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**Rear Discharge Mower Deck for 1400/  
1500 Series Front Mower  
72-Inch**

**OMDMU212207 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.

### Machine Use

This machine is designed solely for use in customary lawn mowing operations. Use in any other way is considered as contrary to the intended use.

The manufacturer accepts no liability for damage or injury resulting from this misuse, and these risks must be borne solely by the user. Compliance with and strict adherence to the conditions of operation, service and repair as specified by the manufacturer also constitute essential elements for the intended use.

This machine should be operated, serviced and repaired only by persons familiar with all its particular characteristics and acquainted with the relevant safety rules (accident prevention). The accident prevention regulations, all other generally recognized regulations on safety and occupational medicine and the road traffic regulations must be observed at all times.

Setting fuel delivery beyond published factory specifications or otherwise overpowering will result in loss of warranty protection for this machine.

Any arbitrary modifications carried out on this machine will relieve the manufacturer of all liability for any resulting damage or injury.

## Product Identification

### Product Compatibility

The 72 inch Rear Discharge Mower Deck is compatible with the 1400/1500 series Front Mowers.

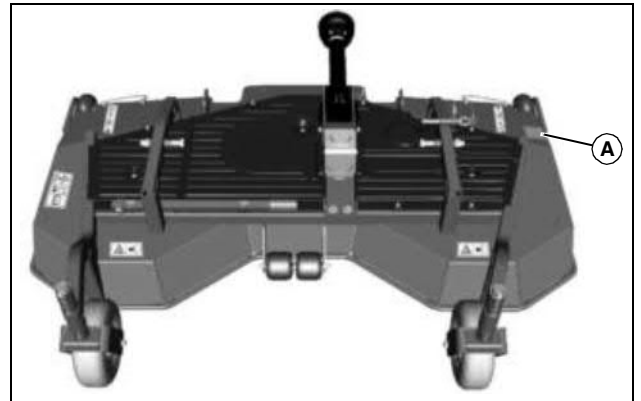
### Record Identification Numbers

#### Front Mower Decks

72-Inch Rear Discharge Serial Number (215434- )

If you need to contact an Authorized Service Center for information on servicing, always provide the product model and serial number.

You will need to locate the model and serial numbers for the mower deck and record the information in the spaces provided below.



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DATE OF PURCHASE:

DEALER NAME:

DEALER PHONE:

PRODUCT SERIAL NUMBER (A):

## Safety Labels



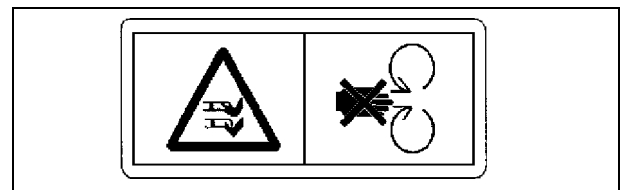
### Pictorial Safety Signs

At several important places on this machine safety signs are affixed intended to signify potential danger. The hazard is identified by a pictorial in a warning triangle. An adjacent pictorial provides information how to avoid personal injury.

These safety signs, their placement on the machine and a brief explanatory text are shown in this Safety section.

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

### Avoid Injury From Rotating Blades - M118041

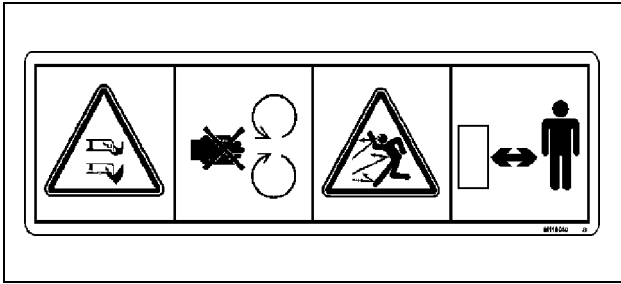


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- Do not put hands or feet under or into mower when engine is running.
- Do not operate mower without discharge chute or entire grass catcher in place.

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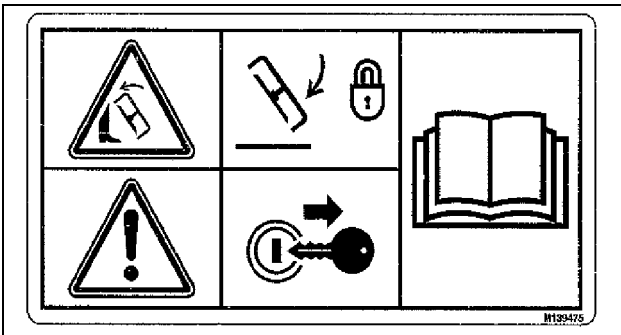
## Avoid Injury From Rotating Blades and Thrown Objects - M118040



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- Do not put hands or feet under or into mower when engine is running.
- Do not operate mower without discharge chute or entire grass catcher in place.
- Before mowing, clear area of objects that may be thrown by blade.
- Stay clear while engine is running.

## Read Operators Manual



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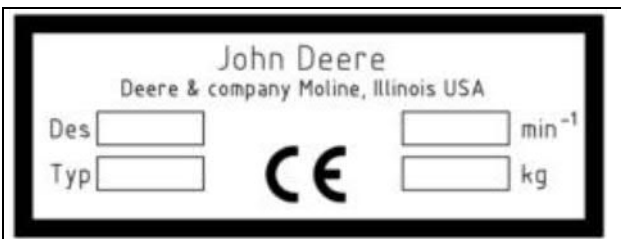
## Avoid Bodily Injury

- Do not operate mower with shields removed.
- Keep hands and feet away from mower deck when engine is running.
- Remove ignition key before leaving mower.
- Blades are sharp: use extreme care if deck is raised.
- Read, understand, and follow all instructions in the operator's manual.
- Keep feet away when lowering the deck to the ground.

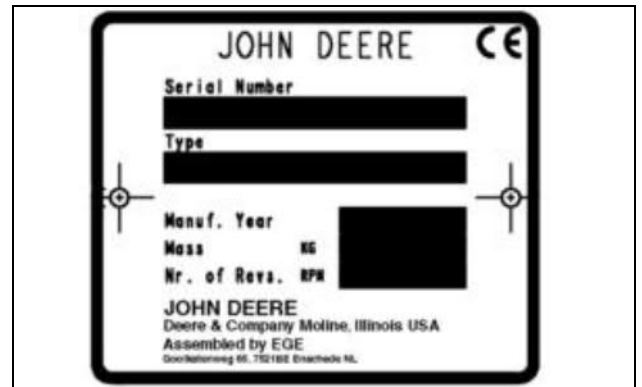
## Before Servicing

- Lower or secure mower in raised position with service lock.
- Shut off engine and remove ignition key before performing service.

## CE Certification



EPC104325A4



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This Serial Plate on your mower deck indicates that this model has been certified and is in compliance with applicable European Directives.

## Safety

### Training

- Read the instructions carefully. Be familiar with the controls and the proper use of the equipment.
- Never allow children or people unfamiliar with these instructions to use the lawnmower. Local regulations can restrict the age of the operator.
- Never mow while people, especially children, or pets are nearby.
- Keep in mind that the operator or user is responsible for accidents or hazards occurring to other people or their property.
- Do not carry passengers.

### Preparation

- While mowing, always wear substantial footwear and long trousers. Do not operate the equipment when barefoot or wearing open sandals.
- Thoroughly inspect the area where the equipment is to be used and remove all objects which can be thrown by the machine.
- Before using, always visually inspect to see that the blades, blade bolts and cutter assembly are not worn or damaged. Replace worn or damaged blades and bolts in sets to preserve balance.
- On multi-bladed machines, take care as rotating one blade can cause other blades to rotate.

### Operation

- Do not operate the engine in a confined space where dangerous carbon monoxide fumes can collect.
- Mow only in daylight or in good artificial light.
- Before attempting to start the engine, disengage all blade attachment clutches and shift into neutral.
- Remember there is no such thing as a safe slope. Travel on grass slopes requires particular care. To guard against overturning:
  - never mow across the face of a slope, unless the machine is designed for this purpose.
- Stop the blades from rotating before crossing surfaces other than grass.
- Never direct discharge of material toward bystanders nor allow anyone near the machine while in operation.
- Never operate the machine with defective guards, or without safety

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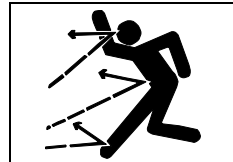
protective devices in place.

- Do not change the engine governor settings or overspeed the engine. Operating the engine at excessive speed can increase the hazard of personal injury.
- Before leaving the operator's position:
  - disengage the drive to any attachments and lower them;
  - change into neutral and lock the parking brake;
  - stop the engine and remove the key.
- Disengage drive to attachments, stop the engine, disconnect the spark plug wires and remove the ignition key:
  - before clearing blockages or unclogging chute;
  - before checking, cleaning, or working on the machine;
  - after striking a foreign object. Inspect the machine for damage and make repairs before restarting and operating the equipment;
  - if the machine starts to vibrate abnormally (check immediately).
- Disengage drive to attachments when transporting or not in use.
- Stop the engine and disengage drive to attachment:
  - before refueling;
  - before removing the grass catcher;
  - before making height adjustment unless adjustment can be made from the operator's position.
- Reduce the throttle setting during run-out and, if the engine is provided with a shut-off valve, turn the fuel off at the conclusion of mowing.
- Inspect machine before you operate. Repair or replace damaged, badly worn, or missing parts. Make any necessary adjustments before you operate.
- Do not operate mower without discharge chute or entire grass catcher in place. Never operate with the discharge deflector raised, removed, or altered, unless using a grass catcher.
- Stop machine if anyone enters the area.
- Use only accessories and attachments approved by the manufacturer of the machine. Keep safety labels visible when installing accessories and attachments.
- Never raise mower decks when blades are running.

## Maintenance and Storage

- Keep all nuts, bolts and screws tight to be sure the equipment is in safe working condition.
- Never store the equipment with fuel in the tank inside a building where fumes can reach an open flame or spark.
- Allow the engine to cool before storing in any enclosure.
- To reduce the fire hazard, keep the engine, silencer, battery compartment and fuel storage area free of grass, leaves, or excessive grease.
- Check the grass catcher frequently for wear or deterioration.
- Replace worn or damaged parts for safety.
- If the fuel tank has to be drained, this should be done outdoors.
- On multi-bladed machines, take care as rotating one blade can cause other blades to rotate.
- When machine is to be parked, stored or left unattended, lower the cutting means unless a positive mechanical lock is used.

- Use jack stands or lock service latches to support components when required. Securely support any machine elements that must be raised for service work.
- Before servicing machine or attachment, carefully release pressure from any components with stored energy, such as hydraulic components or springs.
- Release hydraulic pressure by lowering attachment or cutting units to the ground or to a mechanical stop and move hydraulic control levers back and forth.
- Disconnect battery or remove spark plug (for gas engines) before making any repairs. Disconnect the negative terminal first and the positive last. Reconnect positive first and negative last.
- Use care when checking blades. Wrap the blades or wear gloves, and use caution when servicing them. Only replace blades. Never straighten or weld them.
- Keep hands, feet, clothing, jewelry and long hair away from moving parts. If possible, do not make adjustments with the engine running.
- Charge batteries in an open well ventilated area, away from spark and flames. Unplug charger before connecting or disconnecting from battery. Wear protective clothing and use insulated tools.



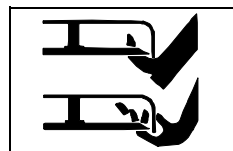
## Checking Mowing Area

- Clear mowing area of objects that might be thrown. Keep people and pets out of mowing area.
- Low-hanging branches and similar obstacles can injure the operator or interfere with

- mowing operation. Before mowing, identify potential obstacles such as low-hanging branches, and trim or remove those obstacles.
- Study mowing area. Set up a safe mowing pattern. Do not mow where traction or stability is doubtful.
  - Test drive area with mower lowered but not running. Slow down when you travel over rough ground.

## 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.



## Rotating Blades are Dangerous

### HELP PREVENT SERIOUS OR FATAL ACCIDENTS:

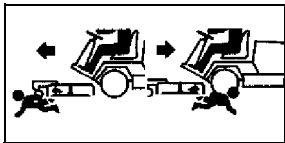
- Rotating blades can cut off arms and legs, and throw objects. Failure to observe safety instructions could result in serious injury or

death.

- Keep hands, feet and clothing away from mower deck when engine is running.

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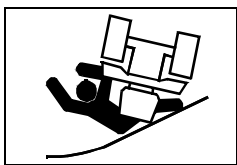
- Be alert at all times, drive forward and in reverse carefully. People, especially children can move quickly into the mowing area before you know it.
- Before backing up, stop mower blades or attachments and look down and behind the machine carefully, especially for children.
- Do not mow in reverse.
- Shut off blades when you are not mowing.
- Park machine safely before leaving the operator's station for any reason including emptying the grasscatchers or unplugging the chute.
- The mower blades should stop in approximately five seconds when the mower is disengaged. If you believe that your blades may not be stopping in that period of time, take your machine to your authorized dealer where they can safely check and service your machine.



## Protect Children

• Death or serious injury can occur when young children associate having fun with a lawn mowing machine simply because someone has given them a ride on a machine.

- Children are attracted to lawn mowing machines and mowing activities. They don't understand the dangers of rotating blades or the fact that the operator is unaware of their presence.
- Children who have been given rides in the past may suddenly appear in the mowing area for another ride and be run over or backed over by the machine.
- Tragic accidents with children can occur if the operator is not alert to the presence of children, especially when a child approaches a machine from behind. Before and while backing up, stop mower blades and look down and behind the machine carefully, especially for children.
- Never carry children on a machine or attachment, even with the blades off. Do not tow children in a cart or trailer. They can fall off and be seriously injured or interfere with safe machine operation.
- Never use the machine as a recreational vehicle or to entertain children.
- Never allow children or an untrained person operate the machine. Instruct all operators not to give children a ride on the machine or in an attachment.
- Keep children indoors, out of the mowing area, and in the watchful eye of a responsible adult, other than the operator, when a mower is being operated.
- Stay alert to the presence of children. Never assume that children will remain where you last saw them. Turn the machine off if a child enters the work area.



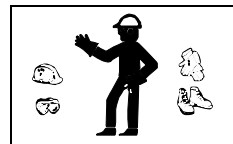
## Avoid Tipping

• Slopes are a major factor related to loss-of-control and tip-over accidents, which can result in severe injury or death. Operation on all slopes requires extra caution. If you cannot back up the slope or if you feel uneasy on it, do not mow it.

- Mow up and down slopes, not across.
- Watch for holes, ruts, bumps, rocks, or other hidden objects. Uneven terrain could overturn the machine. Tall grass can hide obstacles.
- Choose a low ground speed so you will not have to stop or shift while on a slope.
- Do not mow or operate machine on wet grass. Tires may lose traction.

Tires may lose traction on slopes even though the brakes are functioning properly.

- Always keep the machine in gear when going down slopes. Do not shift to neutral and coast downhill.
- Avoid starting, stopping or turning on a slope. If the tires lose traction, disengage the blades and proceed slowly, straight down the slope.
- Keep all movement on slopes slow and gradual. Do not make sudden changes in speed or direction, which could cause the machine to roll over.
- Use extra care while operating machine with grasscatchers or other attachments, they can affect stability of the machine. Do not use on steep slopes.
- Do not try to stabilize the machine by putting your foot on the ground.
- Do not mow near drop-offs, ditches, embankments, or bodies of water. The machine could suddenly roll over if a wheel goes over the edge or the edge caves in. Leave a safety area between the machine and any hazard.
- Follow the manufacturer's recommendations for wheel weights or counterweights for added stability when operating on slopes or using front or rear mounted attachments. Remove weights when not required.



## Wear Appropriate Clothing

- Always wear eye protection when operating the machine.
- Wear close fitting clothing and safety equipment appropriate for the job.
- While operating this machine, always wear substantial footwear and long trousers. Do not operate the equipment when barefoot or wearing open sandals.
- Wear a suitable protective device such as earplugs. Loud noise can cause impairment or loss of hearing.

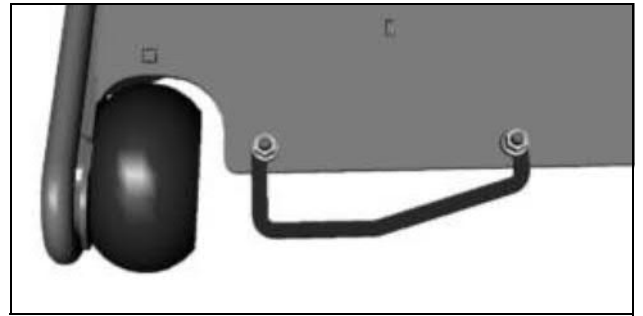


## Practice Safe Maintenance

- Only qualified, trained adults should service this machine. Understand service procedure before doing work.
- Never operate machine in a closed area where dangerous carbon monoxide fumes can collect.
- Keep all nuts and bolts tight, especially blade attachment bolts, to be sure the equipment is in safe working condition.
- Never tamper with safety devices. Check their proper operation regularly.
- Keep machine free of grass, leaves or other debris build-up. Clean up oil or fuel spillage and remove any fuel-soaked debris. Allow the machine to cool before storing.
- If you strike a foreign object, stop and inspect the machine. Repair, if necessary, before restarting.
- Never make any adjustments or repairs with the engine running. Wait for all movement to stop on machine before adjusting, cleaning or repairing.
- Check grasscatcher components and the discharge guard frequently and replace with manufacturer's recommended parts, when necessary. Grasscatcher components are subject to wear, damage, and deterioration which could expose moving parts or allow objects to be thrown.
- Mower blades are sharp. Wrap the blade or wear gloves, and use extra care when servicing them. Only replace blades. Never straighten or weld them.
- Check brake operation frequently. Adjust and service as required.
- Maintain or replace safety and instruction labels, as necessary.

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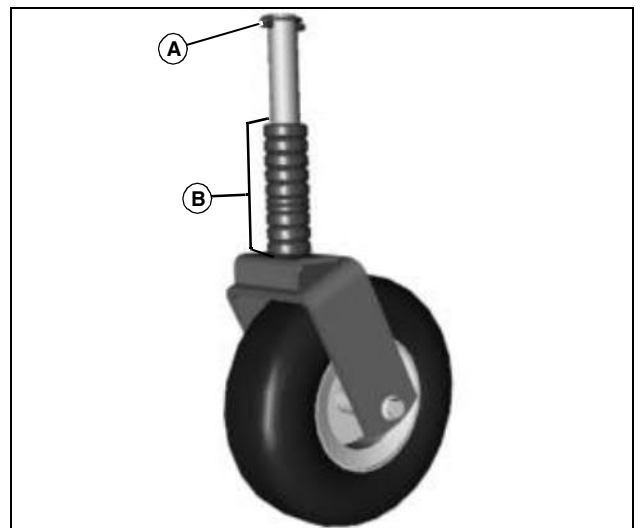
- On multi-bladed machines, take care as rotating one blade can cause other blades to rotate.
- Keep hands, feet, clothing, jewelry, and long hair away from any moving parts, to prevent them from getting caught.
- Lower any attachments to the ground before cleaning or servicing machine. Disengage all power and stop the engine. Lock park brake and remove the key. Let machine cool.
- Securely support any machine elements that must be raised for service work. Use jack stands or lock service latches to support components when needed.
- Disconnect battery or remove spark plug wire (for gasoline engines) before making any repairs. Disconnect negative terminal first and positive last. Install positive terminal first and negative last.
- Before servicing machine or attachment, carefully release pressure from any components with stored energy, such as hydraulic components or springs.
- Keep all parts in good condition and properly installed. Fix damage immediately. Replace worn or broken parts.
- Charge batteries in an open, well-ventilated area, away from sparks. Unplug battery charger before connecting or disconnecting from the battery. Wear protective clothing and use insulated tools.
- Do not strike the flywheel with a hammer or hard object because the flywheel may later shatter during operation.
- If equipped with hydraulic lift - release hydraulic pressure by lowering attachment or cutting units to the ground or to a mechanical stop and move hydraulic control levers back and forth.



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- as shown (F) if deck is mounted on a traction unit equipped with large wheels (26x12.00-12).

## Installing Caster Wheels



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1. Remove locking pin (A) and spacers (B) from wheel yoke spindle.

## Assembly

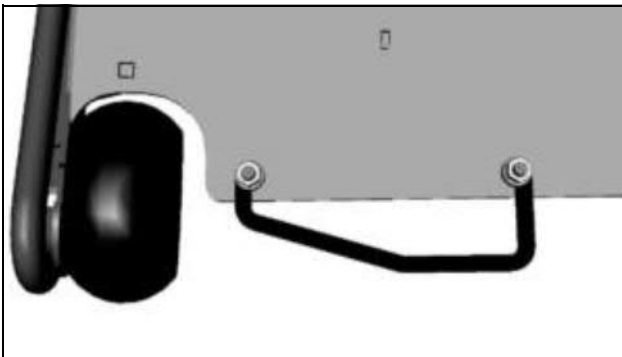
### Install Enclosure Kit

**IMPORTANT: Avoid damage! Install the enclosure kit on all machines using the 72-inch rear discharge deck to help prevent heavy grass and thatch build-up on the machine.**

Follow the instructions in the Preparing Vehicle section to install the enclosure kit before operating the machine with the 72-inch rear discharge mower deck.

### Installing Safety Brackets

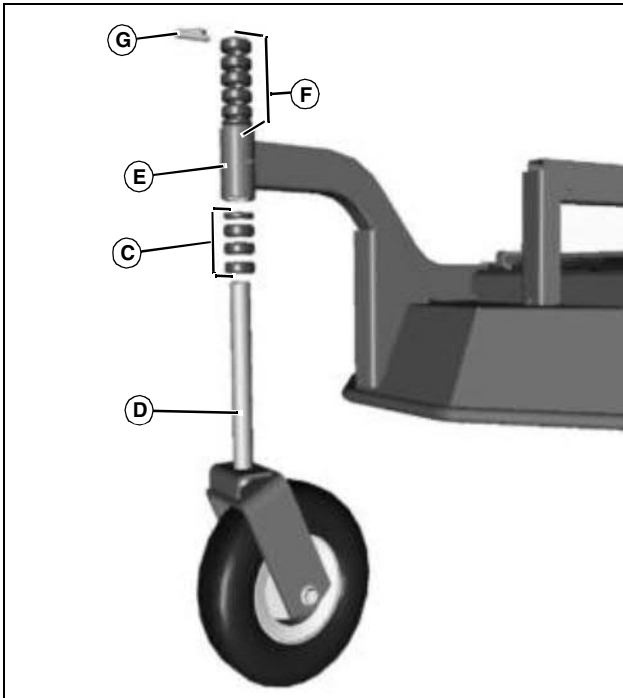
1. Install safety bracket on deck:



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- as shown (E) if deck is mounted on a traction unit equipped with small wheels (23x10.50-12) or

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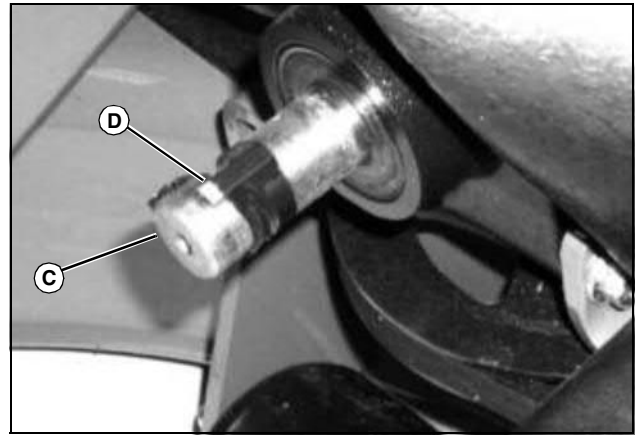
2. Choose the desired cutting height as indicated on the label on the left side of the mower deck and determine amount of spacers to be installed on lower portion (C) of wheel yoke spindle (D).
3. Install the spacers and raise the deck. Insert spindle into deck arm (E). Install remaining spacers (F) onto spindle above deck arm. Secure with spring locking pin (G).
4. Repeat procedure for other caster wheel and lower the deck .

## Install PTO Shaft



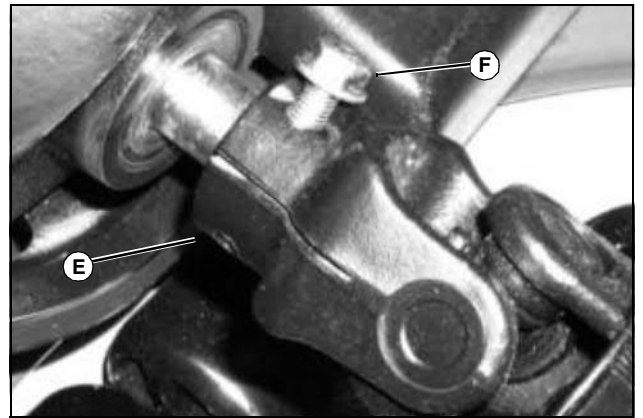
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1. Pull back rubber PTO shield (A) on top of mower deck to access the gearbox input shaft (B).



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2. Remove tape from gearbox input shaft (C), and clean input shaft with a wire brush. Do not remove shaft key (D).
3. Apply a light coat of recommended grease to input shaft and key.



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4. Install PTO shaft (E) onto gearbox input shaft, lining up key and slot in shafts.
5. Install M10x50 flange head cap screw (F) from bag of parts into drive shaft from right side.

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### Install Proper Ballasting



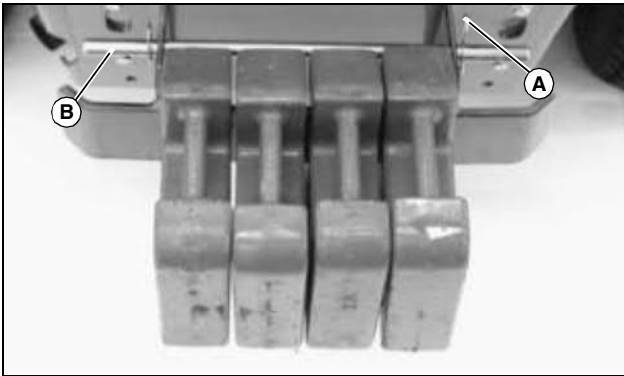
**CAUTION: Avoid injury! Machine can become unstable when operating with attachment. Ballast is required when the attachment is installed.**

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

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

When attaching the mower deck to the 1400 front mower, add suitcase weights to the rear weight bracket kit to improve the handling and stability of the front mower as follows:

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1. Remove spring pin (A).
2. Pull rod (B) out of weight bracket.
3. Add four John Deere 19 kg (42 lb) suitcase weights to the weight bracket.
4. Install rod (B) and secure with spring pin (A).

## Check Tire Pressure

Check tire pressure of all machine and mower deck tires before transporting or mowing with machine.

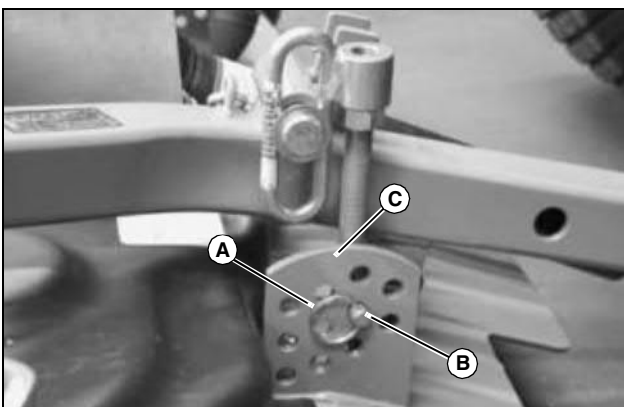
- Mower Deck Caster Tires: 152 kPa (22 psi)
- Machine Front Tires: 140 kPa (20 psi)
- Machine Rear Tires: 140 kPa (20 psi)

## Installing the Mower Deck



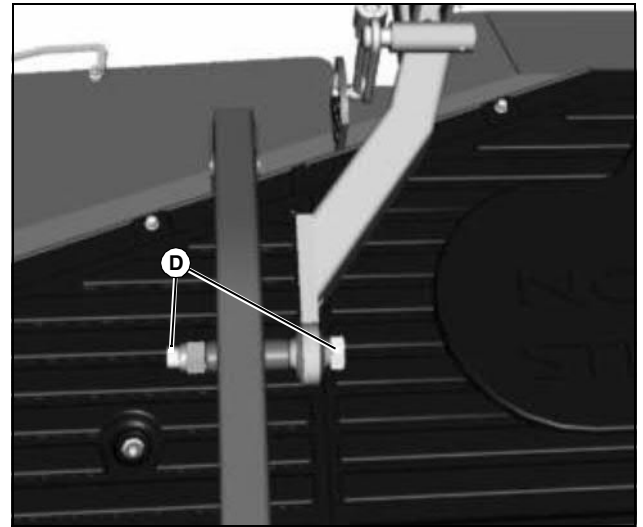
**CAUTION: Avoid injury! Drive the machine slowly and avoid quick stops when the attachment is removed. Do not operate machine at higher speeds without attachment installed.**

1. Drive machine up to mower deck on a level surface, lining up center of machine with mower deck drive shaft.
2. Stop machine.
3. Lock the park brake.
4. Stop the engine and remove the key.



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5. Remove retainer ring (A) from hanger pin (B) on both sides of deck.
6. Pull hanger pins out of adjustment plates (C).



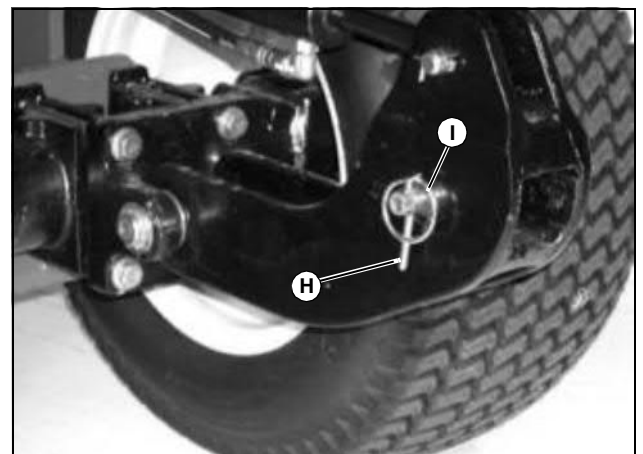
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7. Remove hardware (D) from both lift arms.



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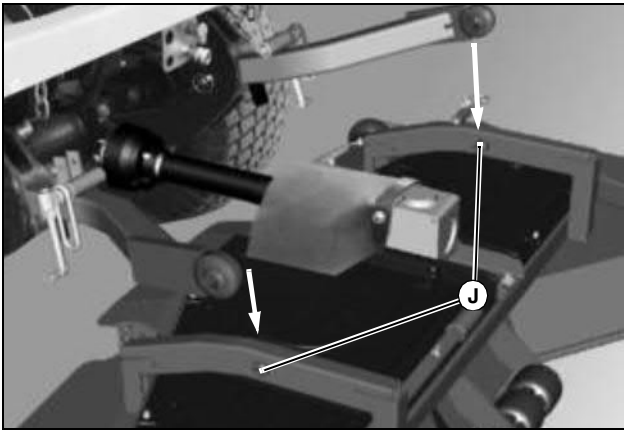
8. Release drive shaft chain (G) from lift arm and remove both lift arms from mower deck.



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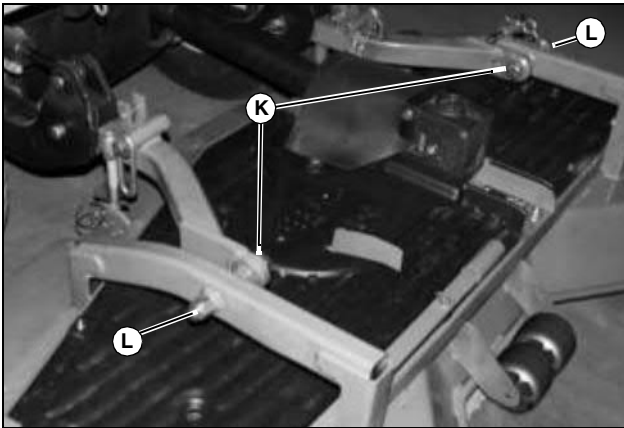
9. Remove hitch pins (H) and drilled pins (I) from lift arms.
10. Insert the mower deck lift arms into the machine lift arm sockets.
11. Align the holes in lift arms with holes in lift arm sockets, and install drilled pins on left and right sides of machine. Install hitch pins into drilled pins.

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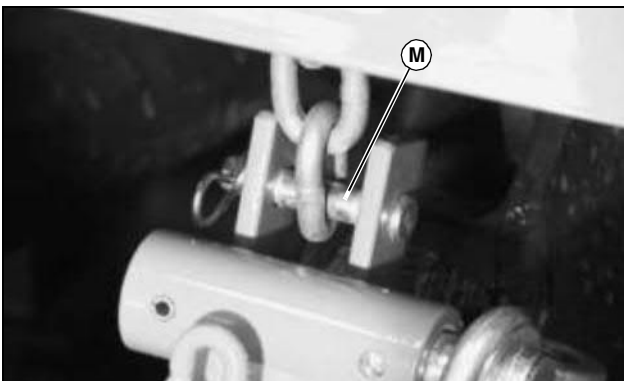
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12. Position the mower deck so the front attachment brackets (J) are aligned with the ends of the lift arms.
13. Push attachment lift lever forward into float position.
14. Push down on lift arms until holes are aligned with holes in attachment brackets.



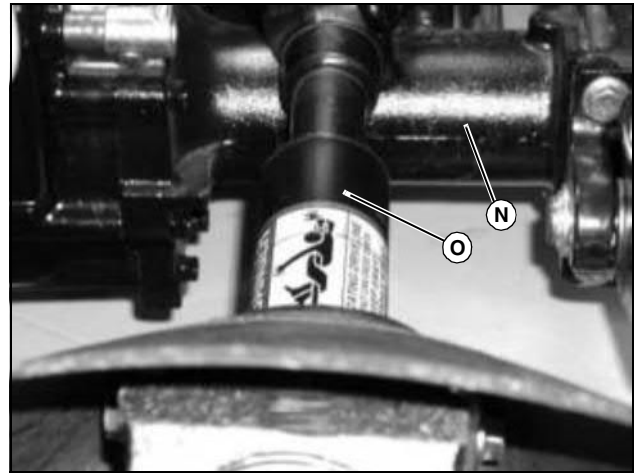
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15. Install cap screws (K) and locknuts (L) through brackets and lift arms, and tighten.
16. Start machine and raise mower deck to top of travel. Stop engine and remove key.



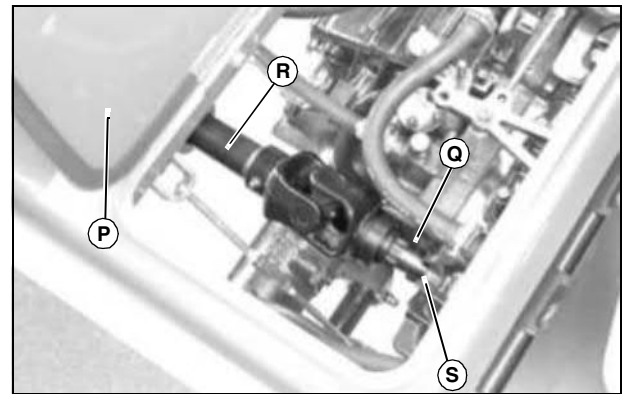
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17. Lock service latches (M) on left and right side mower deck lift arms.



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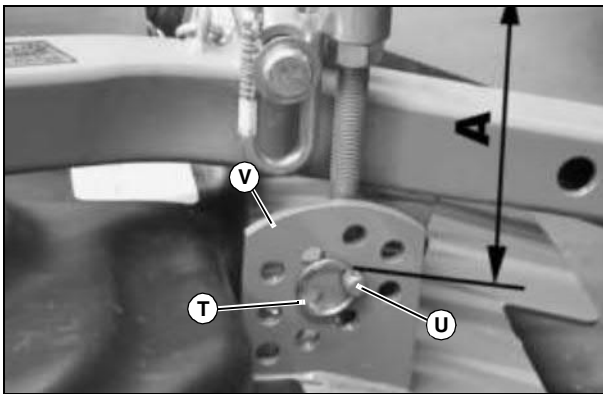
18. Lift mower deck drive shaft (O) up and over the top of the machine's front axle (N). Extend the drive shaft to allow it to sit on top of the axle.



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19. Open the service hatch (P) on the machine, and attach the mower deck drive shaft (R) onto the machine's PTO output shaft (S) as follows:
  - a. Push the mower deck drive shaft onto the PTO output shaft. (It may be necessary to turn the mower deck drive shaft to align the splines of the two shafts.)
  - b. Once the splines align and the drive shafts begin to couple together, pull the coupler ring (Q) forward and continue to push the mower deck drive shaft rearward onto the PTO output shaft until the coupler locks in place.
  - c. Release the coupler ring.
  - d. Push and pull the coupler until you are sure it is locked on the shaft.
20. Close and latch the service hatch.

# REMOVING AND STORING



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21. To obtain a blade adjustment that is 6 mm (0.24 in.) higher at the rear, set hanger pin such that distance A:

- is 157 mm (6.18 in.) on mowers equipped with large wheels (26x10.50).
- or 141 mm (5.55 in.) on mowers equipped with small wheels (23x8.50 or 23x10.50).

22. Install the hanger pin (U) into the hole in adjustment plate (V) that matches the cutting height selected for the front caster wheels. (See decal on left hand side of mower deck.)

23. Install retainer ring (T) onto hanger pin. Repeat for the other lift arm. Set the mower deck cutting height.

24. Attach drive shaft chain to lift arm.

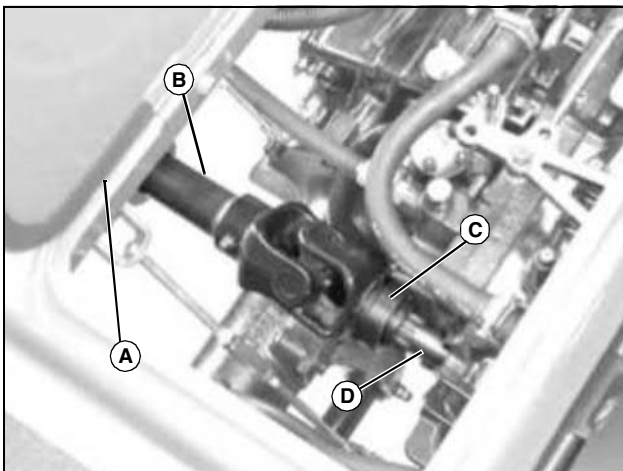
25. Unlock the service latches.

26. Lower the mower deck to the ground.

## Removing and Storing

### Removing Mower Deck

1. Stop machine on a level surface, not on a slope.
2. Lock the park brake.
3. Raise mower deck and lock service latches.
4. Stop the engine and remove the key.

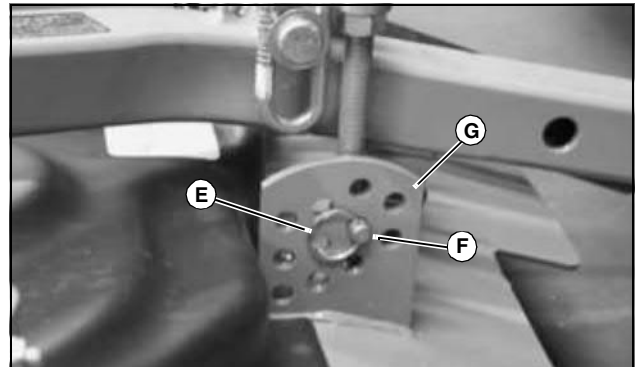


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5. Open the service hatch (A) on the machine, and locate the mower deck

drive shaft (B).

6. Pull forward on the coupler ring (C), and pull the drive shaft off the PTO output shaft (D).

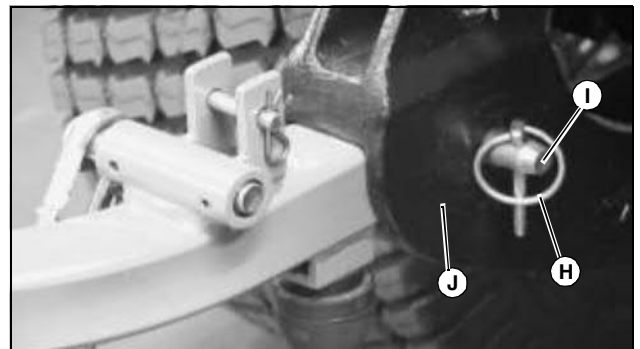


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7. Remove the retainer ring (E) from the hanger pin (F), and remove the hanger pin from the adjustment plate (G). Repeat for rear deck hanger on other side of machine.

8. Unlock service latches.

9. Lower mower deck to the ground.



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10. Remove the hitch pin (H) from drilled pin (I), and remove drilled pin from the lift arm socket (J). Repeat for other side of machine.



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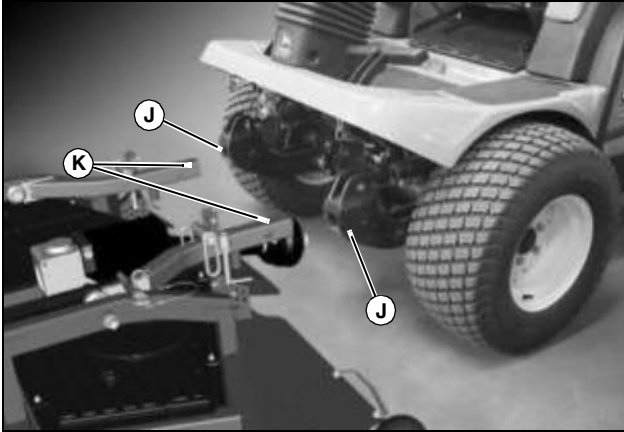
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**CAUTION: Avoid injury! The machine can become unstable when driving on slopes or at high speeds with front attachment raised or removed. Travel at slow speeds and avoid sudden braking with attachment raised or removed.**



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11. Pull the mower deck lift arms (K) from the machine lift arm sockets (J).
12. Install the drilled pins into the lift arm sockets and secure with hitch pins.
13. Install the retainer rings back into hanger pins.

**CAUTION: Avoid injury! When the attachment is removed, also remove any ballast that was added to the machine. Use only attachments and accessories recommended by the manufacturer.**

14. Remove any added ballast from machine.

## Storing Safety

**CAUTION: Avoid injury! Fuel vapors are explosive and flammable. Engine exhaust fumes contain carbon monoxide and can cause serious illness or death:**

- Run the engine only long enough to move the machine to or from storage.
- Machine fires and structure fires can occur if a machine is stored before allowing it to cool, or if debris is not removed from around the engine and muffler, or if stored near combustible materials.
- Do not store vehicle with fuel in the tank inside a building where fumes may reach an open flame or spark.
- Allow the engine to cool before storing the machine in any enclosure.

## Storing Attachment

**NOTE: Some of the following steps may not apply to your attachment.**

1. Remove any grass clippings from MCS or bagger attachment.
2. Remove attachment from machine.
3. Clean attachment and driveline, if equipped, with water pressure from a

hose.

4. Remove any shields if needed to clean out all debris.
5. Repair or replace worn, bent, or damaged parts. Tighten loose hardware.
6. Apply paint to painted surfaces where needed to prevent rust.
7. Apply thin coat of grease to blades or tines to prevent rust.
8. Lubricate any pivot points with engine oil to prevent rust.
9. Lubricate any grease points.

**IMPORTANT: Avoid damage! Abrasive surfaces can damage attachment. Store attachment on non-abrasive surface or on wooden blocks.**

10. If storing attachment outdoors, block up attachment if possible and place a waterproof cover over it.

## Operating

### Daily Operating Checklist

- Remove belt shields and remove grass buildup.
- Grease caster wheel pivots.
- Grease caster wheel axles.
- Grease mower deck blade spindles.
- Grease PTO shaft spline.
- Adjust cutting height and gauge wheel, if necessary.

### Using Mower Deck Service Latches

**CAUTION: Avoid injury! The machine can become unstable when driving on slopes or at high speeds with front attachment raised or removed. Travel at slow speeds and avoid sudden braking with attachment raised or removed.**  
**The PTO will continue to run after the attachment is raised. Turn off PTO when not in use.**

1. Raise mower deck by pulling attachment lift lever rearward until deck reaches the top of its travel.
2. Stop machine on a level surface, not on a slope..)
3. Lock the park brake.
4. Stop the engine and remove the key.
5. Wait for engine and all moving parts to stop before you leave the operator's seat.

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