

**2243 Gas
Professional
Greensmower**
(Serial No. 958001–)

**OPERATOR'S
MANUAL**

**John Deere
Lawn & Grounds Care Division
OMMT2702 H5**

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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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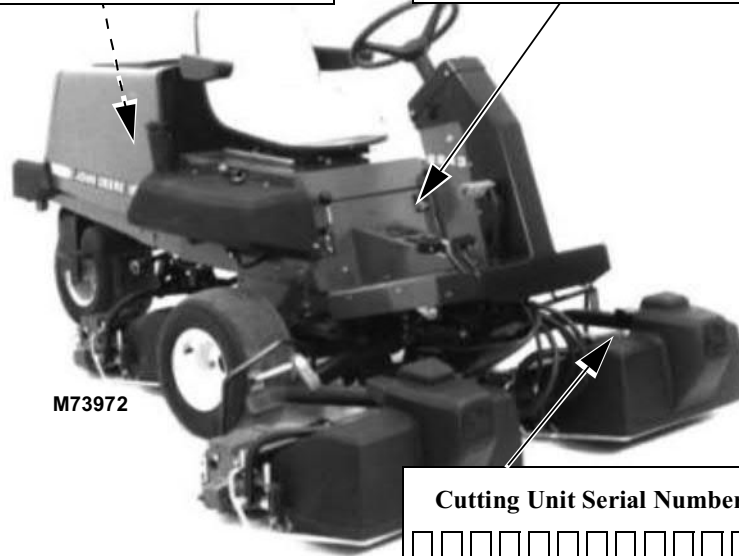
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Date of Purchase:

Distributor Name: _____ **Phone:** _____

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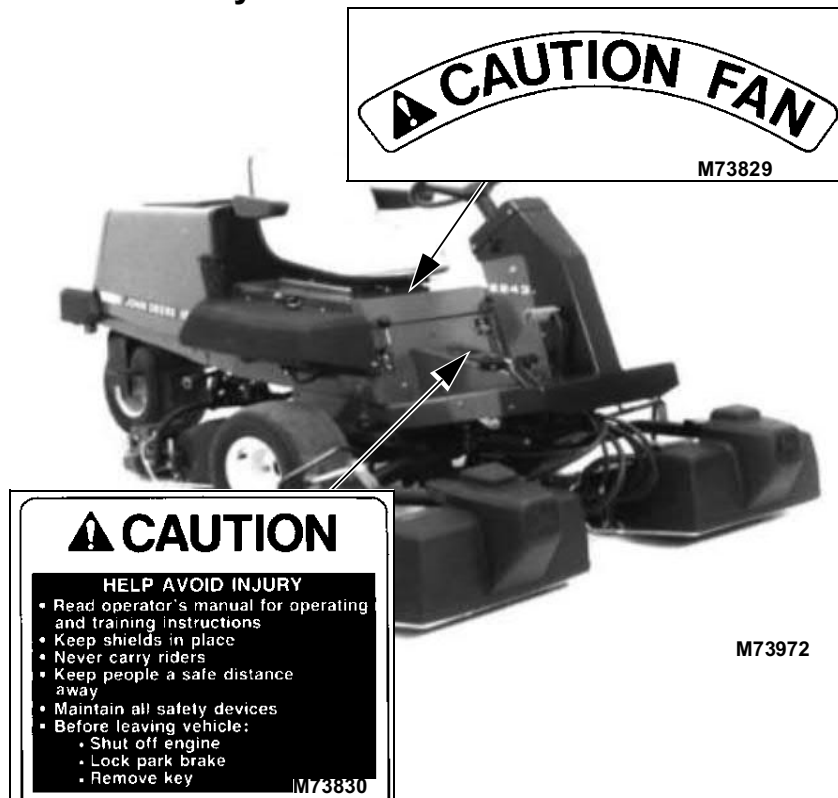
Safety-Alert Symbol

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

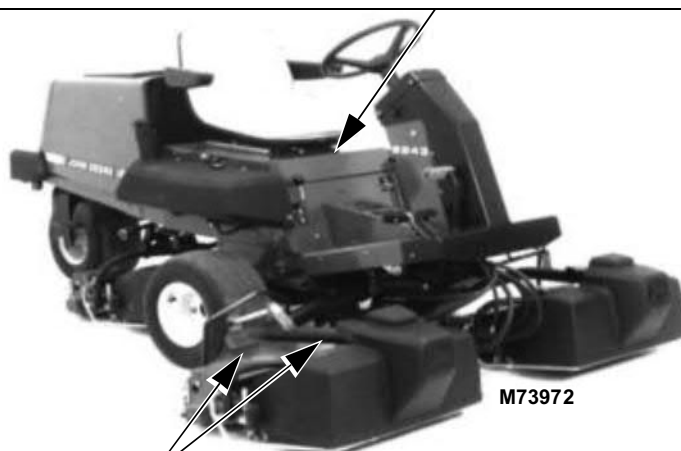


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Machine Safety Labels

 DANGER EXPLOSIVE GASES Cigarettes, flames or sparks could cause battery to explode. Always shield eyes and face from battery. Do not charge or use booster cables or adjust post connections without proper instruction and training. Keep vent caps tight and level.	POISON CAUSES SEVERE BURNS Contains sulfuric acid. Avoid contact with skin, eyes or clothing. In event of accident, flush with water and call a physician immediately. Keep out of reach of children.
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	WARNING AVOID INJURY FROM ROTATING BLADES <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Keep hands and feet away from rotating blades• Shut off engine before servicing, lubricating or removing cutting units	
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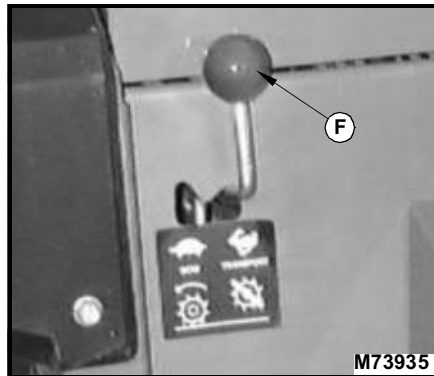
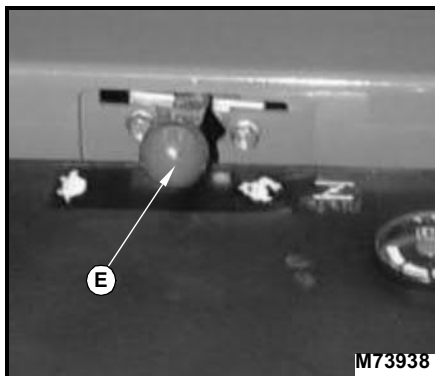
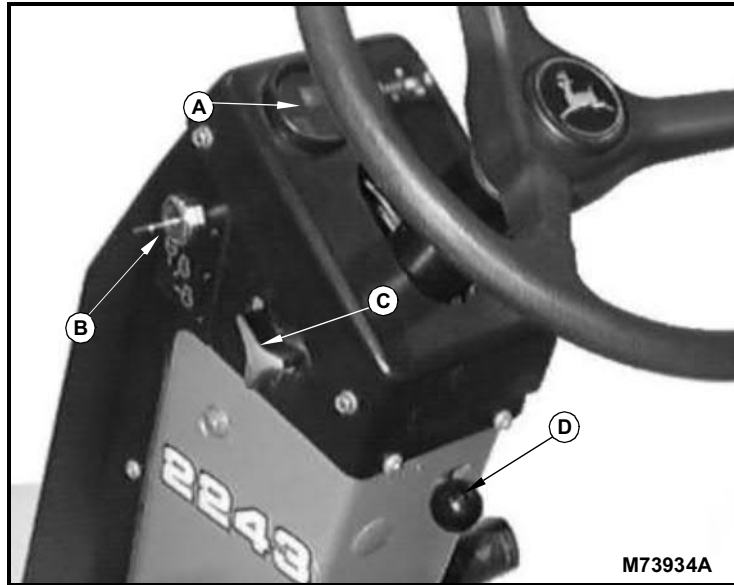
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Certification

This machine has been tested and evaluated by the manufacturer and conforms to reel mower requirements of the American National Standard B-71.4.1990 for Commercial Turf Care Equipment Safety Specification.

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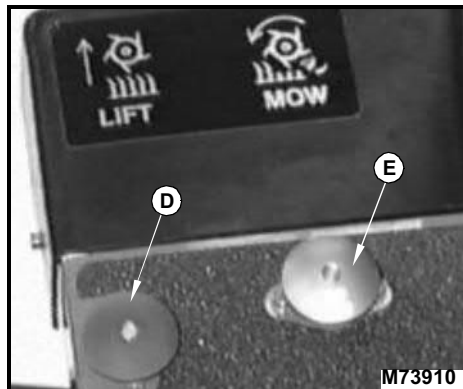
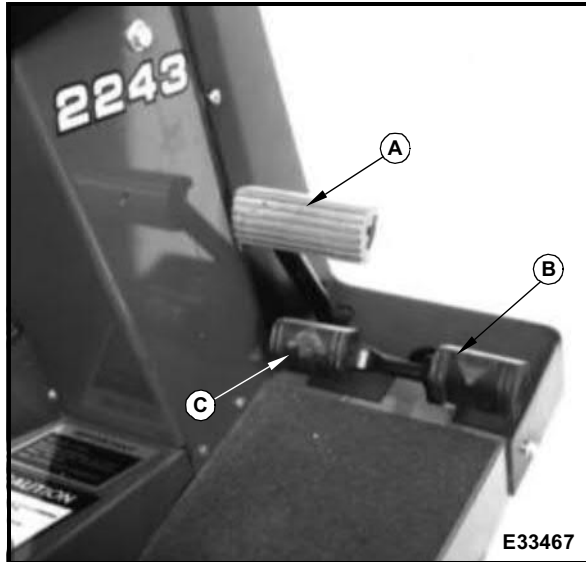
Console Controls



- A - Indicator Lights..... Monitors machine functions
- B - Key Starts engine
- C - Steering Wheel Adjustment Adjust steering wheel height
- D - Park Brake Knob..... Engages park brake
- E - Throttle Lever..... Controls engine speed
- F - Mow/Transport Lever..... Mow position, to mow/Transport position, to transport machine.

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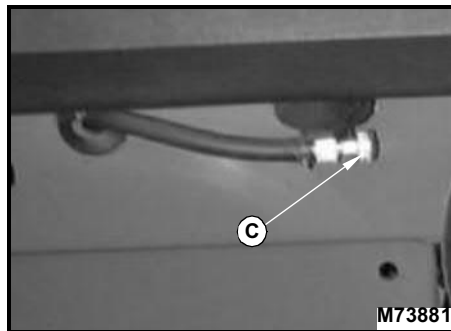
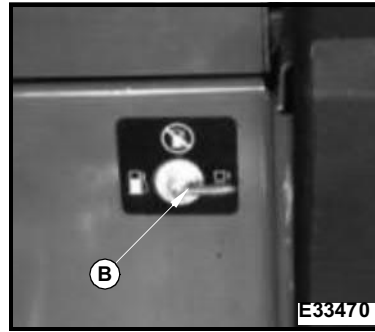
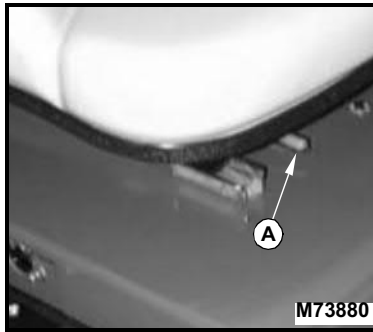
Foot/Platform Controls



- A - Park Brake Pedal/Emergency Brake..... Stops machine
- B - Reverse Travel Pedal.....Backs machine
- C - Forward Travel Pedal Starts machine forward travel
- D - Lift SwitchRaises cutting units
- E - Mow Switch.....Lowers cutting units

CONTROLS

Miscellaneous Controls



- A - Seat Adjustment Moves seat forward and backward
- B - Fuel Select Valve Selects fuel tank
- C - Fuel Shut-Off Valve.....(One under each fuel tank)

OPERATING THE MACHINE

SAFETY

Operate Safely



- Check brake action before you operate. Adjust or service brakes as necessary.
- 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 and attachments properly maintained and in good working order.
- DO NOT leave machine unattended when it is running.
- Only operate during daylight or with good artificial light.
- Be careful of traffic when operating near or crossing roadways.
- Do not wear radio or music headphones while operating the machine. Safe operation requires your full attention.

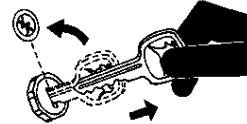
Mount and Dismount Safely



- Do not step on pedals when mounting or dismounting.
- Keep step area and platform clean.
- Stop machine, move Mow/Transport lever to transport position, lower cutting units to the ground, lock park brake, stop engine, remove key, and wait for all moving parts to stop before dismounting.

OPERATING THE MACHINE

Park Safely



- Stop machine on a level surface, not on a slope.
- Disengage cutting units.
- Lower cutting units to the ground.
- Lock park brake.
- STOP engine.
- Remove key.
- Before you leave the operator's seat, wait for engine and all moving parts to STOP.

Keep Riders Off



- Only allow the operator on the machine. Keep riders off.
- Riders on the machine or attachment may be struck by foreign objects or thrown off the machine causing serious injury.
- Riders obstruct the operator's view resulting in the machine being operated in an unsafe manner.



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OPERATING THE MACHINE

Rotating Blades are Dangerous - Protect Others and Prevent Accidents



PROTECT OTHERS:

- Turn machine off if another person enters the mowing area.
- Use extra care when you come to blind corners, shrubs, trees, or other objects that may block your vision.
- DO NOT let untrained person operate the machine.
- DO NOT carry or let others ride on machine.

HELP PREVENT SERIOUS OR FATAL ACCIDENTS:

- Be alert at all times, drive forward carefully. People can move quickly into the mowing area before you know it.
- Back carefully. Shut off cutting units and look behind the machine carefully before you back up.
- DO NOT mow in reverse.
- Shut off cutting units when you are not mowing.
- Stop engine and wait for reels to stop turning before making any adjustments to the cutting units.
- Keep hands and feet away from cutting units while machine is running.
- DO NOT operate machine if you are under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

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