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**2-Bag Bagger**  
**For EZtrak™ Series**

OMM162318 C0

**OPERATOR'S MANUAL**



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**Original Instruction**

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# INTRODUCTION

## Introduction

### Using Your Operator's Manual

Read this entire operator's manual, especially the safety information, before operating.

This manual is an important part of your machine. Keep all manuals in a convenient location so they can be accessed easily.

Use the safety and operating information in the attachment operator's manual, along with the machine operator's manual, to operate and service the attachment safely and correctly.

If your attachment manual has a section called Preparing the Machine, it means that you will have to do something to your tractor or vehicle before you can install the attachment. The Assembly and Installation sections of this manual provide information to assemble and install the attachment to your tractor or vehicle. Use the Service section to make any needed adjustments and routine service to your attachment.

If you have any questions or concerns with the assembly, installation, or operation of this attachment, see your local John Deere dealer or call the John Deere Customer Contact Center at 1-800-537-8233 for assistance.

Warranty information on this John Deere attachment can be found in the warranty that came with your John Deere tractor or vehicle.

## Product Identification

### Product Compatibility

#### 2-Bag Bagger

The 2-Bag Bagger is compatible with the Residential Zero Turn Mowers: Z225, Z245, Z425, and Z445 - Serial No. (080001 - )

This 2-Bag Bagger and Chute are to be used with the POWER FLOW for a complete bagging system.

### Record Purchase Information

Record your purchase information in the spaces provided below.

DATE OF PURCHASE:

DEALER NAME:

DEALER PHONE:

### Register Your Product and Warranty Online

To register your product through the Internet, simply go to [www.JohnDeereWarrantyRegistration.com](http://www.JohnDeereWarrantyRegistration.com). Completing the information, either online or with the product warranty card, will ensure the customer that their product receives all post sales service and important product information.

## Safety Labels



### Understanding The Machine Safety Labels

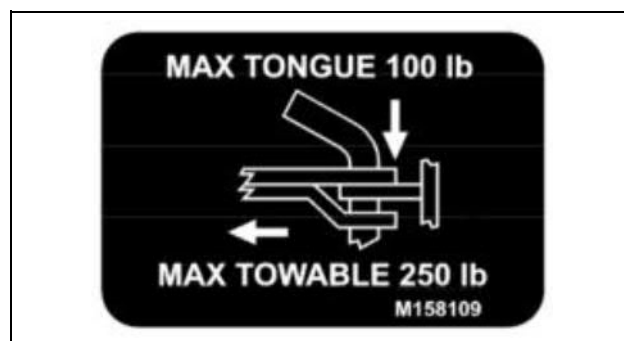
The machine safety labels shown in this section are placed in important areas on your machine to draw attention to potential safety hazards.

On your machine safety labels, the words DANGER, WARNING, and CAUTION are used with this safety-alert symbol. DANGER identifies the most serious hazards.

The operator's manual also explains any potential safety hazards whenever necessary in special safety messages that are identified with the word, CAUTION, and the safety-alert symbol.

There can be additional safety information contained on parts and components sourced from suppliers that is not reproduced in this operator's manual.

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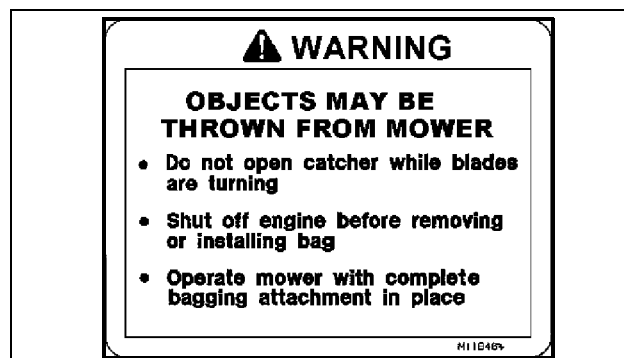


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MAX TONGUE 100 LB

MAX TOWABLE 250 LB

### WARNING



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### Objects May Be Thrown from Mower

- Do not open catcher while blades are turning.
- Shut off engine before removing or installing bag.
- Operate mower with complete bagging attachment in place.

# SAFETY

## WARNING

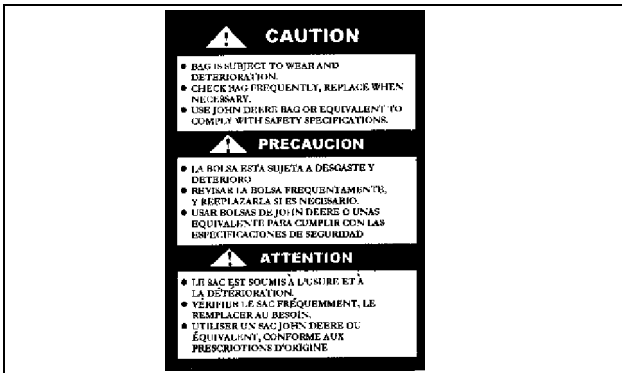
### Thrown Objects



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- Do not operate mower without chutes and hoses securely in place.

## CAUTION



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- Bag is subject to wear and deterioration.
- Check bag frequently and replace when necessary.
- Use John Deere bag or equivalent to comply with safety specifications.

## Safety

### Read Safety in Machine Operator's Manual

Read the general safety operating precautions in your machine operator's manual for additional safety information.

### Operating Safely

Read, understand and follow all instructions in this attachment manual, the machine operator's manual and safety signs on equipment before starting.

Use proper front ballast. Remove ballast when the material collection system is removed.

Hopper extends beyond machine. Be aware of surrounding objects when making short turns.

Do not operate material collection system unless entire grass catcher is fastened in place with hopper cover securely latched.

Do not let anyone ride on the mower or material collection system. Riders are subject to injury such as being struck by foreign objects or being thrown off. Riders may obstruct the operator's view and cause a collision.

### Before bag removal or installation:

- Stop mower.
- Disengage mower or PTO.
- Stop engine and remove key.
- Wait for engine and all moving parts to stop before leaving the operator

seat.

### Before backing up machine:

- Stop machine.
- Look behind hopper for children.
- Keep bystanders away when unloading material collection system.

### Operate safely on slopes:

- Empty bags when they are half full.
- Do not operate on steep slopes.
- Before turning, slow down.
- Avoid sudden starts and stops.
- Do not park machine with material collection system on slopes.

### Bag and Hose Maintenance:

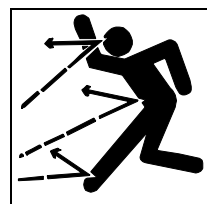
- Bag and hose are subject to wear and deterioration.
- Check bag and hose frequently; replace when necessary.
- Use John Deere bag and hose or equivalent to comply with safety specifications.
- Do not leave clippings in bags overnight.

### Parking Safely

1. Stop machine on a level surface, not on a slope.
2. Disengage mower blades or any other attachments.
3. Lower attachments to the ground.
4. Lock the park brake.
5. Stop the engine.
6. Remove the key.
7. Wait for engine and all moving parts to stop before you leave the operator's seat.
8. Close fuel shut-off valve, if your machine is equipped.
9. Disconnect the negative battery cable or remove the spark plug wire(s) (for gasoline engines) before servicing the machine.

### Protect Children

- Tragic accidents can occur if the operator is not alert to the presence of children. Keep children indoors when the machine and attachment are operated and under the watchful care of another responsible adult.
- Never assume that children will remain where you last saw them. Stay alert to the presence of children. Turn the machine off if a child enters the work area.
- Do not let children or an untrained person operate the machine.
- Do not carry or let children ride on any attachment or machine even with the attachment off. Do not tow children in a cart or trailer.



### Avoid Injury From Thrown Objects

- When operating the vehicle with the MCS attachment installed make sure all chutes and hoses are securely in place. Keep hopper closed or MCS in operating position.
- Stop the engine and wait for all moving parts to stop before removing or lifting any attachment components.

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# PREPARING VEHICLE

- Avoid injury from impeller blades and thrown objects. Remove attachment when operating vehicle in side discharge mode. Make sure deflector shield is in place on mower deck if attachment is removed.



## Avoid Injury From Rotating Blades

- Keep hands and feet away from rotating blades and blower assembly when engine is running.

- Stop engine and wait for moving parts to stop before servicing components.
- Do not operate MCS or blower unless all attachment components are in place and latched.

## Practice Safe Maintenance

- Only qualified, trained adults should service this machine.
- Understand service procedure before doing work. Keep area clean and dry.
- Do not operate the engine in a confined space where dangerous carbon monoxide fumes can collect.
- Never lubricate, service or adjust the machine or attachment while it is moving. Keep safety devices in place and in working condition. Keep hardware tight.
- Keep hands, feet, clothing, jewelry, and long hair away from any moving parts, to prevent them from getting caught.
- Lower any attachment completely to the ground or to an existing attachment mechanical stop before servicing the attachment. Disengage all power and stop the engine. Lock park brake and remove the key. Let machine cool.
- Disconnect battery or remove spark plug wire (for gasoline engines) before making any repairs.
- Before servicing machine or attachment, carefully release pressure from any components with stored energy, such as hydraulic components and springs.
- Release hydraulic pressure by lowering attachment or cutting units to the ground or to a mechanical stop and move hydraulic control levers.
- Securely support any machine or attachment elements that must be raised for service work. Use jack stands or lock service latches to support components when needed.
- Never run engine unless park brake is locked.
- Keep all parts in good condition and properly installed. Fix damage immediately. Replace worn or broken parts. Replace all worn or damaged safety and instruction decals.
- Check all hardware at frequent intervals to be sure the equipment is in safe working condition.
- Do not modify machine or safety devices. Unauthorized modifications to the machine or attachment may impair its function and safety.

Bagger and 7-Bushel Power Flow systems. If a Mulch Kit is installed on the mower, it must be removed along with the mulch plug, attaching hardware and mulching blades.

## Install Proper Mower Blades



**CAUTION: Avoid injury! Blades are sharp. Always wear gloves when handling blades or working near blades.**

**IMPORTANT: Avoid damage! When replacing mower blades, always use genuine John Deere Service Parts.**

- For best performance, always use correct mower blade for job being performed.
- Always follow safety and service instructions in the machine operator's manual when changing mower blades.

For maximum bagging performance, install the correct blades for mower.

## 48 Mower Decks

- Standard Blades: There is only a standard design mower blade available for these mowers. This blade is designed for all mowing applications, except for mulching.
- Mulching Blades: Not to be used with material collection system; not enough air flow. Should be used only with the optional mulch kit.

## Install Mower Lip Sections

Optional bolt-on lip sections provide various advantages when bagging. Lip Kits are not available for all mower models. See your John Deere dealer for availability.

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## Preparing Vehicle

### Remove Mulch Kit



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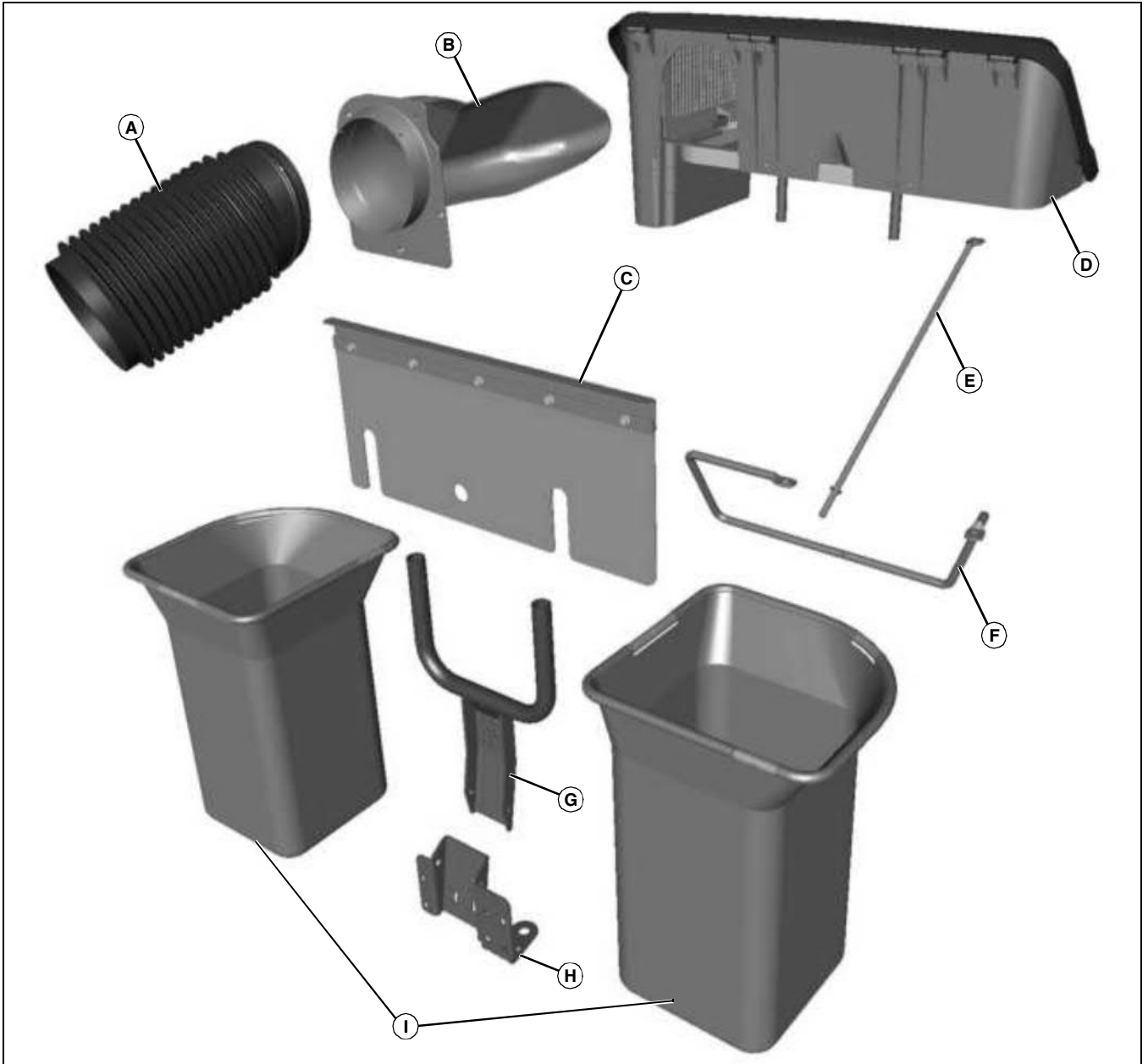
The Mulch Kit is not compatible with the installation of the 7-Bushel Rear

# ASSEMBLY

## Assembly

### Identify Parts

#### Bagger and Hopper Parts

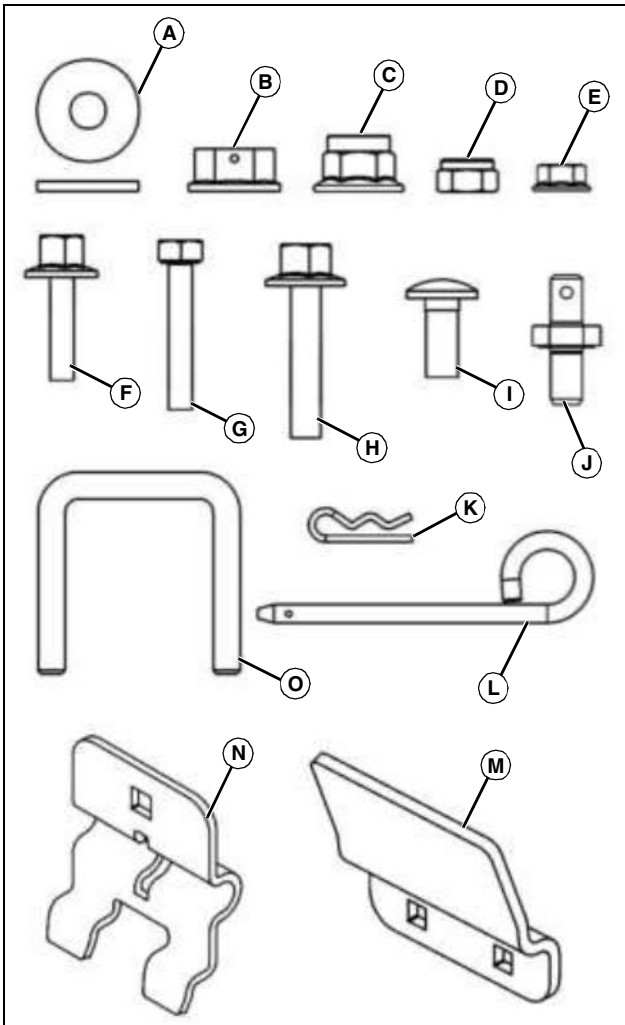


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Qty.	Description	Qty.	Description
1	Adapter, Upper Chute (A)	1	Support Rod (F)
1	Upper Discharge Chute (B)	1	H-Frame (G)
1	Shield (C)	1	Mounting Post Bracket (H)
3	Hopper Top (D)	1	Grass Bag (I)
2	Gusset Rod (E)		

# ASSEMBLY

## Bag of Parts



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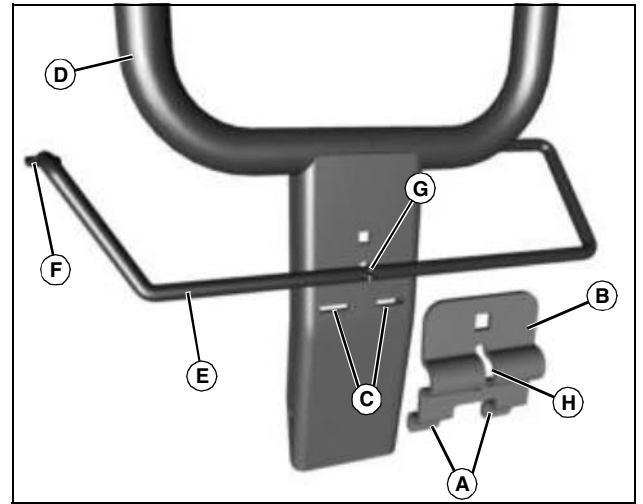
### Qty. Description

2	Washer, Flat, M8.4 (A)
6	Locknut, Flange, 3/8 in. (B)
1	Locknut, Flange, M10 (C)
5	Locknut, M8 (D)
4	Locknut, M6 (E)
3	Bolt, Flange, M6x25 (F)
1	Bolt, M6x40 (G)
4	Bolt, Flange, M8x45 (H)
4	Bolt, Carriage, M8x20 (I)
2	Pin, Quick-Attach, M8 (J)
4	Pin, Spring Locking (K)
1	Pin, Drilled (L)

### Qty. Description

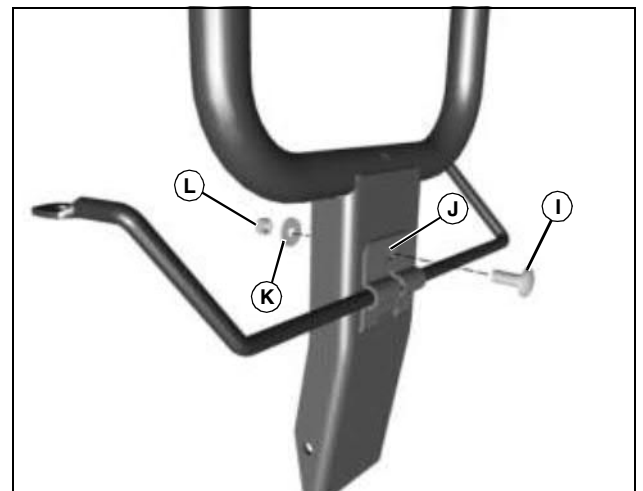
1	Bracket, Stop (M)
1	Bracket, Support Rod (N)
3	U-Bolt (O)
3	Tie Strap (not shown)

## Assemble Support Rod to Mounting Post



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1. Fit tabs (A) on support rod bracket (B) into slots (C) on mounting post (D).
2. Insert support rod (E) between support rod bracket and mounting post:
  - When viewed from rear, the longer end (F) of rod (E) should be faced toward the left.
  - Flat side of drilled ends on support rod must be facing down.
  - Tab (G) on support rod must fit into slot (H) on support rod bracket before tightening.

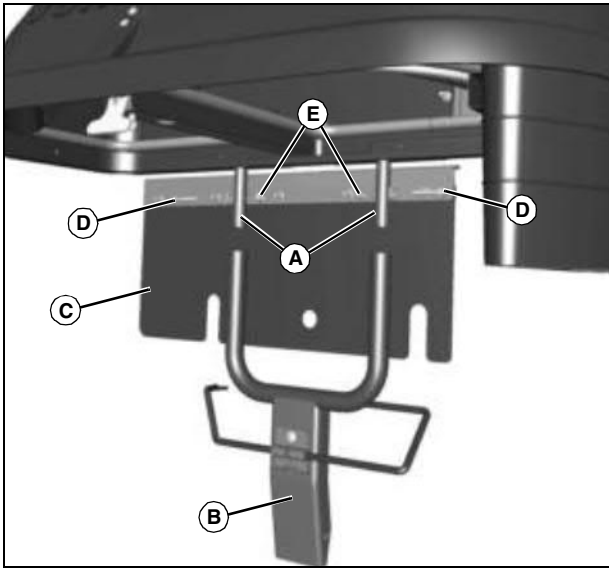


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3. Insert M8x20 carriage bolt (I) through support rod bracket and hole (J) in mounting post.
4. Secure bolt with an M8 flat washer (K) and M8 locknut (L).

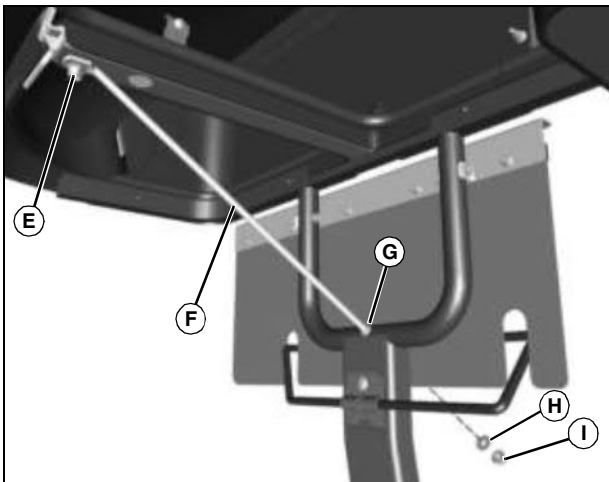
# ASSEMBLY

## Assemble Hopper and Shield



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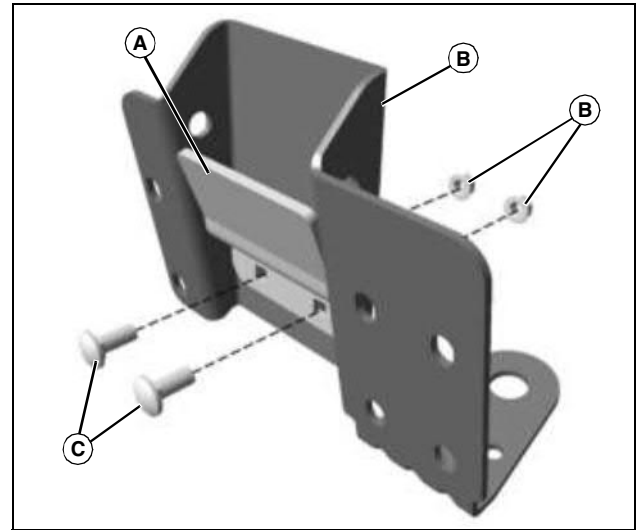
1. Align hopper support tubes (A) with H-frame (B). Set hopper assembly onto H-frame.
2. Secure shield (C) and hopper assembly to H-frame with two M8x45 bolts (D) and M8 locknuts (E). Tighten hardware completely.
3. Open hopper cover.



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4. Remove pre assembled hardware (E) from hopper center frame support.
5. Insert threaded end of gusset rod (F) through hole (G) in H-frame. Secure with M10.5 x 30 x 2.5 flat washer (H) and M10 locknut (I).
6. Align other end of rod with hole in hopper center frame support. Reinstall and tighten hardware.

## Assemble Stop Bracket to Mounting Post Bracket

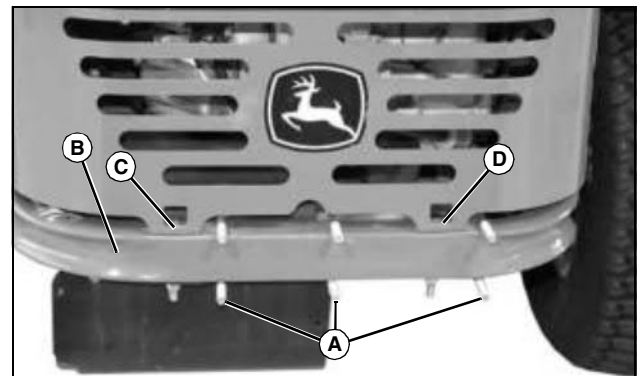


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1. Position stop bracket (A) inside of mounting post bracket (B), aligning square mounting holes in stop bracket with the two slotted holes in the mounting post bracket. Secure with two M8x20 carriage bolts (C), installed from the inside out, and two M8 flange nuts (D). Do not fully tighten until mounting post is installed, to adjust properly for crosspin alignment.

## Assemble Mounting Post Bracket to Machine

**NOTE:** Allow engine to cool before beginning kit installation. Some components are in proximity to muffler.



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1. Install three U-bolts (A) around machine frame (B) from the front. Position left side U-bolt to the inside of engine shield mount (C), and the right side U-bolt to the outside of engine shield mount (D).



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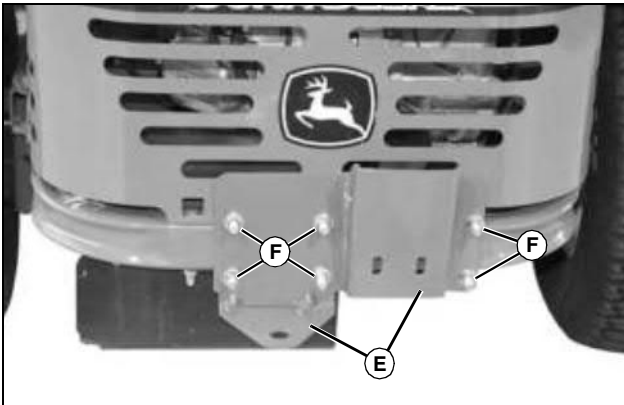
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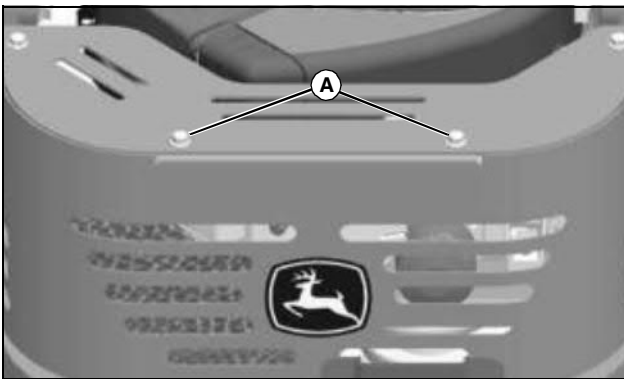
# INSTALLING



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2. Assemble the rear hitch plate (E) onto the three U-bolts and secure with six 3/8 in. flange locknuts (F). Do not fully tighten hardware at this time.

## Install Quick-Attach Pins



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1. Remove and discard the two M8x20 flange head bolts (A) at the top rear of the engine cover, and replace with two M8 quick-attach pins from the bag of parts. Tighten hardware.

## Installing

### Install Front Ballast



**CAUTION: Avoid injury! Operating with a grasscatcher or other attachment can affect stability on a slope. Use front weights on your tractor if necessary**

**When the attachment is removed, also remove any ballast that was added to the machine.**

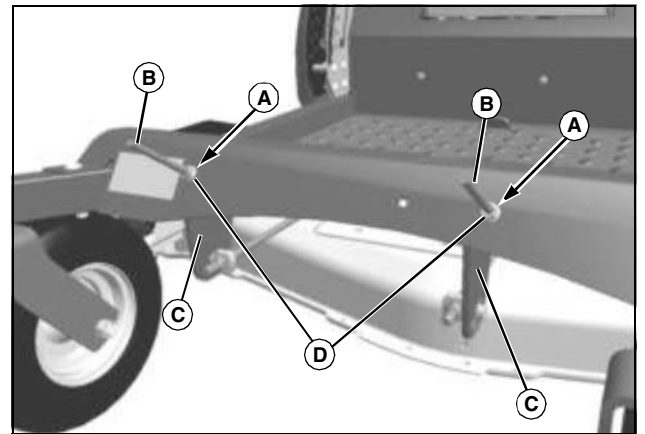
**Use only attachments and accessories recommended by the manufacturer.**

**NOTE: Ballast is extra weight that is added to the machine to provide additional stability. You can use the separate weight kit instructions for specific steps regarding installing weights onto the front of the machine.**

Install the proper front ballast to help counter-balance the total weight of the bagger. Remove ballast when the bagger is removed. This will ensure proper operation of the machine when not bagging.

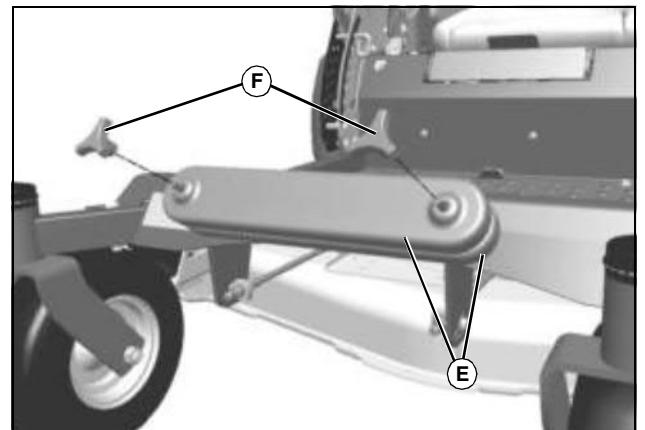
### Ballast Required:

- Z225, Z425, Z445 requires: 3 - 8 kg (18 lb) weights.
- Z245 requires: 2 - 8 kg (18 lb) weights.



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1. Remove existing hardware from two holes (A) in frame.
2. Install two M8 bolts (B) from under frame, through front brackets (C) and holes in frame (A). Secure each bolt using a washer and M8 nut (D).



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3. Install weights (E) onto bolts, with recessed holes in weights facing machine frame.
4. Secure with two knobs (F).

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