

**TRS24, TRS26 and
TRX26 Walk-Behind
Snowblowers**

(Serial No. 150001 –)

**OPERATOR'S
MANUAL**

**John Deere
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INTRODUCTION

THANK YOU for purchasing a John Deere product.

Read this manual and your attachment manuals thoroughly. Failure to do so could result in personal injury or equipment damage.



C WARNING: The Engine Exhaust from this product contains chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer, birth defects or other reproductive harm.

CALIFORNIA Proposition 65 Warning

This manual should be considered a permanent part of your machine and should remain with the machine when you sell it.

Measurements in this manual are metric units and their U.S. customary equivalents. RIGHT-HAND and LEFT-HAND sides are determined by facing in the direction the machine will travel when going forward. When you see a broken line arrow (- - - ➔) it indicates the part it is pointing to is hidden.

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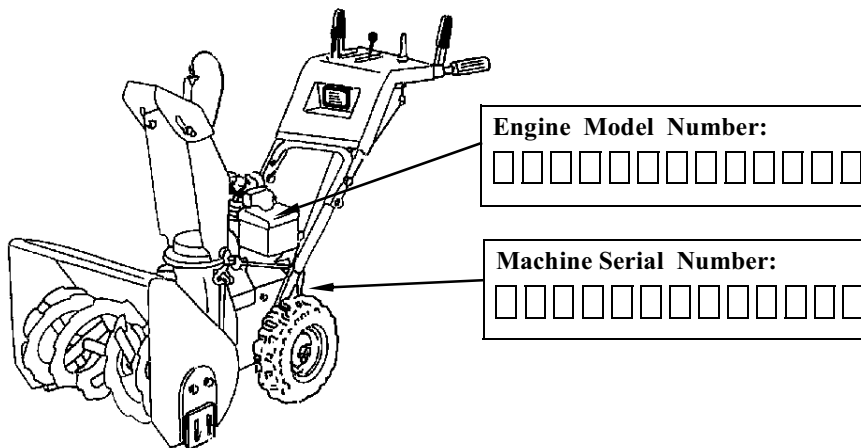


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SAFETY SIGNS

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



SAFETY SIGNS



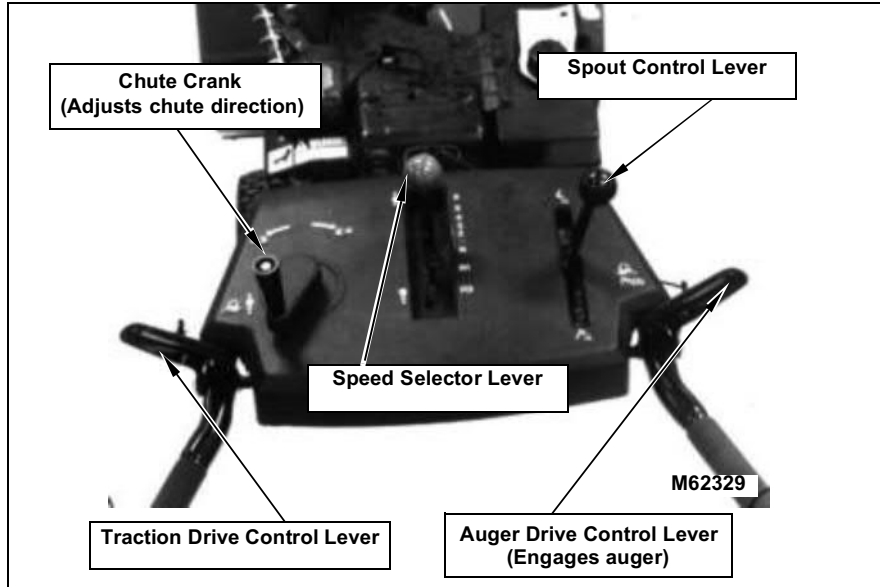
Certification Label

This OPEI label on your snow thrower indicates that this model has been certified by an independent laboratory for compliance with American National Standard B-71.3-1984, "Safety Specifications" for Snowthrowers.



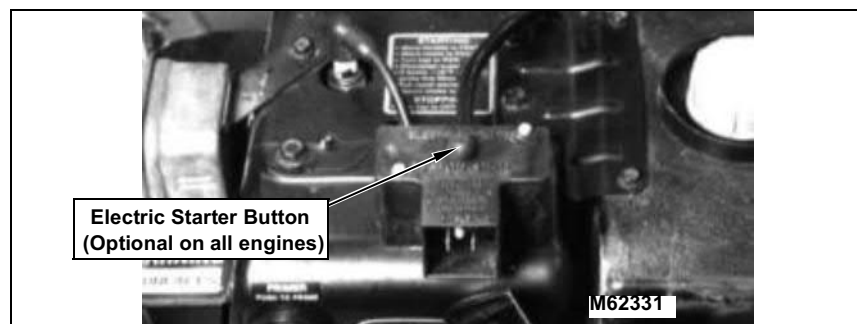
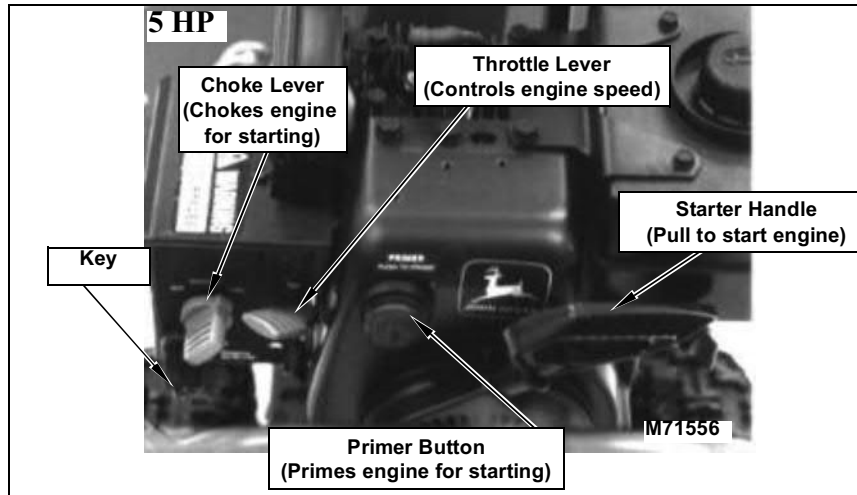
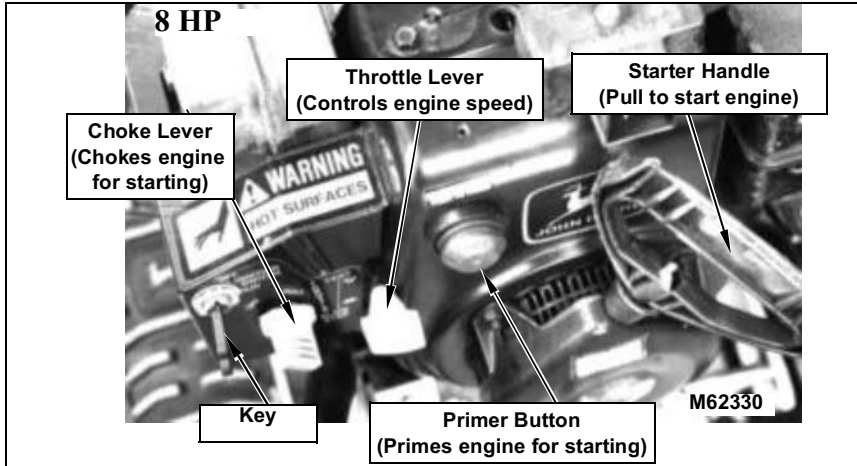
CONTROLS

Snowblower Controls



CONTROLS

Engine Controls



OPERATING

SAFETY



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. Keep children in the house when you are operating the snowblower. 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, clean, 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. Avoid holes, rocks, roots, etc.
- DO NOT blow snow across a slope. Be very careful when you change direction on a slope. Do not try to clear snow from a steep slope. Keep away from edge of a ditch or bank.

OPERATING

Operate Safely (Continued)

- 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.

Rotating Blades Are Dangerous - Protect Children And Prevent Accidents



PROTECT CHILDREN:

- Never assume that children will remain where you last saw them. 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.
- DO NOT operate snowblower if you are under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
- Keep hands, feet, and clothing away from discharge chute and auger.

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Wear Appropriate Clothing

- Wear close fitting clothing and safety equipment appropriate for the job.
- Wear eye protection.
- Loud noise can cause impairment or loss of hearing, wear a suitable protective device such as earplugs.
- Do not wear radio or music headphones while operating the machine. Safe operation requires your full attention.



Adjusting Skids

If you operate on a smooth, hard surface, adjust skids so there is 1/8 in. (3 mm) between scraper blade and surface.

If skid is as high as it will go (bolt against bottom of slot), and scraper blade is still too high:

- Loosen six bolts on scraper blade.
- Move blade down to 1/8 in. (3 mm) above surface.
- Tighten bolts.

Before you operate snowblower on gravel or uneven surface, adjust bottom of skids to 1-1/4 in. (30 mm) below scraper blade.

Before you adjust skids on wheel models:

- Pressure in each tire must be the same.
- Each tire must be resting on hard surface, not on a cross-link of tire chain.



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OPERATING

Adjusting Skids (Continued)

1. Park snowblower on a hard, smooth surface.
2. Put a block under auger housing.
3. Loosen two nuts shown. Move skid to desired position.
4. Tighten nuts. Adjust other skid to same height.



Using Speed Selector Lever

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CAUTION: Be sure of footing when you operate the snowblower. Use a speed you can safely control.

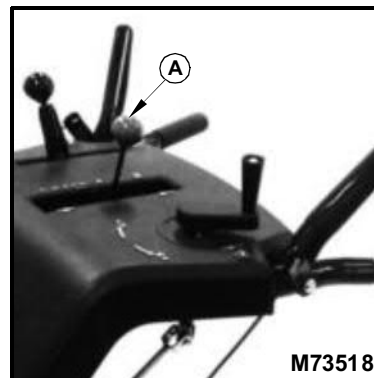
IMPORTANT: Do not shift on the go. When traction drive is **ENGAGED** (lever pulled down to handle), do not move speed selector lever.

- If you move lever, friction wheel may be scuffed and torn as it moves across friction disk.

Speed selector lever (A) controls direction and speed of snowblower:

- Forward and reverse direction.
- Six speeds forward and two reverse.

Put speed selector lever in the **NEUTRAL** position before you start engine.



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