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15' VIPER CUTTER

Operator's Manual

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INTRODUCTION

Your heavy-duty cutter is designed primarily for weed, grass and brush to 4" diameter. With proper maintenance as described in the manual, your cutter will provide you with years of dependable service with a minimum of repairs.

It is recommended that all operators of this implement read this manual or be instructed of its contents as to safety, proper operation, and maintenance before beginning operation.

Your cutter has been assembled for operation with a tractor PTO input speed of 540 or 1000 RPM. Verify your RPM with your local dealer prior to operation. Should you desire to change PTO input speed, contact your local dealer. This series of cutter is recommended for use with tractors rated with a minimum PTO HP of 55 (41 KW) for 540 RPM drive and a PTO HP of 55 HP (41 KW) to 140 HP (104KW) for 1000 RPM drive.

When ordering parts for the gear boxes and the drivelines, be sure to specify the serial number. The serial number is located on the front right panel on the center deck.

Chain guards, deflectors, driveline integral shields are standard equipment and need to be used at all times.

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This Rotary Cutter is designed with care and built with quality materials by skilled workers. Proper assembly, maintenance, and operating practices, as described in this manual, will help the owner/operator get years of satisfactory service from the machine.

The purpose of this manual is to familiarize, instruct, and train. The Assembly Section instructs the owner/operator in the correct assembly of the Cutter using standard and optional equipment. The Parts Listing section is designed to familiarize the owner/operator with replaceable parts on the Cutter. This section provides exploded assembly drawings of each cutter component illustrating each piece and the corresponding part number.

Careful use and timely service save extensive repairs and costly downtime losses. The Operation and Maintenance Sections of the manual train the owner/operator how to work the Cutter correctly and attend to appropriate maintenance. The Trouble Shooting Guide helps diagnose difficulties with the cutter and offers solution to the problems.

Safety is of primary importance to the owner/operator and to the manufacturer. The first section of this manual includes a list of Safety Messages, that, if followed, will help protect the operator and bystanders from injury or death. Many of the Safety Messages will be repeated throughout the manual. The owner/operator/dealer should know these Safety Messages before assembly and be aware of the hazards of operating this cutter during assembly, use, and maintenance. The Safety Alert Symbol combined with a Signal Word, as seen below, is intended to warn the owner/operator of impending hazards and the degree of possible injury faced when operating this machine.



Indicates an imminently hazardous situation that, if not avoided, WILL result in DEATH OR VERY SERIOUS INJURY.



Indicates an imminently hazardous situation that, if not avoided, COULD result in DEATH OR SERIOUS INJURY.



Indicates an imminently hazardous situation that, if not avoided, MAY result in MINOR INJURY.

Identifies special instructions or procedures that, if not strictly observed, could result in damage to, or destruction of the machine, attachments or the environment.

SAFETY SECTION

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A safe and careful operator is the best operator. Safety is of primary importance to the manufacturer and should be to the owner/operator. Most accidents can be avoided by being aware of your equipment, your surroundings, and observing certain precautions. The safety section of this manual includes a list of guidelines that, if followed, will help protect the operator and bystanders from injury or death. READ, UNDERSTAND, and FOLLOW the following safety guidelines before assembling, operating or servicing this implement. Serious injury or death may occur unless care is taken to follow the warnings and instructions stated in these Safety guidelines. Practice all usual and customary safe working precautions and above all – remember safety is up to YOU.

Only YOU can prevent serious injury or death from unsafe practices.

This equipment should only be operated by those persons who have read the manual, who are responsible and trained, and who know how to do so safely and responsibly.

General Safety Guidelines

- Never operate the tractor or implement until you have read and completely understand this manual and the tractor operator's manual. Learn how to stop the tractor engine suddenly in an emergency. Never allow inexperienced or untrained personnel to operate the tractor and implement without supervision. Make sure the operator has fully read and understood the manuals prior to operation.
- The operator and all support personnel should wear hard hats, safety shoes, safety glasses, and proper hearing protection at all times for protection from injury including injury from items that may be thrown by the equipment.
- Never allow children to operate, ride on, play on or around, or come close to the tractor or implement. Children can slip or fall off the equipment and be injured or killed. Usually, 16-17 year-old children who are mature and responsible can operate the implement with adult supervision, if they have read and understand the operator's manuals, been trained in proper operation of the tractor and implement, and are physically large enough to reach and operate the controls easily.
- NEVER use drugs or alcohol immediately before or while operating the tractor and implement. Drugs and alcohol will affect an operator's alertness and coordination and therefore affect the operator's ability to operate the equipment safely. Before operating the tractor or implement, an operator on prescription or over-the-counter medication must consult a medical professional regarding any side effects of the medication that would hinder their ability to operate the equipment safely. NEVER knowingly allow anyone to operate this equipment when their alertness or coordination is impaired. Serious injury or death to the operator or others could result if the operator is under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

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- Prolonged tractor operation may cause operator boredom and fatigue affecting safe operation. Take scheduled work breaks to help prevent these potentially impaired operating conditions. Never operate the implement and tractor in a fatigued or bored mental state which impairs proper and safe operation.
- Tractors with or without an implement attached can often be noisy enough to cause permanent hearing loss. We recommend that you always wear hearing protection if the noise in the operator's position exceeds 80db. Noise over 85db over an extended period of time will cause severe hearing loss. Noise over 90db adjacent to the Operator over an extended period of time will cause permanent or total hearing loss.

Note: Hearing loss from loud noise [from tractors, chain saws, radios, and other such sources close to the ear] is cumulative over a lifetime without hope of natural recovery.

General Safety – Rotating Equipment

- The rotating parts of this machine continue to rotate even after the PTO has been turned off. The operator should remain in his seat for 60 seconds after the brake has been set, the PTO disengaged, the tractor turned off, and all evidence of rotation has ceased.
- Do not put hands or feet under implement decks. Blade contact can result in serious injury or even death. Stay away until all motion has stopped and the decks are securely blocked up.
- Do not operate the implement while wearing loose fitting clothing. Entanglement of the clothing with the rotating elements can result in serious injury or even death. KEEP AWAY FROM ROTATING ELEMENTS to prevent entanglement and possible serious injury or death.

General Safety – Hot Surfaces & Fire Safety

- Follow these guidelines to reduce the risk of equipment and grass fires while operating, servicing, and repairing the tractor and/or implement:
 - Equip the tractor with a fire extinguisher in an accessible location.
 - Do Not operate the implement on a tractor with an underframe exhaust.
 - Do Not smoke or have an open flame near the tractor and/or implement.
 - Do Not drive into burning debris or freshly burnt areas.
 - Ensure slip clutches are properly adjusted to prevent excessive slippage and plate heating.
 - Never allow clippings or debris to collect near drivelines, slip clutches, and gearboxes.
- Avoid contact with hot surfaces including hydraulic oil tanks, pumps, motors, valves and hose connections, engine or muffler. Relieve hydraulic pressure before performing maintenance or repairs. Use gloves and eye protection when servicing hot components. Contact with a hot surface or fluid can cause serious injury from burns or scalding.

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Equipment Operation Safety

- All Safety Shields, Guards and Safety devices including (but not limited to) - the Deflectors, Chain Guards, Steel Guards, Gearbox Shields, PTO integral shields, and Retractable Door Shields should be used and maintained in good working condition.
- All safety devices should be inspected carefully at least daily for missing or broken components. Missing, broken, or worn items must be replaced at once. Broken or worn blades must be replaced with NEW blades to reduce the possibility of injury or death from thrown objects, entanglement, or blade contact. NEVER ATTEMPT TO STRAIGHTEN, WELD, OR WELD HARDFACING ON BLADES SINCE THIS WILL LIKELY CRACK OR OTHERWISE DAMAGE THE BLADE WITH SUBSEQUENT FAILURE AND POSSIBLE SERIOUS INJURY FROM THROWN BLADES.
- Operate the tractor and/or implement controls only while seated in the tractor seat with the seat belt securely fastened around you. Inadvertent movement of the tractor or implement may cause serious injury or death. Do not mount/dismount the tractor while the tractor or implement parts are moving. Mount the tractor only when the tractor and all moving parts are completely stopped.
- BEFORE leaving the tractor seat, always engage the brake and/or set the tractor transmission in parking gear, disengage the PTO, stop the engine, remove the key, and wait for all moving parts to stop. Place the tractor shift lever into a low range or parking gear to prevent the tractor from rolling. Never dismount a tractor that is moving or while the engine is running.
- Never leave the tractor and implement unattended while the implement is in the lifted position. Accidental operation of lifting lever or a hydraulic failure may cause sudden drop of the unit possibly resulting in injury or death by crushing. Lower the implement carefully to the ground. Do not put hands or feet under lifted components.
- Do not exceed the rated PTO speed for the implement. Excessive PTO speeds can cause implement driveline or blade failures resulting in serious injury or death.
- Make sure the PTO shield, integral driveline shields, and input shields are installed when using PTO-driven equipment.
- DO NOT operate this implement on a tractor that is not properly maintained. In case of mechanical difficulty during operation, place the transmission in the park position, set the parking brake, shut down all power, including the PTO and the engine and remove the key. Wait until all rotating motion has stop before dismounting and perform repairs before resuming operation. Serious injury and possible death could occur from not maintaining this implement and tractor in good operating condition.
- Do not operate implement if excessive vibration exists. Shut down PTO and the tractor engine. Inspect the implement to determine the source of the vibration. If implement blades are missing

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or damaged replace them immediately. Do not operate the implement until the blades have been replaced and the implement operates smoothly. Operating the implement with excessive vibration can result in component failure and broken objects to be thrown outward at very high velocities. To reduce the possibility of property damage, serious injury, or even death, never allow the implement to be operated with blades missing.

- Do not operate this equipment with hydraulic oil or fuel leaking. Oil and fuel are explosive and their presence could present a hazard. Do not check for leaks with your hand! High-pressure oil streams from breaks in the line could penetrate the skin and cause tissue damage.
 - To check for a hose leak, SHUT the tractor ENGINE OFF and remove all hydraulic pressure. Wear oil impenetrable gloves, safety glasses and use cardboard to check for evidence of oil leaks.
 - If you suspect a leak, REMOVE the HOSE and have it tested at a Dealer. If oil does penetrate the skin, have the injury treated immediately by a physician knowledgeable and skilled in this procedure. Always read carefully and comply fully with the manufacturer's instructions when handling oil, solvents, cleansers, and any other chemical agent.
- Mow at the speed that you can safely operate and control the tractor and implement. Safe mowing speed depends on terrain condition and grass type, density, and height of cut. Normal ground speed range is from 2 to 5 mph. Use slow mowing speeds when operating on or near steep slopes, ditches, drop-offs, overhead obstructions, power lines, or when debris and foreign objects are to be avoided.
- Avoid mowing in reverse direction when possible. Check to make sure there are no persons behind the implement and use extreme care when mowing in reverse. Mow only at a slow ground speed where you can safely operate and control the tractor and implement. Never mow an area that you have not inspected and removed debris or foreign material.
- The implement is designed for certain mowing applications and is rated to cut up to a specific size vegetation (see implement Standard equipment and Specifications on page 18). DO NOT use this implement to cut vegetation above the implement's rated capacity or to cut any type of non-vegetative material. Only operate this implement on a properly sized and equipped tractor. Operating this implement in an application for which it is not designed and/or operating the implement with the wrong size tractor can cause implement component damage and equipment failure resulting in possible serious injury or death.
- Do not operate or pull the implement into standing water. When uplift or fan type implement blades contact water they can be severely deflected downward causing possible failure of blade resulting in serious injury to the operator or bystanders.
- Do not mow with two machines in the same area except with cab tractors with the windows closed.
- Do Not attempt to raise or lower the implement wing unless the implement tongue is securely attached to the tractor drawbar. The implement could tip over and cause equipment damage

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and possible serious injury or death. Raise or lower the implement wing only while seated in the tractor operator's seat with the seat belt securely fastened.

- Do not turn so sharp or lift implement so high to produce a severe "knocking" of the driveline which will cause accelerated wear and breakage of drive train components and could result in possible injury from the separated Driveline sections.
- Periodically shut down the tractor and implement and clean clippings and collected debris from the implement deck. DO NOT approach the implement unless the tractor is turned off and all motion has ceased.
- Never crawl under a raised implement supported solely by the tractor 3-Point hitch. Release of the control lever or mechanical failure will result in the implement falling and possible injury or death. Always securely block up the implement before crawling underneath to perform repairs and service. DO NOT allow any person under a folded wing unless wing is securely locked up or supported.

Equipment Operation Safety – Clearances and Obstructions

- Rotary implements are capable under adverse conditions of throwing objects for great distances (300 feet or more) and causing serious injury or death. Follow safety guidelines carefully.
- STOP MOWING IF PASSERSBY ARE WITHIN 100 YARDS
- Be sure you have adequate knowledge of the property you will be working on. Take time to make yourself aware of any area underground lines or cables. Always keep a careful lookout and use extreme care when working around utility and municipal obstructions. Never allow the implement to contact any utility, municipal, or other type structure. Clearly mark all mowing obstructions and consult local utility providers for a safe code of operation.
- Mow only in conditions where you have clear visibility in daylight or with adequate artificial lighting. Never mow in darkness or foggy conditions where you cannot clearly see at least 100 yards in front and to the sides of the tractor and implement. Make sure that you can clearly see and identify passersby, steep slopes, ditches, drop-offs, overhead obstructions, power lines, debris and foreign objects. If you are unable to clearly see these types of items discontinue mowing.
- This implement is wider than the tractor. Be careful when operating or transporting this equipment to prevent the implement from running into or striking sign posts, guard rails, concrete abutments or other solid objects. Such an impact could cause the implement and tractor to pivot violently resulting in loss of steering control, serious injury, or even death. Never allow the implement to contact obstacles.

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- Use extreme care when lowering or unfolding the implement's wings. Make sure no bystanders are close by or underneath the wings. Allow ample clearance around the implement when folding or unfolding the wings.
- The rotating parts of this machine have been designed and tested for rugged use. However, the blades could fail upon impact with heavy, solid objects such as metal guard rails and concrete structures. Such impact could cause the broken objects to be thrown outward at very high velocities. To reduce the possibility of property damage, serious injury, or even death, never allow the cutting blades to contact such obstacles.
- Extreme care should be taken when operating near loose objects such as gravel, rocks, wire, and other debris. Inspect the area before mowing. Foreign objects should be removed from the site to prevent machine damage and/or bodily injury or even death. Any objects that cannot be removed must be clearly marked and carefully avoided by the operator. Stop mowing immediately if blades strike a foreign object. Repair all damage and make certain rotor or blade carrier is balanced before resuming mowing.
- This machine is often operated in heavy brush and in heavy weeds. The blades of this implement can throw objects if shields are not properly installed and maintained. Serious injury or even death may occur unless care is taken to insure the safety of the operator, bystanders, or passersby in the area. Do not operate this machine with anyone in the immediate area. Stop mowing if anyone is within 100 yards of implement.

Note: Where there are grass and weeds high enough to hide debris that could be struck by the blades, the area should be: inspected and large debris removed, mowed at an intermediate height, inspected, closely with any remaining debris being removed, and mowed again at desired final height. (This will also reduce power required to mow, reduce wear and tear on the implement drivetrain, spread cut material better, eliminate streaking, and make the final cut more uniform).

- Many varied objects, such as wire, cable, rope, or chains, can become entangled in the operating parts of the implement head. These items could then swing outside the housing at greater velocities than the blades. Such a situation is extremely hazardous and could result in serious injury or even death. Inspect the cutting area for such objects before mowing. Remove any like object from the site. Never allow the cutting blades to contact such items.
- Do not let the blades turn when the implement deck is raised for any reason, including clearance or for turning. Raising the implement deck exposes the cutting blades which creates a potentially serious hazard and could cause serious injury or even death from objects thrown from the blades.
- Do Not operate this equipment in areas where insects such as bees may attack you and/or cause you to lose control of the equipment. If you must enter in such areas, use a tractor with an enclosed cab and close the windows to prevent insects from entering. If a tractor cab is not available, wear suitable clothing including head, face, and hand protection to shield you from the insects. Attacking insects can cause you to lose control of the tractor, which can result in serious injury or death to you or bystanders. Never dismount a moving tractor.

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Connecting or Disconnecting Implement Safety

- Always shut the tractor completely down, place the transmission in park, and set the parking brake before you or anyone else attempts to connect or disconnect the implement and tractor hitches.
- DO NOT use a PTO adapter to attach a non-matching implement driveline to a tractor PTO. Use of an adapter can double the operating speed of the implement resulting in excessive vibration, thrown objects, and blade and implement failure. Adapter use will also change the working length of the driveline exposing unshielded driveline areas. Serious bodily injury and/or equipment failure can result from using a PTO adapter. Consult an authorized dealer for assistance if the implement driveline does not match the tractor PTO.
- When attaching the implement input driveline to the tractor PTO, it is important that the connecting yoke spring activated locking collar slides freely and the locking balls are seated securely in the groove on the tractor PTO shaft. A driveline not attached correctly to the tractor PTO shaft could come loose and result in personal injury and damage to the implement.
- Before operating the implement, check to make sure the implement input driveline will not bottom out or become disengaged. Bottoming out occurs when the inner shaft penetrates the outer housing until the assembly becomes solid-it can shorten no more. Bottoming out can cause serious damage to the tractor PTO by pushing the PTO into the tractor and through the support bearings or downward onto the PTO shaft, breaking it off. A broken drive line can cause personal injury.
- On a fully-assembled unit, do not remove the transport bars until hoses are attached to the tractor and the Wing Cylinders are filled with oil. Lower the wings slowly and carefully. Keep bystanders away during operations.
- Never unhitch without using the Tongue Jack. The Tongue is very heavy. Attempting to lift the Tongue without using the Tongue Jack could cause strains or other injury. Allowing the tongue to fall suddenly and unexpectedly could result in crushing injury. Use the Tongue Jack for lifting the implement only. Overloading the Tongue Jack can cause failure with possible serious bodily injury or even death.
- To prevent tipping of implement when stored in folded position, use carrying wheels or adequate stands on center frame.

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Transporting Safety

- Only tow the implement behind a properly sized and equipped tractor which exceeds the weight of the implement by at least 20%. DO NOT tow the implement behind a truck or other type of vehicle. Never tow the implement and another implement connected in tandem. Never tow the implement at speeds over 20 MPH.
- Secure the implement for transport before traveling on public roads. For pull-type implements, secure the center axle using cylinder stops or transport pin and properly attach a safety chain between the implement and tractor. Secure wings in upright position on folding implements using wing transport locks.
- Make certain before transporting that a "Slow Moving Vehicle" (SMV) sign is installed in such a way as to be clearly visible and legible. When transporting the implement use the tractor flashing warning lights and follow all local traffic regulations.
- Your driving vision may be reduced or impaired by the tractor, cab, or implement. Before driving on public roadways identify any limited vision areas, and make adjustments to your operating position, mirrors, and the implement transport position so that you can clearly see the area where you will be traveling, and any traffic that may approach you. Failure to maintain adequate vision of the public roadway and traffic can result in serious injury or even death.
- Understand the tractor and implement and how it handles before transporting on streets and highways. Make sure the tractor steering and brakes are in good condition and operate properly.
- Transport only at speeds where you can maintain control of the equipment. Serious accidents and injuries can result from operating this equipment at high speeds. Before transporting the tractor and implement, determine the proper transport speeds for you and the equipment. Make sure you abide by the following rules:
 - Test the tractor at a slow speed and increase the speed slowly. Apply the Brakes smoothly to determine the stopping characteristics of the tractor and implement. As you increase the speed of the tractor the stopping distance increases. Determine the maximum transport speed not to exceed 20 mph (30 kph) for towing this equipment.
 - Test the equipment at a slow speed in turns. Increase the speed through the turn only after you determine that it is safe to operate at a higher speed. Use extreme care and reduce your speed when turning sharply to prevent the tractor and implement from turning over. Determine the maximum safe turning speed for you and this equipment before operating on roads or uneven ground.

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- Be aware of the operating conditions. Do not operate the tractor with weak or faulty brakes or worn tires. When operating down a hill or on wet or rain slick roads, the braking distance increases: use extreme care and reduce your speed. When operating in traffic always use the tractor's flashing warning lights and reduce your speed. Be aware of traffic around you and watch out for the other guy.
- Turn curves or go up hills only at a low speed and using a gradual steering angle. Rear mounted implements move the center of gravity to the rear and remove weight from the front wheels. Make certain, by adding front ballast, that at least 20% of the tractor's weight is on the front wheels to prevent rearing up, loss of steering control or tractor tip-over.
- When the wings are folded for transport, the center of gravity is raised and the possibility of overturn is increased. Drive slowly and use extreme caution when turning on hillsides. Overturning the implement could cause the implement to overturn the tractor and vice versa resulting in serious injury or even death. Never fold wings on a hillside...the implement may overturn.
- Slow down on rough or uneven surfaces to prevent loss of steering control which could result in property damage or possible injury. Do not transport unless 3-Point lift lever is fully raised and in the latched transport position. Dropping implement in transport can cause serious damage to the tractor and/or implement and possibly cause the operator or others to be injured or killed.
- In wet conditions where there is a likelihood of material collecting on the implement, make certain that excess material is removed before traveling on public roadways.
- Allow sufficient clearance for the implement to swing outward while turning. Implements carried behind the tractor will swing outside the tire path when making turns. Contacting a solid object while turning will cause equipment damage and possible injury.
- Always keep a careful lookout and use extreme care when transporting around overhead obstructions and electrical power lines. The implement wing can be over 10 feet high. Never allow the implement wing to come within 10 feet of any power line.

Maintenance and Service Safety

- Periodically inspect all moving parts for wear and replace when necessary with authorized service parts. Look for loose fasteners, worn or broken parts, and leaky or loose fittings. Make sure all pins have cotter pins and washers. Serious injury may occur from not maintaining this machine in good working order.
- Perform service, repairs and lubrication according to the maintenance section. Ensure the unit is properly lubricated as specified in the lubrication schedule and all bolts and nuts have proper torque. Failure to properly service, repair and maintain this implement in good operating condition could cause component failure and possible serious injury or even death.

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- Use extreme caution when getting onto the implement to perform repairs, maintenance and when removing accumulated material. Only stand on solid flat surfaces to ensure good footing. Use a ladder or raised stand to access high spots which cannot be reached from ground level. Slipping and falling can cause serious injury or death.
- Never work under the implement, the framework, or any lifted component unless the implement is securely supported or blocked up to prevent sudden or inadvertent falling which could cause serious injury or even death.
- Never attempt to lubricate, adjust, or remove material from the implement while it is in motion or while tractor engine is running. Make sure the tractor engine is off, the transmission in park, the parking brake set, and that the key is with you before working on the implement.
- Relieve hydraulic pressure prior to doing any maintenance or repair work on the implement. Place the implement on the ground or securely blocked up, disengage the PTO, and turn off the tractor engine. Push and pull the Remote Cylinder lever in and out several times prior to starting any maintenance or repair work.
- Never interfere with factory-set hydraulic calibrations. Any change in calibration could cause a failure of the equipment and may result in injury.
- Always disconnect the main PTO Driveline from the tractor before performing service on the implement. Never work on the implement with the tractor PTO driveline connected and running. Rotating Parts, blades or drivelines could turn without warning and cause immediate entanglement, injury or death.
- DO NOT weld or repair rotating implement components. Welds and other repairs may cause severe vibration and/or component failure resulting in part being thrown from the implement causing serious bodily injury. See your Authorized Dealer for proper repairs.
- DO NOT weld or perform hot work on galvanized implements. Heating/burning of galvanizing material may release fumes which can be harmful to your health.
- Do not modify or alter this implement. Do not permit anyone to modify or alter this implement, any of its components or any implement function.

Parts Information

- Modern Ag implements use balanced and matched system components for blade carriers, blades, cuttershafts, knives, knife hangers, rollers, drivetrain components, and bearings. These parts are made and tested to Modern Ag specifications. Always replace blades with original equipment manufacturer balanced blade sets. Non-genuine "will fit" parts do not consistently

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meet these specifications. The use of "will fit" parts may reduce implement performance, void warranties, and present a safety hazard. Use genuine Modern Ag implement parts for economy and safety.

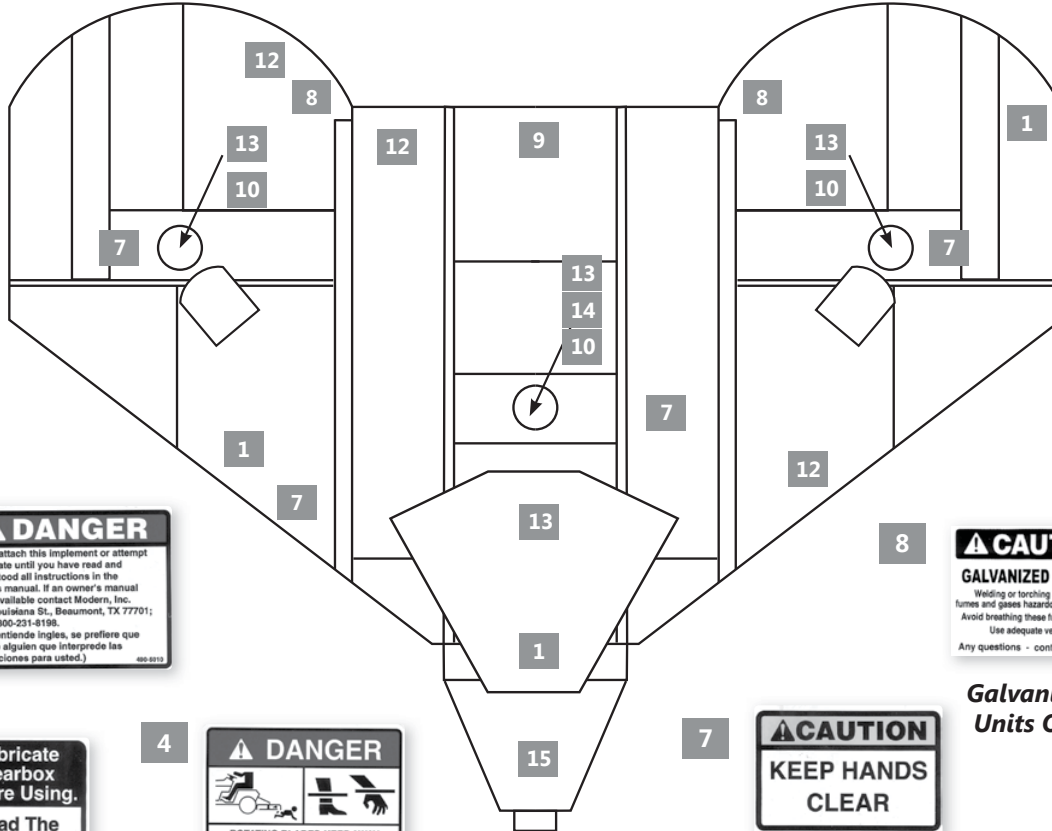
Safety Signs/Decals

- Modern Ag supplies safety decals on this product to promote safe operation. Damage to the decals may occur while in shipping, use, or reconditioning. Always maintain the safety signs in good readable condition. If the safety signs are missing, damaged, or unreadable, obtain and install replacement safety signs immediately.

Concluding Safety Instructions and Practices

- In addition to the design and configuration of this implement, including safety signs and safety equipment, hazard control and accident prevention are dependent upon the awareness, concern, prudence, and proper training of personnel involved in the operation, transport, maintenance, and storage of the machine. Refer also to safety guidelines and operation instruction in each of the appropriate sections of the tractor and equipment manuals. Pay close attention to the Safety Signs affixed to the tractor and equipment.

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⚠ DANGER

Do not attach this implement or attempt to operate until you have read and understood all instructions in the owner's manual. If an owner's manual is not available contact Modern, Inc. 1655 Louisiana St., Beaumont, TX 77701; or call 800-231-8198. (Si no entiende inglés, se prefiere que busque alguien que interprete las instrucciones para usted.) 490-9112

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⚠ CAUTION

GALVANIZED COATING

Welding or torching may produce fumes and gases hazardous to your health. Avoid breathing these fumes and gases. Use adequate ventilation. Any questions - contact your dealer

Galvanized Units Only

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Lubricate Gearbox Before Using. Read The Operators Manual.

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⚠ DANGER

ROTATING BLADES-KEEP AWAY

To prevent serious injury or death when the engine is running and the blades are rotating:

- Never allow riders, especially children, on tractor or mower.
- Do not operate with bystanders in mowing area.
- Do not operate with deflector/guards removed.
- Do not place hands or feet under deck.

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⚠ CAUTION

KEEP HANDS CLEAR

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⚠ DANGER

THROWN OBJECT HAZARD

To prevent serious injury or death:

- Do not operate unless all guards are installed and in good condition.
- Stop blade rotation if bystanders come within several hundred feet.

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⚠ DANGER

ROTATING DRIVELINE HAZARD KEEP AWAY

To prevent serious injury or death from rotating driveline:

1. Keep all guards in place when operating.
2. Operate only at 540 RPM.
3. Keep hands, feet, clothing and hair away from moving parts.

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⚠ WARNING

To prevent serious injury or death:

(If no tie engine, pista ayuda a alinear que al to tie para que la instrucción sea visible de requerido.)

Reclar accordingly.

- Do not permit riders on the tractor or mower. Never carry children on tractor seat.
- Do not allow children to operate mower.
- Operate only with guards installed and in good condition.
- Keep away from moving parts.
- Operate only with tractor equipped with ROPS and seatbelts.
- Before mowing, clear debris from mowing area.
- Do not operate in the raised position.
- Stop engine, set brake and wait for all moving parts to stop before dismounting.
- Support mower securely before working beneath unit.
- Transport with chock reflectors, LED and working lights, as required by federal, state, and local laws.

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⚠ DANGER

REPLACE SHIELDS BEFORE USING MACHINE

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RE-TORQUE GEARBOX NUTS EVERY 40 HOURS

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⚠ CAUTION

REPLACE SHIELDS BEFORE OPERATING

NOTE: CUTTER BLADES MUST BE INDEXED UP TO PREVENT FLAME COLLISION

SPECIAL CARE TO BE TAKEN WHEN REPLACING SHEAR BOLTS IN PTO SHAFT, AND/OR REMOVING BLADE CARRIER

ITEM	PART NO.	DESCRIPTION	QTY.
.....	490-9000.....	COMPLETE DECAL SHEET	1
1		DO NOT ATTACH	1
2		LUBRICATE GEARBOX	1
3		THROWN OBJECTS	1
4		ROTATING BLADES.....	1
5		ROTATING DRIVELINE	2
6		WARNING TO PREVENT INJURY ...	1
ADDITIONAL SAFETY DECALS BELOW			
7	490-1024.....	KEEP HANDS CLEAR	1
8	490-GALVCOAT	CAUTION: GALV COATING	1
9	490-5009.....	REPLACE SHIELDS	1
10	490-2010.....	RETORQUE GEARBOX	1
11	490-1022.....	CAUTION REPLACE SHIELDS	1
MORE DECALS ON NEXT PAGE			

*** Safety decals item #1 - 6 are sold in complete sets only. Additional safety decals item #7-10 can be purchased separately. See next page for additional cutter decals.**

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Cutter Size Decals

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490-1115

Modern Attachments
800-231-8198

490-2003



490-EAGLE



490-1031

490-9000 Decal Sheet contains:

- (1) Warning: To Prevent Injury
- (2) Rotating Blades Keep Away
- (1) Rotating Driveline Hazard
- (1) Danger: Read Operator Manual
- (1) Thrown Object Hazard
- (1) Lubricate Gearbox



BLUE



490-1023



490-1020



490-FEMA

ITEM	PART NO.	DESCRIPTION	QTY.
12	490-1501	DANGER: LOWERING WING	2
13	490-1018	WARNING: NO LUBE.	3
14	490-540RPM	.540 RPM	1
15	490-9020	TYPICAL SET-UP	1

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OPERATION INSTRUCTIONS

Our rotary cutters are manufactured with quality material by skilled workers. These cutters are designed to cut grass, weeds, crop stalks, brush and other vegetation up to 4" diameter. The cutter is equipped with protective deflectors and/or chain guards to prevent objects being thrown from the cutter by the blades, however, no shielding is 100% effective. All shields, guards, deflectors, and chains equipped on the unit must be maintained on the cutter in good operational condition.

It is the operator's responsibility to be knowledgeable of all potential operating hazards and to take every reasonable precaution to ensure oneself, others, animals, and property are not injured or damaged by the cutter, tractor, or a thrown object. Do not operate the cutter if passersby, pets, livestock, or property are within 300 feet of the unit.

This section of the Operator's Manual is designed to familiarize, instruct, and educate safe and proper cutter use to the operator. Pictures contained in this section are intended to be used as a visual aid to assist in explaining the operation of a flex-wing rotary cutter and are not necessarily of all cutters. Some pictures may show shields removed for picture clarity. NEVER OPERATE this implement without all shields in place and in good operational condition. The operator must be familiar with the cutter and tractor operation and all associated safety practices before operating the cutter and tractor. Proper operation of the cutter, as detailed in this manual, will help ensure years of safe and satisfactory use of the cutter.

IMPORTANT: To avoid cutter damage, retorque all bolts after the first 10 hours of operation. Retighten blade carrier retaining nut on gearbox lower shafts to 450 ft. lbs.

READ AND UNDERSTAND THE ENTIRE OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS AND SAFETY SECTION OF THIS MANUAL AND THE TRACTOR MANUAL BEFORE ATTEMPTING TO USE THE TRACTOR AND Cutter. If you do not understand any of the instructions, contact your nearest authorized dealer for a full explanation. Pay close attention to all safety signs and safety messages contained in this manual and those affixed to the cutter and tractor.

READ, UNDERSTAND, and FOLLOW the following Safety Messages. Serious injury or death may occur unless care is taken to follow the warnings and instructions stated in the Safety Messages. Always use good common sense to avoid hazards.



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STANDARD EQUIPMENT AND SPECIFICATIONS

Cutting Width	180"
Transport Width	90"
Overall Width	187"
Overall Length	228"
Cutting Height	2"-18"
Blade Overlap	6-1/2"
Wing Lift Hydraulics	Standard
Wing Flex	90° Up/22° Down
Jackstand	Standard
Hitch	Swivel Clevis
Blade Carrier	Pan Stump Jumpers
PTO Horsepower Required (min)	55 HP
Gearbox Rating:	
Main Gearbox or Divider Box	275 HP
Outboard Gearbox or Center & Wings	240 HP
Output Shaft Diameter	2-7/8"
Cut Capacity	4"
Blade Tip Speed:	
Main or Center	540..... 15,980 FPM
	1000 15,974 FPM
Wings	540..... 16,113 FPM
	1000 15,707 FPM
Driveline Size:	
Main	Cat. 6 Constant Veloc.
Outboard Center or Wings	Cat. 5 w/Slip Clutch
Deck Thickness	3/16"
Side Skirt	1/2" x 11"
Replaceable Skid Shoes	Standard
Safety Chains	Standard (Front & Rear)
Weight (Approx)	6250 lbs.
Galvanized Deck & Frame	Standard
Standard Tires	Laminate (Standard) Option (Used Aircraft Tires)
Dual Tailwheels	Standard (Super) • Option (Dragon)
Mechanical Level Lift	Standard
Deck Rings to Protect Deck	Standard

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OPERATOR REQUIREMENTS

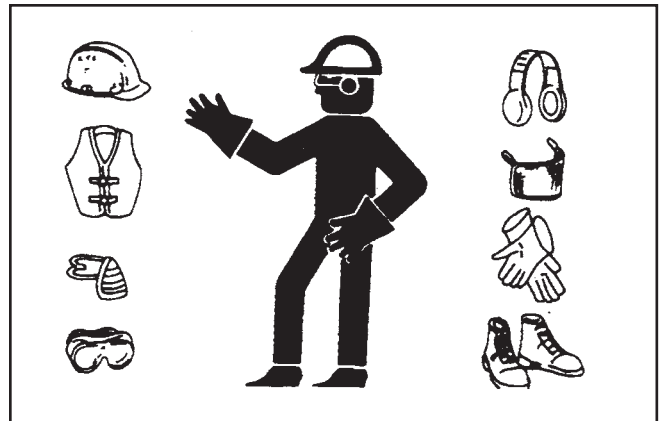
Safe operation of the unit is the responsibility of a qualified operator. A qualified operator has read and understands the implement and tractor Operator's Manuals and is experienced in implement and tractor operation and all associated safety practices. In addition to the safety messages contained in this manual, safety decals are affixed to the implement and tractor. If any part of the operation and safe use of this equipment is not completely understood, consult an authorized dealer for a complete explanation.

If the operator cannot read the manuals for themselves or does not completely understand the operation of the equipment, it is the responsibility of the supervisor to read and explain the manuals, safety practices, and operating instructions to the operator.

Safe operation of equipment requires that the operator wear approved Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for the job conditions when attaching, operating, servicing, and repairing the equipment. PPE is designed to provide operator protection and includes the following safety wear:

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE)

- Protective Eye Glasses, Goggles, or Face Shield
- Hard Hat
- Steel Toe Safety Footwear
- Gloves
- Hearing Protections
- Close Fitting Clothing
- Respirator or Filter Mask (depends on mowing conditions)



DANGER

NEVER use drugs or alcohol immediately before or while operating the Tractor and Implement. Drugs and alcohol will affect an operator's alertness and coordination and therefore affect the operator's ability to operate the equipment safely. Before operating the Tractor or Implement, an operator on prescription or over-the-counter medication must consult a medical professional regarding any side effects of the medication that would hinder their ability to operate the Equipment safely. NEVER knowingly allow anyone to operate this equipment when their alertness or coordination is impaired. Serious injury or death to the operator or others could result if the operator is under the influence of drugs or alcohol.



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TRACTOR REQUIREMENTS

The tractor used to operate the cutter must have the power capacity to lift, pull, and operate the Power Take Off (PTO) at the cutter's rated speed while traveling at a ground speed between 2 and 5 MPH. Operating the cutter with a tractor that does not meet the following requirements may cause tractor or cutter damage and be a potential danger to the operator and passersby.

Tractor Requirements and Capabilities

- ASAE approved Roll-Over Protective Structure (ROPS) or ROPS cab and seat belt.
- Tractor Safety Devices Slow Moving Vehicle (SMV) emblem, lighting, PTO master shield
- Tractor PTO Horsepower - Minimum 55HP
- Maximum 540 RPM Unit-255 HP; 1000 RPM Unit 255 HP
- Drawbar..... Set length according to operating speed of the cutter and driveline type, rated to carry weight of the cutter, safety chain attachment point
- Hydraulics Minimum of 1 hydraulic port (extra 3-spool valve required).
Minimum 2 ports, 3 ports recommended if additional, 3-spool control valve is not used.
- Front End Weights..... As needed to maintain 20% weight on front axle
- Power Take Off Operating speed and shaft size depends on operating speed and driveline type of the cutter.
- Tire Wheel Spacing Set tires minimum width of 60" from inside to inside of tires.

ROPS and Seat Belt

The tractor must be equipped with a Roll-Over-Protective-Structure (ROPS) (tractor cab or roll-bar) and seat belt to protect the operator from falling off the tractor, especially during a roll over where the driver could be crushed and killed. Only operate the tractor with the ROPS in the raised position and seat belt fastened. Tractor model not equipped with a ROPS and seat belt should have these life saving features installed by an authorized dealer.



Operate this Equipment only with a Tractor equipped with an approved rollover-protective system (ROPS). Always wear seat belts. Serious injury or even death could result from falling off the tractor--particularly during a turnover when the operator could be pinned under the ROPS.

Tractor Safety Devices

If transporting or operating the tractor and cutter near a public roadway, the tractor must be equipped with proper warning lighting and a Slow Moving Vehicle (SMV) emblem which are clearly visible from the rear of the unit. Lights and a SMV emblem must be equipped directly on implements if the visibility of the tractor warning signals are obscured. Maintain all manufacturer equipped safety shields and guards. Always replace shields and guards that were removed for access to connect, service, or repair the tractor or cutter. Never operate the tractor PTO with the PTO master shield missing or in the raised position.

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Tractor Horsepower

The horsepower required to operate the cutter depends on several operating factors including the vegetation to be cut, terrain condition, operator experience, condition of the cutter and tractor, and others. For most mowing conditions, the VIPER cutter requires a tractor with a PTO minimum of 55 HP.

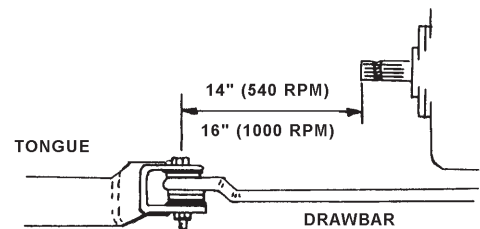
Operating the cutter with a tractor that does not have adequate power may damage the tractor engine. Exceeding 255 HP for a 540 RPM drive or 1000 RPM drive may cause cutter damage by overpowering the unit in heavy cutting conditions.

Drawbar

Constant Velocity and Standard Driveline.

Position the length of the drawbar from the end of the tractor PTO shaft to the drawbar hitch hole according to the operating speed of the cutter. If the cutter is a 540 RPM unit, position the drawbar length from shaft end to hitch hole at 14". For 1000 RPM cutters, set the drawbar length at 16" for 21 spline 1-3/8" cutters and at 20" for 1-3/4" 20 spline cutters.

Tractor Drawbar Length (Based on Mower Operating Speed)



Tongue style may vary

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Tractor Hydraulics

The cutter center section and each wing are positioned with hydraulic cylinders that are operated by the tractor hydraulic pump. The tractor must have a minimum of 2 hydraulic control valves devoted to the cutter unless the tractor is fitted with a 3-spool control valve (extra equipment).

A 3-spool control valve is required if the tractor is equipped with a single valve and is recommended for those with two valves so that the center section and each wing can be controlled independent of one another. Refer to the Assembly Section of this manual for properly equipping the tractor with a 3-spool control valve. Tractors equipped with three hydraulic ports can position the center section and each wing independently with no extra equipment. If the tractor is equipped with only two hydraulic ports and a 3-spool control valve is not used, the wings cannot be operated independently and will raise and lower at different speeds.

Front End Weight

A minimum of 20% total tractor weight must be maintained on the tractor front end at all times. Front end weight is critical to maintain steering control and to prevent the tractor from rearing up while driving. If the front end is too light, add weight until a minimum of 20% total weight is reached on the front tires. Front weights and weight carriers can be purchased through an authorized tractor dealership.

Power Take Off (PTO)

Depending on the unit, the cutter is designed to operate at a PTO speed of 540 or 1000 RPM. Most tractors operate at either 540, or a combination of 540 and 1000 RPM PTO speeds. The operating speed of the cutter and tractor can be determined by the number of splines on the driveline yoke and PTO output shaft. Those operating at 540 RPM will have a 6-spline shaft and those operating at 1000 RPM will have a 20-spline shaft or 21-spline shaft.

If operating an older model tractor where the tractor's transmission and PTO utilize one master clutch, an over-running clutch must be used between the PTO output shaft and the driveline of the cutter. An authorized tractor dealer can provide the over-running clutch and its installation if needed.

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DANGER

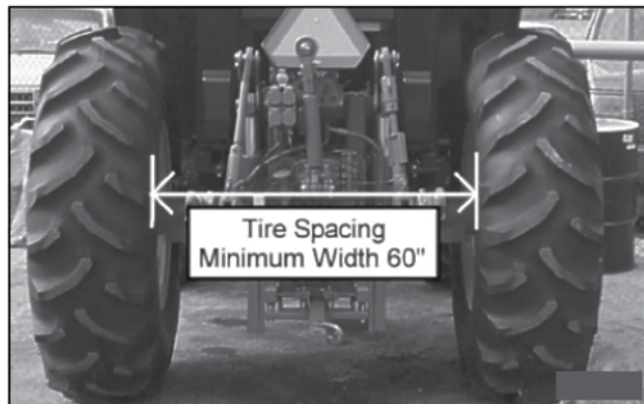
DO NOT use a PTO adapter to attach a non-matching Implement driveline to a Tractor PTO. Use of an adapter can double the operating speed of the Cutter resulting in excessive vibration, thrown objects, and blade and cutter failure. Adapter use will also change the working length of the driveline exposing unshielded driveline areas. Serious bodily injury and/or equipment failure can result from using a PTO adapter. Consult an authorized dealer for assistance if the Implement driveline does not match the Tractor PTO.

WARNING

Never operate the Tractor and Cutter if the Implement input driveline is directly connected to the Tractor transmission. Tractor braking distances can be substantially increased by the momentum of the rotating Cutter blades driving the Tractor transmission even though the Tractor clutch has been disengaged. Install an over running clutch between the Tractor PTO and the Cutter driveline to prevent this potentially dangerous situation.

Tire Spacing

Tractor tires should be set a minimum of 60" apart measured from inside of tire to inside of tire. Refer to the tractor Operator's Manual or consult an authorized dealer for instructions to change tractor tire spacing.



GETTING ON AND OFF THE TRACTOR

Before getting onto the tractor, the operator must read and completely understand the implement and tractor operator manuals. If any part of either manual is not completely understood, consult an authorized dealer for a complete explanation.

WARNING

Do not mount the Tractor while the tractor is moving. Mount the Tractor only when the Tractor and all moving parts are completely stopped.

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Boarding the Tractor

Use both hands and equipped handrails and steps for support when boarding the tractor. Never use control levers for support when mounting the tractor. Seat yourself in the operator's seat and secure the seat belt around you.

Never allow passengers to ride on the tractor or attached equipment. Riders can easily fall off and be seriously injured or killed from falling off and being run over. It is the operator's responsibility to forbid all extra riders at all times.



Never allow children to operate, ride on, or come close to the Tractor or Implement.



Never allow children or other persons to ride on the Tractor or Implement. Falling off can result in serious injury or death.



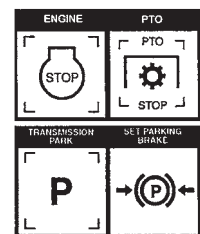
Dismounting the Tractor

Before dismounting, park the tractor and implement on a reasonably level surface, apply the parking brake, idle the engine down, disengage the PTO, and lower the implement to the ground. Shut down the tractor engine according to the operator's manual, remove the key, and wait for all motion to completely stop. Never leave the seat until the tractor, its engine and all moving parts have come to a complete stop.

Use hand rails and steps when exiting the tractor. Be careful of your step and use extra caution when mud, ice, snow or other matter has accumulated on the steps or hand rails. Use all handrails and steps for support and never rush or jump off the tractor.



BEFORE leaving the tractor seat, always engage the brake and/or set the tractor transmission in parking gear, disengage the PTO, stop the engine, remove the key, and wait for all moving parts to stop. Place the tractor shift lever into a low range or parking gear to prevent the tractor from rolling. Never dismount a Tractor that is moving or while the engine is running. Operate the Tractor controls from the tractor seat only.



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STARTING THE TRACTOR

The operator must have a complete understanding of the placement, function, and operational use of all tractor controls before starting the tractor. Review the tractor operator's manual and consult an authorized dealer for tractor operation instructions if needed.

Essential Tractor Controls:

- Locate the light control lever.
- Locate the engine shut off control.
- Locate the brake pedals and the clutch.
- Locate the PTO control.
- Locate the 3-point hitch control lever.
- Locate the hydraulic remote control levers.

Before starting the tractor ensure the following:

- Conduct all pre-start operation inspection and service according to the tractor operator's manual.
- Make sure all guards, shields, and other safety devices are securely in place.
- The parking brake is on.
- The PTO control lever is disengaged.
- The 3-point hitch control lever is in the lowered position.
- The hydraulic remote control levers are in the neutral position.
- The tractor transmission levers are in park or neutral.

Refer to the tractor owner's manual for tractor starting procedures. Only start the tractor while seated and belted in the tractor operator's seat. Never bypass the ignition switch by short circuiting the starter solenoid. After the tractor engine is running, avoid accidental contact with the tractor transmission to prevent sudden and unexpected tractor movement.



Never run the Tractor engine in a closed building or without adequate ventilation. The exhaust fumes can be hazardous to your health.

Start tractor only when properly seated in the Tractor seat. Starting a tractor in gear can result in injury or death. Read the Tractor operators manual for proper starting instructions.



CONNECTING THE CUTTER TO THE TRACTOR

Use extreme caution when connecting the cutter to the tractor. The cutter should be securely resting at ground level or setting on blocks. Keep hands and feet from under the cutter deck and clear of pinch points between the tractor hitch arms and cutter pins.

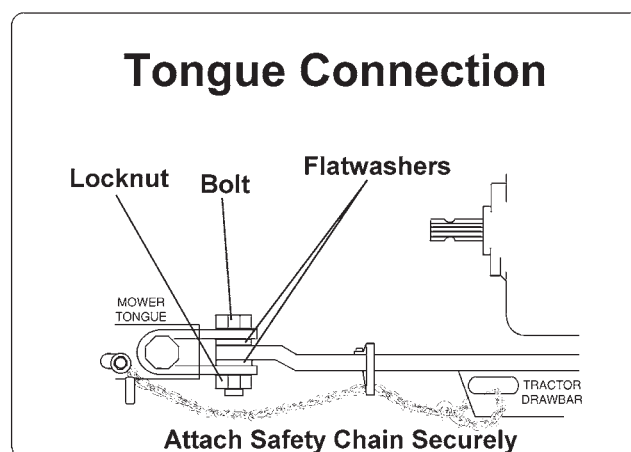
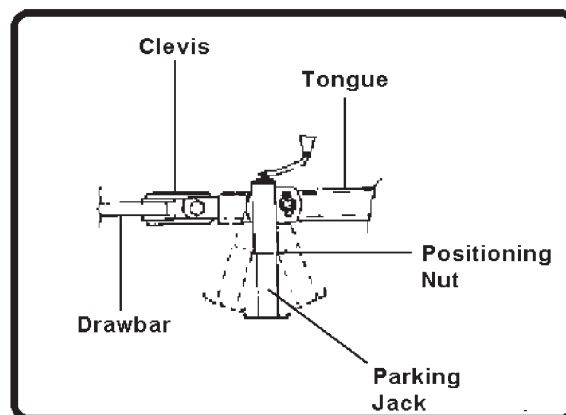


Always shut the Tractor completely down, place the transmission in park, and set the parking brake before you or anyone else attempts to connect or disconnect the Implement and Tractor hitches.

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Connecting the Cutter Tongue to the Tractor

1. Ensure the tractor is equipped with the correct PTO shaft and the drawbar is set at the correct length.
2. Using the parking jack, position the tongue clevis to the height of the tractor drawbar. Adjust the cutter tongue to be level and parallel with the tractor drawbar using the control rod connecting the cutter tongue to the deck.
3. Board the tractor and start the engine. Back the tractor to the cutter aligning the drawbar hitch hole with the cutter tongue clevis. Turn off the tractor engine, place the tractor in park, and set the parking brake before dismounting.
4. To attach the cutter, place two 1" flatwashers positioned under top lip of tongue clevis and to the top of drawbar. Add additional 1" flatwashers between the bottom of drawbar and bottom lip of clevis to fill open space. Insert a 1" diameter grade 5 or 8 bolt through clevis and drawbar and retain in position with a 1" locknut. Tighten the locknut securely but do not over-tighten which could spring or break the clevis. NEVER attach the cutter to the tractor with a pin not having a nut.
5. Securely attach the cutter safety chain to the tractor drawbar or drawbar support frame.
6. Lower the jack until the tongue is completely supported by the drawbar. Remove jack from the tongue and place on storage bracket of cutter.



Tongue style may vary

Safety Tow Chain

If the cutter is towed on a public roadway, a safety chain with tensile strength equal to or greater than the gross weight of the cutter must be connected between the tractor and cutter. This will help control the implement in the event the tongue becomes disconnected from the drawbar. After connecting both ends of the safety chain, drive the tractor to the right and left to check for proper chain length. Adjust length as necessary and allow only enough slack in the chain to make a maximum turn in both directions.

Connecting Cutter Hydraulic Lines to the Tractor

With the tractor shut down and secured in position, relieve hydraulic pressure from the tractor by moving the control levers back and forth several times or placing the levers in the float position.

When connecting the cutter hydraulic lines, keep hoses, quick couplers, and swivels free of contamination. Never leave a disconnected hose end open and cap the tractor hydraulic outlet ports when not in use. If the tractor ports or cutter hydraulic hose ends become contaminated, wipe clean with a rag before connecting.

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Operating Cutter Hydraulics with Three Tractor Hydraulic Ports

Connect one hose into each hydraulic port. Connect lines to correspond with position of hydraulic control levers.

Operating Cutter Hydraulics with Two Tractor Hydraulic Ports

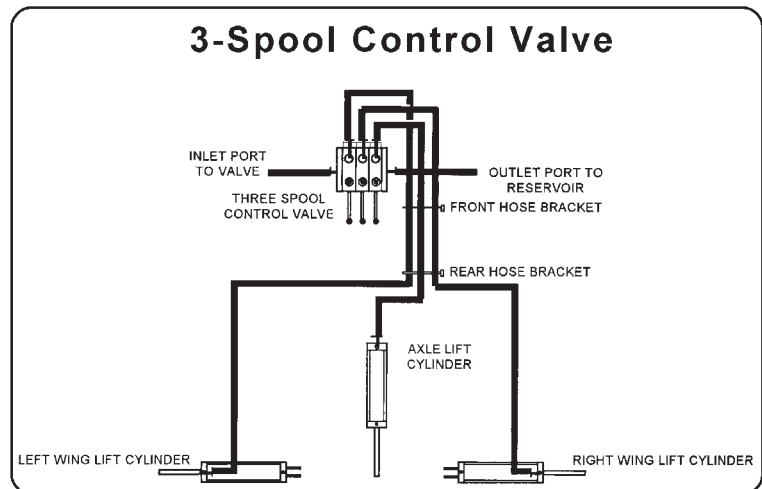
The lines that operate the wings must be plumbed together and will be controlled using one hydraulic control valve and the center section with the remaining control valve. Ensure that the operator is aware that each wing cannot be controlled independently nor will they raise and lower simultaneously.

Operating the Cutter Hydraulics with a 3-Spool Hydraulic Control Valve (Extra Equipment)

Ensure the valve matches the hydraulic operating system of the tractor (open or closed center). Refer to the Assembly Section for additional information on equipping the tractor with a 3-spool control valve.

Mount the valve bank to a tractor fender or other accessible location. Connect valve bank inlet and outlet lines to outlets of the same tractor hydraulic port. Connect the cutter hydraulics to the control valve bank with the center section line to the right port. Connect the wing cylinder lines to the control valve positioned to correspond with the left and right wing.

To activate the 3-spool hydraulic control valve, tie the tractor's hydraulic control lever back to keep hydraulic oil continuously fed to the valve bank.



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2 REMOTE SET-UP:

PHASING CYLINDER (attached to axles):
Plug both hoses (blue tape) into Remote 1.

WINGS CYLINDERS (transport/lift):
"T" the hoses together (red tape) and plug into Remote 2.

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WINGS CYLINDERS (transport/lift):
Plug each wing cylinder hose (red tape) into Remote 2 and 3.

TROUBLE SHOOTING:

1. Raise **PHASING CYLINDERS** (attached to axles) up and hold continuously for 1 minute allowing oil to cycle and remove any air pocket.
2. Reverse Phasing (blue tape) hoses on remote 1 and repeat Trouble Shooting Step 1.

OPERATION:

For optimum cutting, **WING CYLINDERS** (red cylinders) should be in the "float" position. Cycle **PHASING CYLINDERS** (attached to axles) every hour (raise and lower). Cylinder locks (doughnuts) are recommended on all axle cylinders.



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Hydraulic Line Support

After connecting the cutter hydraulic lines to the tractor, support the hoses with the equipped brackets. Ensure that hoses do not contact the driveline, do not bind while turning, and do not become pinched or kinked.

Hydraulic Cylinder Priming

Hydraulic Cylinders must be filled with hydraulic oil before removing the wing transport braces to lower the cutter wings. Hydraulic cylinders and lines are filled by holding the valve control levers in the raised position until the cylinders fully retract (wing cylinders) and extend (center cylinder). Place control levers in the float position and repeat process a second time. Ensure wings are entirely supported by the cylinders before removing the transport braces. NEVER drive out bar pins and NEVER remove braces that have tension on them.

SETTING THE CUTTER

Properly setting the cutting height is essential for efficient and safe operation. A properly set cutter will make a more uniform cut, distribute clippings more evenly, require minimal tractor work, and follow the contour of uneven terrain. NOTE: Avoid very low cutting heights, striking the ground with the blades gives the most damaging shock loads and will cause damage to the cutter and drive. Blades contacting the ground may cause objects to be thrown out from under the cutter deck. Always avoid operating the cutter at a height which causes the blades to contact the ground.



Never work under the Implement, the framework, or any lifted component unless the Implement is securely supported or blocked up to prevent sudden or inadvertent falling which could cause serious injury or even death.



Setting Deck Height

LEVELING DECK CENTER SECTION

1. Place the tractor and cutter on a level surface and lower both wings.
2. Using the center section hydraulic cylinder, position the cutter so the skid shoes are 1" less off the ground than the desired final cut height. For example, for a 3" cut raise or lower the cutter until the skid shoes are approximately 2" off the ground.
3. Shut down the tractor, place the transmission in park, and set the parking brake before dismounting.
4. Level the cutter deck front to rear by adjusting the leveling rods linking the tongue to the rear axle. DO NOT allow feet or other body part underneath the cutter when making adjustments. To adjust rod length, loosen jamnut and screw turnbuckles. To lower the front, lengthen the rods and to raise the front, shorten the rods. DO NOT unscrew turnbuckles to the point that either rod threaded ends becomes disconnected which will cause the cutter to fall. Re-tighten jamnuts when deck is leveled.

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5. **IMPORTANT:** Alternate adjustments between rods and adjust at equal lengths to maintain equal tension. Improper adjustments may cause rods to snap or bend.
6. Place split collar assemblies on the center axle hydraulic cylinder rod to maintain a set cutting height each time the cutter is raised and lowered.

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If wing(s) are not level (parallel to center section), back jamnut off and adjust ratchet shorter to raise the wing outside edge and longer to lower the wing outside edge. It may be necessary to use wing lift cylinder to relieve pressure from the linkage retaining pin.

Tighten jamnut when complete.



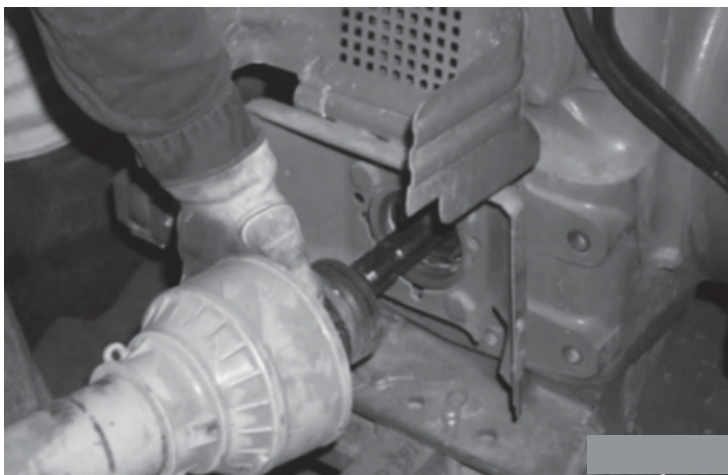
To avoid serious injury or death: operating cutter with rear lowered excessively will result in an uneven cut and could cause rapid blade, skid and driveline wear and possibly cause structural failures in the wing hinge area.

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DRIVELINE ATTACHMENT

The driveline yoke and tractor PTO shaft must be dirt free and greased for attachment.

To connect the cutter driveline to the tractor PTO output shaft, pull the driveline yoke collar back and align the grooves and splines of the yoke with those of the PTO shaft. Push the driveline yoke onto the PTO shaft, release the locking collar, and position the yoke until the locking collar balls are seated onto the PTO shaft. Push and pull the driveline back and forth several times to ensure a secure attachment.



! WARNING

When attaching the Implement input driveline to the Tractor PTO, it is important that the connecting yoke spring activated locking collar slides freely and the locking balls are seated securely in the groove on the Tractor PTO shaft. A driveline not attached correctly to the Tractor PTO shaft could come loose and result in personal injury and damage to the Implement.

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Driveline Length Check

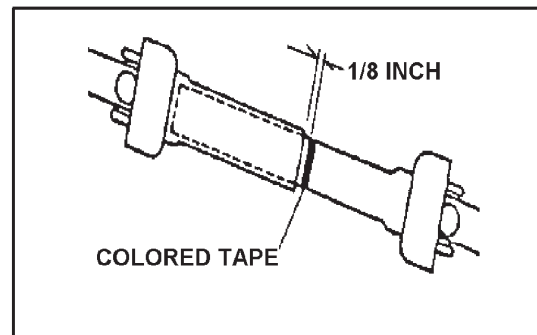


Before operating the Implement, check to make sure the Implement input driveline will not bottom out or become disengaged. Bottoming out occurs when the inner shaft penetrates the outer housing until the assembly becomes solid-it can shorten no more. Bottoming out can cause serious damage to the Tractor PTO by pushing the PTO into the Tractor and through the support bearings or downward onto the PTO shaft, breaking it off. A broken drive line can cause personal injury.

When fitting the cutter to the tractor, the telescoping driveline must be inspected to ensure that at its most compressed position, the profiles do not "bottom out", and when at its farthest extended position, there is sufficient engagement between the profiles to operate safely. At its shortest length, there must be at least a 1" clearance between each profile end and opposite profile universal joint. At its farthest operating extension, a minimum profile engagement of 12" must be maintained for a Constant Velocity (CV) tube type driveline and a minimum engagement of 6" for non-CV solid shaft drivelines.

"Bottoming Out" Check Procedure

- Disconnect driveline from the tractor and slide the profiles together until fully compressed.
- Place a mark on the inner shield 1/8" from the end of the outer shield and reattach the driveline to the PTO shaft.
- With the PTO NOT TURNING, slowly drive the tractor with cutter attached through the sharpest turn possible and watch shaft movement. With the PTO NOT TURNING, slowly drive the tractor with the cutter attached through the most severe terrain conditions expected and watch shaft movement.
- If the distance between the mark and the outer shield becomes less than 2" at any point there is a potential problem bottoming out the driveline and the driveline should be shortened.

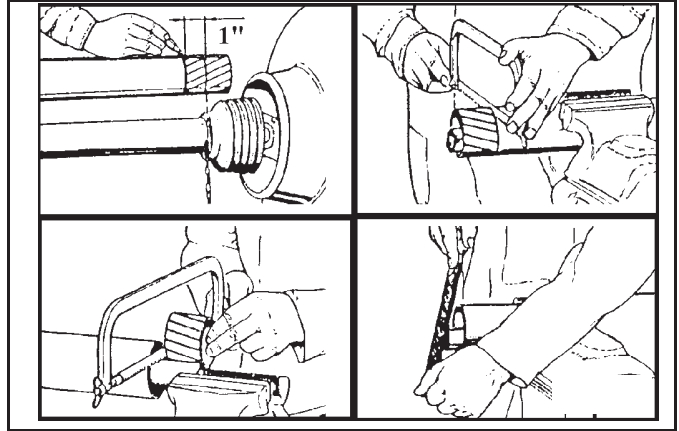


Driveline in maximum compressed position

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Shorten the driveline profiles as follows:

- Remove the driveline from the tractor.
- Position the cutter to the point with the shortest distance between the tractor PTO shaft and cutter gearbox. Shut down the tractor and securely block the cutter in this position.
- Pull driveline apart and reattach yoke to PTO shaft.
- Hold driveline sections parallel to one another and measure back 1" from yoke of each shaft and place mark on opposite section. Cut this length off with a saw.
- Round off all sharp edges and debur.
- Thoroughly grease then reinstall the driveline.
- Recheck for proper operation.



Engagement Check Procedure

- With the driveline attached, position the cutter to the point where the telescoping driveline is at its maximum extension. Completely shut down the tractor and secure in position.
- Mark the inner driveline shield 1/8" from the end of the outer shield.
- Disconnect the driveline from the tractor and separate the two driveline halves.
- Measure the distance from the mark to the end of the inner profile. This length is the amount the driveline profiles were engaged.
- If the engaged length is less than 12" for a CV driveline and less than 6" for a non-CV Driveline, the shaft is considered too short and should be replaced with a longer shaft. Consult an authorized dealer to purchase the required driveline length.

NOTE: If the driveline cannot be shortened and still maintain the required profile engagement, the operator must be made aware of terrain conditions and avoid situations which pose a potential problem to avoid damaging the driveline.

OPERATION SECTION

Constant Velocity (CV) Driveline

For cutters equipped with a Constant Velocity (CV) driveline, the maximum turning angle between the tractor and cutter must be determined to ensure the joint angle does not over-extend which can cause CV joint damage. Constant Velocity joints enable the driveline to operate smoothly with no vibrations and clattering at angles up to 70°. Angles greater than 80° can result in mechanical damage to the CV joint and cutter driveline.

The Constant Velocity joint must be lubricated every 8 hours of operation as specified in the Maintenance Section. Failure to properly lubricate the joint will result in accelerated wear and joint component failure.

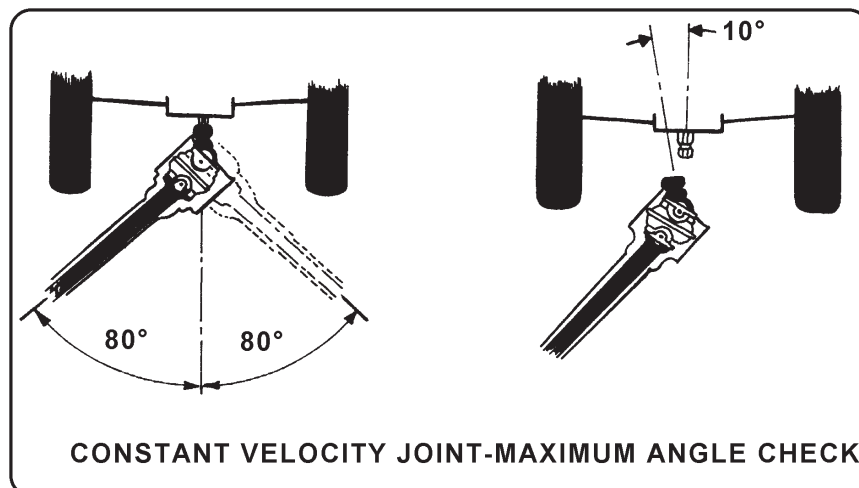
CV Driveline Maximum Angle Check Procedure

- With the cutter attached to the tractor and the driveline disconnected from the tractor PTO stub make a hard left turn until there is approximately a 1" clearance between the left rear tractor tire and cutter frame or tongue.
- Stop and completely shut down the tractor. Place the tractor in Park and apply the Parking Brake before dismounting.
- Check the CV joint at this maximum turning radius by holding the driveline yoke above the PTO shaft and then angle the CV joint to its maximum angle. A minimum difference of 10 degrees between the center line of the yoke and the PTO shaft must be maintained to ensure the joint will not be over angled. If the joint cannot be angled at least 10°, there is a potential problem of over-angling the joint while making sharp turns.
- Solutions: To ensure the joint is not damaged, check the following:

Check the drawbar length to ensure that it is at the proper length for the RPM speed of the cutter.

Move the tractor rear tires wider apart to limit the tractor turning radius.

Position the cutter at multiple angles and perform the above procedure. Determine the sharpest turning radius that maintains a safe operating angle and note this position to the operator.



OPERATION SECTION

Do not turn so sharp or lift cutter so high to produce a severe “knocking” of the Driveline which will cause accelerated wear and breakage of drive train components and could result in possible injury from the separated Driveline sections.

PRE-OPERATION INSPECTION AND SERVICE

Before each use, a pre-operation inspection and service of the implement and tractor must be performed. This includes routine maintenance and scheduled lubrication, inspecting that all safety devices are equipped and functional, and performing needed repairs. DO NOT operate the unit if the pre-operation inspection reveals any condition affecting safe operation. Perform repairs and replacement of damaged and missing parts as soon as noticed. By performing a thorough pre-operation inspection and service, valuable down time and repair cost can be avoided.



DANGER

Always disconnect the main PTO Driveline from the Tractor before performing service on the Implement. Never work on the Implement with the tractor PTO driveline connected and running. Rotating Parts, Blades or Drivelines could turn without warning and cause immediate entanglement, injury or death.



DANGER

DO NOT allow any person under a folded wing unless wing is securely locked up or supported. DO NOT approach the Implement unless the Tractor is turned off and all motion has ceased. Never work under the frame work, or any lifted component unless the implement is securely supported or blocked up. A sudden or inadvertent fall by any of these components could cause serious injury or even death.



WARNING

Periodically inspect all moving parts for wear and replace when necessary with authorized service parts. Look for loose fasteners, worn or broken parts, and leaky or loose fittings. Make sure all pins have cotter pins and washers. Serious injury may occur from not maintaining this machine in good working order.



OPERATION SECTION

Tractor Pre-Operation Inspection/Service

Refer to the tractor operator's manual to ensure a complete pre-operation inspection and scheduled service is performed according to the manufacturers recommendations. The following are some of the items that require daily service and inspection:



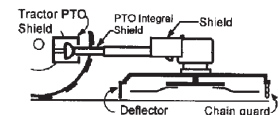
- Tire condition/air pressure
- Wheel lug bolts
- Steering linkage
- PTO shield
- SMV sign is clean and visible
- Tractor's lights are clean and functional
- Tractor Seat belt is in good condition
- Tractor ROPS is in good condition
- ROPS is in the raised position
- No tractor oil leaks
- Radiator free of debris
- Engine oil level and condition
- Engine coolant level and condition
- Power brake fluid level
- Power steering fluid level
- Fuel condition and level
- Sufficient lubrication at all lube points
- Air filter condition

Cutter Pre-Operation Inspection/Service

Before each cutter use, a complete inspection and service is required to ensure the cutter is in a good and safe working condition. Damaged and/or broken parts should be repaired and/or replaced immediately. To ensure the cutter is ready for operation, conduct the following.



All Safety Shields, Guards and Safety devices including (but not limited to) - the Deflectors, Chain Guards, Steel Guards, Gearbox Shields, PTO integral shields, and Retractable Door Shields should be used and maintained in good working condition. All safety devices should be inspected carefully at least daily for missing or broken components. Missing, broken, or worn items must be replaced at once to reduce the possibility of injury or death from thrown objects, entanglement, or blade contact.



Replace bent or broken blades with new blades. NEVER ATTEMPT TO STRAIGHTEN, WELD, OR WELD HARDFACING ON BLADES SINCE THIS WILL LIKELY CRACK OR OTHERWISE DAMAGE THE BLADE WITH SUBSEQUENT FAILURE AND POSSIBLE SERIOUS INJURY FROM THROWN BLADES. (SGM-10) New blade bolts must be used when blades are removed.

OPERATION SECTION

The operator's manual and decals affixed on the unit contain important instructions on the safe and proper use of the equipment. Maintain these important safety features on the implement in good condition to ensure the information is available to the operator at all times.

- Ensure the manual canister is secured to the equipment with the operator's manual inside.
- Ensure all decals are in place and legible. Replace missing, damaged, and illegible decals.
- Ensure the cutter hitch is securely attached to the tractor drawbar with a proper size bolt and secured nut.

- Ensure that a properly rated safety tow chain is equipped securing the cutter to the tractor.
- Check that the main driveline is securely attached to the tractor and the clamping cone is seated in the groove of the PTO shaft.
- Ensure the divider drivelines are secure at both ends.

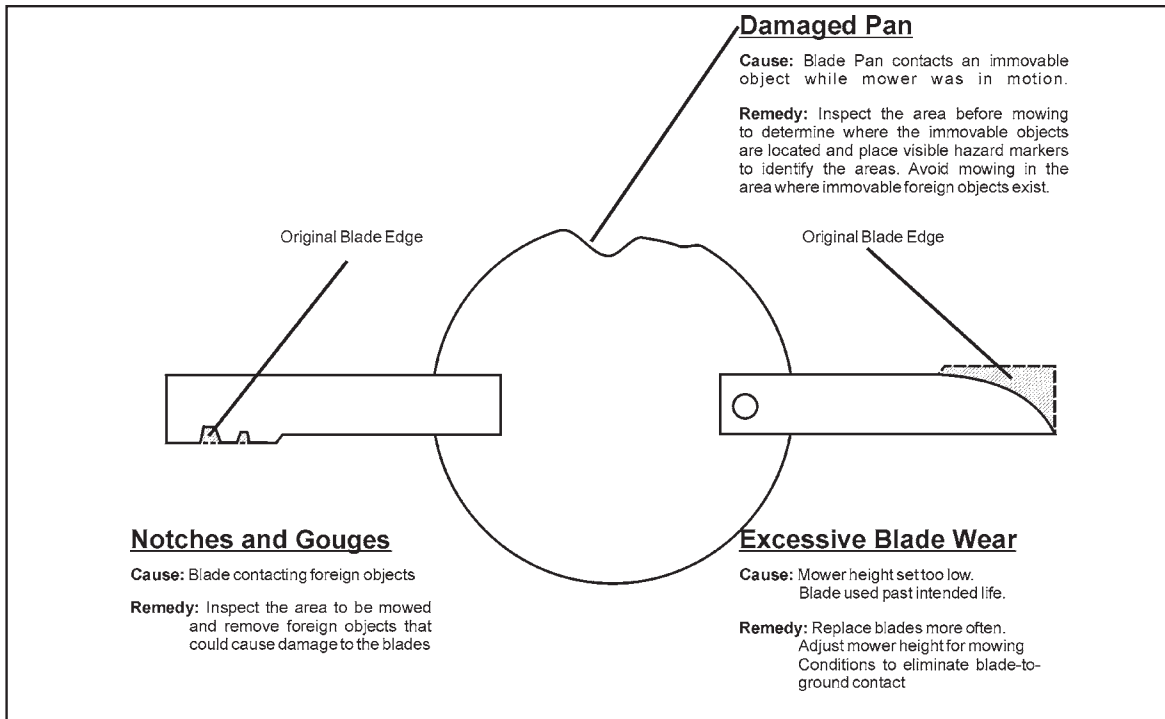
- Ensure chain guards and/or rubber deflectors are in position and not damaged. Replace worn, broken, and missing sections immediately.
- Ensure the driveline integral shields are in good condition and rotate freely.
- Inspect that all bolts and screws are in position and are properly torqued.

- Ensure the tractor PTO master shield is in place, lowered and in good condition.
- Ensure each cutter slip clutch shield is secured in place and in good condition.
- Ensure the driveline slip clutches are properly adjusted and the friction plates are not frozen together. Reference the Maintenance Section for proper slip clutch maintenance.
- Perform scheduled lubrication as specified in the maintenance section.
- Inspect each gearbox oil level and replenish if needed. A low oil level is a warning sign that the gearbox may be cracked or its seal is damaged and needs to be replaced.
- Ensure all gearbox vents are in place and free from clogs.
- Inspect blades and blade bolts for looseness and excessive wear. Make sure the cutter is securely blocked up before crawling beneath. Replace damaged, worn, and missing blades as complete sets to maintain rotary balance.
- Ensure carrier hub nuts are tightened with the cotter pin inserted and spread.
- Inspect the condition of the deck skid shoes and the skid shoe attaching hardware.

OPERATION SECTION

Cutting Component Inspection

Inspect blade pan and blade assembly for the following:

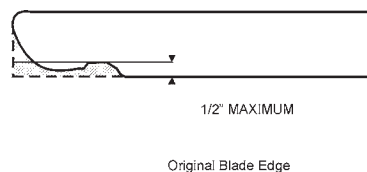


DANGER

Inspect the Blades daily for abnormal wear. REPLACE BOTH BLADES on that carrier IMMEDIATELY if either blade has:

- Become bent or deformed from it's original shape or
- Any cracks are visible, or
- Deep gouges in the blade's surface are present, or
- Gouges or chipped areas in the cutting edge are larger than 1/2", or
- The material on the leading edge has been worn away by more than 1/2"

Failure to replace abnormally worn blades may lead to catastrophic failure of the blades and ejection of the broken part with tremendous force which may cause serious bodily injury or death.



NOTE: Replace Blades in pairs after no more than 1/2" wear

OPERATION SECTION

Rotary Cutter PRE-OPERATION Inspection

Cutter ID# _____ Make _____

Date: _____ Shift _____

Before conducting the inspection, make sure the tractor engine is off, all rotation has stopped and the tractor is in park with the parking brake engaged. Make sure the cutter is resting on the ground or securely blocked up and all hydraulic pressure has been relieved.

Item	Condition at Start of Shift	Specific Comments if not O.K.
The Operator's Manual is in the canister on the cutter		
All safety decals are in place and legible		
The tongue/hitch connection bolts & pins are tight		
There are no cracks in tongue or hitch		
The tow chain is secured to the tractor & cutter		
The hydraulic cylinders pins are tight		
There are no leaking or damaged hoses		
The cutter deck is clear of cut grass and debris		
Chain guards/deflectors are in place & in good condition		
Driveline/gearbox shields are in good condition		
Driveline clutches are in good condition; not frozen		
Driveline telescoping members & U-joints are lubricated		
Driveline yokes are securely attached to PTO & cutter		
Gearbox mounting bolts are tight		
Gearbox oil is at the proper level		
Blade carrier retaining nut is tight		
Blades are not chipped, cracked or bent		
Blade bolts are tight		
Wheel lug nuts are tight		
Transport locks are in good condition		

Operator's Signature: _____

DO NOT OPERATE an UNSAFE TRACTOR or Cutter

OPERATION SECTION

Rotary Cutter PRE-OPERATION Inspection

Cutter ID# _____ Make _____
 Date: _____ Shift _____

Before conducting the inspection, make sure the tractor engine is off, all rotation has stopped and the tractor is in park with the parking brake engaged. Make sure the cutter is resting on the ground or securely blocked up and all hydraulic pressure has been relieved.

Item	Condition at Start of Shift	Specific Comments if not O.K.
The flashing lights function properly		
The SMV Sign is clean and visible		
The tires are in good condition with proper pressure		
The wheel lug bolts are tight		
The tractor brakes are in good condition		
The steering linkage is in good condition		
There are no visible oil leaks		
The hydraulic controls function properly		
The ROPS or ROPS Cab is in good condition		
The seatbelt is in place and in good condition		
The 3-point hitch is in good condition		
The drawbar pins are securely in place		
The PTO master shield is in place		
The engine oil level is full		
The brake fluid level is full		
The power steering fluid level is full		
The fuel level is adequate		
The engine coolant fluid level is full		
The radiator is free of debris		
The air filter is in good condition		

Operator's Signature: _____

DO NOT OPERATE an UNSAFE TRACTOR or Cutter

OPERATION SECTION

DRIVING THE TRACTOR AND IMPLEMENT

Safe tractor transport requires the operator possess a thorough knowledge of the model being operated and precautions to take while driving with an attached implement. Ensure the tractor has the capacity to handle the weight of the implement and the tractor operating controls are set for safe transport. To ensure safety while driving the tractor with an attached implement, review the following.



DANGER

This Implement is wider than the Tractor. Be careful when operating or transporting this equipment to prevent the Implement from running into or striking sign posts, guard rails, concrete abutments or other solid objects. Such an impact could cause the Implement and Tractor to pivot violently resulting in loss of steering control, serious injury, or even death. Never allow the Implement to contact obstacles.



WARNING

Transport only at speeds where you can maintain control of the equipment. Serious accidents and injuries can result from operating this equipment at high speeds. Understand the Tractor and Implement and how it handles before transporting on streets and highways. Make sure the Tractor steering and brakes are in good condition and operate properly.

Before transporting the Tractor and Implement, determine the proper transport speeds for you and the equipment. Make sure you abide by the following rules:

- Test the tractor at a slow speed and increase the speed slowly. Apply the Brakes smoothly to determine the stopping characteristics of the Tractor and Implement. As you increase the speed of the Tractor the stopping distance increases. Determine the maximum transport speed not to exceed 20 mph (30 kph) for towing this equipment.
- Test the equipment at a slow speed in turns. Increase the speed through the turn only after you determine that it is safe to operate at a higher speed. Use extreme care and reduce your speed when turning sharply to prevent the tractor and implement from turning over. Determine the maximum safe turning speed for you and this equipment before operating on roads or uneven ground.
- Only transport the Tractor and Implement at the speeds which allow you to properly control the equipment.

Be aware of the operating conditions. Do not operate the Tractor with weak or faulty brakes or worn tires. When operating down a hill or on wet or rain slick roads, the braking distance increases: use extreme care and reduce your speed. When operating in traffic always use the Tractor's flashing warning lights and reduce your speed. Be aware of traffic around you and watch out for the other guy.



OPERATION SECTION

Starting the Tractor

The procedure to start the tractor is model specific. Refer to the tractor operator's manual for starting procedures for your particular tractor. Consult an authorized dealer if the starting procedure is unclear. Ensure the 3-point control lever is in the lowered position and the PTO is disengaged before starting the tractor.

Brake and Differential Lock Setting

Make sure the tractor brakes are in good operating condition. Tractor brakes can be set to operate independently allowing single rear wheel braking action or locked together to provide simultaneous rear wheel braking. **FOR MOST DRIVING AND OPERATING CONDITIONS, THE BRAKE PEDALS SHOULD BE LOCKED TOGETHER TO PROVIDE THE MOST EFFECTIVE BRAKING ACTION.**

Always disengage the tractor differential lock when turning. When engaged the differential lock will prevent or limit the tractor from turning. During normal cutting conditions, locking the differential provides no benefit and should not be used.



Be aware of the operating conditions. Do not operate the Tractor with weak or faulty brakes. When operating down a hill or on wet or rain slick roads, the braking distance increases; use extreme care and reduce your speed in these conditions. When operating in traffic, always use the Tractor's flashing warning lights and reduce your speed. Be aware of traffic around you and watch out for the other guy.

Operating the Cutter Wings

Wings are positioned with hydraulic cylinders. It is recommended that the tractor be equipped with three hydraulic ports or a 3-spool control valve be used so that each section can be controlled independently. Ensure the hydraulic cylinders and lines are filled with oil by holding the valve control levers in the raised position until the cylinders fully retract (wings) and extend (center). Only operate the cutter with both wings fully lowered, **NEVER** operate the cutter with a raised wing. Wait until the blades are at a complete stop before raising wings.

OPERATION SECTION

Transport Position

To raise cutter wings, drive the unit to a level area and retract the wing hydraulic cylinders. **DO NOT** raise wings with the cutter positioned on an embankment or other inclined position to prevent overturning the cutter. After the wings are fully raised, install transport lock braces to prevent wings from inadvertently falling. **NOTE:** If the transport lock braces can not be easily installed, lower the cutter wings and remove rod end of cylinder and adjust the rod clevis in or out to match the transport brace length.

The center of gravity is raised and the cutter more prone to tipping when the wings are in the raised position. When transporting, only raise the center section high enough to clear ground obstacles.



When the Wings are folded for transport, the center of gravity is raised and the possibility of overturn is increased. Drive slowly and use extreme caution when turning on hillsides. Overturning the Implement could cause the Implement to overturn the Tractor and vice versa resulting in serious injury or even death. Never fold wings on a hillside... the Implement may overturn.

Operating Position

To lower the wings, remove the transport lock braces and secure braces on storage bracket. **DO NOT** drive out transport brace pins. The wing cylinder may need to be retracted to remove tension for brace removal. After removing brace bars, extend wing hydraulic cylinders and fully lower wings.

The valves operating wing cylinders should be placed in the float position while mowing to allow the cutter to follow the contour of uneven terrain and to prevent the wings from creeping up. When extending a wing over a ditch for mowing, place the control valve lever detents in the center position. This will give the cutter more stability and prevent the opposite wing from raising. **DO NOT** operate the cutter with the valves in the detent position for extended periods of time to prevent deck frame damage.



Use extreme care when lowering or unfolding the implement's wings. Make sure no bystanders are close by or underneath the wings. Allow ample clearance around the implement when folding or unfolding the wings. Use extreme caution around buildings or overhead power lines.

OPERATION SECTION

Driving the Tractor and Cutter

Start off driving at a slow speed and gradually increase your speed while maintaining complete control of the tractor and cutter. Moving slowly at first will also prevent the tractor from rearing up and loss of steering control. The tractor should never be operated at speeds that cannot be safely handled or which will prevent the operator from stopping quickly during an emergency. If the power steering or engine ceases operating, stop the tractor immediately as the tractor will be difficult to control.

Drive the tractor with the 3-Point lift arms in the raised position and lock the control lever in the transport detent position to prevent damage to the cutter driveline and tongue when turning.

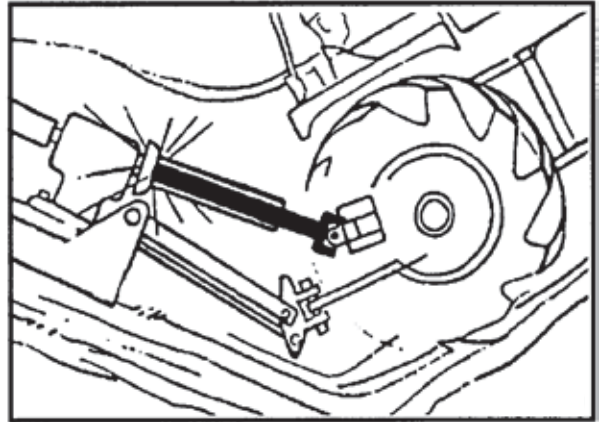
Perform turns with the tractor and cutter at slow speeds to determine how the tractor with an attached cutter handles a turn. Determine the safe speed to maintain proper control of the tractor when making turns. When turning with a towed implement, the overall working length of the unit is increased. Allow additional clearance for the cutter when turning.

To avoid overturns, drive the tractor with care and at safe speeds, especially when operating over rough ground, crossing ditches or slopes, and turning corners. Tractor wheel tread spacing should be increased when working on inclines or rough ground to reduce the possibility of tipping. Use extreme caution when operating on steep slopes. Keep the tractor in a low gear when going downhill. DO NOT coast or free-wheel downhill.

OPERATION SECTION

Crossing Ditches and Steep Inclines

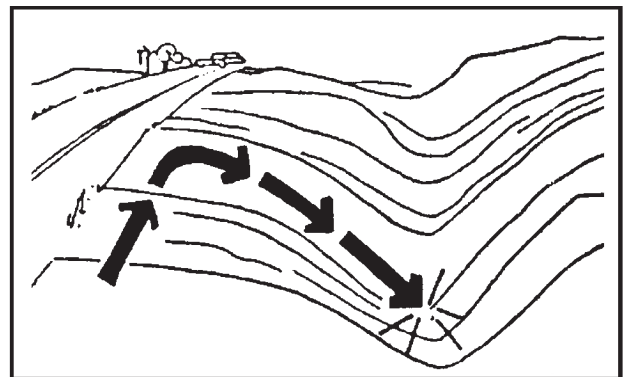
When crossing ditches with steep banks or going up sharp inclines, it is possible that the main driveline inner profile will penetrate into the outer housing to its maximum depth until the assembly becomes solid (driveline is at its extreme shortest length). This type of abusive operation can cause serious damage to the tractor and cutter drive by pushing the PTO into the tractor and through the support bearings or downward onto the PTO shaft, breaking it off.



Damage resulting from over collapse of the driveline's inner profile and its outer housing may allow the driveline to come loose from the Tractor which could cause bodily injury to the operator or bystanders and/or extensive damage to the Tractor or Implement.

When confronted with an incline or ditch, do not approach from an angle which is perpendicular or straight on as damaged to over collapse of the driveline may occur.

When crossing such terrain, the wings should be fully lowered for a lower center of gravity and added stability.

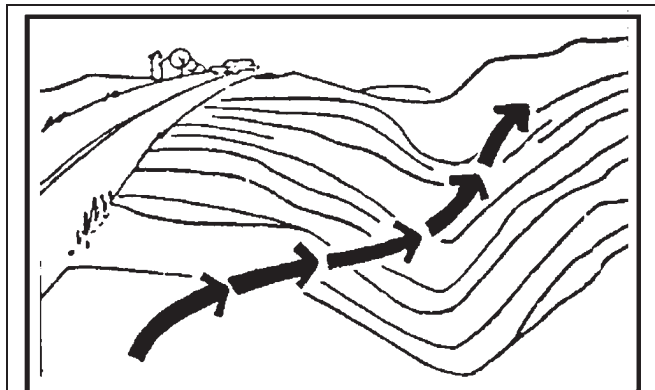


INCORRECT: DO NOT approach ditch straight on.

OPERATION SECTION

Inclines and ditches should be approached along a line which is at an angle as shown. This type of path will reduce the possibility of over-collapse of the driveline and resulting damage. If the gradient is so steep that such an approach increases the possibility of a tractor roll-over, select an alternate crossing path.

When operating the tractor and cutter across slopes and inclines, through ditches, and other uneven terrain conditions, it is important to maintain sufficient deck to ground clearance. Blade contact with the ground may cause soil, rocks and other debris to be thrown out from under the cutter resulting in possible injury and/or property damage. Ground contact also produces a severe shock load on the cutter drive and to the cutter blades resulting in possible damage and premature wear.



CORRECT: Approach ditch at an angle

OPERATING THE TRACTOR AND IMPLEMENT

THE OPERATOR MUST COMPLETELY UNDERSTAND HOW TO OPERATE THE TRACTOR AND IMPLEMENT AND ALL CONTROLS BEFORE ATTEMPTING TO OPERATE. The operator must read and understand the Safety and Operation Sections of the implement and tractor operator's manuals. These manuals must be read and explained to any operator who cannot read. Never allow someone to operate the implement and tractor without complete operating instructions.

Before starting any operation, the operator must become familiar with the area to be worked in and any obstacles and hazards contained within to ensure safety to the operator, bystanders, and equipment. Special attention should be paid to foreign debris, rough terrain, steep slopes, and passersby and animals in the area.

WARNING

Extreme care should be taken when operating near loose objects such as gravel, rocks, wire, and other debris. Inspect the area before mowing. Foreign objects should be removed from the site to prevent machine damage and/or bodily injury or even death. Any objects that cannot be removed must be clearly marked and carefully avoided by the operator. Stop mowing immediately if blades strike a foreign object. Repair all damage and make certain rotor or blade carrier is balanced before resuming mowing.



OPERATION SECTION

Many varied objects, such as wire, cable, rope, or chains, can become entangled in the operating parts of the cutter head. These items could then swing outside the housing at greater velocities than the blades. Such a situation is extremely hazardous and could result in serious injury or even death. Inspect the cutting area for such objects before mowing. Remove any like object from the site. Never allow the cutting blades to contact such items.

Foreign Debris Hazards

Before mowing, inspect the area to make sure there are no foreign objects that the cutter blades could hit or become entangled with. Remove all foreign objects and debris. If objects are too big to remove, mark them clearly and be sure to prevent the cutter blades from contacting them.

If you hit a solid object or foreign debris, stop the cutter and tractor at once. Immediately idle the engine speed and disengage the PTO. Wait for all cutter rotating motion to stop, then raise the cutter and move the tractor and implement off the object. Inspect the area and remove, or mark the location of the debris. Inspect the condition of the cutter and make any needed repairs immediately. Make sure the blades are not damaged and the carrier is balanced before resuming operation.

Always wear your seat belt securely fastened and only operate the tractor and cutter with the ROPS in the raised position. If the tractor or cutter hits a tree stump, rock, or bump, a sudden movement could throw you off of the seat and under the tractor and/or cutter. The seat belt is your best protection from falling off the tractor and the ROPS provides protection from being crushed during a tractor roll-over.

Bystanders/Passersby Precautions

If a bystander comes within 300 feet of the tractor while the cutter is being operated, stop the tractor at once, idle the engine and disengage the PTO. Do not engage the PTO again until all bystanders are well past the 300 foot distance.

OPERATION SECTION

Rotary Cutters are capable under adverse conditions of throwing objects for great distances (300 feet or more) and causing serious injury or death. Follow safety messages carefully.



STOP MOWING IF PASSERSBY ARE WITHIN 100 YARDS UNLESS:

- Front and Rear Deflectors, Chain Guards, or Bands are installed and in good, workable condition;
- Cutter sections or Wings are running close to and parallel to the ground without exposed Blades;
- Passersby are outside the existing thrown-object zone;
- All areas have been thoroughly inspected and all foreign material such as rocks, cans, glass, and general debris has been removed.

NOTE: Where there are grass and weeds high enough to hide debris that could be struck by the blades, the area should be: inspected and large debris removed, mowed at an intermediate height, inspected, closely with any remaining debris being removed, and mowed again at desired final height. (This will also reduce power required to mow, reduce wear and tear on the Cutter drivetrain, spread cut material better, eliminate streaking, and make the final cut more uniform).

Engaging the Power Take Off (PTO)

Before engaging the PTO, make certain that the area is clear of bystanders and passersby. The implement must be completely lowered and the deck positioned at a safe operating height. NEVER engage the PTO with the implement in the raised position.

Set the tractor engine speed at approximately 1,000 RPM before engaging the PTO. Shift the PTO control to the on position, and slowly increase the engine speed until the PTO is operating at the rated speed. If you hear unusual noises or see or feel abnormal vibrations, disengage the PTO immediately. Inspect the implement to determine the cause of the noise or vibration and repair the abnormality.



WARNING

Do not let the Blades turn when the Cutter Deck is raised for any reason, including clearance or for turning. Raising the Cutter deck exposes the Cutting Blades which creates a potentially serious hazard and could cause serious injury or even death from objects thrown from the Blades.



WARNING

Do not put hands or feet under cutter decks. Blade Contact can result in serious injury or even death. Stay away until all motion has stopped and the decks are securely blocked up.



OPERATION SECTION

PTO RPM and Ground Speed

Ground speed for mowing will depend upon the height, type, and density of vegetation to be cut. Recommended speed for efficient cutter performance is between 2 and 5 mph. Operate the cutter at its full rated PTO speed to maintain blade speed for a clean cut. Refer to the tractor operator's manual or the tractor instrument panel for the engine speed and gear to provide the required PTO and desired ground speed. Make sure that the cutter is operating at its full rated speed before entering the vegetation to be cut. If it becomes necessary to temporarily regulate engine speed, increase or decrease the throttle gradually.

Ground speed is achieved by transmission gear selection and not by the engine operating speed. The operator may be required to experiment with several gear range combinations to determine the best gear and range which provides the most ideal performance from the cutter and most efficient tractor operation. As the severity of cutting conditions increase, the ground speed should be decreased by selecting a lower gear to maintain the proper operating PTO speed.



Do not exceed the rated PTO speed for the Implement. Excessive PTO speeds can cause implement driveline or blade failures resulting in serious injury or death.



Mow at the speed that you can safely operate and control the tractor and cutter. Safe mowing speed depends on terrain condition and grass type, density, and height of cut. Normal ground speed range is from 2 to 5 mph. Use slow mowing speeds when operating on or near steep slopes, ditches, drop-offs, overhead obstructions, power lines, or when debris and foreign objects are to be avoided.

Operating the Cutter

Only operate the cutter from the tractor operator's seat with the seatbelt securely fastened. The tractor must be equipped with a ROPS in the raised position or a ROPS cab.

The cutter is designed to cut vegetation up to 4" in diameter. Sharp blades will produce a cleaner cut and require less power. Travel at a speed that allows the cutter sufficient time to cut through the vegetation and maintain the PTO operating speed to prevent overloading the cutter and tractor. Choose a driving pattern that provides the maximum pass length and minimizes turning.

Under certain conditions, tractor tires may roll some grasses down preventing them from being cut at the same height as the surrounding area. When this occurs, reduce the tractor ground speed while maintaining the operating speed of the cutter. A slower ground speed will permit grasses to at least partially rebound and be cut. Taking a partial cut and/or reversing the direction of travel may also help produce a cleaner cut.

Avoid mowing in the reverse direction when possible. In situations where the cutter must be backed to access areas to be cut, make sure there are no persons or other foreign debris behind the cutter before mowing in reverse. When mowing in reverse, operate the tractor and cutter at a reduced ground speed to ensure tractor and cutter control is maintained.

OPERATION SECTION

WARNING

Do not mow with two machines in the same area except with Cab tractors with the windows closed.

WARNING

Mow only in conditions where you have clear visibility in daylight or with adequate artificial lighting. Never mow in darkness or foggy conditions where you cannot clearly see at least 100 yards in front and to the sides of the tractor and cutter. Make sure that you can clearly see and identify passersby, steep slopes, ditches, drop-offs, overhead obstructions, power lines, debris and foreign objects. If you are unable to clearly see these type of items discontinue mowing.

WARNING

Avoid mowing in reverse direction when possible. Check to make sure there are no persons behind the cutter and use extreme care when mowing in reverse. Mow only at a slow ground speed where you can safely operate and control the tractor and cutter. Never mow an area that you have not inspected and removed debris or foreign material.

WARNING

Follow these guidelines to reduce the risk of equipment and grass fires while operating, servicing, and repairing the Cutter and Tractor:



- Equip the Tractor with a fire extinguisher in an accessible location.
- Do Not operate the Cutter on a Tractor with an underframe exhaust.
- Do Not smoke or have an open flame near the Cutter and Tractor.
- Do Not drive into burning debris or freshly burnt areas.
- Ensure slip clutches are properly adjusted to prevent excessive slippage and plate heating.
- Never allow clippings or debris to collect near drivelines, slip clutches, and gearboxes. Periodically shut down the Tractor and Cutter and clean clippings and collected debris from the cutter deck.

OPERATION SECTION

When you get to the end of a pass, slightly raise the cutter (2-4") before turning. Never raise the cutter entirely while the blades are turning. If the cutter must be raised higher than 12" from ground level, disengage the tractor PTO and wait for all cutter rotation to come to a complete stop before proceeding to raise the cutter. NEVER raise the cutter wings while the blades are turning.

When turning, the angle between the tractor and cutter should not be so great that a clattering of the U-joints occurs. Sharp turns can cause premature failure of the joints and place pressure on the tractor PTO shaft and could cause extensive mechanical damage to the cutter and tractor.

If the cutter is operated in conditions that require frequent sharp turning, the cutter should be equipped with a Constant Velocity driveline. CV joints enable the tractor PTO shaft and cutter driveline to be angled safely up to 80 degrees with no damage to the cutter or driveline.

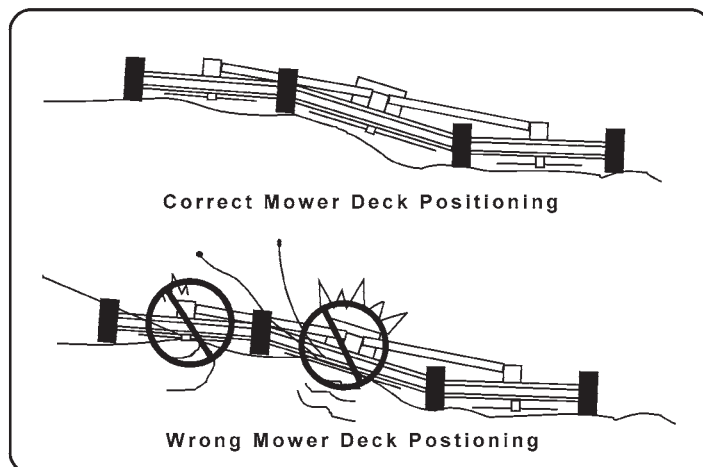
WARNING

Do not let the Blades turn when the Cutter Deck is raised for any reason, including clearance or for turning. Raising the Cutter deck exposes the Cutting Blades which creates a potentially serious hazard and could cause serious injury or even death from objects thrown from the Blades.



Stay alert and watch for trees, low hanging limbs, power lines, and other overhead obstacles and solid ground objects while you are operating. Use care to avoid hitting these items.

When mowing across uneven areas such as road shoulders, ditch edges, and other uneven terrain, position cutter so that one support wheel is near the highest point to prevent blades from cutting into gravel or dirt which can cause rapid blade wear and extremely severe shock loads on the drivetrain resulting in rapid wear or damage to these components. Blades contacting the ground may cause objects to be thrown out from under the cutter deck. Always avoid operating the cutter at a height or position which may cause the blades to contact the ground. Cutting into the berm or edge of the ditch will cause abnormal and accelerated blade wear and possible blade component failure.



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Shutting Down the Implement

To shut down the implement, first bring the tractor to a complete stop. Then slow down the implement by reducing the engine speed before disengaging the PTO. Wait for all motion to stop before proceeding to drive or shut down the tractor.

Park the tractor on a level surface, place the transmission in park or neutral and apply the parking brake, lower the attached implement to the ground, shut down the engine, remove the key, and wait for all motion to come to a complete stop before exiting the tractor.

DISCONNECTING THE Cutter FROM THE TRACTOR

Before disconnecting the cutter, the PTO must be disengaged and blade rotation at a complete stop. Move the cutter to a level storage location and lower the center section and both wings to the ground. If the cutter will be stored with the wings in the raised position, install both wing transport lock braces. If the cutter is not resting securely on the ground, block the cutter up securely before attempting to disconnect it from the tractor.

Use extreme care to keep feet and hands from under the cutter and clear of any pinch points.



Always shut the Tractor completely down, place the transmission in park, and set the parking brake before you or anyone else attempts to connect or disconnect the Implement and Tractor hitches.

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Never unhitch without using the Tongue Jack. The Tongue is very heavy. Attempting to lift the Tongue without using the Tongue Jack could cause strains or other injury. Allowing the tongue to fall suddenly and unexpectedly could result in crushing injury. Use the Tongue Jack for lifting the Implement only. Overloading the Tongue Jack can cause failure with possible serious bodily injury or even death.

When disconnecting the cutter the tractor should be completely shut down and secured in position. Relieve hydraulic pressure by moving the control levers back and forth several times. Lower the parking jack and raise the cutter until the tongue clevis is no longer resting on the tractor drawbar and is supported solely by the jack. The jack should be in a near vertical position with the ground and can be adjusted by loosening the positioning nut and moving the jack up to 15 degrees in each direction. Also make sure that the jack foot is securely resting at ground level or securely supported by a block before raising the cutter. Once the cutter tongue is being supported entirely by the jack, remove the hitch bolt, locknut, and washers. Remove the hydraulic hoses from the tractor and secure to the cutter to prevent contact with dirt.

After disconnecting the cutter hitch, remove the cutter driveline from the tractor PTO shaft. Place the driveline in its storage bracket to prevent it from contacting mud or dirt which can contaminate the universal joint bearings and shorten the life of the driveline.

After the driveline has been removed from the tractor, place the PTO master shield back in the operating position.

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CUTTER STORAGE

It is recommended that the cutter be stored with the center section and both wings fully lowered to ground level. If the cutter is stored with the wings in the raised position, select a level area and install wing transport braces to prevent the wings from falling BEFORE disconnecting the cutter hitch from the tractor.

Properly preparing and storing the cutter at the end of the season is critical to maintaining its appearance and to help ensure years of dependable service. The following are suggested storage procedures:

- Thoroughly clean all debris off the cutter to prevent damage from rotting grass and standing water.
- Lubricate all cutter grease points and fill gearbox oil levels as detailed in the maintenance section.
- Tighten all bolts and pins to the recommended torque.
- Check the cutter for worn and damaged parts. Perform repairs and make replacements immediately so that the cutter will be ready for use at the start of the next season.
- Store the cutter in a clean, dry place with the cutter housing resting securely on blocks or at ground level.
- Keep the driveline yoke from sitting in water, dirt and other contaminants.
- Apply touch-up where necessary to prevent rust and maintain the appearance of the cutter.

It is critical that driveline clutches slip when an obstacle or heavy load is encountered to avoid cutter and/or tractor damage. If the cutter sits outside for an extended period of time or is exposed to rain and/or humid air, the clutch lining plates must be inspected to ensure they are not frozen together from rust or corrosion. If the cutter has been exposed to such conditions, at the start of each mowing season, and any time it is suspected that the slip clutch plates may be frozen together, readjust the slip clutch as detailed in Seasonal Clutch Maintenance of the maintenance section in this manual.



Never allow children to play on or around Tractor or Implement. Children can slip or fall off the Equipment and be injured or killed. Children can cause the Implement to shift or fall crushing themselves or others.

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TRANSPORTING THE TRACTOR AND IMPLEMENT

Inherent dangers of operating the tractor and implement and the possibility of accidents are not left behind when you finish working in an area. Therefore, the operator must employ good judgement and safe operation practices when transporting the tractor and implement between locations. By using good judgement and following safe transport procedures, the possibility of accidents while moving between locations can be substantially minimized.



Never allow children or other persons to ride on the Tractor or Implement. Falling off can result in serious injury or death.

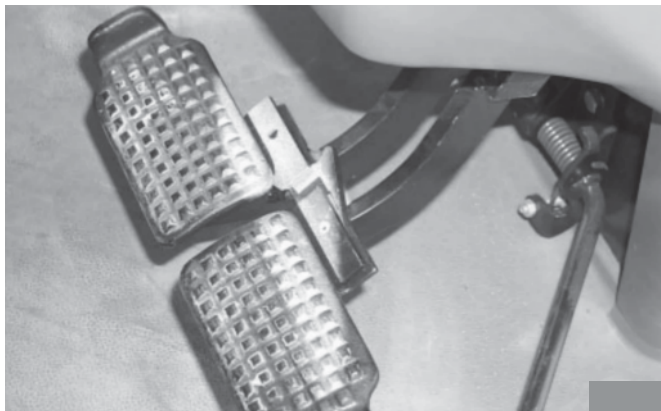
Before transporting the tractor and cutter, idle the tractor engine, disengage the PTO and wait for all cutter moving parts to come to a complete stop. Raise the cutter wings and secure in position with transport lock braces. When transporting, only raise the center deck enough to clear ground obstacles to prevent tipping, especially when traveling through rough terrain.

If the tractor's hydraulic pump is not independent of the tractor PTO, or if the tractor PTO has to be run to have hydraulic power, disconnect the cutter driveline from the tractor PTO output shaft. Secure the driveline to the cutter deck to prevent driveline damage or loss during transport.

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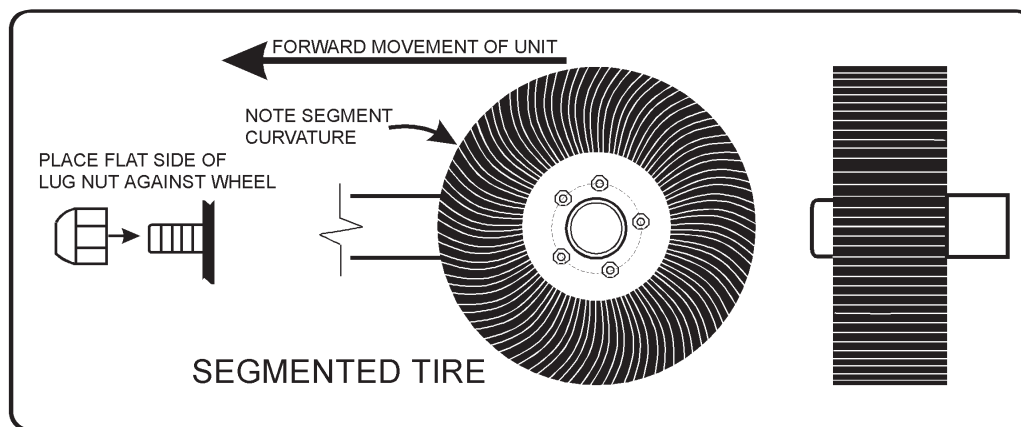
Before transporting the tractor on a public roadway or boarding a trailer for transport, the tractor brake pedals should be locked together. Locking the pedals ensures that both wheels brake simultaneously while stopping, especially when making an emergency stop.

Use extreme caution and avoid hard applications of the tractor brakes when towing heavy loads at road speeds. Never tow the implement at speeds greater than 20 MPH.



Tire and Wheels

Laminated Sectional Tires are designed for conditions where puncture proof performance is required and the cutter will not be transported for long distances on roadways. Transport speed for laminated tires should not exceed 10 MPH. Excessive speed can cause damage to the machine and tire sections. Sectional tires must be installed such that the rubber segments lay with the ground.



Foam Filled used Airplane Tires are ideal for conditions where a puncture proof tire is needed and the cutter is frequently transported between locations.

Pneumatic Implement Tires are ideal for frequent long distance towing, however, they are not puncture proof and are not recommended for mowing brushy areas or other conditions that could damage the tires. Check side wall of tire for proper inflation pressure. DO NOT over-inflate.

(In some cases, lug nut taper is reversed when tire rim requires such a change-verify with local dealer)

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Transporting on Public Roadways

Extreme caution should be used when transporting the tractor and cutter on public roadways. The tractor must be equipped with all required safety warning features including a SMV emblem and flashing warning lights to alert drivers of the tractor's presence. Remember that roadways are primarily designed for automotive drivers and most drivers will not be looking out for you, therefore, you must look out for them. Check your side view mirrors frequently and remember that vehicles will approach quickly because of the tractor's slower speed. Be extremely cautious when the piece of equipment that you are towing is wider than the tractor tire width and/or extends beyond your lane of the road.

Make sure that a proper size safety tow chain is secured between the tractor and cutter before entering a public road. Secure the center section at a safe transport height by placing additional stroke control spacers on the center axle cylinder and then lower the cutter. Secure the cutter wings in the raised position with the transport lock braces.

WARNING

Only tow the Implement behind a properly sized and equipped Tractor which exceeds the weight of the Implement by at least 20%. DO NOT tow the Implement behind a truck or other type of vehicle. Never tow the Implement and another Implement connected in tandem. Never tow the Implement at speeds over 20 MPH.



DANGER

Never allow children or other persons to ride on the Tractor or Implement. Falling off can result in serious injury or death.



WARNING

Make certain that the "Slow Moving Vehicle" (SMV) sign is installed in such a way as to be clearly visible and legible. When transporting the Equipment use the Tractor flashing warning lights and follow all local traffic regulations.



The SMV (Slow-Moving Vehicle) emblem is universal symbol used to alert drivers of the presence of equipment traveling on roadways at a slow speed. SMV signs are a triangular bright orange with reflective red trim for both easy day and night visibility. Make sure the SMV sign is clean and visible from the rear of the unit before transporting the tractor and implement on a public roadway. Replace the SMV emblem if faded, damaged, or no longer reflective.



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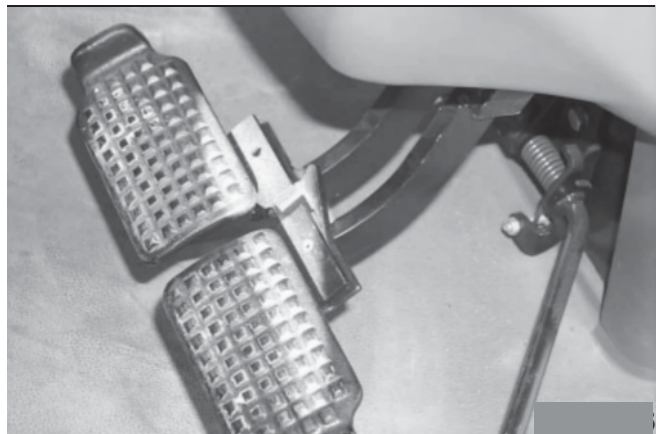
Make sure that all tractor flashing warning lights, headlights, and brake/tail lights are functioning properly before proceeding onto public roads. While newer model tractors have plenty of lighting to provide warning signals and operating lighting, most older models are only equipped with operating lights. Consult an authorized tractor dealer for lighting kits and modifications available to upgrade the lighting on older tractor models.



When operating on public roads, have consideration for other road users. Pull to the side of the road occasionally to allow all following traffic to pass. Do not exceed the legal speed limit set in your country for agricultural tractors. Always stay alert when transporting the tractor and implement on public roads. Use caution and reduce speed if other vehicles or pedestrians are in the area.



Reduce speed before turning or applying the brakes. Ensure that both brake pedals are locked together when operating on public roads.



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Hauling the Tractor and Implement

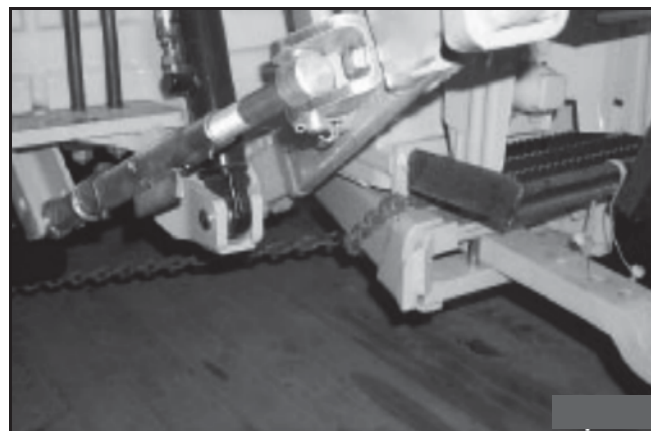
Before transporting a loaded tractor and implement, measure the height and width dimensions and gross weight of the complete loaded unit. Ensure that the load will be in compliance with the legal limits set for the areas that will be traveled through.

Use adequately sized and rated trailers and equipment to transport the tractor and implement. Consult an authorized dealer to determine the proper equipment required. Using adequately sized chains, heavy duty straps, cables and/or binders, securely tie down both the front and rear of the tractor utilizing the proper tie down locations as specified by the tractor manufacturer.

Arrange the chains so that when tightened, the chains are pulling downward and against themselves.

Carefully tighten the securing chains or other fasteners using boomers or binders to apply maximum tension. Use extreme care when attaching and removing the securing devices as the extreme tension involved when released has the potential to inflict serious injury.

While hauling the tractor and implement, make occasional stops to check that the tractor and implement have not moved or shifted and that the securing chains have maintained tension. If during transport a hard braking, sharp turning, or swerving action was performed, stop at the next safe location to inspect the security of the load.



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TROUBLE SHOOTING GUIDE

Problem	Possible	Cause Remedy
Excessive Vibrations	Check Gear box bolts. Check For loose nuts on bladeholder and blades Check for bent output shaft. If shaft is bent oil will normally leak from the bottom seal. Check to see if blades are free swinging. Check for even wear on each blade tip. Were both blades changed at the same time? Blade Broken. Blade carrier bent. Blade hub not properly seated on shaft New Blade or bolts matched with worn blade or bolts. Drivelines not phased correctly. Implement & tractor yokes must be in line.	Tighten if loose. Tighten If loose Replace shaft if bent. Free blades so they swing Weigh blades. Weight should be within 1 oz. Always replace both blades Replace blades, in sets. Replace carrier. Remove hub, check tapered spline shaft, clean and replace. Replace blades or bolts in sets Replace Drivelines.
Gearbox Overheating	Low on lubricant. Improper type lubricant. Excessive trash build-up around gear box Bearing or gears set up improperly	Fill to level plug. Consult Dealer about lubricant. Remove trash. Consult your dealer.
Gearbox Noisy	Rough gears. Worn bearing.	Run in or change gears. Replace bearing
Gearbox Leaking	Damaged oil seal Bent shaft. Shaft rough in oil seal area. Oil seal installed wrong. Oil seal not sealing in the housing. Oil level too high. Sand hole in casting. Gasket damaged. Bolts loose.	Replace Seal. Replace oil seal and shaft. Replace or repair shaft. Replace seal. Replace seal or use a sealant on OD of seal. Drain oil to proper level. Replace castings or gear box. Replace gasket. Tighten bolts.

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Problem	Possible Cause	Remedy
Clutch Slips Excessively	Clutch linings badly worn or plates warped. Too much power for clutch. Oil on facings. Friction facings glazed.	Repair clutch per maintenance section of manuals. Reduce ground speed and material intake. Replace facings. Clean with emery cloth.
Blade Wears Too Fast	Cutting in sandy conditions. Cutting in rocky conditions. Soft "will fit" blades.	Increase cutting height. Increase cutting height.
Hydraulic Cylinder Will Not Op.	Not enough pressure. Valve not connected properly. Quick coupler not completely connected.	Check pressure. Re-plumb valve. Complete connection.
Oil Squirting from Breather vent hole	Oil leaking by piston ring. (A small amount of leakage is normal) Piston "O" ring worn Cylinder wall scored or pitted. Wrong piston ring on piston.	Do not carry cutter on cylinder. (Use stroke collars) Replace piston "O" ring. Replace cylinder. Use correct piston rings.
Not Cutting Clean	Blades dull. Blade rotation incorrect. Carrier RPM too low. Cutter not level. Tires mashing down grass. Ground speed too fast. Blades locked back. Blades riding up due to blade bolt wear.	Sharpen or replace blades. Use correct blade for carrier rotation Use correct PTO speed and check for correct gear box ratio. Adjust machine. Move tires out of cutter overlap area. Minimum 60" inside tires. Reduce ground speed. Free blades. Replace blade bolts.
Streaking Conditions In Swath	Conditions too wet for cutting. Blades unable to cut that part of grass pressed down by path of tractor tires. rpm. Dull Blades. Height of cutter lower at rear or front.	Allow grass to dry before cutting. Slow ground speed of tractor but keep engine running at full PTO Move rear tires as wide as possible so wing blades will pick up grass. Sharpen or replace blades. See Cutting Height Instructions.

MAINTENANCE

Before operating your rotary cutter, make sure it is properly lubricated and thoroughly inspected. Only minimum of time and effort is required to regularly lubricate and maintain this machine to provide long life and trouble free operation.

Always disengage the PTO before raising the rotary cutter for transporting or making adjustments.

Lubrication information:

Do not let excess grease collect on or around parts, particularly when mowing in sandy areas. The accompanying illustration shows lubrication points. The chart gives the frequency of lubrication in hours, based on normal operating conditions. Severe or unusual conditions may require more frequent lubrication. FIGURE 1.

Use an SAE multi-purpose, lithium-type grease for all locations shown. Be sure to clean the fitting thoroughly before using grease gun. Daily lubrication of the wing driveline slip joint is necessary. Failure to maintain proper lubrication will result in damage to U-joint, gearbox, and/or driveshaft.

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Recommended lubricant is Exxon - Spartan EP220, Mobil HD 80W90, or equal. Required lubricant is a SAE 90 or SAE 80W90 with EP additives for extreme pressure and temperature, with an API-G1-5 Service rating.

Drivelines

The drivelines and U-Joints should be inspected each morning before the cutter is started.

FIGURE 5 & 6

The U-Joint and CV Joint on the driveline undergo extreme forces when the unit is turning or when the wings are being raised. It is important that the U-Joints and CV Joints be greased each day before the unit is started. The U-Joint and CV Joint assemblies are located at each end of the Center and wing drivelines. The CV joint is located at the end of the main driveline. The U-Joint and the CV joint are accessible by rotating the driveline safety shield until the hole in the shield matches up with the grease fitting. Use #2 bearing grease for lubrication. Inspect the U-Joint. If there is noticeable movement in the driveline, replace the U-Joint before it causes severe damage to the driveline.

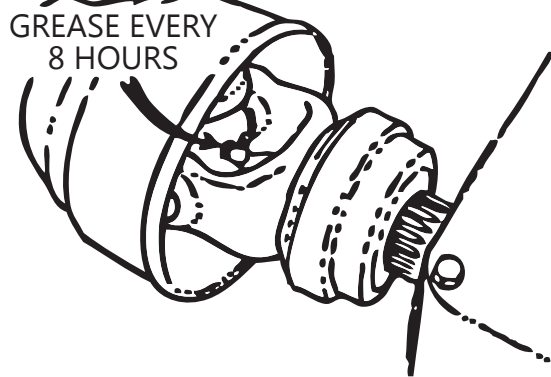


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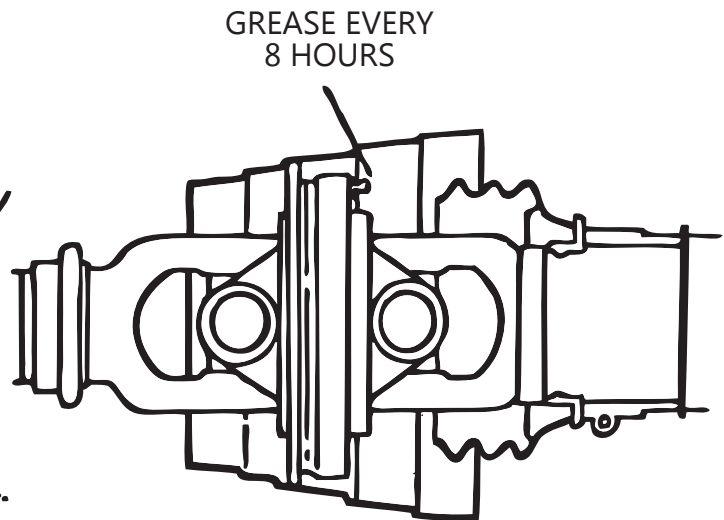
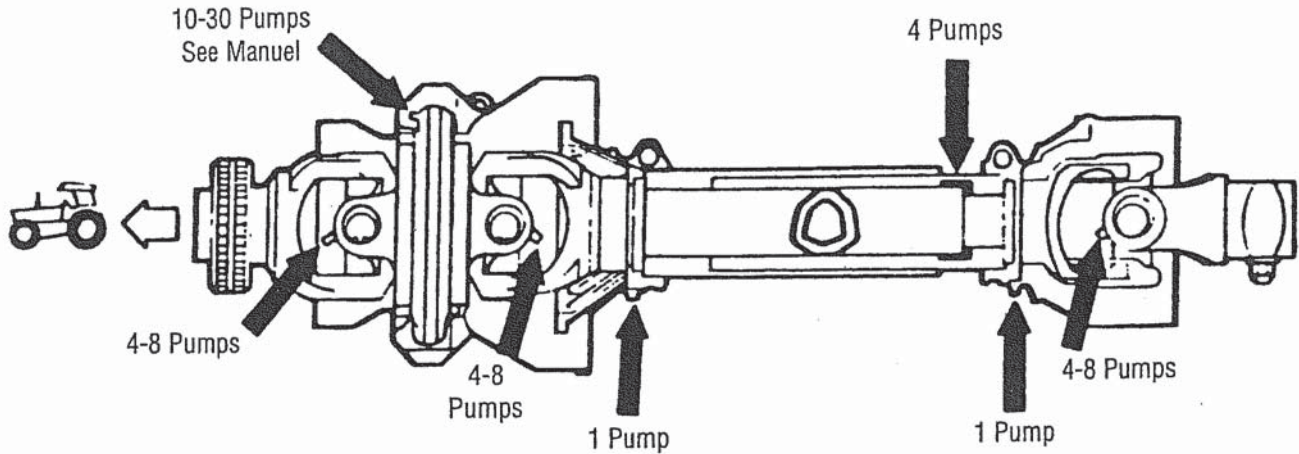


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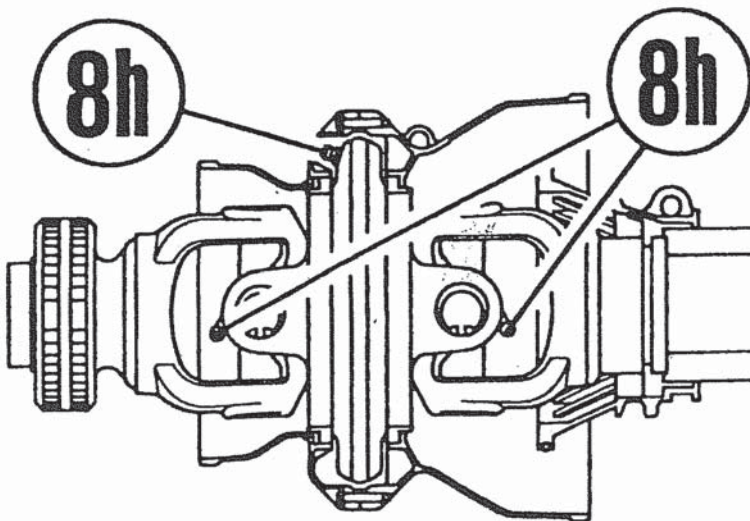
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PTO SHAFT MAINTENANCE



All points should be lubricated every 8 hours of use

- For maximum life and performance, the CV body **MUST** be greased regularly. Lubrication with the driveline is a straight position - up to 30 pumps of grease may be required.
- The metal drive tubes **MUST** be greased to operate properly.
- Shielding is subject to damage from abuse and weathering. Replace **ALL** damaged components and **ALL** shielding removed during maintenance
- **DO NOT** use PTO adapter with CV drivelines. Replace special Taper Pin bolts only with genuine OEM parts, periodically check tightness of nuts.
- Consult Operator's Manual for additional information



The CV joint must be greased every 8 hours (shield bearings, cross journal, and internal parts) as indicated in the grease diagrams. To disassemble, remove the hardshell shield by removing the screws, then remove the cross journal in the same manner used for ordinary universal joint. Careful attention must be paid to the geometry of the cross journal when replacing. The body is asymmetrical concave part must face towards the body with the grease nipple to the outside.

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SLIP CLUTCHES

A slip clutch is incorporated in the PTO driveline. It is designed to slip, absorb the shock load, and protect the driveline. Clutch torque setting is **NOT** factory set. If clutch slips excessively, check friction discs for excessive wear. To adjust clutch, first check length of springs assembled on clutch. Length should be $1 \frac{1}{8}$ (28.5 mm). If not, adjust length of bolt to obtain proper spring length. If additional adjustment is required, tighten each bolt $\frac{1}{2}$ turn. **NOTE: DO NOT** tighten spring bolts over $\frac{1}{2}$ turn at any adjustment. Excessive tightening can cause clutch to become frozen and not slip which could cause damage to the tractor PTO, drivelines, or gearbox.

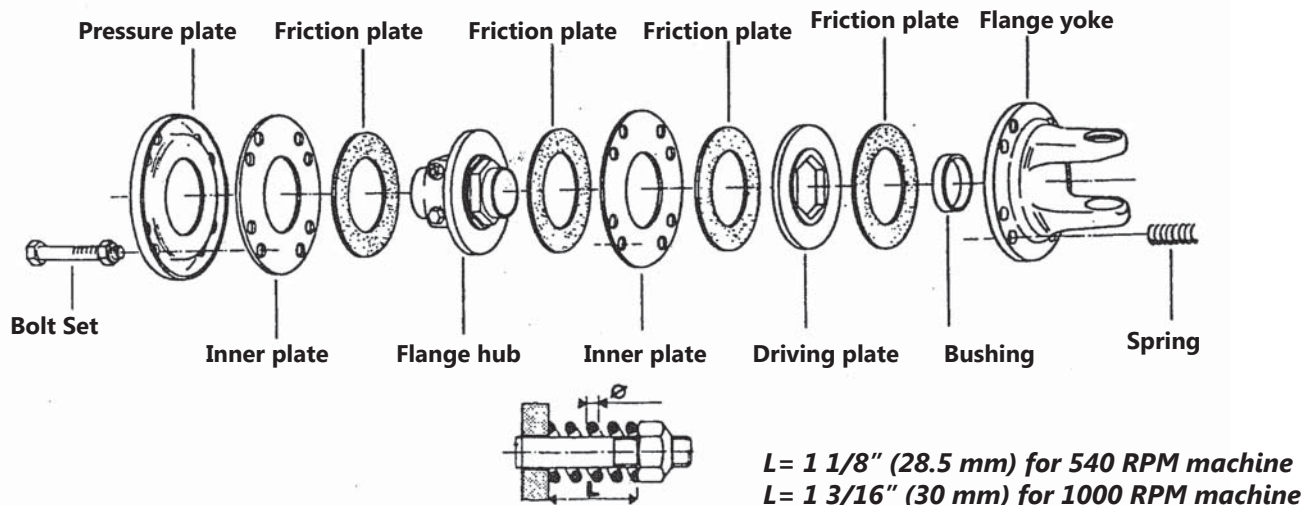
Avoid over heating of clutches caused by too long frequent slipping of the clutch since this can damage the friction plates and clutch parts. When checking slip clutch for overheating, do not touch with hand. Clutch could be extremely hot and cause severe burn.

SEASONAL CLUTCH MAINTENANCE

It is important that the clutches slip when an obstacle or load heavier than the clutch setting is encountered. Before using the cutter each season, use the following procedure to make sure the clutch will slip and give the overload protection required.

1. Loosen spring nut until the spring is free, and then retighten approximately one turn.
2. Attach machine to tractor, set engine at approximately half throttle and quickly engage PTO. The procedure will break clutch facings loose and allow the proper torque to be maintained.
3. Return the nuts and bolts to their original position of $1 \frac{1}{8}$ " compressed spring length for 540 RPM or $1 \frac{3}{16}$ " for 1000 RPM tractor

Note: if machine sits outside longer than 30 days and is exposed to rain and humid air, the clutches should be removed from machine and store in dry area. Clutch facing will soak up moisture and cause the metal plates to rust badly. When this occur, the break-away torque increases greatly and damage to gearbox, driveline, or tractor PTO can occur



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BLADE SERVICING

Inspect blade before each use to determine that they are properly installed and in good condition. Replace any blade that is bent, excessively nicked, worn or has any other damage. Small nicks can be ground out when sharpening. Using only original equipment blades on this cutter. They are made of special heat-treated alloy steel. Substitute blades may not meet specification and may be dangerous.

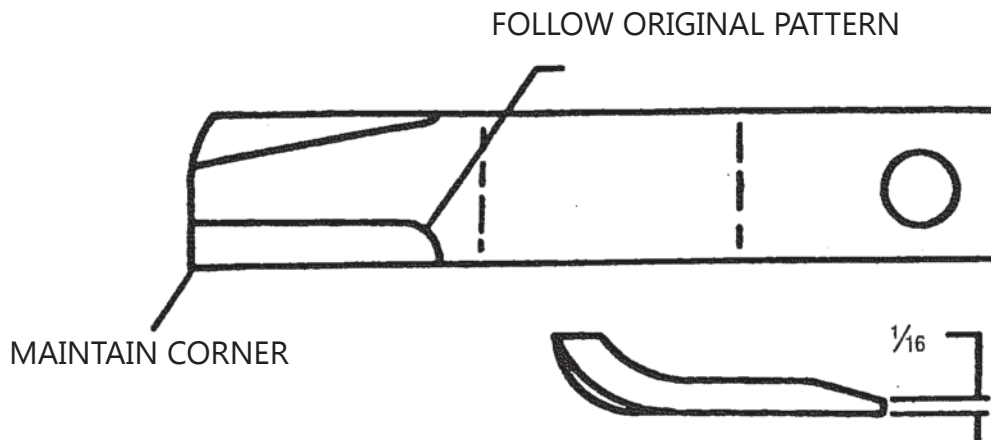
Blade Sharpening

Always sharpen both blades at same time to maintain balance. Follow original sharpening pattern as shown in FIGURE 3. Always sharpen blades by grinding. DO NOT heat and pound out edge. Do not sharpen blade to a razor edge, but leave a 1/16" blunt edge. Do not sharpen back side of blade.

IMPORTANT:

When sharpening blades, grind each blade the same amount to maintain balance. The difference in blade weights should not exceed 1 ounce. Unbalanced blades will cause excessive vibration which can damage gear box bearings. Vibration may also cause structural cracks in cutter housing.

Never work under equipment support by a hydraulic device because it may drop if the control is actuated (even with the engine stopped) or in the event of hose failure, etc. Always use a secure support for equipment which must be serviced while in the raised position.



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BLADE REMOVAL

To removed blades for sharpening or replacement, remove the cover plate on deck of cutter near each gearbox. Remove locknut from blade bolt. Inspect lock nut after removal and replace if threads or nylon insert are damaged. Always replace nut when replacing bolt. When installing blades, be sure to check blade bolt pivot diameter for wear. Replace bolt if worn more than 1/4 at any point. Install blade bolts with worn side of bolt away from the center of the blade carrier. Tighten lock nut to 300 ft. lbs.



Avoid personal injury. Blade and/or blade carrier removal should be done only with the tractor engine shut off, key removed, in neutral, parking brake on, PTO disengaged, and the cutter blocked in the raised position.

BLADE CARRIER REMOVAL

Remove cotter pin and loosen slotted nut on gear box shaft. Loosen but do not remove the nut until the blade carrier is loosened. Use a suitable two-jaw gear puller to pull carrier tapered gear box shaft. If gear puller is not available use long bar inserted through blade bolt access hole with end against rotor bar. Strike opposite end of bar with sledge hammer. Rotate blade carrier 180 degrees and repeat process.

Note: After a few hours of operation, always recheck blade carrier retaining nut torque.



Avoid personal injury. Do not work under cutter without support blocks to keep frame from falling.

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HYDRAULIC HOSES

Replace pinched and broken Hydraulic Hoses at once. Tighten any hydraulic fitting with fluid leaking from it. If fluid still leaks, loosen the fitting, apply a pipe thread compound to the threads and tighten. Care must be exercised when tightening hydraulic fittings. Too much tightening can cause the fittings to crack and required replacement fittings.

SKID SHOES

Skid shoes are made of carbon steel to reduce wear and increase service life. Premature wear can be caused by the cutter wing sections being set too low which allows the wing skid shoes to drag on the ground. Dragging the skid shoes on the ground or running the skid shoes into solid objects can contribute to early frame failure on the cutter. Replace worn skid shoes as required, and tighten bolts regularly. Failure to tighten skid shoe bolts can cause premature failure.

WHEELS BEARINGS

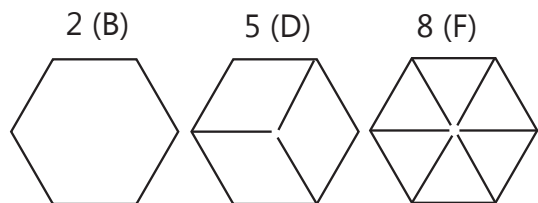
Every six months, the wheel hubs should be removed. Remove, clean, and inspect the bearings making certain that they are free of all signs of pitting, rust decay, or deformation. If any of these problems exist, the cups and cones in the wheel hub should be replaced. Replace the cups and cones as a set. This prevents a continuation of the original problem. If the bearings are in good shape, pack then with grease.

Put the bearing seal back into the wheel hub and replace the hub. Tighten the adjusting nut until there is noticeable drag while turning the wheel. Back of just enough to provide a free-rolling fit. Insert and spread the Cotter Pin. Install the hub cap. Fill the hub completely with #2 bearing grease.

HARDWARE

Check nuts, bolts, and other miscellaneous hardware regularly. Loose hardware is easily lost, cause increased wear on parts, and increase the chance of breakdown. Loose hardware creates potential hazards which could result in personal injury to the operator, support personnel and bystanders. Use the "Torque Chart" below when tightening bolted connections.

RECOMMENDED TORQUE IN FT-LBS (NM) COARSE AND FINE THREADS

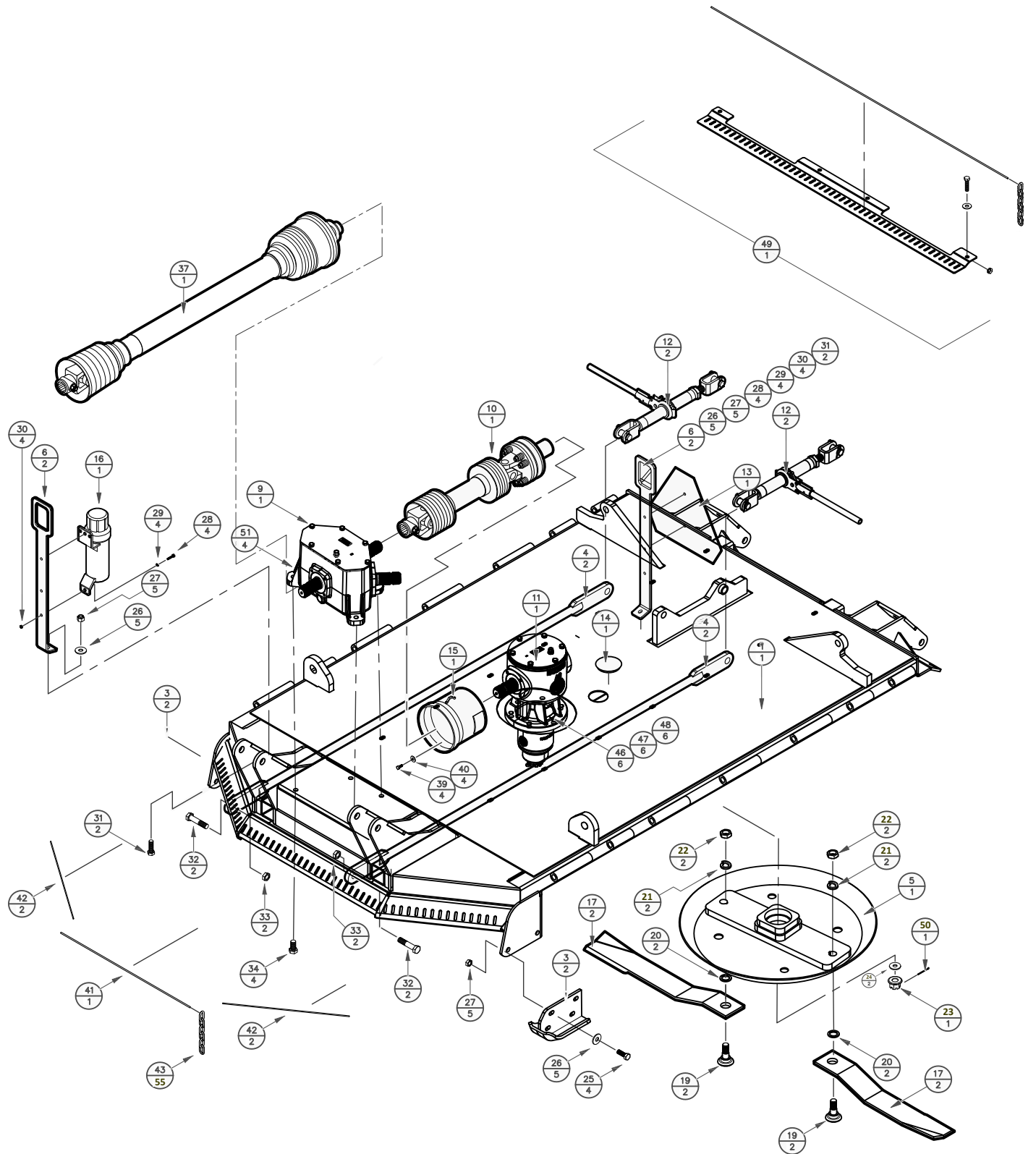


BOLT DIAMETER	PLAIN HEAD	THREE DASHES	SIX DASHES
1/4	not used	10 (14)	14 (19)
5/16	not used	20(27)	30(41)
3/8	not used	35(47)	50(68)
7/16	35(47)	55(75)	80(108)
1/2	55(75)	85(115)	120(163)
9/16	75(102)	130(176)	175(237)
5/8	105(142)	170(230)	240(325)
3/4	185(251)	300(407)	425(576)
7/8	160(217)	445(603)	685(929)
1	250(339)	670(906)	1030(1396)
1 1/8	330(447)	910(1234)	1460(1979)
1 1/4	480(651)	1250(1695)	2060(2793)

ASSEMBLY/PARTS SECTION

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15' VIPER Center Deck Parts Section

Item	Part Number	Description	Qty
1.....	101-1500-1	15' Viper Center Deck Body	1
3.....	116-1841	Center Deck Skid Shoe	2
4.....	116-1500	Leveling Rod	2
5.....	116-1839.....	Center Deck Blade Carrier.....	1
6.....	610-1608	Hydraulic Line Holder	2
9.....	415-1540	Splitter Gearbox	1
10.....	415-1572	Center Immediate PTO.....	1
11.....	415-1542	Gearbox 540 RPM Rev	1
12.....	159-1542	Ratchet Jack & Handle	2
13.....	750-1	SMV Emblem	1
14.....	116-1656	Mower Deck Plug	1
15.....	415-0017-20BW	Safety Cone	1
16.....	412-9099	Owner Manual Holder	1
17.....	800-7556	Blade, Center CCW	2
19*	125-907	Blade Bolt	2
20*	830-1018NH.....	Washer W/Keyway	2
21*	900-8771	Lock Washer.....	2
22*	125-925	Jam Nut	2
23.....	525-1033	Flange Nut	1
24.....	525-1023	Belleville Washer	1
25.....	412-15310	Bolt, 5/8-11 x 1-3/4".....	4
26.....	412-0076	Flat washer, 5/8"	5
27.....	412-5284	Nylock Nut, 5/8"-11	5
28.....	412-0009	Bolt, 1/4" x 1-1/4".....	4
29.....	412-0007	Lock washer, 1/4".....	4
30.....	412-0082	Hex Nut, 1/4".....	4
31.....	412-0023-02.....	Tap Bolt, 5/8" x 2 Gr 5 ZP	2
32.....	412-15365	Bolt, 3/4"-10 x 3" Gr8.....	2
33.....	412-37041	3/4"-10 Jam Nylock Nut	2
34.....	412-15360	Bolt, 3/4" x 1-3/4".....	4
37.....	415-1570	Main PTO CV Series 8EL.....	1
39.....	412-2004	Bolt, 5/16" x 3/4".....	4
40.....	412-0075	Flat washer, 3/8"	2
41.....	415-1/4x34RD	Galvanized Rod.....	1
42.....	415-1/4x23RD	Galvanized Rod.....	2
43.....	412-6298-13L	1/4" Safety Chain.....	55
<i>(Front Chain Guard is 3 individual sections. Each section needs different number of chains. Middle requires 25. Each side (left & right) requires 15.)</i>			
46.....	412-0024.....	Bolt 5/8 - 18 X 2 - 1/2 NF GR8 Zinc Pltd.....	6
47.....	412-0076-01.....	Flatwasher 5/8 SAE GR* Zinc Pltd.....	6
48.....	412-3500	Top Locknut 5/8-18 GRC.....	6
49.....	610-0239	Rear Center Chain Guard Assembly.....	1
50.....	525-1024	Cotter Pin	1
51.....	412-37314.....	3/4 x 16 Lock Nut	4

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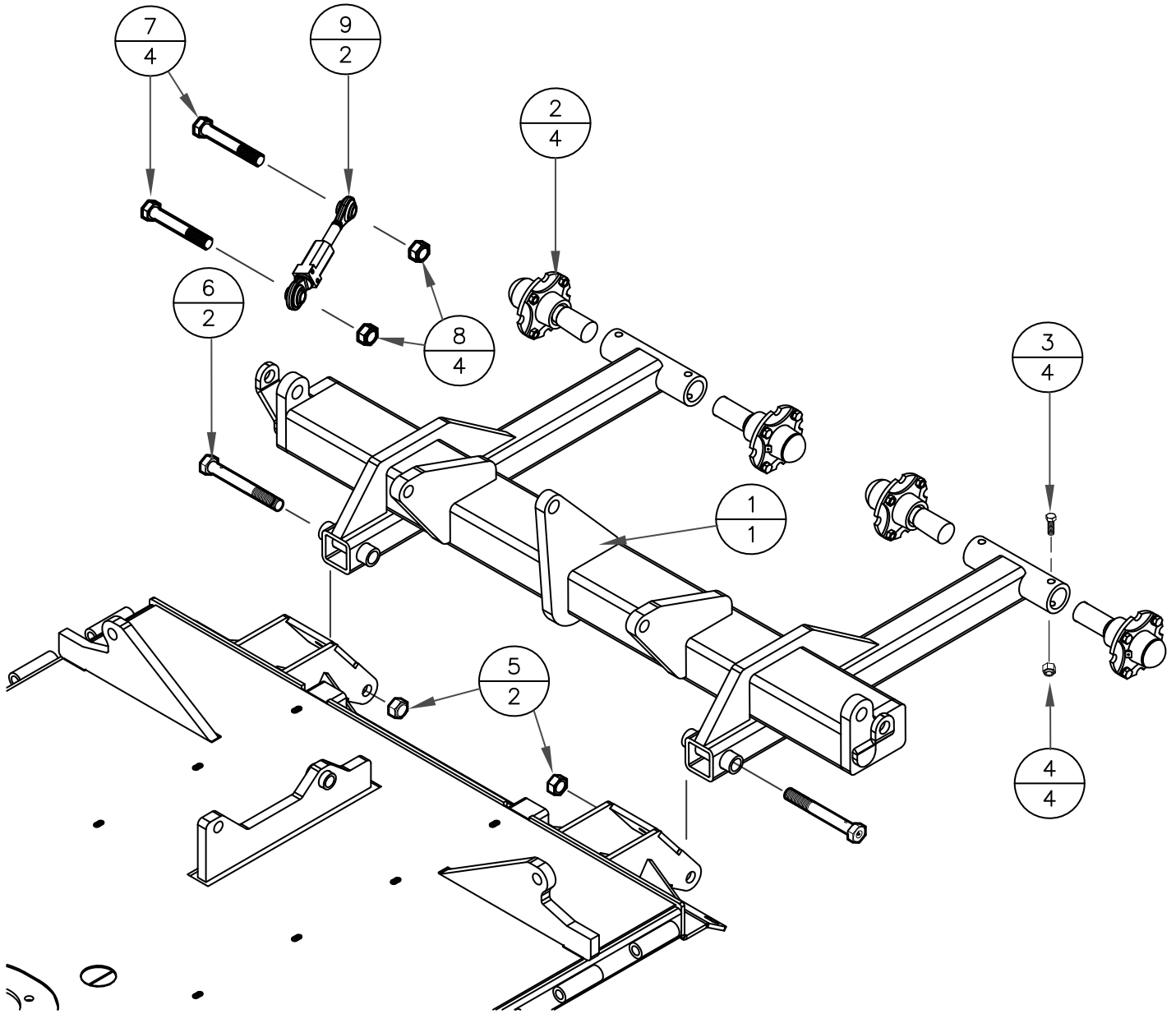
15 FT VIPER PARTS SECTION

Viper Wing Deck Parts Section

Item	Part Number	Description	Qty
1.....	101-1500L-1.....	15' Viper Wing - Left	1
	101-1500R-1.....	15' Viper Wing- Right	1
4.....	116-1833	15' Hinge Rod Weldment	1
5.....	116-1840.....	15' Left/Right Stump Jumper	1
6.....	116-1597.....	15' Wing Skirt- Left	1
	116-1598	15' Wing Skirt-Right	1
7.....	415-1542	Gearbox 540 RPM Rev (Left Wing)	1
	415-1541	Gearbox 540 RPM (Right Wing)	1
8.....	116-1656	Mower Deck Plug	1
9.....	415-0017-20BW	Safety Cone	1
10.....	159-1542	Ratchet Jack & Handle	1
11.....	457-1628	Jack, Top Wind-7000 lb	1
12.....	415-1571	Wing PTO 540 RPM	1
13.....	104-0023.....	Wing Skid Shoe, Viper	1
14.....	800-11150	Blade, LH Wing CW.....	2
	800-7555	Blade, RH Wing CCW	2
20.....	412-2083	Bolt, 1/2" -13 x 2" ZP Gr5	14
21.....	412-0072-01	Flat washer, 1/2"	14
22.....	412-3243	Nylock Nut, 1/2"	14
23*	125-925	Jam Nut	2
24*	900-8771	Lock Washer.....	2
25*	830-1018NH.....	Washer W/Keyway	2
26*	125-907	Blade Bolt	2
27.....	525-1033	Flange Nut	1
28.....	525-1024	Cotter Pin, 3/8" x 2-3/4"	1
29.....	900-8951	Cotter Pin - Hinge Rod, 3/16" x 2-1/4"	1
30.....	412-0059	Hex Nut, 5/8" NC	14
31.....	412-0073	Lock washer, 5/8"	14
32.....	412-0076	Flat washer, 5/8"	14
33.....	412-0024.....	Bolt 5/8 - 18 X 2 - 1/2 NF GR8 Zinc Pltd.....	14
37.....	412-3500.....	Top Locknut 5/8-18 GRC.....	6
38.....	412-0076-01.....	Flatwasher 5/8 SAE GR* Zinc Pltd.....	6
39.....	412-0077	Flat Washer, 3/4"	6
40.....	415-114X78RD	Wing Chain Rod	1
41.....	412-6298-13L	1/4" Safety Chain	58
42.....	155-2003	Hitch Pin 5/8 x 5-1/2 Red Head GR5	1
42A.....	150-6306	Wing Cyl Pin 1" X 6" (After S/N: 131080).....	1
44.....	101-6815	15' Wing Chain Guard Assembly -Left	1
	101-6817	15' Wing Chain Guard Assemble-Right	1
45.....	525-1023	Belleville Washer.....	1

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15 FT VIPER PARTS SECTION

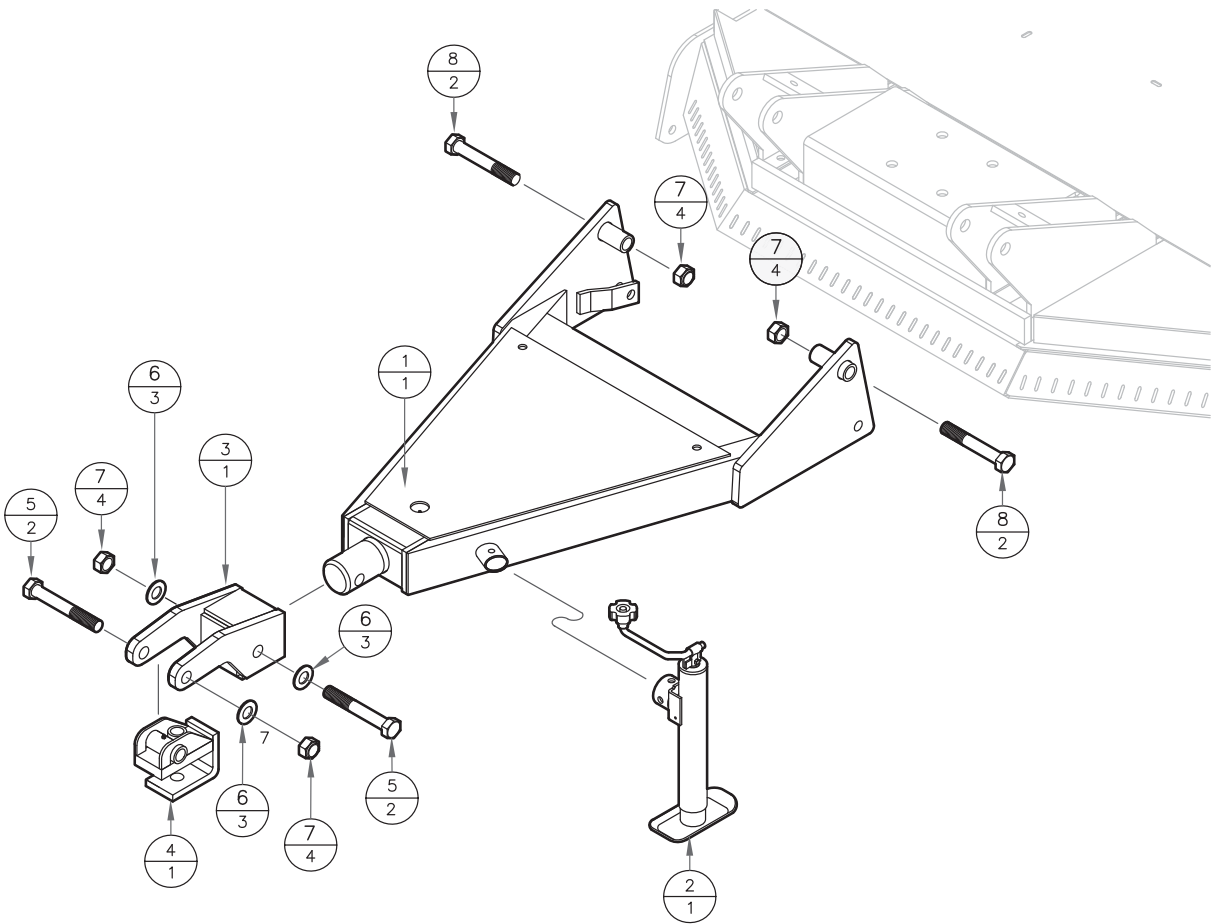


15 FT VIPER PARTS SECTION

Center Axle & Double Spindle Assembly Parts Section

Item	Part Number	Description	Qty
1.....	101-1500	Center Axle	1
2.....	512-0004A.....	Spindle & Hub Assembly.....	4
	415-0050-00 A.....	Hub Assembly.....	4
3.....	412-2093.....	Bolt, 1/2 x 4-1/2" GD5.....	4
4.....	412-3243	Nut, 1/2" NY Nylock (628-8)	4
5.....	412-0068	Nut, 1"-8 NC Nylock	2
6.....	412-15481-G.....	Bolt, 1-8 x 8" w/ Grease Zerk.....	2
7.....	412-0585	Bolt, 1"x5-1/2" Cors	4
8.....	412-0068	Nylock Nut, 1".....	4
9.....	501-1502	TURNBUCKLE	2

15 FT VIPER PARTS SECTION

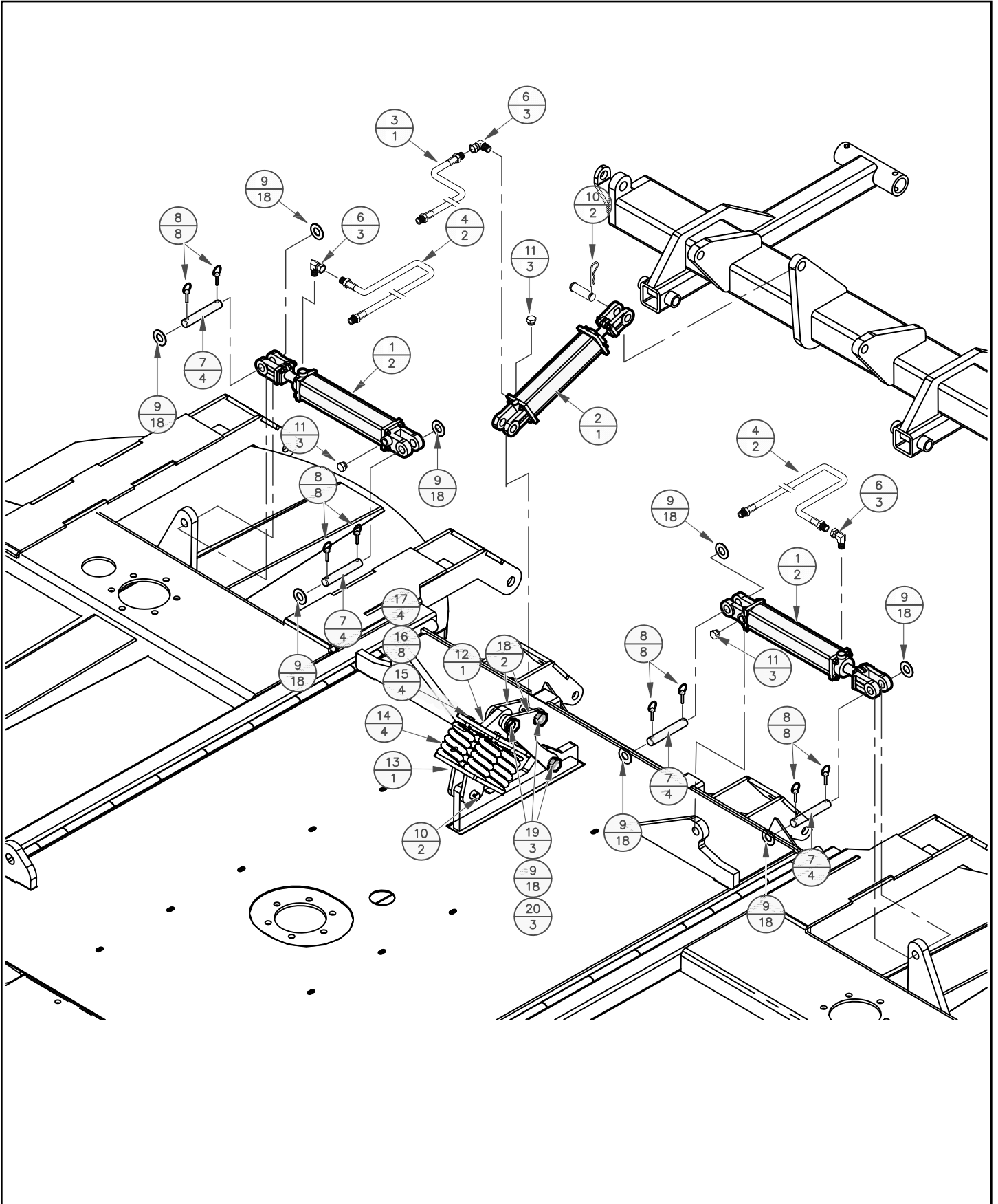


15 FT VIPER PARTS SECTION

15' VIPER Tongue Parts Section

<u>Item</u>	<u>Part Number</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Qty</u>
1.....	108-1510	Welded Tongue	1
2.....	457-1628	Jack, Top wind 7000 LB	1
3.....	108-9000	Tongue Clevis.....	1
4.....	108-9010	Drawbar Clevis.....	1
5.....	412-15477	Bolt, 1-8 x 7"	2
6.....	412-7975	Flat Washer, 1"	3
7.....	412-0068	Nylock Nut, 1-8.....	4
8.....	412-0586	Bolt, 1-8 x 6-1/2"	2

15 FT VIPER PARTS SECTION



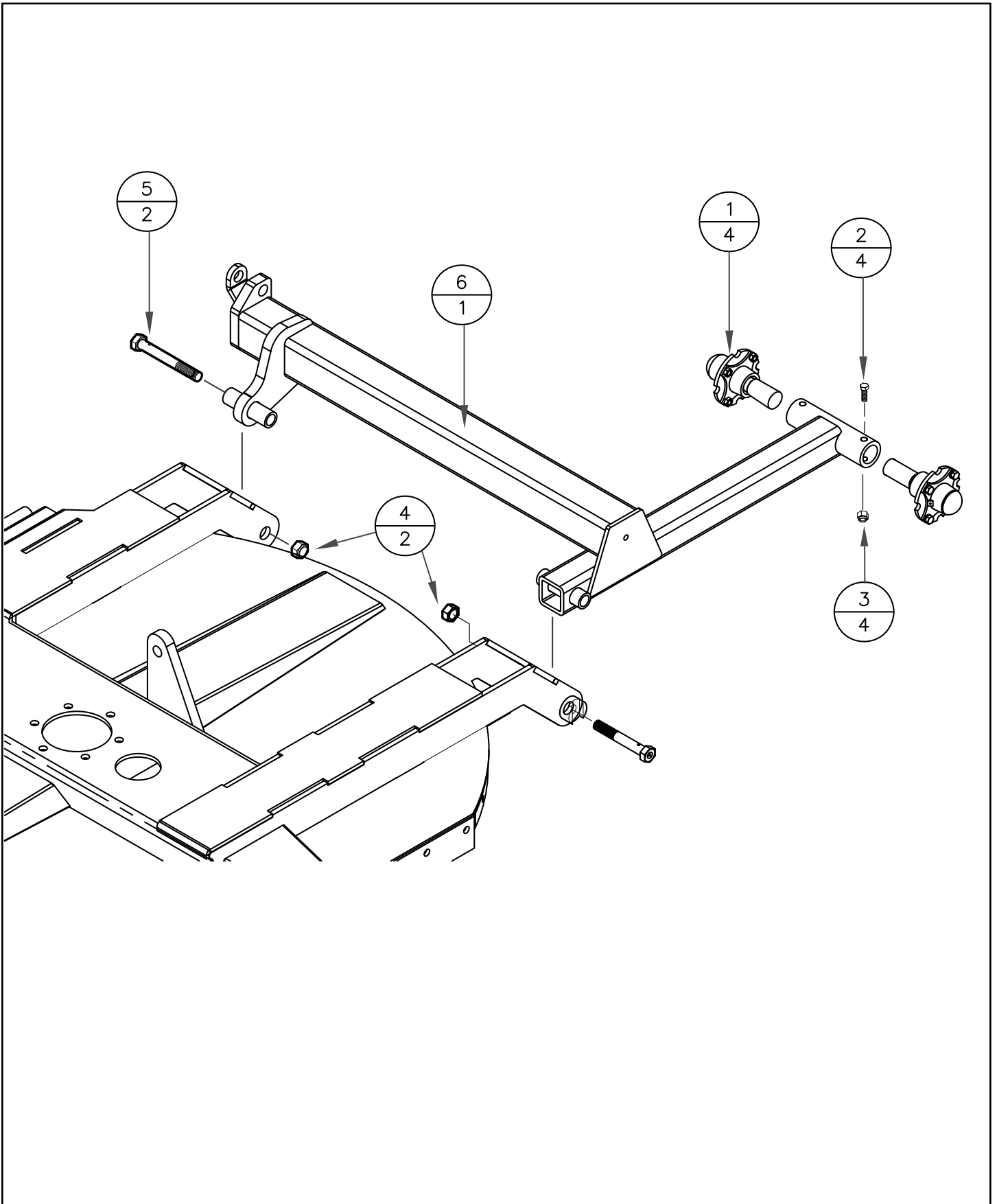
15 FT VIPER PARTS SECTION

15' VIPER Hydraulics and Spring Pack Parts

Item	Part Number	Description	Qty
1.....	415-0054	Wing Cylinder3"x14" 2500psi.....	2
2.....	415-1600	Center Deck Cylinder 3-1/2"X12" 2500psi	1
*2.....	415-0061	4 x 12 Hydraulic Cylinder, 1 1/2" Rod.....	1
3.....	415-0041	Hose Assembly 195"	1
4.....	415-0228	Hose Assembly 228"	2
6.....	800-0202	90 Degree Elbow (Restrictor)	3
7.....	150-6306	Cylinder Pin	4
8.....	154-1533	Lynch Pin, 7/16"	8
9.....	412-7975	Flat Washer, 1"	18
10.....	261-700	Cylinder Pin	2
11.....	800-0205	Breather Plug.....	3
12.....	116-1838	UpperSpringPack.....	1
13.....	116-1837	LowerSpringPack.....	1
14.....	415-0025	Compression Spring	4
15.....	412-2133	3/4" 6-1/2" Bolt Gd5.....	4
16.....	412-0080	3/4 Flat Washer.....	8
17.....	412-0060	3/4 Nylock	4
18.....	610-0237	Rocking Arm.....	2
19.....	412-0585	1"x5-1/2" Cors Bolt.....	3
20.....	412-0068	1" Nylock	3

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15 FT VIPER PARTS SECTION



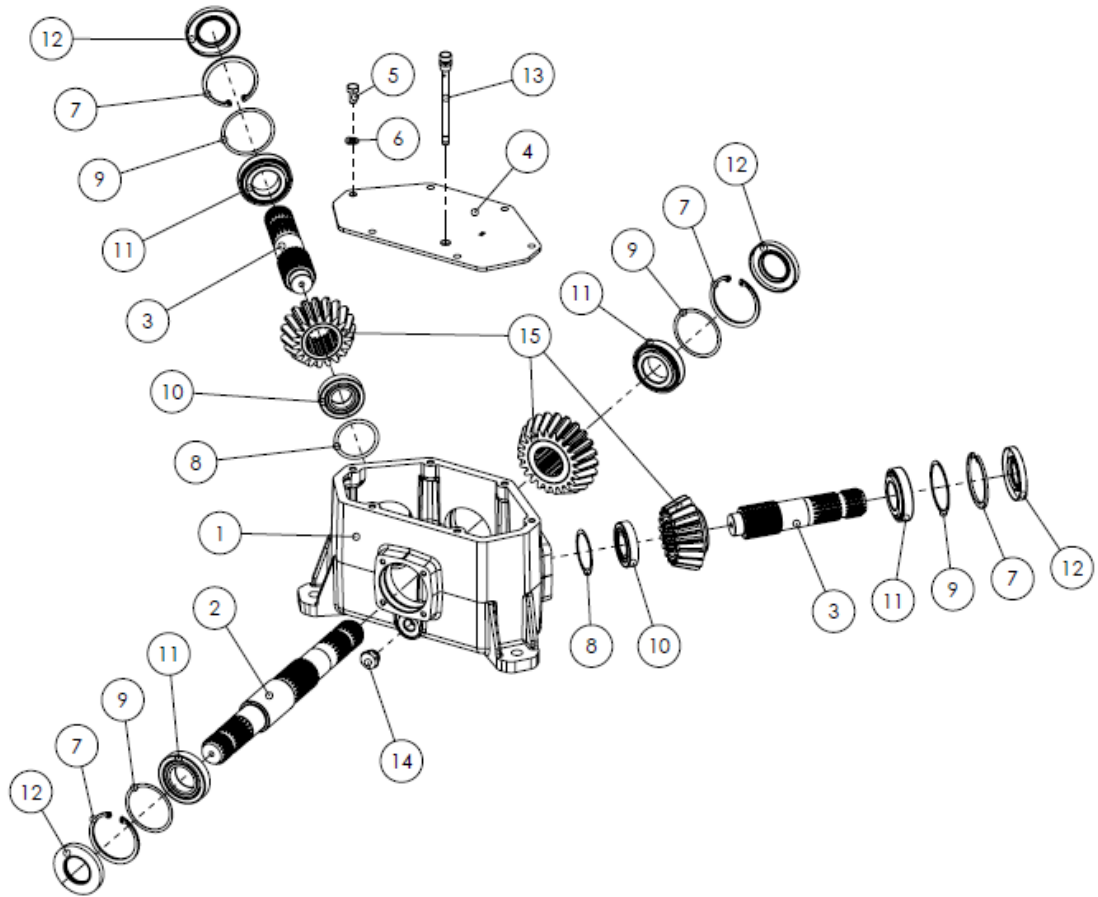
15 FT VIPER PARTS SECTION

15' VIPER Left & Right Wing Axle Parts Section

Item	Part Number	Description	Qty
1	512-0004A	Spindle & Hub Assembly	4
	415-0050-00 A	Hub Assembly	4
2	412-2093	Bolt, 1/2x 4-1/2" GD2	4
3	412-3243	Nut, 1/2" NY Nylock (628-8)	4
4	412-0068	Nut, 1"-8 NC Nylock	2
5	412-15481-G	Bolt, 1-8 x 8" w/ Grease Zerk	2
6	101-1504R	15' Right Wing Axle	1
	101-1504L	15' Left Wing Axle	1

15 FT VIPER PARTS SECTION

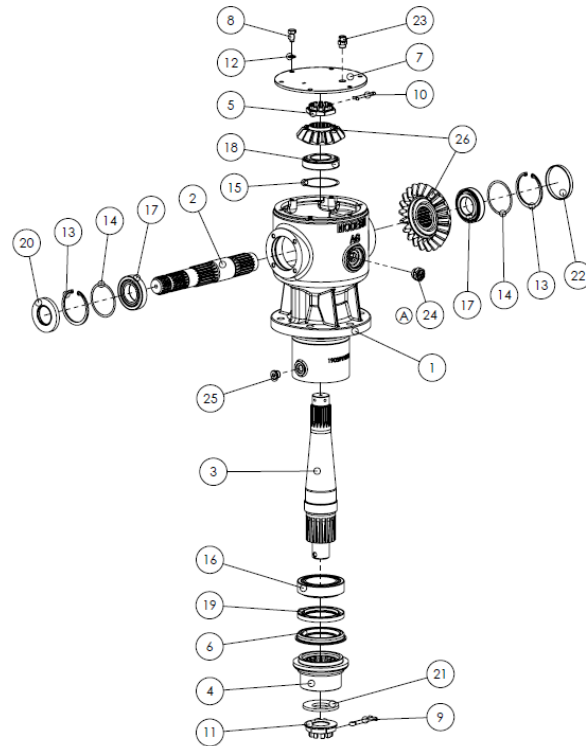
DIVIDER GEARBOX (540 RPM) 415-1540



ITEM	PART NO.	DESCRIPTION	QTY.
1)	525-1000	HOUSING GEARBOX	1
2)	525-1001	INPUT SHAFT	1
3)	525-1002	OUTPUT SHAFT	2
4)	525-1003	COVER	1
5)	525-1004	SCREW M10 X 22 X 1.5	6
6)	525-1005	WASHER 10.2 X 18.1 X 1.8	6
7)	525-1006	SNAP RING INTERNAL 85 X 4	4
8)	525-1007	SHIM KIT	2
9)	525-1008	SHIM KIT INTERNAL 85	4
10)	525-1009	BEARING 30207 35 X 72 X 18.25	2
11)	501-0776	BEARING 30209 45 X 85 X 20.75	4
12)	501-0777	SEAL RING DUSTLIP 45 X 85 X 10	4
13)	525-1010	BREATHER AND OIL DIPSTICK PLUG 3/8" GAS	1
14)	525-1011	MAGNETIC PLUG 1/2" GAS	1
15)	525-1012	BEVEL GEAR SET	1

15 FT VIPER PARTS SECTION

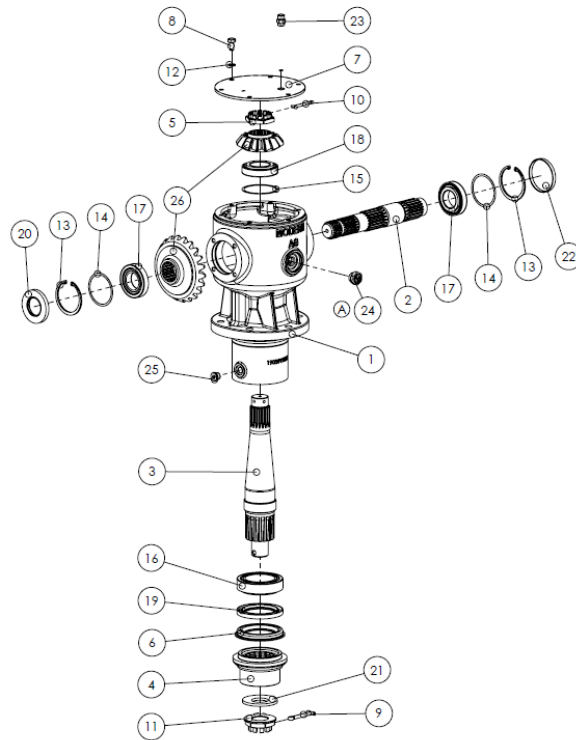
RIGHT WING GEARBOX (540 RPM) 415-1541



ITEM	PART NO.	DESCRIPTION	QTY.
1)	525-1036	HOUSING	1
2)	525-1015	INPUT SHAFT	1
3)	525-1020	OUTPUT SHAFT	2
4)	525-1032	HUB	1
5)	525-1028	CASTLE NUT M42 X 1.5 PROTECTION	6
6)	525-1022	COVER	6
7)	525-1025	COVER	4
8)	525-1034	SCREW M10 X 22 X 1.5	2
9)	525-1024	SPLIT PIN 8 X 70	4
10)	515-1010	SPLIT PIN 6 X 70	2
11)	525-1033	CASTLE NUT M42 X 3	4
12)	525-1035	WASHER 10.2 X 18.1 X 1.8	4
13)	525-1006	SNAP RING 85 X 4	1
14)	525-1017	SHIM KIT 1.85	1
15)	525-1019	SHIM KIT 1.90	1
16)	525-1030	BEARING 33015 75 X 115 X 31	1
17)	501-0776	BEARING 30209 45 X 85 X 20.75	2
18)	525-1029	BEARING 30210 50 X 90 X 21.75	1
19)	525-1031	SEAL RING 80 X 115 X 10 DUST LIP	1
20)	501-0777	SEAL RING 45 X 85 X 10 DUST LIP	1
21)	525-1023	BELLVILLE WASHER 88 X 42.5 X 6	1
22)	525-1026	SEAL CAP 85 X 10	1
23)	525-1037	BREATHER PLUG 3/8" GAS	1
24)	525-1038	LEVEL PLUG M24 X 2	1
25)	525-1021	PLUG 3/8" GAS CYL MAGN. + COPPER	1
26)	525-1018	BEVEL GEAR SET	1

15 FT VIPER PARTS SECTION

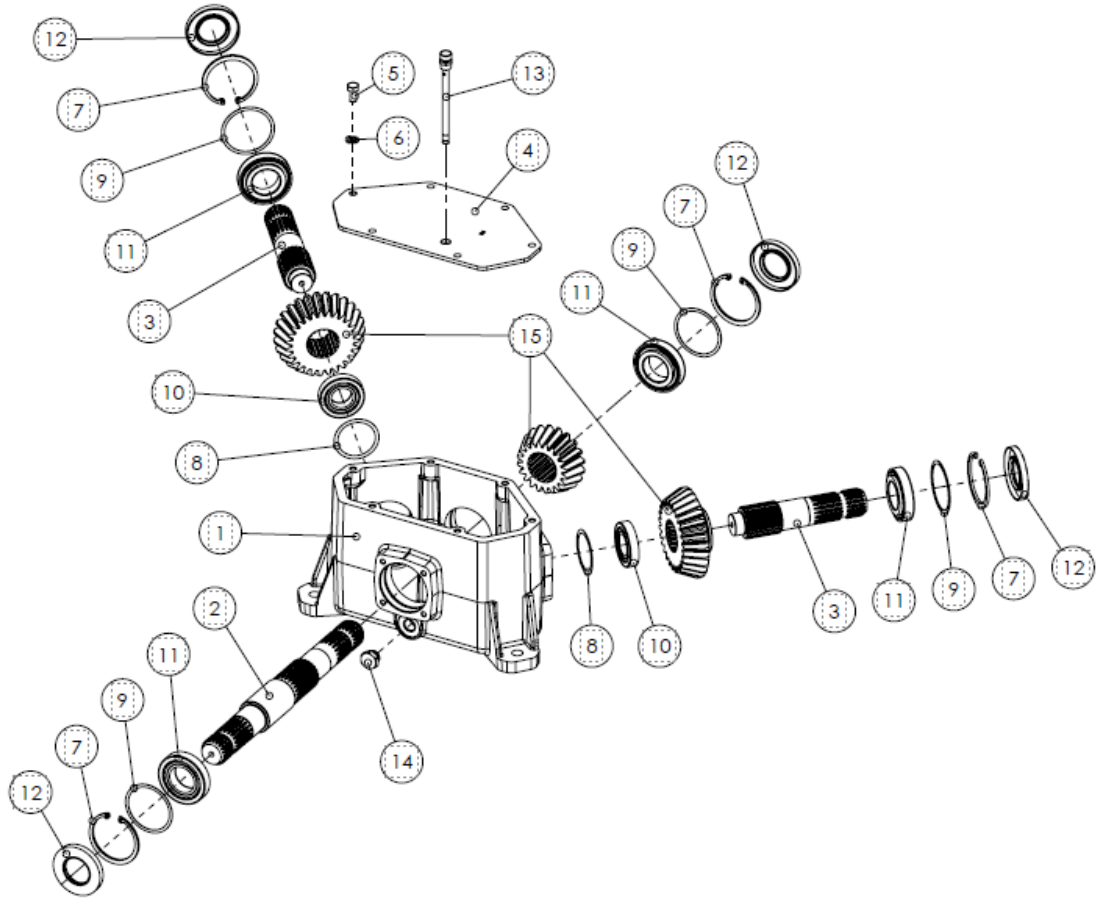
LEFT WING + CENTER DECK GEARBOX (540 RPM) 415-1542



ITEM	PART NO.	DESCRIPTION	QTY.
1)	525-1036	HOUSING	1
2)	525-1015	INPUT SHAFT	1
3)	525-1020	OUTPUT SHAFT	2
4)	525-1032	HUB	1
5)	525-1028	CASTLE NUT M42 X 1.5 PROTECTION	6
6)	525-1022	COVER	6
7)	525-1025	COVER	4
8)	525-1034	SCREW M10 X 22 X 1.5	2
9)	525-1024	SPLIT PIN 8 X 70	4
10)	515-1010	SPLIT PIN 6 X 70	2
11)	525-1033	CASTLE NUT M42 X 3	4
12)	525-1035	WASHER 10.2 X 18.1 X 1.8	4
13)	525-1006	SNAP RING 85 X 4	1
14)	525-1017	SHIM KIT 1.85	1
15)	525-1019	SHIM KIT 1.90	1
16)	525-1030	BEARING 33015 75 X 115 X 31	1
17)	501-0776	BEARING 30209 45 X 85 X 20.75	2
18)	525-1029	BEARING 30210 50 X 90 X 21.75	1
19)	525-1031	SEAL RING 80 X 115 X 10 DUST LIP	1
20)	501-0777	SEAL RING 45 X 85 X 10 DUST LIP	1
21)	525-1023	BELLVILLE WASHER 88 X 42.5 X 6	1
22)	525-1026	SEAL CAP 85 X 10	1
23)	525-1037	BREATHER PLUG 3/8" GAS	1
24)	525-1038	LEVEL PLUG M24 X 2	1
25)	525-1021	PLUG 3/8" GAS CYL MAGN. + COPPER	1
26)	525-1018	BEVEL GEAR SET	1

15 FT VIPER PARTS SECTION

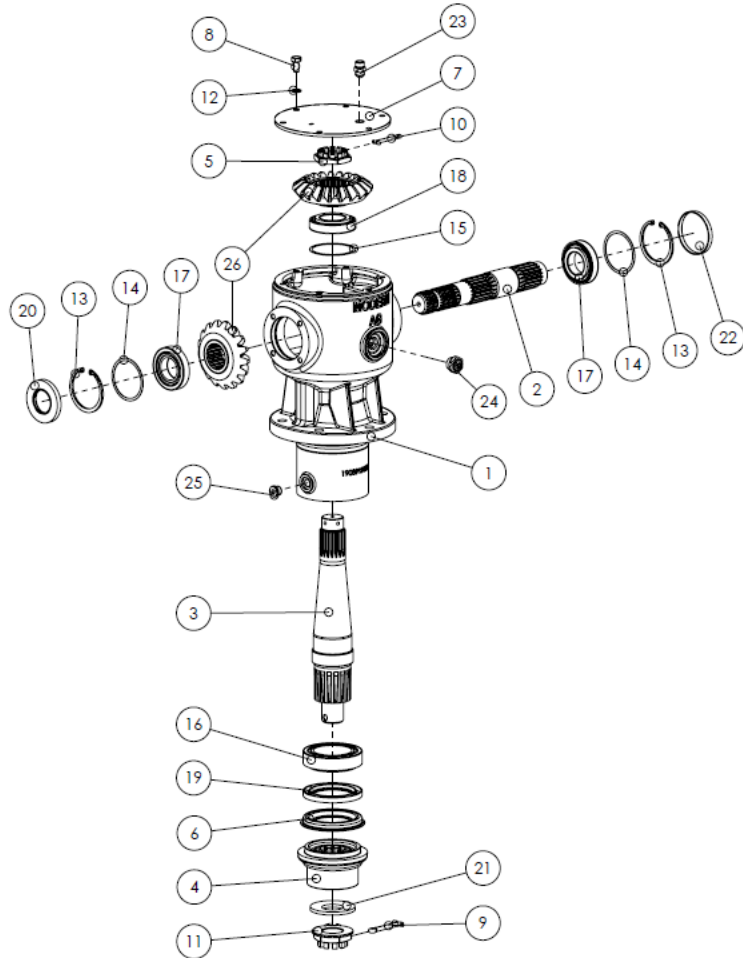
DIVIDER GEARBOX (1000 RPM) 415-1580



ITEM	PART NO.	DESCRIPTION	QTY.
1)	525-1000	HOUSING GEARBOX	1
2)	525-1001	INPUT SHAFT	1
3)	525-1002	OUTPUT SHAFT	1
4)	525-1041	COVER	2
5)	525-1034	SCREW M10 X 22 X 1.5	1
6)	525-1035	WASHER 10.2 X 18.1 X 1.8	6
7)	525-1006	SNAP RING 85 X 4	4
8)	525-1007	SHIM KIT	2
9)	525-1043	SHIM KIT INTERNAL 85	4
10)	525-1009	BEARING 30207 35 X 72 X 18.25	2
11)	501-0776	BEARING 30209 45 X 85 X 20.75	4
12)	501-0777	OIL SEAL WITH DUST LIP 45 X 85 X 10	4
13)	525-1010	BREATHER AND OIL DIPSTICK PLUG 3/8" GAS	1
14)	525-1045	MAGNETIC PLUG 1/2" GAS	1
15)	525-1046	BEVEL GEAR SET	1

15 FT VIPER PARTS SECTION

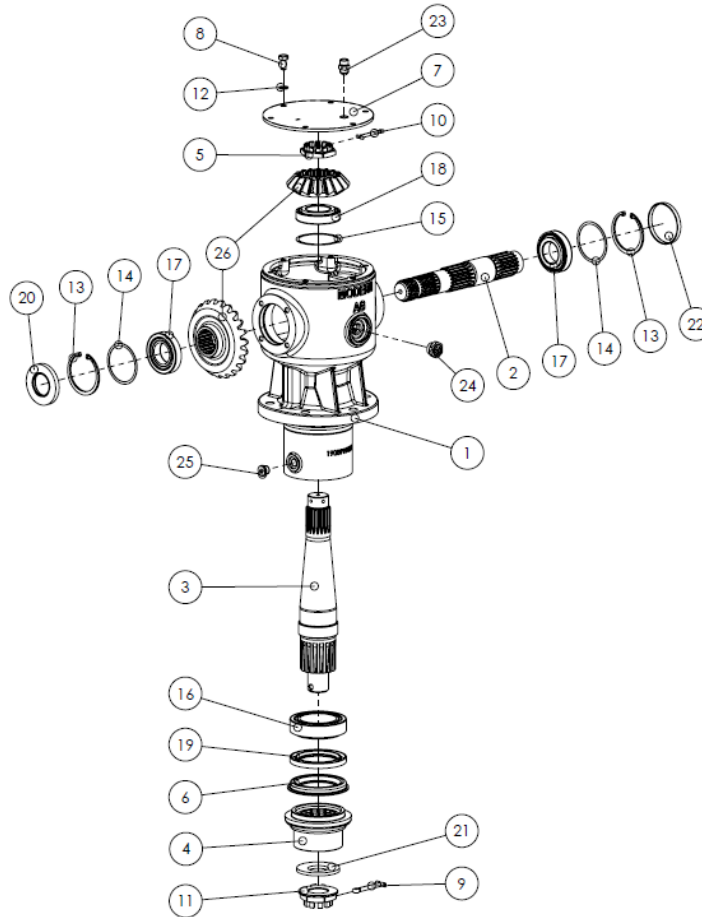
CENTER DECK GEARBOX (1000 RPM) 415-1581



ITEM	PART NO.	DESCRIPTION	QTY.	ITEM	PART NO.	DESCRIPTION	QTY.
1	525-1036	HOUSING	1	14	525-1017	SHIM KIT 1.85	2
2	525-1015	INPUT SHAFT	1	15	525-1019	SHIMKIT 1.90	1
3	525-1020	OUTPUT SHAFT	1	16	525-1030	BEARING 33015 75x115x31	1
4	525-1032	HUB	1	17	501-0776	BEARING 30209 45x85x20.75	2
5	525-1028	CASTLE NUT M 42x1.5	1	18	525-1029	BEARING 30210 50x90x21.75	1
6	525-1022	PROTECTION COVER	1	19	525-1031	SEAL RING 80x115x10 DUST LIP	1
7	525-1025	COVER	1	20	501-0777	SEAL RING 45x85x10 DUST LIP	1
8	525-1034	SCREW M 10x22x1.5	6	21	525-1023	BELLEVILLE WASHER 88x42.5x6	1
9	525-1024	SPLIT PIN 8x70	1	22	525-1026	SEAL CAP 85x10	1
10	515-1010	SPLIT PIN 6x70	1	23	525-1037	BREATHER PLUG 3/8" GAS	1
11	525-1033	CASTLE NUT M 42x3	1	24	525-1047	LEVEL PLUG M24x2 w/WASHER	1
12	525-1035	WASHER 10.2x18.1x1.8	6	25	525-1021	PLUG 3/8" GAS CYL. MGN+CPR	2
13	525-1006	SNAP RING 85x4	2	26	525-1048	BEVEL GEAR SET	1

15 FT VIPER PARTS SECTION

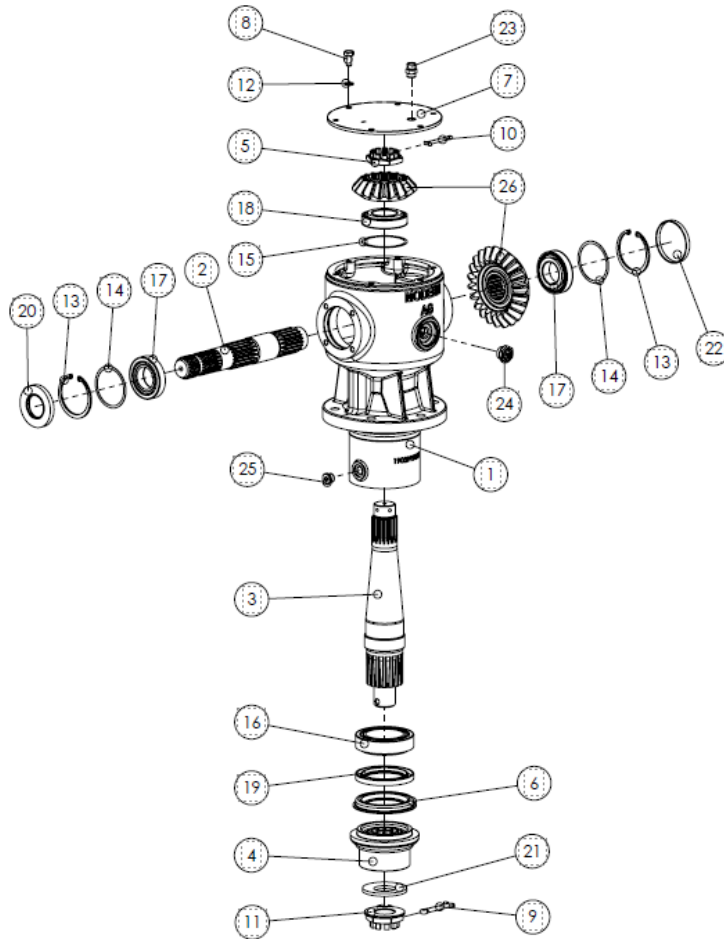
LEFT WING GEARBOX (1000 RPM) 415-1582



ITEM	PART NO.	DESCRIPTION	QTY.	ITEM	PART NO.	DESCRIPTION	QTY.
1	525-1036	HOUSING	1	14	525-1017	SHIM KIT 1.85	2
2	525-1015	INPUT SHAFT	1	15	525-1019	SHIM KIT 1.90	1
3	525-1020	OUTPUT SHAFT	1	16	525-1030	BEARING 33015 75x115x31	1
4	525-1032	HUB	1	17	501-0776	BEARING 30209 45x85x20.75	2
5	525-1028	CASTLE NUT M 42x1.5	1	18	525-1029	BEARING 30210 50x90x21.75	1
6	525-1022	PROTECTION COVER	1	19	525-1031	SEAL RING 80x115x10 DUST LIP	1
7	525-1025	COVER	1	20	501-0777	SEAL RING 45x85x10 DUST LIP	1
8	525-1034	SCREW M 10x22x1.5	6	21	525-1023	BELLEVILLE WASHER 88x42.5x6	1
9	525-1024	SPLIT PIN 8x70	1	22	525-1026	SEAL CAP 85x10	1
10	515-1010	SPLIT PIN 6x70	1	23	525-1037	BREATHER PLUG 3/8" GAS	1
11	525-1033	CASTLE NUT M 42x3	1	24	525-1047	LEVEL PLUG M24x2 w/WASHER	1
12	525-1035	WASHER 10.2x18.1x1.8	6	25	525-1021	PLUG 3/8" GAS CYL. MGN+CPR	1
13	525-1006	SNAP RING 85x4	2	26	525-1049	BEVEL GEAR SET R=1.35	1

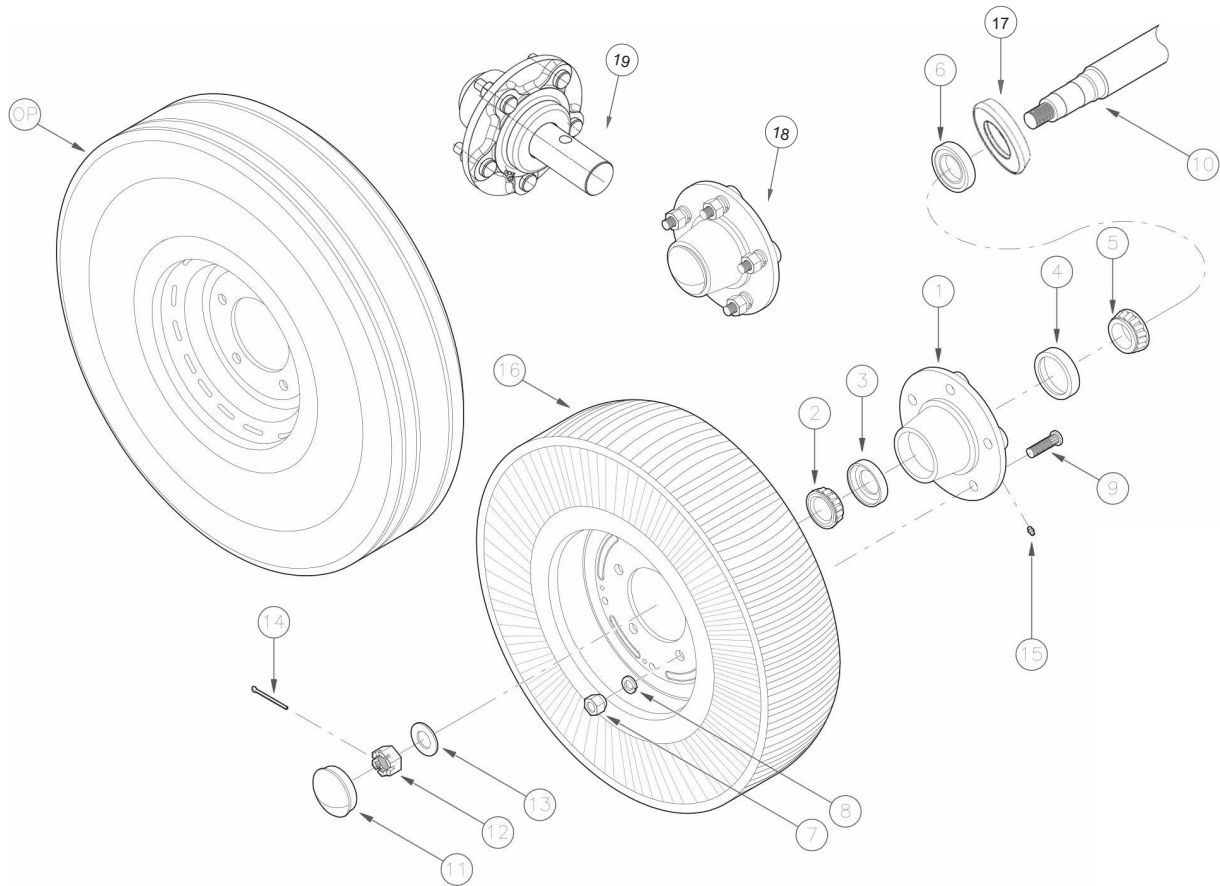
15 FT VIPER PARTS SECTION

RIGHT WING GEARBOX (1000 RPM) 415-1583



ITEM	PART NO.	DESCRIPTION	QTY.	ITEM	PART NO.	DESCRIPTION	QTY.
1	525-1036	HOUSING	1	14	525-1017	SHIM KIT I.85	2
2	525-1015	INPUT SHAFT	1	15	525-1019	SHIM KIT I.90	1
3	525-1020	OUTPUT SHAFT 3125 D.75	1	16	525-1030	BEARING 33015 75x115x31	1
4	525-1032	HUB	1	17	501-0776	BEARING 30209 45x85x20.75	2
5	525-1028	CASTLE NUT M 42x1.5	1	18	525-1029	BEARING 30210 50x90x21.75	1
6	525-1022	PROTECTION COVER	1	19	525-1031	SEAL RING 80x115x10 DUST LIP	1
7	525-1025	COVER	1	20	501-0777	SEAL RING 45x85x10 DUST LIP	1
8	525-1034	SCREW M 10x22x1.5	6	21	525-1023	BELLEVILLE WASHER 88x42.5x6	1
9	525-1024	SPLIT PIN 8x70	1	22	525-1026	SEAL CAP 85x10	1
10	515-1010	SPLIT PIN 6x70	1	23	525-1037	BREATHER PLUG 3/8" GAS	1
11	525-1033	CASTLE NUT M 42x3	1	24	525-1047	LEVEL PLUG M24x2 w/WASHER	1
12	525-1035	WASHER 10.2x18.1x1.8	6	25	525-1021	PLUG 3/8" GAS CYL. MGN+CPR	1
13	525-1006	SNAP RING 85x4	2	26	525-1049	BEVEL GEAR SET R=1.35	1

15 FT VIPER PARTS SECTION

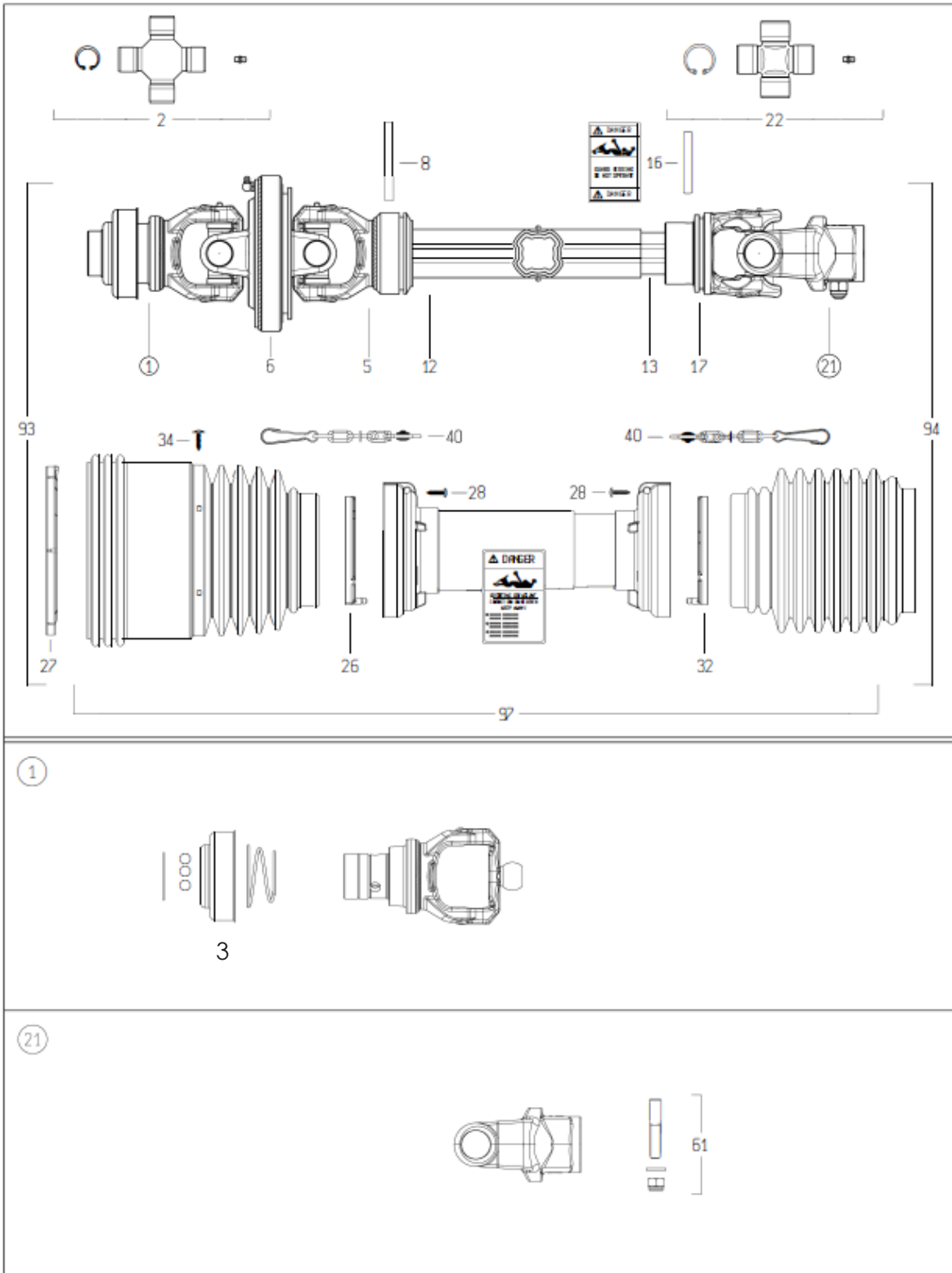


Wheel Hub Assembly

Item	Part Number	Description	Qty
1.....	415-0050-01	Hub w/races, studs & zerk	1
2.....	501-0219	Bearing cone (outside)	1
3.....	501-0218	Bearing cup (outside)	1
4.....	900-602406	Bearing cup (inside)	1
5.....	900-602416	Bearing cone (inside)	1
6.....	415-0050-03	Seal	1
7.....	325-2122	Nut	5
8.....	412-0072	Washer, 1/2"	5
9.....	325-2112	Stud	5
10.....	512-0004-1	Single Spindle	1
11.....	415-0050-05	Dust Cap	1
12.....	415-0050-02	Slotted Nut	1
13.....	415-0050-04	Washer	1
14.....	900-8686	Cotter Pin	1
15.....	423-1121	Grease Zerk	1
16.....	103-226	Laminated Tire, 6 x 10 x 25	1
17.....	415-0050-09	Dirt Protector Cap (threaded)	1
18.....	415-0050-00A	Hub complete less spindle	1
19.....	512-0004A	Hub complete with spindle	1
OP.....	401-8813	Tire & Wheel 26.5 x 8.0 x 14	1

15 FT VIPER PARTS SECTION

MAIN PTO (540 RPM) • 415-1570



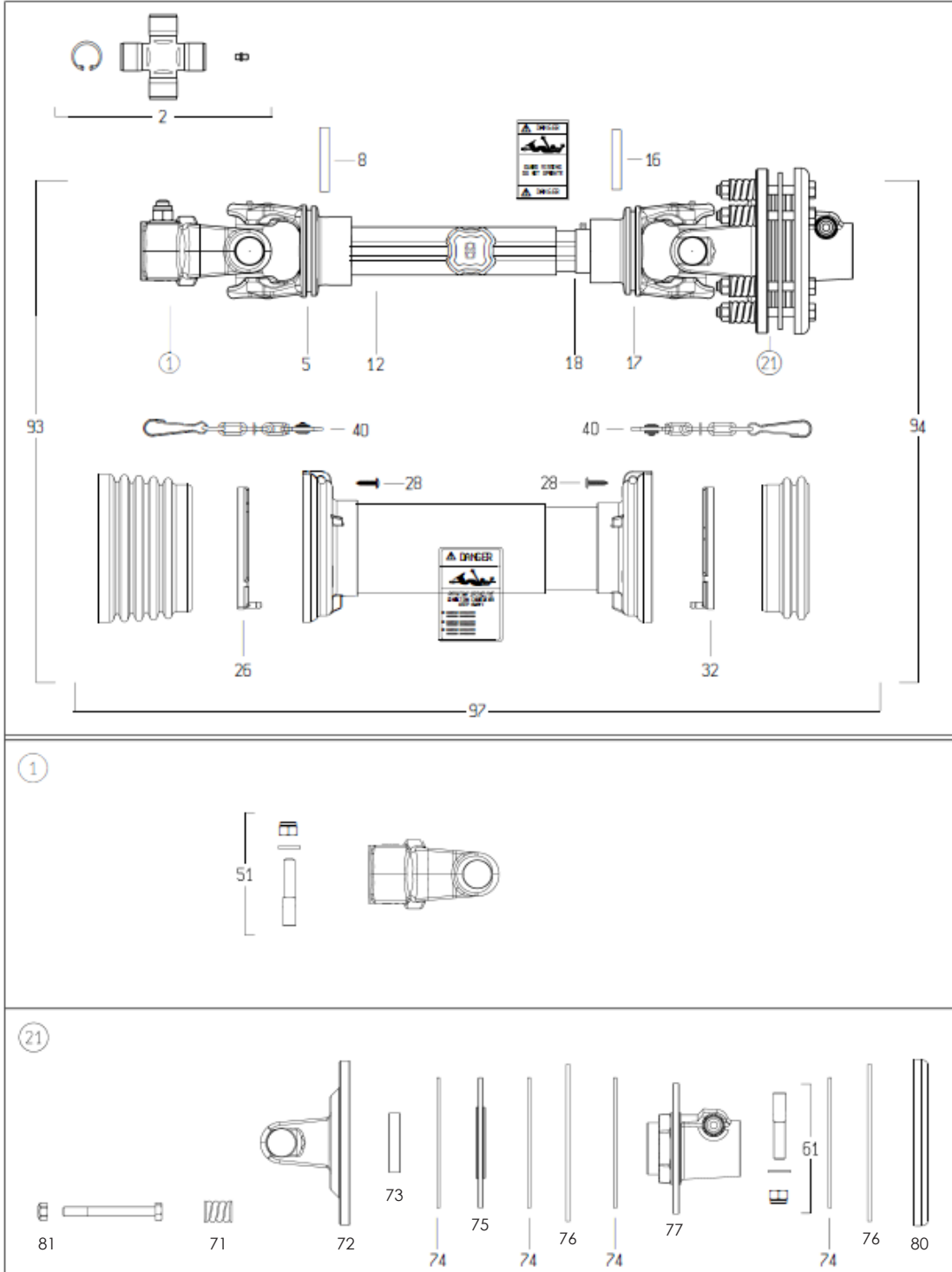
15 FT VIPER PARTS SECTION

MAIN PTO (540 RPM) • 415-1570

#	SKU	QTY	DESCRIPTION
0001	501-0507-02	1	YOKE S8-H8-1R8 RTA 80°CV 1-3/8"z6 (WQ7)
0002	501-0508-01	2	CROSS KIT S8-H8-1R8-G8 EL 80°CV 30.2x106
0003	501-0540-01	1	AUTO LOCK COLLAR KIT 1 3/8" SERIES 8EL
0005	525-2001	1	YOKE H8 OUTER TUBE (66.0) 80°CV EL
0006	501-0510-01	1	CENTRAL BODY 1R8-S8-G8 80°CV SFT EL
0008	525-2002	1	SPRING ROLL PIN 10x95 DIN1481
0012	525-2003	1	CARDAN TUBE 12227 FOR RILSAN L=835
0013	525-2004	1	DRIVE TUBE H8-S9 INNER RILSAN Ø58.5x4.5
0016	343-1505	1	SPRING ROLL PIN 10x75 DIN1481
0017	515-2005-1	1	TUBE YOKE H8 INNER 4-LOBE
0021	515-2025	1	YOKE #7-S8-G8 1-3/4"z20 TAPER PIN
0022	515-2001	1	CROSS KIT S8-H8-G8 34.9x93.5 CAP ZERK
0026	515-2045	1	SHIELD SUPPORT SFT S6-S7-S8 OUTER
0027	515-2046	6	SHIELD SUPPORT SFT EL 80°CV S8 147x206
0028	501-0500	1	SCREW 4.8x22 SELF TAP ZINC
0032	525-2006	6	SHIELD SUPPORT SFT S6-S7-S8 INNER
0034	525-2007	2	SCREW 4.8x22 SELF TAP ZINC FLANGE HEAD
0040	525-2008	1	SHIELD CHAIN w/SPRING LINK L=500mm
0061	501-0531	1	TAPER PIN KIT 1-3/4" z6 & z20 - 3 PINS
0093	525-2009	1	HALF SHAFT H8R *101* U2 -WQ7-
0094	525-2010	1	HALF SHAFT H8R *101* U2 -017-
0097	525-2011	1	COMPLETE SHIELD H8 *101* U2 -WT-

15 FT VIPER PARTS SECTION

WING PTO (540 RPM OR 1000 RPM) • 415-1571



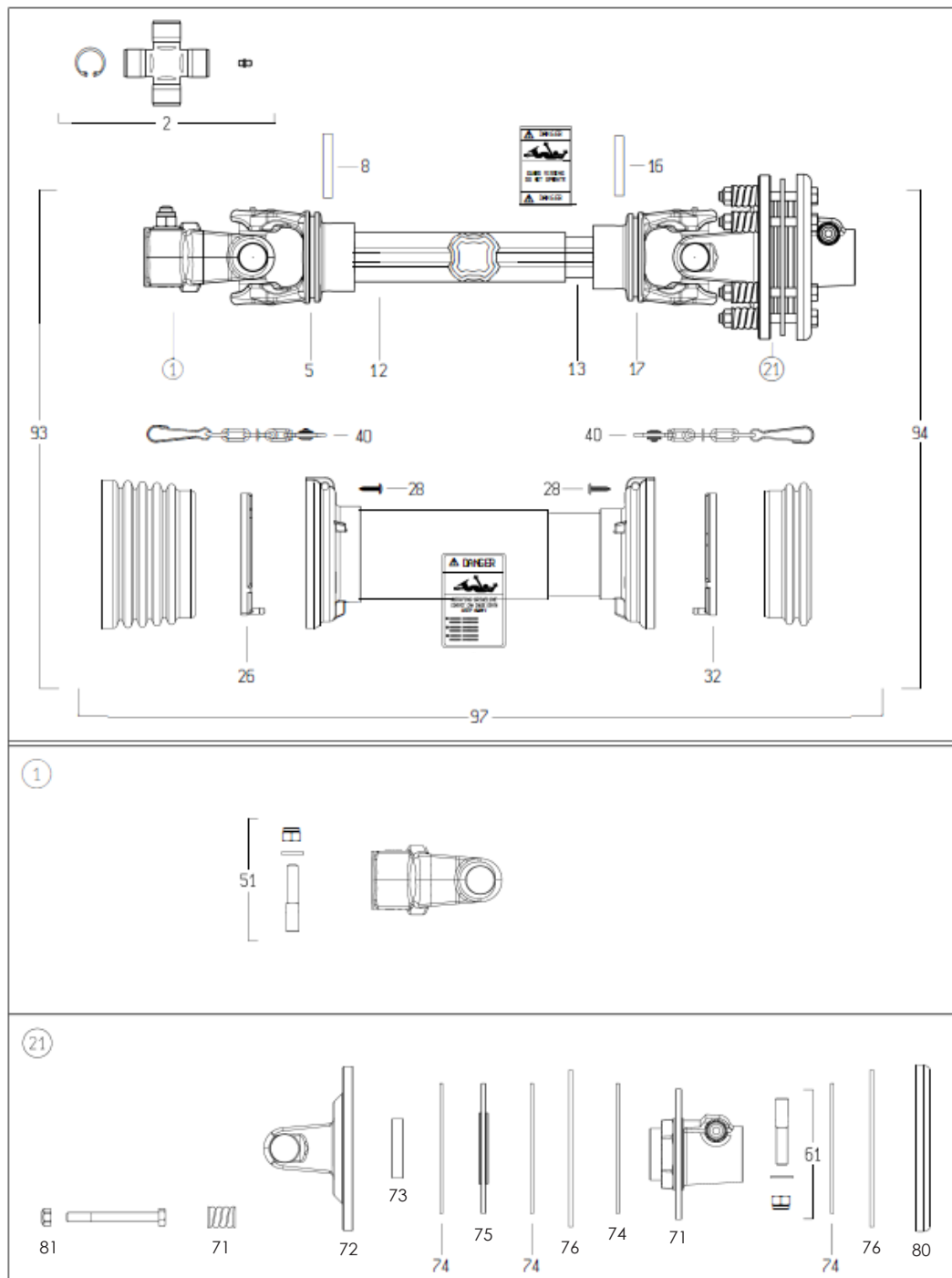
15 FT VIPER PARTS SECTION

WING PTO (540 RPM OR 1000 RPM) • 415-1571

#	SKU	QTY	DESCRIPTION
0001	501-0559	1	YOKE #6-S7-G7 1-3/4"z20 TAPER PIN
0002	501-0446	2	CROSS KIT H7-G7 30.2x91.5 CAP ZERK
0005	525-1100	1	TUBE YOKE H7 OUTER 4-LOBE
0008	341053000	1	SPRING ROLL PIN 10x70 DIN1481
0012	525-1101	1	CARDAN TUBE OUTER 12209 L=1230
0016	343-1504	1	SPRING ROLL PIN 10x65 DIN1481
0017	525-1102	1	TUBE YOKE H7 INNER 4-LOBE
0018	525-1103	1	CARDANTUBE INNER
0021	501-0560-02	1	FFV34/6-H7 CLUTCH 1280 Nm 1-3/4" z20
0026	515-2045	1	SHIELD SUPPORT SFT S6-S7-S8 OUTER
0028	501-0500	6	SCREW 4.8x22 SELF TAP ZINC
0032	525-2006	1	SHIELD SUPPORT SFT S6-S7-S8 INNER
0040	525-2008	2	SHIELD CHAIN w/SPRING LINK L=500mm
0051	501-0531	2	TAPER PIN KIT 1-3/4" z6 & z20 - 3 PINS
0061	501-0560-04	1	TAPER PIN 16x64xM14
0071	501-0485	1	SPRINGS, CLUTCH B&P
0072	501-0555-01	1	FLANGE YOKE FF1/FF3
0073	501-0487	1	COLLAR/BUSHING 258005320
0074	501-0552-01	4	FRICTION DISC
0075	501-0554-01	1	DRIVE PLATE
0076	501-0551-01	2	INNER PLATE 4MM FF1/FF3/FT34
0077	501-0560-03	1	FLANGE HUB 1 3/4" 20Z W/TAPER PIN FF3
0080	501-0550-01	1	PRESSURE PLATE FF1/FF3
0081	501-0549	1	NUT & BOLT 432000007
0093	525-1107	1	DRIVE SHAFT H7T *141* U2 -017-
0094	525-1108	1	HALF DR.SHAFT INN.H7T *141*U2 -635H99902
0097	525-1109	1	SHIELD KIT H7 COMPLETE U2 SE GREASYNG

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INTERMEDIATE PTO (540 RPM & 1000 RPM) • 415-1572



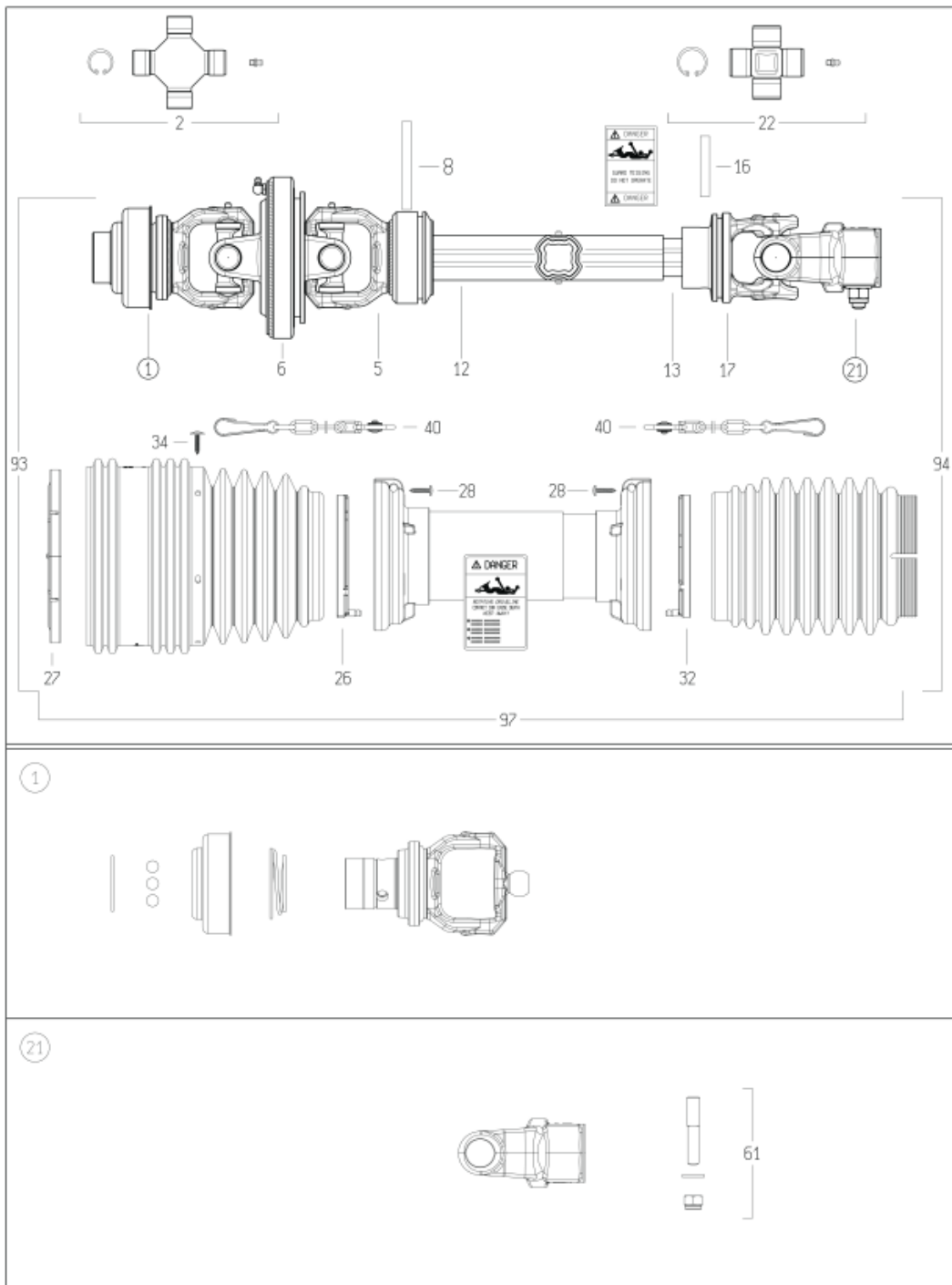
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INTERMEDIATE PTO (540 RPM & 1000 RPM) • 415-1572

#	SKU	QTY	DESCRIPTION
0001	525-1110	1	YOKE #6-S7-G7 1-3/4"z20 TAPER PIN
0002	501-0446	2	CROSS KIT H7-G7 30.2x91.5 CAP ZERK
0005	525-1112	1	TUBE YOKE H7 OUTER 4-LOBE
0008	525-1113	1	SPRING ROLL PIN 10x70 DIN1481
0012	525-1114	1	OUTER CARDAN TUBE L=265
0013	525-1115	1	CARDAN DRIVE TUBE INNER 12251 L=285
0016	525-1116	1	SPRING ROLL PIN 10x65 DIN1481
0017	525-1117	1	TUBE YOKE H7 INNER 4-LOBE
0021	501-0560-02	1	FFV34/6-H7 CLUTCH 1280 Nm 1-3/4" z20
0026	525-2045	1	SHIELD SUPPORT SFT S6-S7-S8 OUTER
0028	501-0500	6	SCREW 4.8x22 SELF TAP ZINC
0032	525-2006	1	SHIELD SUPPORT SFT S6-S7-S8 INNER
0040	525-2008	2	SHIELD CHAIN w/SPRING LINK L=500mm
0051	501-0531	2	TAPER PIN KIT 1-3/4" z6 & z20 - 3 PINS
0061	525-1119	1	TAPER PIN 16x64xM14
0071	501-0485	2	SPRINGS, CLUTCH B&P
0072	501-0555-01	1	FLANGE YOKE FF1/FF3
0073	501-0487	1	COLLAR/BUSHING 258005320
0074	501-0552-01	4	FRICTION DISC
0075	501-0554-01	1	DRIVE PLATE
0076	501-0551-01	2	INNER PLATE 4MM FF1/FF3/FT34
0077	501-0560-03	1	FLANGE HUB 1 3/4" 20Z W/TAPER PIN FF3
0080	501-0550-01	1	PRESSURE PLATE FF1/FF3
0081	501-0549	1	NUT & BOLT 432000007
0093	525-1121	1	DRIVE SHAFT H7T *043* U2 -017-
0094	525-1122	1	INNER HALF SHAFT H7T *043*U2 -635H99902
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MAIN PTO (1000 RPM) 21 SPLINE • 415-1573



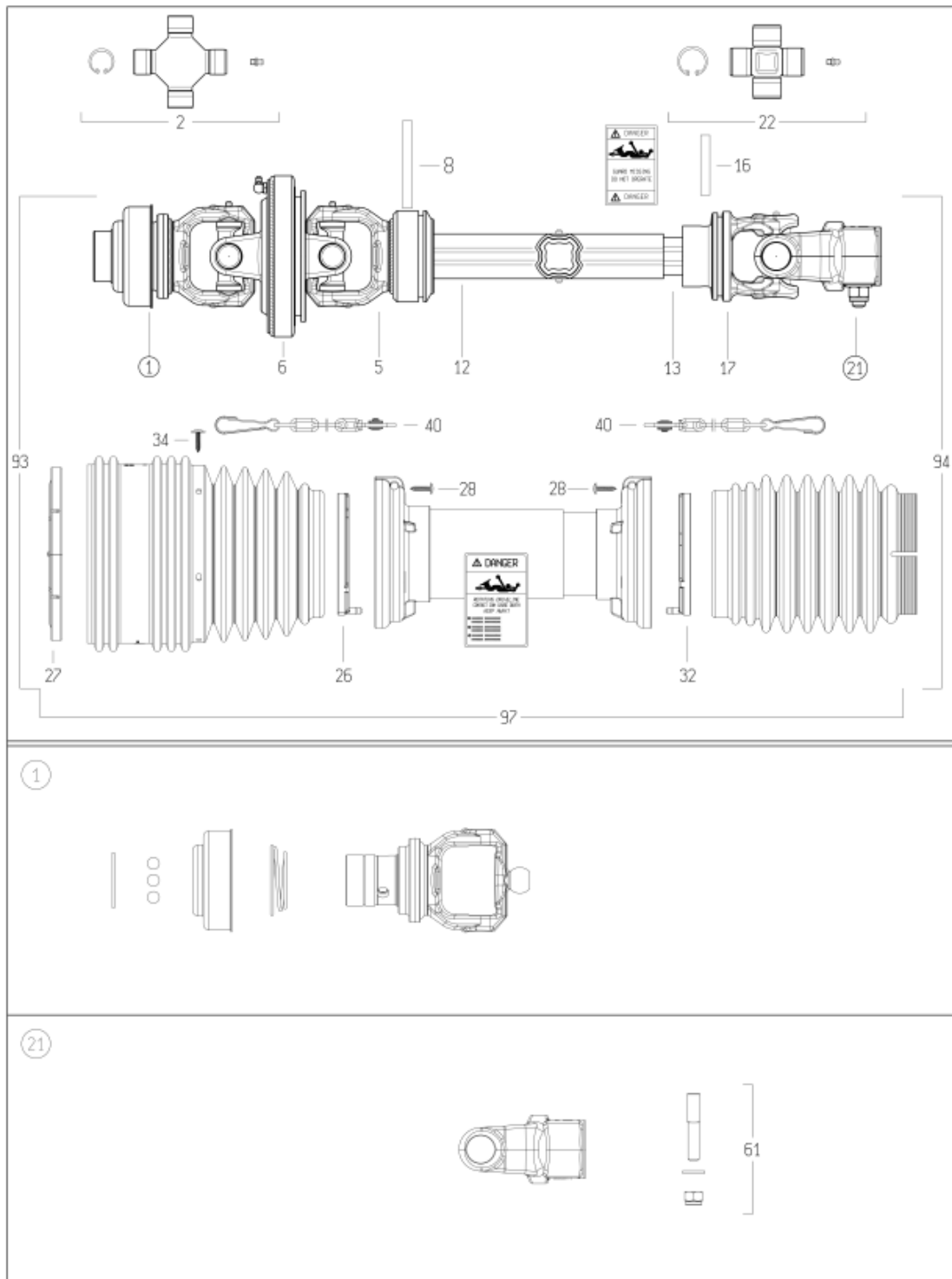
15 FT VIPER PARTS SECTION

MAIN PTO (1000 RPM) 21 SPLINE • 415-1573

#	SKU	QTY	DESCRIPTION
0001	501-0533-02	1	YOKE, CV 1-3/8 21Z SIZE 6
0002	501-0534-01	2	CROSS KIT S6-1R6-G5-G7 EL 80°CV 27x100
0005	525-2012	1	YOKE S6 OUTER TUBE (53.9) 80°CV SFT EL
0006	501-0535-01	1	CENTRAL BODY 1R6-S6-G5-G7 80°CV SFT EL
0008	525-2002	1	SPRING ROLL PIN 10x95 DIN1481
0012	525-2013	1	CARDAN TUBE
0013	525-2014	1	DRIVE TUBE S6 INNER RILSAN 47.4x4.75
0016	343-1504	1	SPRING ROLL PIN 10x65 DIN1481
0017	525-2015	1	TUBE YOKE S6 INNER 4-LOBE 12244 (46.9)
0021	501-0347	1	YOKE #5-S6-G5 1-3/4"z20 TAPER PIN
0022	343-1225	6	CROSS KIT S5-S6-G5 30.2x79.4 CAP ZERK
0026	515-2045	1	SHIELD SUPPORT SFT S6-S7-S8 OUTER
0027	525-2016	2	SHIELD SUPPORT SFT EL CV80 S6 CV50 S6-S8
0028	501-0500	2	SCREW 4.8x22 SELF TAP ZINC
0032	525-2006	1	SHIELD SUPPORT SFT S6-S7-S8 INNER
0034	525-2007	4	SCREW 4.8x22 SELF TAP ZINC FLANGE HEAD
0040	525-2008	1	SHIELD CHAIN w/SPRING LINK L=500mm
0061	501-0531	1	TAPER PIN KIT 1-3/4" z6 & z20 - 3 PINS
0093	525-2017	1	OUTER HALF SHAFT S6R *101* -WQ8
0094	525-2018	1	INNER HALF SHAFT S6R *101* U2 -017
0097	525-2019	1	COMPLETE SHIELD KIT S6 DS6R101U2WR8001

15 FT VIPER PARTS SECTION

MAIN PTO (1000 RPM) 20 SPLINE • 415-1574



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MAIN PTO (1000 RPM) 20 SPLINE • 415-1574

#	SKU	QTY	DESCRIPTION
0001	501-0533-03	1	YOKE, CV 1-3/4" 20Z SIZE 6
0002	501-0534-01	2	CROSS KIT S6-1R6-G5-G7 EL 80°CV 27x100
0005	525-2012	1	YOKE S6 OUTER TUBE (53.9) 80°CV SFT EL
0006	501-0535-01	1	CENTRAL BODY 1R6-S6-G5-G7 80°CV SFT EL
0008	525-2002	1	SPRING ROLL PIN 10x95 DIN1481
0012	525-2013	1	CARDAN TUBE
0013	525-2014	1	DRIVE TUBE S6 INNER RILSAN 47.4x4.75
0016	343-1504	1	SPRING ROLL PIN 10x65 DIN1481
0017	525-2015	1	TUBE YOKE S6 INNER 4-LOBE 12244 (46.9)
0021	501-0347	1	YOKE #5-S6-G5 1-3/4"z20 TAPER PIN
0022	343-1225	6	CROSS KIT S5-S6-G5 30.2x79.4 CAP ZERK
0026	515-2045	1	SHIELD SUPPORT SFT S6-S7-S8 OUTER
0027	525-2016	2	SHIELD SUPPORT SFT EL CV80 S6 CV50 S6-S8
0028	501-0500	2	SCREW 4.8x22 SELF TAP ZINC
0032	525-2006	1	SHIELD SUPPORT SFT S6-S7-S8 INNER
0034	525-2007	4	SCREW 4.8x22 SELF TAP ZINC FLANGE HEAD
0040	525-2008	1	SHIELD CHAIN w/SPRING LINK L=500mm
0061	501-0531	1	TAPER PIN KIT 1-3/4" z6 & z20 - 3 PINS
0093	525-2017	1	OUTER HALF SHAFT S6R *101* -WQ8
0094	525-2018	1	INNER HALF SHAFT S6R *101* U2 -017
0097	525-2019	1	COMPLETE SHIELD KIT S6 DS6R101U2WR8001

MODERN AG PRODUCTS, LTD. WARRANTY INFORMATION

A. Limited Warranties

Modern Ag warrants any new Modern Ag implement purchased from an authorized Modern Ag dealer to the purchaser for a period not to exceed one (1) year from original purchase date, to be free from defects in material and workmanship. Further, the Modern Ag galvanized rotary cutters will be covered by a limited warranty. This warranty provides a five (5) year limited gearbox warranty and a ten (10) year limited "deck rust thru" warranty. Under the five-year limited gearbox warranty, Modern Ag warrants the gearbox and labor for the first year from date of purchase. Following the first year, Modern Ag warrants the gearbox only. Warranty services must be performed by a dealer or service center authorized by Modern Ag using only new or remanufactured parts or components furnished by Modern Ag. Modern Ag reserves the right to inspect all parts which are claimed to have been defective in material and workmanship. Modern Ag makes no warranty as to the design, capability, capacity or suitability for the use of the implement.

B. Limited Warranty Service

To receive warranty service, the Purchaser must return the Registration and Warranty Card to Modern Ag within 30 days of original purchase. Purchaser must report claim, in writing, to the authorized Modern Ag dealer from whom the Purchaser purchased the implement originally or an approved Modern Ag dealer within 30 days after the Purchaser discovers the circumstance for the basis of the claim. The purchaser will be responsible for any service call and/or the return to and from the dealer's or service center's place of business.

C. Not Covered by Warranty

The limited warranty does not cover any goods or part(s) that have been subjected to improper or abnormal use such as negligence, abuse, alteration, modification, accident, lack of or improper maintenance, use of wrong oil or lubricants. This limited warranty does not apply to expendable items such as blades, shields, guards, pneumatic tires or any normal maintenance parts or service. Also not covered is wear items such as teeth, chains, sprockets, belts, springs, gearbox lubricant, hydraulic fluid or any other items that in the company's sole judgment is a wear item. The limited "deck rust thru" warranty does not cover surface rust caused by loss of galvanizing due to external forces such as scrapes, dents, extreme friction and/or wear, deformity due to accidents or abuse.

D. Disclaimer of Implied Warranties & Consequential Damages

Except as provided herein, no employee, agent, Dealer, or other person is authorized to give any warranties of any nature on behalf of Modern Ag. The purchaser's only remedies in connection with the breach or performance of any warranty on the Modern Ag implements are those set forth on this page. In no event will Modern Ag, the dealer or any company affiliated with Modern Ag be liable for incidental or consequential damages. Such incidental and consequential damages shall include but not be limited to transportation charges other than normal freight charges, cost of installation other than cost approved by Modern Ag, duty, taxes, charges for normal service or loss of crops or any other loss of income, rental of substitute equipment, expenses due to loss, damage, detention or delay in the delivery of equipment or parts resulting from acts beyond Modern Ag's control. Except as provided herein, no employee, agent, Dealer, or other person is authorized to give any warranties of any nature on behalf of Modern Ag.

**This form is required to be mailed with the completed Warranty Registration to
PO Box 790, Beaumont, TX 77704**

MODERN AG PRODUCTS, LTD. WARRANTY INFORMATION

DEALER: I hereby certify that:

1. The machine has been correctly assembled in accordance with manufacturer's instructions.
2. All bolts have been checked and tightened.
3. All other pre-delivery checks have been completed as per operator's manual.
4. Purchaser was given operators manual and instructed in safe and correct usage of machine and on limitation of warranty.
5. Machine was tested and operates correctly.

PURCHASER: I hereby certify that:

1. The machine is correctly assembled.
2. Receipt of the operator's manual which I have read and clearly understood.
3. I have a clear understanding of the warranty limitations.
4. I have a clear understanding on the correct and safe operation of the machine.
5. That the machine needs regular maintenance as per instructions in operator's manual.
6. I have a clear understanding on the capacity of this machine and am aware of its limitations.

MODEL: _____ SERIAL #: _____

DEALER: _____ DATE DELIVERED: _____

DEALER'S STAMP:

PURCHASERS' ADDRESS: _____

To register your implement and be eligible for warranty service, mail the completed Warranty Registration to

PO Box 790, Beaumont, TX 77704

If you have any questions, please contact wholegoods.warranty@modernusa.com