
Displacement	726cc (44.3 in³)
Cylinders	Two
Bore	78 mm (3.1 in)
Stroke	76 mm (3.0 in)
Compression Ratio	8.2:1
Speed, Fast Idle	3600 +/- 100 rpm
Speed, Slow Idle	1700 +/- 150 rpm
Valving	OHV
Oil Filter	Screw-On Type
Cooling Type	Air
Air Cleaner	Dual Stage Heavy-Duty Air Cleaner
Spark Plug Gap	0.76 mm (0.030 in)
Spark Plug Torque	.22 N·m (16 lb·ft)
Ignition Coil Air Gap	0.20—0.40 mm (0.008—0.016 in)
Valve Adjustment Clearance	0.10—0.15 mm (0.004—0.006 in)

Model Z930M

Engine Manufacturer	Kawasaki
Engine Model	FX801V
Displacement	852 cc (52 in³)
Cylinders	Two
Bore	84.5 mm (3.33 in)
Stroke	76 mm (3 in)
Compression Ratio	8.2:1
Speed, Fast Idle	3600 +/- 100 rpm
Speed, Slow Idle	1700 +/- 150 rpm
Valving	OHV
Oil Filter	Screw-On Type
Cooling Type	Air
Air Cleaner	Dual Stage Heavy-Duty Air Cleaner
Spark Plug Gap	0.76 mm (0.030 in)
Spark Plug Torque	.22 N·m (16 lb·ft)
Ignition Coil Air Gap	0.20—0.40 mm (0.008—0.016 in)
Valve Adjustment Clearance	0.05—0.10 mm (0.002—0.004 in)

Model Z950M and Z950R

Engine Manufacturer	Kawasaki
Engine Model	FX850V
Displacement	852 cc (52 in³)
Cylinders	Two
Bore	84.5 mm (3.33 in)
Stroke	76 mm (3 in)
Compression Ratio	8.2:1
Speed, Fast Idle	3600 +/- 100 rpm
Speed, Slow Idle	1700 +/- 150 rpm

Specifications

Valving	OHV
Oil Filter	Screw-On Type
Cooling Type	Air
Air Cleaner	Dual Stage Heavy-Duty Air Cleaner
Spark Plug Gap	0.76 mm (0.030 in)
Spark Plug Torque	.22 N·m (16 lb·ft)
Ignition Coil Air Gap	0.20—0.40 mm (0.008—0.016 in)
Valve Adjustment Clearance	0.05—0.10 mm (0.002—0.004 in)

Model Z955M and Z955R

Engine Manufacture	Kawasaki
Engine Model	FX781V
Displacement	822 cc (50.2 in³)
Cylinders	Two
Bore	83 mm (3.27 in)
Stroke	76 mm (2.99 in)
Compression Ratio	9.1:1
Speed, Fast Idle	3600 +/- 100 rpm
Speed, Slow Idle	1500 +/- 100 rpm
Valving	OHV
Oil Filter	Spin-On Type
Cooling Type	Air
Air Cleaner	Dual Stage Heavy-Duty Air Cleaner
Spark Plug Gap	0.76 mm (0.030 in)
Spark Plug Torque	.22 N·m (16 lb·ft)
Valve Adjustment Clearance	0.10—0.15 mm (0.004—0.006 in)

Model Z960M

Engine Manufacture	Kawasaki
Engine Model	FX921V
Displacement	999 cc (61 in³)
Cylinders	Two
Bore	89.2 mm (3.5 in)
Stroke	80 mm (3.2 in)
Compression Ratio	8.4:1
Speed, Fast Idle	3600 +/- 100 rpm
Speed, Slow Idle	1700 +/- 150 rpm
Valving	OHV
Oil Filter	Spin-On Type
Cooling Type	Air
Air Cleaner	Dual Stage Heavy-Duty Air Cleaner
Spark Plug Gap	0.76 mm (0.030 in)
Spark Plug Torque	.22 N·m (16 lb·ft)
Ignition Coil Air Gap	0.20—0.40 mm (0.008—0.016 in)
Valve Adjustment Clearance	0.10—0.15 mm (0.004—0.006 in)

Model Z965M and Z965R

Engine Manufacture	Vanguard
Engine Model	61A6
Displacement	993 cc (61 in³)
Cylinders	Two
Bore	85.6 mm (3.37 in)
Stroke	86.6 mm (3.41 in)

Specifications

Compression Ratio	8.2:1
Speed, Fast Idle	3600 +/- 100 rpm
Speed, Slow Idle	1750 +/- 150 rpm
Valving	OHV
Oil Filter	Oil Guard
Cooling Type	Air
Air Cleaner	Dual Stage Heavy-Duty Air Cleaner
Ignition Coil Air Gap	0.20—0.40 mm (0.008—0.016 in)
Valve Adjustment Clearance	0.10—0.15 mm (0.004—0.006 in)

Model Z970R

Engine Manufacturer	Kawasaki
Engine Model	FX1000V (FXT00V)
Displacement	999 cc (61 in ³)
Cylinders	Two
Bore	89.2 mm (3.5 in)
Stroke	80 mm (3.2 in)
Compression Ratio	8.4:1
Speed, Fast Idle	3600 +/- 100 rpm
Speed, Slow Idle	1700 +/- 150 rpm
Valving	OHV
Oil Filter	Spin-On Type
Cooling Type	Air
Air Cleaner	Dual Stage Heavy-Duty Air Cleaner
Spark Plug Gap	0.76 mm (0.030 in)
Spark Plug Torque	22 N·m (16 lb·ft)
Ignition Coil Air Gap	0.20—0.40 mm (0.008—0.016 in)
Valve Adjustment Clearance	0.10—0.15 mm (0.004—0.006 in)

Model Z975M

Engine Manufacture	Vanguard
Engine Model	61A7
Displacement	993 cc (61 in ³)
Cylinders	Two
Bore	85.6 mm (3.37 in)
Stroke	86.6 mm (3.41 in)
Compression Ratio	8.2:1
Speed, Fast Idle	3600 +/- 100 rpm
Speed, Slow Idle	1750 +/- 150 rpm
Valving	OHV
Oil Filter	Spin-on Type
Cooling Type	Air
Air Cleaner	Dual Stage Heavy-Duty Air Cleaner
Ignition Coil Air Gap	0.20—0.40 mm (0.008—0.016 in)
Valve Adjustment Clearance	0.10—0.15 mm (0.004—0.006 in)

Model Z985R

Engine Manufacture	Vanguard
Engine Model	61A8
Displacement	993 cc (61 in ³)
Cylinders	Two
Bore	85.6 mm (3.37 in)
Stroke	86.6 mm (3.41 in)

Specifications

Compression Ratio	8.5:1
Speed, Fast Idle	3600 +/- 100 rpm
Speed, Slow Idle	1750 +/- 150 rpm
Valving	OHV
Oil Filter	Oil Guard
Cooling Type	Air
Air Cleaner	Dual Stage Heavy-Duty Air Cleaner
Ignition Coil Air Gap	0.20—0.40 mm (0.008—0.016 in)
Valve Adjustment Clearance	0.10—0.15 mm (0.004—0.006 in)

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Drivetrain

Type	Independent Left and Right Hydrostatic Transmissions
Pump	13 cc (0.79 in³)
Motor	13 cc (0.79 in³)
Travel Speeds	Hydrostatic, Variable Speed Up to 19 km/h (Up to 12 mph)

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Electrical System

Charging System (Kawasaki)	30 Amp regulated
Charging System (Vanguard)	20 Amp regulated
Machine Lift System	5 Amp
Fusible Link	Kawasaki FX730V
Ignition (FX730V, FX801V, FX850V, FX921V, FX1000V)	Flywheel Magneto Transistor Type
Starter	Solenoid Shift

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Fuel System

Fuel Type (Regular Unleaded Fuel Machines)	Regular Unleaded (Minimum 87 Octane)
	Ethanol Blended Fuel (Up to 10%)
	MTBE Reformulated Fuel (Up to 15%)
Fuel Tank Location	Left of Operator Seat

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Steering and Brakes

Steering	Dual Control Levers
Park Brake	
Z900M Series	Hand Lever - Internal Wet Disk
Z900R Series	Foot Pedal - Internal Wet Disk

Specifications

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Tires

Front (Z900M and Z900R Series)	13 x 6.5-6
(48") Rear	24 x 9.5-12
(54",60",72") Rear	24 x 12-12
Inflation Front (Z900M and Z900R Series)	N/A - semi-pneumatics
Inflation Rear	.83 kPa (12 psi)

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Battery

Voltage	12 volt
CCA	300
BCI Group Size	U1L

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Capacities

Fuel Tank	43.5 L (11.5 gal)
Z900M and Z900R Series Transmission Oil (With Filters)	5.6 L (5.9 qt)
Engine Oil	
Z920M - With Filter	2.0 L (2.1 qt)
Z930M, Z950M, and Z950R - With Filter	2.3 L (2.4 qt)
Z955M and Z955R - With Filter	2.1 L (2.2 qt)
Z960M and Z970R - With Filter	1.9 L (2.0 qt)
Z975M - With Filter	2.5 L (2.5 qt)
Z965M, Z965R, and Z985R - With Filter	14.73 L (5 qt)

NOTE: All capacities are approximate.

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Travel Speeds at Full Engine RPM

Forward	0—19.31 km/h (0—12 mph)
Reverse	0—7.2 km/h (0—4.5 mph)

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Dimensions

Wheel Base	1.35 m (53 in)
Overall Height (ROPS Down)	1.19 m (47 in)
Overall Height (ROPS Up)	1.89 m (74 in)

Specifications

Overall Length - Z920M, Z930M, Z950M/R, Z960M, Z970R (48, 54 and 60 inch Decks)	2.13 m (84 in)
Overall Length - Z920M, Z930M, Z950M/R, Z960M, Z970R (72 inch Deck)	2.21 m (87 in)
Overall Length - Z955M/R, Z965M/R, Z975M/R, Z985R (48, 54 and 60 inch Decks)	2.21 m (87 in)
Overall Length - Z955M/R, Z965M/R, Z975M/R, Z985R (72 inch Deck)	2.29 m (90 in)
Overall Width (48 inch Deck)	
Chute Up	1.37 m (54 in)
Chute Down	1.57 m (62 in)
Overall Width (54 inch Deck)	
Chute Up	1.52 m (60 in)
Chute Down	1.75 m (69 in)
Overall Width (60 inch Deck)	
Chute Up	1.68 m (66 in)
Chute Down	1.88 m (74 in)
60 in RD	1.61 m (64 in)
Overall Width (72 inch Deck)	
Chute Up	1.95 m (77 in)
Chute Down	2.18 m (86 in)
72 in RD	1.92 m (76 in)

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Weight

*NOTE: Weight of machine depends on seat option.
Weight ranges shown cover all seat options.*

Z920M	
48 in	557—575 kg (1228—1267 lb)
54 in	572—592 kg (1262—1305 lb)
60 in	578—596 kg (1274—1313 lb)

Z930M	
54 in	589—607 kg (1299—1338 lb)
60 in	588—606 kg (1296—1335 lb)
60 in MOD	610—627 kg (1344—1383 lb)
60 in RD	603—621 kg (1330—1369 lb)

Z950M	
54 in MOD	599—617 kg (1321—1360 lb)
60 in	588—606 kg (1296—1335 lb)
72 in	620—638 kg (1367—1406 lb)
72 in RD	624—640 kg (1375—1412 lb)

Z955M	
54 in	627—643 kg (1383—1418 lb)
54 in MOD	648—664 kg (1428—1463 lb)
60 in	636—652 kg (1402—1437 lb)
60 in MOD	646—662 kg (1425—1460 lb)
60 in RD	649—665 kg (1430—1465 lb)

Z960M	
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Specifications

60 in	591—610 kg (1304—1344 lb)
60 in MOD	613—631 kg (1352—1392 lb)
60 in RD	597—615 kg (1316—1356 lb)
72 in SD	624—640 kg (1375—1412 lb)
72 in RD	618—636 kg (1362—1402 lb)

Z965M

60 in	640—658 kg (1411—1450 lb)
72 in	663—679 kg (1461—1498 lb)

Z975M

60 in	636—653 kg (1402—1439 lb)
60 in MOD	657—674 kg (1449—1486 lb)
60 in RD	660—676 kg (1454—1491 lb)
72 In	666—683 kg (1469—1506 lb)
72 In RD	680—697 kg (1499—1536 lb)

Z950R

54 in	591—611 kg (1303—1346 lb)
60 in	596—614 kg (1315—1354 lb)
60 in RD	612—630 kg (1349—1388 lb)
72 in	628—645 kg (1384—1423 lb)

Z955R

60 in	641—662 kg (1413—1460 lb)
60 in MOD	662—679 kg (1460—1497 lb)
72 in RD	677—694 kg (1492—1529 lb)

Z965R

60 in	648—669 kg (1428—1475 lb)
72 in	679—696 kg (1498—1535 lb)
72 in RD	685—702 kg (1510—1547 lb)

Z970R

60 in	601—621 kg (1326—1368 lb)
72 in	634—651 kg (1397—1436 lb)
72 in RD	636—655 kg (1403—1445 lb)

Z985R

72 in	683—706 kg (1506—1556 lb)
72 in RD	689—711 kg (1518—1568 lb)

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Recommended Lubricants

Engine Oil	Turf-Gard™, Plus-4™, OR Plus-50™ II
Hydraulic Oil	HY-GARD™ J20C
Grease	Gard Premium Plus (Lithium Complex)

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Plus-4 is a trademark of Deere & Company

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Slope Operation

Maximum Operating Slope 17 °

*NOTE: See Safety section for additional information on
slope operation.*

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Warranty

Product Warranty

John Deere offers a standard warranty on new John Deere products. For a copy of the product warranty statement or for details on the warranty terms and conditions for products purchased in the United States and Canada, please contact your local John Deere Dealer or utilize the following resources:

United States

Website:

http://www.deere.com/en_US/services_and_support/warranty/warranty.page

Toll Free: 1-800-537-8233

Dealer Locator:

<http://dealerlocator.deere.com/servlet/country=US>

Canada

Website (English):

http://www.deere.ca/en_CA/services_and_support/service_plans_warranties/service_plans_warranties.page

Website (French):

http://fr.deere.ca/en_CA/services_and_support/service_plans_warranties/service_plans_warranties.page

Toll Free: 1-800-537-8233

Dealer Locator:

<http://dealerlocator.deere.com/servlet/country=CA>

Emission-related warranties are included in this Operator's Manual, and applicable if required by law or regulation.

For products purchased in a country other than the United States or Canada, please contact your local John Deere dealer for assistance.

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California and U.S. EPA Emission Control System Warranty Statement (Off-Road Engine Equipment)

Your Warranty Rights and Obligations

The California Air Resources Board, John Deere, and the United States Environmental Protection Agency are pleased to explain the emission control system's warranty on your model year 2025 or 2026 off-road engine equipment. In California, new small or large (less than 1 liter) spark ignited off-road engines, and new equipment that uses small or large spark ignition off-road engines, must be designed, built and equipped to meet the State's stringent anti-smog standards. John Deere must warrant the emission control system on

your off-road engine equipment for the period listed below provided there has been no abuse, neglect or improper maintenance of your off-road engine equipment leading to the failure of the emission control system.

Your emission control system may include parts such as: carburetors, regulator or fuel injection system, ignition system, engine computer unit (ECM), catalytic converters, air induction system, fuel tanks, fuel lines (for liquid fuel and fuel vapors), fuel caps, valves, canisters, filters, clamps, connectors, and other associated components. Also included may be hoses, belts, sensors and other emission-related assemblies.

Where a warrantable condition exists, John Deere or an authorized John Deere service provider will repair your off-road engine equipment at no cost to you including diagnosis, parts and labor.

Manufacturer's Warranty Coverage

This evaporative emission control system is warranted for two years. Your off-road engine is warranted for three years. If any emission-related part on your equipment is defective, the part will be repaired or replaced by John Deere or an authorized John Deere service provider.

Owner's Warranty Responsibilities

- As the spark ignited off-road engine equipment owner, you are responsible for the performance of the required maintenance listed in your Operator's Manual. John Deere recommends that you retain all receipts covering maintenance on your spark ignited off-road engine equipment, but John Deere cannot deny warranty coverage solely for lack of receipts or for your failure to ensure the performance of all scheduled maintenance.
- As the spark ignited off-road engine equipment owner, you should however be aware that John Deere may deny you warranty coverage if your spark ignited off-road engine equipment or a part has failed due to abuse, neglect, or improper maintenance or unapproved modifications.
- You are responsible for presenting your spark ignited off-road engine equipment to a John Deere Turf and Compact Utility distribution center or service center as soon as a problem exists. The warranty repairs shall be completed in a reasonable amount of time, not to exceed 30 days. If you have a question about your emission control warranty coverage, your emission control warranty rights and responsibilities, how to make an emission control system warranty claim or how to make arrangements for emission-related authorized repairs, you should contact your John Deere Turf and Compact Utility retailer, or the John Deere Customer Contact Center at 1-800-537-8233, or email John Deere from

<https://www.deere.com/en/our-company/contact-us/>.

General Emission Control System Warranty

The warranty period begins on the date the spark ignited off-road engine equipment is delivered to an ultimate purchaser. John Deere warrants to the ultimate purchaser and each subsequent purchaser that the spark ignited off-road engine equipment is:

- Designed, built and equipped so it conforms at the time of sale to the ultimate purchaser with applicable regulations adopted by the California Air Resources Board;
- Designed, built and equipped so as to conform at the time of sale to the ultimate purchaser with applicable U.S. Environmental Protection Agency regulations under 40 CFR Parts 1054, 1048, and 1060: and,
- Free from defects in materials and workmanship which cause such engine to fail to conform with applicable regulations for the Emission Control System Warranty period provided herein.
- For owners located more than 100 miles from a John Deere authorized service center, John Deere will pay either for shipping costs to and from an authorized service center, provide for a service technician to come to the owner to make the warranty repair, or pay for the repair to be made at a local non-authorized service center. These provisions do not apply to high-altitude counties within the following States: Alaska, Hawaii, Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Texas, Utah, and Wyoming.

Emission Control System Warranty Interpretation

- Any warranted part that is not scheduled for replacement as required by the maintenance instructions in the Operator's Manual is warranted as provided herein. If any such part fails during the period of warranty coverage it will be repaired or replaced by John Deere or an authorized John Deere service provider. Any such part repaired or replaced under warranty is warranted for the remaining warranty period.
- Any warranted part that is scheduled only for regular inspection in the maintenance instructions in the Operator's Manual is warranted as provided herein. A statement in the Operator's Manual to the effect of "repair or replace as necessary" does not reduce the period of warranty coverage. Any such part repaired or replaced under warranty is warranted for the remaining warranty period.
- Any warranted part that is scheduled for replacement as required maintenance in the Operator's Manual is warranted for the period of time prior to the first scheduled replacement point for that part. If the part fails prior to the first scheduled replacement, the part will be repaired or replaced by John Deere or an authorized John Deere service provider. Any such part repaired or replaced under warranty is warranted for the remainder of the period prior to the first scheduled replacement point for the part.

- Repair or replacement of any warranted part under the warranty will be performed at no charge to the owner at any authorized John Deere or an authorized John Deere service provider.
- The owner will not be charged for diagnostic labor which leads to the determination that a warranted part is defective, provided such work is performed by John Deere or an authorized John Deere service provider.
- John Deere or an authorized John Deere service provider will repair damages to other engine components proximately caused by a failure under warranty of any emission-related warranted part.
- Add-on or modified parts that are not exempted by the California Air Resources Board may not be used. The use of any non-exempted add-on or modified parts will be grounds for disallowing a warranty claim. John Deere will not be liable to warrant failures of warranted parts caused by the use of a non-exempted add-on or modified part.

Emission Control System Warranty Parts List

Coverage under this warranty includes, but is not limited to, the parts listed below (the emission control system parts) to the extent these parts were on the off-road equipment and engine purchased.

Fuel Metering System:

- Carburetor and internal parts (or fuel injection system)
- Air/fuel ratio feedback and control system
- Cold start enrichment system

Evaporative System:

- Fuel tank, fuel cap and tether
- Fuel hose, line, fittings, clamps
- Fuel pump, fuel shut-off valve
- Fuel vapor hoses, fittings
- Carbon canister
- Rollover/slant valve for fuel vapor control
- Purge and vent line

Air Induction System:

- Air cleaner
- Intake manifold

Ignition System:

- Spark plugs
- Magneto or electronic ignition system
- Spark advance/retard system
- Gaskets

Lubrication System:

- Oil pump and internal parts

Positive Crankcase Ventilation (PCV) System

- PCV Valve
- Oil filler cap

Exhaust System:

- Exhaust manifold
- Catalyst muffler

Miscellaneous Items Used in Above Systems

- Valves and Switches: vacuum, temperature, position, check, time-sensitive
- Electronic controls
- Hoses, belts, connectors and assemblies

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. Except as otherwise expressly provided herein, this warranty does not cover inconvenience or loss of use of the off-road equipment or engine or transportation of the equipment or engine to or from the John Deere Turf and Compact Utility retailer or authorized service provider. 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 off-road equipment or engine for any other purpose.

b) No express emissions control system warranty is given by John Deere with respect to the equipment or 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 or service provider is authorized to modify this Federal, California and John Deere Emission Control System Warranty.

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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.)

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Limited Battery Warranty For Factory Installed Batteries

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 PERIOD

Any new battery which becomes unserviceable (not merely discharged) due to defects in material or workmanship within the FREE REPLACEMENT PERIOD will be replaced free of charge. Installation costs will be covered by warranty if the unserviceable battery was installed by a John Deere factory or dealer and the replacement battery is installed by a John Deere dealer.

PRO RATA ADJUSTMENT (batteries with letter code identification only)

Any new battery which becomes unserviceable (not merely discharged) due to defects in material or workmanship within the Pro Rata Warranty 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 table below. Installation costs are not covered after the battery warranty period has ended.

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.
- D. Batteries that are merely discharged.

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.

WARRANTY TERMS TABLE

NOTE: If your battery is not labeled with a warranty code, it is a warranty code 6.

Warranty Code	Free Replacement Period	Pro Rata Warranty Period
A	90 Days	40 Months
B	90 Days	36 Months
C	90 Days	24 Months
D	12 Months	48 Months
E	90 Days	12 Months
F	90 Days	60 Months
G	12 Months	60 Months
H	12 Months	60 Months
6	6 Months	0 Months
12	12 Months	0 Months
18	18 Months	0 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

A. It has many illustrations and detailed information on the safe and proper operation of your equipment.

B. It gives troubleshooting procedures, and specification information.

C. It gives ordering information for parts catalogs, service and technical manuals.

D. If your questions are not answered in the operator's manual, then go to Step 2.

Step 2

Contact your dealer

A. Your John Deere dealer has the responsibility, authority, and ability to answer questions, resolve problems, and fulfill your parts and service needs.

B. First, discuss your questions or problems with your dealer's trained parts and service staff.

C. If the parts and service people are unable to resolve your problem, see the dealership manager or owner.

D. If your questions or problems are not resolved by the dealer, then go to Step 3.

Step 3

Contact John Deere

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, contact John Deere for assistance.

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 equipment model number.
- Number of hours on machine (if applicable).
- Your serial number which you recorded on the inside front cover of this manual.
- If the problem is with an attachment, your attachment identification number.

C. Then call 1-800-537-8233 (United States and Canada) and our advisor will work with your dealer to investigate your concern. If you are outside the United States and Canada, visit the following website:

<https://www.deere.com/en/global-country-selector/>

Select your country and then click on the Contact Us link at the bottom of the page.

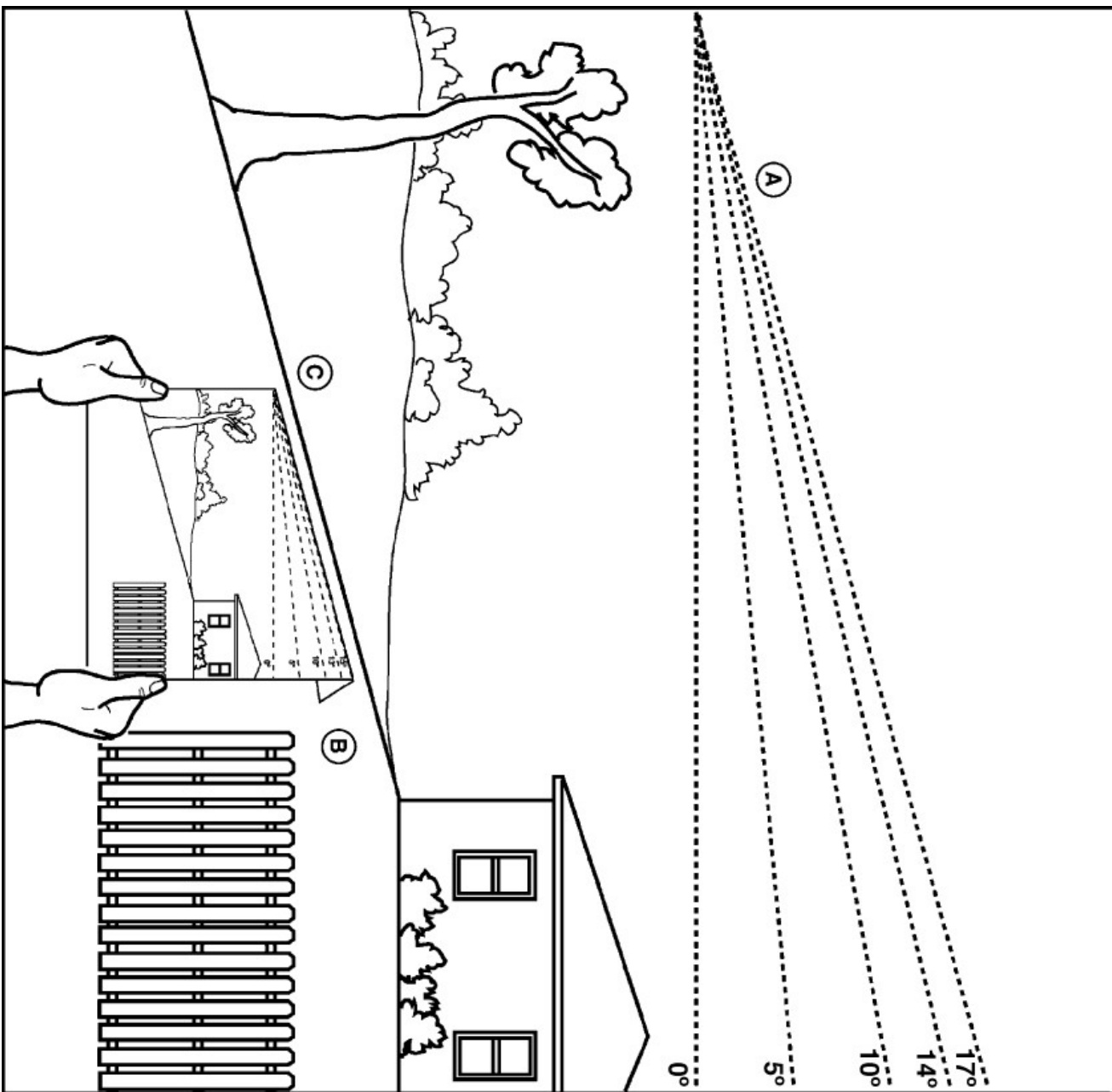
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Slope Gauge

Slope Gauge Template

Hold up or copy this page and follow the directions below to use the Slope Gauge Template.



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Use this slope gauge to determine if a slope is too steep for safe operation. Do not operate your machine on a slope greater than what is recommended in your operator's manual. See Operating on Slopes in the Safety section.

- Fold along the appropriate line (A) to match the recommended slope.
- Align this edge (B) with a vertical surface, a tree, building, fence pole, etc.
- Compare slope (C) with folded edge.

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