

**SEARS
OWNER'S
MANUAL**

MODEL NO.
917.298231

Caution:
Read and follow
all Safety Rules
and Instructions
Before Operating
This Equipment

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**CRAFTSMAN
3.0 HORSEPOWER
17 INCH TINE WIDTH
FRONT TINE TILLER**

Assembly
Operation
Maintenance
Service and Adjustment
Repair Parts

Sears, Roebuck and Co., Chicago, IL 60684 U.S.A.



SAFETY RULES



Safe Operation Practices for Walk-Behind Powered Rotary Tillers

TRAINING

- Read the operating and service instruction manual carefully. Be thoroughly familiar with the controls and the proper use of the equipment. Know how to stop the unit and disengage the controls quickly.
- Never allow children to operate the equipment. Never allow adults to operate the equipment without proper instruction.
- Keep the area of operation clear of all persons, particularly small children, and pets.

PREPARATION

- Thoroughly inspect the area where the equipment is to be used and remove all foreign objects.
- Disengage all clutches and shift into neutral before starting the engine (motor).
- Do not operate the equipment without wearing adequate outer garments. Wear footwear that will improve footing on slippery surfaces.
- Handle fuel with care; it is highly flammable.
 - Use an approved fuel container.
 - Never add fuel to a running engine or hot engine.
 - Fill fuel tank outdoors with extreme care. Never fill fuel tank indoors.
 - Replace gasoline cap securely and clean up spilled fuel before restarting.
- Use extension cords and receptacles as specified by the manufacturer for all units with electric drive motors or electric starting motors.
- Never attempt to make any adjustments while the engine (motor) is running (except where specifically recommended by manufacturer).

OPERATION

- Do not put hands or feet near or under rotating parts.
- Exercise extreme caution when operating on or crossing gravel drives, walks, or roads. Stay alert for hidden hazards or traffic. Do not carry passengers.
- After striking a foreign object, stop the engine (motor), remove the wire from the spark plug, thoroughly inspect the tiller for any damage, and repair the damage before restarting and operating the tiller.
- Exercise caution to avoid slipping or falling.


- If the unit should start to vibrate abnormally, stop the engine (motor) and check immediately for the cause. Vibration is generally a warning of trouble.
- Stop the engine (motor) when leaving the operating position, before unclogging the tines, and when making any repair, adjustments, and inspections.
- Take all possible precautions when leaving the machine unattended. Disengage the power take-off, lower the attachment, shift into neutral, stop the engine, and remove the key.
- Before cleaning, repairing, or inspecting, shut off the engine and make certain all moving parts have stopped. Disconnect the spark plug wire, and keep the wire away from the plug to prevent accidental starting. Disconnect the cord on electric motors.
- Do not run the engine indoors; exhaust fumes are dangerous.
- Never operate the tiller without proper guards, plates, or other safety protective devices in place.
- Keep children and pets away.
- Do not overload the machine capacity by attempting to till too deep at too fast a rate.
- Never allow bystanders near the unit.
- Use only attachments and accessories approved by the manufacturer of the tiller (such as wheel weights, counterweights, cabs, and the like).
- Never operate the tiller without good visibility or light.
- Be careful when tilling in hard ground. The tines may catch in the ground and propel the tiller forward. If this occurs, let go of the handlebars and do not restrain the machine.

MAINTENANCE AND STORAGE

- Keep machine, attachments, and accessories in safe working condition.
- Check shear bolts, engine mounting bolts, and other bolts at frequent intervals for proper tightness to be sure the equipment is in safe working condition.
- Never store the machine with fuel in the fuel tank inside a building where ignition sources are present, such as hot water and space heaters, clothes dryers, and the like. Allow the engine to cool before storing in any enclosure.
- Always refer to the operator's guide instructions for important details if the tiller is to be stored for an extended period.

-IMPORTANT -

Warnings, Cautions, and Notes are a means of attracting attention to important or critical information in this manual.



LOOK FOR THIS SYMBOL TO POINT OUT IMPORTANT SAFETY PRECAUTIONS. IT MEANS -- ATTENTION! BECOME ALERT! YOUR SAFETY IS INVOLVED.

CAUTION: USED TO ALERT YOU THAT THERE IS A POSSIBILITY OF DAMAGING EQUIPMENT.

NOTE: Gives essential information that will aid you to better understand, incorporate, or execute a particular set of instructions.

CONGRATULATIONS on your purchase of a Sears Craftsman Tiller. It has been designed, engineered and manufactured to give you the best possible dependability and performance.

Should you experience any problems you cannot easily remedy, please contact your nearest Sears Service Center/Department. We have competent, well trained technicians and the proper tools to service or repair this unit.

Please read and retain this manual. The instructions will enable you to assemble and maintain your Tiller properly. Always observe the "SAFETY RULES"

MODEL
NUMBER 917 298231

SERIAL
NUMBER _____

DATE OF
PURCHASE _____

THE MODEL AND SERIAL NUMBERS WILL BE FOUND ON THE MODEL PLATE ATTACHED TO THE RIGHT HAND ENGINE BRACKET.

YOU SHOULD RECORD BOTH SERIAL NUMBER AND DATE OF PURCHASE AND KEEP IN A SAFE PLACE FOR FUTURE REFERENCE.

PRODUCT SPECIFICATIONS

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| HORSEPOWER: | 3.0 H.P. |
| DISPLACEMENT: | 7.75 CU. IN. |
| GASOLINE CAPACITY: | 2 QUART (UNLEADED) |
| OIL (20 OZ. CAPACITY): | SAE 30W (SAE 10W 30) |
| SPARK PLUG (GAP .030 IN.): | CHAMPION RCJ8 |

MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT

A Sears Maintenance Agreement is available on this product. Contact your nearest Sears store for details.

CUSTOMER RESPONSIBILITIES

- Read and observe the safety rules.
- Follow a regular schedule in maintaining, caring for and using your Tiller.
- Follow the instructions under "Maintenance" and "Storage" sections of this Owner's Manual.

LIMITED ONE YEAR WARRANTY ON CRAFTSMAN TILLER

For one year from date of purchase, when this Craftsman Tiller is maintained, lubricated, and tuned up according to the instructions in the owner's manual, Sears will repair, free of charge, any defect in material and workmanship.

If this Craftsman Tiller is used for commercial or rental purposes, this Warranty applies for only 30 days from the date of purchase.

This Warranty does not cover:

- expendable items which become worn during normal use, such as tines, spark plug, air cleaners and belts.
- Repairs necessary because of operator abuse or negligence, including bent crankshafts and the failure to maintain the equipment according to the instructions contained in the owner's manual.

WARRANTY SERVICE IS AVAILABLE BY RETURNING THE CRAFTSMAN TILLER TO THE NEAREST SEARS SERVICE CENTER/DEPARTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES. THIS WARRANTY APPLIES ONLY WHILE THIS PRODUCT IS IN USE IN THE UNITED STATES.

This Warranty gives you specific legal rights, and you may also have other rights which vary from state to state.

Sears, Roebuck and Co , D/731CR-W , Sears Tower, Chicago, IL 60684

-NOTE-

This unit 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. See your Sears Authorized Service Center for spark arrester. Refer to page 31 of Repair Parts section of this manual for part number.

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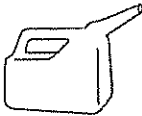


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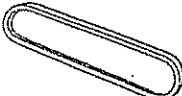



TILLER ACCESSORIES

THESE ACCESSORIES WERE AVAILABLE WHEN THE TILLER WAS PURCHASED. THEY ARE ALSO AVAILABLE AT MOST SEARS RETAIL OUTLETS, CATALOG AND SERVICE CENTERS. MOST SEARS STORES CAN ORDER REPAIR PARTS FOR YOU, WHEN YOU PROVIDE THE MODEL NUMBER OF YOUR TILLER.

ENGINE

| SPARK PLUG | MUFFLER | AIR FILTER | GAS CAN | ENGINE OIL | STABILIZER |
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TILLER MAINTENANCE

| BELT | TINES | CLEVIS PIN | HAIRPIN CLIP |
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ASSEMBLY

TO ASSEMBLE YOUR TILLER YOU WILL NEED:

- (1) utility knife
- (1) 1/2" wrench
- (1) ratchet
- (1) socket extension
- (1) 1/2" socket

OPERATOR'S POSITION

The right hand (R.H.) and left hand (L.H.) sides of Tiller are determined from the Operator's Position while standing behind Tiller

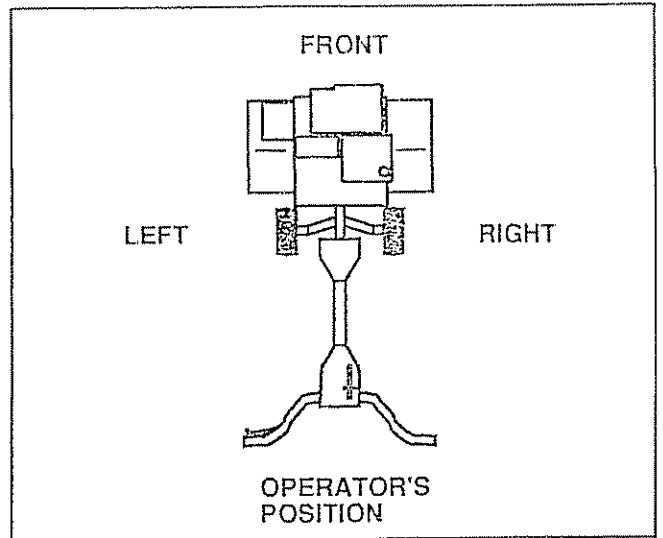
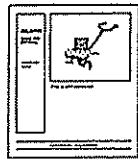
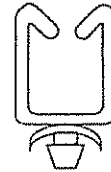


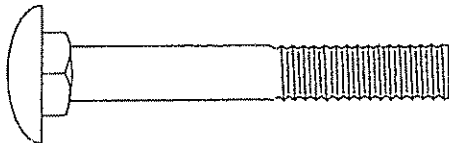
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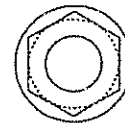
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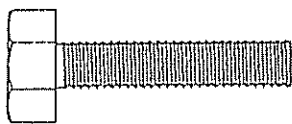
(1) Plastic Cable Clip



(2) Carriage Bolts 5/16 - 18 UNC x 2-3/8 Gr. 5



(2) Flange Locknuts 6/16 x 18 UNC



(2) Hex Bolts 5/16 x 18 x 1-1/4



(2) Hex Nuts 5/16 x 18



(2) Lockwashers 5/16

ASSEMBLY

UNPACK CARTON & INSTALL HANDLE



BE CAREFUL OF EXPOSED STAPLES WHEN HANDLING OR DISPOSING OF CARTONING MATERIAL.

CAUTION: WHEN UNPACKING AND ASSEMBLING TILLER, BE CAREFUL NOT TO STRETCH OR KINK CABLES

- Cut cable ties securing Handle column.
- BEING CAREFUL NOT TO KINK CABLES, slowly lift Handle Column up and slip over Handle Mount (Fig. 2).
- Remove Packing from carton.
- Secure Handle Column to Handle Mount using two black Carriage Bolts and black Flange Lock Nuts. Insert Plastic Cable Clip into hole in Handle Column. Tighten both Flange Lock Nuts firmly.
- Route Throttle and Clutch Cables through Plastic Cable Clip on Handle Column.

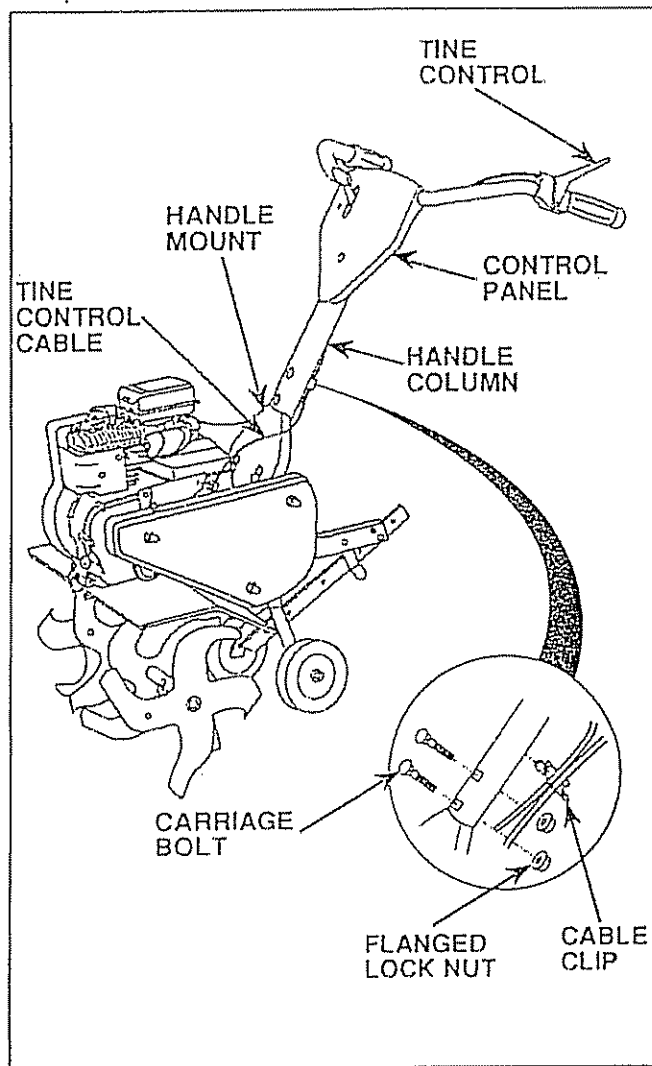


FIGURE 2

- Remove packing material from Handle Assembly
- Cut Cable Ties securing Tiller to Skid.
- Cut away Carton. Remove Tiller from Skid by pulling backwards.

INSTALL DEPTH STAKE

- Insert Depth Stake Support between Engine Brackets with Stake Spring down. NOTE: IT MAY BE NECESSARY TO LOOSEN NUTS "A" & "B" (Fig. 3)
- Bolt Depth Stake Support to Engine Brackets with Bolts, Lockwashers and Nuts. Tighten securely. Also tighten Nuts "A" & "B" if it was necessary to loosen them.
- Depth Stake must move freely. If it does not, loosen Support Bolt.

HANDLE HEIGHT

- Handle height is adjustable to better suit operator (see page 16 for instructions).

TILLING WIDTH

- Tilling width is adjustable to better handle your tilling conditions (see page 16 for instructions).

TINE OPERATION

- Check Tine operation before first use according to procedure on page 17.

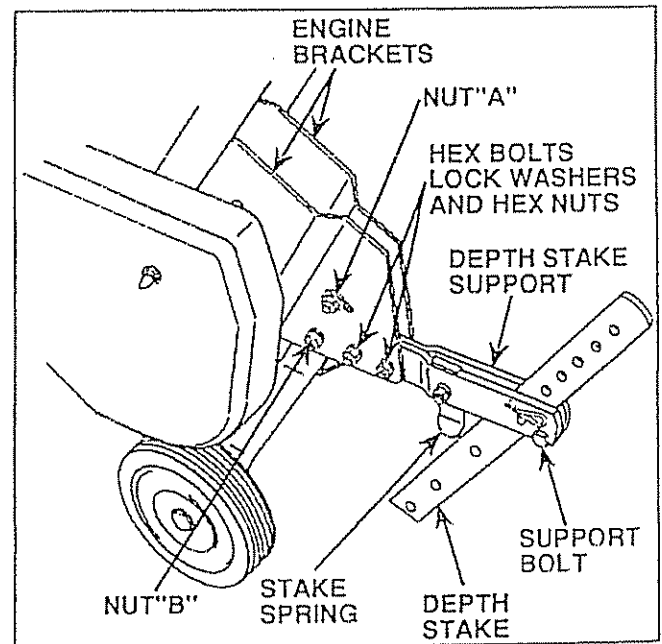


FIGURE 3

OPERATION

KNOW YOUR TILLER

READ THIS OWNER'S MANUAL AND SAFETY RULES BEFORE OPERATING YOUR TILLER.

Compare the illustrations with your Tiller to familiarize yourself with the location of various controls and adjustments. Save this manual for future reference.

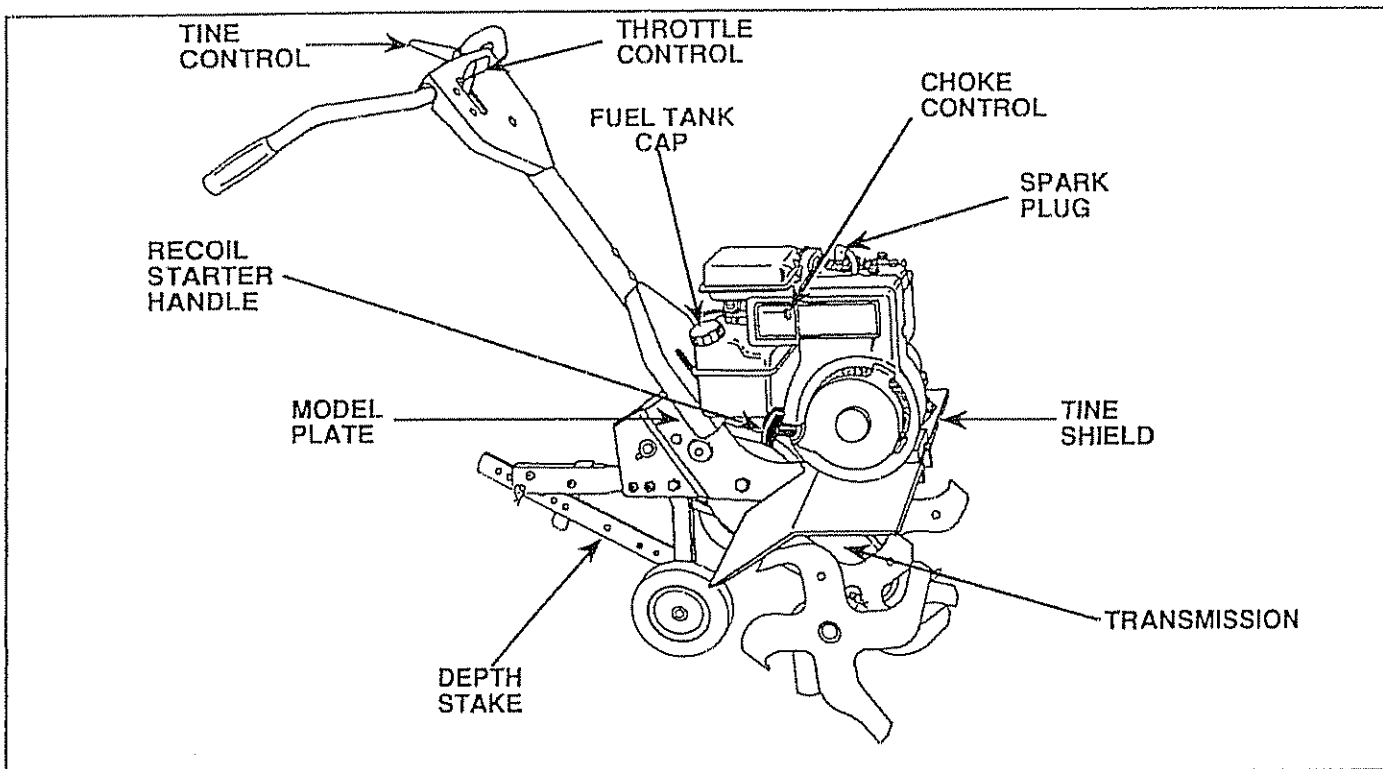


FIGURE 4

MEETS ANSI SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

Sears Front Tine Tillers conform to the safety standards of the American National Standards Institute (Reference ANSI/OPEI B71.8-1986 American National Standard for outdoor power equipment - walk-behind powered rotary tillers - safety specifications).

TINE CONTROL - is used to engage Tiller.
THROTTLE CONTROL - is used to control engine speed.

CHOKE CONTROL - is used when starting a cold Engine.
DEPTH STAKE - is used to set the depth at which the Tiller will dig.

SAFETY DECAL

The decal shown full size below is located on the handle of your Tiller.

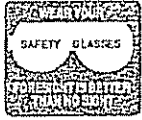
The safety decal is a dark rectangular label with rounded corners. On the left side, there is a white line drawing of the tiller's handle and tine control lever. An arrow points to the lever with the text 'PUSH TINE CONTROL DOWN TO ENGAGE TINES'. Below this, another arrow points to the handle with the text 'RELEASE TO STOP'. To the right of the diagram is a white box containing a triangle warning symbol and the text 'CAUTION TO AVOID INJURY'. Below this box, several lines of safety instructions are listed in all caps.

- PUSH TINE CONTROL DOWN TO ENGAGE TINES
- RELEASE TO STOP

CAUTION TO AVOID INJURY

READ THE OPERATOR'S MANUAL.
KNOW LOCATION AND FUNCTION OF ALL CONTROLS.
KEEP ALL SAFETY DEVICES AND SHIELDS IN PLACE.
NEVER ALLOW CHILDREN OR UNINSTRUCTED ADULTS TO OPERATE TILLER.
SHUT OFF ENGINE BEFORE UNCLOGGING TINES OR MAKING REPAIRS.
KEEP BYSTANDERS AWAY FROM MACHINE.
KEEP AWAY FROM ROTATING PARTS.

OPERATION



The operation of any Tiller can result in foreign objects thrown into the eyes, which can result in severe eye damage. Always wear safety glasses or eye shields before starting your Tiller and while tilling. We recommend Wide Vision Safety Mask for over the spectacles or standard safety glasses, available at Sears Retail or Catalog Stores

HOW TO USE YOUR TILLER

Know how to operate all controls before adding fuel and oil or attempting to start Engine (To stop Engine place Throttle Control in "STOP" position)

FORWARD MOTION

- Move Throttle Control to desired speed.
- TINE MOVEMENT BEGINS WHEN TINE CONTROL IS IN "RUNNING" POSITION (Fig. 5).

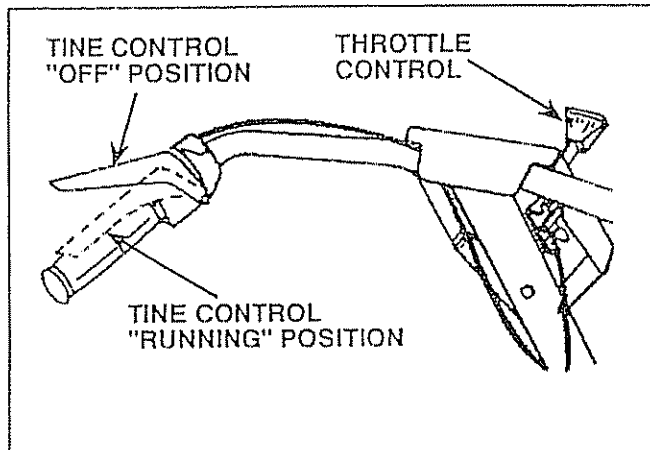


FIGURE 5

STOPPING TINES AND ENGINE

- TINE MOVEMENT WILL STOP WHEN TINE CONTROL IS RELEASED ("OFF" POSITION).
- To stop Engine, place Throttle Control (Fig. 6) in "STOP" position. NOTE: DO NOT USE CHOKE CONTROL TO STOP ENGINE.

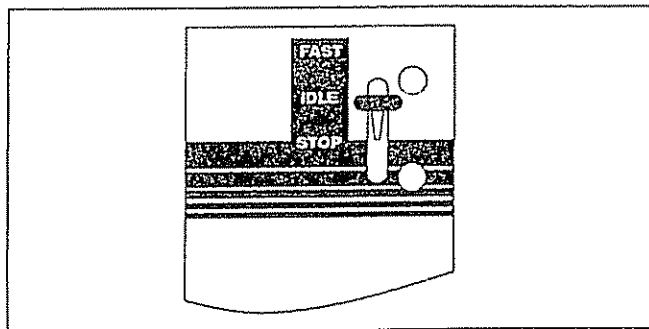


FIGURE 6

RESTARTING ENGINE

- When restarting a warm Engine, place Throttle Control in "FAST" position. NOTE: IT MAY BE NECESSARY TO USE CHOKE (Fig. 7).

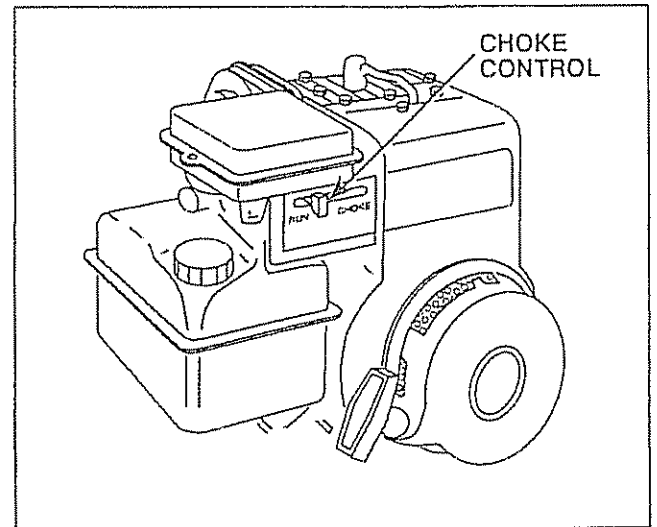


FIGURE 7

TILLING

- The speed and depth of tilling is regulated by the position of the Depth Stake and Wheel Height.
- The Depth Stake should always be below the Wheels for digging. It serves as a brake to slow the Tiller's forward motion to enable the Tines to penetrate the ground. Also, the more the Depth Stake is lowered into the ground the deeper the Tiller will dig.

OPERATION

DEPTH STAKE

- The Depth Stake can be raised or lowered to allow you more versatile tilling and cultivating, or to more easily transport your tiller (Fig 8)
- Adjust Depth Stake by removing the Hairpin Clip and Retaining Pin. Change Depth Stake to desired position. Replace the Retaining Pin and Hairpin Clip.
 - Lowering the Depth Stake will slow the Tiller and make it till deeper.
 - Raising the Depth Stake will allow the Tiller to move faster and till shallower.
 - For normal tilling, set Depth Stake at the second or third hole from the top.
 - For normal cultivating, set Depth Stake in the "up" position (Fig. 10).

WHEELS

- Adjust Wheels by loosening bolts "A" & "B". Move wheels to desired position and retighten bolts "A" & "B"(Fig. 8).
 - Moving the Wheels forward will allow the Tiller to till deeper.
 - Moving the Wheels backward will allow the Tiller to till shallower.

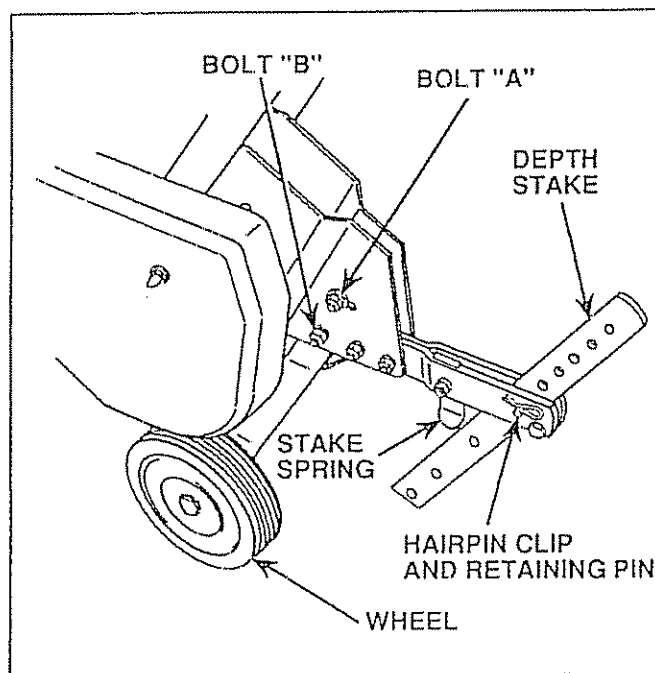
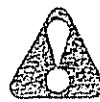


FIGURE 8



BEFORE LIFTING OR TRANSPORTING, ALLOW TILLER ENGINE AND MUFFLER TO COOL. DISCONNECT SPARK PLUG WIRE. DRAIN GASOLINE FROM FUEL TANK.

TRANSPORTING YOUR TILLER

- Around the Yard:
 - Tip Depth Stake forward until it is held by the Stake Spring (Fig. 10).
 - Push Tiller Handles down, raising Tines off the ground.
 - Push or pull Tiller to desired location.
- Around Town:
 - Disconnect Spark Plug Wire.
 - Drain Fuel Tank
 - Transport in upright position to prevent oil leakage.

BEFORE STARTING ENGINE

FILL ENGINE WITH OIL.

CAUTION: BE VERY CAREFUL NOT TO ALLOW DIRT TO ENTER THE ENGINE WHEN CHECKING OR ADDING OIL OR FUEL. USE CLEAN SAE 30 OR 10W-30 WEIGHT OIL AND STORF IN APPROVED, CLEAN, COVERED CONTAINERS. ALL OILS MUST MEET A.P.I. SERVICE CLASSIFICATION SD, SE OR SF. USE CLEAN FILL FUNNELS. SEE WINTER OPERATION FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- With Engine level, remove Engine Oil Filler Plug (Fig. 9).
- Fill Engine with oil to point of overflowing. Capacity is about 1 - 1/4 pints (20 ounces).
- Tilt Tiller back on its wheels and then re-level
- Check oil level. Refill to point of overflowing if necessary. Replace Oil Filler Plug.

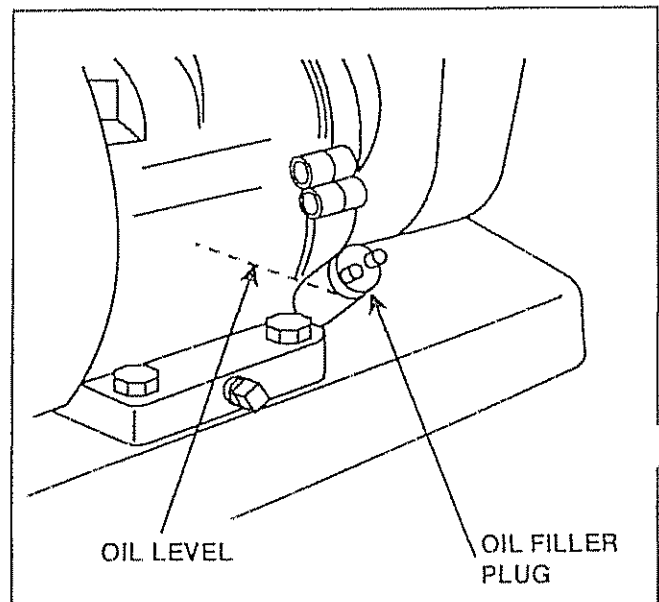


FIGURE 9

OPERATION

FILL FUEL TANK

- To fill Fuel Tank (Fig. 10), use fresh, clean regular unleaded automotive gasoline. Capacity is about 2 quarts.



FILL TO WITHIN 1/2 INCH OF TOP OF FUEL TANK TO PREVENT SPILLS AND TO ALLOW FOR FUEL EXPANSION. IF GASOLINE IS ACCIDENTALLY SPILLED, MOVE MACHINE AWAY FROM AREA OF SPILL. AVOID CREATING ANY SOURCE OF IGNITION UNTIL GASOLINE VAPORS HAVE DISAPPEARED.

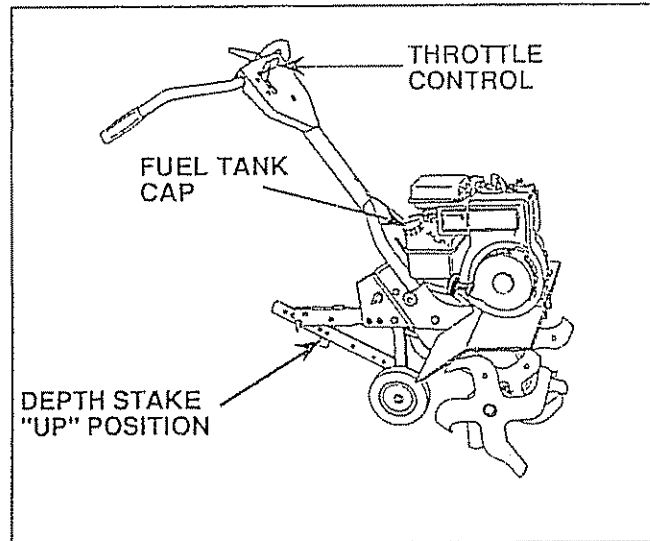


FIGURE 10

CAUTION: EXPERIENCE INDICATES THAT ALCOHOL BLENDED FUELS (CALLED GASOLINOL 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.

TO AVOID ENGINE PROBLEMS, THE FUEL SYSTEM SHOULD BE EMPTIED BEFORE STORAGE FOR 30 DAYS OR LONGER. DRAIN THE GAS TANK, START THE ENGINE AND LET IT RUN UNTIL THE FUEL LINES AND CARBURETOR ARE EMPTY. USE FRESH FUEL NEXT SEASON. SEE STORAGE INSTRUCTIONS FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

NEVER USE ENGINE OR CARBURETOR CLEANER PRODUCTS IN THE FUEL TANK OR PERMANENT DAMAGE MAY OCCUR.

TO START ENGINE



KEEP THE TINE CONTROL IN "OFF" POSITION WHEN STARTING ENGINE.

- Make sure Spark Plug Wire is properly connected (Fig. 11).
- Place Throttle Control in "FAST" position (Fig. 6).
- Place Choke Control in "CHOKE" position (Fig. 11) if the Engine is cold. A warm Engine may not require choking to start.
- Grasp Starter Handle with one hand and grasp the Tiller Handle with other hand. Pull Rope out slowly until Engine reaches start of Compression Cycle (Rope will pull slightly harder at this point).
- Pull Rope with a rapid, continuous, full arm stroke. Keep a firm grip on Starter Handle and let Rope rewind slowly. Do not let Starter Handle snap back against Starter.
- When Engine starts, place Choke Control on Engine halfway between "CHOKE" and "RUN" positions and then to "RUN" position as Engine warms up.
- Move Throttle Control halfway between "FAST" and "STOP" position for a few minutes to warm up.

NOTE: In order to idle smoothly, a new Engine may require 3 to 5 minutes running time above slow idle speed. Idle speed has been adjusted to be correct after this break-in period.

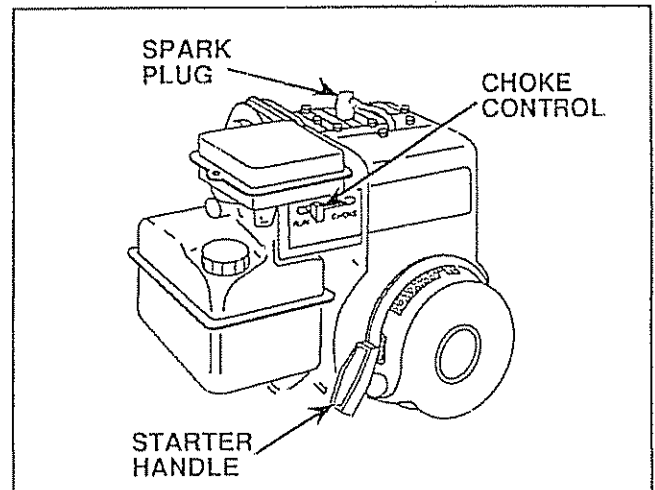


FIGURE 11

BREAKING IN YOUR TILLER:

Break-in your Belts, Pulleys and Tine Control before you actually begin tilling.

- Start Engine, tip Tines off ground by pressing Handles down and engage Tine Control to start Tine rotation. Allow Tines to rotate for five minutes.
- Check Tine Operation and adjust if necessary (page 17)



THE MUFFLER AND SURROUNDING AREA BECOME HOT AFTER RUNNING ENGINE.

OPERATION



UNTIL YOU ARE ACCUSTOMED TO HANDLING YOUR TILLER, START ACTUAL FIELD USE WITH THROTTLE IN SLOW POSITION (MID-WAY BETWEEN "FAST" AND "IDLE").

To help Tiller move forward, lift up the Handles slightly (thus lifting Depth Stake out of ground). To slow down the Tiller, press down on Handles.

If you are straining or Tiller is shaking, the Wheels and Depth Stake are NOT set properly in the soil being tilled. The proper setting of the Wheels and Depth Stake is through trial and error and depends upon the soil condition. (The harder or wetter the ground, the slower the engine and tine speed needed. Under these poor conditions, at fast speed the Tiller will run and jump over the ground).

A properly adjusted Tiller will dig with little effort from the operator.

TILLING HINTS

- Tilling is digging into, turning over, and breaking up packed soil before planting. Loose, unpacked soil helps root growth. Best tilling depth is 4" to 6". A Tiller will also clear the soil of unwanted vegetation. The decomposition of this vegetable matter enriches the soil. Depending on the climate (rainfall and wind), it may be advisable to till the soil at the end of the growing season to further condition the soil.
- Soil conditions are important for proper tilling. Tines will not readily penetrate dry, hard soil which may contribute to excessive bounce and difficult handling of your Tiller. Hard soil should be moistened before tilling; however, extremely wet soil will "ball-up" or clump during tilling. Wait until the soil is less wet in order to achieve the best results. When tilling in the fall, remove vines and long grass to prevent them from wrapping around the Tine Shaft and slowing your tilling operation.
- You will find tilling much easier if you leave a row untilled between passes. Then go back over the entire area at right angles (Fig. 12). There are two reasons for doing this. First, wide turns are much easier to negotiate than about-faces. Second, the Tiller won't be pulling itself, and you, toward the row next to it.
- Set Depth Stake and Wheel height for shallow tilling when working extremely hard soil or sod. Then work across the first cuts at normal depth.

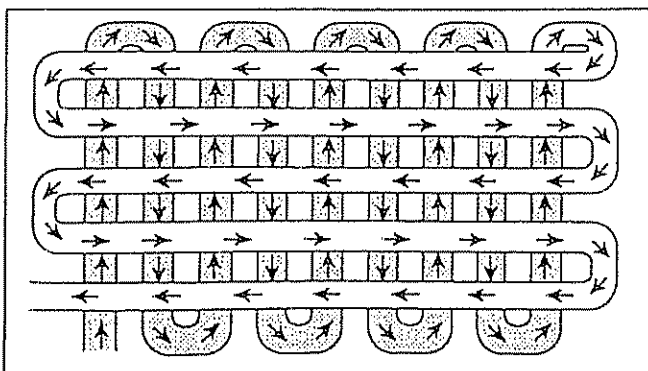


FIGURE 12

CULTIVATING

- Cultivating is destroying the weeds between rows to prevent them from robbing nourishment and moisture from the plants. At the same time, breaking up the upper layer of soil crust will help retain moisture in the soil. Best digging depth is 1" to 3".
 - You will probably not need to use the Depth Stake. Begin by tipping the Depth Stake forward until it is held by the Stake Spring.
 - Place Throttle Control in slow position (midway between "FAST" and "IDLE"). Cultivate up and down the rows at a speed which will allow Tines to uproot weeds and leave the ground in rough condition, promoting no further growth of weeds and grass (Fig. 13).

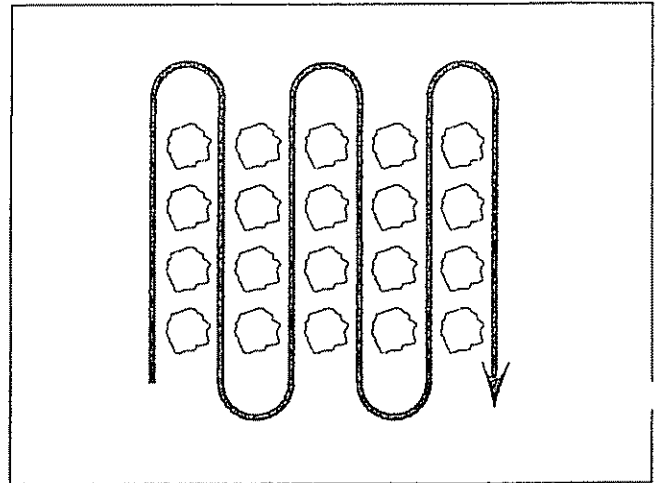


FIGURE 13

WINTER OPERATION (under 32° F)

ENGINE LUBRICATION

- For winter operation, Engine oil must be changed before the temperature drops below 32° F. Drain the Engine oil while Engine is warm.
- Refill with new oil. Use oil labeled 5W30. (See pg. 10)

FUEL

- Use fresh, clean, regular unleaded automotive gasoline. Capacity is about 2 quarts.

COLD WEATHER STARTING HINTS

- Be sure to use the proper oil and gasoline.
- Keep Tine Control in "OFF" position when starting the Engine.
- Set Throttle Control at medium to fast position. Use full Choke for starting. Slowly move Choke Lever to "RUN" position as Engine warms up.

NOTE: BE SURE TO CHANGE ENGINE OIL BACK TO S.A.E. 30 or 10W30 (SD, SE, OR SF) FOR SPRING TILLING (SEE PG. 10).

MAINTENANCE



DISCONNECT SPARK PLUG WIRE FROM SPARK PLUG BEFORE PERFORMING ANY MAINTENANCE (EXCEPT CARBURETOR ADJUSTMENT) TO PREVENT ACCIDENTAL STARTING OF ENGINE.

PREVENT FIRES! KEEP THE ENGINE FREE OF GRASS, LEAVES, SPILLED OIL, OR FUEL. REMOVE FUEL FROM TANK BEFORE TIPPING UNIT FOR MAINTENANCE. CLEAN MUFFLER AREA OF ALL GRASS, DIRT, AND DEBRIS.

DO NOT TOUCH HOT MUFFLER OR CYLINDER FINS AS CONTACT MAY CAUSE BURNS.

COOLING SYSTEM

Your Engine is air cooled. For proper Engine performance and long life KEEP YOUR ENGINE CLEAN.

- Clean Air Screen (Fig. 14) frequently using a stiff bristled brush.
- Remove Blower Housing and clean as necessary.
- Keep Cylinder Fins free of dirt and chaff.

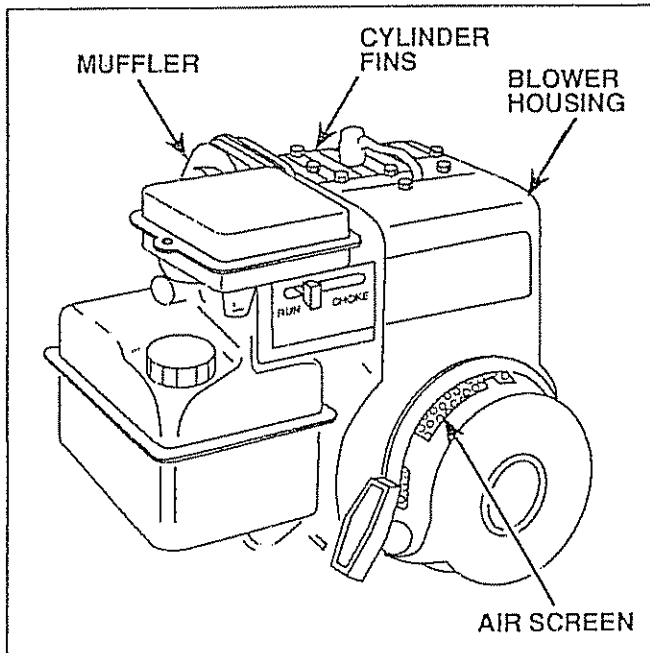


FIGURE 14

AIR CLEANER

Replace Air Cleaner Cartridge every twenty-five hours, more often if Engine is used in very dusty conditions.

- Loosen Air Cleaner Screws, one on each side of Cover (Fig. 15).

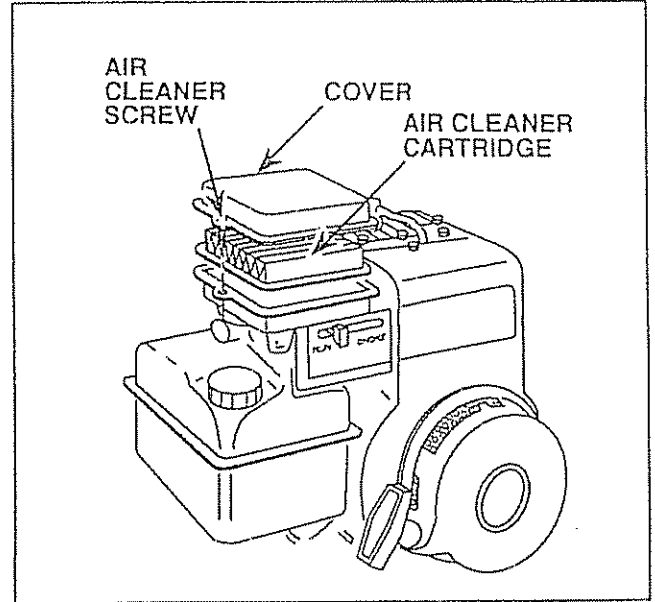


FIGURE 15

- Remove Air Cleaner Cover.
- Carefully remove Air Cleaner Cartridge. Be careful. Do not allow dirt or debris to fall into Carburetor.
- Install new Air Cleaner Cartridge. Clean and replace Cover. Tighten Screws securely.

MUFFLER

Do not operate Tiller without Muffler. Do not tamper with exhaust system. Damaged Mufflers or Spark Arresters could create a fire hazard. Inspect periodically and replace if necessary. If your Engine is equipped with a Spark Arrester Screen Assembly, remove every 50 hours for cleaning and inspection. Replace if damaged.

SPARK PLUG

- The Spark Plug should be changed every 50 hours of operation or at the beginning of every tilling season.
- Set gap at .030" (Fig. 16). Order Spark Plug listed in the Repair Parts Section of this Manual.



SPARKING CAN OCCUR IF SPARK PLUG WIRE TERMINAL DOES NOT FIT FIRMLY ON SPARK PLUG. REFORM TERMINAL IF NECESSARY.

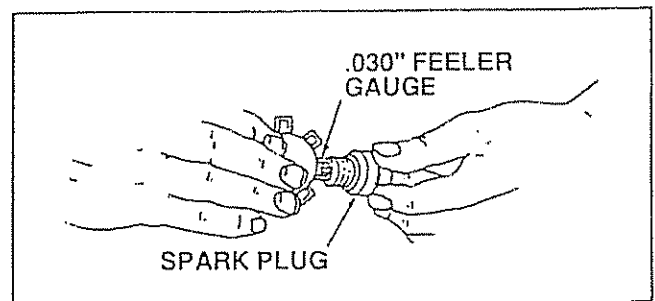


FIGURE 16

MAINTENANCE

ENGINE LUBRICATION

Your four cycle Engine will normally consume some oil, therefore check Engine oil level regularly—approximately every five hours of operation and before each usage. Stop Engine and wait several minutes before checking oil level. With Engine level the oil must be even with oil fill (Fig. 17). Change Engine oil after the first two hours of operation and every twenty five hours thereafter and at the beginning of every tilling season.

- Drain oil while Engine is warm.
- Remove Oil Drain Plug.
- Tip Tiller forward and catch oil in a suitable container.
- When Engine is drained of all oil, replace Oil Drain Plug.
- Refill with fresh SAE 30 or SAE 10W-30 weight oil.

TRANSMISSION

Your Transmission is sealed and will not require lubrication.

FINISH

Keep your Tiller finish and Wheels free of gasoline, oil, etc. Protect painted surfaces with automotive type wax.

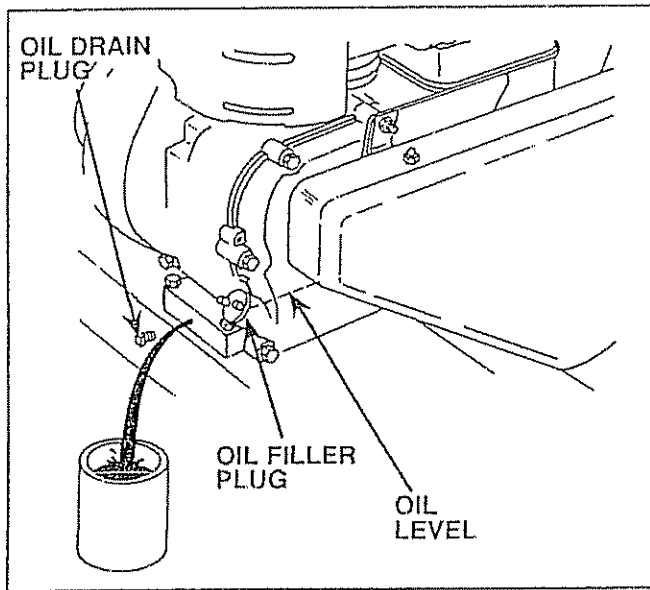


FIGURE 17

SERVICE AND ADJUSTMENTS

HANDLE HEIGHT

NOTE: FACTORY ASSEMBLY HAS PROVIDED HIGHEST HANDLE HEIGHT. SELECT HANDLE HEIGHT BEST SUITED FOR YOUR TILLING CONDITIONS. HANDLE HEIGHT WILL BE DIFFERENT WHEN TILLER DIGS INTO SOIL.

- If a lower Handle Height is desired, use ratchet with 1/2" socket and extension to loosen the four Bolts in the Handle Mount and Engine Brackets (Fig. 19).
- Slide Handle Panel to desired location.
- Tighten the four Bolts securely.

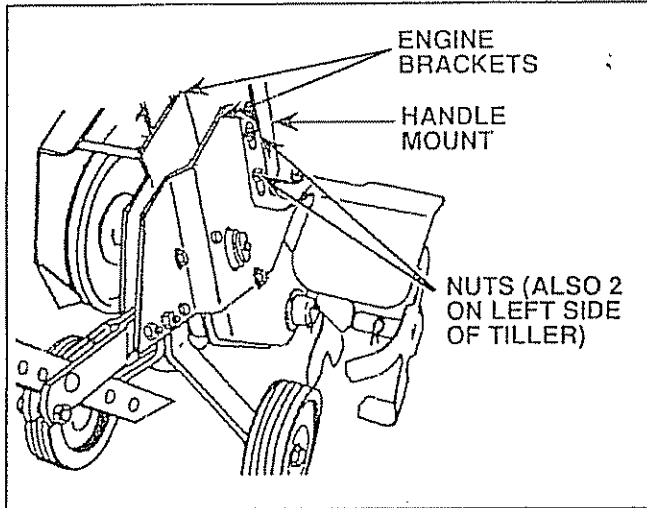


FIGURE 19

TINE ARRANGEMENT

Your Tines can be assembled in several different ways to suit your tilling or cultivating needs.



USE CAUTION - TINES ARE SHARP

- NORMAL TILLING - 17 INCH PATH (outer Tines turned inward and assembled on outer shaft position). Holes "A" in Tines to holes "B" in Tine Shaft (Fig. 20). Use this arrangement for normal tilling, first cultivation of crops in 22 inch rows and edging.

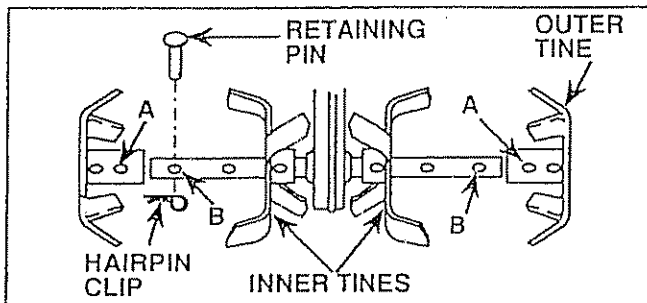


FIGURE 20

- MID-WIDTH TILLING - 15 INCH PATH (outer 1 turned inward and assembled on outer shaft position) Holes "C" in Tines to holes "B" in Tine Shaft (Fig. 21). Use this arrangement for cultivation of crops in 20 inch spaced rows.

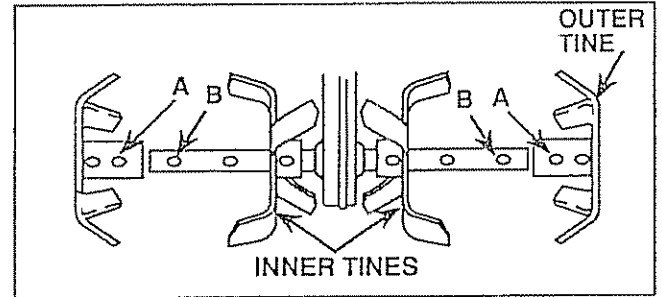


FIGURE 21

- NARROW TILLING - 10 - 1/4 INCH PATH (outer Tines off) (Fig. 22). Use this arrangement for narrow path tilling and final cultivation of crops in 15 inch spaced rows.

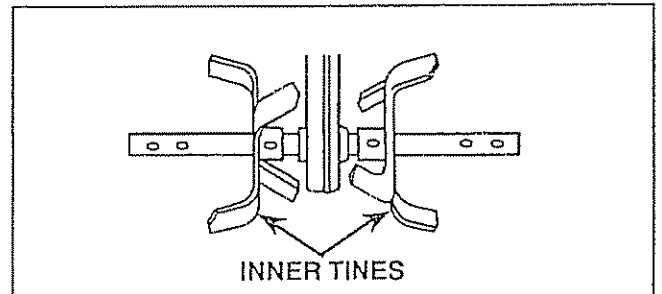


FIGURE 22

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- EDGING - 9 - 5/8 INCH PATH (inner Tines assembled on innermost shaft position). Holes "A" in Tines to holes "D" in Tine Shaft (Fig. 23) Use this arrangement for edging and first cultivation of crops in 15 inch spaced rows.

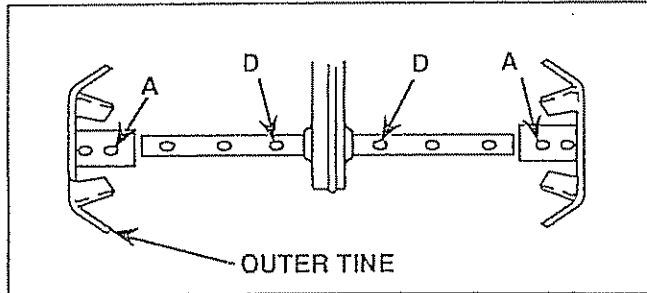


FIGURE 23

- NARROW CULTIVATING - 12 - 1/2 INCH PATH (inner Tines off, outer Tines assembled on middle shaft position). Holes "A" in Tines to holes "E" in Tine Shaft (Fig. 24). Use this arrangement for cultivating narrow rows.

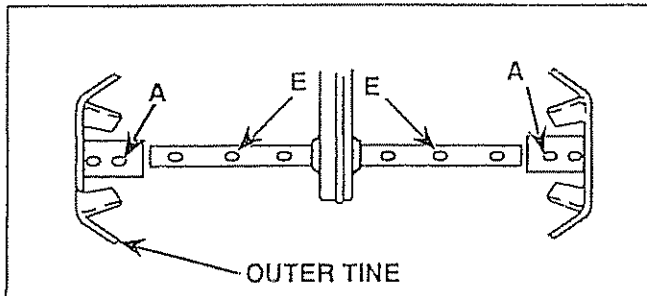


FIGURE 24

NOTE: OUTER TINES CAN BE REVERSED - TINES TURNED OUTWARD WILL THROW DIRT OUTWARD. TINES TURNED INWARD WILL THROW DIRT INWARD. FOR CULTIVATING SMALL CROPS, EDGING OR HILLING, ALL YOU NEED TO REMEMBER AS YOU RE-ASSEMBLE TINES IS THAT WHEN LOOKING AT THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE TILLER, "R"s STAMPED ON TINES WILL BE VISIBLE, AND ON THE LEFT SIDE OF THE TILLER, STAMPED "L"s WILL SHOW. SHARPENED TINE EDGES WILL ROTATE FORWARD FROM ABOVE



DISCONNECT SPARK PLUG WIRE WHEN CHECKING TINE CONTROL OPERATION.

TINE OPERATION CHECK

- With Tine Control in "OFF" (UP) position, Tine Control Lever should be against Tine Control Body (Fig. 25). If not, loosen Clip and pull Tine Control Cable up. Retighten Clip. If adjustments are made, make sure Tines do not rotate when Tine Control is in "OFF" position. See next step.
- With Tine Control in "OFF" (UP) position, push Tiller Handles down so Tines clear the ground. Pull Starter Handle. Tines should not rotate. If they do, loosen Clip and push Tine Control Cable down. Retighten Clip and test. Readjust if necessary.
- With Tine Control in "RUNNING" position, push Tiller Handles down so Tines clear the ground. Pull Starter Handle - Tines should rotate forward. If they do not, loosen Clip and pull Tine Control Cable up. Retighten Clip and test. Readjust if necessary.

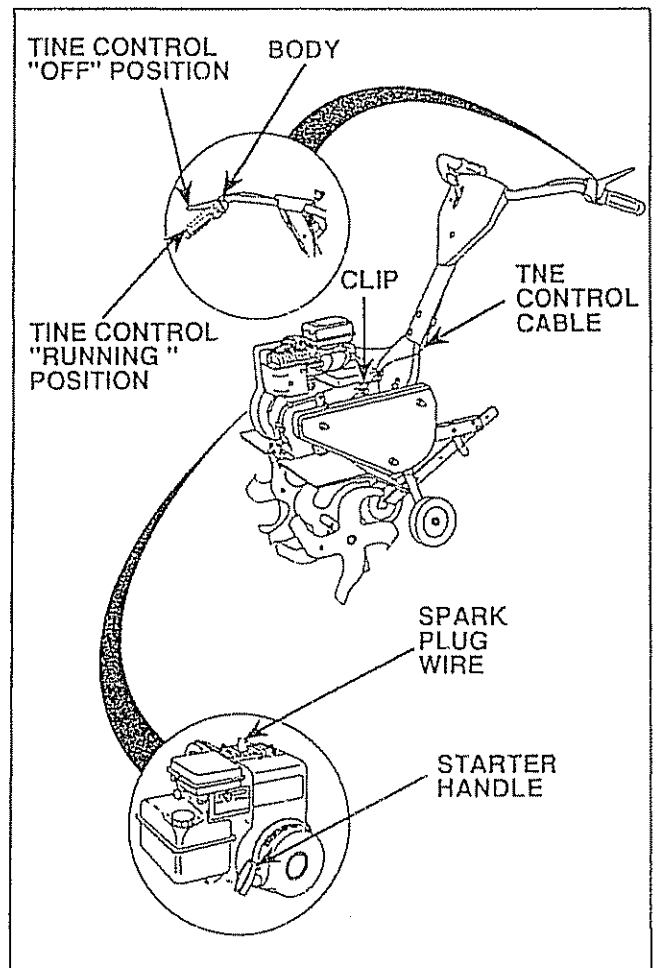


FIGURE 25

SERVICE AND ADJUSTMENT

CARBURETOR

NOTE: A dirty Air Cleaner will cause the Engine to run rough. Be sure Air Cleaner is clean before adjustments are made. Factory settings are satisfactory for most applications and conditions. If adjustments are needed, proceed as follows:

Never attempt to change maximum Engine speed. This is preset at the factory and should only be changed by a qualified service technician who has the necessary equipment. The Carburetor mixture may need re-adjusting if Engine lacks power or does not idle properly.

MIXTURE ADJUSTMENT

- Turn Needle Valve (Fig. 26) clockwise (↻) until it just closes. Valve may be damaged by turning Needle Valve in too far.
- Open Needle Valve 1-1/2 turns counterclockwise (↻). This initial adjustment will permit the Engine to be started and warmed up prior to final adjustment.
- Start the Engine. Allow Engine to warm up for about 5 minutes before proceeding.
- Place Throttle Control in "IDLE" position.
- Turn Needle Valve in until Engine slows (clockwise (↻) lean mixture).

- Next turn Needle Valve out past smooth operating point until Engine runs unevenly (counterclockwise (↻) rich mixture).
- Now turn Needle Valve to the midpoint between rich and lean so the Engine runs smoothly.

IDLE RPM ADJUSTMENT

- To adjust Idle RPM, Rotate Throttle Linkage counterclockwise (↻) and hold against stop while adjusting Idle Speed Adjusting Screw to obtain 1750 RPM. Release Throttle Linkage.

CHECKING ADJUSTMENT

- Test the Engine by tilting. If Engine dies out, it usually indicates that the mixture is slightly lean and it may be necessary to open (↻) the Needle Valve slightly to provide a richer mixture. This richer mixture may cause a slight unevenness in idling.

THROTTLE CONTROL CABLE ADJUSTMENT

CAUTION: NEVER TAMPER WITH THE ENGINE GOVERNOR, WHICH IS FACTORY SET FOR PROPER ENGINE SPEED.

- Loosen Throttle Cable Adjusting Screw.
- With Throttle Control in "FAST" position and Cable connected to Bellcrank, pull Cable backward through Screw until Bellcrank is as far rearward as it will go.
- Tighten Adjusting Screw.

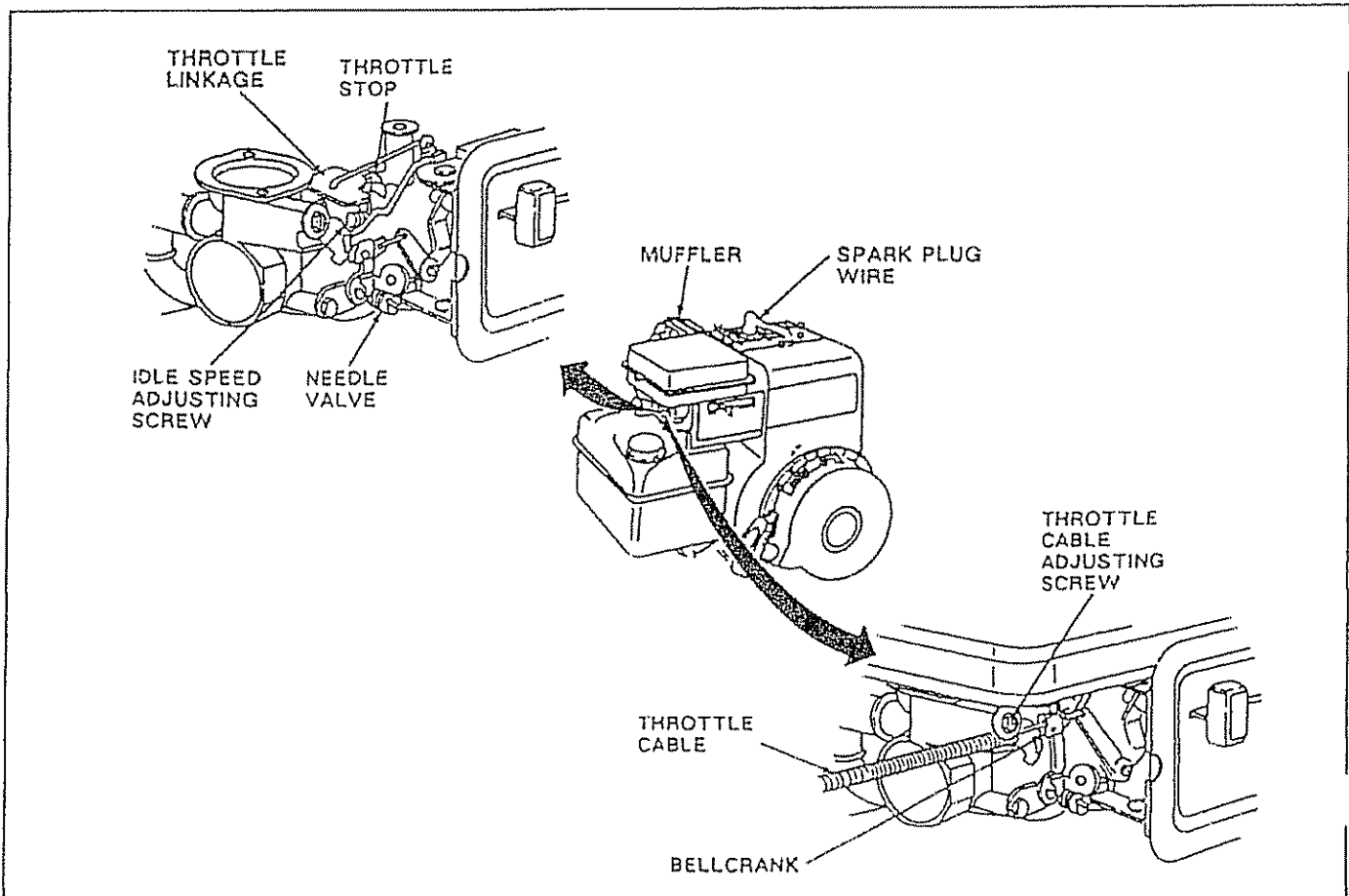


FIGURE 26

SERVICE AND ADJUSTMENTS

V-BELT

Replace V-Belt if it has stretched considerably or if it shows cracks or frayed edges.

- Remove Belt Guard by removing Rear Cap Nuts and Washers. Loosen bottom Tine Shield Nut and Front Cap Nut so that Belt Guard can slide straight out and away from Engine (Fig. 27).

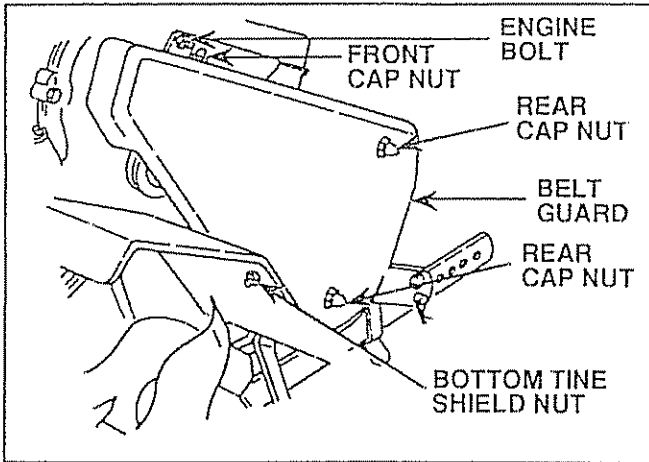


FIGURE 27

- Remove old V-Belt (from larger pulley first) (Fig. 28)
- Install new V-Belt (small pulley first) with bottom of belt (flat side) over Idler Pulley. Note Belt routing between Belt Guides
- Reposition Belt Guard under Tine Shield Bolt, then replace Washers and Cap Nuts as they were originally. Tighten securely.

NOTE: MAKE SURE BELT IS ON TOP OF BELT GUIDE ON INSIDE OF BELT GUARD.

- Check Tine operation and readjust if necessary (page 17).

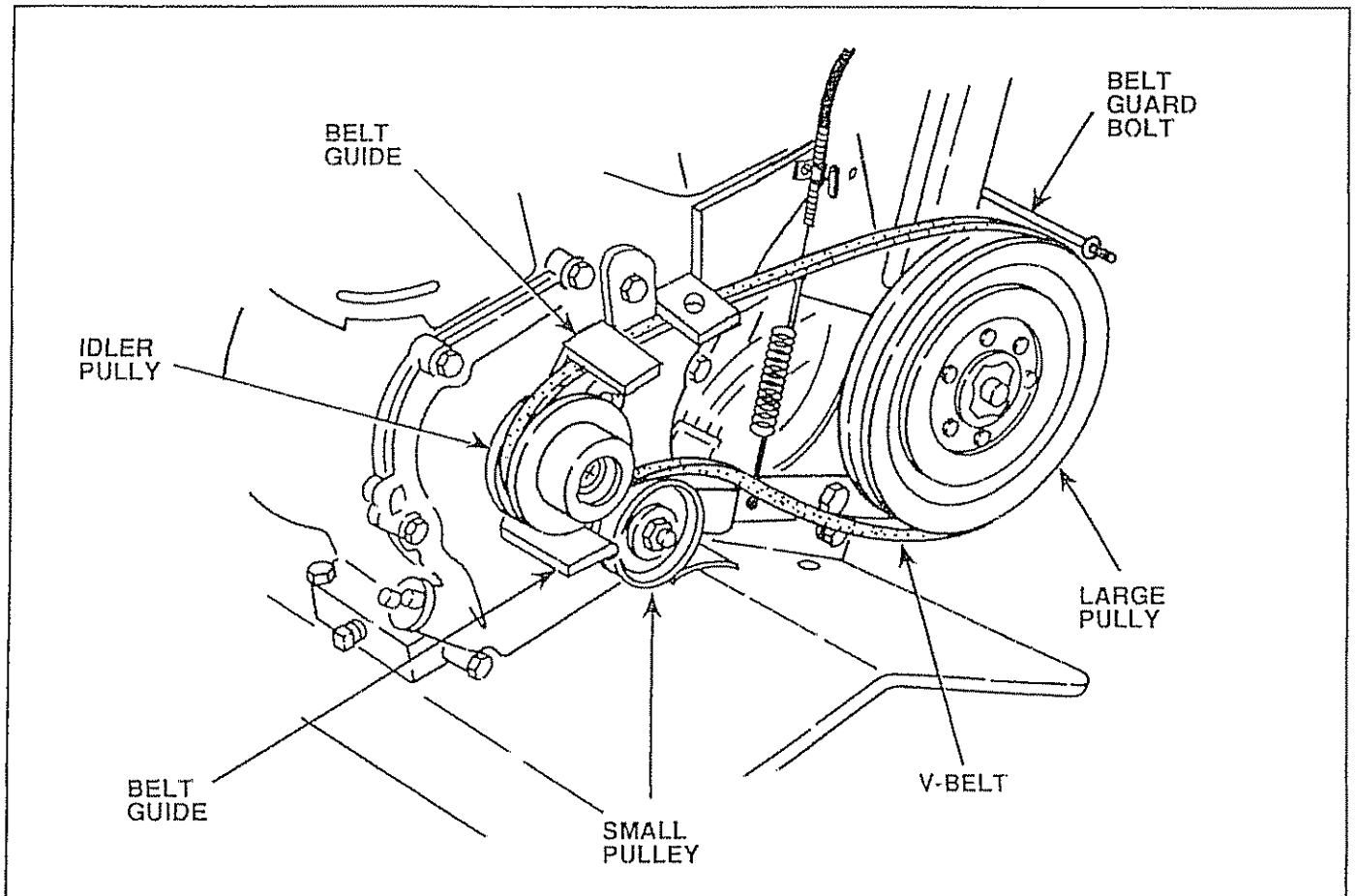


FIGURE 28

STORAGE

STORAGE

Keep your Tiller in a weatherproof, dry building. To avoid Engine problems, the fuel system should be emptied before storage of 30 days or longer

- Drain Fuel Tank; run Engine until gasoline in Carburetor is used.
- While Engine is still warm, drain oil from Engine. Refill with fresh oil.
- Remove Spark Plug; pour one half ounce of clean engine oil into cylinder. Pull Starter Handle slowly several times to distribute oil. Replace Spark Plug
- Clean entire Tiller, especially Cylinder Fins, Blower Housing and Air Screen. Tighten all bolts and nuts,

Gasoline stored for several months will lose its volatility (ability to burn effectively); therefore, always use up gasoline at the end of the season. Do not store, spill, or use gasoline near an open flame or devices such as a stove, furnace, or water heater which utilize a pilot light or devices that can create a spark.

CAUTION: IT IS IMPORTANT TO PREVENT GUM DEPOSITS FROM FORMING IN ESSENTIAL FUEL SYSTEM PARTS SUCH AS THE CARBURETOR, FUEL FILTER, FUEL HOSE, OR TANK DURING STORAGE. ALSO, EXPERIENCE INDICATES THAT 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.

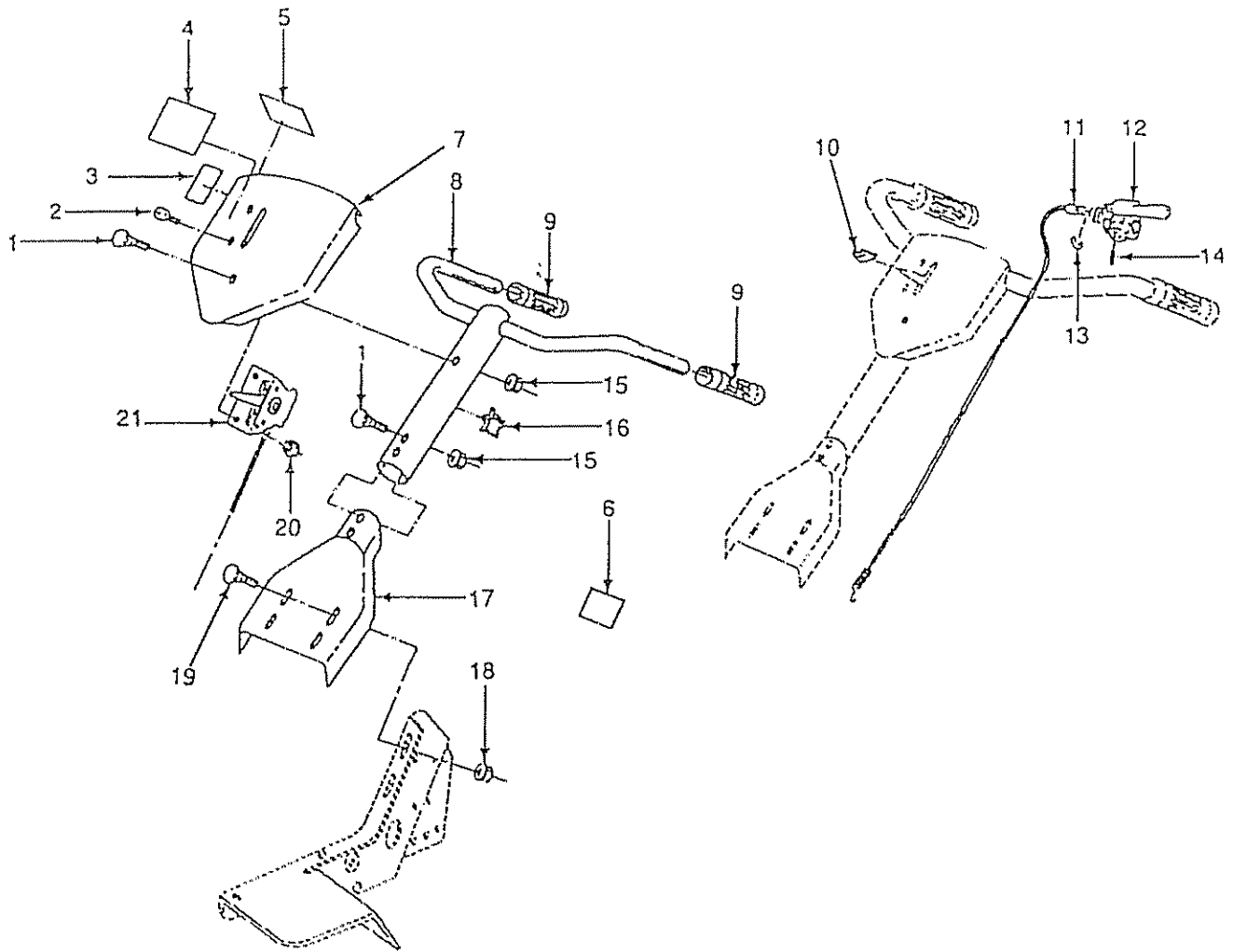
TROUBLE SHOOTING

| PROBLEM: | |
|---|---|
| Probable Cause ✂ | Possible Remedy |
| WILL NOT START OR HARD TO START | |
| No gasoline in Fuel Tank ✂ | Fill tank with gasoline |
| Choke not set properly ✂ | Place Choke Control in "CHOKE" position |
| Throttle Control not set properly ✂ | Place Throttle Control in "FAST" position |
| Choked improperly, flooded Engine ✂ | Move Choke control to "Run" position, Place throttle Control in "FAST" position and pull Starter several times to clear out gas |
| Dirty Air Cleaner ✂ | Remove and clean or replace |
| Loose Spark Plug Wire ✂ | Make sure Spark Plug Wire is seated properly on Spark Plug |
| Spark Plug dirty or improper gap ✂ | Replace Spark Plug and adjust gap |
| Water in gasoline or old fuel ✂ | Drain Fuel Tank and Carburetor, use fresh fuel and replace Spark Plug |
| Improper Carburetor adjustment ✂ | Make necessary adjustments |
| Clogged Fuel Tank ✂ | Remove and clean |
| ENGINE MISSES OR LACKS POWER | |
| Engine overloaded ✂ | Set Depth Stake and Wheels for shallower tilling |
| Partially plugged Air Cleaner ✂ | Remove and clean or replace |
| Dirty Air Screen ✂ | Clean Air Screen |
| Spark Plug dirty, improper gap or wrong type ✂ | Replace Spark Plug and adjust gap |
| Oil in gasoline ✂ | Drain and refill Gas Tank and Carburetor |
| Improper Carburetor adjustment ✂ | Make necessary adjustments |
| Clogged Fuel Tank ✂ | Remove and clean |
| Poor compression ✂ | Major Engine overhaul |
| ENGINE OVERHEATS | |
| Low oil level or dirty oil ✂ | Add or change oil |
| Dirty Air Screen ✂ | Clean Air Screen |
| Dirty Engine ✂ | Clean Cylinder Fins, Air Screen and Muffler area |
| Partially Plugged Muffler ✂ | Remove and clean Muffler |
| Improper Carburetor adjustment ✂ | Adjust Carburetor to richer position |
| EXCESSIVE BOUNCE AND DIFFICULT HANDLING | |
| Wheels and Depth Stake incorrectly adjusted ✂ | Adjust Wheels and Depth Stake |
| Ground too dry and hard ✂ | Moisten ground or wait for more favorable soil conditions |
| SOIL BALLS UP OR CLUMPS | |
| Ground too wet ✂ | Wait for more favorable soil conditions |
| ENGINE RUNS WELL BUT TILLER WON'T MOVE | |
| Tine Control not engaged ✂ | Engage Tine Control |
| V-Belt not correctly adjusted ✂ | Check V-Belt |
| ENGINE RUNS WELL BUT LABORS WHEN TILLING | |
| Tilling too deep ✂ | Raise Depth Stake |
| Throttle Control not properly adjusted ✂ | Check Throttle Control setting |
| Carburetor not adjusted properly ✂ | Check Carburetor adjustment |

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HANDLE ASSEMBLY



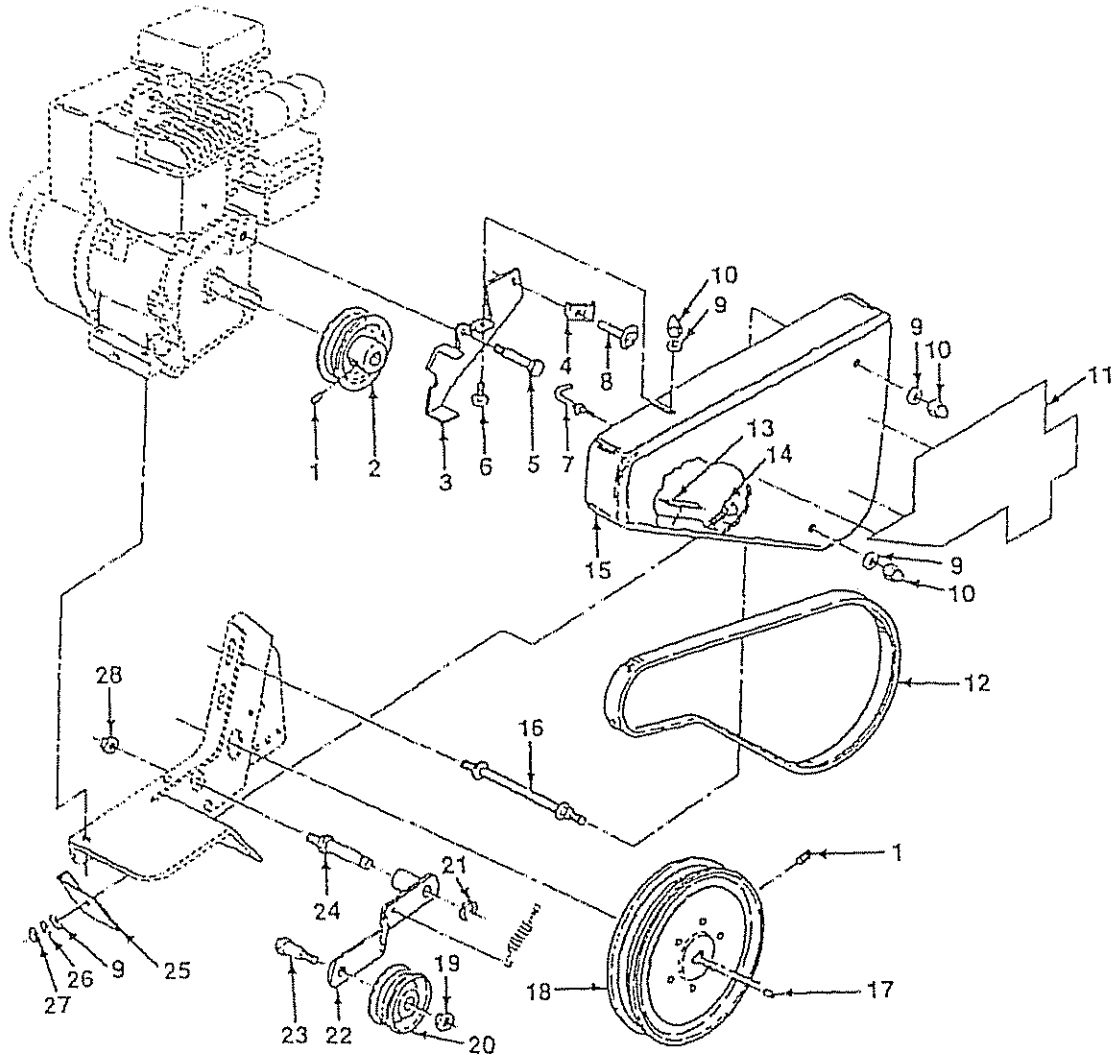
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| 1 | 72010519 | Bolt, Carriage 5/16 - 18 UNC x 2 - 3/8 Gr 5 |
| 2 | 71091008 | Screw, Truss CR #10 - 24 - UNC x 1 1/2 |
| 3 | 120431X | Decal, Hand Placement |
| 4 | 110718X | Decal, Control Panel |
| 5 | 121858X | Decal, Caution and Tine Control |
| 6 | 750211 | Decal, USA |
| 7 | 110530X | Panel, Control |
| 8 | 110512X | Handle Column |
| 9 | 110632X | Handle Grip |

| KEY PART NO. | PART NO. | DESCRIPTION |
|--------------|----------|--------------------------------|
| 10 | 110680X | Knob, Throttle Control |
| 11 | 3066J | Cable, Tine Control |
| 12 | 2635J | Control, Lever |
| 13 | 12000027 | Ring, Klip |
| 14 | 23200405 | Screw, Set 1/4 - 20 x 5/16 |
| 15 | 73970500 | Locknut, Hex Flange |
| 16 | 121145X | Clip, Plastic, Cable |
| 17 | 110514X | Handle, Mount |
| 18 | 98000129 | Nut, Flange 5/16 x 18 |
| 19 | 72010506 | Bolt, Carriage 5/16 - 18 x 3/4 |
| 20 | 73731000 | Nut, Keps #10 - 24 |
| 21 | 110531X | Throttle Control |

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BELT GUARD AND PULLEY ASSEMBLY

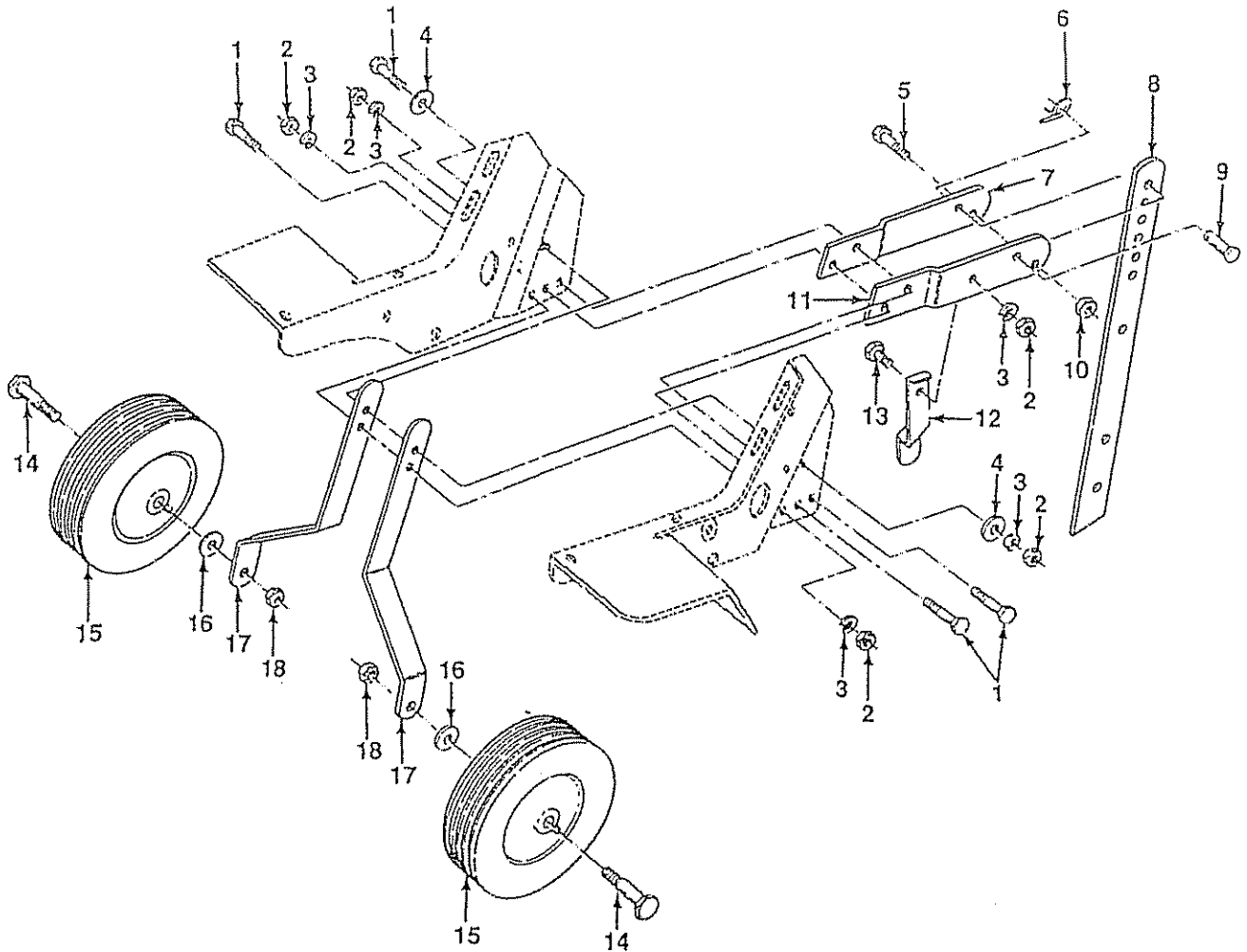


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| 1 | STD503103 | Hex, Forged Socket Headless Set Screw 5/16 - 18 x 3/8 | 14 | STD532507 | Bolt, Carriage 1/4 - 20 x 3/4 |
| 2 | 7417J | Engine Sheave (Pulley) | 15 | 121613X | Bell, Guard |
| 3 | 122955X | Bracket Assembly - Guard, V-Belt | 16 | 110528X | Bolt, Belt Guard |
| 4 | 9484R | Clip | 17 | 2649M | Square, Key |
| 5 | 74770812 | Bolt, Hex 1/2 - 20 x 3/4 | 18 | 9174R | Transmission Sheave (Pulley) |
| 6 | 72140404 | Bolt, Carriage 1/4 - 20 x 1/2 | 19 | STD541237 | Hex, Jam Nut 3/8 - 16 |
| 7 | 121463X | Keeper, Belt Transmission Sheave | 20 | 9178R | Idler Pulley |
| 8 | 86777 | Screw, Hex -Washer Hd. Slotted Thread 10 - 24 x 1/2 Type D | 21 | 12000036 | Klip Ring |
| 9 | STD551025 | Washer 9/32 x 5/8 x 16 Ga. | 22 | 674A30 | Idler Arm Assembly |
| 10 | 104213X | Nut, Cap 1/4 - 20 | 23 | STD523712 | Bolt, Hex 3/8 - 16 x 1 - 1/4 |
| 11 | 121812X | Decal, Belt Guard | 24 | 106968X | Shaft, Idler Arm |
| 12 | 9179R | V-Belt | 25 | 105358X | Shield, Dirt |
| 13 | 109227X | Pad, Idler | 26 | STD551125 | Lockwasher 1/4 |
| | | | 27 | STD541025 | Nut, Hex 1/4 - 20 |
| | | | 28 | STD541031 | Nut, Hex Jam 5/16 - 18 |

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WHEEL AND DEPTH STAKE ASSEMBLY



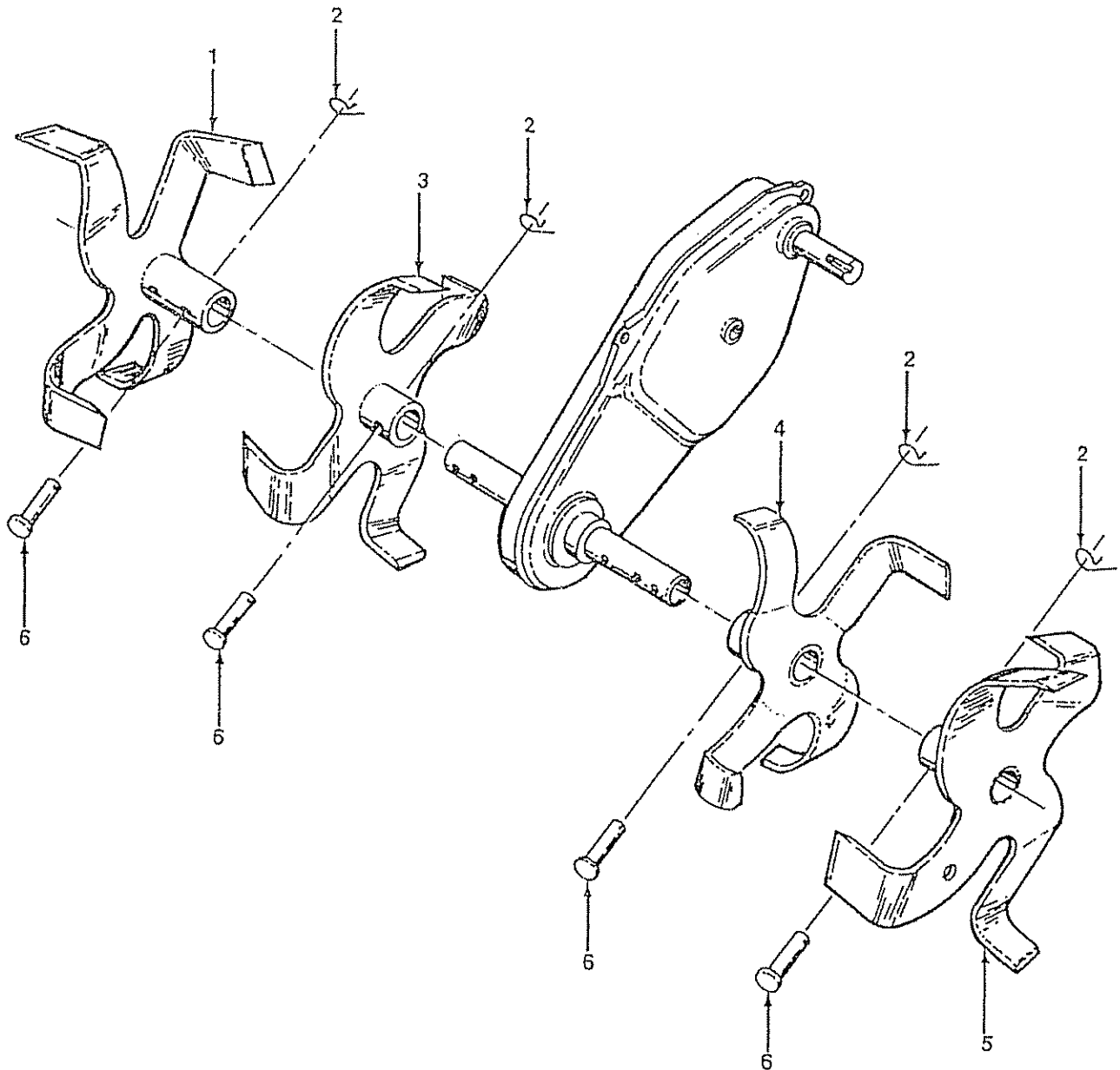
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| 2 | STD541031 | Nut, Hex 5/16 - 18 |
| 3 | STD551131 | Lockwasher 5/16 |
| 4 | 19121414 | Washer 3/8 x 7/8 x 14 Ga. |
| 5 | 74610624 | Bolt, Hex 3/8 - 24 x 1 - 1/2 Gr. 5 |
| 6 | 4921H | Hairpin Clip |
| 7 | 318J | Depth Stake Support R.H. |
| 8 | 9193R | Depth Stake |
| 9 | 9551R | Retaining Pin With Hole |

| KEY PART NO. | NO. | DESCRIPTION |
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| 10 | 7810H | Nut 3/8 - 24 |
| 11 | 317J | Depth Stake Support L.H. |
| 12 | 325J | Spring, Stake |
| 13 | STD523107 | Bolt, Hex 5/16 - 18 x 3/4 |
| 14 | 121117X | Bolt, Shoulder |
| 15 | 110557X | Wheel |
| 16 | 19131311 | Washer 13/32 x 13/16 x 11 Ga. |
| 17 | 9189R | Bracket, Wheel |
| 18 | 73680600 | Nut, Crown Lock 3/8 - 16 |

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TINE ASSEMBLY



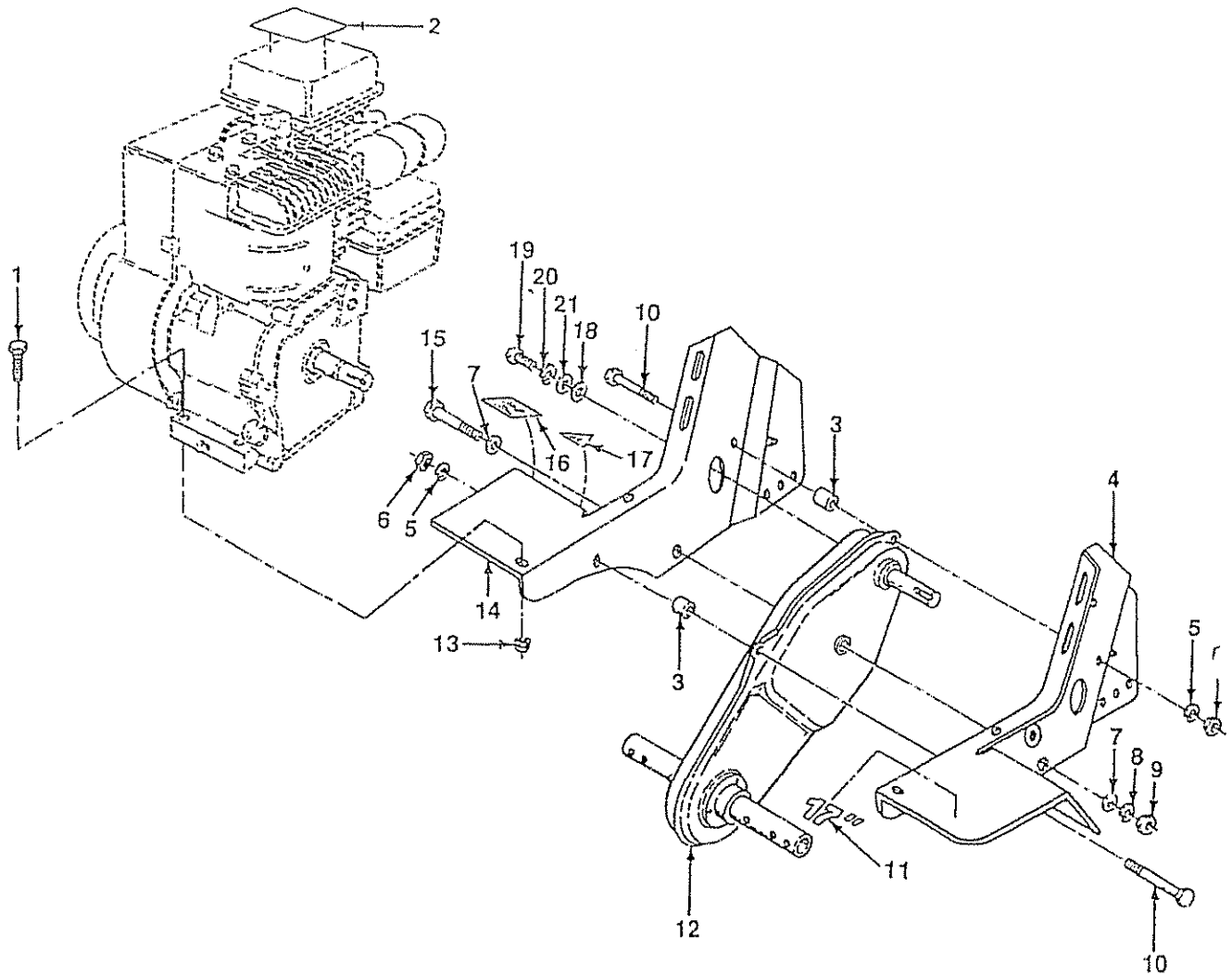
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| 2 | 4921H | Clip, Hairpin |
| 3 | 106858X | Tine Assembly, Inner R.H. |

| KEY PART NO. | PART NO. | DESCRIPTION |
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| 4 | 106857X | Tine Assembly, Inner L.H. |
| 5 | 106859X | Tine Assembly, Outer L.H. |
| 6 | 9194R | Pin, Retaining, With Hole |

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TRANSMISSION AND TINE SHIELD ASSEMBLY

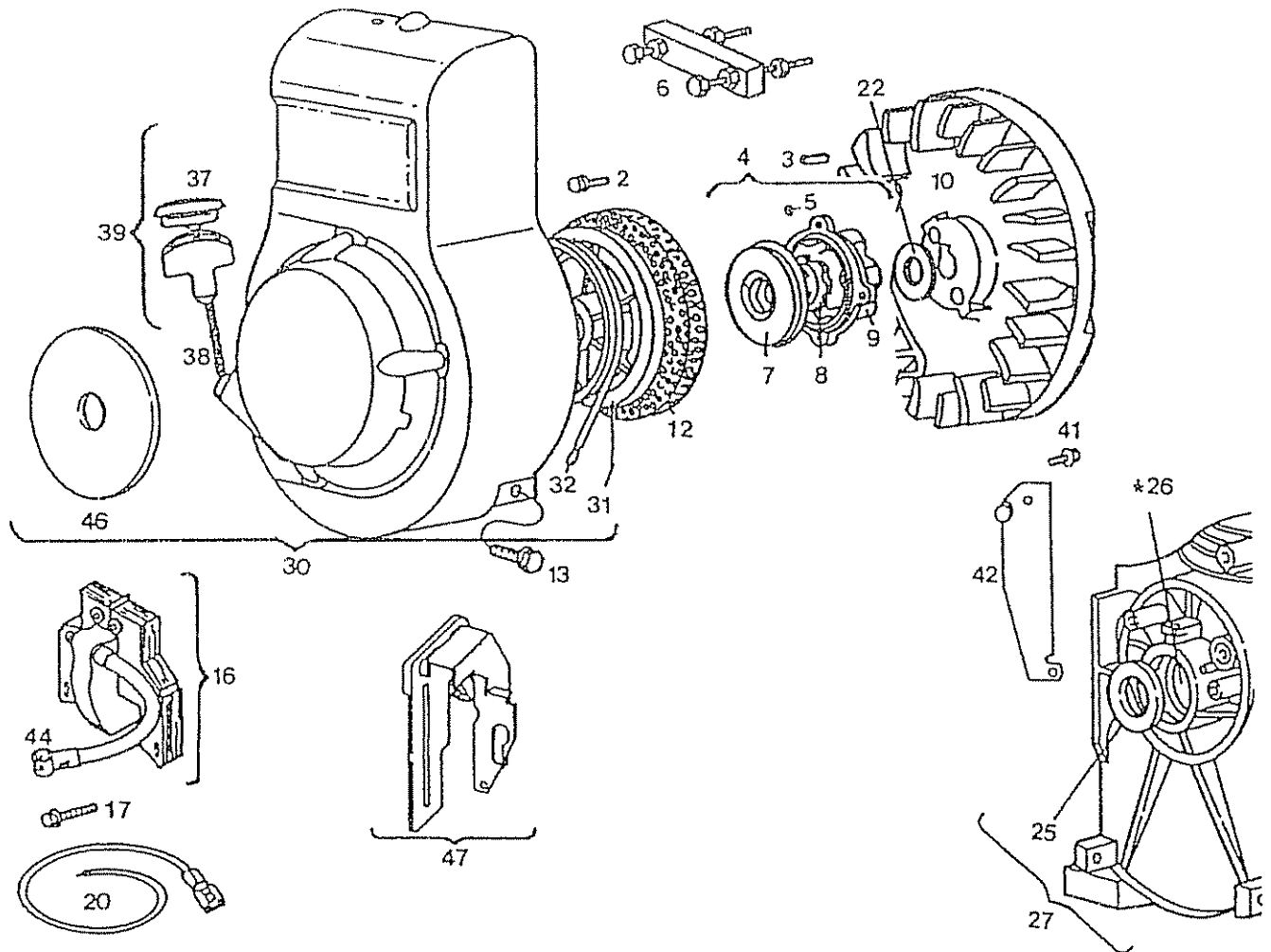


| KEY PART NO. | PART NO. | DESCRIPTION |
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| 1 | STD523115 | Bolt, Hex 5/16 - 18 x 1 - 1/2 |
| 2 | 110719X | Decal, Operation and Lubrication |
| 3 | 9173R | Spacer, Split |
| 4 | 110510X | Bracket, Engine L H. |
| 5 | STD551131 | Washer, Lock 5/16 |
| 6 | STD541031 | Nut, Hex 5/16 - 18 |
| 7 | 19131311 | Washer 13/32 x 13/16 x 11 Ga |
| 8 | STD551137 | Washer, Lock 3/8 |
| 9 | 7810H | Nut 3/8 - 24 |
| 10 | STD523127 | Bolt, Hex 5/16 - 18 x 2 - 3/4 |
| 11 | 120046X | Decal, Side Shield, 17" |

| KEY PART NO. | PART NO. | DESCRIPTION |
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| 12 | 105391X | Transmission |
| 13 | 73510500 | Nut, Keps 5/16 - 18 |
| 14 | 2606J | Bracket, Engine R H |
| 15 | 74610652 | Bolt, Hex 3/8 - 24 x 3 - 1/4 Gr. 5 |
| 16 | 120075X | Decal, Warning |
| 17 | --- | Decal, OPEI |
| 18 | 19091412 | Washer 9/32 x 7/8 x 12 Ga. |
| 19 | STD 622507 | Bolt, Hex 1/4 - 28 x 3/4 Gr. 5 |
| 20 | STD551125 | Washer, Lock 1/4 |
| 21 | 19092016 | Washer 9/32 x 1 - 1/4 x 16 Ga |
| -- | 121709X | Owner's Manual |

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 ENGINE, RIGHT SIDE



| KEY PART NO. | PART NO. | DESCRIPTION |
|--------------|----------|---------------------------------------|
| 2 | 93490 | Screw, Rotating Screen Mounting Sem |
| 3 | 222698 | Key, Flywheel |
| 4 | 399671 | Clutch Assembly, Rewind Starter |
| 5 | 63770 | Ball, Clutch |
| 6 | 19069 | Puller, Flywheel (optional Accessory) |
| 7 | 394506 | Washer, Clutch Retainer |
| 8 | 298799 | Ratchet, Rewind Starter |
| 9 | 394897 | Housing, Starter Clutch |
| 10 | 296884 | Flywheel, Magneto |
| 12 | 221661 | Screen, Rotating |
| 13 | 93158 | Screw, Sem |
| 16 | 397316 | Armature, Magneto |
| 17 | 93381 | Screw, Armature Mounting Sem |
| 20 | 398808 | Wire, Ground |

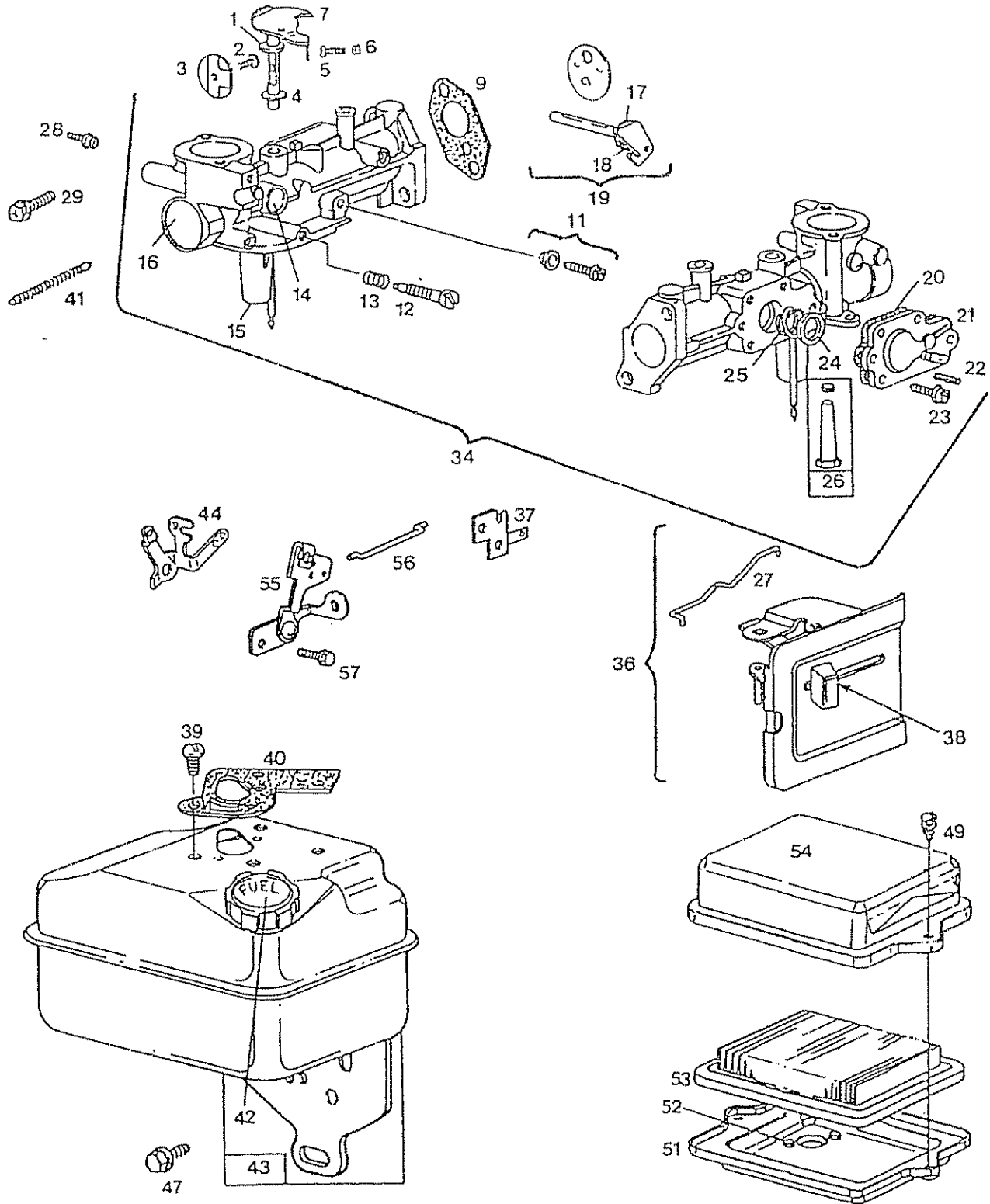
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| 22 | 220865 | Washer, Spring |
| 25 | 299819 | Seal, Oil |
| 26 | 293708 | Bushing, Cylinder Note: Requires special tools for installation. |
| 27 | 395879 | Cylinder Assembly |
| 30 | 490633 | Starter Assembly, Rewind (10 o'clock position) |
| 31 | 280439 | Pulley, Rewind Starter |
| 32 | 490179 | Spring, Rewind Starter |
| 37 | 396892 | Insert, Starter Grip |
| 38 | 66734 | Rope, Starter (48 - 5/8") |
| 39 | 393152 | Grip, Starter Rope |
| 42 | 220971 | Guard, Flywheel |
| 44 | 221798 | Terminal, Ignition Cable |
| 46 | 490817 | Spacer |
| 47 | 490529 | Blade, Governor |

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ENGINE, REAR



Assemblies include all parts shown in frames.



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ENGINE, REAR

| KEY PART NO. | PART NO. | DESCRIPTION | KEY PART NO. | PART NO. | DESCRIPTION |
|--------------|----------|--|--------------|----------|---|
| 1 | 271853 | Washer, Throttle Shaft (Foam) | 27 | 262359 | Link, Choke |
| 2 | 93499 | Screw, Throttle Valve Mounting Sem | 28 | 93543 | Screw, Fil. Hd., 10-32 x 3/8 |
| 3 | 223793 | Valve, Throttle | 29 | 93357 | Screw, Hex Hd |
| 4 | 398970 | Seal, Throttle Shaft | 34 | 492645 | Carburetor Assembly (For 2 Quart Tank) |
| 5 | 93527 | Screw, Rd. Hd. | 36 | 490649 | Bracket, Control |
| 6 | 260575 | Spring Throttle Adjustment | 37 | 296110 | Plate Assembly, Stop Switch Insulator |
| 7 | 490371 | Shaft and Lever, Throttle | 38 | 280715 | Knob, Control |
| 9 | *271936 | Gasket, Intake Elbow Mounting (2 used) | 39 | 94094 | Screw, Fuel Tank Mounting Sem |
| 11 | 490501 | Screw, Carburetor Cam and Lever | 40 | *271928 | Gasket, Fuel Tank Mounting |
| 12 | 231533 | Valve, Needle | 41 | 260041 | Spring, Air Vane Governor |
| 13 | 26336 | Spring, Needle Valve | 42 | 490075 | Cap, Fuel Tank |
| 14 | 223789 | Plug, Welch | 43 | 490502 | Tank Assembly, Fuel (2 Quart) |
| 16 | 220352 | Plug, Welch | 44 | 223857 | Lever, Speed Adjuster |
| 17 | 270382 | Washer, Choke Shaft (Foam) | 47 | 94408 | Screw, Tank Bracket Mounting Sem |
| 18 | 221839 | Washer, Choke Shaft Adjuster | 49 | 490073 | Screw, Cover Mounting |
| 19 | 490495 | Valve Group, Choke | 50 | 271935 | Gasket, Air Cleaner |
| 20 | 270026 | Diaphragm (2 Quart) | 51 | 490074 | Base, Air Cleaner |
| 21 | 210959 | Cover, Diaphragm | 52 | 94018 | Screw, Air Cleaner |
| 22 | 93265 | Pin, Diaphragm Mounting Sem | 53 | 491588 | Filter, Air |
| 23 | 93141 | Screw, Diaphragm Mounting | 54 | 223765 | Cover, Air Cleaner |
| 24 | 221377 | Cap, Spring | 55 | 491577 | Control Assembly, Throttle |
| 25 | 262328 | Spring, Fuel Pump Diaphragm | 56 | 262470 | Link, Throttle |
| 26 | 391813 | Fuel Pipe and Clip Assembly | 57 | 93572 | Screw, Hex Head |
| | | | | | *Included in Gasket Set Part No. 397144 |

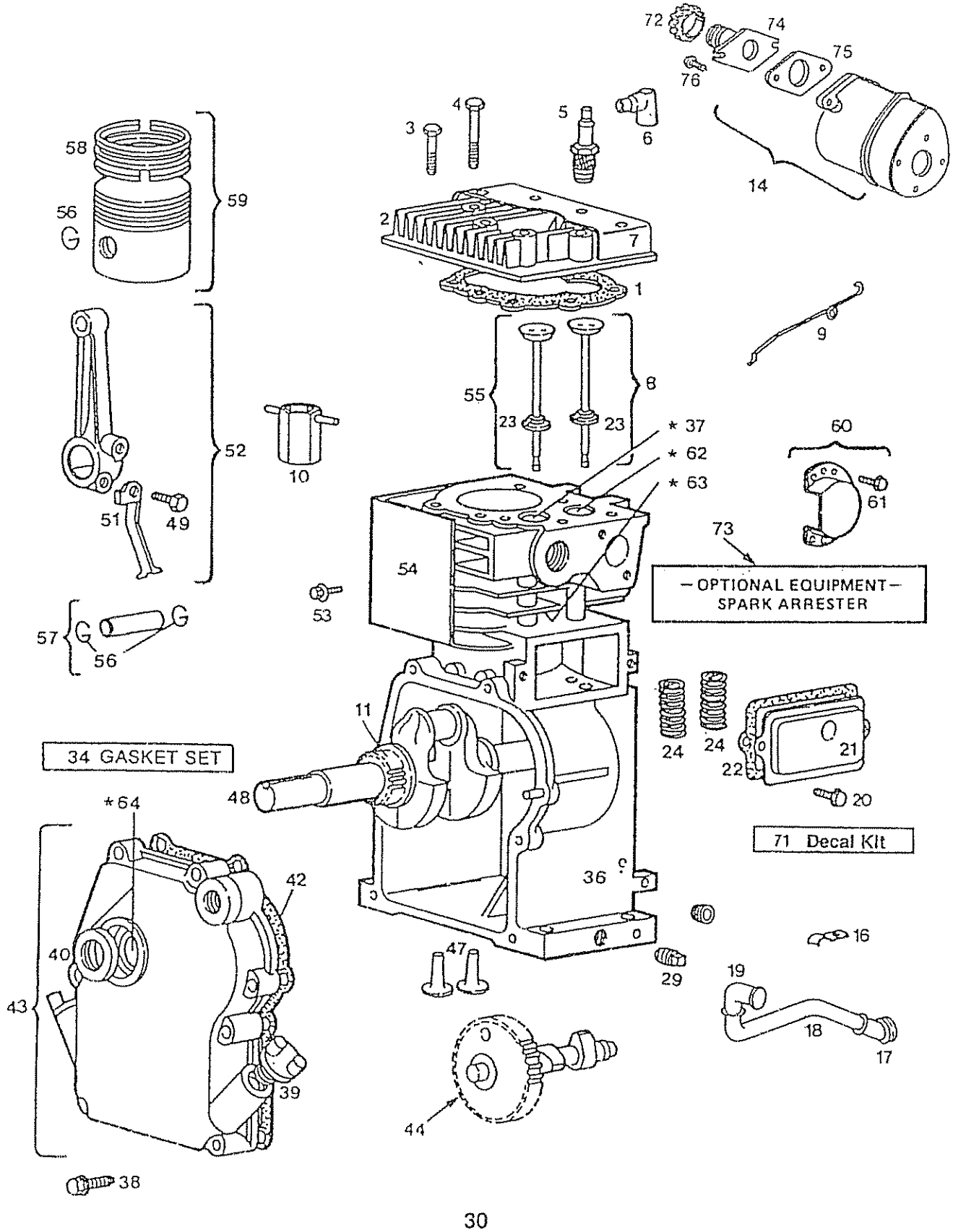


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ENGINE, INTERNAL PARTS



REPAIR PARTS

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ENGINE, INTERNAL PARTS

| KEY PART NO. | NO. | DESCRIPTION | KEY PART NO. | NO. | DESCRIPTION |
|--------------|---------|---|--------------|--------|--|
| 1 | *272167 | Gasket, Cylinder Head | *270895 | | Gasket, Crankcase - - .005" thick |
| 2 | 210812 | Head, Cylinder | *270896 | | Gasket, Crankcase - - .009" thick |
| 3 | 93111 | Screw, Cylinder Head (1 - 15/16" long) | 43 | 394820 | Cover Assembly, Crankcase |
| 4 | 93113 | Screw, Cylinder Head (2 - 5/16" long) | 44 | 394800 | Gear, Cam |
| 5 | 293918 | Plug, Spark (with gasket) (1 - 1/2" High - - 37-42 M.M.) (Resistor Type) | 47 | 230173 | Tappet, Valve |
| 6 | 66538 | Elbow, Spark Plug | 48 | 399010 | Crankshaft |
| 7 | 223390 | Cover, Cylinder Head | 49 | 94404 | Screw, Connecting Rod |
| 8 | 296677 | Valve, Intake (Grooved Stem - - includes Retainer No. 93312) | 50 | 220670 | Dipper, Connecting Rod |
| 9 | 262325 | Link, Air Vane Governor | 52 | 294367 | Rod Assembly, Connecting For Connecting Rod with .20" undersize Crankpin Bore - - Order No. 296079 Sem |
| 10 | 89838 | Wrench, Spark Plug | 53 | 220478 | Shield, Cylinder |
| 11 | 261533 | Gear, Timing | 54 | 296676 | Valve, Exhaust (Grooved Stem - - includes Retainer No. 93312) |
| 14 | 492591 | Muffler, Exhaust (Lo-Tone) | 55 | 26026 | Lock, Piston Pin |
| 16 | 223786 | Clamp, Breather Tube | 56 | 298909 | Pin Assembly - - Piston - - Standard |
| 17 | 66578 | Grommet, Breather Tube | | 298908 | Pin Assembly - - Piston - - .005" O.S. |
| 18 | 231527 | Tube, Breather | | | |
| 19 | 67838 | Grommet, Breather Tube | | | |
| 20 | 93394 | Screw, Valve Cover Mounting Sem | | | |
| 21 | 294178 | Breather Valve Chamber | | | |
| 22 | *27549 | Gasket, Valve Cover | | | |
| 23 | 93312 | Retainer Valve Spring Used with valves with grooves in stem | 58 | 294232 | RING SETS Note: For Chrome Piston Ring Set - - Standard Size - - Order Part No. 297201 |
| 24 | 260552 | Spring, Valve | | 294224 | Ring Set - - Std. Piston |
| 29 | 91249 | Plug, Pipe 1/4" Std. , Square Head Note: 93448 Plug - - Oil Drain (Hex. Socket Head) To Replace Crankshaft Gear Pin, Order Part No. 230978. | | 294225 | Ring Set - - .010" O.S. Piston |
| 34 | 93448 | Plug, Pipe (Hex Socket Head) | | 294226 | Ring Set - - .020" O.S. Piston |
| 36 | 397144 | Gasket Set | 59 | 295587 | Ring Set - - .030" O.S. Piston |
| 37 | 211291 | Seat Exhaust Valve (Standard) Note: For Options | | 295588 | Piston Assembly, Standard |
| 38 | 93032 | Screw, Crankcase Cover Mounting Sem Note: 93656 Stud 90832 Washer - - Lock Used to mount Crankcase Cover | | 295589 | Piston Assembly - - .010" O.S. |
| 39 | 66768 | Plug, Oil Filter | | 295590 | Piston Assembly - - .020" O.S. |
| 40 | 299819 | Seal, Oil | 60 | 393760 | Piston Assembly - - .030" O.S. |
| 42 | *270833 | Gasket, Crankcase - - .015" thick (Standard) | 61 | 93705 | Deflector, Muffler |
| | | | 62 | 211172 | Screw, Sem |
| | | | 63 | 231348 | Seat, Intake Valve (Standard) |
| | | | 64 | 293708 | Guide, Exhaust Valve Note: 63709 Guide - - Intake Valve |
| | | | | | Bushing, Crankcase Cover Note: Bushings require special tools for installation |
| | | | 71 | 491075 | Decal (Label) Kit |
| | | | 72 | 220859 | Locknut, Muffler |
| | | | 73 | 396800 | Spark Arrester |
| | | | 74 | 492232 | Adapter, Muffler |
| | | | 75 | 272203 | Gasket, Muffler |
| | | | 76 | 94153 | Mounting Screw, Muffler |

*Included in Gasket Set Part No. 397144

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3.0 HORSEPOWER
17 INCH TINE WIDTH
FRONT TINE TILLER**

Each Tiller has its own model number. Each Engine has its own model number.

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The model number for the Engine will be found on the Blower Housing of the Engine adjacent to the Spark Plug.

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