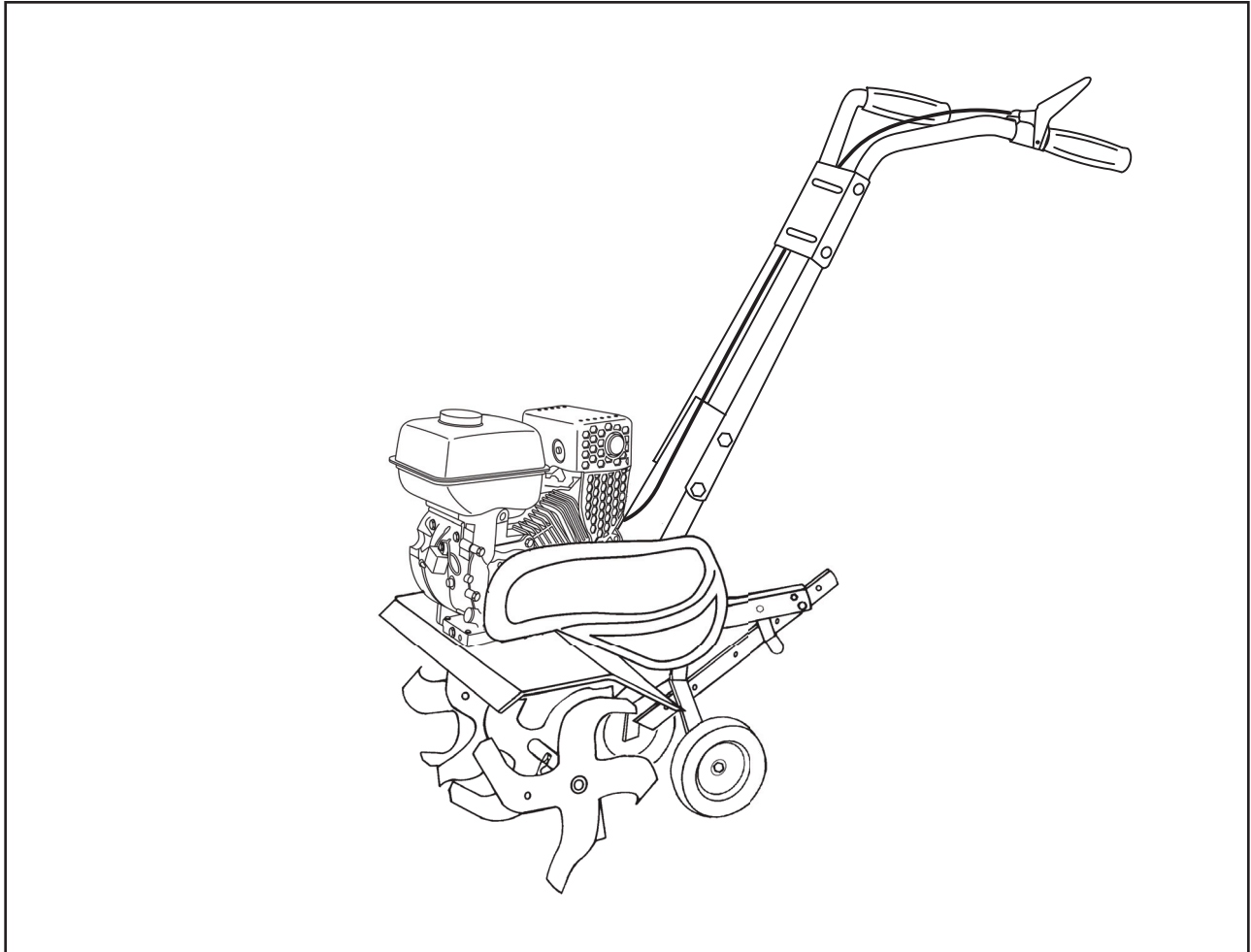




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MC900

Operator's Manual

**"This machine is approved by the EPA for E10 (10% ethanol) and lower fuel only.
Do not use any fuel >E10 in this machine."**

SAFETY RULES



Safe Operation Practices for Walk-Behind Powered Rotary Tillers



TRAINING

- Read the Owner's 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.
- Take all possible precautions when leaving the machine unattended. Disengage the tines, shift into neutral, and stop the engine.
- 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 operate the machine at high speeds on slippery surfaces. Look behind and use care when backing.
- Never allow bystanders near the unit.
- Use only attachments and accessories approved by the manufacturer of the tiller.
- 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 pins, 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 -

CAUTIONS, IMPORTANTS, AND NOTES ARE A MEANS OF ATTRACTING ATTENTION TO IMPORTANT OR CRITICAL INFORMATION IN THIS MANUAL.

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

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



Look for this symbol to point out important safety precautions. It means CAUTION!!! BECOME ALERT!!! YOUR SAFETY IS INVOLVED.



CAUTION: Always disconnect spark plug wire and place wire where it cannot contact spark plug in order to prevent accidental starting when setting up, transporting, adjusting or making repairs.



WARNING



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

PRODUCT SPECIFICATIONS

GASOLINE CAPACITY: Unleaded Regular	3 Quarts (2.8L)
OIL (API-SG-SL): (Capacity: 20 oz./0.6L)	SAE 30 (Above 32°F) SAE 5w-30 (Below 32°F)
SPARK PLUG : (GAP: .030"/0.76mm)	NGK-BPR6ES TORCH-F6RTC

CONGRATULATIONS on your purchase of a new 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 authorized service center. 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".

CUSTOMER RESPONSIBILITIES

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

WARNING: 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/ Department for spark arrester. Refer to the Repair Parts section of this manual for part number.

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ASSEMBLY

Your new tiller has been assembled at the factory with exception of those parts left unassembled for shipping purposes. To ensure safe and proper operation of your tiller 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 are listed.

- (1) Utility knife
- (1) Screwdriver
- (2) 1/2" wrenches

OPERATOR'S POSITION (See Fig. 1)

When right or left hand is mentioned in this manual, it means when you are in the operating position (standing behind tiller handles).

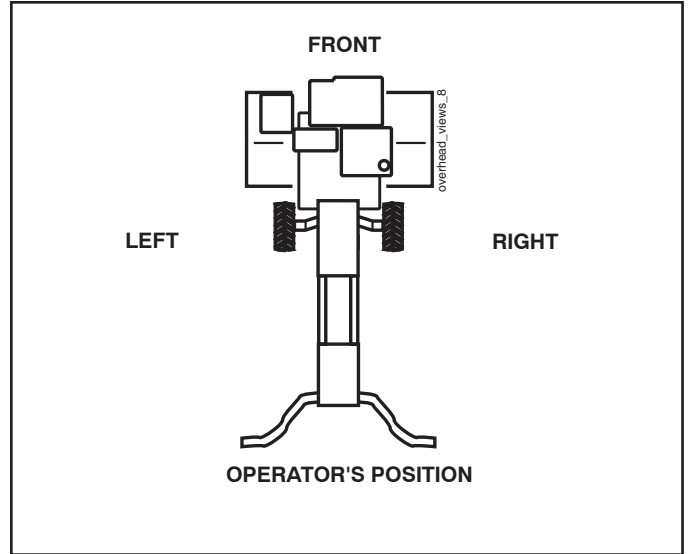
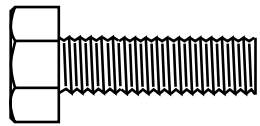
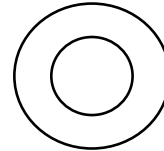


Fig. 1

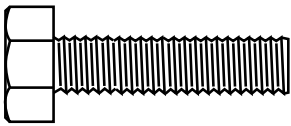
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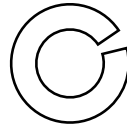
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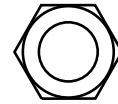
(4) Washers 3/8 x 7/8 x 14



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



(6) Lock Washers 5/16



(6) Hex Nuts 5/16-18

ASSEMBLY

UNPACK CARTON & INSTALL HANDLE (See Fig. 2)



CAUTION: Be careful of exposed staples when handling or disposing of cartoning material.

IMPORTANT: WHEN UNPACKING AND ASSEMBLING TILLER, BE CAREFUL NOT TO STRETCH OR KINK CABLE(S).

- Cut cable ties securing handles.
- The handle may be assembled in high or low position. Slowly lift handle assembly up, route cable(s) as shown and align handle holes with desired handle panel hole and slot.
- Loosely assemble hardware as shown. Be sure the shorter (1" long) hex bolt is assembled in lower hole of handle. Repeat for opposite side. Tighten all hardware securely.

NOTE: Cables must not touch the muffler.

- Cut cable ties securing tiller to skid and remove tiller from skid.
- Remove screws securing depth stake to skid and discard the screws.

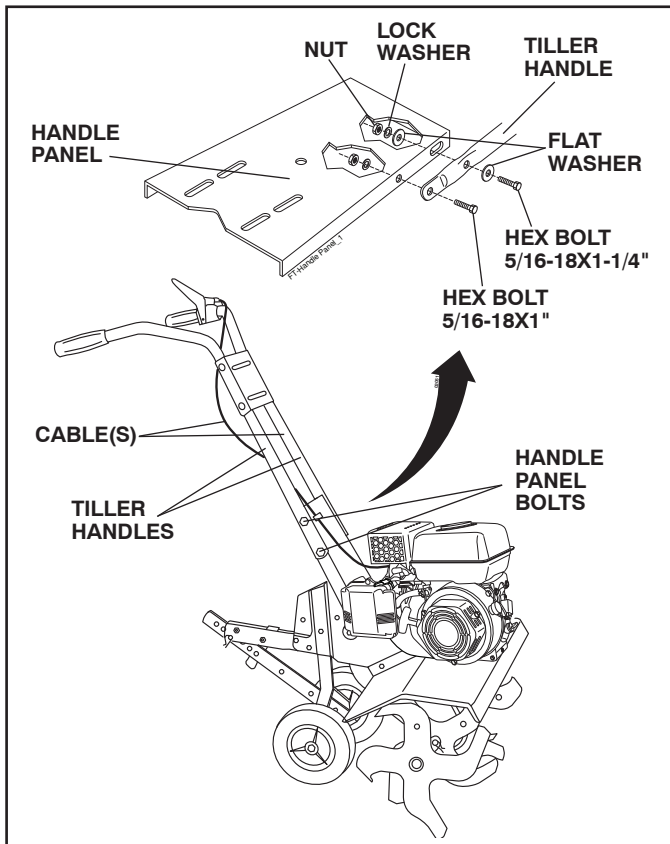


Fig. 2

INSTALL DEPTH STAKE ASSEMBLY (See Fig. 3)

- Loosen nut "A".
- Insert stake support between engine bracket halves with stake spring down.
- Bolt stake support to engine brackets with bolts, lock washers and nuts. Tighten nut "A".
- Depth stake must move freely. If it does not, loosen support bolt.

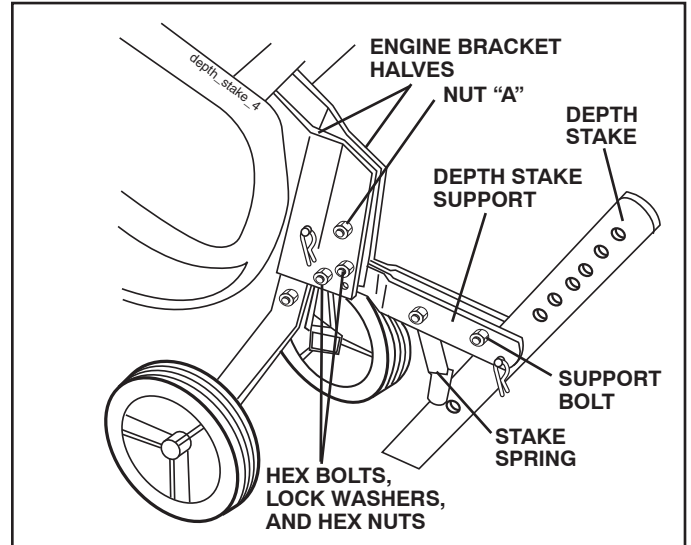


Fig. 3

HANDLE HEIGHT

- Handle height may be adjusted to better suit operator. (See "HANDLE HEIGHT" in the Service and Adjustments section of this manual).

TILLING WIDTH

- Tilling width may be adjusted to better handle your tilling conditions (See "TINE ARRANGEMENT" in the Service and Adjustments section of this manual).

TINE OPERATION

- Check tine operation before first use. (See "TINE OPERATION CHECK" in the Service and Adjustments section of this manual).

OPERATION

KNOW YOUR TILLER

READ THIS 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.

These symbols may appear on your Tiller or in literature supplied with the product. Learn and understand their meaning.

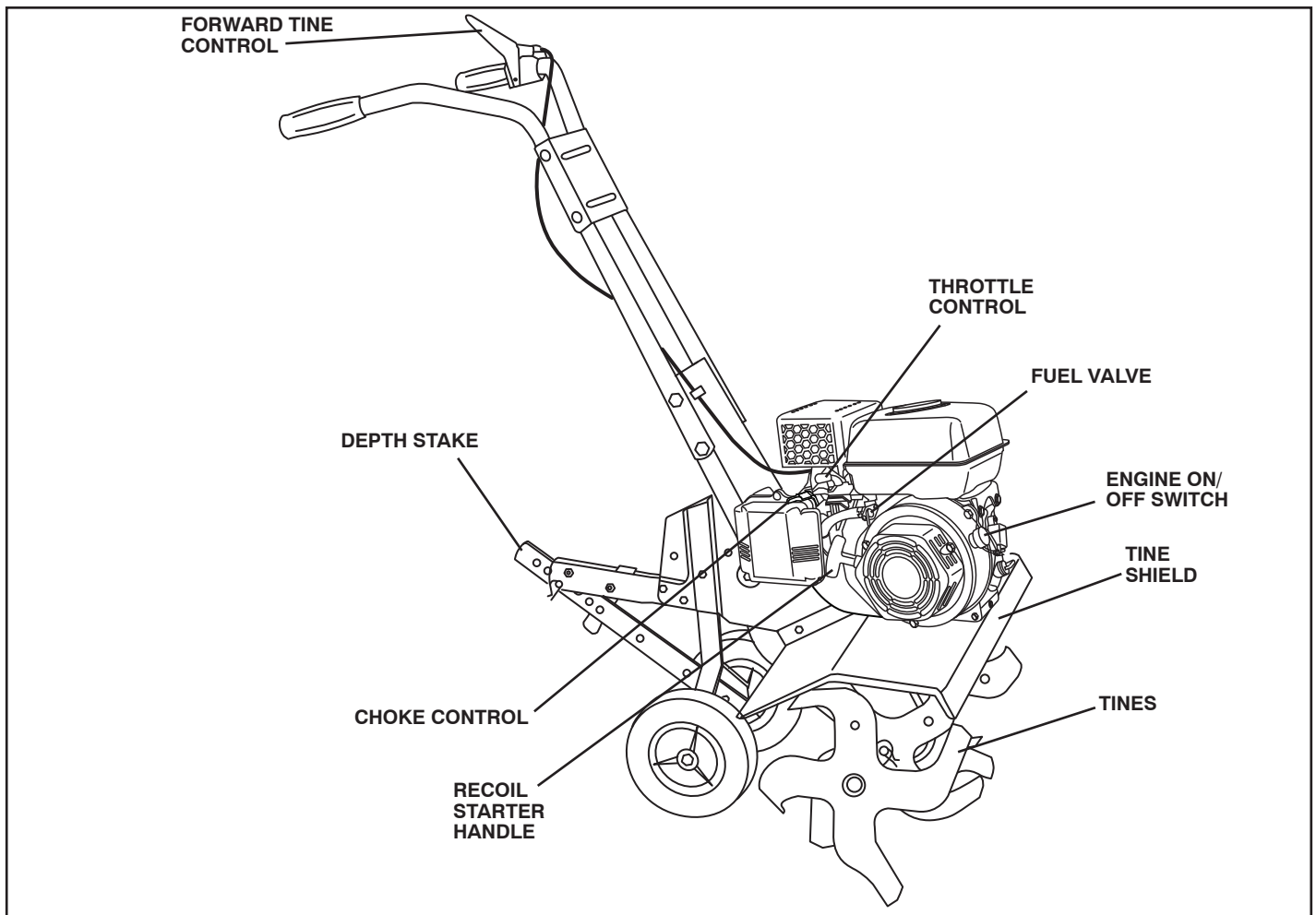
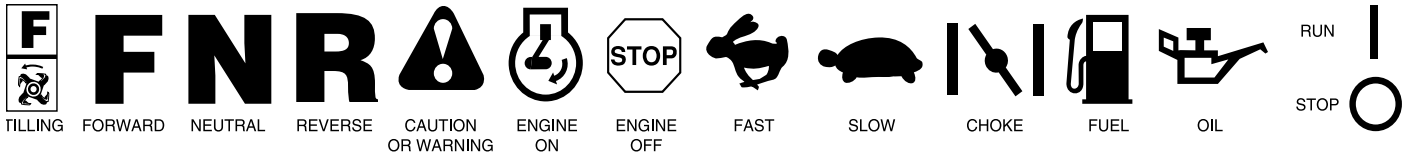


Fig. 4

MEETS ANSI SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

Our tillers conform to the safety standards of the American National Standards Institute.

CHOKE CONTROL - Used when starting a cold engine.

DEPTH STAKE - Controls forward speed and the depth at which the tiller will dig.

ENGINE ON/OFF SWITCH - The engine switch enables and disables the ignition system.

FORWARD TINE CONTROL - Engages tines in forward direction.

FUEL VALVE - The fuel valve opens and closes the passage between the fuel tank and the carburetor.

RECOIL STARTER HANDLE - Used to start the engine in forward direction.

THROTTLE CONTROL - Controls engine speed.

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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 a wide vision safety mask for over spectacles or standard safety glasses.

HOW TO USE YOUR TILLER

Know how to operate all controls before adding fuel and oil or attempting to start engine.

STOPPING (See Fig. 5)

TINES

1. Release tine control to stop movement.

ENGINE

2. Move throttle control to "SLOW" position and allow the engine to run slowly for cool down.
3. Turn the engine switch to the "OFF" Position.
4. Turn the fuel valve lever to the "OFF" Position.

NOTE: NEVER USE CHOKE TO STOP ENGINE.

IMPORTANT: TO STOP ENGINE IN AN EMERGENCY, TURN THE ENGINE SWITCH TO THE OFF POSITION.

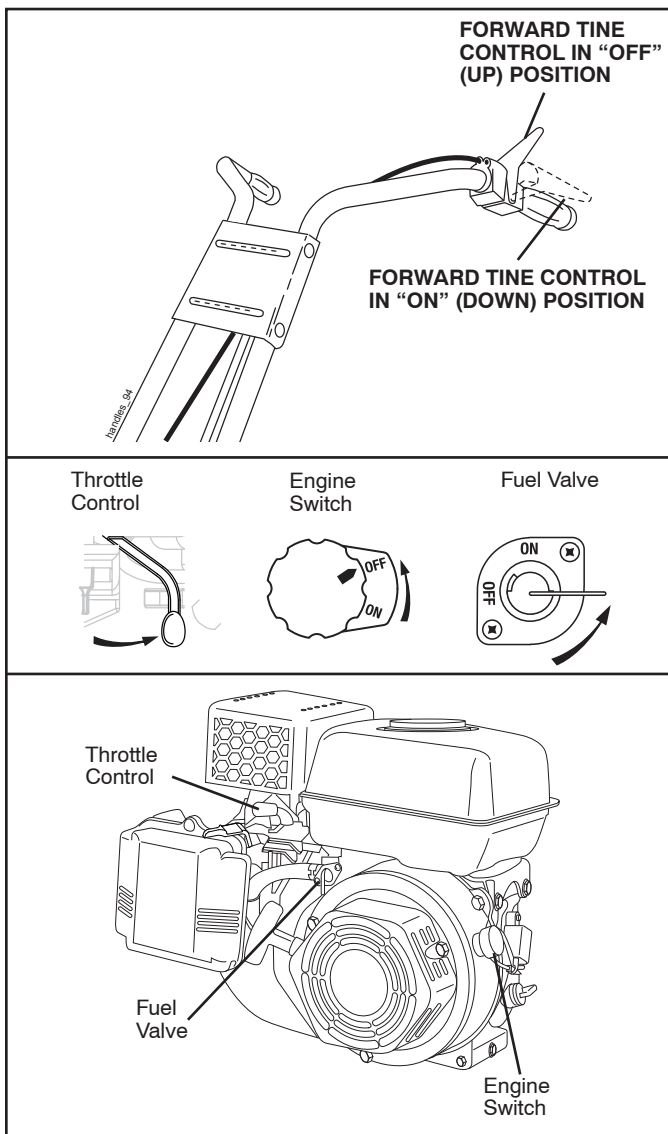


FIG. 5

TINE OPERATION (See Fig. 5)

- Squeeze tine control to handle.

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 tines will dig.

DEPTH STAKE (See Fig. 6)

Adjust depth stake by removing the hairpin clip and clevis pin. Change depth stake to desired position. Replace the clevis pin and hairpin clip.

- For normal tilling, set depth stake at the second or third hole from the top.

WHEELS (See Fig. 6)

Adjust wheels by removing the hairpin clip and clevis pin. Change wheel position. Replace the hairpin clip and clevis pin.

- For normal tilling, set wheels at the second or third hole from the top.

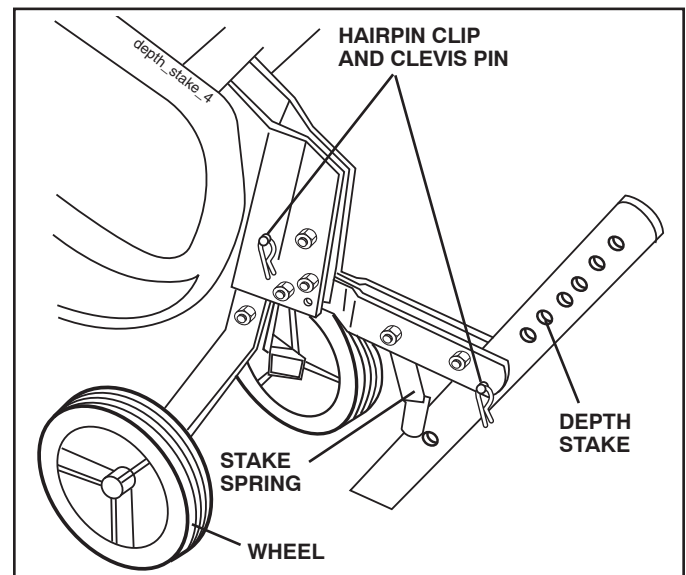


Fig. 6

OPERATION

TO TRANSPORT



CAUTION: Before lifting or transporting, allow tiller engine and muffler to cool. Disconnect spark plug wire. Drain gasoline from fuel tank.

AROUND THE YARD

- Tip depth stake forward until it is held by the stake spring.
- 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

IMPORTANT: BE VERY CAREFUL NOT TO ALLOW DIRT TO ENTER THE ENGINE WHEN CHECKING OR ADDING OIL OR FUEL. USE CLEAN OIL AND FUEL AND STORE IN APPROVED, CLEAN, COVERED CONTAINERS. USE CLEAN FILL FUNNELS.

FILL ENGINE WITH OIL (See Fig. 7)

1. Remove hangtag from engine.
 2. With engine level, remove engine oil filler plug.
 3. Fill engine with oil to point of overflowing. For approximate capacity see "PRODUCT SPECIFICATIONS" on page 4 of this manual. All oil must meet A.P.I. Service Classification SG-SL.
 4. Tilt tiller back on its wheels and then re-level.
 5. With engine level, refill to point of overflowing if necessary. Replace oil filler plug.
- For cold weather operation you should change oil for easier starting (See "OIL VISCOSITY CHART" in the Maintenance section of this manual).
 - To change engine oil, see the Maintenance section of this manual.

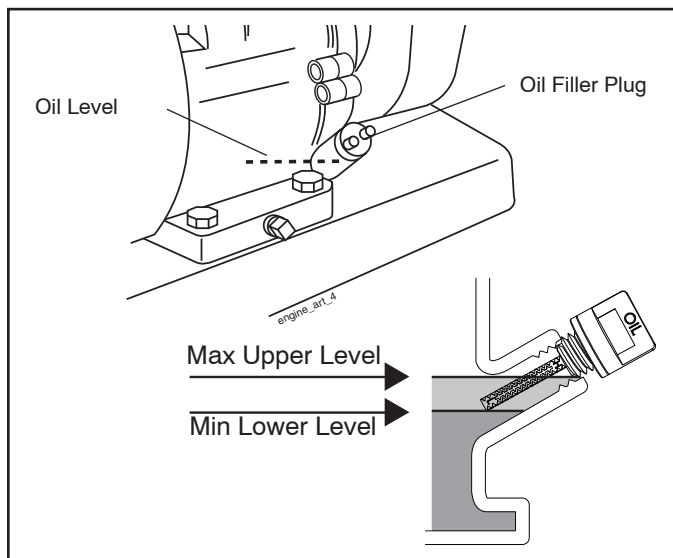


Fig. 7

ADD GASOLINE

- Fill to within 1/2 inch of top of fuel tank to prevent spills and to allow for fuel expansion. Do not overfill. Use fresh, clean, regular unleaded gasoline with a minimum of 87 octane. (Use of leaded gasoline will increase carbon and lead oxide deposits and reduce valve life). Do not mix oil with gasoline. Purchase fuel in quantities that can be used within 30 days to assure fuel freshness.



CAUTION: 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.

Wipe off any spilled oil or fuel. Do not store, spill or use gasoline near an open flame.

IMPORTANT: WHEN OPERATING IN TEMPERATURES BELOW 32°F(0°C), USE FRESH, CLEAN WINTER GRADE GASOLINE TO HELP INSURE GOOD COLD WEATHER STARTING.

CAUTION: 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. To avoid engine problems, the fuel system should be emptied before storage of 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 (See Fig. 8)



CAUTION: KEEP TINE CONTROL IN "OFF" POSITION WHEN STARTING ENGINE.

When starting engine for the first time or if engine has run out of fuel, it will take extra pulls of the recoil starter to move fuel from the tank to the engine.

1. Make sure spark plug wire is properly connected.
2. Place the fuel valve to the "ON" position.
3. To start a cold engine, move the choke lever to the "ON" position.
4. Move the throttle lever away from the "SLOW" position, about 1/3 of the way toward the "FAST" position.
5. Turn the engine switch to the "ON" position. Pull rope out slowly until engine reaches start of compression cycle (rope will pull slightly harder at this point).
6. Pull recoil starter handle quickly. Do not let starter handle snap back against starter. Repeat if necessary.

NOTE: IF ENGINE FIRES BUT DOES NOT START, MOVE CHOKE CONTROL TO HALF CHOKE POSITION. PULL RECOIL STARTER HANDLE UNTIL ENGINE STARTS.

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7. If the choke lever has been moved to the "ON" position to start the engine, gradually move it to the opposite position as the engine warms up.

NOTE: A WARM ENGINE REQUIRES LESS CHOKING TO START.

8. Move throttle control to desired running position.
9. Allow engine to warm up for a few minutes before engaging tines.

NOTE: IF ENGINE DOES NOT START, SEE TROUBLESHOOTING POINTS.

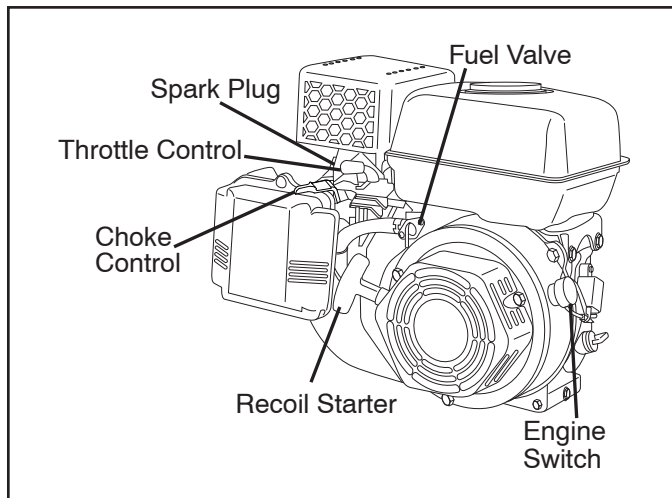


Fig. 8

BREAKING IN YOUR TILLER

Break-in your belt(s), 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. See "TINE OPERATION CHECK" in the Service and Adjustments section of this manual.

TILLING HINTS



CAUTION: Until you are accustomed to handling your tiller, start actual field use with throttle in slow position.

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 is digging into, turning over, and breaking up packed soil before planting. Loose, unpacked soil helps root growth. Best tilling depth is 4"-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 between tilled rows. (See Fig. 9) 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.

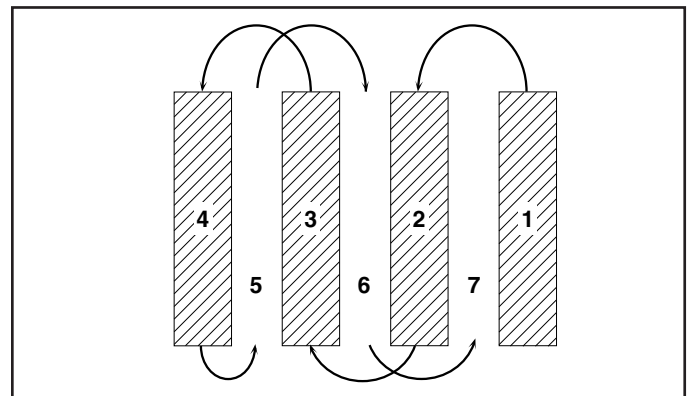


Fig. 9

OPERATION

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"-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.
- 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 (See Fig. 10).

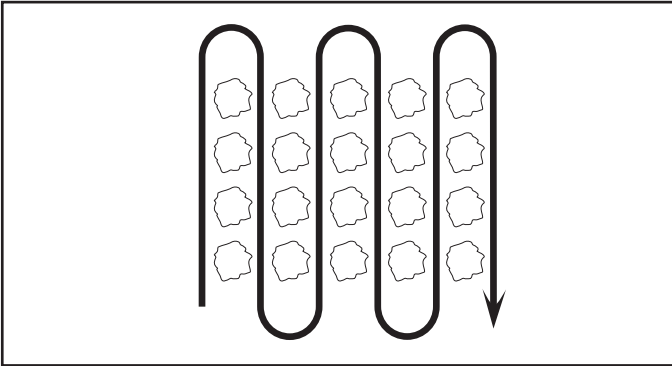


Fig. 10

MAINTENANCE

MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE	SERVICE DATES											
	BEFORE EACH USE	EVERY 5 HOURS	EVERY 25 HOURS	EVERY 50 HOURS								
FILL IN DATES AS YOU COMPLETE REGULAR SERVICE												
Check Engine Oil Level	✓	✓										
Change Engine Oil				✓ _{1,2}								
Oil Pivot Points		✓										
Inspect Spark Arrester / Muffler				✓								
Inspect Air Screen	✓											
Clean or Replace Air Cleaner Cartridge				✓ ₂								
Clean Engine Cylinder Fins	✓											
Replace Spark Plug			✓									

1 - Change more often when operating under a heavy load or in high ambient temperatures.
 2 - Service more often when operating in dirty or dusty conditions.

GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS

The warranty on this tiller does not cover items that have been subjected to operator abuse or negligence. To receive full value from the warranty, the operator must maintain tiller as instructed in this manual.

Some adjustments will need to be made periodically to properly maintain your tiller.

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.

- Once a year you should replace the spark plug, clean or replace air filter, and check tines and belts for wear. A new spark plug and clean air filter assure proper air-fuel mixture and help your engine run better and last longer.

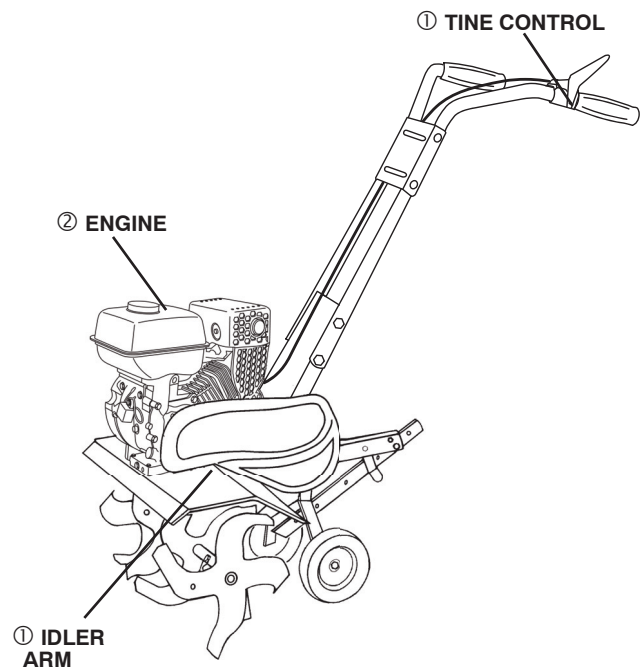
BEFORE EACH USE

- Check engine oil level.
- Check tine operation.
- Check for loose fasteners.

LUBRICATION

Keep unit well lubricated (See "LUBRICATION CHART").

LUBRICATION CHART



- ① SAE 30 OR 10W-30 MOTOR OIL
- ② REFER TO MAINTENANCE "ENGINE" SECTION

MAINTENANCE



Disconnect spark plug wire 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.

ENGINE

LUBRICATION

Use only high quality detergent oil rated with API service classification SF-SJ. Select the oil's SAE viscosity grade according to your expected temperature.

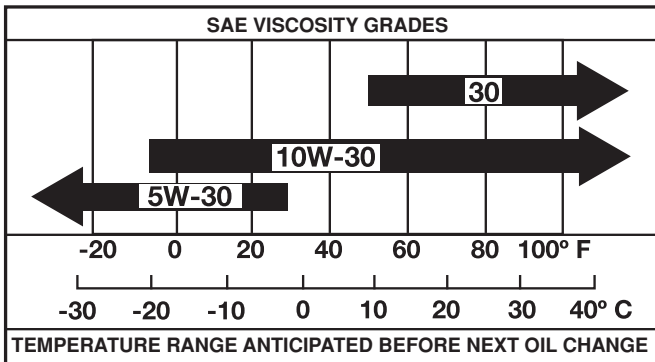


Fig. 11

NOTE: Although multi-viscosity oils (5W-30, 10W-30, etc.) improve starting in cold weather, they will result in increased oil consumption when used above 32°F (0°C). Check your engine oil level more frequently to avoid possible engine damage from running low on oil.

Change the oil after every 50 hours of operation or at least once a year if the tiller is not used for 25 hours in one year.

Check the crankcase oil level before starting the engine and after each five (5) hours of continuous use. Add SAE 30 motor oil or equivalent. Tighten oil filler plug securely each time you check the oil level.

TO CHANGE ENGINE OIL (See Figs. 11 and 12)

Determine temperature range expected before oil change. All oil must meet API service classification SG-SL.

- Be sure tiller is on level surface.
- Oil will drain more freely when warm.
- Catch oil in a suitable container.
- Remove drain plug.
- Tip tiller forward to drain oil.
- After oil has drained completely, replace oil drain plug and tighten securely.
- Remove oil filler plug. Be careful not to allow dirt to enter the engine.
- Refill engine with oil. See "CHECK ENGINE OIL LEVEL" in the Operation section of this manual.

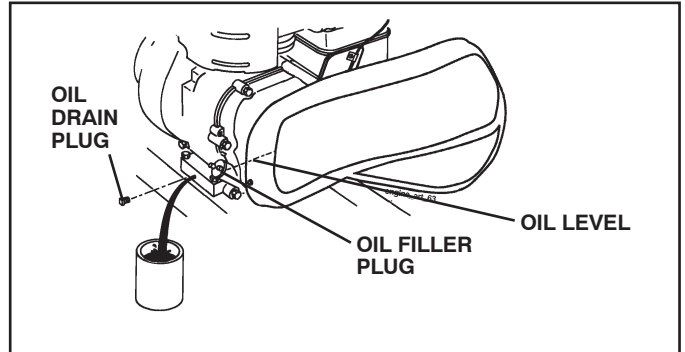


Fig. 12

AIR CLEANER (See Fig. 13)

Service 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.
- Remove air cleaner cover.
- Carefully remove air cleaner cartridge. Be careful. Do not allow dirt or debris to fall into carburetor.
- Clean by tapping gently on a flat surface.
- If very dirty or damaged, replace cartridge.
- Clean and replace cover. Tighten screws securely.



CAUTION: Petroleum solvents, such as kerosene, are not to be used to clean cartridge. They may cause deterioration of the cartridge. Do not oil cartridge. Do not use pressurized air to clean or dry cartridge.

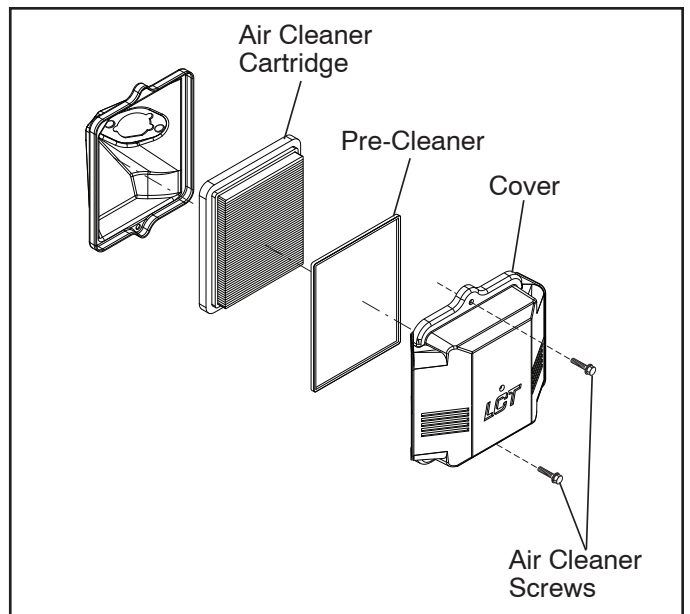


Fig. 13

MAINTENANCE

COOLING SYSTEM (See Fig. 14)

Your engine is air cooled. For proper engine performance and long life keep your engine clean.

- Clean air screen frequently using a stiff-bristled brush.
- Remove blower housing and clean as necessary.
- Keep cylinder fins free of dirt and chaff.

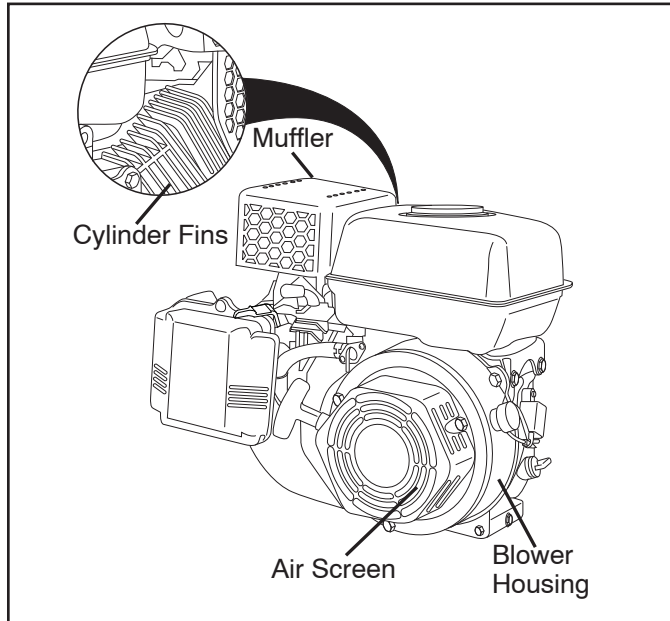


FIG. 14

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

Replace spark plugs at the beginning of each tilling season or after every 25 hours of use, whichever comes first. Spark plug type and gap setting are shown in "PRODUCT SPECIFICATIONS" on page 3 of this manual.

TRANSMISSION

Your transmission is sealed and will not require lubrication unless serviced.

CLEANING

Do not clean your tiller when the engine and transmission are hot. We do not recommend using pressurized water (garden hose, etc.) to clean your unit unless the gasket area around the transmission and the engine muffler, air filter and carburetor are covered to keep water out. Water in engine will shorten the useful life of your tiller.

- Clean engine, wheels, finish, etc. of all foreign matter.
- Keep finished surfaces and wheels free of all gasoline, oil, etc.
- Protect painted surfaces with automotive type wax.

SERVICE AND ADJUSTMENTS



CAUTION: Disconnect spark plug wire from spark plug and place wire where it cannot come into contact with plug.

TILLER

TO ADJUST HANDLE HEIGHT (See Fig. 15)

Factory assembly has provided lowest handle height. Select handle height best suited for your tilling conditions. Handle height will be different when tiller digs into soil.

- If a higher handle height is desired, loosen the four nuts securing handle panel to engine brackets.
- Slide handle panel to desired location.
- Tighten the four nuts securely.

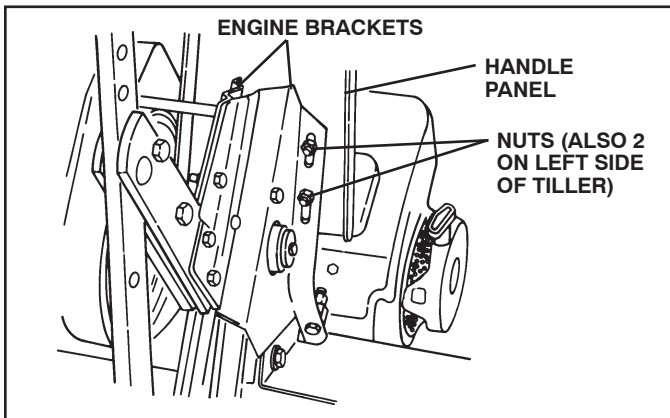


Fig. 15

TINE ARRANGEMENT

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



CAUTION: Tines are sharp. Wear gloves or other protection when handling tines.

NORMAL TILLING - 26" PATH (See Fig. 16)

- Assemble holes "A" in tine hubs to holes "B" in tine shaft.

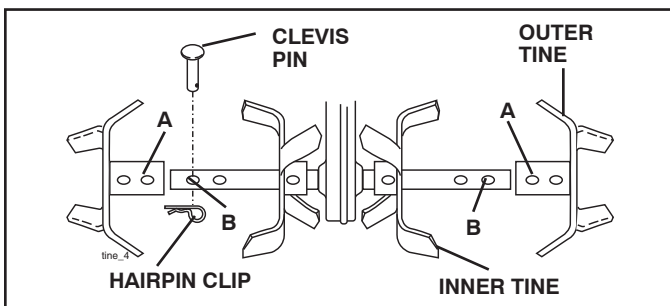


Fig. 16

MID-WIDTH TILLING - 24" PATH (See Fig. 17)

- Assemble holes "A" in tine hubs to holes "C" in tine shaft.

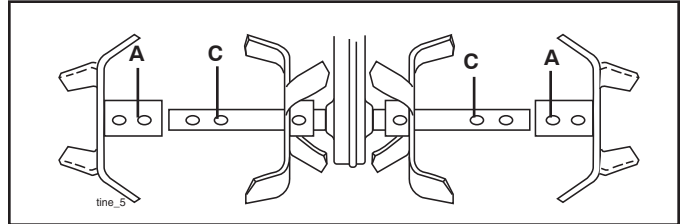


Fig. 17

NARROW TILLING/CULTIVATING - 12-3/4" PATH (See Fig. 18)

- Remove outer tines.

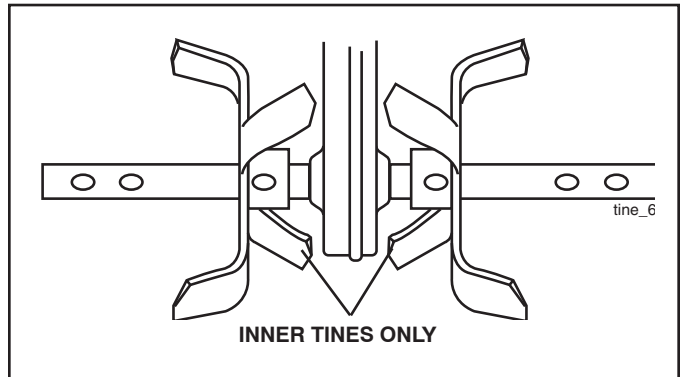


Fig. 18

NOTE: When reassembling outer tines, be sure right tine assembly (marked "R") and left tine assembly (marked "L") are mounted to correct side of tine shaft.

TINE OPERATION CHECK (See Fig. 19)



WARNING: Disconnect spark plug wire from spark plug to prevent starting while checking tine operation.

For proper tine operation, forward tine control lever must be against control body and all slack removed from inner wire of control cable when control is in the "OFF" (up) position. If lever and cable are loose, loosen cable clip at lower end of cable. Pull up on cable to remove slack, without extending spring on end of cable, and retighten cable clip.

SERVICE AND ADJUSTMENTS

FINAL CHECK "OFF" POSITION

- With tine control "OFF" (up), push down on handle to raise tines off the ground.
- Slowly pull recoil starter handle while observing tines. Tines should not rotate.
- If tines rotate, inner wire of control cable is too tight which is extending lower spring and engaging tines. Loosen cable clip and push down on cable only enough to relieve spring tension. Tighten cable clip.
- Recheck in "OFF" position and adjust if necessary.

FINAL CHECK "ON" POSITION

- With tine control "ON" (held down to handle) push down on handle to raise tines off the ground.
- Slowly pull recoil starter handle while observing tines. Tines should rotate forward.
- If tines do not rotate, inner wire of control cable is too loose. Loosen cable clip and pull cable up to remove slack and retighten clip.
- Recheck in "ON" position and adjust if necessary.

NOTE: If "ON" position check required adjustment, recheck "OFF" position adjustment to insure tines do not rotate when control is "OFF" (up).

TO REMOVE BELT GUARD (See Fig. 20)

- Remove screws from side of belt guard.
- Pull belt guard out and away from unit.
- Replace belt guard by reversing above procedure. Be sure slot in bottom of belt guard is under head of tine shield bolt and all nuts are tightened securely.

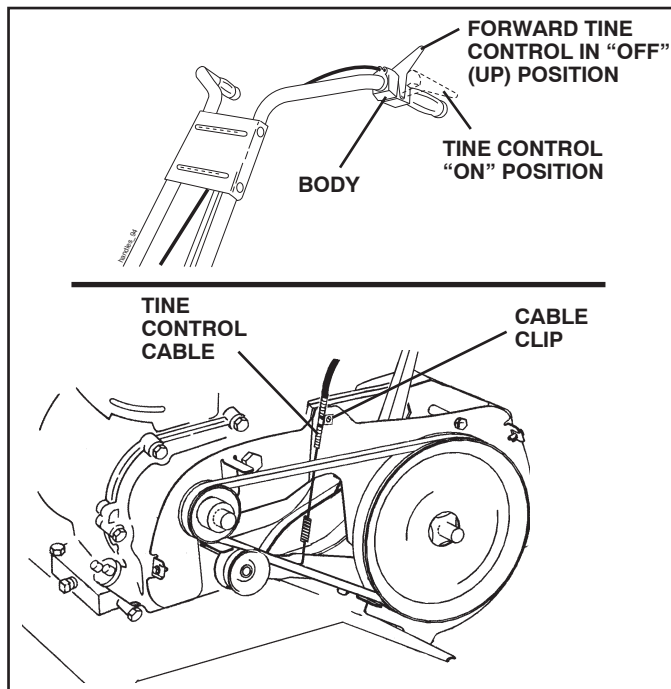


Fig. 19

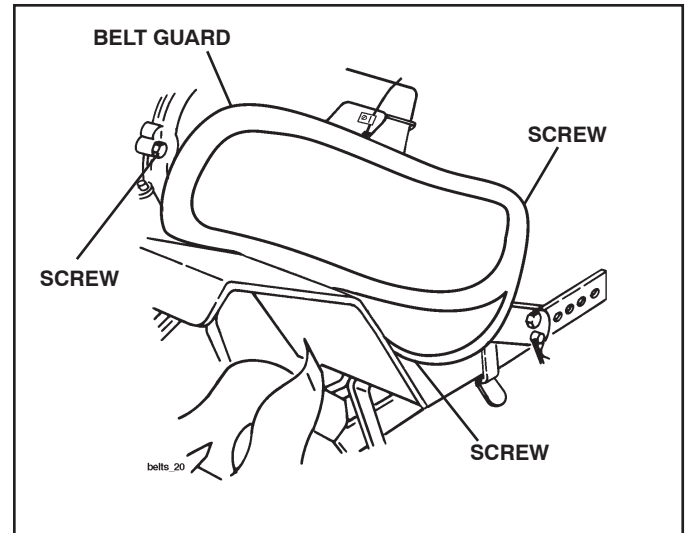


Fig. 20

SERVICE AND ADJUSTMENTS

TO REPLACE V-BELT (See Fig. 21)

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

Belt guard must be removed to service belt. See "TO REMOVE BELT GUARD" in this section of manual.

BELT REMOVAL

- Remove V-belt from transmission pulley first and then from engine pulley.

BELT REPLACEMENT

- Install new V-belt to engine pulley first then to transmission pulley. Be sure belt is positioned on inside groove of both pulleys, inside all belt guides and rests on idler pulley.

CHECK TINE OPERATION

- See "TINE OPERATION CHECK" in this section of manual.

REPLACE BELT GUARD

ENGINE

Maintenance, repair, or replacement of the emission control devices and systems, which are being done at the customer's expense, may be performed by any non-road engine repair establishment or individual. Warranty repairs must be performed by an authorized engine manufacturer's service outlet.

IMPORTANT: NEVER TAMPER WITH THE ENGINE GOVERNOR, WHICH IS FACTORY SET FOR PROPER ENGINE SPEED. OVERSPEEDING THE ENGINE ABOVE THE FACTORY HIGH SPEED SETTING CAN BE DANGEROUS. IF YOU THINK THE ENGINE-GOVERNED HIGH SPEED NEEDS ADJUSTING, CONTACT YOUR NEAREST AUTHORIZED SERVICE CENTER/DEPARTMENT, WHICH HAS THE PROPER EQUIPMENT AND EXPERIENCE TO MAKE ANY NECESSARY ADJUSTMENTS.

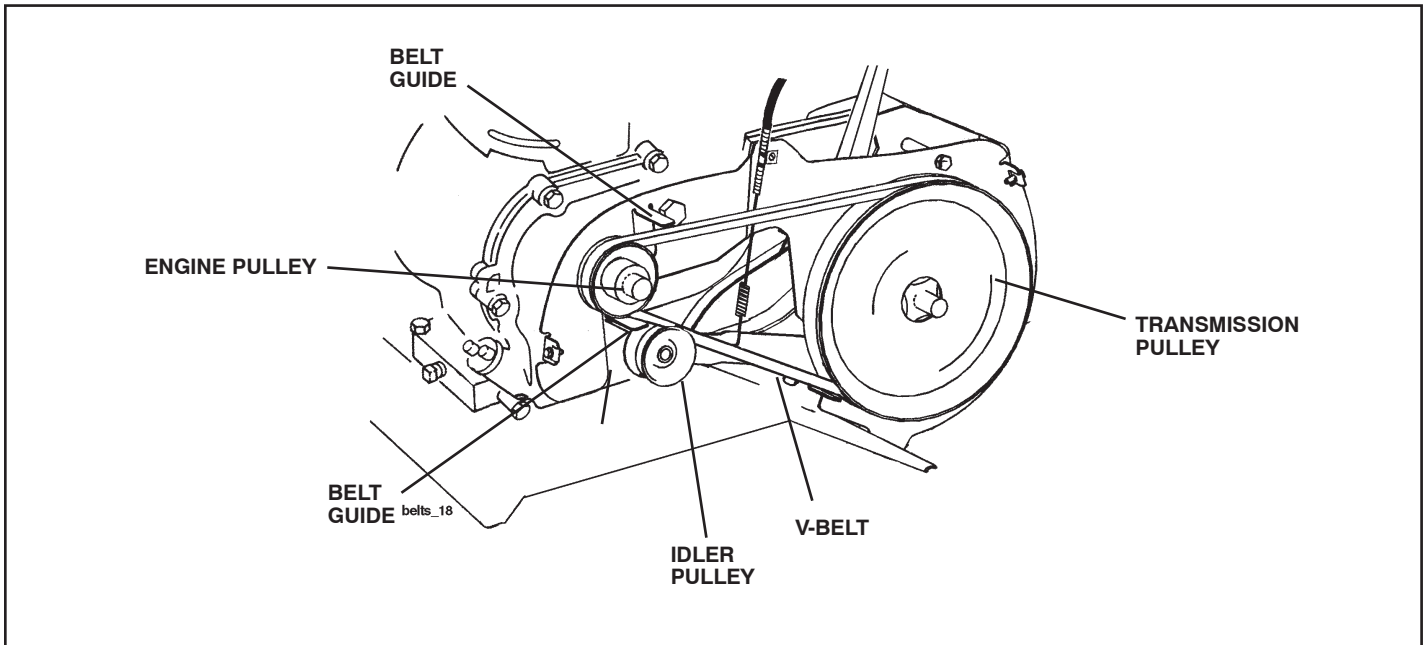


Fig. 21

STORAGE

Immediately prepare your tiller for storage at the end of the season or if the unit will not be used for 30 days or more.



WARNING: Never store the tiller with gasoline in the tank inside a building where fumes may reach an open flame or spark. Allow the engine to cool before storing in any enclosure.

TILLER

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

ENGINE

FUEL SYSTEM

IMPORTANT: 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.

- Empty the fuel tank by starting the engine and let 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. 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.

ENGINE OIL

Drain oil (with engine warm) and replace with clean oil. (See “ENGINE” in the Maintenance section of this manual).

CYLINDER(S)

- Remove spark plug.
- Pour 1 ounce (29 ml) of oil through spark plug hole into cylinder.
- Pull starter handle slowly several times to distribute oil.
- Replace with new spark plug.

OTHER

- 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 unit indoors and cover it to give protection from dust and dirt.
- Cover your unit 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 unit to rust.

IMPORTANT: NEVER COVER TILLER WHILE ENGINE AND EXHAUST AREAS ARE STILL WARM.

TROUBLESHOOTING POINTS

Will not start	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Out of fuel. 2 Fuel valve "OFF" 3 Engine Switch "OFF" 4 Engine not "CHOKED" properly. 5 Engine flooded. 6 Bad spark plug or improper gap. 7 Dirty air filter. 8 Water in fuel. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Fill fuel tank. 2 Turn fuel valve to the "ON" position. 3 Turn engine switch to the "ON" position. 4 See "TO START ENGINE" in Operation section. 5 Wait several minutes before attempting to start. 6 Replace spark plug or adjust gap. 7 Clean/replace air filter. 8 Empty fuel tank and carburetor, refill tank with fresh gasoline.
Hard to start	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Throttle control not set properly. 2 Dirty air filter. 3 Bad spark plug or improper gap. 4 Stale or dirty fuel. 5 Loose spark plug wire. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 See "To Start Engine" in Operations section. 2 Clean/replace air filter. 3 Replace spark plug or adjust gap. 4 Empty fuel tank and refill tank with fresh, clean gasoline. 5 Make sure spark plug wire is seated properly.
Loss of power	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Engine is overloaded 2 Dirty air cleaner 3 Low oil level/dirty oil. 4 Faulty spark plug. 5 Oil in fuel 6 Stale or dirty fuel. 7 Water in fuel. 8 Clogged fuel tank. 9 Spark plug wire loose. 10 Dirty engine air screen. 11 Dirty/clogged muffler. 12 Poor Compression 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Set depth stake and wheels for shallower tilling. 2 Clean/replace air filter. 3 Check oil level/change oil. 4 Clean and regap or change spark plug. 5 Empty and clean fuel tank and refill, and clean carburetor. 6 Empty fuel tank and refill tank with fresh, clean gasoline. 7 Empty fuel tank and carburetor, refill tank with fresh gasoline. 8 Remove fuel tank and clean. 9 Connect and tighten spark plug wire. 10 Clean engine air screen. 11 Clean/replace muffler. 12 Contact a qualified service center.
Engine overheats	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Low oil level/dirty oil. 2 Dirty engine air screen. 3 Dirty engine. 4 Partially plugged muffler 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Check oil level/change oil. 2 Clean engine air screen. 3 Clean cylinder fins, airscreen, muffler area 4 Remove and clean muffler.
Excessive bounce/ difficult handling	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Ground too dry and hard. 2 Wheels and depth stake incorrectly adjusted. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Moisten ground or wait for more favorable soil conditions 2 Adjust wheels and depth stake.
Soil balls up or clumps	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Ground too wet. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Wait for more favorable conditions.
Engine runs but tiller won't move	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Tine control is not engaged. 2 V-belt not correctly adjusted. 3 V-belt is off pulley (s). 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Engage tine control 2 Inspect/adjust V-belt. 3 Inspect V-belt.
Engine runs but labors when tilling	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Tilling too deep. 2 Throttle control not properly adjusted. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Set depth stake for shallower tilling 2 Check throttle control setting.

SERVICE NOTES

LIMITED WARRANTY

The Manufacturer warrants to the original consumer purchaser that this product as manufactured is free from defects in materials and workmanship. For a period of one (1) years from date of purchase by the original consumer purchaser, we will repair or replace, at our option, without charge for parts or labor incurred in replacing parts, any part which we find to be defective due to materials or workmanship. This Warranty is subject to the following limitations and exclusions.

1. This warranty does not apply to the engine, transaxle/transmission components, battery (except as noted below) or components parts thereof. Please refer to the applicable manufacturer's warranty on these items.
2. Transportation charges for the movement of any power equipment unit or attachment are the responsibility of the purchaser. Transportation charges for any parts submitted for replacement under this warranty must be paid by the purchaser unless such return is requested by the manufacturer.
3. Battery Warranty: On products equipped with a Battery, we will replace, without charge to you, any battery which we find to be defective in manufacture, during the first ninety (90) days of ownership. After ninety (90) days, we will exchange the Battery, charging you 1/12 of the price of a new Battery for each full month from the date of the original sale. Battery must be maintained in accordance with the instructions furnished.
4. The Warranty period for any products used for rental or commercial purposes is limited to 90 days from the date of original purchase.
5. This Warranty applies only to products which have been properly assembled, adjusted, operated, and maintained in accordance with the instructions furnished. This Warranty does not apply to any product which has been subjected to alteration, misuse, abuse, improper assembly or installation, delivery damage, or to normal wear of the product.
6. Exclusions: Excluded from this Warranty are belts, blades, blade adapters, normal wear, normal adjustments, standard hardware and normal maintenance.
7. In the event you have a claim under this Warranty, you must return the product to an authorized service dealer.

Should you have any unanswered questions concerning this Warranty, please contact:

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