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**IMPORTANT:**  
Read and follow all Safety  
Rules and Instructions before  
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**Manual abstract:**

Only use attachments designed specifically for this riding mower. **WARNING:** Battery posts, terminals and related accessories contain lead and lead compounds, chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer and birth defects or other reproductive harm. Wash hands after handling. . . . .

Disengage blade when not mowing. Shut off engine and wait for all parts to come to a complete stop before cleaning the machine, removing the grass catcher, or unclogging the discharge chute. Operate machine only in daylight or good artificial light. @@ Watch for traffic when operating near or crossing roadways. @@ Always wear eye protection when operating machine. @@@ Keep machine free of grass, leaves or other debris build-up which can touch hot exhaust / engine parts and burn. Do not allow the mower deck to plow leaves or other debris which can cause build-up to occur.

Clean any oil or fuel spillage before operating or storing the machine. Allow machine to cool before storage. II. **SLOPE OPERATION** Slopes are a major factor related to loss of control and tip-over accidents, which can result in severe injury or death. Operation on all slopes requires extra caution. If you cannot back up the slope or if you feel uneasy on it, do not mow it. · Mow up and down slopes (15° Max), not across. · Watch for holes, ruts, bumps, rocks, or other hidden objects. Uneven terrain could overturn the machine. Tall grass can hide obstacles.

· Choose a low ground speed so that you will not have to stop or shift while on the slope. · Do not mow on wet grass. Tires may lose traction. · Always keep the machine in gear when going down slopes. Do not shift to neutral and coast downhill. · If machine stops while going uphill, disengage blade, shift into reverse and back down slowly. · Avoid starting, stopping, or turning on a slope. If the tires lose traction, disengage the blade and proceed slowly straight down the slope. · Keep all movement on the slopes slow and gradual. Do not make sudden changes in speed or direction, which could cause the machine to roll over.

· Use extra care while operating machine with grass catchers or other attachments; they can affect the stability of the machine. · Do no use on steep slopes. · Do not try to stabilize the machine by putting your foot on the ground. · Do not mow near drop-offs, ditches, or embankments. The machine could suddenly roll over if a wheel is over the edge or if the edge caves in. I. **GENERAL OPERATION** . . . . . Read, understand, and follow all instructions on the machine and in the manual before starting. Do not put hands or feet near rotating parts or under the machine. Keep clear of the discharge opening at all times. Only allow responsible adults, who are familiar with the instructions, to operate the machine.

Clear the area of objects such as rocks, toys, wire, etc., which could be picked up and thrown by the blade. Be sure the area is clear of bystanders before operating. Stop machine if anyone enters the area. Never carry passengers.

Do not mow in reverse unless absolutely necessary. Always look down and behind before and while backing. Never direct discharged material toward anyone. Avoid discharging material against a wall or obstruction. Material may ricochet back toward the operator.

Stop the blade when crossing gravel surfaces. Do not operate machine without the entire grass catcher, discharge chute, or other safety devices in place and working. Slow down before turning. Never leave a running machine unattended. Always turn off blade, set parking brake, stop engine, and remove keys before dismounting. . . . 2 **SAFETY RULES** Safe Operation Practices for Ride-On Mowers III. **CHILDREN** Tragic accidents can occur if the operator is not alert to the presence of children. Children are often attracted to the machine and the mowing activity. Never assume that children will remain where you last saw them. · Keep children out of the mowing area and in the watchful care of a responsible adult other than the operator.

· Be alert and turn machine off if a child enters the area. · Before and while backing, look behind and down for small children. · Never carry children, even with the blade shut off. They may fall off and be seriously injured or interfere with safe machine operation. Children who have been given rides in the past may suddenly appear in the mowing area for another ride and be run over or backed over by the machine. · Never allow children to operate the machine. · Use extra care when approaching blind corners, shrubs, trees, or other objects that may block your view of a child. . . . Remove gas-powered equipment from the truck or trailer and refuel it on the ground. If this is not possible, then refuel such equipment with a portable container, rather than from a gasoline dispenser nozzle. Keep the nozzle in contact with the rim of the fuel tank or container opening at all times until fueling is complete.

Do not use a nozzle lock-open device. If fuel is spilled on clothing, change clothing immediately. Never overfill fuel tank. Replace gas cap and tighten securely. Never operate machine in a closed area.

Keep all nuts and bolts tight to be sure the equipment is in safe working condition. Never tamper with safety devices. Check their proper operation regularly. Keep machine free of grass, leaves, or other debris build-up. Clean oil or fuel spillage and remove any fuel-soaked debris.

Allow machine to cool before storing. If you strike a foreign object, stop and inspect the machine. Repair, if necessary, before restarting. Never make any adjustments or repairs with the engine running. Check grass catcher components and the discharge chute frequently and replace with manufacturer's recommended parts, when necessary. Mower blade is sharp. Wrap the blade or wear gloves, and use extra caution when servicing them. Check brake operation frequently. Adjust and service as required. Maintain or replace safety and instruction labels, as necessary.

Be sure the area is clear of bystanders before operating. Stop machine if anyone enters the area. Never carry passengers. Do not mow in reverse unless absolutely necessary. Always look down and behind before and while backing. **GENERAL SERVICE** . . . . IV. **SERVICE SAFE HANDLING OF GASOLINE** To avoid personal injury or property damage, use extreme care in handling gasoline. Gasoline is extremely flammable and the vapors are explosive. · Extinguish all cigarettes, cigars, pipes, and other sources of ignition. · Use only approved gasoline container.

· Never remove gas cap or add fuel with the engine running. Allow engine to cool before refueling. · Never fuel the machine indoors. · Never store the machine or fuel container where there is an open flame, spark, or pilot light such as on a water heater or other appliances.



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· Never fill containers inside a vehicle or on a truck or trailer bed with plastic liner.

Always place containers on the ground away from your vehicle when filling. . . . . 3 Gasoline Capacity and Type: Oil Type Oil Capacity: Spark Plug: Ground Speed Blade Bolt Torque: 1.2 qt. Unleaded Regular SAE 30 (above 32°F) (API-SG-SL): SAE 5W-30(below 32°F) 20 oz. Champion RC12YC (Gap: . 030") Forward: 0-4 mph Reverse: 0-1 mph 45-55 Ft. Lbs. CUSTOMER RESPONSIBILITIES . . . Read and observe the safety rules. Follow a regular schedule in maintaining, caring for and using your tractor. Follow the instructions under "Maintenance" and "Storage" sections of this owner's manual.

CONGRATULATIONS on your purchase of a new tractor. It has been designed, engineered and manufactured to give you the best possible dependability and performance. Should you experience any problem you cannot easily remedy, please contact your nearest authorized service center/ department. We have competent, well-trained technicians and the proper tools to service or repair this tractor. Please read and retain this manual.

The instructions will enable you to assemble and maintain your tractor properly. Always observe the "SAFETY RULES". WARNING: This tractor is equipped with an internal combustion engine and should not be used on or near any unimproved forest-covered, brush-covered or grass-covered land unless the engine's exhaust system is equipped with a spark arrester meeting applicable local or state laws (if any). If a spark arrester is used, it should be maintained in effective working order by the operator. In the state of California the above is required by law (Section 4442 of the California Public Resources Code). Other states may have similar laws. Federal laws apply on federal lands. TABLE OF CONTENTS Safety Rules ...

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22 4 UNASSEMBLED PARTS 5 ASSEMBLY Your new riding mower has been assembled at the factory with the exception of those parts left unassembled for shipping purposes. To ensure safe and proper operation of your riding mower all parts and hardware you assemble must be tightened securely. Use the correct tools as necessary to insure proper tightness. **TOOLS REQUIRED FOR ASSEMBLY** A socket wrench set will make assembly easier.

Standard wrench sizes you need are listed below. (1) 3/4" wrench (1) 1/2" wrench (1) Utility knife (1) Tire pressure gauge 4. Slide steering shaft protective foam cover over shaft. 5. Position front wheels of the riding mower so they are pointing straight forward.

6. Remove steering wheel adapter from steering wheel and slide adapter onto steering shaft. Insert Washer Nut Steering Wheel When right or left hand is mentioned in this manual, it means when you are in the operating position (seated behind the steering wheel). Adapter Foam Cover **TO REMOVE RIDING MOWER FROM CARTON UNPACK CARTON 1.** Cut along dotted lines on all four panels of carton. Remove carton and top frame as one unit. 2. Remove packing materials from riding mower. **NOTE:** Only cut carton with a short blade utility knife, a long blade or saw can puncture tires on unit. **Steering Shaft INSTALL STEERING COLUMN HOW TO SET UP YOUR RIDING MOWER 1.**

Insert steering shaft into mount and securely fasten with bolt, washer, and nut provided. 2. Insert pin into hole in steering shaft. 3. Slide plastic cover over steering shaft and into position. Steering Shaft 7. Press steering wheel into position on shaft, install large Operation System (ROS) are working properly (See the Operation and Maintenance sections in this manual). 7 OPERATION These symbols may appear on your riding mower or in literature supplied with the product. Learn and understand their meaning. FAST REVERSE NEUTRAL HIGH LOW CHOKE SLOW IGNITION SWITCH P ENGINE OFF REVERSE OPERATION SYSTEM (ROS) ENGINE ON ENGINE START PARKING BRAKE PARKING BRAKE LOCKED PARKING BRAKE UNLOCKED OVER TEMP LIGHT FUEL OIL PRESSURE BATTERY REVERSE FORWARD MOWER HEIGHT MOWER LIFT 15 15 ATTACHMENT CLUTCH ENGAGED ATTACHMENT CLUTCH DISENGAGED DANGER, KEEP HANDS AND FEET AWAY SLOPE HAZARDS KEEP AREA CLEAR (SEE SAFETY RULES SECTION) FREEWHEEL CONTROL DISENGAGED DANGER indicates a hazard which, if not avoided, will result in death or serious injury.

WARNING indicates a hazard which, if not avoided, could be approximate and may vary depending upon soil conditions, height of grass and types of grass being mowed. The average lawn should be cut to approximately 2-1/2" during the cool season and to over 3" during hot months. For healthier and better looking lawns, mow often and after moderate growth. For best cutting performance, grass over 6" in height should be mowed twice. Make the first cut relatively high; the second to desired height.

TO OPERATE MOWER STOPPING MOWER BLADE To stop mower blade, move deck clutch lever to disengaged position. GROUND DRIVE To stop ground drive, depress brake pedal all the way down. ENGINE Turn ignition key to "STOP" position and remove key. Always remove key when leaving riding mower to prevent unauthorized use. IMPORTANT: Leaving the ignition switch in any position other than "STOP" will cause the battery to discharge and go dead.

NOTE: Under certain conditions when riding mower is standing idle with the engine running, hot engine exhaust gases may cause "browning" of grass. To eliminate this possibility, always stop engine when stopping riding mower on grass areas. CAUTION: Always stop riding mower completely, as described above, before leaving the operator's position. Your riding mower is equipped with an operator presence sensing switch. Any attempt by the operator to leave

*the seat with the engine running and the deck clutch engaged will shut off the engine. You must remain fully and centrally positioned in the seat to prevent the engine from hesitating or cutting off when operating your equipment on rough, rolling terrain or hills. Deck Clutch Lever "Disengaged" Position Mower Height Adjustment High Position 10 Deck Clutch Lever "Engaged" Position Mower Height Adjustment Low Position OPERATION 1. Select desired height of cut. 2. Start mower blade by engaging deck clutch lever.*

*TO STOP MOWER BLADE Disengage deck clutch lever. CAUTION: Do not operate the mower without either the entire grass catcher, on mowers so equipped, or the deflector shield in place. TO OPERATE ON HILLS WARNING: Do not drive up or down hills with slopes greater than 15° and do not drive across any slope. Use the slope guide at the back of this manual.*



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· Choose the slowest speed before starting up or down hills. · Avoid stopping or changing speed on hills. · If stopping is absolutely necessary, push clutch/brake pedal quickly to brake position and engage parking brake. · Move motion control lever to neutral (N) position. · To restart movement, slowly release parking brake and clutch/brake pedal. · Make all turns slowly.

**TO TRANSPORT Deflector Shield** When pushing or towing your riding mower, be sure to disengage transmission by placing freewheel control in freewheel position. Freewheel control is located at the rear drawbar of the riding mower. · Raise mower height adjustment to its highest position with mower height adjustment lever. · Push freewheel control down and over with foot. @@@@Do not mow in reverse unless absolutely necessary.

@@1. Move motion control lever to neutral (N) position. 2. @@3. Look down and behind before and while backing.

4. @@5. @@1. Check engine oil with riding mower on level ground. 2. @@If necessary, add oil until "FULL" mark on dipstick is reached. Do not overfill. @@@@Do not overfill. Use fresh, clean, regular unleaded gasoline with a minimum of 87 octane. @@Do not mix oil with gasoline.

@@CAUTION: Wipe off any spilled oil or fuel. Do not store, spill or use gasoline near an open flame. @@Acidic gas can damage the fuel system of an engine while in storage. @@@@Use fresh fuel next season. See Storage Instructions for additional information. @@@@The left hand side of mower should be used for trimming. @@Have the cut area to the right of the riding mower. @@1. Be sure freewheel control is in the transmission engaged position.

2.

@@3. Place motion control lever in neutral (N) position. 4. Move deck clutch to disengaged position. 5.

@@@@@@If the battery is too weak to start engine. 1. Set parking Brake. 2. Turn key to ON position.

3. Make sure unit is in neutral position. 4. Set deck to disengaged position. 5. @@@@Make first cut relatively high; the second to the desired height. · Do not mow grass when it is wet. Wet grass will plug mower and leave undesirable clumps. Allow grass to dry before mowing. @@@@Check brake operation.

Check tire pressure. Check operator presence and ROS systems for proper operation. 5. Check for loose fasteners. 1. 2. 3. @@@@At least once a season, check to see if you should make any of the adjustments described in the Service and Adjustments section of this manual. · At least once a year you should replace the spark plug, clean or replace air filter, and check blade and belt for wear. A new spark plug and clean air filter assure proper air-fuel mixture and help your engine run better and last longer.

**IMPORTANT:** Do not oil or grease the pivot points which have special nylon bearings. Viscous lubricants will attract dust and dirt that will shorten the life of the self-lubricating bearings. If you feel they must be lubricated, use only a dry, powdered graphite type lubricant sparingly. **13 MAINTENANCE** Always observe safety rules when performing any maintenance. **RIDING MOWER BRAKE OPERATION** If riding mower requires more than four (4) feet to stop at highest speed in highest gear on a level, dry concrete or paved surface, then brake must be serviced.

(See "TO ADJUST BRAKE" in the Service and Adjustments section of this manual). · Maintain proper air pressure in all tires (See PSI on tires). · Keep tires free of gasoline, oil, or insect control chemicals which can harm rubber. · Avoid stumps, stones, deep ruts, sharp objects and other hazards that may cause tire damage. **NOTE:** To seal tire punctures and prevent flat tires due to slow leaks, tire sealant may be purchased from your local parts dealer.

Tire sealant also prevents tire dry rot and corrosion. **TIRES** · The deck clutch lever should never operate unless the operator is in the seat. **CHECK REVERSE OPERATION (ROS) SYSTEM** · When the engine is running with the ignition switch in the engine "ON" position and the deck clutch lever engaged, any attempt by the operator to shift into reverse should shut off the engine. · When the engine is running with the ignition switch in the ROS "ON" position and the deck clutch lever engaged, any attempt by the operator to shift into reverse should NOT shut off the engine. **BLADE CARE** For best results mower blades must be sharp. Replace worn, bent or damaged blades. **CAUTION:** Use only a replacement blade approved by the manufacturer of your riding mower. Using a blade not approved by the manufacturer of your riding mower is hazardous, could damage your riding mower and void your warranty. **AXLE AND SPINDLES** · Front wheel axles and front spindles should be properly lubricated. · Wheel Axles should be lubricated with a dry, powdered graphite type lubricant.

· Spindles should be lubricated with a spray type silicone base lubricant. Spindle 028 28 ROS "ON" POSITION ENGINE "ON" POSITION (NORMAL OPERATING) **BLADE REMOVAL** 1. Raise mower to highest position to allow access to blade. **NOTE:** Protect your hands with gloves and/or wrap blade with heavy cloth. 2. Remove blade bolt by turning counterclockwise. 3. Install new blade with stamped "THIS SIDE UP" facing deck and mandrel assembly.

**IMPORTANT:** To ensure proper assembly, center hole in blade must align with star on mandrel assembly. 4.

Install and tighten blade bolt securely (45-55 Ft. Lbs.). Mandrel Assembly Wheel Axle Blade OPERATOR PRESENCE SYSTEM AND REVERSE OPERATION SYSTEM (ROS) Be sure operator presence and reverse operation systems are working properly. @@@@Keep battery and connectors clean.

@@hour battery. @@· Charge battery for 24 hours for a full charge. @@Do not attempt to open or remove caps or covers. Adding or checking level of electrolyte is not necessary. **WARNING:** Do not jump start battery.

Permanent damage to the battery or personal injury may occur. @@All oil must meet API service classification SG-SL. · Be sure riding mower is on level surface. · Oil will drain more freely when warm. @@1. Remove oil fill cap/dipstick. Be careful not to allow dirt to enter the engine when changing oil. 2. Insert end of pump into oil reservoir. 3.

@@@The belt is not adjustable. Replace belt if it begins to slip from wear. **LUBRICATION** Only use high quality detergent oil rated with API service classification SG-SL. Select the oil's SAE viscosity grade according to your expected operating temperature. **NOTE:** Although multi-viscosity oils (5W30, 10W30 etc.) improve starting in cold weather, the oils will result in increased oil consumption when used above 32°F. Check SAE VISCOSITY GRADES SAE 30 5W-30 F C -30 -20 -10 30 32 0 40 10 60 20 80 30 100 40 Oil Cap ENGINE Oil Fill 4. Refill engine with oil through oil fill dipstick tube. Pour slowly. Do not overfill.

For approximate capacity see "PRODUCT SPECIFICATIONS" section of this manual.



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5. Use gauge on oil fill cap/dipstick for checking level. For accurate reading, tighten dipstick cap securely onto the tube before removing dipstick. Keep oil at "FULL line" on dipstick.

Tighten cap onto the tube securely when finished. **TEMPERATURE RANGE ANTICIPATED BEFORE NEXT OIL CHANGE** oil\_visc\_chart1\_e your engine oil level more frequently to avoid possible engine damage from running low on oil. Change the oil after every 25 hours of operation or at least once a year if the riding mower is not used for 25 hours in one year. Check the crankcase oil level before starting the engine and after each eight (8) hours of operation. Tighten oil fill cap/dipstick securely each time you check the oil level.

**15 MAINTENANCE AIR FILTER** Your engine will not run properly using a dirty air filter. Replace the air filter every 100 hours of operation or every season, whichever occurs first. Service air cleaner more often under dusty conditions. 1. Remove cover knob and cover. 2. Carefully remove cartridge. 3. Clean base carefully to prevent debris from falling into carburetor. 4.

Clean by gently tapping on a flat surface. 5. Reinstall cartridge, cover and secure with cover knob. **Cover Knob Cover CLEAN AIR SCREEN** Air screen must be kept free of dirt and chaff to prevent engine damage from overheating. Clean with a wire brush or compressed air to remove dirt and stubborn dried gum fibers. **CLEAN AIR INTAKE/COOLING AREAS** To ensure proper cooling, make sure the grass screen, cooling fins, and other external surfaces of the engine are kept clean at all times. Every 100 hours of operation (more often under extremely dusty, dirty conditions), remove the blower housing and other cooling shrouds. Clean the cooling fins and external surfaces as necessary. Make sure the cooling shrouds are reinstalled. **NOTE:** Operating the engine with a blocked grass screen, dirty or plugged cooling fins, and/or cooling shrouds removed will cause engine damage due to overheating.

**MUFFLER** Inspect and replace corroded muffler and spark arrester (if equipped) as it could create a fire hazard and/or damage. **SPARK PLUG(S)** Replace spark plug(s) at the beginning of each mowing season or after every 100 hours of operation, whichever occurs first. Spark plug type and gap setting are shown in "PRODUCT SPECIFICATIONS" section of this manual. **CLEANING** · Clean engine, battery, seat, finish, etc. of all foreign matter.

· Keep finished surfaces and wheels free of all gasoline, oil, etc. · Protect painted surfaces with automotive type wax. We do not recommend using a garden hose or pressure washer to clean your riding mower unless the engine and transmission are covered to keep water out. Water in engine or transmission will shorten the useful life of your riding mower. Use compressed air or a leaf blower to remove grass, leaves and trash from riding mower and mower.

**Air Filter NOTE:** If very dirty or damaged, replace cartridge. **IMPORTANT:** Petroleum solvents, such as kerosene, are not to be used to clean the cartridge. They may cause deterioration of the cartridge. Do not oil cartridge. Do not use pressurized air to clean cartridge.

**16 SERVICE AND ADJUSTMENTS**  
**WARNING: TO AVOID SERIOUS INJURY, BEFORE PERFORMING ANY SERVICE OR ADJUSTMENTS:** 1. Depress clutch/brake pedal fully and set parking brake. 2. Place motion control lever in neutral (N) position. 3.

Place deck clutch in "DISENGAGED" position. 4. Turn ignition key to "STOP" and remove key. 5. Make sure the blade and all moving parts have completely stopped. 6. Disconnect spark plug wire from spark plug and place wire where it cannot come in contact with plug. **RIDING MOWER TO INSTALL MOWER TO REMOVE MOWER** 1. Place deck clutch in "DISENGAGED" position. 2.

Move mower height adjustment lift lever forward to lower mower to its lowest position. 3. Remove mandrel cover. 4. Remove pins holding left and right front mower suspension arms in place.

5. Remove bolt holding deck front to rear leveling rod in place. 6. Remove pin holding deck lift link arm in place. 7.

Remove bolt holding deck side to side leveling rod in place. 8. Remove belt from around pulleys. 9. Slide deck out from under side of mower. Install in reverse order following instructions in "TO REMOVE MOWER" section. **Deck Leveling Side to Side Rod Bolt Mandrel Cover Front Leveling Rod Bolt Mower Suspension Arm Pin Deck Lift Link Pin** **17 SERVICE AND ADJUSTMENTS TO LEVEL MOWER HOUSING** Adjust the mower while riding mower is parked on level ground or driveway. Make sure tires are properly inflated (See side of tire for proper PSI). If tires are over or underinflated, you will not properly adjust your mower. Nut "H" Nut "G" **SIDE-TO-SIDE ADJUSTMENT** · Raise mower to its highest position.

· Measure distance "A" from bottom edge of mower to ground level at front corners of mower. · To raise the right side of the mower, tighten lift link adjustment nut. · To lower the right side of the mower, loosen lift link adjustment nut. **NOTE:** Each full turn of adjustment nut will change mower height about 3/16". · Recheck measurements after adjusting. **Bottom Edge of Mower to Ground Bottom Edge of Mower to Ground Trunnion A A TO REPLACE MOWER BLADE DRIVE BELT MOWER DRIVE BELT REMOVAL** 1. 2. 3. 4. 5.

6. 7. Park riding mower on a level surface. Set parking brake. Lower mower to its lowest position.

Remove mandrel cover from mower deck. Remove rear engine plate from unit. Remove rear belt keeper from unit. Carefully roll belt over the top of the mower blade mandrel. 8.

Remove belt from idler pulleys. **Mower Drive Belt FRONT-TO-BACK ADJUSTMENT IMPORTANT:** Deck must be level side-to-side. To obtain the best cutting results, the mower housing should be adjusted so that the front is approximately 1/8" to 1/2" lower than the rear when the mower is in its highest position. Check adjustment on right side of riding mower. Measure distance "F" directly in front and behind the mandrel at bottom edge of mower housing as shown. · To lower front of mower housing turn nuts "G" and "H" clockwise. **Belt Keeper F F Mandrel Idler Pulleys** · When distance "F" is 1/8" to 1/2" lower at front than rear, tighten nut "H" against trunnion on front link. · To raise front of mower housing turn nuts "G" and "H" counter clockwise. · When distance "F" is 1/8" to 1/2" lower at front than rear, tighten nut "H" against trunnion on front link. **NOTE:** Each full turn of "G" will change "F" by approximately about 3/8".

· Recheck side-to-side adjustment. 9. Check idler pulleys to see that they rotate freely. 10. Remove belt from rear drive pulley. **MOWER DRIVE BELT INSTALLATION** Install in reverse order following instructions in "MOWER DRIVE BELT REMOVAL" section.



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18 SERVICE AND ADJUSTMENTS TO ADJUST BRAKE Your riding mower is equipped with an adjustable brake system which is mounted on the right side of the transaxle. If riding mower requires more than (4) feet stopping distance in highest gear on a level dry concrete or paved surface, then brake must be adjusted. 1. Park riding mower on a level surface.

2. Release brake/parking pedal. 3. Measure distance between rotor and brake pad if distance between rotor and brake pad is more than .02" gap brake needs to be adjusted.

4. Tighten caliper nut until .02" gap is reached. NOTE: Feeler gauge may be necessary to get correct measurement. NOTE: To seal tire punctures and prevent flat tires due to slow leaks, purchase and use tire sealant.

Tire sealant also prevents tire dry rot and corrosion. Washer Retaining Ring Rotor Dust Cover Square Key (rear wheel only) Brake Pad Nut TO ADJUST STEERING WHEEL ALIGNMENT If steering wheel crossbars are not horizontal (left to right) when wheels are positioned straight forward, move steering wheel and reassemble per instructions in the "INSTALL STEERING COLUMN" section of this manual. TO REMOVE WHEEL FOR REPAIRS FRONT WHEEL 1. Block up front axle securely. 2. Remove dust cover, retaining ring, and washer to allow wheel removal. 3. Repair tire and reassemble. 4. Replace washer and retaining ring securely in axle groove.

REAR WHEEL 1. Block up Rear axle securely. 2. Remove dust cover, retaining ring, washer, and square key while pulling tire off. 3. Repair tire and reassemble. 4. Replace square key while putting tire back on, then replace washer and retaining ring securely in axle groove, when pushing tire back onto shaft reach under and pull chain sprocket toward you to ease tire replacement. CAUTION: Lead-acid batteries generate explosive gases. Keep sparks, flame and smoking materials away from batteries.

Always wear eye protection when around batteries. If your battery is too weak to start the engine, it should be recharged. (See "BATTERY" in the Maintenance section of this manual). NOTE: This unit is equipped with an engine recoil starting system that can be used if the battery is too weak to start. See "RECOIL STARTING SYSTEM" in operation section of this manual.

REPLACING BATTERY WARNING: Do not short battery terminals by allowing a wrench or any other object to contact both terminals at the same time. Before connecting battery, remove metal bracelets, wristwatch bands, rings, etc. Positive terminal must be connected first to prevent sparking from accidental grounding. TO START ENGINE WITH A WEAK BATTERY 19 SERVICE AND ADJUSTMENTS 1. Lift seat for bolt access.

2. Disconnect BLACK battery cable then RED battery cable. 3. Remove battery bracket bolt. 4. Install new battery with terminals facing to the right, and away from seat as shown. 5. Reinstall battery bracket and bolt. 6. First connect RED battery cable to positive (+) battery terminal.

7. Connect BLACK grounding cable to negative (-) battery terminal. Fender Battery Battery Bracket INTERLOCKS AND RELAYS Loose or damaged wiring may cause your riding mower to run poorly, stop running, or prevent it from starting. · Check wiring. Make sure all wiring and connectors are secure. TO REPLACE FUSE ENGINE Replace with 4 amp. or 5 amp. automotive type plug-in fuse. The fuse holder is located under the fender. Your engine speed has been factory set.

Do not attempt to increase engine speed or it may result in personal injury. If you believe that the engine is running too fast or too slow, take your riding mower to a qualified service center for repair and/or adjustment. Your carburetor is not adjustable. If your engine does not operate properly due to suspected carburetor problems, take your riding mower to a qualified service center for repair and/or adjustment. IMPORTANT: Never tamper with the engine governor, which is factory set for proper engine speed.

@@@ Allow the engine to cool before storing in any enclosure. Remove deck from mower for winter storage. @@ Store in a clean, dry area. 1. Clean entire riding mower (See "CLEANING" in the Maintenance section of this manual).

2. Inspect and replace belt, if necessary (See belt replacement instructions in the Service and Adjustments section of this manual). 3. Lubricate as shown in the Maintenance section of this manual. 4. Be sure that all nuts, bolts and screws are securely fastened. Inspect moving parts for damage, breakage and wear. Replace if necessary. 5. Touch up all rusted or chipped paint surfaces; sand lightly before painting.

Always follow the mix ratio found on stabilizer container. Run engine at least 10 minutes after adding stabilizer to allow the stabilizer to reach the carburetor. Do not empty the gas tank and carburetor if using fuel stabilizer. @@ (See "ENGINE" in the Maintenance section of this manual). CYLINDER(S) 1. Remove spark plug(s). 2. Pour one ounce of oil through spark plug hole(s) into cylinder(s). 3. @@4.

@@@ FUEL SYSTEM IMPORTANT: It is important to prevent gum deposits from forming in essential fuel system parts such as carburetor, fuel hose, or tank during storage. Also, alcohol blended fuels (called gasohol or using ethanol or methanol) can attract moisture which leads to separation and formation of acids during storage. Acidic gas can damage the fuel system of an engine while in storage. · Empty the fuel tank by starting the engine and letting it run until the fuel lines and carburetor are empty. · Never use engine or carburetor cleaner products in the fuel tank or permanent damage may occur.

· Use fresh fuel next season. NOTE: Fuel stabilizer is an acceptable alternative in minimizing the formation of fuel gum deposits during storage. Add stabilizer to gasoline in fuel tank or storage container. · Do not store gasoline from one season to another. · Replace your gasoline can if your can starts to rust.

Rust and/or dirt in your gasoline will cause problems. · If possible, store your riding mower indoors and cover it to give protection from dust and dirt. · Cover your riding mower with a suitable protective cover that does not retain moisture. Do not use plastic. Plastic cannot breathe which allows condensation to form and will cause your riding mower to rust. IMPORTANT: Never cover riding mower while engine and exhaust areas are still warm. ENGINE 21 TROUBLESHOOTING POINTS PROBLEM CAUSE CORRECTION Will not start 1 2 3 4 5 6 Out of fuel. Bad spark plug. Dirty air filter. Water in fuel.

Loose or damaged wiring. Engine valves out of adjustment. Dirty air filter. Bad spark plug. Weak or dead battery. Stale or dirty fuel. Loose or damaged wiring. Engine valves out of adjustment. Clutch/brake pedal not depressed. Deck clutch is engaged.

Weak or dead battery. Blown fuse. Corroded battery terminals. Loose or damaged wiring. Faulty ignition switch. Faulty solenoid or starter. Faulty operator presence switch(es). Weak or dead battery. Corroded battery terminals.



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*Loose or damaged wiring.*

*Faulty solenoid or starter. Cutting too much grass/too fast. Build-up of grass, leaves and trash under mower. Dirty air filter. Low oil level/dirty oil. Faulty spark plug. Stale or dirty fuel. Water in fuel. 1 2 3 4 5 6 1 2 3 4 5 6 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 1 2 3 4 1 2 3 4 5 6 Fill fuel tank. Replace spark plug.*

*Clean/replace air filter. Empty fuel tank and carburetor, refill tank with fresh gasoline and replace fuel filter. Check all wiring. Contact a qualified service center. Clean/replace air filter. Replace spark plug. Recharge or replace battery. Empty fuel tank and refill tank with fresh, clean gasoline. Check all wiring. Contact a qualified service center.*

*Depress clutch/brake pedal. Disengage deck clutch. Recharge or replace battery. Replace fuse. Clean battery terminals.*

*Check all wiring. Check/replace ignition switch. Check/replace solenoid or starter. Contact a qualified service center. Recharge or replace battery. Clean battery terminals. Check all wiring. Check/replace solenoid or starter. Raise cutting height/reduce speed. Clean underside of mower housing. Hard to start 1 2 3 4 5 6 Engine will not turn over 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 Engine clicks but 1 2 will not start 3 4 Loss of power 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 Spark plug wire loose. Dirty engine air screen/fins. Dirty/clogged muffler. Loose or damaged wiring. 12 Engine valves out of adjustment.*

*1 2 3 Worn, bent or loose blade. Bent blade mandrel. Loose/damaged part(s). Clean/replace air filter. Check oil level/change oil. Clean & regap or change spark plug. Empty fuel tank and refill tank with fresh, clean gasoline. 7 Empty fuel tank and carburetor, refill tank with fresh gasoline. 8 Connect & tighten spark plug wire. 9 Clean engine air screen/fins.*

*10 Clean/replace muffler. 11 Check all wiring. 12 Contact a qualified service center. 1 2 3 Replace blade. Tighten blade bolt.*

*Contact a qualified service center. Tighten loose part(s). Replace damaged parts. Excessive vibration 22 TROUBLESHOOTING POINTS PROBLEM CAUSE CORRECTION Engine continues 1 to run when operator leaves seat with attachment clutch engaged Poor cut - uneven 1 2 cutting 3 4 5 Mower blade will not rotate Faulty operator-safety presence 1 control system. Check wiring, switches and connections.*

*If not corrected, contact a qualified service center. 1 2 3 4 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 Poor grass discharge Worn, bent or loose blade. Mower deck not level. Buildup of grass, leaves, and trash under mower. Bent blade mandrel. Clogged mower deck vent from build-up of grass, leaves, and trash around mandrel. Obstruction in clutch mechanism. Worn/damaged mower drive belt. Frozen idler pulley. Frozen blade mandrel.*

*Travel speed too fast. Wet grass. Mower deck not level. Low/uneven tire air pressure. Worn, bent or loose blade. Buildup of grass, leaves and trash under mower. Mower drive belt worn. Blade improperly installed. Improper blade used. 1 2 3 4 5 Replace blade.*

*Tighten blade bolt. Level mower deck. Clean underside of mower housing. Contact a qualified service center. Clean around mandrels to open vent holes.*

*Remove obstruction. Replace mower drive belt. Replace idler pulley. Contact a qualified service center. Shift to slower speed.*

*Allow grass to dry before mowing. Level mower deck. Check tires for proper PSI. Replace/sharpen blade. Tighten blade bolt. 1 2 3 4 1 2 3 4 5 6 Battery will not charge Loss of drive 10 Clogged mower deck vent holes from buildup of grass, leaves, and trash around mandrels. 1 Bad battery cell(s). 2 Poor cable connections. 3 Faulty alternator. 1 Freewheel control in "DISENGAGED" position.*

*2 Axle key missing. Reverse operation system (ROS) is not "ON" while mower or other attachment is engaged. Clean underside of mower housing. 7 Replace mower drive belt. 8 Reinstall blade sharp edge down. 9 Replace with blade listed in this manual. 10 Clean around mandrels to open vent holes. Replace battery. Check/clean all connections. Replace alternator.*

*Place freewheel control in "ENGAGED" position. Install axle key at rear wheel. See "TO REMOVE WHEEL" in the Service and Adjustments section. Turn ignition key to ROS "ON" position. See Operation section.*

*1 2 3 1 2 1 Engine dies when 1 tractor is shifted into reverse 23 06.02.10 CL www.mcculloch.biz Printed in the U.*

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