

Dealer Setup & Adjustment Instructions

ISX800 Series Zero-Turn Rider 52" / 61" Mower Deck



The safety warnings provided in this guide and in the operator's manual included with the unit contain important information that must be obeyed when assembling, setting-up, operating, servicing, transporting, or storing the unit.

These warnings are highlighted by the safety alert triangle symbol shown above, which signifies that an important safety message is being provided.

You must read, understand, and follow these warnings and instructions, and use safe shop and work practices at all times while working on or around this unit and all other outdoor power equipment.

SETUP PROCEDURES

Instructions in the Setup Procedures section provide the information necessary to fully assemble, test, and prepare the units described above for delivery to your customers. The location of normal lubrication points are also included in this section.

The QUICK SETUP LIST is provided in this booklet to help you identify and check that the items have been performed.

ADJUSTMENT PROCEDURES

Additional information concerning general adjustment procedures are included in this section.

Although all required lubrication and normal adjustments on factory-assembled components are done at the factory, this additional information is provided to assist you in ensuring that each unit is delivered to the customer in proper working order.

These Dealer Setup Instructions cover the following products:

Model:	Description:
5901879	ISX800BE2761SS
5901933	ISX800BE2761SS AUS
5901972	ISX800KAV2452SS
5901973	ISX800BE2752SS
5901974	ISX800BV2661SS
5901997	ISX800KAV2461SS
5902017	ISX800BE2761SS
5902018	ISX800KAV2452SS
5902019	ISX800KAV2461SS
5902020	ISX800BE2761SS AUS
5902022	ISX800KAVE2661SS
5902023	ISX800B2752SS
5902024	ISX800B2761SS
5902038	ISX800BE2761SS AUS

Quick Setup List

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PERFORM THE SAFETY CHECKS	
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☐	Check all <u>OPERATOR CONTROLS</u> .
☐	Perform <u>SAFETY INTERLOCK SYSTEM CHECK</u> .
Register Product	
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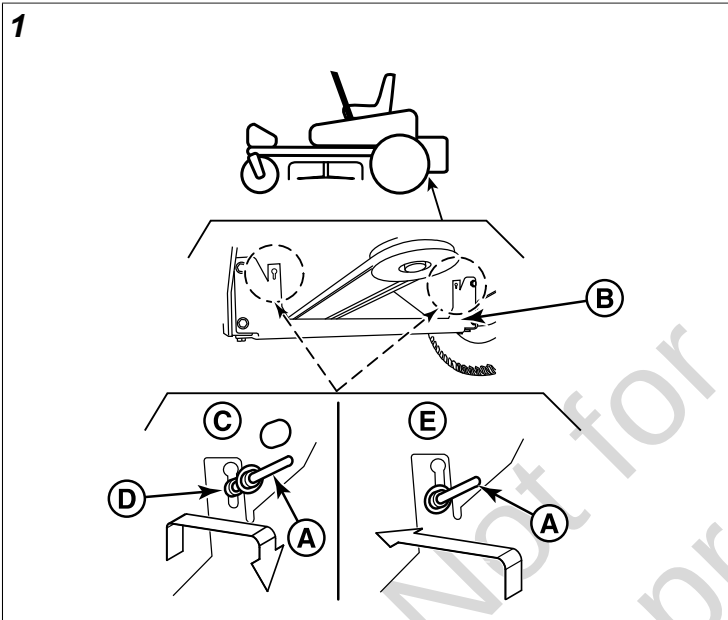
Setup Procedures

The items in this section provide the information necessary to fully assemble, test, and prepare the unit, that these instructions were included with, for delivery to your customer.

The Quick Setup List provided on page 2 of this booklet to help you identify and check that the items have been performed.

Uncrating

1. Locate the transmission release levers (A, Figure 1) underneath the engine deck of the machine and between the two rear wheels on the transmission cradle (B). There is one transmission release lever per transmission. The transmission release lever opens and closes the transmission bypass valve.

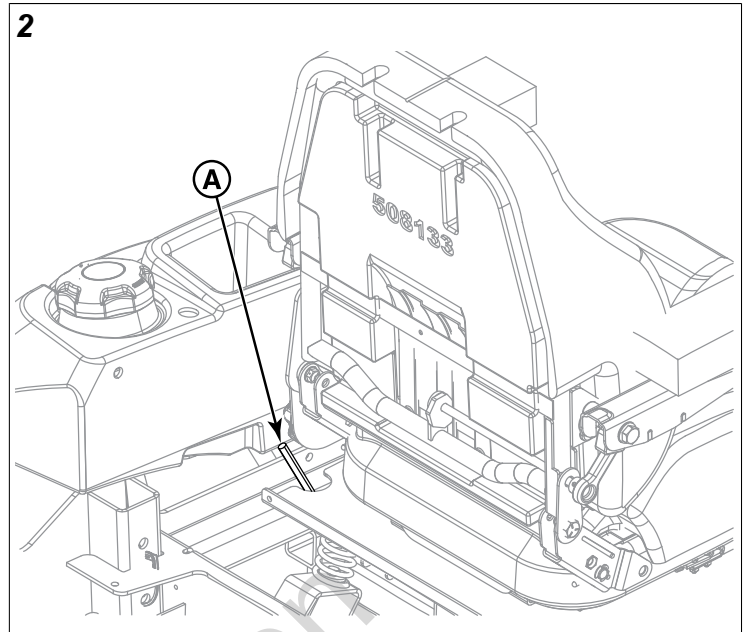


2. To open the transmission bypass valves (bypass position) (C), move the transmission release lever up and pull it towards the rear of the machine. When the second nut (D) has passed through the hole, lower the rod down in the slot so it will stay in the disengaged position. Repeat the process for the other side of the zero-turn rider.
3. Push down on the parking brake lever to release the parking brake.
4. Be sure there are no nails or sharp objects on the bottom skid to puncture the zero-turn rider's tires. Roll the zero-turn rider forward off the bottom skid.
5. After moving the zero-turn rider, close the bypass valves (run position) (E) by raising the transmission release lever so that the back nut clears the slot, push the lever towards the front of the machine. Repeat this process for the other side of the zero-turn rider.

Operating the Seat Latch

Some models are equipped with a seat latch that secures the seat plate in place. The seat latch is located by the left rear corner of the seat plate.

1. To raise the seat plate, release the latch by moving the seat latch (A, Figure 2) towards the front of the unit and then raise the seat plate.



2. The seat latch is spring loaded. When the seat plate is lowered back into place the seat latch will lock the seat plate into place.

Connect the Battery Cables



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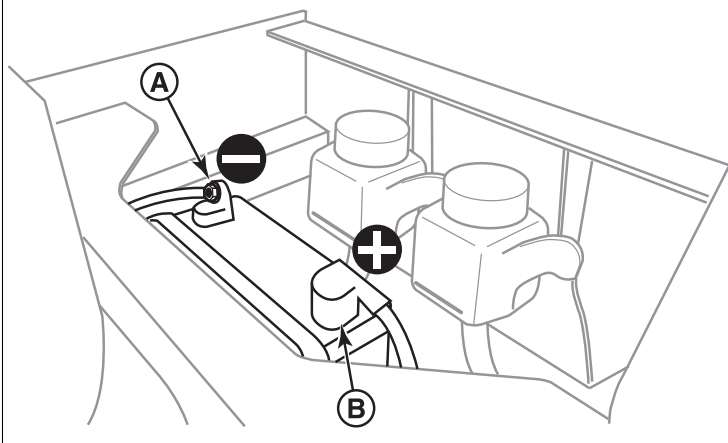


Battery acid can cause severe burns. Wear protective gear when handling the battery. Open flames and sparks can cause battery to explode.

BATTERY SAFETY RULES:

- Battery acid causes severe burns. Avoid contact with skin.
 - Wear eye protection when handling the battery.
 - To avoid an explosion, keep flames and sparks away from the battery, especially while charging.
 - When installing the battery cables, **connect the positive (+) cable first** and negative (-) cable last. If not done in this order, the positive terminal can be shorted to the frame by a tool.
1. Connect the red positive battery cable (B, Figure 3) to the positive battery post.

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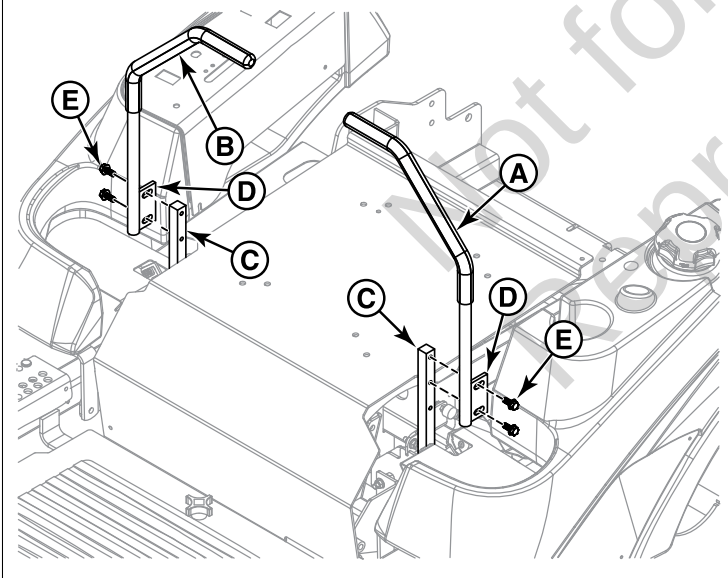
2. Connect the black negative battery cable (A) to the negative battery post.

Install the Ground Speed Control Levers

This procedure is only necessary if the ground speed control levers are not factory-installed on your unit.

There is a LEFT-HAND (A, Figure 4) and a RIGHT-HAND (B) control lever. When assembled to the base (C), the lever base (D) should be pointing toward the rear of the machine as shown in Figure 4.

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1. Remove the ground speed control levers and mounting hardware from the handle bar box.
2. Install the ground speed control levers (A & B) onto the control lever base using the hardware (E) supplied in the box. Prior to tightening the bolts, align the handles with each other.

Install the Seat

This procedure is only necessary if the seat is not factory installed.

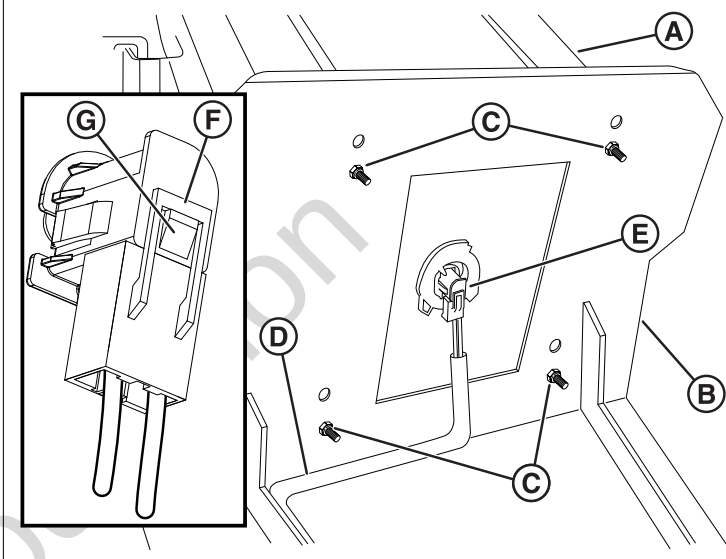
Some models are equipped with a seat plate the features two sets of mounting holes.

Models equipped with standard seats MUST be installed in the front set of holes.

Models equipped with suspension seats: The seat can be installed in either set of holes. Use the forward set of holes to position the operator closer to the front of the machine and the rear set of holes to position the operator towards the rear of the machine. Determining what holes to use is based on the preferred operating position of the operator

1. Unpack the seat.
2. Install the seat (A, Figure 5) on the seat mount plate (B) and secure with four (4) 5/16 nylock flange nuts (C).

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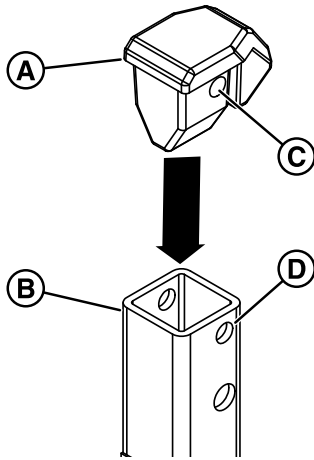
3. Connect the wire harness (D) to the seat switch (E) that is located in the bottom of the seat make sure that the latch (F) is clipped on the switch lock (G).

Install the Roll Bar to the Unit

The roll bar assembly is installed in the roll bar pockets which are part of the main frame of the unit and are located behind the seat and in front of the engine on both sides of the unit.

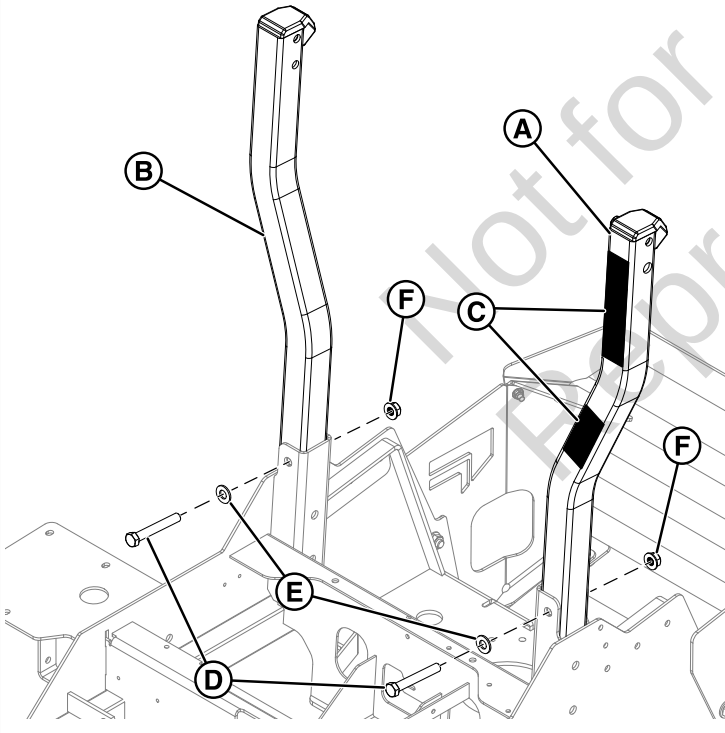
1. Make sure that no fuel lines, cables, parts of the wire harness, obstructions, or foreign objects are in the way of the roll bar pockets.
2. Check to make sure that the pivot blocks (A, Figure 6) are installed into the top of the roll bar posts (B). If not, install them. You might need to use a rubber mallet to pound them into place. The holes (C) in the pivot block will align with the pivot holes (D) in the roll bar post.

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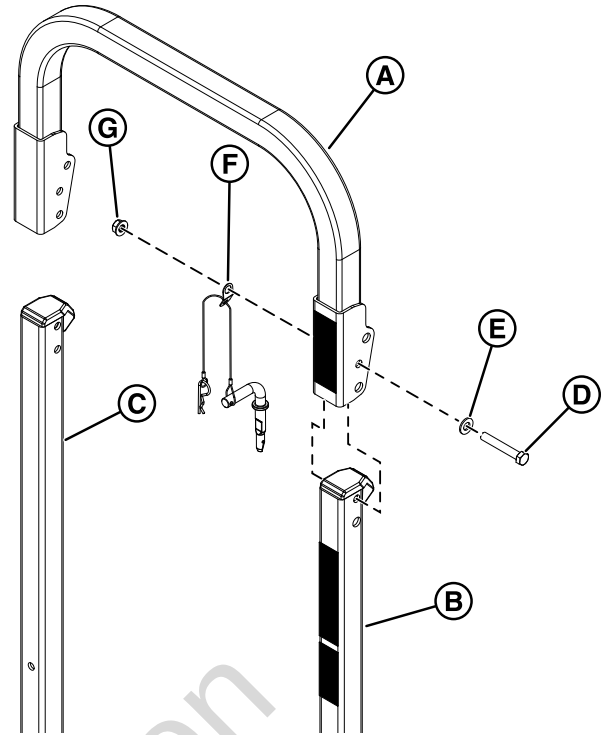
3. There is a left roll bar post (A, Figure 7) and right roll bar post (B). The left roll bar post has safety decals (C). Put the left hand roll bar post into the left roll bar pocket (as determined by the operator's position) so that the safety decals are facing towards the front of the unit. Use a 1/2" X 3-1/4" bolt (D), washer (E), and nut (F) to hold the roll bar post in place. Leave this hardware loose.

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4. Put the right hand roll bar post into the right roll bar pocket. Use a 1/2" X 3-1/4" bolt, washer, and nut to hold the roll bar post in place. Leave this hardware loose.
5. Assemble the top loop (A, Figure 8) to the left upright tube (B) and the right upright tube (C) by loosely installing the 1/2 bolts (D), 1/2 washers (E) through the 1/2" holes in the top loop assembly, the roll bar posts, the retainer pin assemblies (F), and then loosely install the 1/2 hex lock nuts (G).

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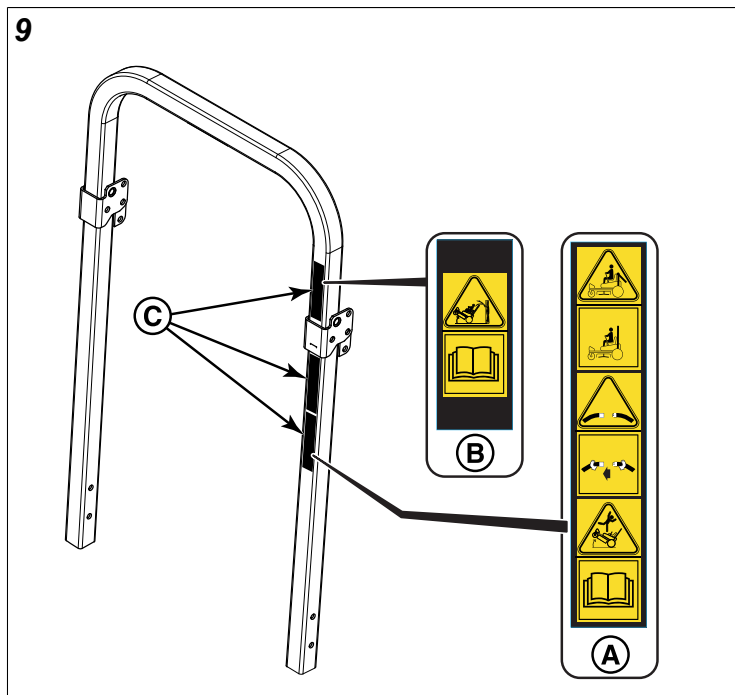


6. Tighten the 1/2" hardware (D, E, & F, Figure 7) that secures the roll bar posts to the frame of the unit to 82 ft-lbs (108 Nm) of torque.
7. Tighten the 1/2" hardware (D, E, & G, Figure 8) that secures the top loop to the roll bar posts to 30 ft-lbs (41 Nm). The top loop should pivot snugly. If it doesn't, loosen or tighten the hardware as needed.
8. Put the retainer pins into the roll bar with their handles pointing up and then rotate the pins 180 degrees so that their handles are pointing down. Install the hair pin clips into the retainer pins.

Install the Roll Bar Safety Decals (Export Models Only)

1. Remove the black and yellow CE safety decals (A, & B, Figure 9) from the publications packet.

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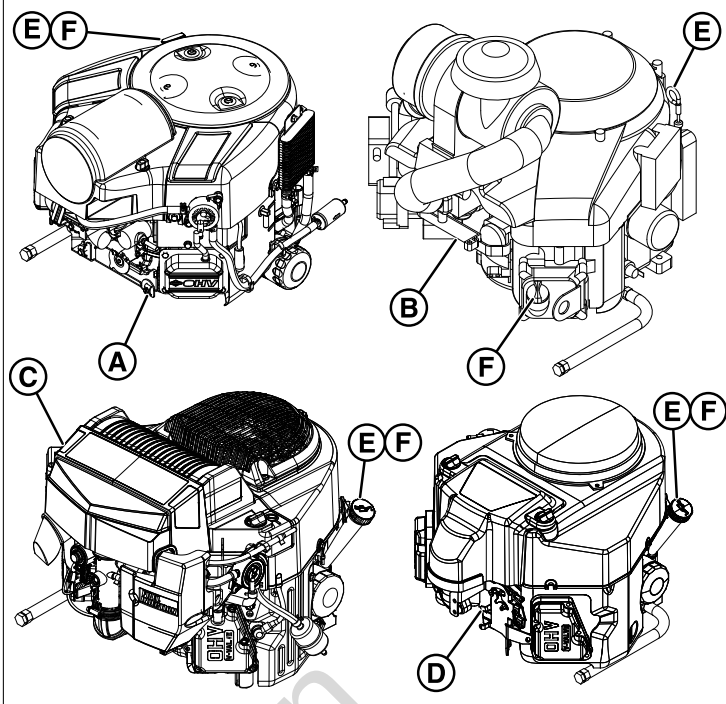


2. Remove the three (3) existing English language decals (C) from the roll bar.
3. Refer to Figure 9 for decal installation locations. The long decal, part number 5100536 (A) is installed below the roll bar pivot of the roll bar. The short decal, part number 5100537 (B), is installed above the roll bar pivot.

Check the Engine Oil Level

This model has different engine options. Use Figure 10 to determine if your model is equipped with a Briggs & Stratton Commercial Turf Series engine (A, Figure 10) or a Briggs & Stratton Vanguard engine (B) or a Kawasaki FT EFI engine with electronic throttle control (C) or a Kawasaki FT EFI engine (D).

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1. Use the dipstick (E) to check the engine oil level. If necessary, add engine oil through the engine oil fill (F). Check the engine manufacturer's owner's manual for the oil recommendations.

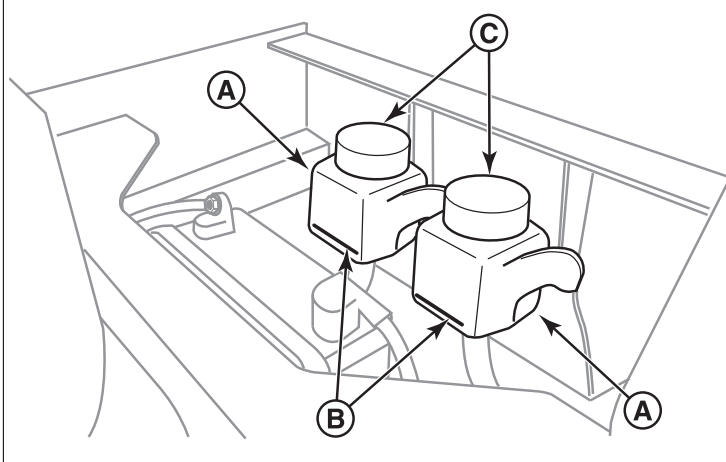
Check / Fill Transmission Oil Level

This unit is equipped with two transmission oil tanks. One transmission oil tank only supplies oil to one transmission. The level of oil in both transmission tanks must be checked, and if necessary, filled.

Oil Type: 20W-50 conventional detergent motor oil

1. Locate the transmission oil tanks (A, Figure 11) by raising the seat plate of the unit.
2. Check the oil level when the unit is cold. The oil should be up to the "FULL COLD" mark (B) on the transmission oil tanks. If the oil is below this level, proceed to step #3.

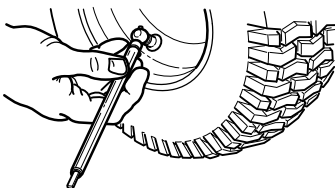
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- Before removing tank caps (C), make sure the area around the tank cap and fill neck of the tank is free of dust, dirt, or other debris. Remove the tank caps.
- Add oil up to the "FULL COLD" full cold mark.
- Reinstall the tank caps.
- After adding oil to the tanks, it may be necessary to purge air from the hydraulic system. If the unit is not driving properly perform the *Purging the Air from the Hydraulic System* procedure.

Check Tire Pressures

Tire pressure should be checked periodically, and maintained at the levels shown in the chart. Note that these pressures may differ slightly from the "Max Inflation" stamped on the side-wall of the tires. The pressures shown in the chart provide proper traction and extend tire life.



Tire	Pressure
Front	25 psi (1,72 bar)
Rear	15 psi (1,03 bar)

Check the Mower Blade Bolt Torque

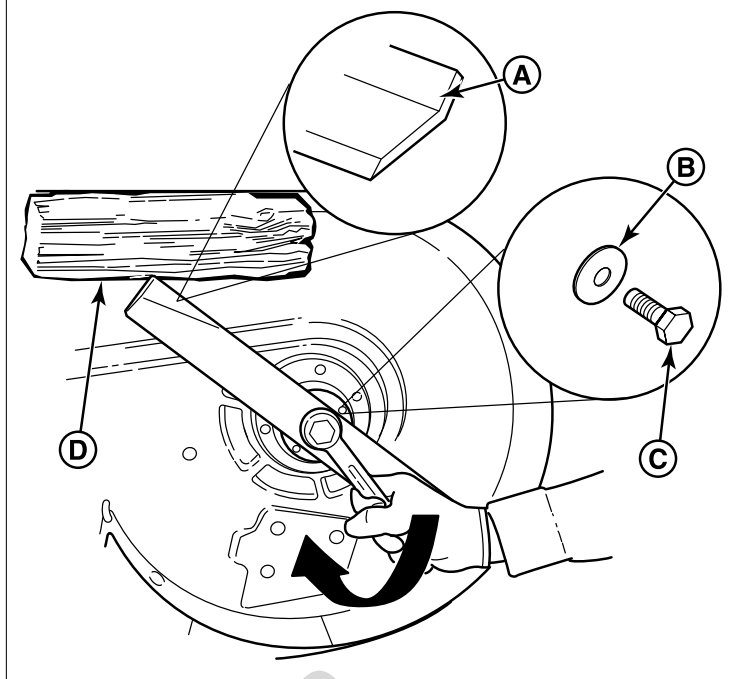


WARNING

Avoid injury! Mower blades are sharp.

- Mower blades are sharp. For your personal safety, do NOT handle mower blades with bare hands.
 - Careless or improper handling of blades may result in serious injury.
 - Blade mounting bolts must each be installed with a flat washer and then securely tightened. Torque blade mounting bolts to 120 ft. lbs. (163 Nm).
- Lock the mower deck in it's highest cutting position.
 - Check that the blades are installed with the tabs pointing up (A, Figure 12) towards the deck as showing in Figure 12.

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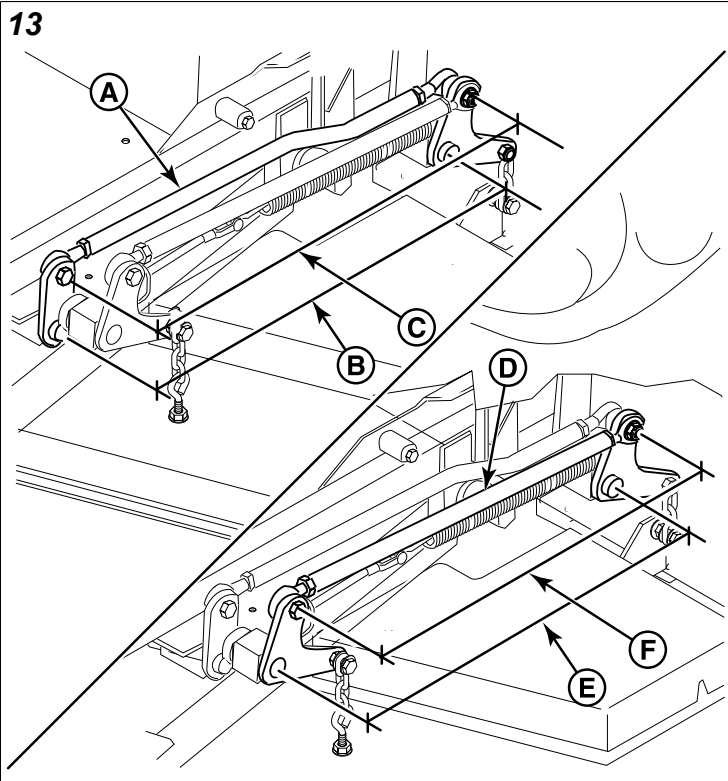


- Check that a flat washer (B) is installed between each blade and the head of it's mounting bolt (C).
- Wedge a wooden block (D) between the mower blade and the mower deck housing to keep the mower blade from turning. Torque each mower blade mounting bolt to 120 ft. lbs. (163 Nm).

Deck Lift Rod Timing Adjustment

Checking the Deck Lift Rod Timing

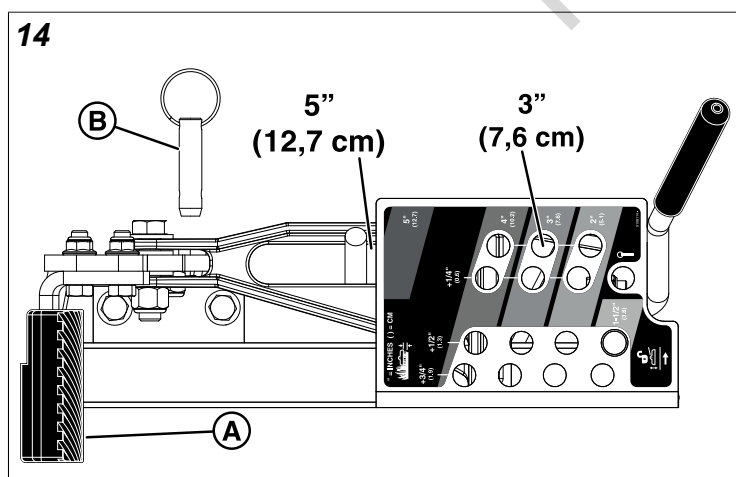
- Park machine on a flat, level surface. Disengage the PTO, stop the engine, and engage the parking brake. Verify the tires are inflated to the correct pressure.
- To check the inner lift rod (A, Figure 13) timing, measure and record the distance between the inner lift pivots (B) and the inner rod pivots (C). Repeat for other side of unit.



3. To check the outer lift rod (D) timing, measure and record the distance between the outer lift pivots (E) and the outer rod pivots (F). Repeat for other side of unit.
4. If the measurements for the inner rods are equal, and the measurements for the outer rods are equal, no further adjustment is required. If the measurements are NOT equal (greater than 1/8" (3,17 mm) difference), adjustment is required, continue with Adjusting the Deck Lift Rod Timing.

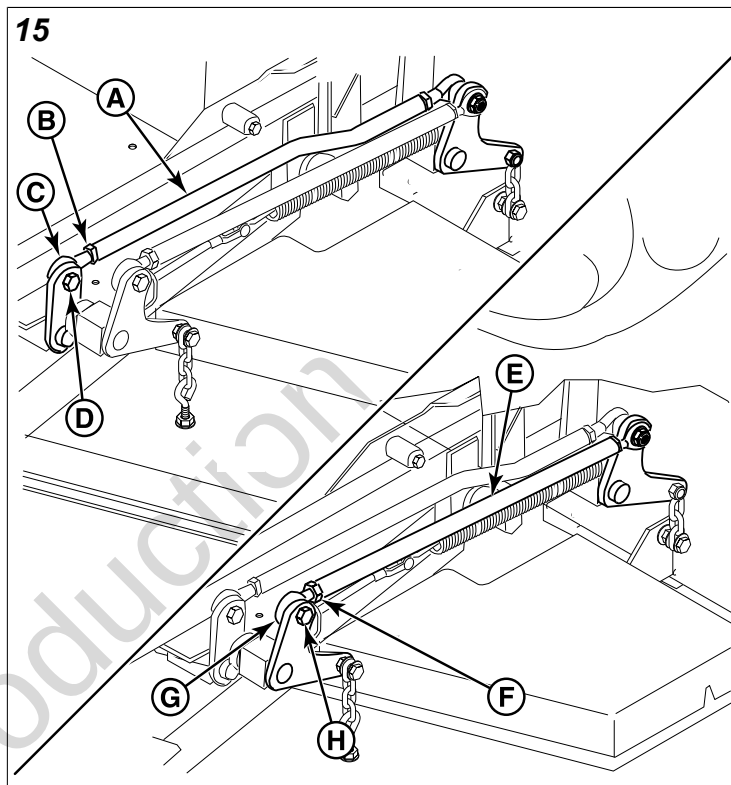
Adjusting the Deck Lift Rod Timing

1. Lock the deck lift pedal in the 5" (12,7cm) position. Remove the height adjustment pin (A, Figure 14) and lower the mower deck.



2. To ensure that the deck is in the lowest position, push the pedal by hand towards the rear of the unit and install the height adjustment pin in the 3" (7.6 cm) position to hold in place.

3. Block up the mower deck until all hanger chains are slack.
4. To adjust the inner lift rod (A, Figure 15): Loosen the jam nut (B) on the front ball joint (C) then remove the 1/2" hardware (D) fastening the ball joint to the lift pivot arm. Turn the ball joint **clockwise** to shorten the distance between the rod pivots or **counter-clockwise** to lengthen the distance between the rod pivots. Reinstall the ball joint on the lift pivot arm and secure with the 1/2" hardware previously removed. Tighten the jam nut against the lift rod.



5. To adjust the outer lift rod (E): Loosen the jam nut (F) on the front ball joint (G) then remove the 1/2" hardware (H) fastening the ball joint to the lift pivot arm. Turn the ball joint **clockwise** to shorten the distance between the rod pivots or **counter-clockwise** to lengthen the distance between the rod pivots. Reinstall the ball joint on the lift pivot arm and secure with the 1/2" hardware previously removed. Tighten the jam nut against the lift rod.
6. Remove blocks from under the mower deck.
7. Remove the cutting height adjustment pin from in front of the deck lift pedal arm. Lift mower deck and reinstall adjustment pin in desired mowing height.

Deck Leveling Adjustment

Before adjusting the deck level, the deck lift rod timing must be checked and/or adjusted.

Determining if the Deck Leveling Needs to be Adjusted

1. Park the unit on a flat, level surface. Disengage the PTO, engage the parking brake, turn the ignition switch to OFF, and remove the ignition key.

2. Lock the deck lift pedal in the TRANSPORT position. Place the cutting height adjustment pin in the 4" position and lower the deck lift pedal until the deck lift arm contacts the cutting height adjustment pin.
3. Verify that the tires are inflated to the correct pressure.
4. Verify that the mower blades are flat, and not bent or broken. A bent or broken blade must be replaced.

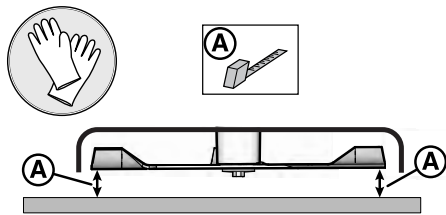
! WARNING

Avoid Injury! Mower blades are sharp.

Always wear gloves when handling blades or working near blades.

5. See Figure 16. Position the outside mower blades so they face front-to-back.

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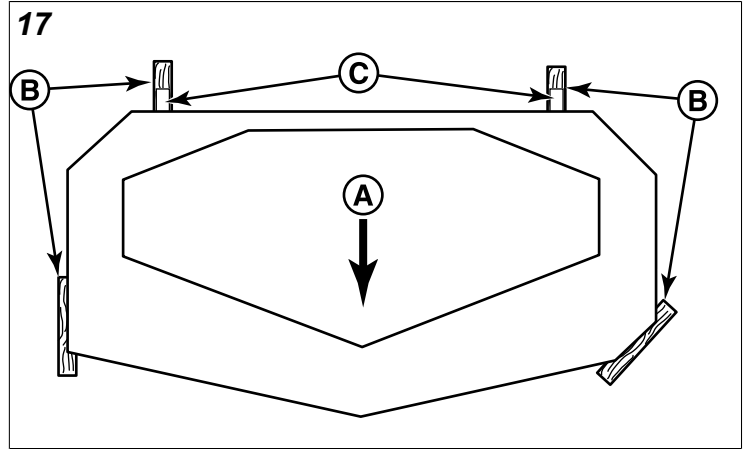


6. Measure the front tip (A, Figure 16) of the blade from the cutting edge to the ground.
7. Measure the rear tip (A) of the blade from the cutting edge to the ground.
8. Repeat the process on the other side of the machine.
 - the front measurements should equal 4" (10,2 cm).
 - the rear measurements should equal 4-1/4" (10,8 cm)

If the measurements do not equal the measurements as listed above, adjust the deck leveling.

Deck Leveling Adjustment

1. Set the mower deck to the 4" (10,2 cm) cutting height position.
2. Place 2 X 4 blocks (B, Figure 17) under each corner of the mower deck with the 3-1/2" (8,9 cm) sides being vertical. Place a 1/4" (0,64 cm) thick spacer (C) on the top of the rear blocks. The arrow (A) points towards the front of the mower deck.

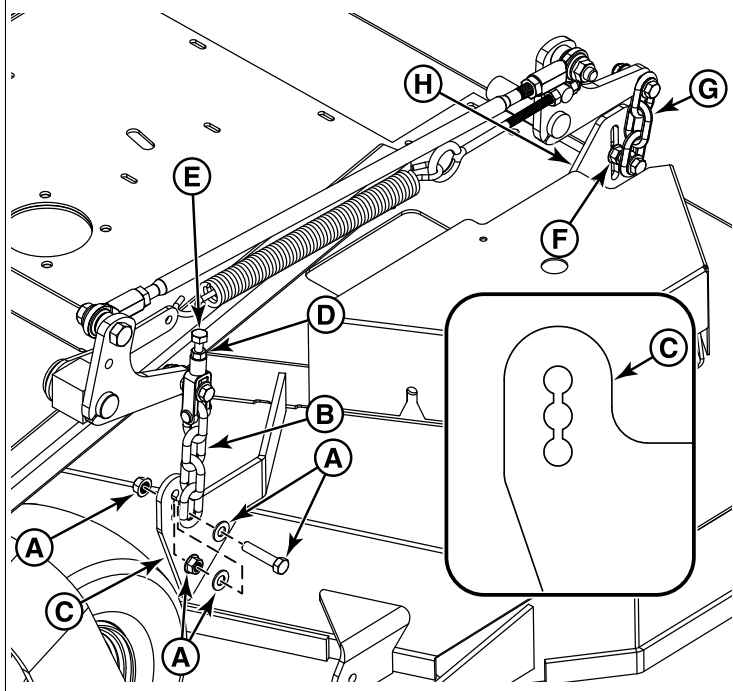


3.

- If the measurements between the the front tip of the blade and the ground is 1/2" (1,27 cm) or greater the hole that the mounting hardware is in will need to be relocated.
- If the measurements between the rear tip of the blade and the ground is less than 1/2" (1,27 cm), skip to step #8.

4. Place additional blocking underneath all four corners of the mower deck until the hanger chains are slack.
5. Re-position the hardware (A, Figure 18) that secures the front hanger chain (B) to the front mounting plate (C).
 - If the measurement between the front tip of the blade and the ground was 4-1/2" (11,43 cm) or higher, position the hardware in the next lower hole in the front mounting plate.
 - If the measurement between the front tip of the blade and the ground was 3-3/4" (9,5 cm) or lower, position the hardware in the next higher hole in the front mounting plate.

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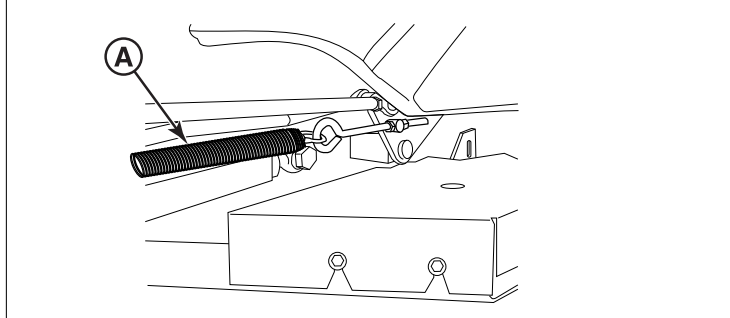


6. Repeat step #5 for the other side of the mower deck.
7. Remove the additional blocking from underneath the mower deck, leaving only the original 2 X 4 blocks and the 1/4" (0,64 cm) spacer.
8. Re-check the measurements between the front tip of the mower blades and the ground.
 - If the measurements are greater than 4" (10,2 cm) loosen the jam nut (D) and turn the fine adjustment nut (E) **counter-clockwise** to lower the deck.
 - If the measurements are less than 4" (10,2 cm) loosen the jam nut and turn the fine adjustment bolt **clockwise** to raise the deck.
9. Once the 4" measurement from the front tip of the blade is achieved, re-tighten the jam nut.
10. Loosen the nuts (F) that secure the rear hanger chain (G) to the rear mounting plate (H) and allow the rear of the deck to rest on the 2 X 4's and 1/4" (0,64 cm) spacers.
11. Repeat steps #8 - #10 for the other side of the unit.
12. Perform the **Determining if the Deck Leveling Needs to be Adjusted** procedure to verify that the deck has been leveled correctly.

Deck Lift Assist Springs

Some models are equipped with deck lift assist springs (A, Figure 19) that assist the operator in raising the mower deck with the deck lift pedal. The deck lift assist springs are factory set to provide optimal lifting performance.

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Although it is fastened with a multi-position anchor, this is **not an adjustment point**.

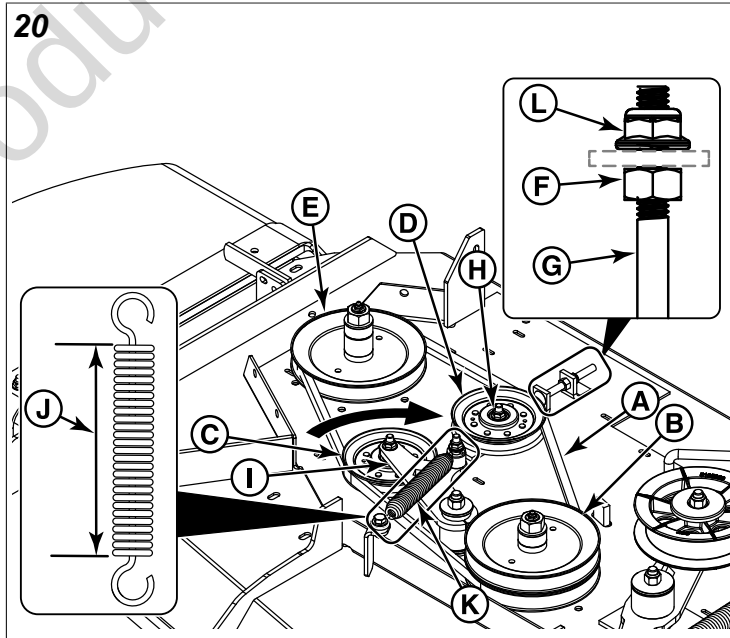
Do NOT attempt to adjust the spring length or lifting performance will be compromised.

Check the Short Right Hand Deck Belt

NOTICE To avoid damaging belt, do not pry over pulleys.

1. Lower the mower deck to it's lowest cutting position.
2. Remove the mower deck guards and floor pan to gain access to the mower deck belts.
3. Make sure that the V-side of the short right hand belt (A, Figure 20) is in the pulley grooves of the center spindle pulley (B), the front idler pulley (C), the rear idler pulley (D) and the right hand spindle pulley (E).

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4. If the short right hand belt is not properly seated, loosen the jam nut (F) on the carriage bolt (G) and the 3/8" nut (H) that secure the rear idler pulley (D) to the deck. This will allow the rear idler pulley to move in it's adjustment slot.

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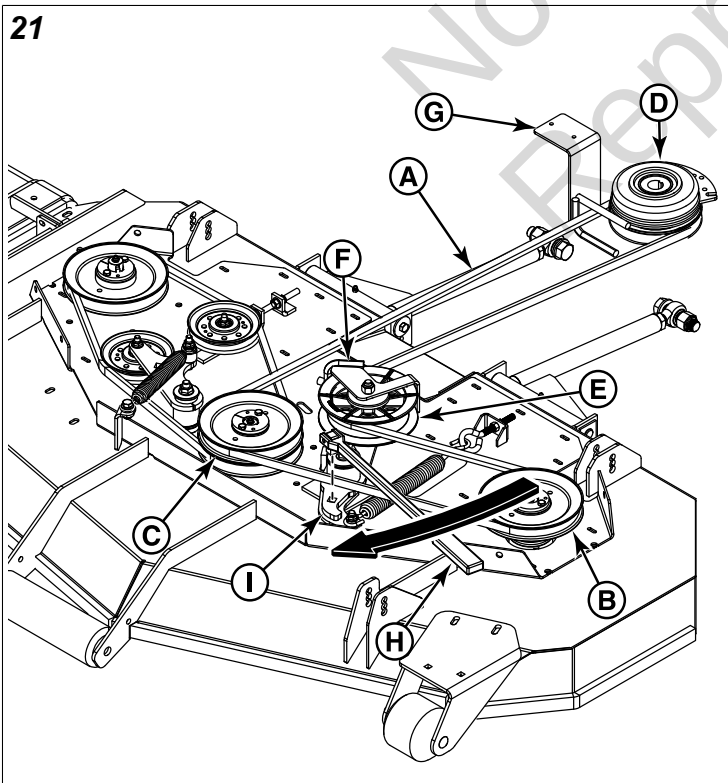
Use extreme caution when rotating the idler arm due to the increased tension in the spring as the idler arm is being rotated. Injury may result if the idler arm is prematurely released while the spring is under tension.

- Carefully rotate the idler arm (I) **clockwise**, which will relieve the tension on the belt exerted from the idler arm.
- Re-seat the short right hand belt and carefully release the tension on the idler arm.
- Set the mower deck to the 3-1/2" (8,9 cm) cutting position.
- Measure the coil-to-coil length (J) of the idler arm spring (K). The measurement should equal 6-1/8" (15,6 cm) $\pm$ 1/8 (0,32 cm). If not, turn the adjustment nut (L) until the measurement is achieved.
- Tighten the jam nut and the 3/8" nut that secures the rear back side idler pulley to the deck.

Check the Long Left Hand Deck Belt

NOTICE To avoid damaging belt, **do not pry over pulleys**.

- Check the routing of the long left hand belt (A, Figure 21). Make sure that the V-side of the belt is in the pulley grooves of the left hand spindle pulley (B), center spindle pulley (C), and the PTO clutch pulley (D). Make sure that the back side of the belt contacts the face of the adjustable idler pulley (E). Make sure that the belt is correctly routed in the belt guides (F & G).

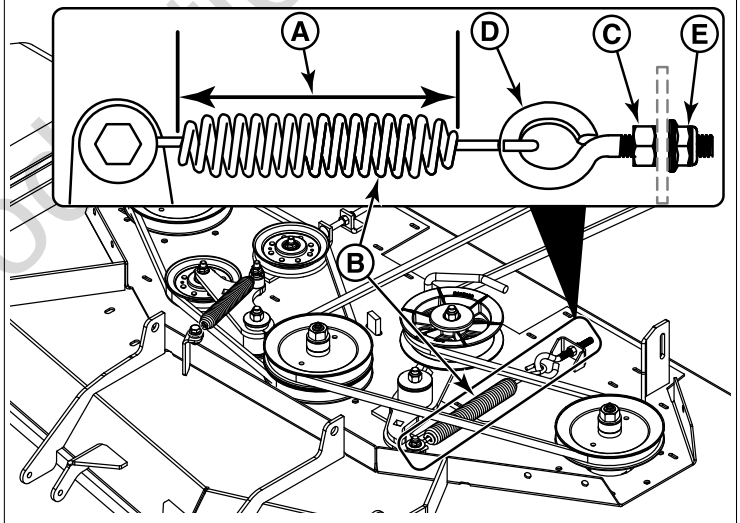


⚠ WARNING

Use extreme caution when rotating the idler arm with the breaker bar, due to the increased tension in the spring as the idler arm is being rotated. Injury may result if the breaker bar is prematurely released while the spring is under tension.

- If the long left hand belt is not properly seated, use a 1/2" breaker bar (H) and place the square end in the opening in the spindle drive idler arm (I) and rotate the idler arm **clockwise**, which will relieve the tension on the belt exerted from the idler arm.
- Re-seat the long left hand belt and carefully release the tension on the idler arm.
- Set the mower deck to the 3-1/2" (8,9 cm) cutting position.
- Measure the coil-to-coil length (A, Figure 22) of the long left hand belt tensioning spring (B). The measurement should equal 10-1/4" (26 cm) $\pm$ 1/8 (0,32 cm). If not, loosen the jam nut (C) on the eye bolt (D) and then turn the adjustment nut (E) until the measurement is achieved. Tighten the jam nut.

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- Re-install the mower deck guards and the floor pan.

Lubrication

Lubricate the unit at the location shown in the following figures as well as the lubrication points listed below.

Grease:



- front caster wheel axles & yokes.
- deck lift pivot blocks.
- mower deck spindles.
- transmission cradle pivot points.

Use grease fittings when present. Disassemble parts to apply grease to moving parts when grease fittings are not installed.

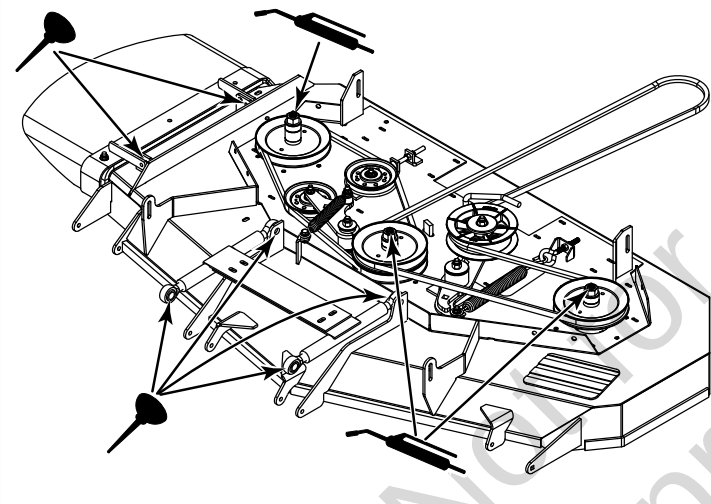
Not all greases are compatible. Grease (p/n 5022285) is a Calcium Sulfonate EP NLGI #2 grease that is recommended and available through your normal parts source. Lithium Complex EP-2 NLGI #2 grease may be used if 5022285 is not available. Using a non-compatible grease could damage or cause premature parts failures.

Oil:

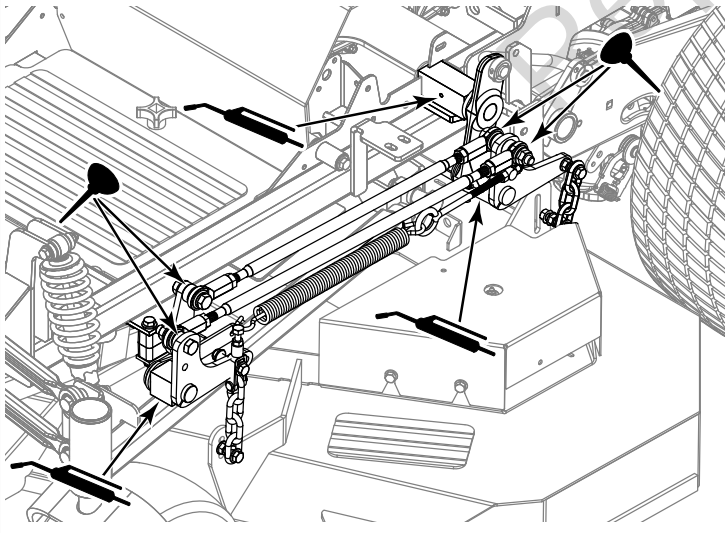
- control handle pivots
- seat plate pivots
- deck lift pivots
- discharge chute hinge

Generally, all moving metal parts should be oiled where contact is made with other parts. Keep oil and grease off belts and pulleys. Remember to wipe fittings and surfaces clean both before and after lubrication.

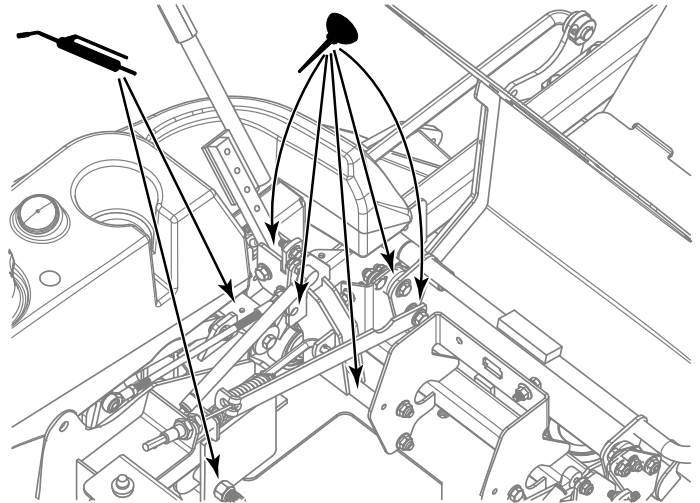
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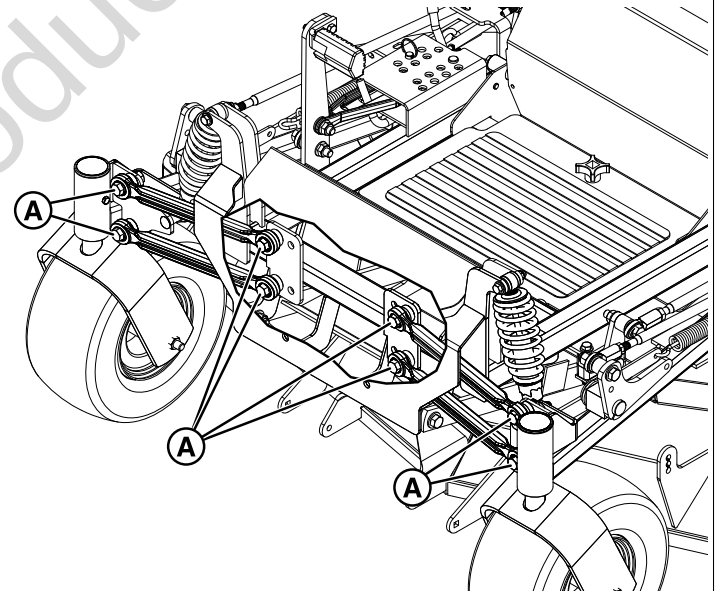


Lubricating the ForeFront Suspension Control Arms

Interval: Every 50 hours.

Lubricate the ends of the four (4) ForeFront™ suspension control arms with a petroleum based chain lube at the areas identified as "A" in Figure 26.

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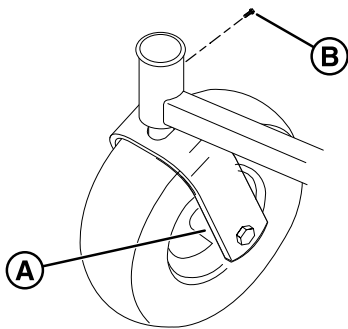
Lubricating the Front Casters

Interval: Front caster wheel axles (A, Figure 27) - Every 25 hours.

Interval: Front caster yoke axles - Yearly.

1. Remove the 1/4-28 bolt (B, Figure 27) screwed into the caster and install a 1/4-28 grease fitting.

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2. Grease the front caster.
3. Remove the 1/4-28 grease fitting and reinstall the 1/4-28 bolt.
4. Repeat the process for the other side of the unit.

Checking / Adding Fuel



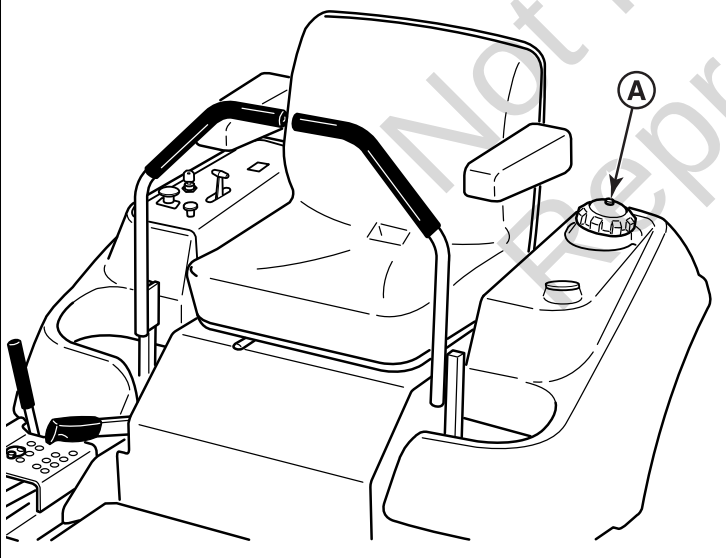
WARNING

Gasoline is highly flammable and must be handled with care. Allow engine to cool for at least 3 minutes before refueling. Do not allow open flame, smoking or matches in the area. Avoid over-filling and wipe up any spills.

To add fuel:

1. Remove the fuel cap (A, Figure 28).

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2. Fill the fuel tank to the bottom of the filler neck. This will allow for fuel expansion.
Note: Do not overfill. Refer to your engine owner's manual for specific fuel recommendations.
3. Install and hand tighten the fuel cap.
4. If your unit is equipped with two fuel tanks, repeat this process to fill the other fuel tank.

NOTICE

Refer to your engine owner's manual for specific fuel recommendations.

Starting the Engine - Carbureted Models

1. While sitting in the operator's seat, engage the parking brake and make sure the PTO switch is disengaged and the ground speed control levers are locked in the neutral position.
2. **A warm engine may not require choking.** Set the engine throttle control to FAST throttle position. Then fully close the choke by pulling the knob OUT fully.
3. Insert the key into the ignition switch and turn it to START.
4. After the engine starts, gradually open the choke (push knob down fully). Reduce to half throttle speed and allow engine to warm. *Warm up the engine by running it for at least a minute before engaging the PTO switch or driving the rider.*
5. After warming the engine always operate the unit at FULL throttle when mowing.

In the event of an emergency the engine can be stopped by simply turning the ignition switch to STOP.

Starting the Engine - Fuel Injected Models with Electronic Throttle Control

Note: To prime a dry fuel system: Turn the key switch to the RUN position for one minute. Allow the fuel pump to cycle and prime the system and then turn the key switch to the OFF position.

1. While sitting in the operator's seat, pivot the ground speed control levers out to lock them into the neutral position, engage the parking brake, and press the PTO switch down to disengage the PTO.
2. Insert the ignition key into the ignition switch and turn it to the START position.
3. The throttle will self adjust to idle when starting. After the engine starts allow the engine to warm.
Warm up the engine by running it for one minute before engaging the PTO switch or driving the unit.
4. After warming the engine always operate the unit at the FAST position when mowing.

In the event of an emergency the engine can be stopped by simply turning the ignition switch to OFF.

Perform the Safety Checks



WARNING

Disengage the PTO, stop the engine, set the parking brake, and wait for moving parts to stop before leaving the operator's position for any reason.

If the unit does not pass a test, do not operate the unit. Under no circumstance should you attempt to defeat the purpose of the safety system.

Functional Tests

1. Check the unit for loose bolts, screws, nuts, etc.
2. Start the engine and check all the controls for proper operation: ground speed control levers, parking brake, throttle cable, electric PTO clutch, etc.
3. Stop the engine and check for fluid leaks: oil, fuel, and hydraulic oil.
4. If any control fails to operate properly during testing or seems to be out of adjustment, check and re-adjust it according to the following **Adjustment Procedures** section.

Safety Interlock System

This unit is equipped with safety interlock switches. These safety systems are present for your safety, do not attempt to bypass safety switches, and never tamper with safety devices. Check their operation regularly.

Operational SAFETY Checks

Test 1 - Engine SHOULD NOT crank if:

- PTO switch is engaged, OR
- Parking brake is not engaged.

Test 2 - Engine SHOULD crank if:

- PTO switch is not engaged, AND
- Parking brake is engaged.

Test 3 - Engine should SHUT OFF if:

- Operator rises off seat with PTO engaged, OR
- Operator rises off seat with parking brake disengaged.

Test 4 - Blade Brake Check

Mower blades and mower drive belt should come to a complete stop within seven (7) seconds after electric PTO switch is turned off (or operator rises off seat). If mower drive belt does not stop within seven (7) seconds, see your dealer.

NOTE: Once the engine has stopped, PTO switch must be turned off, parking brake must be engaged, and the ground speed control levers must be locked in the NEUTRAL position after the operator returns to the seat in order to start the engine.



WARNING

If the unit does not pass a safety test, do not operate it. See your authorized dealer. Under no circumstance should you attempt to defeat the purpose of safety interlock system.

Adjustment Procedures

If any control fails to operate properly during testing or seems to be out of adjustment, check and re-adjust it according to the following instructions.

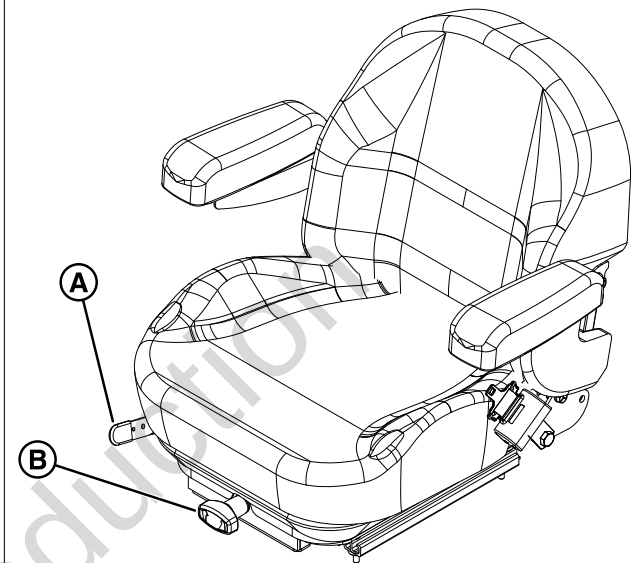
Seat Adjustment (Suspension Seat)

This procedure only applies to models equipped with a suspension seat.

In addition to the forwards and backwards seat adjustment, models equipped with a suspension seat can also be adjusted for suspension (ride comfort).

Seat Adjustment Lever (Forwards/Backwards): The seat can be adjusted forward and back. Move the forwards/backwards seat adjustment lever (A, Figure 29), position the seat as desired, and release the lever to lock the seat in position. Suspension Seat Adjustment

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Seat Adjustment Knob (Suspension/Ride Comfort): The seat adjustment knob (B) adjusts the suspension of the seat (ride comfort). Turn the adjustment knob until the display scale has a reading that matches the weight of the operator.

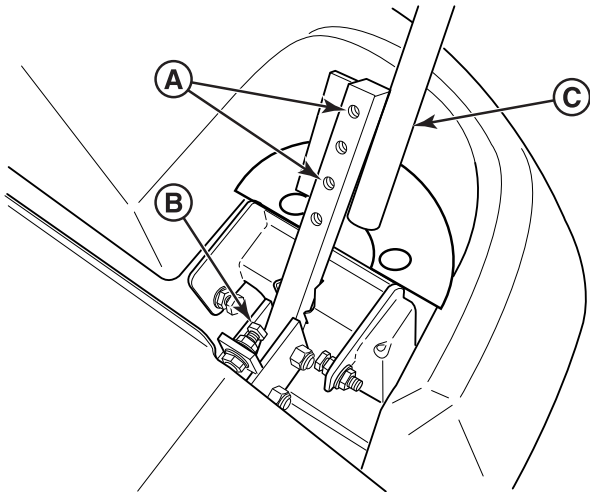
Ground Speed Control Lever Adjustment

The control levers can be adjusted in three ways. The alignment of the control levers, the placement of the levers (how close the ends are to one another) and the height of the levers can be adjusted.

To Adjust the Handle Alignment

Loosen the mount bolts (A, Figure 30) and pivot the lever(s) (C) to align with each other.

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To Adjust the Handle Placement

Loosen the jam nuts and adjust the placement bolt (B) in or out to properly adjust the lever end spacing.

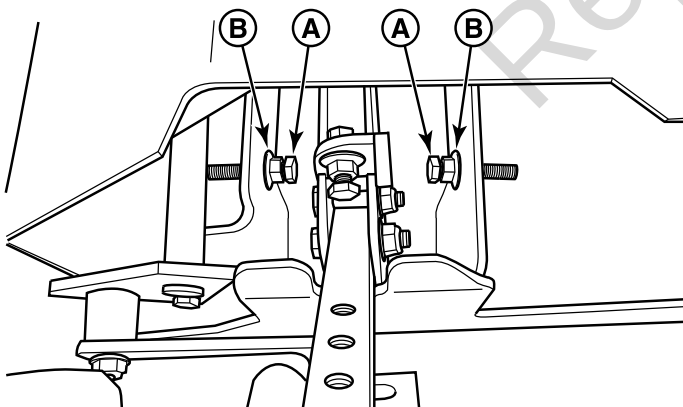
To Adjust the Handle Height

Remove the mounting hardware and reposition the handle either up or down from its original position. You will need to readjust the handle alignment as described above.

Speed Balancing Adjustment

If the rider veers to the right or left when the ground speed control levers are in the maximum forward position, the top speed of each of these levers can be balanced by turning the adjustment bolt(s) (A, Figure 31). Only adjust the speed of the wheel that is traveling faster.

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To Reduce the Speed of the Faster Wheel

1. Loosen the securing nut (B).
2. Turn the top speed adjustment bolt **counter-clockwise** to reduce the speed.
3. Retighten the securing nut when adjustment is complete.



WARNING

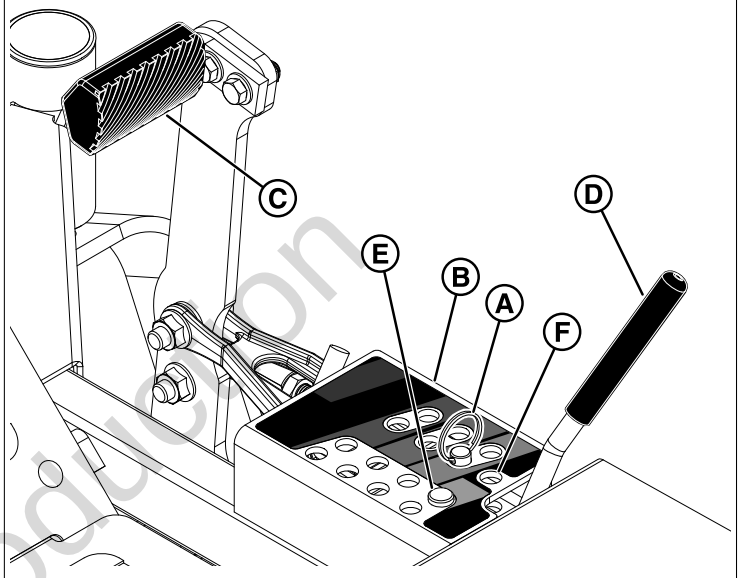
DO NOT adjust the tractor for a faster overall speed forward or reverse than it was designed for.

Cutting Height Adjustment

The cutting height adjustment pin (A, Figure 32) controls the mower's cutting height. The cutting height is adjustable between 1-1/2" (3,8 cm) and 5" (12,7 cm) in 1/4" (0,64 cm) increments.

Note: Make sure that the pin is inserted into the holes in both upper and lower plates of the pin box (B).

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To set the cutting height at 1-1/2" (3,37 cm):

1. While sitting in the operator's seat, press the deck lift foot pedal (C) forward until it locks into the 5" (12,7 cm) position.
2. Remove the cutting height adjustment pin from the hole that it is installed in.
3. Press the deck lift foot pedal forward and then push the lock lever (D) towards the right to release the lock.
4. Slowly release the deck lift foot pedal until it comes to rest against the stationary pin (E) in the 1-1/2" (3,37 cm) cutting height hole.
5. Place the cutting height adjustment pin in the storage hole (F).

To set the cutting height in the range of 1-3/4" (4,40 cm) and 4-3/4" (12,06 cm):

1. While sitting in the operator's seat, press the deck lift foot pedal forward until it locks into the 5" (12,7 cm) position.
2. Place the cutting height adjustment pin in the desired cutting height.
3. Press the deck lift pedal forward and then push the lock lever towards the right to release the lock.

4. Slowly release the deck lift foot pedal until it comes to rest against the cutting height adjustment pin.

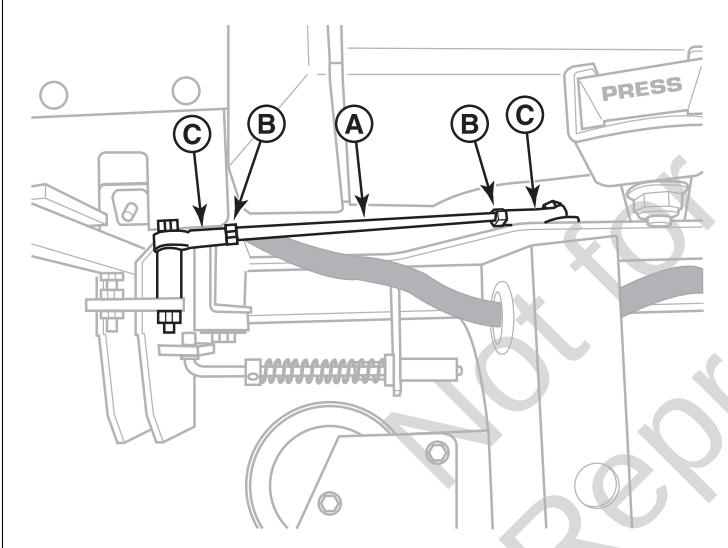
To set the cutting height at 5" (12,7 cm):

1. While sitting in the operator's seat, press the deck lift foot pedal forward until it locks into the 5" (12,7 cm) position.
2. Place the cutting height adjustment pin in any open cutting height hole. The lift lock lever holds the mower deck at 5" (12,7 cm) while cutting.

Neutral Adjustment

The neutral system for this mower consists of two neutral linkage rods and a pivot that connects the ground speed control lever to the transmission. The lower rod that connects the transmission to the pivot is factory preset and should not be changed for neutral adjustment purposes. The adjustment is achieved by changing the length of the upper rod (A, Figure 33) that connects the ground speed control lever to the pivot.

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Determining if Adjustment is Necessary: If the zero-turn rider "creeps" while the ground speed control levers are locked in the NEUTRAL LOCKOUT position, then it may be necessary to adjust the linkage rods.

Note: Perform this adjustment on a hard, level surface such as a concrete floor.

1. Disengage the PTO, engage the parking brake and turn off the engine.
2. There are two nuts (B) on the linkage rod. Loosen the nuts from the ball joints (C) and turn the linkage rod to adjust.
 - If the machine creeps forward, turn the rod **clockwise** (while standing at the rear of the machine, facing forward);
 - If the machine creeps backward, turn the rod **counter-clockwise** (while standing at the rear of the machine, facing forward).

3. Lock the jam nut against the ball joints when neutral is achieved.

Note: This adjustment should not be performed while the machine is running. It may take several attempts to achieve neutral, depending on how much the machine creeps.

Return-to-Neutral Adjustment

Prior to performing this procedure the Neutral Adjustment Procedure must be completed.

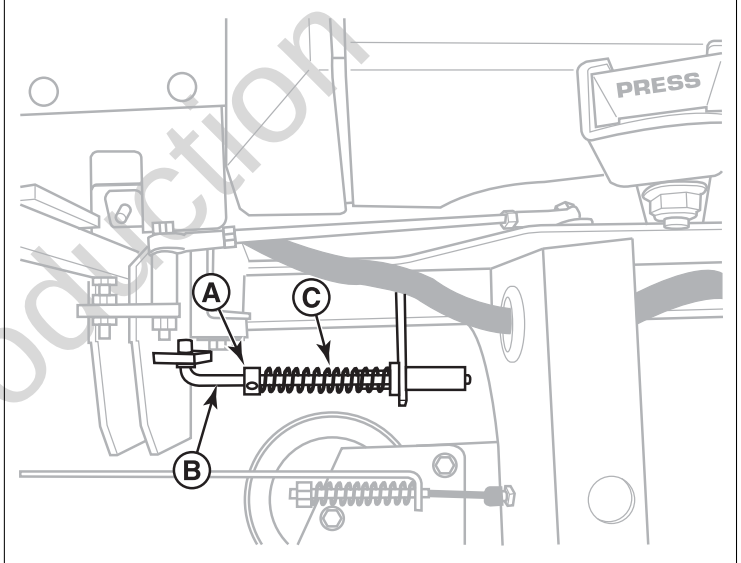


WARNING

To avoid serious injury, perform adjustments only with engine stopped, key removed, and tractor parked on level ground.

1. Position the ground speed control levers into the NEUTRAL LOCKOUT position
2. Loosen the set collar (A, Figure 34) on the neutral return rod (B).

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3. Position the set collar along the neutral return rod until it contacts and very lightly compresses the neutral return spring (C).
4. Move the ground speed control levers into the operating position, pull rearward, and release.
5. Move the ground speed control levers out towards the NEUTRAL LOCKOUT position.
 - if the ground speed control lever aligns with the notch in the neutral lock plate, adjustment is complete;
 - if the ground speed control lever stops its return motion past the notch (while standing at the rear of the machine), re-position the set collar so the neutral return spring is less compressed.
 - if the ground speed control lever stops its return motion before the notch (while standing at the rear of the machine), re-position the set collar so that the neutral return spring is more compressed.

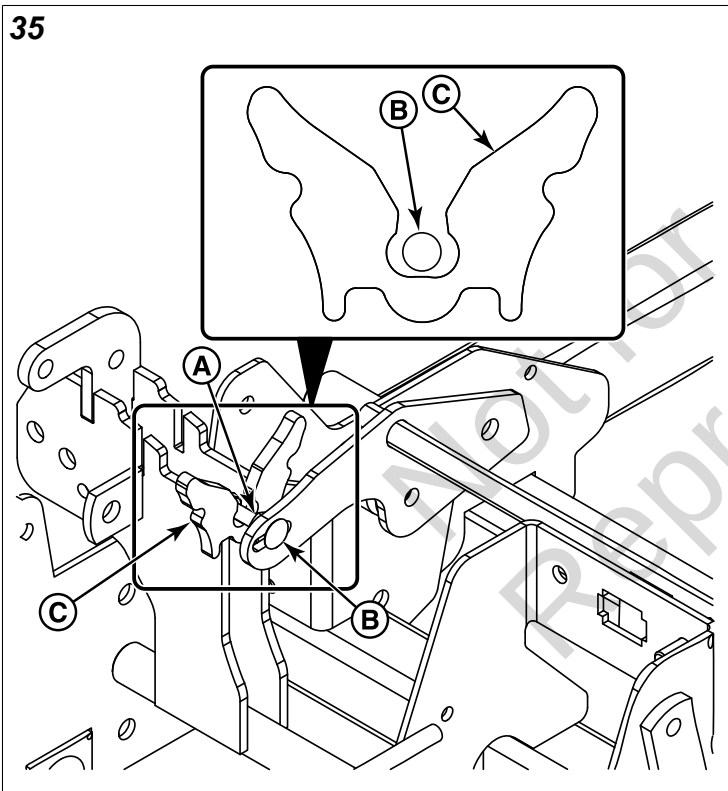
6. Repeat the process as necessary until the ground speed control lever aligns with the notch in the neutral lock plate.

Note: It is important to note that after every adjustment of the neutral return rod, the lever must be pulled rearward and released to properly check the return-to-neutral position.

Neutral Lockout Adjustment

Prior to adjusting the neutral lockout, the neutral and return-to-neutral must be properly adjusted.

1. Park the unit on a flat, level surface such as a concrete floor. Disengage the PTO, engage the parking brake, turn the ignition switch to OFF, and remove the ignition key.
2. Chock the wheels of the unit to prevent movement.
3. Raise the seat to gain access to the neutral lockout components.
4. Loosen the jam nuts (A, Figure 35) on the neutral lockout bolts (B).



5. Engage the parking brake. The neutral lockout bolts will enter the notches of the neutral lockout plates (C).
6. Position the neutral lockout bolts to the center of the notches of the neutral lockout plates.
7. Re-tighten the jam nuts.

Purging the Air from the Hydraulic System

Due to the effects air has on efficiency in hydraulic drive systems, it is critical that it be purged from the system.

These purge procedures should be implemented any time a hydraulic system has been opened to facilitate maintenance or any additional oil has been added to the system.

The resulting symptoms of air in the hydraulic system may be:

- Noisy operation.
- Lack of power or drive after short term operation.
- High operation temperature and excessive expansion of oil.

Before starting, make sure the transaxles/transmissions are at the proper oil levels. If it is not, fill to the specifications outlined in the *Check / Fill Transmission Oil Level* procedure.

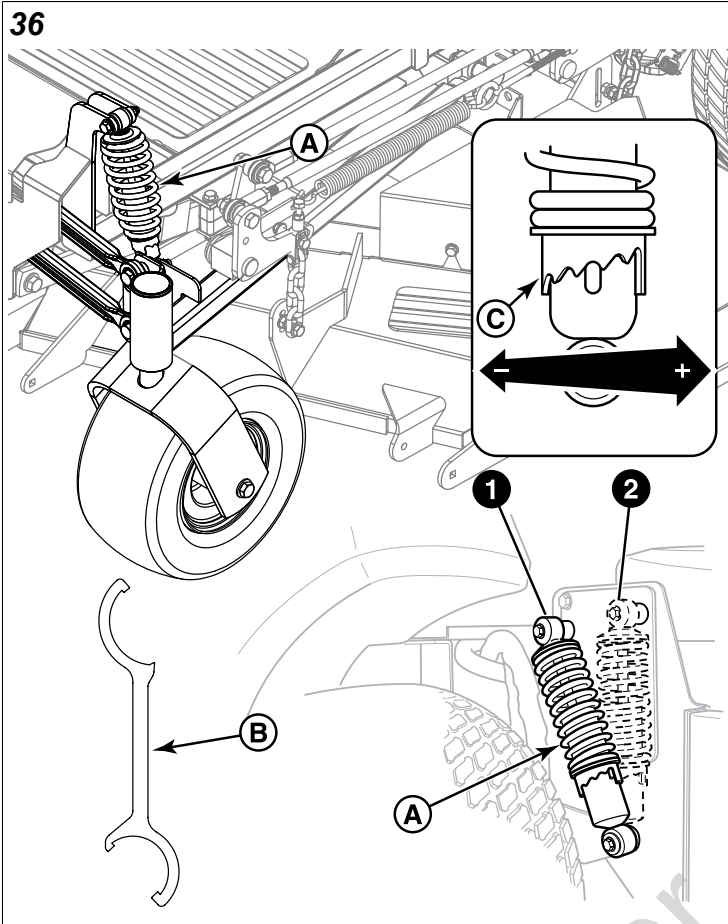
Purging Air from the Hydraulic System:

1. Chock the front wheels to prevent the machine from rolling. Raise the rear of the machine so that the vehicle's rear tires do not contact the ground. Position jack stands under the rear bumper of the machine to secure it.
2. Open the transaxle's bypass valves (see *Uncrating* for the location and function of the bypass valves), start the engine, release the parking brake, and slowly move the zero-turn rider's ground speed control levers in both forward and reverse directions (5 to 6 times), as air is purged from the unit, the oil level will drop.
3. Stop the engine and engage the parking brake.
4. Close the transaxle's bypass valves, start the engine, release the parking brake, and slowly move the zero-turn rider's ground speed control levers in both forward and reverse directions (5 to 6 times), as air is purged from the unit, the oil level will drop.
5. Stop the engine. Remove the jack stands from underneath the machine.
6. Repeat the process detailed above but with the unit's drive wheels on the ground. The procedure should be performed in an area free of any objects or bystanders.

It may be necessary to repeat the process detailed above until all the air is completely purged from the system. When the transaxles/transmissions operate at normal noise levels and move smoothly forward and reverse at normal speeds, then the transaxles/transmissions are considered purged.

Suspension Adjustment

The shock assemblies (A, Figure 36) can be adjusted to allow the operator to customize the ride according to operator's weight and/or operating conditions.



The front shocks can be adjusted by changing the spring pre-load.

The rear shocks can be adjusted by changing the spring pre-load and/or the upper mounting position.

A spanner wrench (B) was included with the literature packet that came with this unit. There are two ends on it. The smaller end is used on the front shock and the larger end is used on the rear shock.

Items to consider before adjusting the suspension:

- Less spring pre-load should be used with light weight operators, which will provide a softer, more cushioned ride.
- More spring pre-load should be used with heavy weight operator's, which will provide a stiffer, more rigid ride.
- There are two positions in which the upper mount of the rear shock can be positioned in. If adjusting the spring pre-load does not achieve the ride requirement, the shock should be moved to upper shock mounting position #2 to achieve the desired ride requirement.
- Before adjusting the upper shock mount to upper shock mounting position #2, you should attempt to achieve the ride height through the spring pre-load adjustment.
- Shock mounting position #2 should always be used when a rear mounted grass collection system is installed on the unit.

To Adjust the Spring Pre-Load:

This procedure details the process for adjusting the spring pre-load of the rear shocks. **To adjust the spring pre-load of the front shocks only steps #1 and #4 are required.**

1. Park the machine on a flat, level surface. Disengage the PTO, stop the engine, and engage the parking brake.
2. Chock the front wheels to prevent the machine from rolling. Raise the rear of the machine and secure with jack stands.
3. Remove the rear drive tires.



WARNING

Spring loaded components can kick back causing injury. Use two hands when adjusting the shock springs. This will prevent the wrench from slipping while pressure is being applied.

4. Using the supplied spanner wrench (p/n 5106539) (B, Figure 36), insert the tip of the wrench into the notch in the pre-load adjuster (C). While holding the wrench in place with one hand, turn **counter-clockwise** to increase the pre-load, turn **clockwise** to decrease the pre-load. Make sure both shocks are set to the same amount of pre-load.
5. Re-install the rear drive tires. Torque the lug bolts to 85-95 ft.lbs. (115-129 Nm). Remove the jack stands from under the machine.

Note: If a collection system is installed on the unit it is recommended that the rear suspension be adjusted stiffer due to the added weight of the collection system.

To Adjust the Upper Mounting Position (Rear Shocks):

1. Park machine on a flat, level surface. Disengage the PTO, stop the engine and engage the parking brake.
2. Raise the rear of the machine and secure with jack stands. The jack stands must under the bumper. Chock the front wheels to prevent the machine from rolling.
3. Position the jack under the transmission cradle and slowly raise the rear suspension to relieve the pressure on the upper shock mounting bolts.

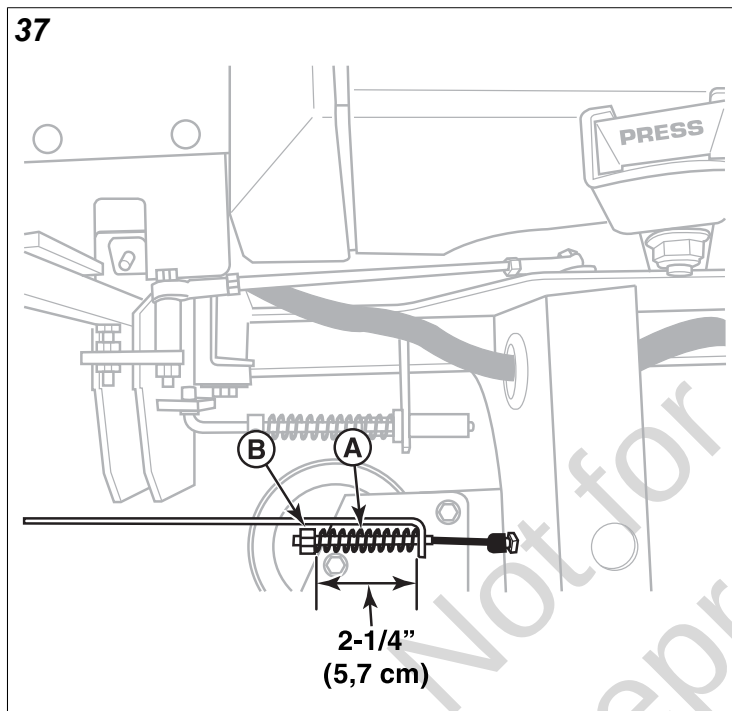
Note: This will require small adjustments to the jack's position. The shock should move freely on the mounting bolt when the pressure is relieved.

4. Remove the upper shock mounting hardware and pivot the shock to the position #2 (see Figure 36). Adjust the jack to align the shock mounts to the shocks.
5. Reinstall the upper shock mounting hardware and tighten securely.
6. Remove the jack from under the transmission cradle.
7. Remove the jack stands from under the machine.

Parking Brake Adjustment

The parking brake mechanism consists of a two parking brake cables, with a spring on both ends, that routes from the transmission to the parking brake lever shaft. The position of the parking brake cables and the compressed length of the lower springs located by the transmissions are factory preset and should not be changed for parking brake adjustment procedures. The adjustment is achieved by changing the compressed spring length of the upper parking brake springs.

1. Disengage the PTO, engage the parking brake, stop the engine, and chock the tires.
2. Raise the seat plate.
3. Locate the parking brake springs (A, Figure 37)



4. With the parking brake engaged measure the compressed spring length. The spring should measure $2\frac{1}{4}"$ (5,7 cm) when compressed.
5. If the spring length is not $2\frac{1}{4}"$ (5,7 cm), release the parking brake, and turn the adjustment nut (B) to compress or release the spring.



CAUTION

Do not adjust the spring to be shorter than 2" (5,1 cm) when compressed. This may damage the brake mechanism.

6. Engage the parking brake and re-measure the spring.

If this does not correct the braking problem, see your dealer.

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