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Walk-Behind
Snowblowers**

(Serial No. 180001 –)

**OPERATOR'S
MANUAL**

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SAFETY SIGNS

Safety-Alert Symbol

Read and recognize safety information. Be alert to the potential for personal injury when you see this safety-alert symbol.

On your machine safety labels, the words DANGER, WARNING, and CAUTION are used with this safety-alert symbol. DANGER identifies the most serious hazards. In this manual, the word CAUTION and this symbol call attention to safety messages.



Machine Safety Labels

DANGER - To avoid injury from rotating auger and thrown objects, stay clear of machine and keep others away. Keep all shields in place. Read operator's manual.



DANGER - ROTATING BLOWER. Shut off engine before unclogging discharge chute.



SAFETY SIGNS

Machine Safety Labels (Continued)

WARNING - HOT SURFACE



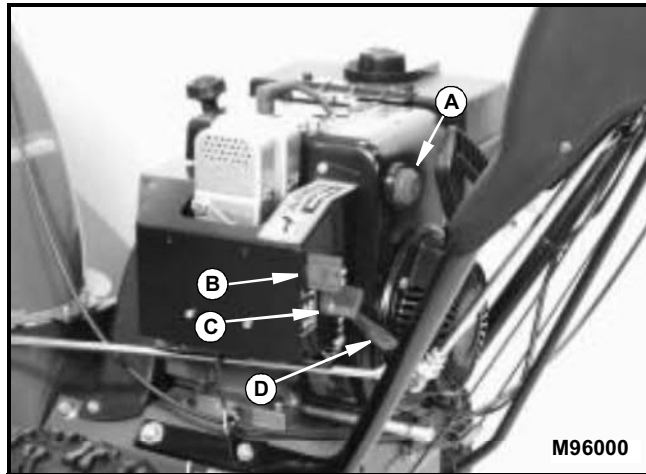
Certification Label

This OPEI label on your snow blower indicates that this model has been certified by an independent laboratory for compliance with American National Standard B-71.3-1995, "Safety Specifications" for Snowblowers.

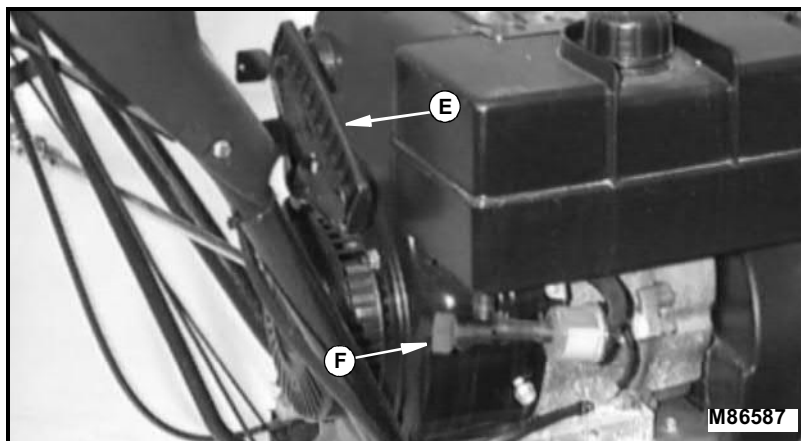


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Engine Controls

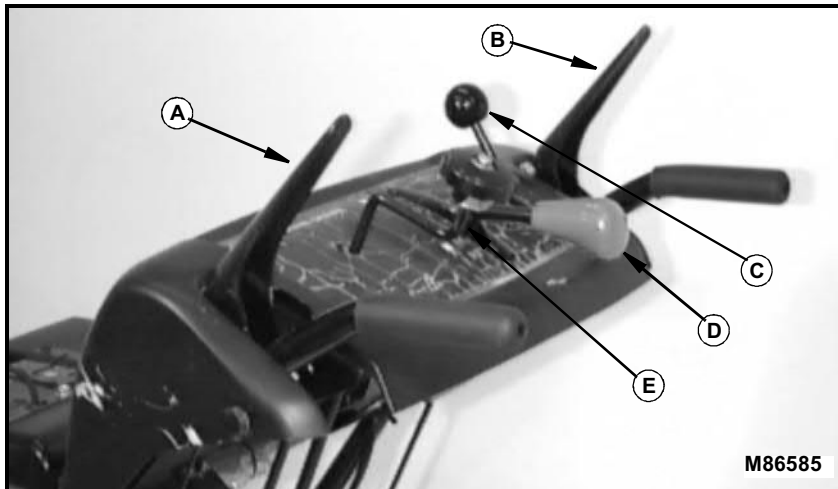


- A - Primer BulbPrimes engine for starting.
- B - Key Starts and stops engine.
- C - Choke LeverChokes engine for starting.
- D - Throttle Lever Controls engine speed.
- E - Starter HandlePull to start engine.
- F - Fuel Shut Off Knob Controls fuel supply to engine.



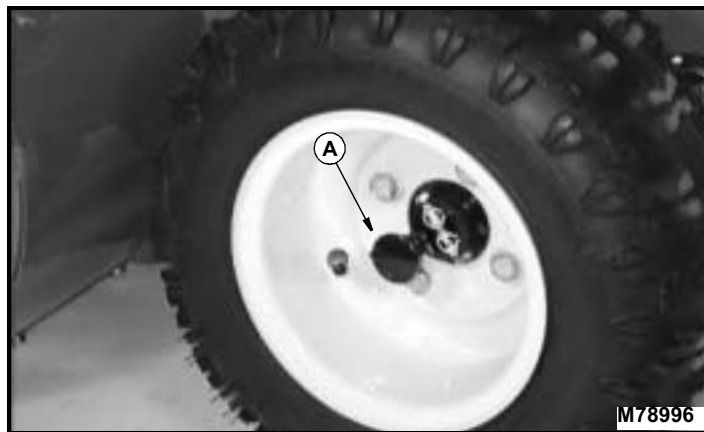
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Handle Controls



- A - Traction Drive Lever.....Engages traction drive.
- B - Auger Drive Lever Engages auger drive.
- C - Chute Deflector Lever..... Changes angle of chute deflector.
- D - Speed Selector Lever.....Changes ground speed.
- E - Discharge Chute Control Moves discharge chute.

Miscellaneous Controls



- A - Differential LockLocks drive wheels together.

OPERATING

Operate Safely

- Inspect machine before you operate. Be sure hardware is tight. Repair or replace damaged, badly worn, or missing parts. Be sure guards and shields are in good condition and fastened in place. Make any necessary adjustments before you operate.
- Clear work area of objects that might be thrown. Keep people and pets out of the work area. Stop machine if anyone enters the area.
- If you hit an object, stop the machine and inspect it. Make repairs before you operate. Keep machine properly maintained and in good working order. Keep all shields and guards in place.
- DO NOT blow snow toward people, cars, or buildings.
- DO NOT use snowblower on surfaces above ground level, such as, a roof of a building.
- Be extremely careful if you must clear snow from a gravel path. Be aware that snowblower may pick up gravel in snow. Adjust spout angle carefully to blow this snow safely.
- DO NOT leave machine unattended when it is running.
- Only operate during daylight or with good artificial light.
- Be sure of footing. Operate slowly on slippery surfaces. Be especially careful when you pull machine backwards with the engine running.
- DO NOT blow snow across a slope. Be careful when you change direction on a slope. Do not try to clear snow from steep slopes. Keep away from edge of a ditch or bank.
- Keep a firm hold on the machine handles. Avoid sudden starts and stops.
- DO NOT run engine in a building unless there is good ventilation.



OPERATING

Rotating Blades Are Dangerous - Protect Children And Prevent Accidents



PROTECT CHILDREN:

- Never assume that children will remain where you last saw them. Children are attracted to snow blowing activity, stay alert to the presence of children.
- Keep children in the house when you are operating the machine.
- Turn machine off if a child enters the area.
- Use extra care when you come to blind corners, shrubs, trees, or other objects that may block your vision.
- DO NOT let children or an untrained person operate the machine.

HELP PREVENT SERIOUS OR FATAL ACCIDENTS:

- Be alert at all times, people ESPECIALLY CHILDREN can move quickly into the area before you know it.
- Shut off auger when you are not blowing snow.
- Keep hands, feet, and clothing away from moving parts.

Wear Appropriate Clothing

- Wear close fitting clothing and safety equipment appropriate for the job.
- Loud noise can cause impairment or loss of hearing, wear a suitable protective device such as earplugs.

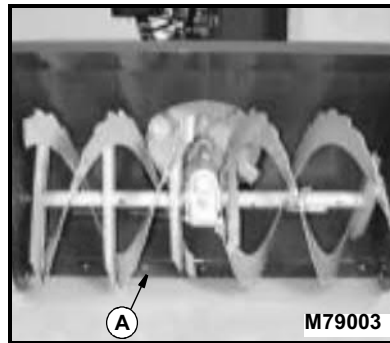


OPERATING

Adjusting Scraper Blade

IMPORTANT: If scraper blade wears too far auger/impeller housing may be damaged.

1. Park snowblower on a hard, smooth surface.
2. Stop engine, remove key, wait for all moving parts to stop.
3. Remove wire from spark plug to prevent accidental starting.
4. Tip unit back onto handle bars and support housing.
5. Adjust skid shoes to their FULL UP position.
6. Inspect scraper blade (A):
 - If scraper blade has excessive wear, replace it.
 - If scraper blade can be adjusted; loosen nuts and reposition scraper blade, flush with skid shoes.
7. Tighten nuts.
8. Adjust skid shoes to the proper height. (See Adjusting Skid Shoes in this section).



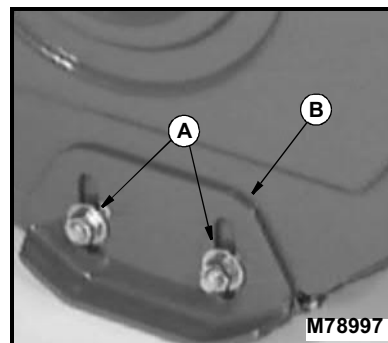
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Adjusting Skid Shoes

Adjust skid shoe height for proper working conditions:

- **To operate on a smooth, hard surface:** Adjust skid shoes so there is 3mm (1/8 in.) between scraper blade and surface.
- **To operate on gravel or uneven surface:** Adjust skid shoes so there is 30mm (1-1/4 in.) between scraper blade and surface.
- **To operate on hard packed snow:** Remove skid shoes and install them upside down. This will prevent the snowblower from riding up on the snow. Adjust skid shoes so there is 3mm (1/8 in.) between scraper blade and surface.

1. Park snowblower on a hard, smooth surface.
2. Stop engine, remove key, wait for all moving parts to stop.
3. Remove wire from spark plug to prevent accidental starting.
4. Check tires:
 - Air pressure in both tires should be equal, although some machine leveling can be made by using different pressures. Check for a maximum of 138 kPa (20 psi) in each tire.
 - Each tire must be resting on hard surface, not a cross-link of tire chain.
5. Put a block under auger housing.
6. Inspect skid shoes:
 - If skid shoes have excessive wear, replace them.
 - If skid shoes can be adjusted; loosen two nuts (A) and move skid shoe (B) to desired position.
7. Tighten nuts. Adjust other skid shoe to the same height.

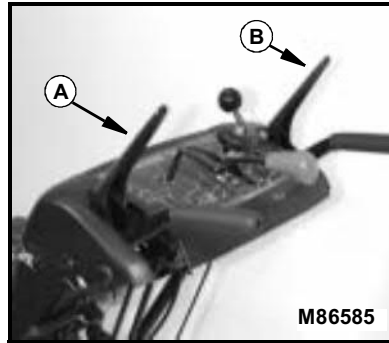


OPERATING

Using Drive Control Levers

TRACTION DRIVE LEVER (A):

- Pull lever (A) to handle to ENGAGE the traction drive.
- Release lever to DISENGAGE traction drive.
- If auger drive lever (B) is also ENGAGED, you can release lever (B), auger drive will stay in the ENGAGED position. Release traction drive lever and both traction drive and auger drive will DISENGAGE.
- Traction drive lever (A) will work independently from the auger drive lever.
- If unit does not respond, is slow to respond or engages too aggressively when the traction drive lever is engaged, see Adjusting Traction Drive Clutch in the Service section.



AUGER DRIVE LEVER (B):

- Pull lever (B) to handle to ENGAGE the auger drive.
- Release lever to DISENGAGE auger drive.
- If traction drive lever (A) is also ENGAGED, you can release lever (B), auger drive will stay in the ENGAGED position. Release traction drive lever and both traction drive and auger drive will DISENGAGE.
- Traction drive lever (A) will work independently from the auger drive lever.
- If auger is not throwing snow very well or it feels like the auger drive belt is slipping when the auger drive lever is engaged, see Adjusting Auger Drive Belt Tension in the Service section.
- If the auger does not come to a complete STOP in 5 seconds or less after the auger drive lever is released, see Checking Clutch / Impeller Brake in the Service section.

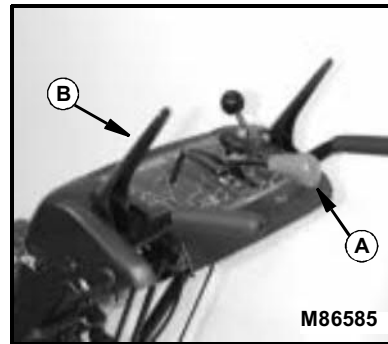
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Using Speed Selector Lever

IMPORTANT: DO NOT overload machine capacity by attempting to clear snow at too fast a rate.

The speed selector lever (A) controls the units forward speed and reverse motion:

- **Moving the speed selector lever forward** increases forward travel. There are six forward speeds available: “1” is the slowest speed and “6” is the fastest speed.
- **Moving the speed selector lever rearward** increases reverse travel. There are two reverse speeds available: “R1” is the slowest speed and “R2” is the fastest speed.



TO OPERATE SPEED SELECTOR LEVER:

- With engine running, position speed selector lever in the notch of the desired speed and ENGAGE the traction drive lever (B).
- Forward speed can be changed without declutching (releasing traction drive lever).
- DO NOT change motion from forward to reverse with traction drive lever ENGAGED.
- Release traction drive lever to STOP forward or reverse travel.

NOTE: The “N” NEUTRAL position of the speed selector lever can be anywhere between “R1” and the first forward speed.

- With speed selector lever in “N” NEUTRAL position and traction drive lever ENGAGED the unit should not “Creep” forward or reverse. If necessary adjust the Speed / Shift Linkage. (See the Service section.)

OPERATING

Using Discharge Chute Controls

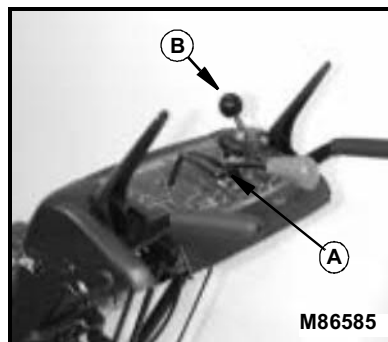


- CAUTION:**
- **DO NOT** put hands or feet near or under rotating parts.
 - **Keep clear of discharge opening at all times.**
 - **DO NOT** use hands to unclog chute.

DISCHARGE CHUTE

The discharge chute control (A) will rotate the discharge chute (D):

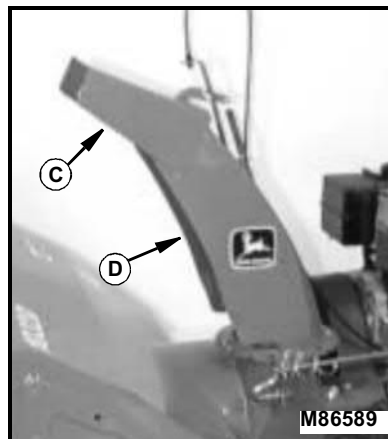
- The discharge chute will rotate (full right, straight ahead, or full left).
- If discharge chute is too difficult to rotate or is too loose, it may be necessary to adjust the chute crank. (See the Service section.)



CHUTE DEFLECTOR

The chute deflector lever (B) will control the chute deflector (C):

- The chute deflector will determine how high or low snow will be thrown.
- If the chute deflector becomes difficult to move or is too loose, it may be necessary to adjust the chute control deflector lever. (See the Service section.)





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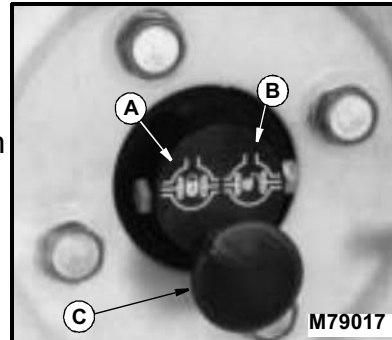
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OPERATING

Using Differential Lock

To ENGAGE differential lock:

- Pull knob (C) and turn to “LOCKED” position (A). Knob will snap in when positioned correctly.
- Both drive wheels are now locked together for improved traction – turning will now be more difficult.



To DISENGAGE differential lock:

- Pull knob (C) and turn to the “UNLOCKED” position (B).
- This is the normal position to leave your unit in. Engine power will be going to both wheels through the differential – turning corners will now be easier

Pre-Starting Engine

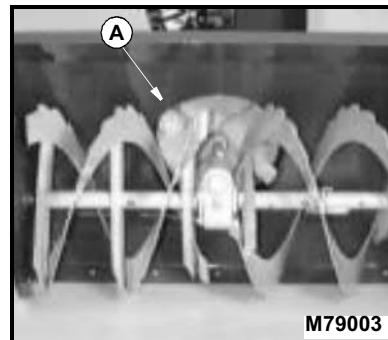
IMPORTANT: In very cold weather, check impeller to be sure it is not frozen. Starting with a frozen impeller could damage the unit.

To check unit for a frozen impeller (A):

- Disconnect spark plug wire from spark plug.
- Engage auger drive lever.
- Pull engine rewind starter.

If impeller is frozen: Rewind starter can not be pulled. Move unit to a heated area so ice around impeller can thaw.

If impeller is not frozen: Rewind starter can be pulled – it will be more difficult than normal.



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