

**210G
Trimmer/Edger,
240G and 260G
Trimmer/
Brush Cutters**
(Serial No. 010001-)

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Introduction

THANK YOU for purchasing a John Deere product.

READ THIS MANUAL carefully to learn how to operate and service your machine correctly. Failure to do so could result in personal injury or equipment damage.

THIS MANUAL SHOULD BE CONSIDERED a permanent part of your machine and should remain with the machine when you sell it.



THIS MACHINE IS OF METRIC design. Measurements in this manual are metric with the customary U.S. measurement following. Use only metric hardware and tools as specified.

RIGHT-HAND AND LEFT-HAND sides are determined by facing in the direction of forward travel.

WRITE IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS in the Specifications section. Accurately record all the

numbers to help in tracing the machine should it be stolen. Your dealer also needs these numbers when you order parts. File the identification numbers in a secure place.

WARRANTY is provided as part of John Deere's support program for customers who operate and maintain their equipment as described in this manual. The warranty is explained on the warranty certificate which you should have received from your dealer.

This warranty provides you the assurance that John Deere will back its products where defects appear within the warranty period. In some circumstances, John Deere also provides field improvements, often without charge to the customer, even if the product is out of warranty. Should the equipment be abused, or modified to change its performance beyond the original factory specifications, the warranty will become void and field improvements may be denied. Setting fuel delivery above specifications or otherwise overpowering machines will result in such action.



Model 210G Trimmer/Edger

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Safety

RECOGNIZE SAFETY INFORMATION

This is the safety-alert symbol. When you see this symbol on your machine or in this manual, be alert to the potential for personal injury.

Follow recommended precautions and safe operating practices.



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UNDERSTAND SIGNAL WORDS

A signal word—DANGER, WARNING, or CAUTION—is used with the safety-alert symbol. DANGER identifies the most serious hazards.

Safety signs with signal word DANGER or WARNING are typically near specific hazards.

General precautions are listed on CAUTION safety signs. CAUTION also calls attention to safety messages in this manual.



▲ WARNING

▲ CAUTION

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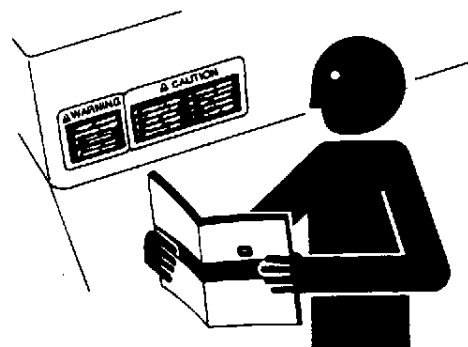
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FOLLOW SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

Carefully read all safety messages in this manual and on your machine safety signs. Keep safety signs in good condition. Replace missing or damaged safety signs.

Learn how to operate the machine and how to use controls properly. Do not let anyone operate without instruction.

Keep your machine in proper working condition. Unauthorized modifications to the machine may impair the function and/or safety and affect machine life.



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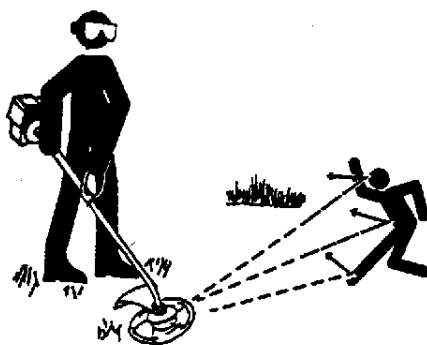
PROTECT PEOPLE AND PETS

Keep people and pets out of work area.

Do not let anyone operate trimmer without proper instruction. Do not let children operate trimmer.

Do not leave trimmer unattended.

Do not hand trimmer to another person while engine is running.



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PROTECT AGAINST THROWN OBJECTS

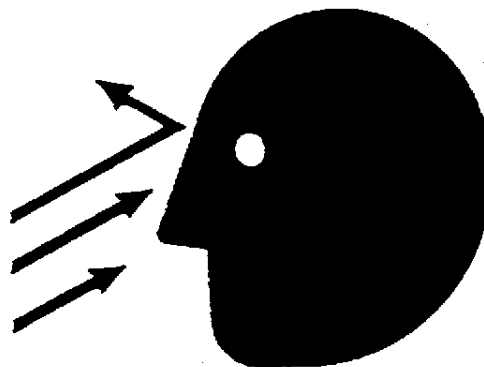
Wear eye protection to avoid injury from thrown objects.

Clear work area of objects that may be thrown.

Keep bystanders out of work area.

When using a 210G trim from right to left so trimmer throws particles away from you.

When using a 240G or 260G trim from left to right so trimmer throws particles away from you.



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OPERATE SAFELY

Start trimmer on ground.

Tighten parts on rotating head before you operate trimmer.

Do not use trimmer when you are tired.

Keep hand grips clean and dry.

Hold trimmer firmly with both hands.

Keep solid footing.

Cut at ground level only.

Move trimmer in sweeping motion away from your body.
Do not draw trimmer cutter head toward you.

Do not reach to make a cut.

Do not run engine in an enclosed area.

Stop engine before you remove debris from the cutting head.

Do not operate trimmer without shield.



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HANDLE FUEL SAFELY—AVOID FIRES

Handle fuel with care: it is highly flammable. Do not refuel the machine while smoking or when near open flame or sparks.

Always stop engine before refueling machine. Fill fuel tank outdoors.

Prevent fires by keeping machine clean of accumulated trash, grease, and debris. Always clean up spilled fuel.



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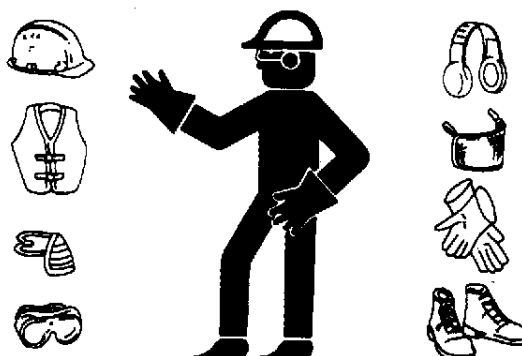


WEAR PROTECTIVE CLOTHING

Wear close fitting clothing and safety equipment appropriate to the job.

Prolonged exposure to loud noise can cause impairment or loss of hearing.

Wear a suitable hearing protective device such as earmuffs or earplugs to protect against objectionable or uncomfortable loud noises.



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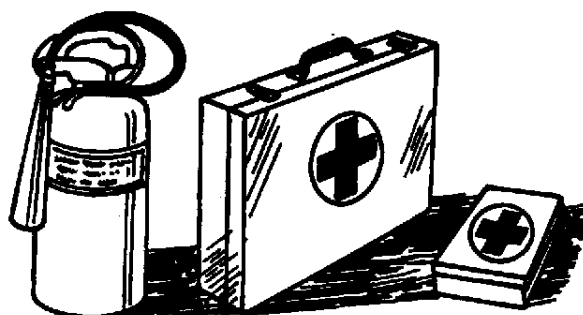
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PREPARE FOR EMERGENCIES

Be prepared if a fire starts.

Keep a first aid kit and fire extinguisher handy.

Keep emergency numbers for doctors, ambulance service, hospital, and fire department near your telephone.



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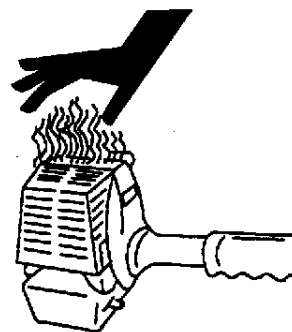
SERVICE TRIMMER SAFELY

Before you service, clean or inspect trimmer:

- Stop engine.
- Let engine cool.

Keep all parts in good condition and fastened in place.

Fix damage immediately. Replace worn or broken parts.

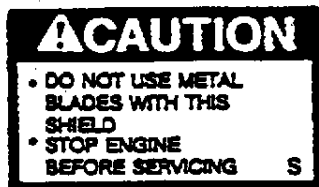


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SAFETY SIGNS



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On Plastic Shield



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On Trimmer Shaft—Model 210G



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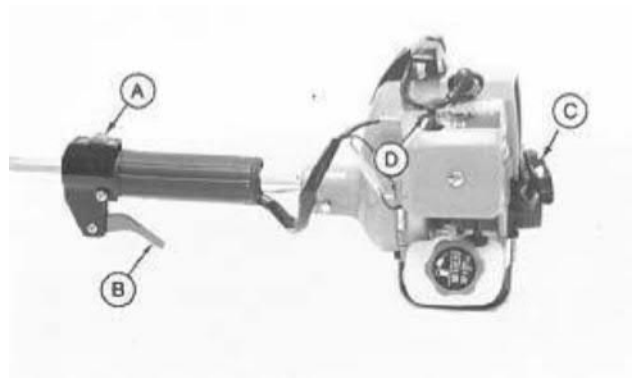
On Trimmer Shaft—Models 240G and 260G

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Operation

LEARNING CONTROLS

- A—Engine Switch
- B—Throttle Trigger
- C—Recoil Starter Handle
- D—Choke Button
- E—Choke Lever



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Model 240G

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ADJUSTING LINE LENGTH



Model 210G

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Models 240G and 260G

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If line is 50 mm (2 in.) or less you must lengthen it manually:

- Push and hold button (A).
- Pull line(s) to desired length.

To adjust line(s) during operation:

- Run engine at full throttle.
- Firmly tap button (A) on hard surface, not on lawn. Line extends 25 mm (1 in.) with each tap.

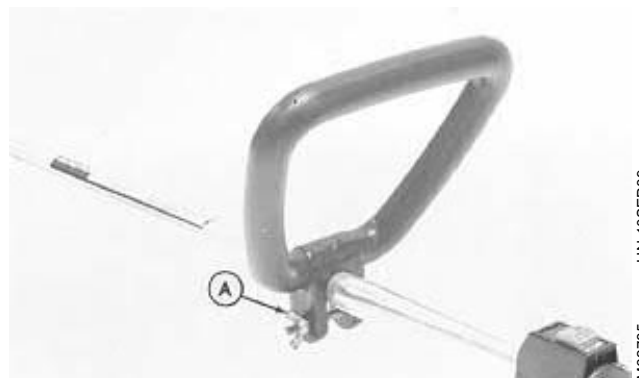
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ADJUSTING HANDLE—MODEL 210G



CAUTION: Do not put handle over caution decal.

1. Loosen wing nut (A).
2. Put handle in desired position.
3. Tighten wing nut.



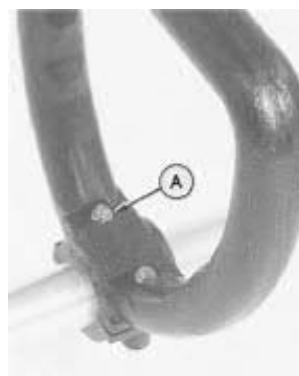
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ADJUSTING HANDLE—MODELS 240G AND 260G

CAUTION: Do not put handle over caution decal.

1. Loosen nuts (A).
2. Put handle in desired position.
3. Tighten nuts.



Model 240G



Model 260G

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STARTING COLD ENGINE

CAUTION: Avoid inhaling exhaust fumes. Do not operate trimmer indoors. Start trimmer on ground.

1. Put trimmer on clear, level ground.
2. Support trimmer with shield and engine.

NOTE: Do not start trimmer in tall grass or brush.

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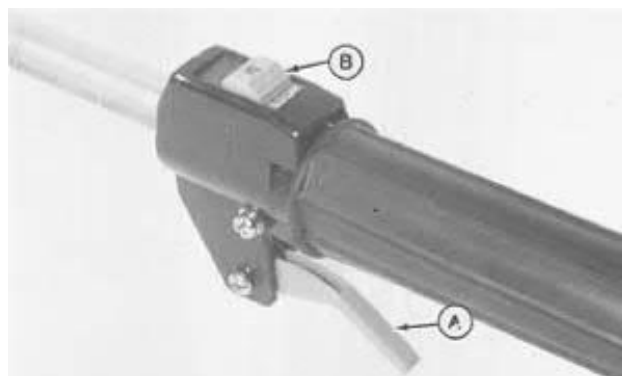


Model 210G and 260G

3. Move choke lever (A) to CLOSE position. (Pull up button for CLOSE position on 210G and 260G.)

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4. Push switch (B) forward to ON.
5. Pull up trigger (A) to HALF THROTTLE.
6. Pull starter handle until you hear starting sound.
7. Move choke lever or button to OPEN.
8. Pull starter handle until engine starts.
9. Warm engine a few minutes at HALF THROTTLE before you cut.



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STARTING WARM ENGINE

⚠ CAUTION: Avoid inhaling exhaust fumes. Do not operate trimmer indoors.

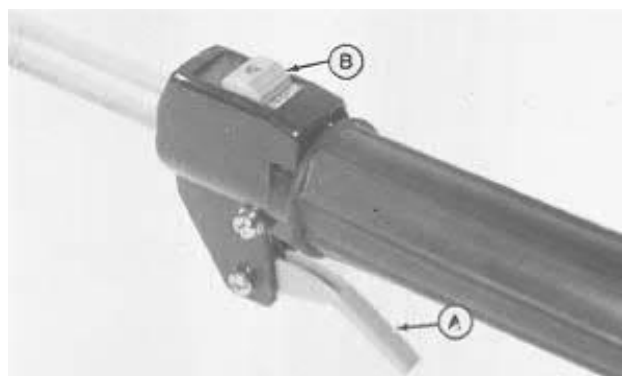
1. Push switch (B) forward to ON position.

NOTE: Do not choke a warm engine.

2. Leave trigger (A) at idle position and choke lever or button in OPEN position.

3. Pull starter handle.

NOTE: If engine does not start, follow STARTING COLD ENGINE procedure.

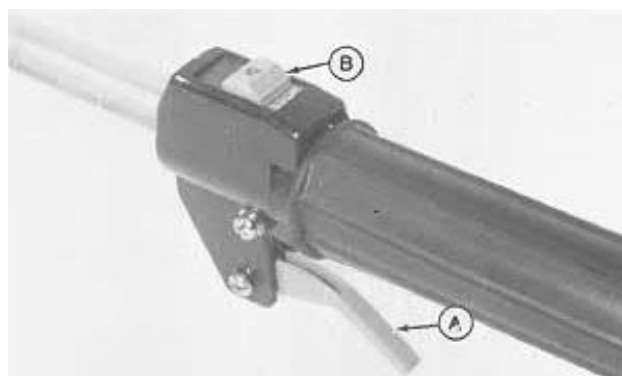


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STOPPING ENGINE

1. Release trigger (A).
2. Move switch (B) back to STOP position.



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OPERATING TIPS

Trimming:

- 210G: trim from right to left.
- 240G and 260G: trim from left to right.
- Tilt cutting head for walks, driveways, and curbs.
- Adjust length of cutting line to 102—127 mm (4—5 in.) when you trim around bushes and trees with delicate bark. Do not cut frayed line: frayed ends protect bark.
- Slow engine speed. Work up to tree or bush easily.

Mowing:

- Keep cutting head parallel to the ground as you pass trimmer over area to cut.
- Fix feet firmly on ground and swivel from your hips for better control.

Scalping:

- Tilt cutting head.
- Scalp around tree to the right side. Force cutting line into the ground.
- After you scalp outside of the circle, scalp the inside working in the opposite direction, flush to the tree.

Edging:

IMPORTANT: Nylon line is only intended to cut grass or weeds. Do not use line to cut a trench along curb or driveway.

- Tilt cutting head to vertical position.
- Use line tip only to remove unwanted grass or weeds.

Sweeping:

- Sweep clippings only from hard surface.
- Tilt cutting head to left slightly, so line tip contacts surface lightly.

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