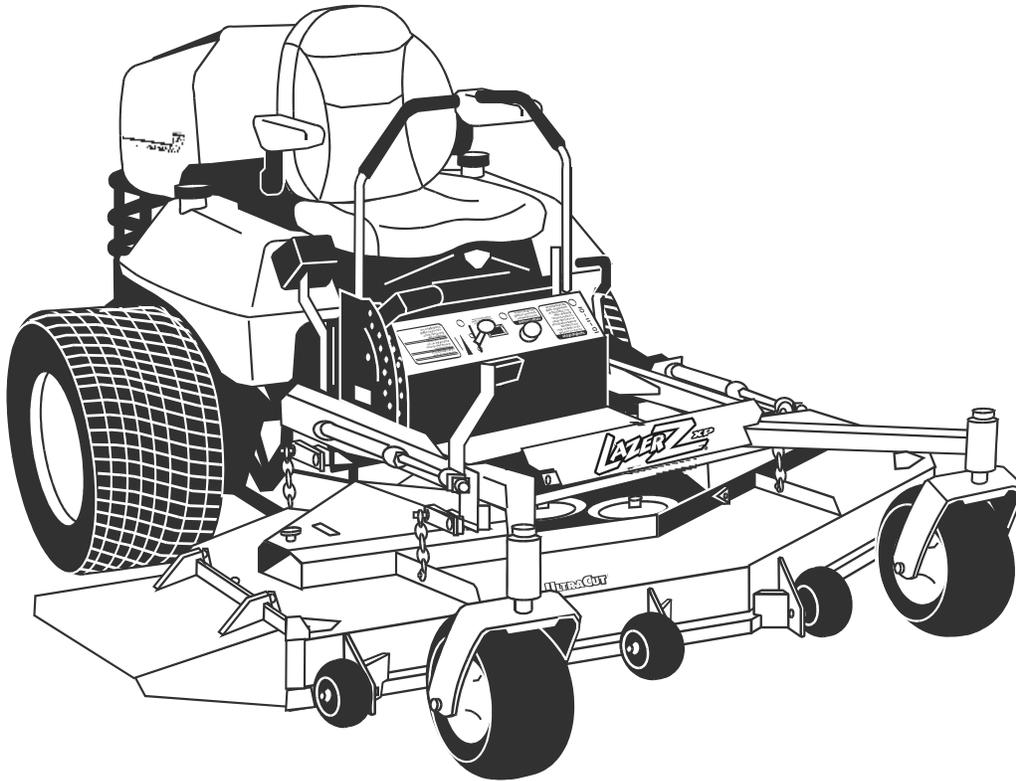


For Serial Nos.  
370,000 & Higher  
and  
320,000 - 369,999



# LAZER Z<sup>®</sup> XP

# OPERATOR'S MANUAL

**CONGRATULATIONS** on the purchase of your new Exmark mower. This product has been carefully designed and manufactured to give you a maximum amount of dependability and years of trouble-free operation. If additional information is needed, or should you require trained mechanic service, contact your authorized Exmark equipment dealer or distributor. If you need to order replacement parts from your dealer, always give the model number and serial number of your mower as well as the part number, description and quantity of the part needed.

The Serial No. plate is located on the right side of the console. For ease of ordering and reference, we suggest that you record the information requested in the following identification table.

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

Engine Model No. and Spec. No. (Code) \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

 **WARNING**

**POTENTIAL HAZARD**

- ◆ This product is a piece of power equipment.

**WHAT CAN HAPPEN**

- ◆ Failure to follow safe operating practices can result in serious operator injury or even death.

**HOW TO AVOID THE HAZARD**

- ◆ Keep all shields, guards, and safety devices (especially the grass discharge system) in place and in proper working condition.
- ◆ Stop engine and wait for all moving parts to stop. Remove spark plug wire(s) or remove key before adjusting, servicing, or performing maintenance.
- ◆ If mower deck becomes clogged, stop engine and wait for all moving parts to stop. Remove spark plug wire(s) or remove key before cleaning blockage.
- ◆ Keep hands, feet, and clothing away from power driven parts.
- ◆ Keep others off mower.

 **WARNING**

**POTENTIAL HAZARD**

- ◆ Gasoline is harmful or fatal if swallowed. Long-term exposure to vapors has caused cancer in laboratory animals.

**WHAT CAN HAPPEN**

- ◆ Failure to use caution may cause serious injury or illness.

**HOW TO AVOID THE HAZARD**

- ◆ Avoid prolonged breathing of vapors.
- ◆ Keep face away from nozzle and gas tank/container opening.
- ◆ Keep away from eyes and skin.
- ◆ Never siphon by mouth.

**IMPORTANT**

When the mower is used or operated on any California forest, brush or grass covered land, a working spark arrester must be attached to the muffler. If not, the operator is violating state law, Section 4442 Public Resource Code. To acquire a spark arrester for your unit, see your Engine Service Dealer.

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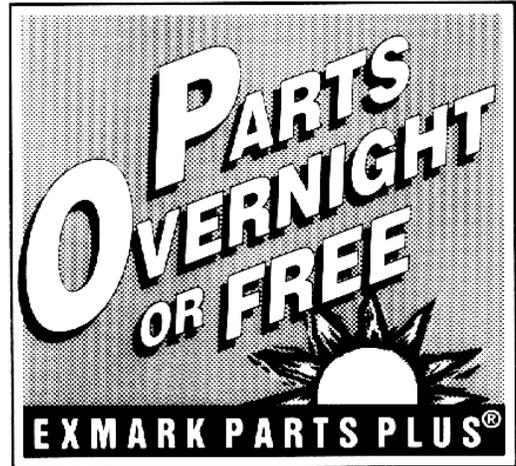
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## Program

If your Exmark dealer does not have the Exmark part in stock, Exmark will get the parts to the dealer the next business day or the part will be FREE\* Guaranteed!!

## *How the Program Works*

1. If dealer does not have part in stock for a "down" unit at the time of request by customer, the dealer contacts his distributor by 1:00 p.m., local time, and requests Exmark Parts Plus® shipment of six (6) line items or less.
2. Distributor ships part(s) to dealer or customer, as requested by dealer, same day, overnight UPS. Distributor bills dealer for part and freight charges where applicable.
3. If distributor does not have the part(s) in stock to satisfy Exmark Parts Plus® order, he contacts Exmark by 3:00 p.m., central time, with an Exmark Parts Plus® order of six (6) line items or less.
4. If order is received by 3:00 p.m. central time, Exmark ships part(s) direct to dealer or customer, as requested by distributor, same day, overnight UPS, Exmark bills the distributor for parts and shipping charges, where applicable.
5. The customer pays for the part and freight if it is shipped under the Exmark Parts Plus® and if it arrives in accordance to the program.
6. Who pays for the part and freight if it fails to arrive overnight in accordance to the program?
  - A. Under any circumstance the customer does not pay.
  - B. If the part does not arrive overnight due to:
    1. The dealer not submitting the Exmark Parts Plus® order to his Exmark distributor by 1:00 p.m., the dealer pays for the part and freight.
    2. The Distributor being unable to ship the part the same day or not submitting the Exmark Parts Plus® order to Exmark by 3:00 p.m., central time, the Distributor pays for the part and freight.
    3. Exmark being unable to ship the part and the Exmark parts order is received by 3:00 p.m., central time, Exmark pays for the part and freight.
    4. If the part does not arrive overnight due to the shipper (UPS), the shipper pays for the freight and Exmark pays for the part.



**The following restrictions apply** -- The Exmark Parts Plus® Program is available only through participating Exmark Dealers and applies only to orders submitted on this program Monday through Thursday. Parts Plus service is available only in the 48 contiguous United States. UPS has initiated a Saturday delivery program to many areas of the continental United States and can be requested for an overnight shipment on Friday to be delivered Saturday. The next day air charge, plus the Saturday delivery fee will be the responsibility of the purchaser. Exmark Mfg. will assume no responsibility for Saturday delivery shipments. To qualify, all Exmark Parts Plus® orders must be received by Exmark by 3:00 p.m., central time. Orders must be six (6) line items or less. Exclusions from the Exmark Parts Plus® Program are: Any wholegood or accessory in its entirety, engines and engine replacement parts, 5-speed Peerless transmissions and 5-speed transaxles, hydraulic or hydrostatic wheel motors, cutter decks and engine decks or any item exceeding United Parcel Service size and weight restrictions.

Due to UPS restrictions, aerosol spray paint is considered a hazardous material and cannot be shipped via UPS next day or Second Day Air.

Exmark Manufacturing stocks a limited supply of parts for transaxles, pumps and wheel motors. These parts can be ordered for Next Day Air shipment but will not be guaranteed per the Parts Plus Program

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## **OPERATOR'S MANUAL**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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# 1. SAFETY

## 1.1 SAFETY ALERT SYMBOL

This SAFETY ALERT SYMBOL  is used both in this manual and on the machine to identify important safety messages which must be followed to avoid accidents. This symbol means:

### **ATTENTION! BECOME ALERT! YOUR SAFETY IS INVOLVED!**

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

**DANGER:** White lettering/Red background. Indicates an imminently hazardous situation which, if not avoided, **WILL** result in death or serious injury.

**WARNING:** Black lettering/Orange background. Indicates a potentially hazardous situation which, if not avoided, **COULD** result in death or serious injury.

**CAUTION:** Black lettering/Yellow background. Indicates a potentially hazardous situation which, if not avoided, **MAY** result in minor or moderate injury.

## 1.2 TRAINING

- 1.2.1 Regard the Exmark mower as a piece of power equipment and teach this regard to all who operate this unit.
- 1.2.2 Read the instructions carefully. Familiarize yourself with the controls and the proper use of the equipment. If the operator(s) or mechanic(s) can not read English it is the owner's responsibility to explain this material to them.
- 1.2.3 Do not allow operation of this machine by untrained personnel. Never allow children, teenagers, or people unfamiliar with these instructions to use the mower. Local regulations may restrict the age of the operator.
- 1.2.4 Avoid mowing while people, especially children, or pets, are nearby. Keep in mind that the operator or user is responsible for accidents or hazards occurring to other people or their property.

## 1.3 PREPARATION

- 1.3.1 Evaluate the terrain to determine what accessories and attachments are needed to properly and safely perform the job. Only use accessories and attachments approved by Exmark.
- 1.3.2 The use of personal protective equipment, such as (but not limited to) protection for the eyes, ears, feet, and head is recommended.

 <b>CAUTION</b>
<b>POTENTIAL HAZARD</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◆ This machine produces sound levels in excess of 85 dBA at the operator's ear when in operation.</li></ul>
<b>WHAT CAN HAPPEN</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◆ Exposure to sound levels of 85 dBA or above for extended periods of time can cause hearing loss.</li></ul>
<b>HOW TO AVOID THE HAZARD</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◆ Wear hearing protection when operating this machine.</li></ul>

- 1.3.3 While mowing, always wear substantial footwear and long trousers. Do not operate equipment when barefoot or when wearing open sandals.

- 1.3.4 Thoroughly inspect the area where the equipment is to be used and remove all stones, sticks, wires, bones, and other foreign objects which may damage the equipment or cause personal injury to the operator or bystanders.

 <b>WARNING</b>
<b>POTENTIAL HAZARD</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◆ Engine exhaust contains carbon monoxide, which is an odorless deadly poison.</li></ul>
<b>WHAT CAN HAPPEN</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◆ Carbon monoxide can kill you.</li></ul>
<b>HOW TO AVOID THE HAZARD</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◆ Do not run engine indoors or in a small confined area where dangerous carbon monoxide fumes can collect.</li></ul>

 <b>DANGER</b>
<b>POTENTIAL HAZARD</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◆ In certain conditions gasoline and diesel fuel are flammable and can be highly explosive.</li></ul>
<b>WHAT CAN HAPPEN</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◆ A fire or explosion from gasoline or diesel fuel can burn you, others, and cause property damage.</li></ul>
<b>HOW TO AVOID THE HAZARD</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◆ <i>DO NOT</i> smoke while refueling, and stay away from an open flame or where fuel fumes may be ignited by spark.</li><li>◆ Refuel only outdoors.</li><li>◆ Store fuel in an approved container and keep it out of the reach of children.</li><li>◆ Add fuel before starting the engine. <i>Never</i> remove the cap of the fuel tank or add fuel when engine is running or when the engine is hot.</li><li>◆ Never fill the fuel tank so that the fuel level rises above a level that is 1/2" below the bottom of the filler neck to allow for fuel expansion and prevent fuel spillage.</li><li>◆ If fuel is spilled, <i>DO NOT</i> attempt to start the engine. Move away from the area of the spill and avoid creating any source of ignition until fuel vapors have dissipated.</li><li>◆ Do not operate without entire exhaust system in place and in proper working condition.</li></ul>

## **DANGER**

### POTENTIAL HAZARD

- ◆ In certain conditions gasoline is extremely flammable and highly explosive.

### WHAT CAN HAPPEN

- ◆ A static charge can ignite gasoline vapors. A fire or explosion from gasoline can burn you, others, and cause property damage.

### HOW TO AVOID THE HAZARD

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

## **WARNING**

### POTENTIAL HAZARD

- ◆ Gasoline vapor can collect inside enclosed trailers and may be ignited by electrical sparks or hot engine/exhaust components.

### WHAT CAN HAPPEN

- ◆ Explosion and fire may occur, resulting in property damage, personal injury, and/or death.

### HOW TO AVOID THE HAZARD

- ◆ Provide adequate ventilation of any enclosed trailer to prevent build up of gasoline vapors, especially at floor level.
- ◆ Refuel only outdoors, never inside an enclosed trailer.
- ◆ Be sure all fuel tanks and gasoline storage containers have proper caps installed to prevent spillage and minimize vapor escaping into the trailer.
- ◆ Do not place any equipment that is leaking gasoline in an enclosed trailer.

## 1.4 OPERATION

**Although hazard control and accident prevention are partially dependent upon the design and configuration of the equipment, these factors are also dependent upon the awareness, concern, prudence, and proper training of the personnel involved in the operation, transport, maintenance, and storage of the equipment. It is essential that all Operator Safety Mechanisms be connected and in operating condition prior to use for mowing.**

 <b>WARNING</b>
<b>POTENTIAL HAZARD</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◆ Operating engine parts, especially the muffler, become extremely hot.</li></ul>
<b>WHAT CAN HAPPEN</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◆ Severe burns can occur on contact.</li><li>◆ Debris, such as leaves, grass, brush, etc. can catch fire.</li></ul>
<b>HOW TO AVOID THE HAZARD</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◆ Allow engine parts, especially the muffler, to cool before touching.</li><li>◆ Remove accumulated debris from muffler and engine area.</li><li>◆ Install and maintain in working order a spark arrester before using equipment on forest-covered, grass-covered, or brush-covered unimproved land.</li></ul>

 <b>WARNING</b>
<b>POTENTIAL HAZARD</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◆ Hands, feet, hair, clothing, or accessories can become entangled in rotating parts.</li></ul>
<b>WHAT CAN HAPPEN</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◆ Contact with rotating parts can cause traumatic amputation or severe lacerations.</li></ul>
<b>HOW TO AVOID THE HAZARD</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◆ Do not operate the machine without guards, shields, and safety devices in place and working.</li><li>◆ Keep hands, feet, hair, jewelry, or clothing away from rotating parts.</li></ul>

- 1.4.1 Give complete, undivided attention to the job at hand.
- 1.4.2 Mow only in daylight or good artificial light, keeping away from holes and hidden hazards. **NEVER** carry passengers.  
**DO NOT** operate the mower when children or others are in the area.
- 1.4.3 When feasible, avoid operating the equipment in wet grass.
- 1.4.4 Use **EXTREME** caution when mowing and/or turning on slopes as loss of traction and/or tip-over could occur. Drive slower on slopes. Progressively greater care is needed as the slope increases. **DO NOT** mow slopes greater than 15 degrees. Watch for ditches, holes, rocks, dips, and rises that change the operating angle. Keep away from drop-offs and steep banks. Avoid sudden starts when mowing uphill - mower may tip backwards. Loss of traction may occur going downhill - weight transfer to the front wheels may cause drive wheels to slip and cause loss of braking and steering. **DO NOT** mow slopes when grass is wet - slippery conditions affect steering and reduce traction and braking. The operator is responsible for safe operation on slopes. See inside the back cover to determine the approximate slope angle of the area to be mowed.

- 1.4.5 Use **EXTREME** caution when backing up. **LOOK BEHIND YOU!**
- 1.4.6 Stop the blades when crossing surfaces other than grass and when transporting the mower to and from the area to be mowed.
- 1.4.7 Never operate the mower with damaged guards, shields, or covers. Always have safety shields, guards, switches, and other devices in place and in proper working condition.
- 1.4.8 **DO NOT** change the engine governor settings or overspeed the engine. Operating an engine at excessive speed may increase the hazard of personal injury.
- 1.4.9 Disengage PTO before starting engine.
- 1.4.10 Start the engine carefully with feet well away from the blades.
- 1.4.11 Keep hands, feet, and clothing away from rotating parts while the mower is being operated.
- 1.4.12 Stop engine, wait for all moving parts to stop, and remove key:
- Before checking, cleaning, or working on the mower.
  - After striking a foreign object (inspect the mower for damage and make repairs before restarting and operating the mower).
  - Before clearing blockages.
  - Whenever you leave the mower.
- Stop the engine and wait for all moving parts to stop:
- Before refueling.
  - Before dumping the grass catcher.
- 1.4.13 Before stopping the engine, move the throttle control to the “SLOW” position. Keep on running at idle for a short time, (approximately one minute) then stop the engine.
- NOTE: For 31 HP Daihatsu Gas Units - Do not move the choke to the “ON” position to stop the engine. Backfire or engine damage may occur.
- 1.4.14 The fuel system is provided with a shut-off valve. Shut off the fuel:
- When the machine will not be used for a few days.
  - During transport to and from the job.
  - When parked inside a building.
- 1.4.15 This mower was designed for one operator only. Keep all others away from mower during operation.
- 1.4.16 **DO NOT** mow with the discharge deflector raised, removed, or altered unless there is a grass collection system or mulch kit in place and working properly.
- 1.4.17 Be Aware of the mower discharge and direct discharge away from others.
- 1.4.18 **DO NOT** operate the mower under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
- 1.4.19 Use extra care when approaching blind corners, shrubs, trees or other objects that may obscure vision.
- 1.4.20 If jump starting is required:
- a) connect the positive (+) power cable from the positive post on the booster battery to the positive post on the battery.
  - b) connect the negative or ground cable (-) from the negative post on the booster battery to the engine block as far away from the battery as possible.
  - c) disconnect battery cables in the reverse order after starting.

## 1.5 MAINTENANCE AND STORAGE

- 1.5.1 For engine maintenance, follow the engine manufacturer's recommendations precisely as stated in the engine manual.
- 1.5.2 Disconnect the battery cable from the negative battery post when the unit will be allowed to sit for more than 30 days without use.
- 1.5.3 Allowing batteries to stand for an extended period of time without recharging them will result in reduced performance and service life. To preserve optimum battery performance and life, recharge batteries in storage when the open circuit voltage drops to 12.4 volts.  

Note: To prevent damage due to freezing, battery should be fully charged before putting away for winter storage.
- 1.5.4 Keep engine and engine area free from accumulation of grass, leaves, excessive grease or oil, and other debris, which can accumulate in these areas. These materials can become flammable and may result in a fire.
- 1.5.5 Store fuel in a container specifically designed for this purpose in a cool, dry place.
- 1.5.6 Keep the mower and fuel container in locked storage to prevent children from playing or tampering with them.
- 1.5.7 Gasoline powered equipment or fuel containers should not be stored in a basement or any enclosed area where open pilot lights or heat appliances are present.
- 1.5.8 Maximum mowing results and safety can only be achieved if the mower is properly maintained and operated correctly.
- 1.5.9 Check all bolts frequently to maintain proper tightness.
- 1.5.10 Keep all guards, shields, and all safety devices in place and in safe working condition.
- 1.5.11 Frequently check for worn or deteriorating components that could create a hazard.
- 1.5.12 All replacement parts must be the same as or equivalent to the parts supplied as original equipment.

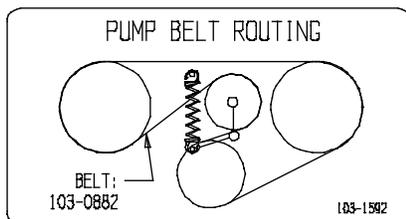
 <b>WARNING</b>
<b>POTENTIAL HAZARD</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◆ Hydraulic fluid escaping under pressure can penetrate skin and cause injury.</li></ul>
<b>WHAT CAN HAPPEN</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◆ Fluid accidentally injected into the skin must be surgically removed within a few hours by a doctor familiar with this form of injury or gangrene may result.</li></ul>
<b>HOW TO AVOID THE HAZARD</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◆ Make sure all hydraulic fluid hoses and lines are in good condition and all hydraulic connections and fittings are tight before applying pressure to hydraulic system.</li><li>◆ Keep body and hands away from pinhole leaks or nozzles that eject high pressure hydraulic fluid.</li><li>◆ Use cardboard or paper and not hands to find hydraulic leaks.</li><li>◆ Safely relieve all pressure in the hydraulic system, by placing the motion control levers in neutral and shutting off the engine, before performing any work on the hydraulic system.</li></ul>

 <b>WARNING</b>	
<b>POTENTIAL HAZARD</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Engine coolant is hot and pressurized.</li> <li>◆ Radiator and surrounding parts are hot.</li> </ul>	
<b>WHAT CAN HAPPEN</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Spray or steam from hot, pressurized liquid in the engine cooling system or touching a hot radiator may cause severe burns.</li> </ul>	
<b>HOW TO AVOID THE HAZARD</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Allow the engine to cool completely before removing the radiator cap or servicing any component of the cooling system.</li> </ul>	

 <b>CAUTION</b>	
<b>POTENTIAL HAZARD</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Engine coolant is toxic.</li> </ul>	
<b>WHAT CAN HAPPEN</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Swallowing coolant can cause poisoning.</li> </ul>	
<b>HOW TO AVOID THE HAZARD</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Do not swallow</li> <li>◆ Keep out of reach of children and pets.</li> </ul>	

## 1.6 SAFETY SIGNS

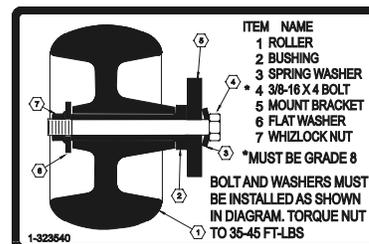
- 1.6.1 Keep all safety signs legible. Remove all grease, dirt, and debris from safety signs and instructional labels.
- 1.6.2 Safety signs must be replaced if they are missing or illegible.
- 1.6.3 When new components are installed, be sure that current safety signs are affixed to the replaced components.
- 1.6.4 New safety signs may be obtained from your authorized Exmark equipment dealer or distributor or from Exmark Mfg. Co. Inc.
- 1.6.5 Safety signs may be affixed by peeling off the backing to expose the adhesive surface. Apply only to a clean, dry surface. Smooth to remove any air bubbles.
- 1.6.6 Familiarize yourself with the following safety signs and instruction labels. They are critical to the safe operation of your Exmark commercial mower.



PART NO. 103-1592  
LOCATION: Rubber Heat Shield Flap Behind Seat



PART NO. 1-513748  
LOCATIONS: Bottom Side of Floorpan



PART NO. 1-323540  
LOCATION: Left Rear Corner Top of Mower Deck



PART NO. 1-513742  
LOCATION: Top of Mower Deck Belts Shields, Left and Right Sides

RELEASE



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PARK BRAKE

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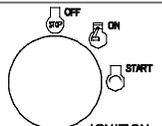
ENGAGE

**WARNING**

- Read operator's manual before operating.
- Do NOT operate unless trained to safely operate this machine.
- Do NOT operate without shields, guards, and safety devices in place and working.
- Do NOT carry passengers.
- Clear area of debris before mowing.
- Before leaving operator's position:
  - Disengage PTO.
  - Move drive levers out to neutral lock position.
  - Engage park brake.
- Shut off engine and remove key before adjusting, servicing, or cleaning.
- Use extreme caution when operating on slopes.
- Do NOT operate on slopes greater than 15°.
- Do NOT mow wet slopes.



Greater than 15°



IGNITION



PTO

Engage at 1/2 throttle.  
Disengage at idle.

**IMPORTANT:** Before starting engine, clean grass from pump drive belt compartment. Check more often in dry conditions.

103-1971

31 HP Daihatsu Gas Units Only  
 PART NO. 103-1971  
 LOCATION: LH Side of Console

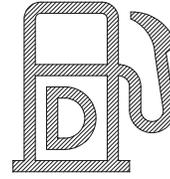
**CAUTION**



**HOT SURFACE**

103-2076

PART NO. 103-2076  
 LOCATION: Top of Radiator Trim Plate, LH & RH Sides



**DIESEL ONLY**

27 HP Daihatsu Diesel Units Only  
 PART NO. 103-1636  
 LOCATION: Top of Fuel Tanks

MERCURY SWITCH PART NUMBER 1-633782. SEE OPERATOR'S MANUAL FOR DISPOSAL INSTRUCTIONS 1-643401

PART NO. 1-643401  
 LOCATION: On Tilt Switch

T H R O T T L E



**DANGER**

- Thrown objects or blade contact can cause serious injury or death.
- Keep all people and pets out of area when mowing.
- Avoid blades unless blades and engine are stopped.



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CUTTING HEIGHT

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**CAUTION**

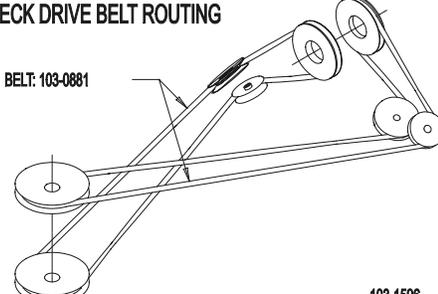
- Hearing protection recommended.

103-1980

PART NO. 103-1980  
 LOCATION: RH Side of Console

**DECK DRIVE BELT ROUTING**

BELT: 103-0881



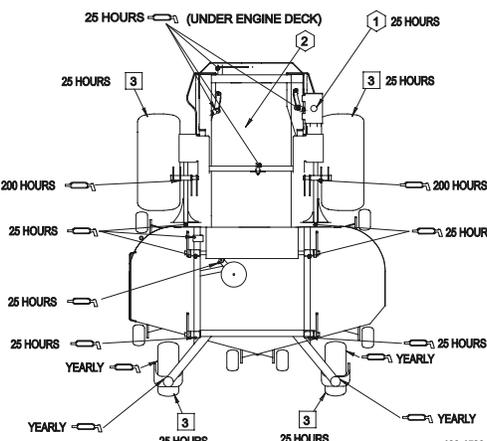
103-1596

PART NO. 103-1596  
 LOCATION: Center Inside of the Rear Bumper

CHECK/SERVICE REFERENCE AID

- ← GREASE LUBE POINTS AT INTERVALS SHOWN.
- ① CHECK HYDRAULIC FLUID AT INTERVAL SHOWN. (USE ONLY MOBIL 1 15W-50 SYNTHETIC MOTOR OIL.)
- ② SEE ENGINE OPERATORS MANUAL FOR SERVICING ENGINE.
- ③ CHECK TIRE PRESSURE - 13 PSI AT INTERVAL SHOWN.

SEE OPERATORS MANUAL FOR ADDITIONAL DETAILS



103-1593

PART NO. 103-1593  
 LOCATION: Bottom Side of Floorpan

**WARNING**

DISENGAGE BLADE CLUTCH, SHUT OFF ENGINE AND REMOVE KEY BEFORE MAKING ADJUSTMENTS, SERVICING OR CLEANING DECK.

1-633313

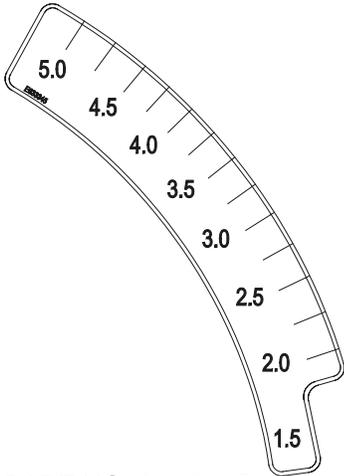
PART NO. 1-633313  
 LOCATION: RH Side on Top Front Mower Deck

**CAUTION**

- Loose or Damaged Blade Bolt may allow blade to come out from under deck at HIGH SPEED.
- Replace Blade Bolt after striking a foreign object.
- Torque Blade Bolt to 115-120 FT-LBS(156-163N m)

SEE OPERATOR'S MANUAL 103-1077

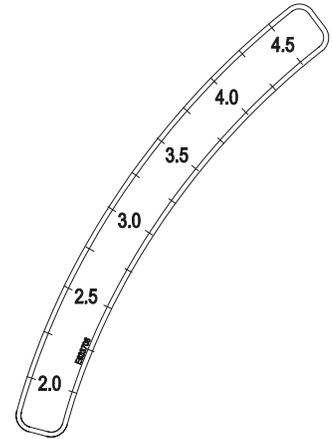
PART NO. 103-1077  
 LOCATION: Top LH Side of Mower Deck next to Stiffener



PART NO. 1-633345  
LOCATION: RH Side of Cutting Height Adjustment Plate



PART NO. 1-403005  
LOCATION: Left and Right Corners of Mower Deck



PART NO. 1-633706  
LOCATION: LH Side of Cutting Height Adjustment Plate



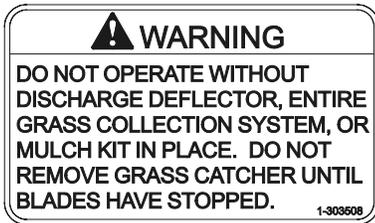
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LOCATION: Rear RH Side of Engine Deck



PART NO. 1-643253  
LOCATION: LH and RH Sides of Radiator Mount Plate



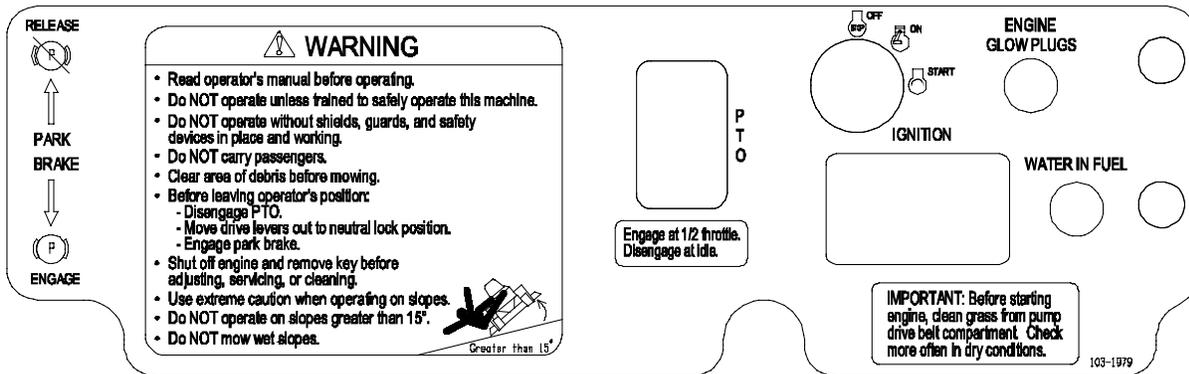
PART NO. 98-5954  
LOCATION: - Under LH and RH Belt Shields  
- Radiator Fan Pump Idler Arm



PART NO. 1-303508  
LOCATION: RH Side on Top Rear of Mower Deck



PART NO. 103-0368  
LOCATION: - Air Deflector Shield Behind Seat



27 HP Daihatsu Diesel Units Only  
PART NO. 103-1979  
LOCATION: LH Side of Console

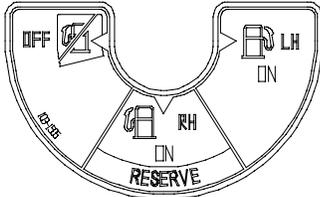
HYDRAULIC OIL - USE ONLY  
**MOBIL 1 SAE 15W-50  
 SYNTHETIC ENGINE OIL**  
 FILL TO TOP OF BAFFLE

**CAUTION**

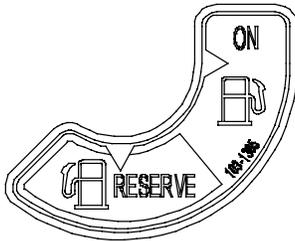
**HOT  
 SURFACE**

1-523552

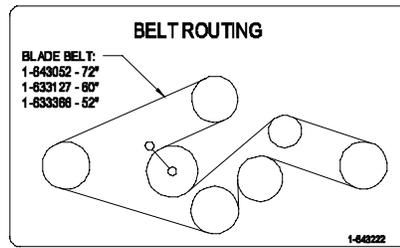
PART NO. 1-523552  
 LOCATION: Top of Hydraulic Reservoir



27 HP Daihatsu Diesel Units Only  
 PART NO. 103-1505  
 LOCATION: Left of Center on Front of Console



PART NO. 103-1365  
 LOCATION: Right of Center on Front of Console



PART NO. 1-643222  
 LOCATION: Left of Center on Mower Deck, Under Floor Pan

**ANTI-SCALP ROLLER  
 ADJUSTMENT**

FOR NORMAL OPERATING CONDITIONS, PLACE ROLLERS IN POSITIONS SHOWN FOR 3/4" (19) GROUND CLEARANCE.

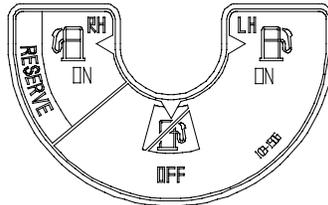
CUTTING HEIGHT  
 INCHES(mm)

2.0(51)
2.5(64)
3.0(76)
3.5(90)

FOR MAXIMUM FLOTATION, ROLLERS MAY BE POSITIONED LOWER, BUT MUST MAINTAIN A MINIMUM OF 1/4" GROUND CLEARANCE. NEVER POSITION THE ROLLERS TO SUPPORT THE MOWER DECK.

1-633922

PART NO. 1-633922  
 LOCATION: Front Center on Top of Mower Deck



31 HP Daihatsu Gas Units Only  
 PART NO. 103-1506  
 LOCATION: Left of Center on Front of Console

This cooling system protected by:

**Havoline® Extended Life  
 Anti-Freeze/Coolant DEX-COOL**

- Top off only with Havoline® Extended Life Anti-Freeze/Coolant DEX-COOL
- Suggested change interval is at 4 years or 4,000 hours of service
- Do not mix with conventional coolants
- Havoline® Extended Life Anti-Freeze/Coolant is available at your local auto parts store

Another Product Innovation From:

PART NO. 103-0223  
 LOCATION: LH Side on Top of Radiator

**IMPORTANT: WARNING BUZZER**

IF ALARM SOUNDS, SHUT DOWN UNIT AND CONSULT OPERATOR'S MANUAL FOR FURTHER INSTRUCTION, OR ENGINE DAMAGE MAY OCCUR.

	=		OR	
PULSE TONE	=	LOW OIL PRESSURE		ALTERNATOR NOT CHARGING
	=			ENGINE OVERHEATING
CONTINUOUS TONE	=			

PART NO. 103-3276  
 LOCATION: Air Deflector Shield behind seat, LH Side next to Buzzer

MOTION CONTROL

**CAUTION**

Mercury in fill switch is poisonous and can cause severe illness.  
 • Never attempt to open or repair switch.  
 • Avoid contact with mercury.  
 • See operator's manual for disposal guide.

**WARNING**

Battery contains sulfuric acid. Avoid contact and always shield eyes, face, skin and clothing from battery. Cigarettes, flames or sparks could cause battery to explode. Do not charge or use booster cables or adjust post connections without proper training. In event of an accident flush with water and call a physician immediately. Keep out of reach of children.

**DRIVE WHEEL RELEASE**

Use 5/8 wrench  
 One turn counterclockwise to release  
 Do not over-tighten

MOTION CONTROL

PART NO. 103-0245  
 LOCATION: Top of console

## 2. SPECIFICATIONS

### 2.1 MODEL NUMBER:

Serial Nos. 320,000 – 369,999: LZ27DD604; LZ27DD724; LZ31DG604; LZ31DG724  
 Serial Nos. 370,000 and Higher: LZ27DD604; LZ27DD724; LZ31DG724

### 2.2 ENGINE:

2.2.1 Engine Specifications: See your Engine Owner's Manual

2.2.2 RPM: 27 HP Daihatsu Diesel

Full Speed: 3850 RPM (No Load) Idle: 1750 RPM

31 HP Daihatsu Gas

Full Speed: 3850 RPM (No Load) Idle: 1600 RPM

## 2.3 FUEL SYSTEM

2.3.1 Capacity: 11.0 gal. (2 L.)

2.3.2 Type of Fuel:

27 HP Daihatsu Diesel: Diesel fuel, 40 cetane or higher

**Note:** Do not use kerosene or gasoline instead of diesel fuel.  
Failure to observe this caution will damage the engine.

31 HP Daihatsu Gas: Regular **unleaded** gasoline, 87 octane or higher

2.3.3 Fuel Filter:

27 HP Daihatsu Diesel: Replaceable Canister -10 micron  
**Briggs & Stratton** P/N 820311

31 HP Daihatsu Gas: In-line 15 micron  
**Briggs & Stratton** P/N 498688

2.3.4 Fuel Shut-Off Valve: 1/4 turn increments

(Left tank, "OFF", Right tank/Reserve – Gas Units)

(Left tank, Right tank/Reserve, "OFF" – Diesel Units)

Fuel Reserve Valve: 1/4 turn increment (Right tank, "Reserve")

## 2.4 ELECTRICAL SYSTEM

2.4.1 Charging System: External Alternator

2.4.2 Charging Capacity: 40 Amps

2.4.3 Battery Type: BCI Group Size 26

2.4.4 Battery Voltage: 12 Volt

2.4.5 Polarity: Negative Ground

2.4.6 Fuses: One 40 amp and one 20 amp blade type

2.4.7 Safety Interlock System:

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

Operator must be in seat **when PTO is engaged**, **brake is disengaged**, or **motion control levers are moved in** or engine will stop.

Engine will stop if either the left, the right, or both levers are **moved from neutral lock position while brake is engaged**.

2.4.8 Tilt Switch: Shuts off the engine when the unit is tilted more than 60° from horizontal.

## 2.5 COOLING SYSTEM

2.5.1 Fan: Hydraulic, continuous operation with engine running

2.5.2 Coolant Liquid: 50/50 mix of Dex-Cool © extended life antifreeze and water.

2.5.3 Coolant Capacity: 2 gallons (7.6 L)

## 2.6 OPERATOR CONTROLS

2.6.1 Steering and Motion Control:

Separate levers, on each side of the console, control speed and direction of travel of the respective drive wheels.

Steering is controlled by varying the position of the levers relative to each other.

Moving motion control levers outward (in slots) locks the drive system in neutral.

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

- 2.6.2 PTO Engagement Switch: Engages electric clutch (to drive belts) which engage mower blades.
- 2.6.3 Parking Brake Lever: Engages parking brake.
- 2.6.4 Deck Height Adjustment Lever: Sets cutting height to desired position.
- 2.6.5 Deck Lift Assist Lever: Foot pedal that assists in raising the deck.

## 2.7 SEAT

- 2.7.1 Type: Deluxe suspension seat with high back, low profile foam-in-place cushion (dampened, adjustable spring suspension) and armrests.
- 2.7.2 Mounting: Hinged to tilt up for access to hydraulic pumps, battery and other components. Held in tilted position with prop rod. Adjustable fore and aft seat track.
- 2.7.3 Armrests: Molded adjustable flip-up armrests.
- 2.7.4 Seat Safety Switch: Incorporated into the Safety Interlock System. Time delay seat switch eliminates rough ground cut-outs.

## 2.8 HYDROSTATIC GROUND DRIVE SYSTEM

- 2.8.1 Hydrostatic Pumps: Two Hydro Gear BDP-21L variable displacement piston pumps.
- 2.8.2 Wheel Motors: Two Parker/Ross with 1 1/4" tapered shafts.
- 2.8.3 Hydraulic Oil Type: Synthetic Mobil 1 15W-50.
- 2.8.4 Hydraulic Oil Capacity: 4 qt. (3.8 L.)
- 2.8.5 Hydraulic Filter: Replaceable cartridge type.  
P/N 103-2146: 25 microns, No bypass
- 2.8.6 Speeds: 0 - 11.0 mph (17.7 km/hr) forward.  
0 - 7.0 mph (11.3 km/hr) reverse.
- 2.8.7 Drive wheel release valves allow machine to be moved when engine is not running.

## 2.9 TIRES AND WHEELS

2.9.1	Tires	<u>Drive</u>	<u>Front Caster</u>
	Qty: .....	2 .....	2 .....
	Ply: .....	4 .....	4 .....
	Infl: .....	13 psi (90 kPa).....	13 psi (90 kPa)
	Size: .....	24 x 12.0-12 .....	13 x 6.50-6
	Tread: .....	"Turf Master" or "Multi Trac C/S" .....	Smooth

## 2.10 CUTTING DECK

- 2.10.1 Cutting Width: 72 in. (182.9 cm)  
60 in. (152.4 cm)
- 2.10.2 Discharge: Side
- 2.10.3 Blade Size: (3 each) w/60" Deck 20.5 in. (52.1 cm)  
w/72" Deck 24.5 in. (62.2 cm)
- 2.10.4 Blade Spindles: Solid steel spindles with 1" I.D. bearings.
- 2.10.5 Deck Drive: Electric clutch mounted on horizontal engine shaft. 2 - "A" Section belts (with self-tensioning idlers) from electric clutch to transfer shaft mounted on deck.  
Blades are driven by one "B" Section belt (w/self-tensioning idler) from transfer shaft on deck to blade spindles.
- 2.10.6 Deck: Full floating deck is attached to out-front support frame. Six anti-scalp rollers provide maximum turf protection. Deck design allows for bagging, mulching or side discharge.

- 2.10.7 Deck Depth: 5.5" (14.0 cm)
- 2.10.8 Cutting Height Adjustment: an extra-long cushioned lever is used to adjust the cutting height from 1 1/2" (3.8 cm) to 5" (10.2 cm.) in 1/4"(6.4 mm) increments for. The cutting height adjustment handle has a transport position and all adjustments can be made while the operator remains seated. Units also have a foot operated deck lift assist lever to aid in raising the deck.
- 2.10.9 Mulching Kit: Optional.

## 2.11 DIMENSIONS

- 2.11.1 Overall Width:

	<i>without deck</i>	<i>deflector up</i>	<i>deflector down</i>
60" Deck	54.5 in. (138.4 cm)	61.4 in. (156.0 cm)	72.2" (183.4cm)
72" Deck	58.5 in. (148.6 cm)	73.2 in. (185.9 cm)	84.3" (214.1cm)

- 2.11.2 Overall Length: 60" decks – 82.2 in. (208.8 cm)  
72" decks – 85.96. (217.2cm)
- 2.11.3 Overall Height: 50 in. (127.0 cm) (height will vary slightly depending on seat setting)
- 2.11.4 Tread Width: (center to center of tires, widthwise)  
Drive wheels: w/60" Deck – 42.8 in. (108.7 cm)  
w/72" Deck – 46.8 in. (118.9 cm)  
Casters: w/60" Deck – 38.9 in. (98.8 cm)  
w/72" Deck – 47.6 in. (120.9 cm)
- 2.11.5 Wheel Base: (center of caster tire to center of drive tire)  
w/60" Decks – 54.0 in. (137.2 cm)  
w/72" Deck – 56.8 in. (144.3 cm)
- 2.11.6 Curb Weight  
27 HP Daihatsu Diesel: w/60" Deck – 1565 lbs. (709 kg)  
w/72" Deck – 1583 lbs. (718 kg)  
31 HP Daihatsu Gas: w/60" Deck – 1541 lbs. (699 kg)  
w/72" Deck – 1542 lbs. (699 kg)

## 2.12 TORQUE REQUIREMENTS

<u>Bolt Location</u>	<u>Torque</u>
Cutter Housing Spindle Nut (S/N 351,999 & lower).....	75-80 ft-lbs. (102-109 N-m)
Cutter Housing Spindle Nut (S/N 352,000 & higher) .....	140-145 ft-lbs. (190-197 N-m)
Blade Mounting Bolt .....	115-120 ft-lbs. (156-163 N-m)
Engine Deck/Front Frame Mount .....	30-35 ft-lbs. (41-48 N-m)
Anti-Scalp Roller Bolts.....	40-45 ft-lbs. (54-61 N-m)
Starter Mounting Bolts (M10).....	22-27 ft-lbs. (30-37 N-m)
Water Separator Mounting Bolts (M8) Diesel only .....	11-14 ft-lbs. (15-19 N-m)
Hydraulic Oil Filter Head Mounting Bolts (M6) .....	60-72 in-lbs. (7-8 N-m)
Wheel Lug Nuts .....	90-95 ft-lbs. (122-129 N-m)
Wheel Motor Mounting Bolts .....	72-77 ft-lbs. (98-104 N-m)
Wheel Hub Slotted Nut.....	minimum125 ft-lbs. (169 N-m)

## 3. ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS

### 3.1 UNCRATE MOWER

### 3.2 SERVICE BATTERY.

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

***The machine is shipped with a filled lead acid battery.***

3.2.1 Tilt seat up to gain access to the battery.

 <b>DANGER</b>
<b>POTENTIAL HAZARD</b> ◆ Charging the battery may produce explosive gases
<b>WHAT CAN HAPPEN</b> ◆ Battery gases can explode causing serious injury.
<b>HOW TO AVOID THE HAZARD</b> ◆ Keep sparks, flames, or cigarettes away from battery. ◆ Ventilate when charging or using battery in an enclosed space. ◆ Make sure venting path of battery is always open once battery is filled with acid.

3.2.2 Check the voltage of the battery with a digital voltmeter. Locate the voltage reading of the battery in the table below and charge the battery for the recommended time interval to bring the charge up to a full charge of 12.6 volts or greater.

**IMPORTANT:** When charging the battery, make sure the negative battery cables are disconnected and the battery charger has an output of 16 volts and 7 amps or less to avoid damaging the battery (see chart below for recommended charger settings).

Voltage Reading	Percent Charge	Maximum Charger Settings	Charging Interval
12.6 or greater	100%	16 volts/7 amps	No Charging Required
12.4 – 12.6	75 – 100%	16 volts/7 amps	30 Minutes
12.2 – 12.4	50 – 75%	16 volts/7 amps	1 Hour
12.0 – 12.2	25 – 50%	14.4 volts/4 amps	2 Hours
11.7 – 12.0	0 – 25%	14.4 volts/4 amps	3 Hours
11.7 or less	0%	14.4 volts/2 amps	6 Hours or More

 <b>CAUTION</b>
<b>POTENTIAL HAZARD</b> ◆ If the ignition is in the “ON” position there is potential for sparks and engagement of components.
<b>WHAT CAN HAPPEN</b> ◆ Sparks could cause an explosion or moving parts could accidentally engage causing personal injury.
<b>HOW TO AVOID THE HAZARD</b> ◆ Be sure ignition switch is in the “OFF” position before charging the battery.

3.2.3 Connect the negative battery cables.

**NOTE:** If the positive cable is also disconnected, connect the **positive (red) cable** to the positive terminal on the battery **first**, then connect the negative (black) cable to the negative terminal. Slip insulator boot over the positive terminal.

**NOTE:** If time does not permit charging the battery, or if charging equipment is not available, connect the negative battery cables and run the vehicle continuously for 20 to 30 minutes to sufficiently charge the battery.

 <b>WARNING</b>		
  	<b>BATTERY CONTAINS SULFURIC ACID, AVOID CONTACT AND ALWAYS SHIELD EYES, FACE, SKIN AND CLOTHING FROM BATTERY, CIGARETTES, FLAMES OR SPARKS COULD CAUSE BATTERY TO EXPLODE. DO NOT CHARGE</b>	<b>OR USE BOOSTER CABLES OR ADJUST POST CONNECTIONS WITHOUT PROPER TRAINING. IN EVENT OF AN ACCIDENT FLUSH WITH WATER AND CALL A PHYSICIAN IMMEDIATELY. KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN.</b>

### 3.3 INSTALL DRIVE WHEELS.

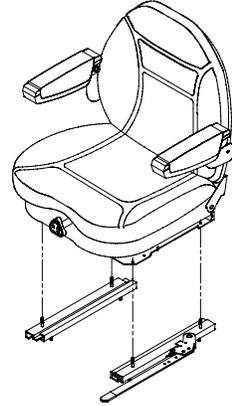
- 3.3.1 Mount drive wheels with the valve stem to the outside of the unit. Secure using four (4) 1/2-20 wheel nuts (installed on studs in hubs) for each wheel. Torque to 95 ft-lbs (128 N·M).

### 3.4 CHECK TIRE PRESSURE.

- 3.4.1 Check tire pressure in caster and drive tires. Proper inflation pressure for all four (4) tires is 13 psi (90 kPa). Adjust if necessary.

### 3.5 INSTALL SEAT.

- 3.5.1 The seat base frame with adjustable tracks and seat retaining rod are already attached to the unit. Remove the suspension seat from front of crate and discard the hardware. Position the seat with the holes on the studs in the adjustable tracks; be sure the left and right tracks are aligned (See Figure 1). Loosen the vinyl curtain frame at the rear by pushing down and ahead out of the hole. Secure the seat with four (4) 5/16 whizlock nuts. Reattach the vinyl curtain frame. Connect the terminal at the end of the wire tied to the seat frame to the switch in the bottom of the seat.



**FIGURE 1  
SUSPENSION  
SEAT INSTALLATION**

### 3.6 INSTALL MOTION CONTROL LEVERS.

- 3.6.1 Loosen and remove the two (2) 3/8"x1" bolts and spring disk washers which attach the motion control levers to the control arm shafts for shipping and the two (2) 3/8" x 1" bolts and spring disk washers which are screwed into the control arm shafts.

- a) Install the left motion control lever onto the control arm shaft (See Figure 2) on the left side of the console. Place the lever (with the mounting plate towards the rear) on the **outside** of the control arm shaft and secure with the bolts and washers. Position the lever so the bolts are in the center of the slots on the lever mounting plate and tighten until snug. Repeat on opposite side of unit.

**NOTE:** There are two lever height options available. Place the levers in the top two holes to increase height of the levers, or the bottom two holes to decrease the height of the levers.

If the levers do not align with each other when in the neutral position (See Figure 3), loosen the hardware and make the appropriate adjustment by sliding/tilting the lever(s) forward or backward until properly aligned and tighten hardware.



**FIGURE 2  
CONTROL ARM SHAFT**



**FIGURE 3  
LEVER ALIGNMENT**

- b) If the ends of the levers hit against each other while in the drive position (levers rotated in as far as possible), make adjustments by moving the levers outwards to the neutral lock position and carefully bend them outward. Move them back to the drive position and check for clearance, repeat if necessary.

### 3.7 POSITION DISCHARGE CHUTE.

- 3.7.1 Loosen two (2) 5/16" nyloc nuts attaching discharge chute. Lower the discharge chute into position. Retighten nyloc nuts until chute is snug but can pivot freely.

### 3.8 SERVICE ENGINE.

Refer to Engine Owner's Manual

### 3.9 SERVICE ENGINE COOLANT

Machine is shipped filled with engine coolant.

 <b>WARNING</b>
<b>POTENTIAL HAZARD</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Engine coolant is hot and pressurized.</li> <li>◆ Radiator and surrounding parts are hot.</li> </ul>
<b>WHAT CAN HAPPEN</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Spray or steam from hot, pressurized liquid in the engine cooling system or touching a hot radiator may cause severe burns.</li> </ul>
<b>HOW TO AVOID THE HAZARD</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Allow the engine to cool completely before removing the radiator cap or servicing any component of the cooling system.</li> </ul>

 <b>CAUTION</b>
<b>POTENTIAL HAZARD</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Engine coolant is toxic.</li> </ul>
<b>WHAT CAN HAPPEN</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Swallowing coolant can cause poisoning.</li> </ul>
<b>HOW TO AVOID THE HAZARD</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Do not swallow</li> <li>◆ Keep out of reach of children and pets.</li> </ul>

With machine on **level surface** and with **cool engine**, remove radiator cap (under hood) and add a 50/50 mix of water and Dex-Cool® extended life coolant until liquid level is as high as possible without overflowing. Reinstall radiator cap, making sure that the cap is completely seated by pressing down firmly while turning until the cap stops. Add 50/50 coolant mix to overflow bottle on the left side of the engine as required to bring the level up to the indicator line on the bottle.

NOTE: Units should only be filled with Dex-Cool® extended life coolant, which can be identified by its orange color.

### 3.10 SERVICE HYDRAULIC OIL

The machine is shipped with hydraulic oil in the reservoir. Run the machine for approximately 15 minutes to allow any extra air to purge out of the hydraulic system. Check hydraulic reservoir and if necessary fill the reservoir to the appropriate level with Mobil 1 15W-50 synthetic motor oil. Replace hydraulic reservoir cap and tighten until snug. **DO NOT overtighten.**

NOTE: The baffle has two levels. The upper level represents the “HOT” level and the lower level represents the “COLD” level. The oil level varies with the temperature of the oil. The “HOT” level shows the level of oil when it is a 225°F (107°C). The “COLD” level shows the level of the oil when it is at 75°F (24°C). Fill to the appropriate level depending upon the temperature of the oil. For example: If the oil is about 150°F (65°C), fill to halfway between the “HOT” and “COLD” levels. If the oil is at room temperature (about 75°F (24°C)), fill only to the “COLD” level.

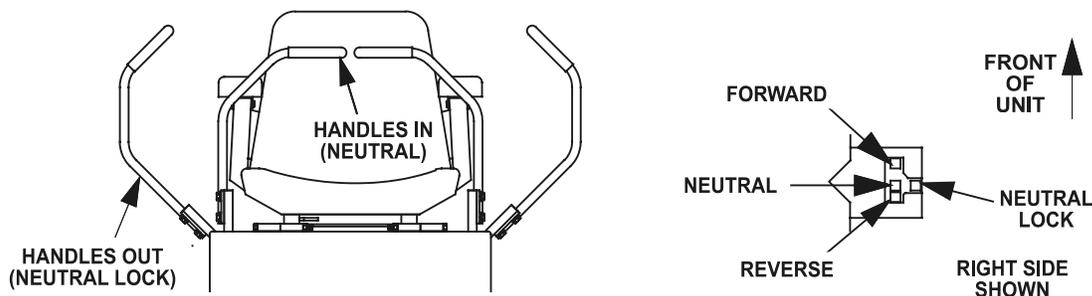
## 4. OPERATION INSTRUCTIONS

### 4.1 CONTROLS

- 4.1.1 Familiarize yourself with all controls before operating the mower.
- 4.1.2 Motion Control Levers: Located on each side of the console. The left lever controls the flow of hydraulic oil from the left hydrostatic pump to the left drive wheel motor. The right lever controls the flow of hydraulic oil from the right hydrostatic pump to the right drive wheel motor.

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

When levers are centered in the T-slot the drive system is in the neutral position. With levers moved out in the T-slot the drive system is in the **neutral lock** position (See Figure 4).



**FIGURE 4  
MOTION CONTROL POSITIONS**

By moving both levers an **equal** amount forward or back from the neutral position the machine can be caused to move forward or backward in a straight line.

Movement of the **left lever forward** will cause the **left drive wheel** to rotate in a forward direction. Movement of the **right lever forward** will cause the **right drive wheel** to rotate in a forward direction. To **stop** forward travel, pull the levers back to the neutral position.

To **turn left** while moving forward, move the **left lever** back toward neutral to slow the left drive wheel.

To **turn right** while moving forward, move the **right lever** back toward neutral to slow the right drive wheel.

To make a **zero turn** to the **left**, pull the left lever back beyond neutral while holding the right lever slightly ahead of neutral.

To make a **zero turn** to the **right**, pull the right lever back beyond neutral while holding the left lever slightly ahead of neutral.

Pulling the **levers back** from the neutral position will cause the respective drive wheels to rotate in a **reverse** direction (spring tension can be felt when moving into reverse from neutral).

To turn to the left while backing, move the left lever forward toward neutral. To turn to the right while backing, move the right lever forward toward neutral.



## CAUTION

### POTENTIAL HAZARD

- ◆ Machine can spin very rapidly by positioning one lever too much ahead of the other.

### WHAT CAN HAPPEN

- ◆ Operator may lose control of the machine, which may cause damage to the machine or injury.

### HOW TO AVOID THE HAZARD

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

- 4.1.3 **Tracking Adjustment Knob:** Located under the seat on the LH pump control link. Rotating this knob allows fine tuning adjustments so that the unit tracks straight with the drive levers in the full forward position.
- Stop machine and wait for all moving parts to stop. Engage park brake. Tilt seat forward to gain access to the tracking knob. Rotate the knob clockwise (as viewed from the rear of the machine) to cause the machine to track more to the right and counterclockwise to cause the machine to track more to the left. Adjust in quarter-turn increments until the machine tracks straight. Check that the machine does not creep when in neutral with the park brakes disengaged.
- IMPORTANT: Do not rotate the knob too far, as this may cause the unit to creep in neutral. Refer to section 5.2.13 for control linkage adjustment.**
- 4.1.4 **PTO Engagement Switch:** Located just left of center on the console (left side of ignition switch). Switch must be **pulled out** to the “**ROTATE**” position to engage the blades. Switch is pushed in to the “**STOP**” position to stop the blades.
- 4.1.5 **Choke Control (31 HP Daihatsu Gas Units Only):** Located at lower center of console (right side of ignition switch). Choke is used to aid in starting a cold engine. The choke control is **pulled out** to be in the “**ON**” position and **pushed in** to be in the “**OFF**” position. **DO NOT** run a warm engine with choke in the “**ON**” position.
- 4.1.6 **Throttle Control:** Located on console just right of center. Throttle is used to control engine speed. Moving throttle lever **forward** will increase engine speed and moving throttle lever **to the rear** will decrease engine speed.
- 4.1.7 **Brake Lever:** Located on left side of unit, just to the front of the console. The brake lever engages a parking brake on the drive wheels.
- Pull** the lever up and **rearward** to **engage** the brake.
- Push** the lever **forward** and **down** to **disengage** the brake.
- The unit must be tied down and brake engaged when transporting.
- 4.1.8 **Ignition Switch:** Located on the lower center of console.
- The ignition switch is used to start and stop the engine. The switch has three positions “**OFF**”, “**ON**” and “**START**”. Insert the key into switch and rotate clockwise to the “**ON**” position. Rotate clockwise to the next position to engage the starter (key must be held against spring pressure in this position).
- NOTE:** On 27 HP Daihatsu Diesel units a glow plug light, located to the right of the ignition switch, will illuminate when the switch is turned to the “**ON**” position. The glow plug light indicates the glow plugs are preheating the combustion chamber. Wait until the light goes out before rotating the key to the “**START**” position.
- Brake must be engaged, motion control levers out (neutral lock position) and PTO switch “OFF” to start engine.** (It is not necessary for the operator to be in the seat to start the engine.)
- 4.1.9 **Hour Meter:** Located on center of console. The hour meter is to record the number of hours that the engine has run. If the ignition switch is left “**ON**” without engine running, the hour meter will continue to run.

- 4.1.10 Fuel Shut-Off Valve: Located left of center on front of console. The fuel shut-off valve is used to shut off the fuel when the machine will not be used for a few days, during transport to and from the job site, and when parked inside a building. The valve has three positions. Each position is made in 1/4 turn increments.

NOTE: The positions for the 27 HP Daihatsu Diesel are different than the positions for the 31 HP Daihatsu Gas. Reference the table below for the correct locations.

FUEL FLOW	VALVE POSITION	
	31 HP Daihatsu Gas	27 HP Daihatsu Diesel
“OFF”	DOWN	RIGHT
RIGHT TANK “ON”	RIGHT	DOWN
LEFT TANK “ON”	LEFT	LEFT

- 4.1.11 Reserve Fuel Valve: Located right of center on front of console. The reserve fuel valve is used to release reserve fuel from the right tank when both the left and right fuel tanks have become empty. The valve has two positions. Each position is made in 1/4 turn increments. Reference the table below for the correct locations.

FUEL FLOW	VALVE POSITION
	ALL LAZER XP UNITS
RIGHT TANK “ON”	LEFT
RESERVE FUEL	DOWN

Return the valve the “Right Tank ON” position after refueling the right tank.

**Note:** For 27 HP Daihatsu Diesel units, the operator must prime the fuel system when the fuel tanks have gone empty. The primer pump is the gold button located under the seat next to the console in the front left-hand corner. To prime the system, push down on the primer pump until the tension becomes firm (approximately 10-15 pushes).

- 4.1.12 Drive Wheel Release Valves: Located on the top right front corner of hydrostatic pumps. Drive wheel release valves are used to release the hydrostatic drive system to allow the machine to be pushed without the engine running. Tilt seat up to gain access to pumps.

With a 5/8 wrench, turn both valves one turn counter-clockwise to release drive system. Turn clockwise to reset system. **DO NOT overtighten. DO NOT tow machine.**

- 4.1.13 Coolant Temperature Gauge: Located at the front of the right fuel tank. The coolant temperature gauge monitors the temperature of the engine coolant. The engine will overheat if the coolant temperature becomes too high.

- 4.1.14 Voltmeter: Located next to the Coolant Temperature Gauge at the front of the right fuel tank. The voltmeter measures the voltage output of the alternator. Both high and low voltages will potentially damage the battery.

- 4.1.15 Water in Fuel Light (27 HP Daihatsu Diesel Only): Located on the console to the right of the hour meter. An illuminated water in fuel light signals water in the diesel fuel. Water should be drained from the fuel filter if the light is on.

IMPORTANT: Water or other contaminants in fuel can **severely damage** fuel pump and/or other engine components.

- 4.1.16 Glow Plug Light (27 HP Daihatsu Diesel Only): Located on the console to the right of the ignition switch. The glow plug light comes on when the ignition switch is turned to the ON position. The glow plug light indicates the glow plugs are preheating the combustion chamber. Wait for the glow plug light to go out before starting the engine.

- 4.1.17 Warning Buzzer: Located behind the seat on the left hand side of the engine air deflector. The buzzer is a warning signal for the following circumstances:

- a) When the engine is not running and the ignition switch is turned to the ON position, the buzzer emits intermittent beeps. The intermittent beeps remind the user that the switch is ON and the hourmeter is running. A switch left ON could also drain the battery.
- b) When the engine is running and the buzzer emits a continuous beep, the buzzer is warning the user that the engine is overheating. Perform the following steps.
  1. Disengage the mower blades, and idle down the engine.
  2. Look at the temperature gauge to determine if temperature continues to increase. If it does, turn the unit off and allow the engine and engine components to cool.
  3. Check the coolant level. If necessary fill with coolant as described in Section 5.1.2.
  4. Remove any debris on or around the radiator that may restrict airflow.
  5. Check to see if the water pump/alternator belt is intact. If belt is missing, do not run unit, as unit can overheat and damage the engine. See Engine Service Dealer.
- c) When the engine is running and the buzzer emits intermittent beeps, the buzzer is warning the user that the engine oil pressure is low **or** the alternator is not charging. Perform the following steps.
  1. Turn the unit off, allow the engine and engine components to cool.
  2. Check the oil level and fill, if necessary, as described in Section 5.1.1.
  3. Check for oil leaking from engine. If the engine is leaking, see Engine Service Dealer.
  4. Check to see if the water pump/alternator belt is intact. If belt is present, there could be a charging problem, see Engine Service Dealer. If belt is missing, do not run, as unit can overheat and damage the engine. See Engine Service Dealer.

## 4.2 PRE-START

- 4.2.1 Fill fuel tanks.

**For 31 HP Daihatsu Gas Units:**

For best results use only clean, fresh regular grade **unleaded** gasoline with an octane rating of 87 or higher. Regular grade leaded gasoline may also be used; however, combustion chamber and cylinder head will require more frequent service. See Engine Owner's Manual.

**For 27 HP Daihatsu Diesel Units:**

For best results use only clean, fresh diesel fuel, with a cetane rating of 40 higher.

**NOTE:** Do not use kerosene or gasoline instead of diesel fuel. Failure to observe this caution will damage the engine.

**For All Units:**

**DO NOT** add oil to gasoline.

**DO NOT** overfill fuel tank. Never fill the fuel tank so that the fuel level rises above a level that is 1/2" below the bottom of the filler neck to allow for fuel expansion and prevent fuel spillage.

- 4.2.2 Make sure you understand the controls, their locations, their functions, and their safety requirements.
- 4.2.3 Refer to Maintenance, Section 5, and perform all the necessary inspection and maintenance steps.

## 4.3 MOWING

- 4.3.1 Open fuel shut-off valve (left or right tank).

4.3.2 Starting Engine:

- a) **Brake must be engaged, motion control levers out (neutral lock position) and PTO switch “OFF” to start engine.** (It is not necessary for the operator to be in the seat to start the engine.)

**For 31 HP Daihatsu Gas Units:**

- b) On a **warm** engine, place the **throttle midway** between the “SLOW” and “FAST” positions and leave the **choke** in the “OFF” position.

On a **cold** engine, place the **throttle in the** “FAST” position and pull the **choke** to the “ON” position.

- c) Turn ignition switch to the “start” position. Release the switch as soon as the engine starts.

**IMPORTANT: DO NOT crank the engine continuously for more than ten (10) seconds at a time. If the engine does not start, allow a 60 second cool-down period between starting attempts. Failure to follow these guidelines can burn out the starter motor.**

- d) After starting a **cold** engine, gradually return choke to the “OFF” position as the engine warms up.

**For 27 HP Daihatsu Diesel Units:**

- b) On a **warm** engine, place the **throttle** in the “SLOW” position.

On a **cold** engine (below 14° F (-10° C)), place the **throttle** in the “FAST” position.

Note: Do not use fuel left over from summer.

- c) Turn the ignition switch to the “ON” position. The glow plug light will turn on. Wait for the glow plug light to turn off and turn the ignition switch to the “START” position. Release the switch as soon as the engine starts.

**IMPORTANT: DO NOT crank the engine continuously for more than ten (10) seconds at a time. If the engine does not start, allow a 60 second cool-down period between starting attempts. Failure to follow these guidelines can burn out the starter motor.**

- c) Move the throttle to the “SLOW” (if in “FAST”) and let the engine warm up a few minutes before moving the throttle to the “FAST” position.

4.3.3 Engaging PTO:

 <b>DANGER</b>	
POTENTIAL HAZARD	◆ The rotating blades under the mower deck are dangerous.
WHAT CAN HAPPEN	◆ Blade contact can cause serious injury or kill you.
HOW TO AVOID THE HAZARD	◆ <b>DO NOT</b> put hands or feet under the mower or mower deck when the blades are engaged.

 <b>DANGER</b>
<b>POTENTIAL HAZARD</b> ♦ An uncovered discharge opening will allow objects to be thrown in an operator's or bystander's direction. Also, contact with blade could occur.
<b>WHAT CAN HAPPEN</b> ♦ Thrown objects or blade contact can cause serious injury or death.
<b>HOW TO AVOID THE HAZARD</b> ♦ Never operate mower with discharge deflector raised, removed, or altered unless there is a grass collection system or mulch kit in place and in proper working condition.

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

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

Set throttle to "midway" position. Pull outward on the switch to the "ROTATE" position. Accelerate to full throttle to begin mowing.

4.3.4 Stopping PTO: Set throttle to the "idle" position. Push in on the switch to the "STOP" position stopping the cutting blades.

4.3.5 Stopping Engine:

- a) Bring unit to a **full stop**. **Disengage** the PTO, **move motion control levers out** to the **neutral lock** position and **engage parking brake**.
- b) Before stopping the engine, move the throttle control to the "SLOW" position. Keep on running at idle for a short time, (approximately one minute) then stop the engine.

NOTE: For 31 HP Daihatsu Gas Units - Do not move the choke to the "ON" position to stop the engine. Backfire or engine damage may occur.

- c) Rotate ignition switch to "OFF" position. Remove the key to prevent children or other unauthorized persons from starting engine.
- d) Close fuel shut-off valve when machine will not be used for a few days, when transporting, and when the unit is parked inside a building.

## 4.4 TRANSPORTING

4.4.1 Transporting a Unit: Use a heavy-duty trailer or truck to transport the machine. Lock brake and block wheels. Securely fasten the machine to the trailer or truck with straps, chains, cable, or ropes. Be sure that the trailer or truck has all necessary lighting and marking as required by law. Secure a trailer with a safety chain.

 <b>CAUTION</b>	
<b>POTENTIAL HAZARD</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ This unit does not have proper turn signals, lights, reflective markings, or a slow moving vehicle emblem. These items are required to drive on a public street or roadway.</li> </ul>
<b>WHAT CAN HAPPEN</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Driving on a street or roadway without such equipment is dangerous and can lead to accidents causing personal injury.</li> <li>◆ Driving on a street or roadway without such equipment may also be a violation of State laws and the operator may be subject to traffic tickets and/or fines.</li> </ul>
<b>HOW TO AVOID THE HAZARD</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Do not drive a unit on a public street or roadway.</li> </ul>

 <b>WARNING</b>	
<b>POTENTIAL HAZARD</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Loading a unit on a trailer or truck increases the possibility of backward tip-over.</li> </ul>
<b>WHAT CAN HAPPEN</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Backward tip-over of the unit could cause serious injury or death.</li> </ul>
<b>HOW TO AVOID THE HAZARD</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Use extreme caution when operating a unit on a ramp.</li> <li>◆ Use only a single, full width ramp; <b>DO NOT</b> use individual ramps for each side of the unit.</li> <li>◆ If individual ramps must be used, use enough ramps to create an unbroken ramp surface wider than the unit.</li> <li>◆ <b>DO NOT</b> exceed a 15° angle between ramp and ground or between ramp and trailer or truck.</li> <li>◆ Avoid sudden acceleration while driving unit up a ramp to avoid tipping backward.</li> <li>◆ Avoid sudden deceleration while backing unit down a ramp to avoid tipping backward.</li> </ul>

#### 4.4.2

**Loading a Unit:** Use extreme caution when loading units on trailers or trucks. One full width ramp that is wide enough to extend beyond the rear tires is recommended instead of individual ramps for each side of the unit. The lower rear section of the tractor frame extends back between the rear wheels and serves as a stop for tipping backward. Having a full width ramp provides a surface for the frame members to contact if the unit starts to tip backward. If it is not possible to use one full width ramp, use enough individual ramps to simulate a full width continuous ramp.

Ramp should be long enough so that the angles between the ramp and the ground and the ramp and the trailer or truck do not exceed 15°. A steeper angle may cause mower deck components to get caught as the unit moves from ramp to trailer or truck. Steeper angles may also cause the unit to tip backward. If loading on or near a slope, position the trailer or truck so it is on the down side of the slope and the ramp extends up the slope. This will minimize the ramp angle. The trailer or truck should be as level as possible.

**DO NOT** attempt to turn the unit while on the ramp, you may lose control and drive off the side.

Avoid sudden acceleration when driving up a ramp and sudden deceleration when backing down a ramp. Both maneuvers can cause the unit to tip backward.

## 5. MAINTENANCE & ADJUSTMENTS

 <b>WARNING</b>
<b>POTENTIAL HAZARD</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◆ While maintenance or adjustments are being made, someone could start the engine.</li></ul>
<b>WHAT CAN HAPPEN</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◆ Accidental starting of the engine could seriously injure you or other bystanders.</li></ul>
<b>HOW TO AVOID THE HAZARD</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◆ Remove the key from the ignition switch and pull the wire(s) off the spark plug(s) before you do any maintenance. Also push the wire(s) aside so it does not accidentally contact the spark plug(s).</li></ul>

 <b>WARNING</b>
<b>POTENTIAL HAZARD</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◆ The engine can become very hot.</li></ul>
<b>WHAT CAN HAPPEN</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◆ Touching a hot engine can cause severe burns.</li></ul>
<b>HOW TO AVOID THE HAZARD</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◆ Allow the engine to cool completely before service or making repairs around the engine area.</li></ul>

### 5.1 PERIODIC MAINTENANCE

#### 5.1.1 Check engine oil level:

***Service Interval: Daily***

- Stop engine and wait for all moving parts to stop. Make sure machine is on a level surface.
- Check with engine cold.
- Clean area around dipstick. Remove dipstick and wipe oil off. Reinsert the dipstick and push it all the way down into the tube. Remove the dipstick and read the oil level.
- If the oil level is low, wipe off the area around the oil fill cap, remove cap and fill to the "FULL" mark on the dipstick. Use oil as specified in Engine Owner's Manual. **DO NOT** overfill.

**IMPORTANT: DO NOT operate the engine with the oil level below the "LOW" (or "ADD") mark on the dipstick, or over the "FULL" mark.**

#### 5.1.2 Check engine coolant level

***Service Interval: Daily***

- Stop engine and wait for all moving parts to stop. Make sure machine is on a level surface.
- Tilt seat up and tilt hood forward to gain access to the cooling area.
- Check with engine cold.

- d) View coolant level in overflow bottle on the left side of the engine. Coolant level should be at the indicator line on the overflow bottle.
- e) If the coolant level is low, remove the cap to the overflow bottle and fill to the indicator line. Use coolant specified in Section 2.5.2.

NOTE: Units should only be filled with Dex-Cool© extended life coolant, which can be identified by its orange color.

 <b>WARNING</b>
<b>POTENTIAL HAZARD</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Engine coolant is hot and pressurized.</li> <li>◆ Radiator and surrounding parts are hot.</li> </ul>
<b>WHAT CAN HAPPEN</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Spray or steam from hot, pressurized liquid in the engine cooling system or touching a hot radiator may cause severe burns.</li> </ul>
<b>HOW TO AVOID THE HAZARD</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Allow the engine to cool completely before removing the radiator cap or servicing any component of the cooling system.</li> </ul>

 <b>CAUTION</b>
<b>POTENTIAL HAZARD</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Engine coolant is toxic.</li> </ul>
<b>WHAT CAN HAPPEN</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Swallowing coolant can cause poisoning.</li> </ul>
<b>HOW TO AVOID THE HAZARD</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Do not swallow</li> <li>◆ Keep out of reach of children and pets.</li> </ul>

5.1.3 Check battery charge:

***Service Interval: Monthly***

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

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

- a) Check the voltage of the battery with a digital voltmeter. Locate the voltage reading of the battery in the table below and charge the battery for the recommended time interval to bring the charge up to a full charge of 12.6 volts or greater.

**IMPORTANT:** When charging the battery, make sure the negative battery cables are disconnected and the battery charger has an output of 16 volts and 7 amps or less to avoid damaging the battery (see chart below for recommended charger settings).

Voltage Reading	Percent Charge	Maximum Charger Settings	Charging Interval
12.6 or greater	100%	16 volts/7 amps	No Charging Required
12.4 – 12.6	75 – 100%	16 volts/7 amps	30 Minutes
12.2 – 12.4	50 – 75%	16 volts/7 amps	1 Hour
12.0 – 12.2	25 – 50%	14.4 volts/4 amps	2 Hours
11.7 – 12.0	0 – 25%	14.4 volts/4 amps	3 Hours
11.7 or less	0%	14.4 volts/2 amps	6 Hours or More

5.1.4 Clean engine cooling system:

**Service Interval: Daily or more often in dry conditions**

- a) Wipe debris from screen in engine cover. Rotate engine cover forward and wipe debris from radiator core as required. Inspect seals in engine cover and replace as necessary.

5.1.5 Clean grass build-up under deck.

**Service Interval: Daily**

- a) Stop engine, wait for all moving parts to stop, and remove key.
- b) Raise deck to the transport (5" (12.7cm) cutting height) position. Lift the front of unit and support unit using jack stands or equivalent support.

 <b>CAUTION</b>
<b>POTENTIAL HAZARD</b> ◆ Raising the mower deck for service or maintenance relying solely on mechanical or hydraulic jacks could be dangerous.
<b>WHAT CAN HAPPEN</b> ◆ The mechanical or hydraulic jacks may not be enough support or may malfunction allowing the unit to fall, which could cause injury.
<b>HOW TO AVOID THE HAZARD</b> ◆ DO NOT rely solely on mechanical or hydraulic jacks for support. Use adequate jack stands or equivalent support.

- c) Clean out any grass build-up from underside of deck and in discharge chute.

5.1.6 Check mower blades.

**Service Interval: Daily**

- a) Stop engine, wait for all moving parts to stop, and remove key.
- b) Lift deck and secure in raised position as stated in Section 5.1.5.
- c) Inspect blades and sharpen or replace as required.
- d) Re-install the blades (if they were removed) by placing a block of wood between the front or rear baffles and the blade then torquing the blade bolts to 115-120 ft-lbs. (156-13 N-m). Be sure the spring disc washer cone is installed toward the bolt head (See Figure 5).

## CAUTION

### POTENTIAL HAZARD

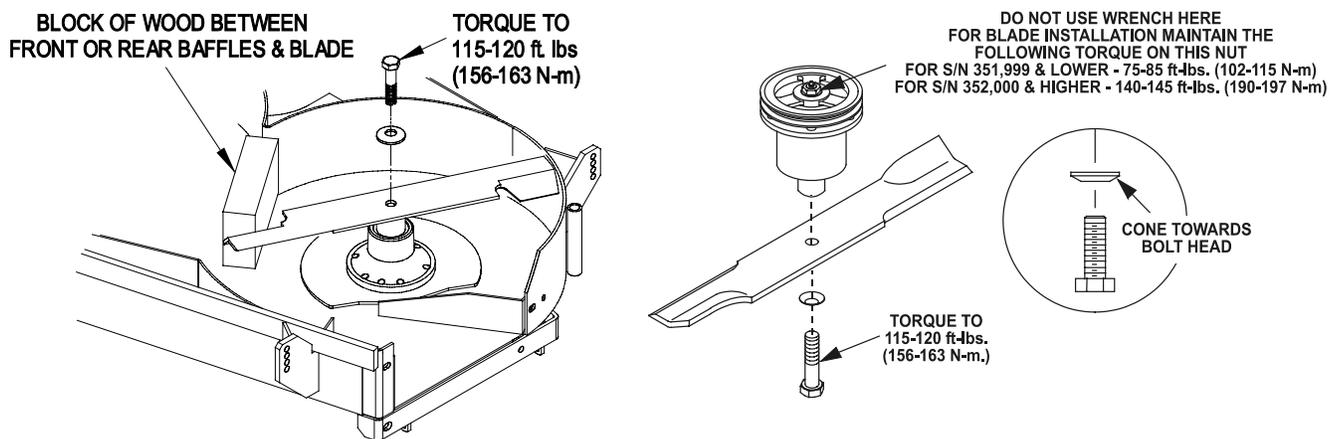
- ◆ Operating a mower deck with loose or weakened blade bolts can be dangerous.

### WHAT CAN HAPPEN

- ◆ A loose or weakened blade bolt could allow a blade rotating at a high speed to come out from under the deck, causing serious injury or property damage.

### HOW TO AVOID THE HAZARD

- ◆ Replace the blade bolt after striking a foreign object. (Use only Exmark replacement parts PN 103-1026 – blade bolt and PN 103-0865 – spring disk washer).
- ◆ DO NOT lubricate the threads of the bolt or spindle before assembly.
- ◆ Torque the blade bolt to 115-120 ft-lbs. (156-13 N-m).



**FIGURE 5**  
**BLADE BOLT INSTALLATION**

#### 5.1.7 Check safety interlock system.

##### **Service Interval: Daily**

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

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

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

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

- b) Check the kill circuits. Run engine at one-third throttle, **disengage** parking brake and **raise off** of seat (but do not get off of machine) engine **must stop** after approx. 1/2 second has elapsed (seat has time delay kill switch to prevent cut-outs on rough terrain).

Run engine at one-third throttle, **engage PTO** and **raise off** of seat (but do not get off of machine) engine **must stop** after 1/2 second has elapsed.

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

Again, run engine at one-third throttle, brake **engaged**, and move **left motion control lever in** - engine **must stop**. Repeat again moving the **right lever in**, then moving **both levers in** - engine **must stop** whether operator is **on seat or not**.

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

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

5.1.8 Check for loose hardware.

**Service Interval: Daily**

- a) Stop engine, wait for all moving parts to stop, and remove key.
- b) Visually inspect machine for any loose hardware or any other possible problem. Tighten hardware or correct the problem before operating.

5.1.9 Service air cleaner.

**Canister type, 2 stage cleaner:**

**Service Intervals:**

**First service interval – 50 hrs.**

**Normal service interval – 100 hrs.**

**Replacement interval – 600 hrs.**

**(more often under heavy load or high temperatures).**

- a) Stop engine, wait for all moving parts to stop, and remove key.
- b) Tilt seat up to gain access to the air cleaner.
- c) Loosen retaining clips and remove air cleaner compartment cover.
- d) Check paper element. **Gently** tap the paper element to dislodge any dirt. **DO NOT** wash or use pressurized air to clean paper element. Replace if dirty, bent or damaged.
- e) Reinstall paper element. Position the cover so that the rubber dust ejector is pointing downward and secure with retaining clips.

5.1.10 Change engine oil:

**Service Intervals:**

**First service interval – 50 hrs.**

**Normal service interval**

**– 31 HP Daihatsu Gas units – 200 hrs.**

**– 27 HP Daihatsu Diesel units – 100 hrs. (yearly if operated less than 100 hrs.)**

**(more often under heavy load or high temperatures).**

- a) Stop engine, wait for all moving parts to stop, and remove key.
- b) Tilt seat up and tilt hood forward to gain access to the engine area.
- c) Drain oil while engine is warm from operation.
- d) Remove the oil drain plug. There are two oil drain plugs available. One drain plug is located at the front of the engine; the other is located on the right side. Either drain plug can be used. Allow oil to drain then replace the drain plug.
- e) For 31 HP Daihatsu Gas units – Replace the oil filter **every** oil change.  
For 27 HP Daihatsu Diesel units – Replace the oil filter **every other** oil change.

- f) Clean around oil filter and unscrew filter to remove.
- g) Before reinstalling a new filter, apply a thin coating of fresh clean oil on the surface of the gasket.
- h) Turn filter clockwise until rubber seal contacts the filter adapter, then tighten filter an additional 1 full turn.
- i) Clean around oil fill cap and remove cap. Fill to specified capacity and replace cap. Use oil recommended in engine owner's manual. **DO NOT** overfill.
- j) Start the engine at idle for 5 minutes. Stop engine and wait three minutes, then check the oil level. If required, add oil to bring level to the "FULL" mark on the dipstick. **DO NOT** overfill.
- k) Check for leaks, including around the oil filter.

5.1.11

Change engine coolant:

**Service Interval: 4 years/4000 hours\* - Dex-Cool© extended life coolant (orange color)**

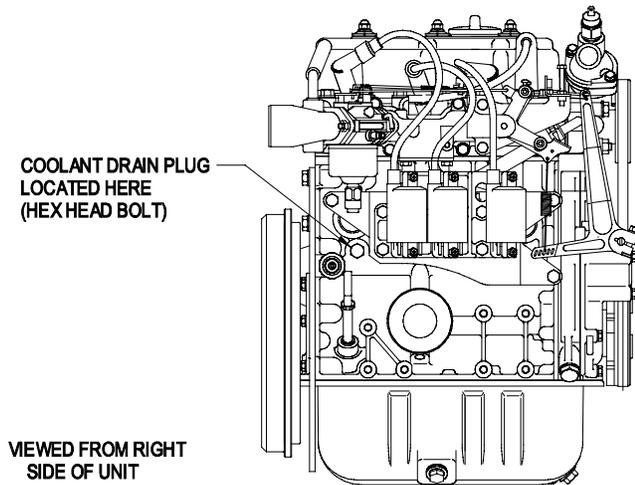
*\* It is recommended to service at whichever interval happens first.*

- a) Stop engine, wait for all moving parts to stop, and remove key. Machine must be positioned on level surface.
- b) Tilt seat up and tilt hood forward to gain access to the cooling area.

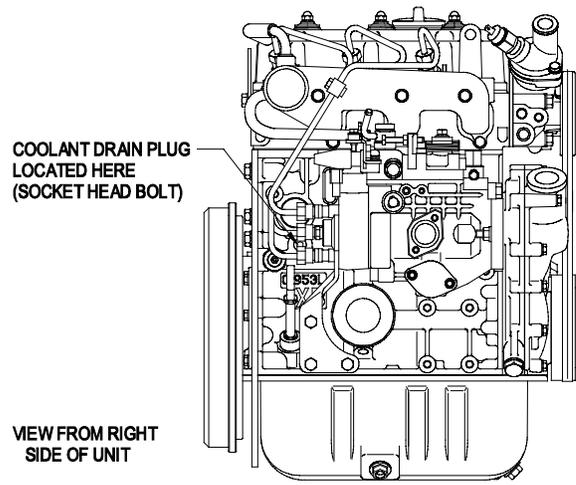
 <b>WARNING</b>
<b>POTENTIAL HAZARD</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Engine coolant is hot and pressurized.</li> <li>◆ Radiator and surrounding parts are hot.</li> </ul>
<b>WHAT CAN HAPPEN</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Spray or steam from hot, pressurized liquid in the engine cooling system or touching a hot radiator may cause severe burns.</li> </ul>
<b>HOW TO AVOID THE HAZARD</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Allow the engine to cool completely before removing the radiator cap or servicing any component of the cooling system.</li> </ul>

 <b>CAUTION</b>
<b>POTENTIAL HAZARD</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Engine coolant is toxic.</li> </ul>
<b>WHAT CAN HAPPEN</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Swallowing coolant can cause poisoning.</li> </ul>
<b>HOW TO AVOID THE HAZARD</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Do not swallow</li> <li>◆ Keep out of reach of children and pets.</li> </ul>

Drain coolant when engine is cool. Coolant may be drained from the radiator by loosening the drain cock in the right rear corner. The engine block may be drained by removing the rear radiator hose and/or by removing the drain plugs from the engine block. The plugs may be accessed from the right side of the unit and are located as shown in Figure 6. The 31 HP Daihatsu gas has a hex head bolt for the drain plug. The 27 HP Daihatsu diesel has a socket head bolt for the drain plug.



**31 HP DAIHATSU GAS**



**27 HP DAIHATSU DIESEL**

**FIGURE 6  
COOLANT PLUG LOCATION**

- a) Re-install all drain plugs and hoses and tighten drain cock.
- b) Fill radiator with a 50/50 mix of water and Dex-Cool © coolant, allowing some room (approximately 1/2" (1.27 cm)) for expansion. Add 50/50 coolant mix to overflow bottle on the left side of the engine as required to bring the level up to the indicator line on the bottle.

 <b>WARNING</b>	
<b>POTENTIAL HAZARD</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Engine compartment contains open belt drives and fans.</li> <li>◆ Rotating components can cause injury</li> </ul>	
<b>WHAT CAN HAPPEN</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Fingers, hands, loose clothing or jewelry can get caught by the rotating fan and drive shaft.</li> </ul>	
<b>HOW TO AVOID THE HAZARD</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Do not operate machine without the covers in place.</li> <li>◆ Keep fingers, hands, and clothing clear of rotating components.</li> <li>◆ Shut off engine, wait for all moving parts to stop, and remove the ignition key before performing maintenance.</li> </ul>	

- e) With the cap off the radiator, tilt hood closed and put the seat down. Start the engine. Refer to Section 4.3.2. Return the seat up and hood forward to the open position.
- f) Operate engine until the engine thermostat opens and coolant is circulating through the radiator core. As air is purged from the engine block and the coolant level drops, add additional coolant to the radiator.
- g) When the radiator is completely full and no additional coolant can be added, continue running the engine and install the radiator cap. Make sure that the cap is completely seated by pressing down firmly while turning until the cap stops. Once the cap is installed, the engine may be stopped.

5.1.12 Check hydraulic oil level:

**Service Interval: 40 hr.**

- a) Stop engine and wait for all moving parts to stop.

- b) Clean area around hydraulic reservoir cap and remove cap. Oil level should be to the top of the baffle inside the tank. If not, add oil. Use only Mobil 1 15W-50 synthetic motor oil. Replace hydraulic reservoir cap and tighten until snug. **DO NOT overtighten.**

NOTE: The baffle has two levels. The upper level represents the “HOT” level and the lower level represents the “COLD” level. The oil level varies with the temperature of the oil. The “HOT” level shows the level of oil when it is a 225°F (107°C). The “COLD” level shows the level of the oil when it is at 75°F (24°C). Fill to the appropriate level depending upon the temperature of the oil. For example: If the oil is about 150°F (65°C), fill to halfway between the “HOT” and “COLD” levels. If the oil is at room temperature (about 75°F (24°C)), fill only to the “COLD” level.

5.1.13 Check tire pressures:

**Service Interval: 40 hrs.**

- a) Stop engine, wait for all moving parts to stop, and remove key.
- b) Inflate all four tires to 13 psi (90 kPa).

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

5.1.14 Check condition of belts:

**Service Interval: 40 hrs.**

- a) Stop engine, wait for all moving parts to stop, and remove key.
- b) Tilt seat up. Lift the rubber flaps on front side of the engine to check pump drive belt and alternator drive belt.
- c) Remove left and right belt shields on deck and lift up floor pan to inspect deck drive belt.
- d) Remove bumper and check under machine to inspect the two mule drive belts and fan pump drive belt.
- e) See Sections 5.2.3, through 5.2.6 for belt adjustments.

5.1.15 Lubricate grease fittings:

**Service Interval: Refer to chart.**

- a) Stop engine, wait for all moving parts to stop, and remove key.
- b) Lubricate fittings with one to two pumps of NGLI grade #2 multi-purpose gun grease. Refer to the following chart for fitting locations and lubrication schedule.

**LUBRICATION CHART**

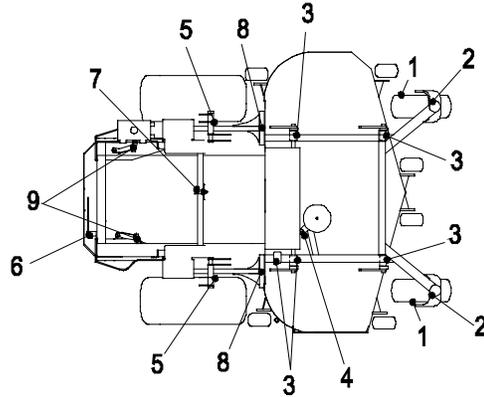
FITTING LOCATIONS	INITIAL PUMPS	NO. of PLACES	SERVICE INTERVAL
1. Front Caster wheel hubs	*0	2	*yearly
2. Front Caster Pivots	*0	2	*yearly
3. Height Adj. Shaft Bearings	1	5	40 hours
4. Deck Drive Belt Idler Arm	1	1	40 hours
5. Brake Brackets	1	2	200 hours
6. Fan Pump Belt Idler Arm	1	1	40 hours
7. Wheel Drive Pump Belt Idler Arm	1	1	40 hours
8. Deck Rear Struts	1	2	40 hours
9. Mule Drive Belt Idler Arms	1	2	40 hours

\* See Section 5.1.15 c) for special lubrication instructions on the front caster pivots and Section 5.1.16 for special lubrication instructions on the front casters wheel hubs.

No. 6 (Fan Pump Belt Idler Arm)  
Access through hole in bumper plate

No. 7 (Pump Drive Belt Idler Arm)  
Located Under Seat

No. 4, 6, 7, 9 (Idler Pivots) Monthly disassemble  
belt and spring and grease under a "No Load"  
condition.



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

5.1.16 Lubricate caster wheel hubs:

**Service Interval: Once Yearly.**

- a) Stop engine, wait for all moving parts to stop, and remove key.
- b) Disassemble the caster wheels, pry out seals, and inspect bearings for wear or damage and replace if necessary.
- c) Pack the bearings with NGLI grade #2 multi-purpose gun grease.
- d) Insert (1) bearing, (1) new seal, and (1) bearing spacer.  
**NOTE:** Seals (Exmark PN 103-0063) must be replaced.
- e) Insert Caster Spacer.
- f) With open end of wheel up, fill area inside wheel around caster spacer with NGLI grade #2 multi-purpose gun grease.
- g) Insert the second (1) bearing, (1) new seal, and (1) bearing spacer.
- h) Put wheel and tire assembly on the unit and adjust by tightening the nyloc nut until wheel will not turn freely. Back nut off 1/6 of a turn so the wheel will just turn with a slight amount of drag.

**IMPORTANT:** To prevent seal and bearing damage, check the bearing adjustment often. Spin the caster tire. The tire should not spin freely (more than 1 or 2 revolutions) or have any side play. If the wheel spins freely adjust per step h).

5.1.17 Lubricate brake handle pivot:

**Service Interval: 160 hrs.**

- a) Stop engine, wait for all moving parts to stop, and remove key.
- b) Lubricate bronze bushings on brake handle pivot with a spray type lubricant or light oil.

5.1.18 Lubricate brake rod bushings:

**Service Interval: 160 hrs.**

- a) Stop engine, wait for all moving parts to stop, and remove key.
- b) Lubricate bronze bushings on each end of brake rod shaft with a spray type lubricant or a light oil (bushings are located to the inside of the flange bearings).

5.1.19 Lubricate motion control bronze bushings:

**Service Interval: 160 hrs.**

- a) Stop engine, wait for all moving parts to stop, and remove key.
- b) Tilt seat up.

- c) Lubricate bronze bushings on flange bearings securing the motion control arm shafts with a light oil or a spray type lubricant.

5.1.20 Check spark plugs (31 HP Daihatsu Gas units only):  
**Service Interval: Yearly.**

- a) Remove spark plugs, check condition and reset gaps, or replace with new plugs. See Engine Owners Manual.

5.1.21 Drain fuel filter (27 HP Daihatsu Diesel units only):  
**Service Interval: When Water in Fuel warning light is “ON”**

- a) Stop engine, wait for all moving parts to stop, and remove key.
- b) Place a drain pan under the fuel filter and loosen the drain plug approximately 1 turn.
- c) Water should drain.
- d) When fuel begins to flow from the filter, tighten the drain plug.
- e) Prime the fuel system (See Section 5.1.24).
- f) Start engine. Make sure warning light goes out. Check for leaks.

IMPORTANT: Water or other contaminants in fuel can **severely damage** fuel pump and/or the other engine components.

5.1.22 Replace fuel filter:  
**Service Interval: 31 HP Daihatsu Gas units – 600 hrs.**  
**27 HP Daihatsu Diesel units – 800 hrs.**

**For 31 HP Daihatsu Gas units:** A fuel filter is installed between the fuel tank and the fuel pump and is located under the seat in the left hand front corner of engine deck.

- a) Close fuel shut off valve and replace filter.

**For 27 HP Daihatsu Diesel units:** A fuel filter is installed between the fuel tank and the injector pump and is located under the seat in the left hand front corner of engine deck.

- a) Close fuel shut off valve.
- b) Disconnect the sensor wire, remove the drain plug and discard the o-ring.
- c) Remove fuel filter with a filter wrench.
- d) Screw new filter on by hand until gasket contact the housing, then tighten 1/3 turn more.
- e) Install the drain plug with new O-ring and connect the sensor wire.
- f) Bleed air from fuel line, by using the priming pump, (See section 5.1.24) then start the engine to check for leaks.

Replacement Components	
31 HP Daihatsu Gas Fuel Filter	<b>Briggs &amp; Stratton P/N 498688</b>
27 HP Daihatsu Diesel Fuel Filter	<b>Briggs &amp; Stratton P/N 820311</b>
27 HP Daihatsu Diesel Drain Plug O-ring	<b>Briggs &amp; Stratton P/N 820348</b>

5.1.23 Fuel priming procedure (27 HP Daihatsu Diesel Units Only):  
**Service Interval: As required**

The primer pump is the gold button located under the seat next to the console in the front left-hand corner.

- a) Push down on the primer pump until the tension becomes firm (approximately 10-15 pushes).

5.1.24 Change hydraulic system filter:

**Service Interval: After First 250 hrs.  
Then yearly thereafter**

NOTE: Use only Exmark Part No. P/N 103-2146.

- a) Stop engine, wait for all moving parts to stop, and remove key.
- b) Raise seat.
- c) Carefully clean area around filter. It is **important** that **no dirt** or **contamination** enter hydraulic system.
- d) Unscrew filter to remove and allow oil to drain from reservoir.  
**IMPORTANT:** Before reinstalling new filter, fill it with Mobil 1 15W-50 and apply a thin coat of oil on the surface of the rubber seal.  
Turn filter clockwise until rubber seal contacts the filter adapter, then tighten the filter an additional 2/3 to 3/4 turn.
- e) Fill reservoir as stated in Section 5.1.12.
- f) Raise the rear of machine up and support with jack stands (or equivalent support) just high enough to allow drive wheels to turn freely.
- g) Start engine and move throttle control ahead to full throttle position. Move the speed control levers to the full speed and run for several minutes. Shut down machine and recheck oil level.  
Do not change hydraulic system oil (except for what can be drained when changing filter), unless it is felt the oil has been contaminated or been extremely hot.

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

5.1.25 Wheel hub - slotted nut torque specification.

**Service Interval: 500 hrs**

When tightening the slotted nut on the wheel motor tapered shaft:

- a) Torque the slotted nut to 125 ft-lbs. (170 N-m).
- b) Check distance from bottom of slot in nut to inside edge of hole. Two threads (0.1" (.25 cm)) or less should be showing.
- c) If more than two threads (0.1" (2.5 mm)) are showing remove nut and install washer (PN 1-523157) between hub and nut.
- d) Torque the slotted nut to 125 ft-lbs. (170 N-m).
- e) Then tighten nut until the next set of slots line up with the cross hole in shaft.
- f) Replace cotter pin.

Note: Do not use antisieze on wheel hub.

5.1.26 Fuel Tank – mounting hardware specification.

When installing the nuts on the fuel tank studs, fully tighten the nyloc nut and back off 1/2 turn. This allows for normal fuel tank expansion and contraction with changes in temperature and fuel levels.

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

- a) Pump drive sheave set screws.
- b) Square head setscrews on Hydro pump control arms.
- c) Sheave retaining bolt in the end of engine crankshaft.
- d) Engine mount retaining bolts.
- e) Stub shaft-to-flywheel retaining bolts.
- f) Front engine crankshaft hub retaining bolts.

g) Hydro pump tensioner retaining bolt.

h) Fuel tank bulkhead fitting threads.

Adhesives such as “Loctite RC/609 or RC/680” or “Fel-Pro Pro-Lock Retaining I or Retaining II” are used on the following:

a) Fuel tank studs, where studs are inserted into tank.

5.1.28 Mobil HTS grease (or a food-grade antisieze) is used in the following locations:

a) Between the jackshaft and bearings

b) Between the jackshaft and sheaves.

c) Between the cutter housing spindle and bearings.

d) Between the cutter housing spindle and sheaves.

e) Under top cutter housing bearing guard.

f) Between fan pump shafts and motor shafts next to seal.

5.1.29 Dielectric grease is used on all blade type electrical connections to prevent corrosion and loss of contact.

## 5.2 ADJUSTMENTS

**IMPORTANT: Disengage PTO, shut off engine and remove key before servicing, cleaning or making any adjustments to the unit.**

5.2.1 Cutting Height Adjustment.

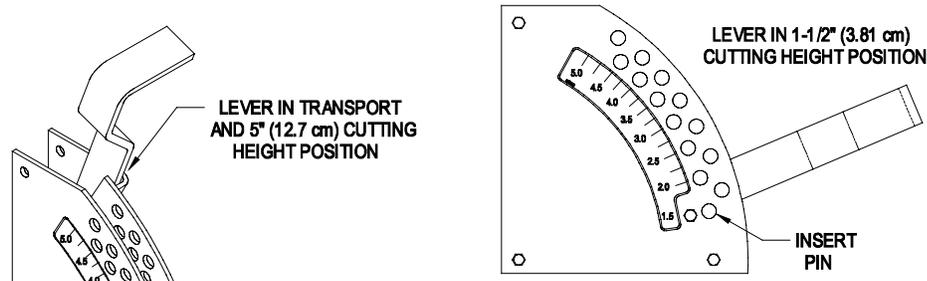
a) Stop machine and move drive levers out to neutral lock position.

b) Disengage PTO.

c) Raise the deck lever to the transport position (also the 5” (12.7 cm) cutting height position). See Figure 7.

The deck can be raised by pulling the deck lever up and/or by pushing on the deck lift assist lever.

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



**FIGURE 7  
CUTTING HEIGHT POSITION**

d) Insert height adjustment pin into hole corresponding to desired cutting height and install hairpin cotter. See decals on the sides of deck lift plate.

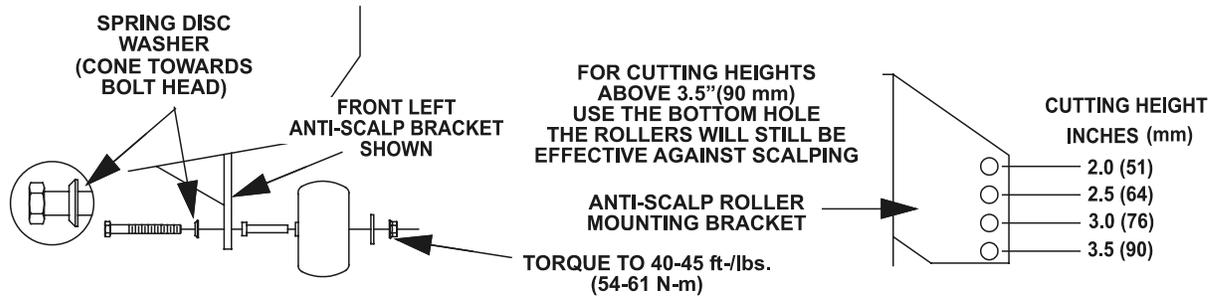
e) Move lever out of the transport (or 5” (12.7 cm) cutting height) position and down onto height adjustment pin to mow at selected height.

f) To transport, move lever back up to transport (or 5” (12.7 cm) cutting height) position.

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

g) Adjust anti-scalp rollers for Normal Operating Conditions. Stop engine, wait for all moving parts to stop, and remove key. Place rollers in one of the positions shown in Figure 8. Rollers will maintain 3/4 in. (19 mm) clearance to the ground to minimize gouging and roller wear or damage.

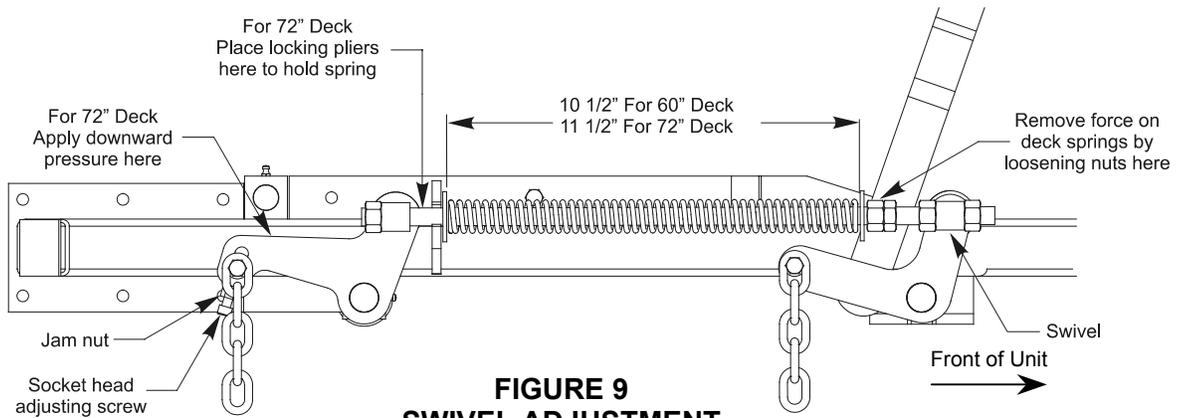
**For Maximum Deck Flotation**, place rollers one hole position lower. Rollers should maintain 1/4 in. (6.4 mm) minimum clearance to ground. **Do Not** adjust rollers to support the deck. Be sure *bolt is tightened properly* or loss of anti-scalp roller may result.



**FIGURE 8**  
**ANTI-SCALP ROLLER ADJUSTMENT**

### 5.2.2 Deck Leveling

- a) Position mower on a flat surface.
- b) Stop engine, wait for all moving parts to stop, and remove key.
- c) Check tire pressure of all four (4) tires. If needed, adjust to 13 psi (90 kPa).
- d) Set anti-scalp rollers to top holes or remove them completely for this adjustment.
- e) Raise the deck to the 5" height position (also transport position) and take all force off of the two large deck lift springs by loosening the nuts at the front of each spring. See Figure 9.
- f) **For 60" units** - Lower the deck to the 1-1/2" height position.  
**For 72" units** – Lower the deck to the 1-1/2" height position. Force the left rear deck support arm downward about 1/4" to get the deck to rest at the 1-1/2" height position. Place locking pliers between the rear swivel and spring stop to hold the deck in this position. See Figure 9.
- g) Place a 3/4" thick block of wood under each of the two (2) rear anti-scalp roller brackets and place one under **one of the front center** anti-scalp roller brackets.
- h) Loosen the two (2) top chain bolts in slots in the rear deck lift arms. Loosen jam nuts and back off the socket head adjusting screws on the bottom of the arms until the chains are just loose. Turn the socket head adjusting screws in until slack is taken out of each chain. Tighten the jam nuts. Tighten the chain bolts in the deck lift arms making sure they don't move while tightening.
- i) Loosen the four (4) nuts which secure the front swivels (two per side) until the front chains are loose and front of deck is supported by the 3/4" block. Do not loosen the front chain hardware.
- j) On left side, adjust front swivel using the locking nut behind the swivel until the front chain is tight and all slack is removed from linkage. Do not lift front of deck off 3/4" block. Secure front swivel using locking nut in front of swivel. Repeat for right side.
- k) Recheck that the 3/4" blocks fit just snugly under the brackets and that the tension on all the chains are approximately equal. Make sure all chain attachment bolts are tight. Reposition anti-scalp rollers and tighten securely.



**FIGURE 9  
SWIVEL ADJUSTMENT  
SPRING COMPRESSION ADJUSTMENT**

- I) Raise deck lift lever to the 5" cutting height position See Figure 7. Adjust spring compression until proper distance is obtained between the two large washers (See Figure 9). Adjustment is made by turning the nut at the front of each spring (clockwise will shorten the spring, counter-clockwise will lengthen the spring). Lock in position with jam nuts.

**NOTE: When above adjustments have been made, the front of the deck will be slightly lower than the rear of the deck.**

5.2.3 Wheel Drive Pump Belt Tension.

**Self-tensioning - No adjustment necessary.**

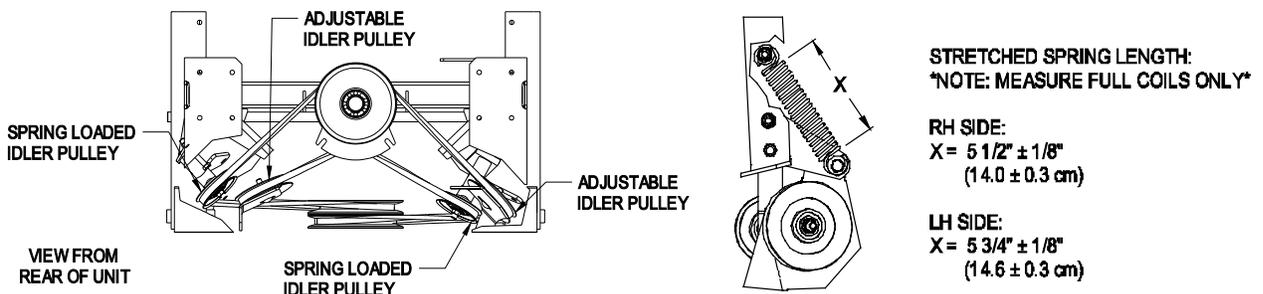
5.2.4 Fan Pump Belt Tension.

**Self-tensioning – No adjustment necessary.**

5.2.5 Mule Drive Belts Tension Adjustment.

**Self-tensioning idlers, adjust as follows:**

- a) Stop engine, wait for all moving parts to stop, and remove key.
- b) Check to make sure the coils of the spring on the spring-loaded idler pulley measures as listed below. See Figure 12.
  - Left Side Spring –  $5\ 3/4" \pm 1/8"$  ( $14.8 \pm 0.3$  cm)
  - Right Side Spring –  $5\ 1/2" \pm 1/8"$  ( $14.0 \pm 0.3$  cm)
- c) If the spring does not have the correct measurement, loosen the nut holding the adjustable idler pulley on each side so they can move up and down in the slot.
- d) Relieve pressure on the spring-loaded idler pulleys.
- e) Reposition the adjusting pulleys lower in the slot and tighten the nut.
- f) Re-check to make sure the coils of the spring on the spring-loaded idler pulley have the correct measurement. Repeat as necessary on both sides of the unit.



**FIGURE 10  
MULE DRIVE BELTS ADJUSTMENT**

### 5.2.6 Mule Drive Belt Guides Adjustment.

#### ***Adjust as follows:***

- a) Stop engine, wait for all moving parts to stop, and remove key.
- b) Check the gap between the guide bearing surface and the outer surface of the belts. The gap should measure as listed below: See Figure 11.  
Minimum gap – 1/16" (0.15 cm)  
Maximum gap – 1/8" (0.30 cm)
- c) If the guide does not have the correct gap, loosen the nut holding the adjustable idler pulley on each side.
- d) Relieve pressure on the spring-loaded idler pulleys, and be sure the stationary idler does not move.
- e) Reposition the guide as necessary to achieve the proper gap and tighten the nut.
- f) Re-check to make sure the coils of the spring on the spring-loaded idler pulley have the correct measurement. Repeat as necessary on both sides of the unit.

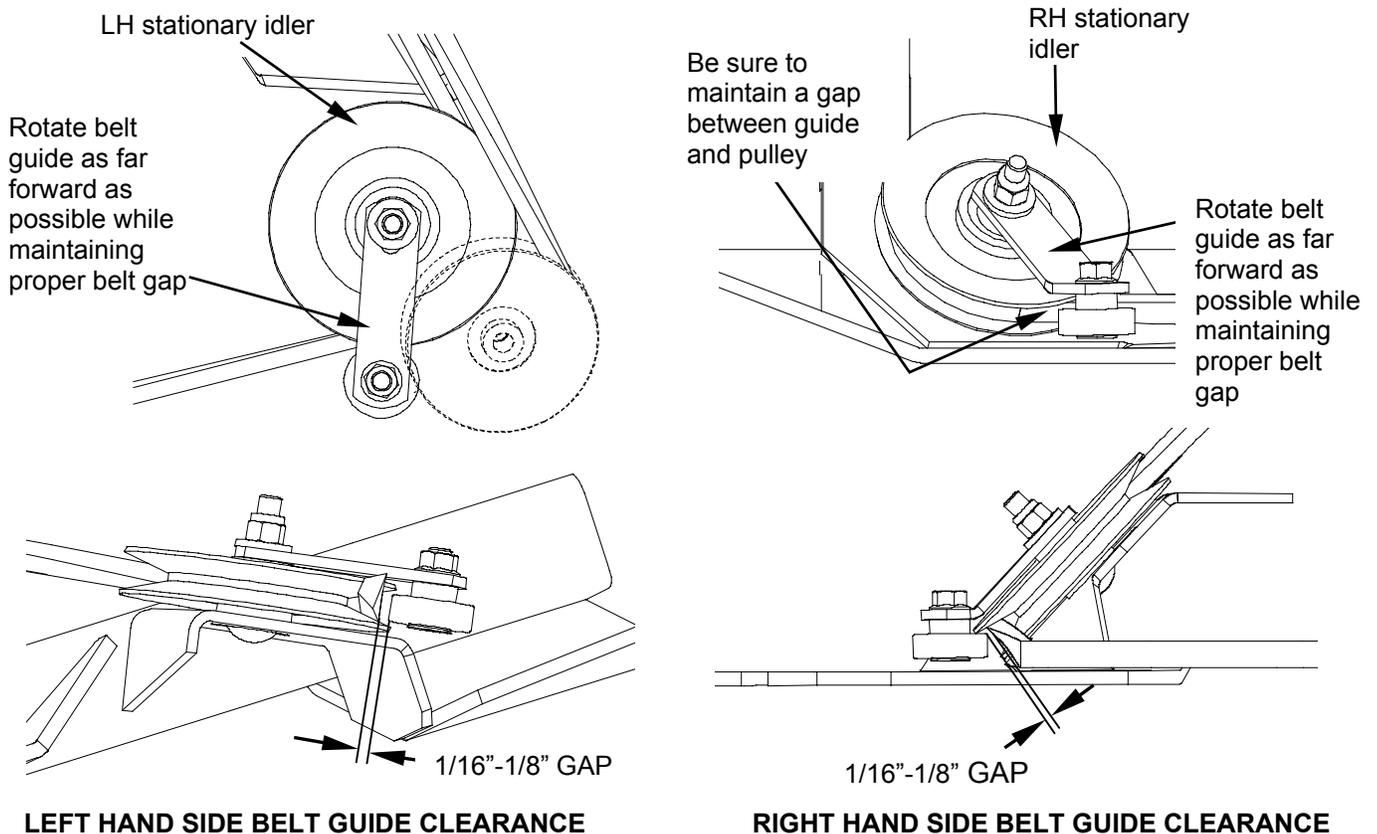


FIGURE 11

### MULE DRIVE BELT GUIDES ADJUSTMENT

#### 5.2.7 Deck Belt Tension.

- a) The deck belt is tensioned by a self-tensioning idler, ***no adjustment is necessary.***

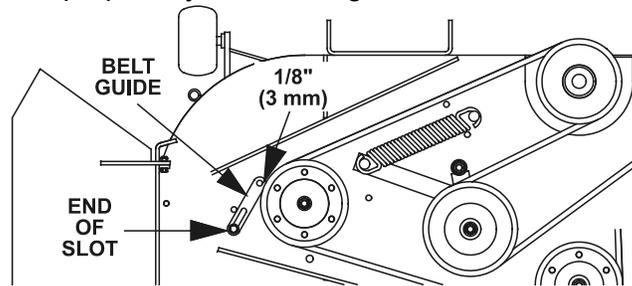
#### 5.2.8 Alternator belt tension.

- a) Stop engine, wait for all moving parts to stop, and remove key.
- b) Remove engine air deflector located behind seat.
- c) To tighten alternator belt, loosen both upper and lower alternator mounting bolts. Rotate alternator out, away from engine and re-tighten hardware to secure in place.

- d) When properly tensioned, the alternator belt will deflect  $3/8$ "- $1/2$ " (9-13 mm) while applying 22 pounds of force to the belt midway between fan and alternator.

5.2.9 Belt Guide Adjustment.

- a) Stop engine, wait for all moving parts to stop, and remove key.
- b) Remove the belt shield on the right side of mower deck.
- c) Locate belt guide bolted to deck near the shield support stud and right-hand pulley. Guide should be  $1/8$ " (3 mm) away from the belt, with bolt-end of guide near end of slot (See Figure 12).
- d) If adjustment is necessary, loosen the bolt securing the belt guide and make proper adjustment. Tighten hardware.

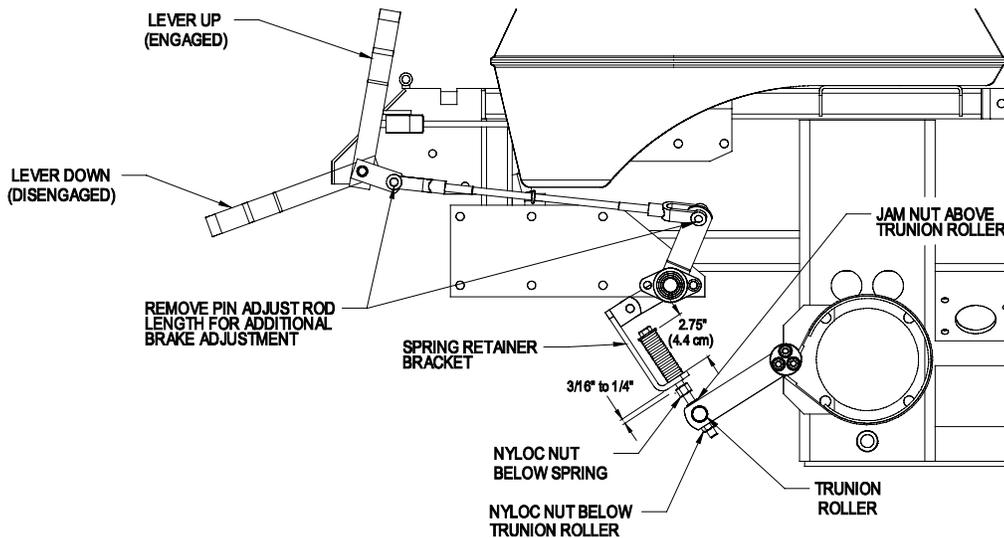


**FIGURE 12**  
**BELT GUIDE POSITIONING**

5.2.10 Brake Link Adjustment.

Check to make sure brake is adjusted properly.

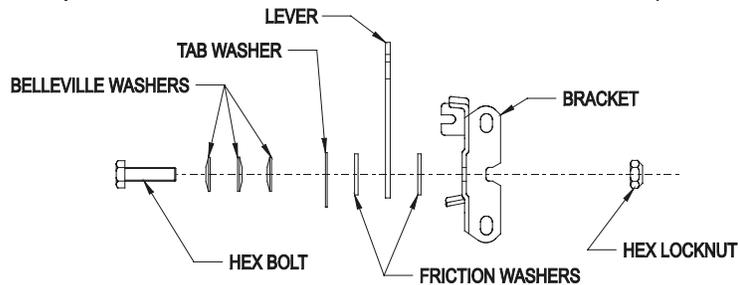
- a) Disengage brake lever (lever down).
- b) Measure the length of the spring. Measurement should be 2.75" (7 cm) (See Figure 13).
- c) If adjustment is necessary, adjust the nyloc nut at the bottom of the spring to achieve  $2 \frac{3}{4}$ " (7 cm).
- d) Engage the brake lever (lever up).
- e) The space between the brake spring bracket and the nyloc nut under the spring should measure  $3/16$ " to  $1/4$ " (4.8 – 6.4 mm).
- f) If adjustment is necessary, loosen jam nut above the trunion roller. Adjust the nyloc nut under the trunion roller until  $3/16$ " to  $1/4$ " (4.8 – 6.4 mm) exists between the spring retainer bracket and the adjacent nyloc nut. Tighten the jam nut above the trunion roller.
- g) If a  $3/16$ " to  $1/4$ " (4.8 – 6.4 mm) gap can no longer be achieved because there is no clearance between nyloc nut below the spring and the jam nut above the trunion or there are no threads left on the bottom nyloc nut, the length of the brake rod can be adjusted. Remove a pin from a yoke at either end of the brake rod and lengthen (or shorten) the brake rod until  $3/16$ " to  $1/4$ " (4.8 – 6.4 cm) gap can be achieved by following steps e) and f).



**FIGURE 13  
BRAKE ADJUSTMENT**

5.2.10 Adjust Throttle Lever Tension.

- a) Stop engine, wait for all moving parts to stop, and remove key.
- b) Tension in throttle lever can be adjusted by adjusting the tightness of the lever pivot bolt, which is located under the console (See Figure 14).



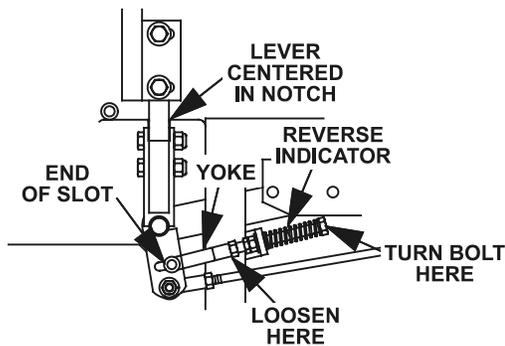
**FIGURE 14  
THROTTLE TENSION**

5.2.11 Electric Clutch Adjustment:

No adjustment is necessary.

5.2.12 Reverse Indicator Adjustment:

- a) Stop engine, wait for all moving parts to stop, and remove key.
- b) Tilt seat forward.
- c) Begin with either the left or right motion control lever. Move lever to the neutral position and pull lever back until the clevis pin (on arm below pivot shaft) contacts the end of the slot (just beginning to put pressure on spring), See Figure 15.
- d) Check where lever is relative to notch in console (should be centered allowing lever to pivot outward to the neutral lock position).
- e) If adjustment is needed, loosen the nut against the yoke and while applying slight rearward pressure on the motion control lever, turn the head of the adjustment bolt in the appropriate direction until lever is centered (keeping rearward pressure on the lever will keep the pin at the end of the slot and allow the adjustment bolt to move the lever to the appropriate position). Tighten lock nut.
- f) Repeat on opposite side of unit.



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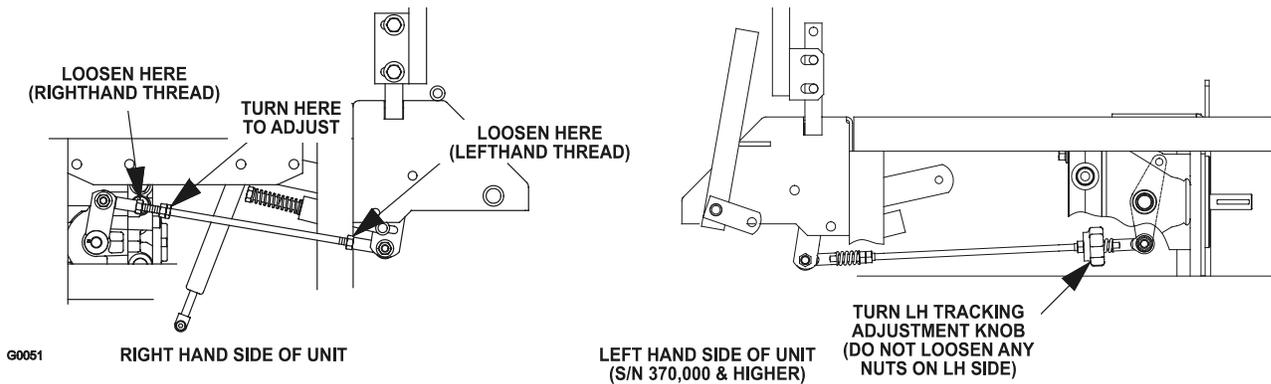
**FIGURE 15**  
**REVERSE INDICATOR ADJUSTMENT**

5.2.13 Motion control linkage adjustment.

 <b>WARNING</b>	
<b>POTENTIAL HAZARD</b> ♦ Engine must be running and drive wheels must be turning so motion control adjustment can be performed.	
<b>WHAT CAN HAPPEN</b> ♦ Contact with moving parts or hot surfaces may cause personal injury.	
<b>HOW TO AVOID THE HAZARD</b> ♦ Keep fingers, hands, and clothing clear of rotating components and hot surfaces.	

 <b>CAUTION</b>	
<b>POTENTIAL HAZARD</b> ♦ Raising the mower deck for service or maintenance relying solely on mechanical or hydraulic jacks could be dangerous.	
<b>WHAT CAN HAPPEN</b> ♦ The mechanical or hydraulic jacks may not be enough support or may malfunction allowing the unit to fall, which could cause injury.	
<b>HOW TO AVOID THE HAZARD</b> ♦ DO NOT rely solely on mechanical or hydraulic jacks for support. Use adequate jack stands or equivalent support.	

- a) This adjustment must be made with the drive wheels turning. First raise the frame and block up so that drive wheels can rotate freely.
- b) Disconnect the electrical connection from the seat wire harness from the main harness. The electrical connection is below the seat hold up rod just above the left wheel drive pump.  
**Temporarily** install a jumper wire across the terminals in the connector of the main wiring harness.
- c) Run the unit at least 5 minutes with the drive levers at full forward speed to bring hydraulic system oil up to operating temperature.
- d) Tilt seat forward.
- e) Loosen lock nuts from the ball joints on the two rods, which connect the motion control assemblies to the pump control arms (See Figure 16).



**NOTE:** The nuts to the front of the unit on RH rod has left-hand threads.

**FIGURE 16**  
**MOTION CONTROL ADJUSTMENT**

f) Start engine. **Brake must be engaged and motion control levers out to start engine. Operator does not have to be in the seat because of the jumper wire being used.** Run engine at full throttle and release brake.

g) The reverse indicator spring must be correct before the following adjustments can be made. See Section 5.2.12.

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

The left rod assembly controls the left wheel and the right rod assembly controls the right wheel.

h) Bring the RH motion control lever into the neutral position. Adjust RH pump control rod length by rotating the double nuts on the rod in the appropriate direction until the wheels slightly creep in reverse. (See Figure 16) Move the motion control lever to the reverse position and while applying slight pressure to the lever allow the reverse indicator spring to bring the levers back to neutral. The wheel must stop turning or slightly creep in reverse.

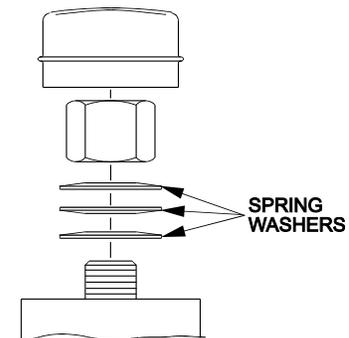
i) *For Serial Nos. 369,999 and lower:* Repeat steps e) through h) for the LH side of unit.

*For Serial Nos. 370,000 and higher:* Bring the LH motion control lever into the neutral position. Adjust the LH pump control rod length by rotating the tracking adjustment knob in the appropriate direction until the wheels slightly creep in reverse. Move the motion control lever to the reverse position and while applying slight pressure to the lever allow the reverse indicator spring to bring the levers back to neutral. The wheel must stop turning or slightly creep in reverse. See Figure 16.

j) Shut off unit. Remove jumper wire from wire harness connector and plug connector into seat switch.

5.2.14 Caster pivot bearings pre-load adjustment.

a) Remove dust cap from caster and tighten nyloc nut until washers are flat and back off 1/4 of a turn to properly set the pre-load on the bearings. If disassembled, make sure the spring washers are reinstalled as shown in Figure 17.



**FIGURE 17**  
**CASTER ADJUSTMENT**

## 6. WASTE DISPOSAL

### 6.1 MOTOR OIL DISPOSAL

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

### 6.2 ENGINE COOLANT DISPOSAL

 <b>CAUTION</b>
<b>POTENTIAL HAZARD</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◆ Engine coolant is toxic.</li></ul>
<b>WHAT CAN HAPPEN</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◆ Swallowing coolant can cause poisoning.</li></ul>
<b>HOW TO AVOID THE HAZARD</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◆ Do not swallow</li><li>◆ Keep out of reach of children and pets.</li></ul>

Engine coolant is a 50/50 mixture of Dex-Cool® (ethylene glycol (anti-freeze) with additives) and water. Ethylene glycol is a pollutant. Dispose of used engine coolant according to your state and local regulations.

### 6.3 MERCURY SWITCH DISPOSAL

 <b>CAUTION</b>
<b>POTENTIAL HAZARD</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◆ The mercury contained in the tilt switch is poisonous.</li></ul>
<b>WHAT CAN HAPPEN</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◆ Exposure to mercury can cause severe illness.</li></ul>
<b>HOW TO AVOID THE HAZARD</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◆ Never attempt to open or repair the tilt switch</li><li>◆ Avoid contact with the mercury.</li></ul>

The tilt switch (PN 1-633782) on this unit contains mercury, a hazardous material. Mercury that is outside a sealed container vaporizes at room temperature. The vapors are harmful. Mercury can be absorbed through the skin. Do not attempt to open or repair this switch.

A very small amount of mercury is contained in a hermetically sealed body. The steel switch is then potted in a hard epoxy in a plastic case. It is unlikely that the mercury will ever escape from the enclosure. These high performance and reliable switches are recyclable. Mercury is an important and beneficial compound but requires special care in handling and disposal. When used and managed properly, mercury is not a threat to people or the environment. This information is presented to users so that they are aware that these switches contain mercury and will apply sound disposal practices when these devices reach their normal end of life or are damaged.

Several states have passed laws concerning the disposal of devices containing mercury. In all the remaining states it is advisable to follow similar procedures. The laws state that these sealed devices contain mercury and should not be placed in the garbage until the mercury is removed and reused, recycled or otherwise managed to insure that it does not become part of solid waste or waters. Management and disposal practices must be within relevant federal, state or local laws.

Return the switch to your Exmark dealer if it is faulty and is being replaced or if the unit containing the switch is no longer operating and is being scrapped. If the switch is damaged or broken open use extreme caution in handling. Call your local waste management authority or Exmark Customer Service for instructions.

## 6.4 BATTERY DISPOSAL

 <b>DANGER</b>
<b>POTENTIAL HAZARD</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◆ Battery electrolyte contains sulfuric acid, which is poisonous and can cause severe burns</li></ul>
<b>WHAT CAN HAPPEN</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◆ Swallowing electrolyte can be fatal or if it touches skin can cause severe burns.</li></ul>
<b>HOW TO AVOID THE HAZARD</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◆ Wear safety glasses to shield eyes, and rubber gloves to protect skin and clothing when handling electrolyte.</li><li>◆ Do not swallow electrolyte.</li></ul>

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

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

## 7. TROUBLE SHOOTING

### 7.1 MOWER PULLS LEFT OR RIGHT (W/LEVERS FULLY FORWARD).

- a) *For Serial Nos. 370,000 & Higher:* Refer to Tracking Adjustment Section 4.1.3.  
*For Serial Nos. 369,999 & Lower:* It is common for a machine to pull slightly left or right with levers fully forward. Move levers forward and compensate as necessary.
- b) Check air pressure in tires; 13 psi/drive, 13 psi/pneumatic casters.
- c) Check reverse indicator and motion control linkage adjustment. See section 5.2.12 and 5.2.13.

### 7.2 MOWER CUTS UNEVENLY.

- a) Check air pressure in tires; 13 psi/drive, 13 psi/pneumatic casters. A more uniform cutting height may be obtained with higher tire pressure on rough terrain.  
A lower tire pressure provides more flotation. Higher pressures in front casters may cause them to shimmy on hard surfaces.
- b) Check deck support chains.
- c) Check deck leveling (See Adjustments Section 5.2.2.)  
Note: The front of the mower deck will be approximately 1/4" (6.4 mm) lower than the back of the mower deck. This is the "rake" of the deck.
- d) Check blades tip to tip for straightness (they should be within 3/16" or one blade width from being in line.)

### 7.3 ENGINE WILL NOT START.

- a) Make sure the battery has a full charge. See section 5.1.3 for charging instructions.
- b) Be sure the throttle control and choke are in the correct positions. See section 4.3.2.
- c) Make sure there is fuel in the fuel tank and that the fuel valve is open.
- d) Make sure the parking brake is set and motion control levers are moved out (neutral lock position).

- e) Check that the PTO is disengaged.
- f) For 31 HP Daihatsu Gas units - Check that the spark plug wires are properly connected.
- g) Check for loose or faulty wiring connections.
- h) Check for corrosion at all wiring connections. Even minor corrosion may cause a faulty connection. Clean connector terminals thoroughly with electrical contact cleaner; apply dielectric grease and reconnect.

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

**NOTE: After carefully checking the above steps, attempt to start the engine. If it does not start, contact your authorized Exmark service dealer.**

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

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

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

### 31 HP DAIHATSU GAS ENGINE TROUBLESHOOTING TABLE

PROBLEM	NO FUEL	IMPROPER FUEL	DIRT IN FUEL LINE	DIRTY AIR FILTER	FAULTY SPARK PLUG	ENGINE OVERLOADED	BLOCKED FUEL FILTER	INCORRECT OIL LEVEL	INSUFFICIENT BATTERY CHARGE	FAN PUMP BELT MISSING	DIRTY RADIATOR CORE
Will not start	X	X	X	X	X		X		X		
Hard starting	X	X	X	X	X		X				
Stops suddenly	X		X	X		X	X				
Lacks power		X	X	X	X	X	X				
Operates erratically		X	X	X	X	X	X				
Knocks or pings		X				X					
Skips or misfires		X	X	X	X						
Backfires			X	X	X	X					
Overheats			X	X		X		X		X	X
High fuel consumption				X	X	X					

### 27 HP DAIHATSU DIESEL ENGINE TROUBLESHOOTING TABLE

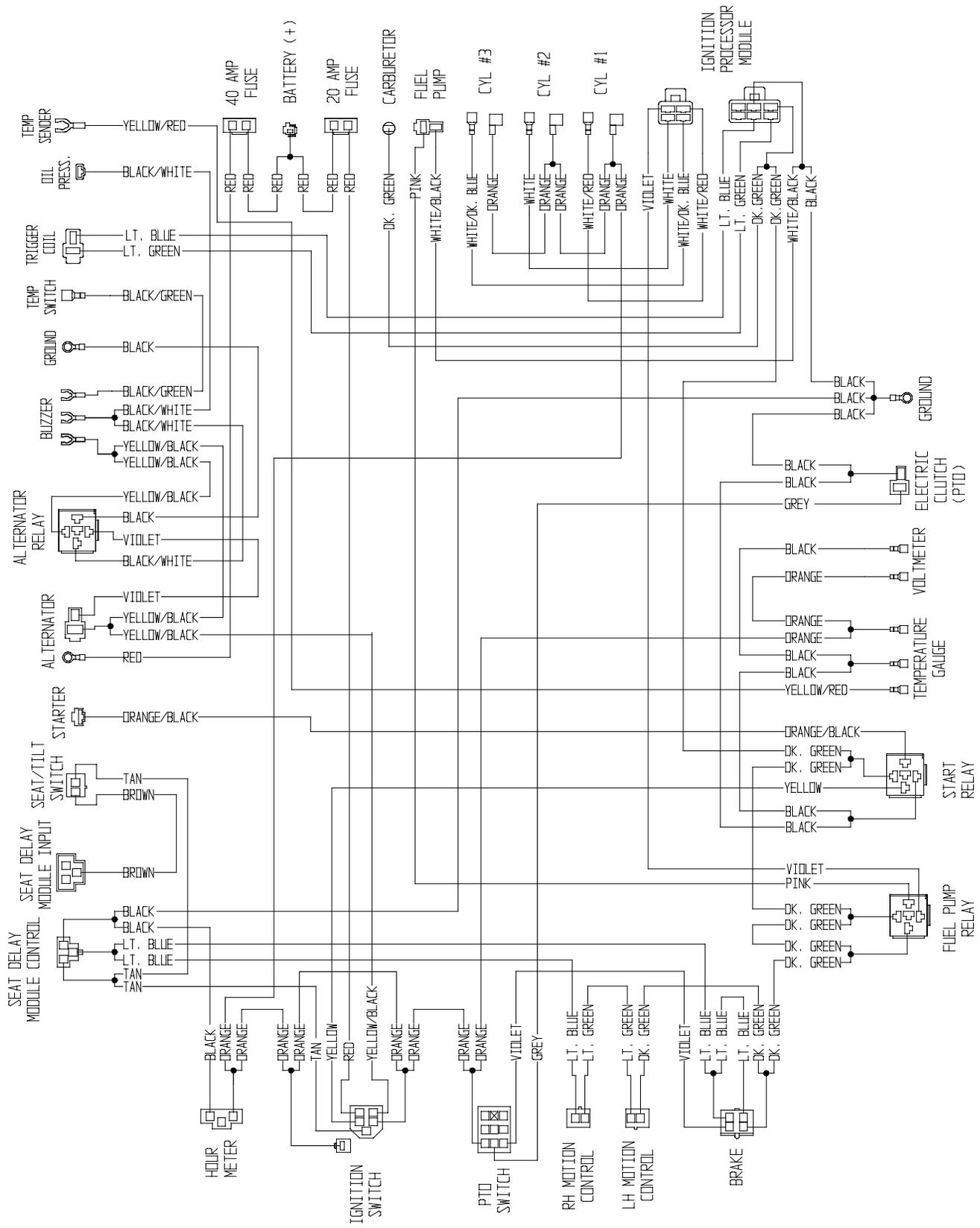
PROBLEM	NO FUEL	IMPROPER FUEL	WATER OR DIRT IN FUEL LINE	DIRTY AIR FILTER	ENGINE OVERLOADED	BLOCKED FUEL FILTER	INCORRECT OIL LEVEL	INSUFFICIENT BATTERY CHARGE	FAN PUMP BELT MISSING	DIRTY RADIATOR CORE
Will not start	X	X	X	X		X		X		
Hard starting	X	X	X	X		X		X		
Stops suddenly	X		X	X	X	X				
Lacks power		X	X	X	X	X				
Operates erratically		X	X	X	X	X				
Skips or misfires		X	X	X						
Overheats				X	X		X		X	X
High fuel consumption				X	X					

## 7.4 ENGINE WARNING SYSTEMS

- 7.4.1 Water in Fuel Light (27 HP Daihatsu Diesel Only): Located on the console to the right of the hour meter. An illuminated water in fuel light signals water in the diesel fuel. Water should be drained from the fuel filter if the light is on.
- IMPORTANT: Water or other contaminants in the fuel can **severely damage** fuel pump and/or other engine components.
- 7.4.2 Glow Plug Light (27 HP Daihatsu Diesel Only): Located on the console to the right of the ignition switch. The glow plug light comes on when the ignition switch is turned to the ON position. The glow plug light indicates the glow plugs are preheating the combustion chamber. Wait for the glow plug light to go out before starting the engine.
- 7.4.3 Warning Buzzer: Located behind the seat on the left hand side of the engine air deflector. The buzzer is a warning signal for the following circumstances:
- a) When the engine is not running and the ignition switch is turned to the ON position, the buzzer emits intermittent beeps. The intermittent beeps remind the user that the switch is ON and the hourmeter is running. A switch left ON could also drain the battery.
  - b) When the engine is running and the buzzer emits a continuous beep, the buzzer is warning the user that the engine is overheating. Perform the following steps.
    1. Disengage the mower blades, and idle down the engine.
    2. Look at the temperature gauge to determine if temperature continues to increase. If it does, turn the unit off and allow the engine and engine components to cool.
    3. Check the coolant level. If necessary fill with coolant as described in Section 5.1.2.
    4. Remove any debris on or around the radiator that may restrict airflow.
    5. Check to see if the water pump/alternator belt is intact. If belt is missing, do not run unit, as unit can overheat and damage the engine. See Engine Service Dealer.
  - c) When the engine is running and the buzzer emits intermittent beeps, the buzzer is warning the user that the engine oil pressure is low, OR the alternator is not charging. Perform the following steps.
    1. Turn the unit off, wait for all moving parts to stop, and remove key. Allow the engine and engine components to cool.
    2. Check the oil level and fill, if necessary, as described in Section 5.1.1.
    3. Check for oil leaking from engine. If the engine is leaking, see Engine Service Dealer.
    4. Check to see if the water pump/alternator belt is intact. If belt is present, there could be a charging problem, see Engine Service Dealer. If belt is missing, do not run unit, as unit can overheat and damage the engine. See Engine Service Dealer .

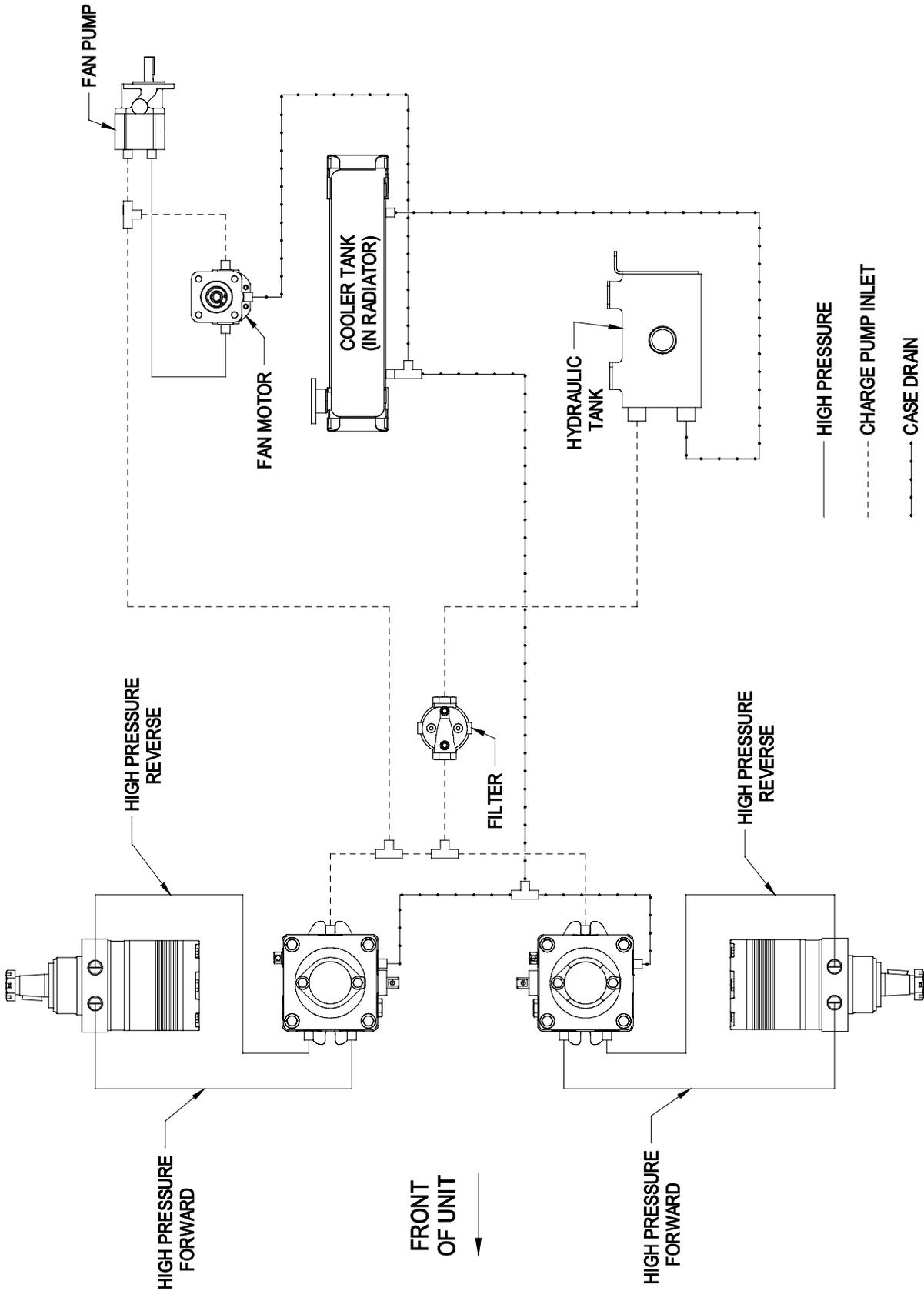


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## 10. WARRANTY

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The engine warranty is covered by its respective engine manufacturer. Please refer to the engine manufacturer's warranty statement that is included in the literature packet. We are not authorized to handle warranty adjustments on engines. Engine warranties should be referred to the nearest authorized service outlet of the engine manufacturer.

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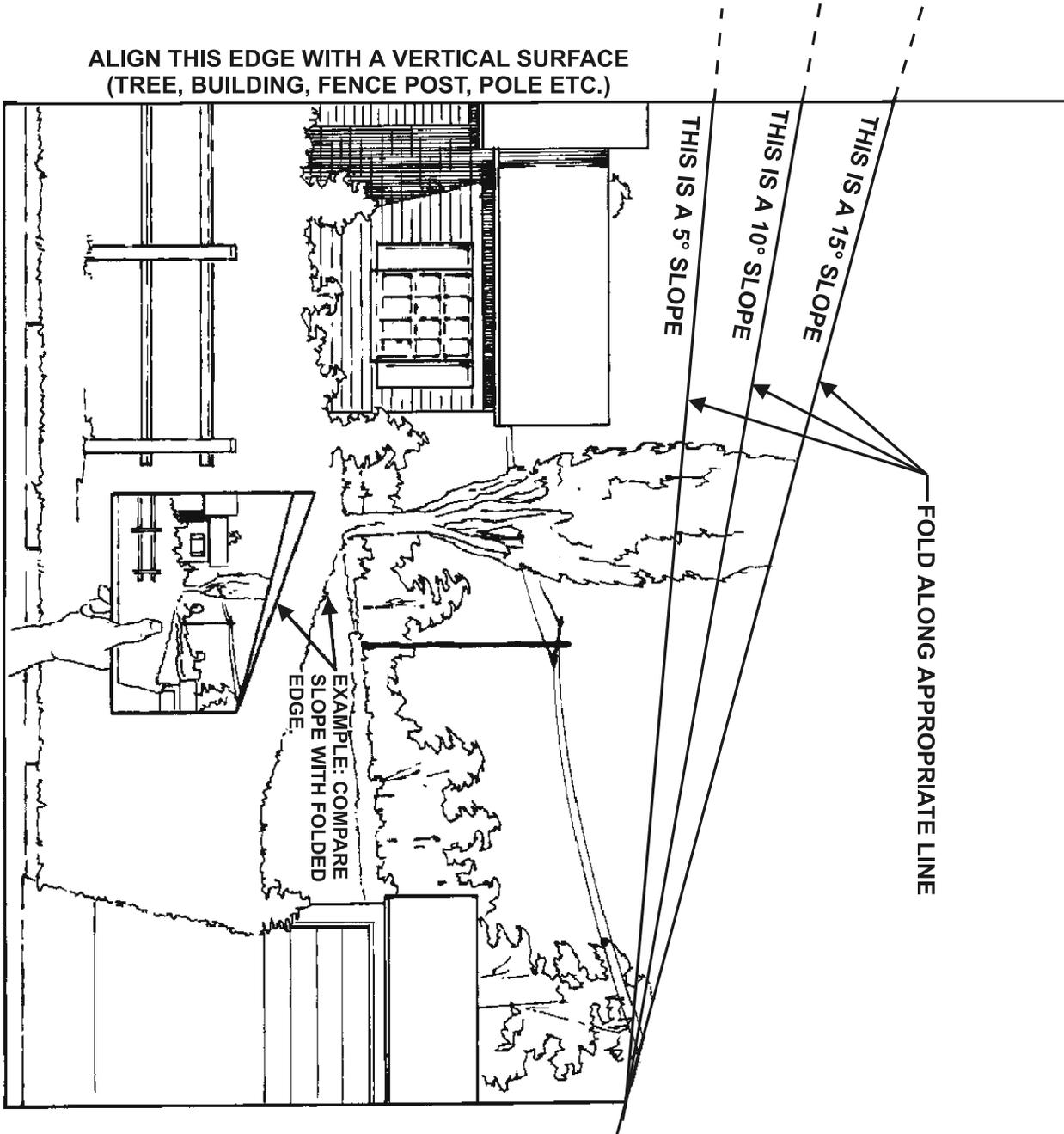
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