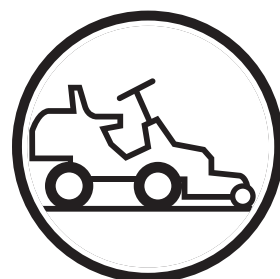


Rider 18 **Operator's manual** **Rider 18 AWD**



Please read the operator's manual carefully and make sure you understand the instructions before using the machine.

English

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Service journal

Pre-delivery service

- 1 Charge the battery for 4 hours at max. 3 amp.
 - 2 Fit steering wheel, seat and any optional equipment.
 - 3 Check and adjust tyre pressure (60 Kpa, 0.6 bar, 9 PSI).
 - 4 Adjust cutting unit:
 - Adjust lift springs (effective weight of cutting unit should be 12-15kg / 26.5-33 lb).
 - Adjust cutting unit so that rear edge is about 2-4 mm / 1/8" higher than front edge.
 - Adjust the cutting unit's cutting height setting so that the connection rod is tensed at the lowest cutting height.
 - 5 Check that the right amount of oil is in the engine.
 - 6 Check that there is oil in the transmission's oil tank.
 - 7 Connect battery.
 - 8 Fill with fuel and start engine.
 - 9 Check that machine does not move in neutral.
 - 10 Check:
 - Forward drive.
 - Reverse drive.
 - Operation of blades.
 - Seat safety switch.
 - Lif lever safety switch.
 - The safety switch for the hydrostat pedals.
 - 11 Check the engine speed See the Technical data section.
 - 12 Check the synchronisation between the front and rear wheels. (Only AWD-machines) See the workshop manual.
 - 13 Tell customer about:
 - Needs and benefits of following the service schedule.
 - Servicing and the influence of this journal on the second-hand value of the machine.
 - Range of applications for BioClip.
 - Complete proof of sale etc.
- Pre-delivery service carried out. No outstanding problems. Certified:

Date, mileage, stamp, signature

After the first 8 hours

- 1 Change engine oil
- 2 Change the oil in the gearbox. (Only AWD-machines)
- 3 Check the synchronisation between the front and rear wheels. (Only AWD-machines)

INTRODUCTION

Dear customer!

Thank you for choosing a Husqvarna Rider. Husqvarna Riders are built to a unique design with a front-mounted cutting unit and a patented rear-wheel steering system. Riders are designed for maximum efficiency even in small or confined areas. The closely grouped controls and pedal-operated hydrostatic transmission also contribute to the performance of this machine.

We hope you will find this operator's manual very useful. By following its instructions (on operation, service, maintenance, etc.) you will significantly extend the life of the machine and even its second-hand value.

When you sell your Rider, make sure you pass on the operator's manual to the new owner.

The last chapter in the operator's manual consists of a Service Journal. Make sure that all service work and repairs are recorded. A well-documented service history reduces the costs of seasonal maintenance and influences the second-hand value of the machine. Bring the operator's manual with the Rider when bringing it to a workshop for service procedures.

Driving and transport on public roads

Check the relevant road traffic regulations before driving the machine on a public road. If transporting the machine on another vehicle always use approved securing devices and make sure that the machine is securely held.

Towing

When your machine is equipped with a hydrostatic transmission you should only tow the machine over short distances and at a low speed, otherwise there is a risk of damaging the transmission.

The power transmission must be disengaged when towing, see the instructions under the heading Clutch control.

Use

This ride-on mower is designed to mow grass on open and level ground surfaces. In addition, there is a number of accessories recommended by the manufacturer that broadens the application area. Please contact your dealer for more information about which accessories are available. The machine may only be used with the equipment recommended by the manufacturer. All other types of use are incorrect. Compliance with and strict adherence to the conditions of operation, service and repair as specified by the manufacturer also constitute essential elements of the intended use.

This machine should be operated, serviced and repaired only by persons who are familiar with its particular characteristics and who are acquainted with the relevant safety procedures.

Accident prevention regulations, all other generally recognised regulations on safety and occupational medicine, and all road traffic regulations must be observed at all times.

Any arbitrary modifications carried out to this machine may relieve the manufacturer of liability for any resulting damage or injury.

Good service

Husqvarna products are sold all over the world and ensures that you, the customer, get the best support and service. For example, before this machine was delivered it was inspected and adjusted by your dealer. See the certificate in the Service Journal in this manual.

When you need spare parts or advice on service issues, warranty terms, etc., contact:

This Operator's Manual belongs to machine with serial number:	Motor	Transmission

On the machine's rating plate you will find the following information:

- The machine's type designation.
- The manufacturer's type number.
- The machine's serial number.

State the type designation and serial number when ordering spare parts.



SAFETY RULES FOR USA



Safe operation practices for ride-on mowers

These instructions are for your safety. Read them carefully.

IMPORTANT!

This cutting machine is capable of amputating hands and feet and throwing objects. Failure to observe the following safety instructions could result in serious injury or death.

I. General operation

1. Read, understand and follow all instructions in the manual and on the machine before starting.
2. Only allow responsible adults, who are familiar with the instructions, to operate the machine.
3. Clear the area of objects such as rocks, toys, wire, etc., which could be picked up and thrown by the blade.
4. Be sure the area is clear of other people before mowing. Stop the machine if anyone enters the area.
5. Never carry passengers.
6. Do not mow in reverse unless absolutely necessary. Always look down and behind before and while backing.
7. Be aware of the mower discharge direction and do not point it at anyone. Do not operate the mower without either the entire grass catcher or the guard in place.
8. Slow down before turning.
9. Never leave a running machine unattended. Always turn off blades, set parking brake, stop engine and remove keys before dismounting.
10. Turn off blades when not mowing.
11. Stop engine before removing grass catcher or unclogging chute.
12. Mow only in daylight or good artificial light.
13. Do not operate the machine while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
14. Watch for traffic when operating near or crossing roadways.
15. Use extra care when loading or unloading the machine into a trailer or truck.

II. Slope operation

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

DO

Mow up and down slopes, not across.

Remove obstacles such as rocks, tree limbs, etc.

Watch for holes, ruts or bumps. Uneven terrain could overturn the machine. Tall grass can hide obstacles.

Use slow speed. Choose a low gear so that you will not have to stop or shift while on the slope.

Follow the manufacturer's recommendations for wheel weights or counterweights to improve stability.

Use extra care with grass catchers or other attachments. These can change the stability of the machine.

Keep all movement on the slopes slow and gradual. Do not make sudden changes in speed or direction.

Avoid starting or stopping on a slope. If tires lose traction, disengage the blades and proceed slowly straight down the slope.

DO NOT

Do not turn on slopes unless necessary and then, turn slowly and gradually downhill, if possible.

Do not mow near drop-offs, ditches or embankments. The mower could suddenly turn over if a wheel is over the edge of a cliff or ditch, or if an edge caves in.

Do not mow on wet grass. Reduced traction could cause sliding.

Do not try to stabilize the machine by putting your foot on the ground.

Do not use grass catcher on steep slopes.

III. Children

Tragic accidents can occur if the operator is not alert to the presence of children. Children are often attracted to the machine and the mowing activity. Never assume that children will remain where you last saw them.

1. Keep children out of the mowing area and under the watchful care of another responsible adult.
2. Be alert and turn machine off if children enter the area.
3. Before and when backing, look behind and down for small children.
4. Never carry children. They may fall off and be seriously injured or interfere with safe machine operation.
5. Never allow children to operate the machine.
6. Use extra care when approaching blind corners, shrubs, trees or other objects that may obscure vision.



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IV. Service

1. Use extra care in handling gasoline and other fuels. They are flammable and vapours are explosive.
 - a) Use only an approved container.
 - b) Never remove gas cap or add fuel with the engine running. Allow engine to cool before refuelling. Do not smoke.
 - c) Never refuel the machine indoors.
 - d) Never store the machine or fuel container inside where there is an open flame, such as in a water heater.
2. Never run a machine inside a closed area.
3. Keep nuts and bolts, especially blade attachment bolts, tight and keep equipment in good condition.
4. Never tamper with safety devices. Check their proper operation regularly.
5. Keep machine free of grass, leaves or other debris build-up. Clean up oil or fuel spillage. Allow machine to cool before storing.
6. Stop and inspect the equipment if you strike an object. Repair, if necessary, before restarting.
7. Never make adjustments or repairs with the engine running.
8. Grass catcher components are subject to wear, damage and deterioration, which could expose moving parts or allow objects to be thrown. Frequently check components and replace with manufacturer's recommended parts, when necessary.
9. Mower blades are sharp and can cut. Wrap the blade(s) or wear gloves and use extra caution when servicing them.
10. Check brake operation frequently. Adjust and service as required.



Danger, keep hands and feet away

Safe handling of gasoline

To avoid personal injury or property damage, use extreme care in handling gasoline. Gasoline is extremely flammable the vapors are explosive

1. Extinguish all cigarettes, cigars, pipes, and other sources of ignition.
2. Use only an approved gasoline container.
3. Never remove gas cap or add fuel with the engine running. Allow engine to cool before refueling.
4. Never fuel the machine indoors.
5. Never store the machine or fuel container where there is an open flame, spark or pilot light such as on a water heater or other appliances.
6. Never fill containers inside a vehicle or on a truck or trailer bed with a plastic liner. Always place containers on the ground away from your vehicle before filling
7. Remove gas-powered equipment from the truck or trailer and refuel it on the ground. If this is not possible, then refuel such equipment with a portable container, rather than from a gasoline dispenser nozzle.
8. Keep the nozzle in contact with the rim of the fuel tank or container opening at all times until the fueling is complete. Do not use a nozzle lock-open device.
9. If fuel is spilled on clothing, change clothing immediately.
10. Never overfill fuel tank. Replace gas cap and tighten securely.



SAFETY RULES FOR USA



Travel and transport on public roads

Check the relevant road traffic regulations before driving the machine on a public road. If transporting the machine on another vehicle always use approved securing devices and make sure that the machine is securely held.

Towing

If your machine has a hydrostatic transmission you should only tow it very short distances at low speed if absolutely necessary, otherwise the transmission may be damaged.

Intended use

This machine is designed solely for cutting grass on conventional lawns and other cleared and leveled ground without obstacles, as rocks, stumps etc., and, in conjunction with accessories supplied by the manufacturer even for other special tasks for which instructions are delivered with the accessory. Use in any other way is considered as contrary to the intended use. Compliance with and strict adherence to the conditions of operation, service and repair as specified by the manufacturer also constitute essential elements of the intended use.

This machine should be operated, serviced and repaired only by persons who are familiar with its particular characteristics and who are acquainted with the relevant safety procedures.

Accident prevention regulations, all other generally recognised regulations on safety and occupational medicine, and all road traffic regulations must be observed at all times.

Any arbitrary modifications carried out to this machine may relieve the manufacturer of liability for any resulting damage or injury.

Safe operation practices for Ride-On Mowers

Before starting cutting operations, train different driving operations on an open ground without people nearby until you feel familiar with handling the equipment. This is particularly important if you have no or little prior experience of driving a vehicle.

Data indicates that operators, age 60 years and above, are involved in a large percentage of riding mower-related injuries. These operators should evaluate their ability to operate the riding mower safely in order to protect themselves and others from serious injury.

Never carry children, even with the blades off. They may fall off and be seriously injured or interfere with safe machine operation.

KEY TO SYMBOLS

Symbols

These symbols are on the machine and in the instructions.

WARNING! Careless or incorrect use can result in serious or fatal injury to the operator or others.



Please read the operator's manual carefully and make sure you understand the instructions before using the machine.



Always wear:

- Approved hearing protection



Approved eye protection



Always wear approved protective gloves.



Fast



Slow



Stop the engine.



Choke



Oil level



Cutting height



Backwards



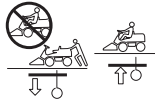
Forwards



Ignition



Hydrostatic freewheel



Parking brake



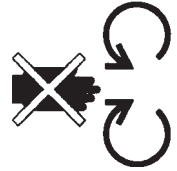
Clutch in



Clutch out



Warning: rotating parts. Keep hands and feet clear.



Rotary blades Keep hands and feet away from under the hood when the engine is running



Never drive across a slope



Never use the machine if persons, especially children, or animals, are in the vicinity



Never carry passengers on the machine or equipment



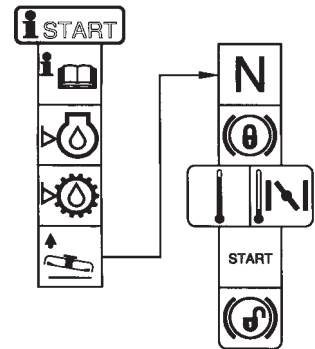
Drive very slowly if no cutting unit is fitted



Brake



Starting instructions



Switch off the engine and take off the ignition cable before repairs or maintenance

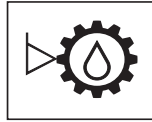


Check the engine's oil level



KEY TO SYMBOLS

Check transmission oil level



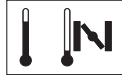
Lift up the cutting unit



Apply the parking brake.



If the engine is cold, use the choke



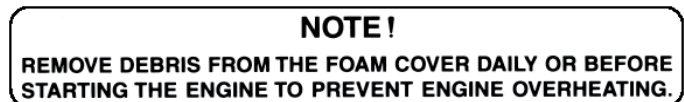
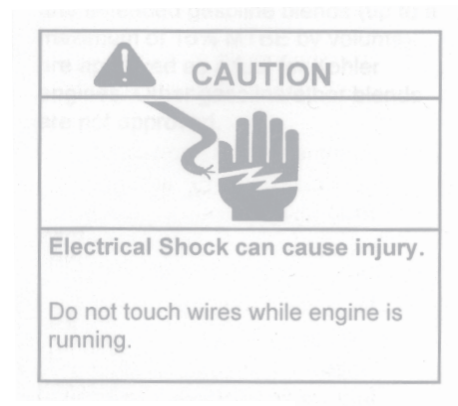
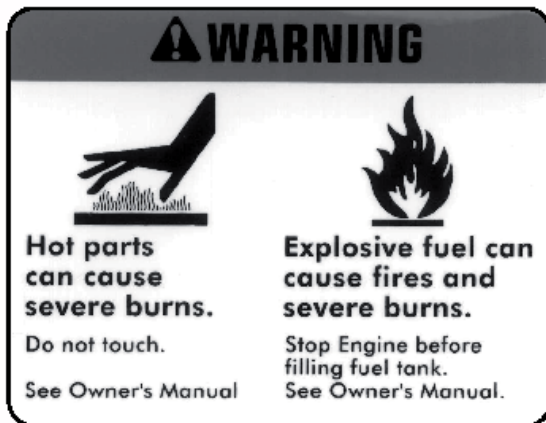
Release the parking brake before driving



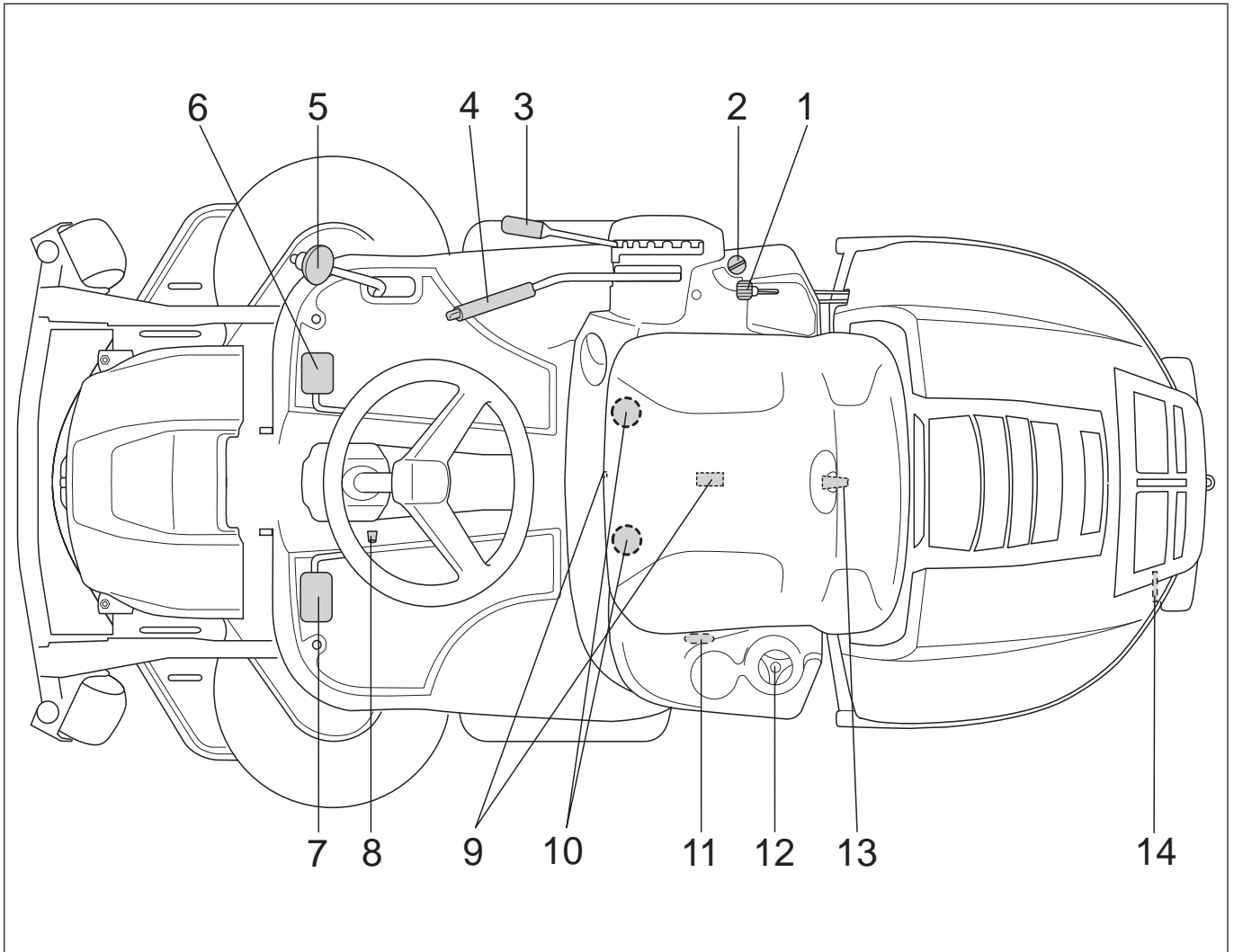
Keep hands and feet away.



PLACARDS



WHAT IS WHAT?



Location of the controls

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|---|
| 1 Throttle control/choke control | 8 Lock button for parking brake |
| 2 Ignition lock | 9 Product and serial number plate |
| 3 Cutting height adjustment lever | 10 Seat adjustment. |
| 4 Lifting lever for the cutting unit | 11 Lever to disengage the driving front axle, Rider 18 AWD |
| 5 Speed limiter for reversing | 12 Fuel cap |
| 6 Speed limiter for driving forward | 13 Cover lock |
| 7 Parking brake | 14 Lever to disengage the drive, Rider 18.
Lever to disengage the driving rear axle, 18 AWD. |

SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

Safety instructions

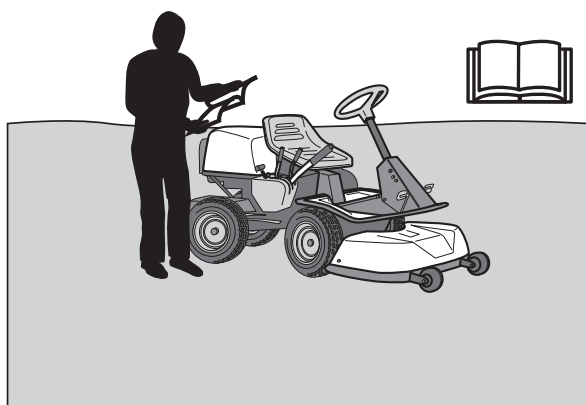
These instructions are for your safety. Read them carefully.

Insure your Rider

- Check the insurance coverage for your new Rider.
- Contact your insurance company.
- You should have fully comprehensive insurance including: third party, fire, damage, theft and liability

General use

- Read all the instructions in this operator's manual and on the machine before you start it. Ensure you understand them and then observe them.



WARNING! This machine produces an electromagnetic field during operation. This field may under some circumstances interfere with active or passive medical implants. To reduce the risk of serious or fatal injury, we recommend persons with medical implants to consult their physician and the medical implant manufacturer before operating this machine.

- Learn how to use the machine and its controls safely and learn to how to stop quickly. Also learn to recognize the safety decals.
- Only allow the machine to be used by adults who are familiar with its use.
- Make sure nobody else is in the vicinity of the machine when you start the engine, engage the drive or drive off.
- Clear the area of objects such as stones, toys, wires, etc. that may become caught in the blades and be thrown out.



- Stop the engine and prevent the engine from being started until you have cleaned the outlet channel.
- Look out for the ejector and do not direct it towards anyone.
- Stop the engine and prevent it from starting before you clean the cutting unit.
- Remember that the driver is responsible for dangers or accidents.
- Never carry passengers. The machine is only intended to be used by one person.



- Always look downwards and backwards before and while reversing. Keep watch for both large and small obstacles.
- Slow before cornering.
- Switch off the blades when you are not mowing.
- Take care when rounding a fixed object, so that the blades do not hit it. Never run the machine over foreign objects.



WARNING! This machine can sever hands and feet as well as throw objects. Failure to observe the safety instructions can result in serious injuries.



WARNING! The inside of the muffler contain chemicals that may be carcinogenic. Avoid contact with these elements in the event of a damaged muffler.



WARNING! The engine emits carbon monoxide, which is a colourless, poisonous gas. Do not use the machine in enclosed spaces.

- Only use the machine in daylight or in other well-lit conditions. Keep the machine at a safe distance from holes or other irregularities in the ground. Pay attention to other possible risks.
- Never use the machine if you are tired, if you have consumed alcohol, or if you are taking other drugs or medication that can affect your vision, judgement or coordination.
- Keep an eye on the traffic when working close to a road or when crossing it.
- Never leave the machine unsupervised with the engine running. Always stop the blades, apply the parking brake, stop the engine and remove the keys before leaving the machine.

SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

- Never allow children or other persons not trained in the use of the machine to use or service it. Local laws may regulate the age of the user.



WARNING! You must use approved personal protective equipment whenever you use the machine. Personal protective equipment cannot eliminate the risk of injury but it will reduce the degree of injury if an accident does happen. Ask your dealer for help in choosing the right equipment.

- Use hearing protection to minimise the risk of hearing impairment.



- Never wear loose fitting clothes that can catch in moving parts.
- Never use the machine when barefoot. Always wear protective shoes or protective boots, preferably with steel toes.



- Make sure that you have first aid equipment close at hand when using the machine.



Driving on slopes

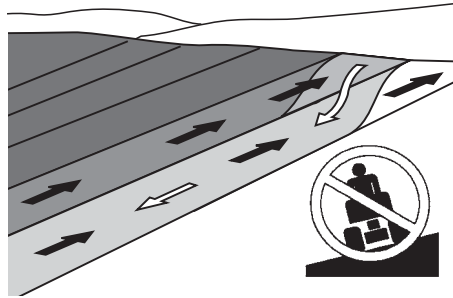
Driving on slopes is one of the operations where the risk of the driver losing control of the machine or of it overturning is the greatest; this can result in serious injury or death. All slopes demand extra care. If you cannot reverse up a slope or if you feel unsure, do not mow it.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

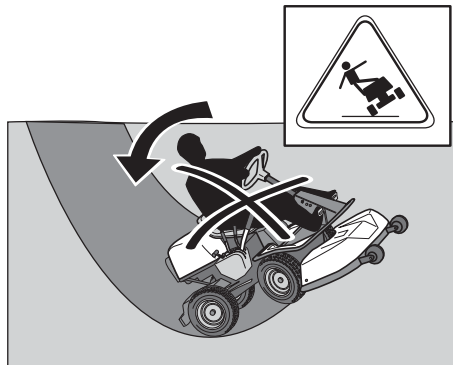
Do not drive down slopes with the unit raised.

This is what you do

- Remove obstacles such as stones, branches, etc.
- Mow upwards and downwards, not sideways.



- Do not use the machine on ground that slopes more than 10°.
- Take extra care if any attachments are fitted that can change the stability of the machine.
- Avoid starting or stopping on a slope. If the tyres start to slip, stop the blades and drive slowly down the slope.
- Always drive smoothly and slowly on slopes.
- Do not make any sudden changes in speed or direction.
- Avoid unnecessary turns on slopes, if necessary, turn slowly and gradually downwards if possible. Drive slowly. Do not turn the wheel sharply.
- Watch out for and avoid driving over furrows, holes and bumps. It is easier for the machine to overturn on uneven ground. Tall grass can hide obstacles.



- Do not mow too close to edges, ditches or banks. The machine can suddenly overturn if one wheel comes over the edge of a steep slope or a ditch, or if an edge gives way.
- Do not mow wet grass. It is slippery, and tyres can lose their grip so that the machine skids.
- Do not try to stabilize the machine by putting your foot on the ground.
- When cleaning the chassis, the machine may never be driven near verges or ditches.
- When mowing, keep away from bushes and other objects.

SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

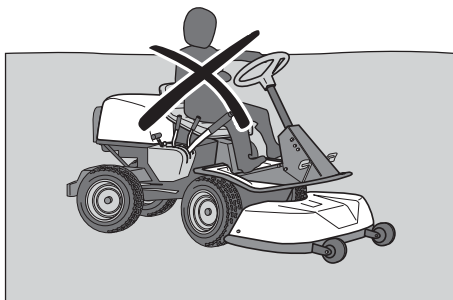
- Follow the manufacturer's recommendations regarding wheel weights or counterbalance weights to increase machine stability.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Wheel weights fitted on the rear wheels are recommended when driving on slopes for safer steering and improved manoeuvrability. Consult your dealer concerning the use of wheel weights if you are unsure. Wheel weights can not be used on AWD-machines. Use counterweights.

Children

- Serious accidents may occur if you fail to be on your guard for children in the vicinity of the machine. Children are often attracted to the machine and mowing. Never assume that children will remain where you last saw them.
- Keep children away from the area to be mowed and under close supervision by another adult.
- Keep an eye out and shut off the machine if children enter the work area.
- Before and during reversing procedures, look behind you and down for small children.
- Never allow children to ride along. They can fall off and seriously injure themselves or be in the way for safe manoeuvring of the machine.
- Never allow children to operate the machine.



- Be particularly careful near corners, bushes, trees or other objects that block your view.

Maintenance

- Stop the engine. Prevent starting by removing the ignition cable from the spark plug or remove the ignition key before making any adjustments or carrying out maintenance.
- Never fill the fuel tank indoors.

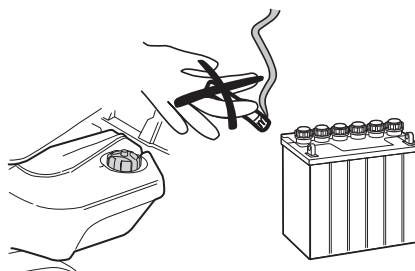


- Petrol and petrol fumes are poisonous and extremely flammable. Be especially careful when handling petrol, as carelessness can result in personal injury or fire.
- Only store fuel in containers approved for the purpose.
- Never remove the fuel cap and fill the petrol tank while the engine is running.
- Allow the engine to cool before refuelling. Do not smoke. Do not fill petrol in the vicinity of sparks or naked flames.
- Handle oil, oil filters, fuel and the battery carefully, of environmental considerations. Follow the local recycling requirements.
- Electrical shocks can cause injuries. Do not touch cables when the engine is running. Do not test the ignition system with your fingers.



WARNING! The engine and the exhaust system become very hot during operation. Risk of burn injuries if touched. When mowing, keep away from bushes and other materials in order to avoid a heating effect.

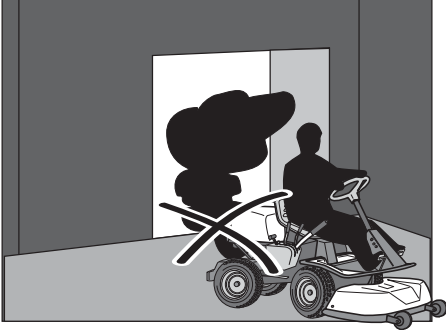
- If leaks arise in the fuel system, the engine must not be started until the problem has been resolved.
- Store the machine and fuel in such a way that there is no risk that leaking fuel or fumes can cause any damage.
- Check the fuel level before each use and leave space for the fuel to expand, because the heat from the engine and the sun may otherwise cause the fuel to expand and overflow.
- Avoid overfilling. If you spill petrol on the machine, wipe up the spill and wait until it has evaporated before starting the engine. If you spill on your clothing, change your clothing.
- Allow the machine to cool before performing any actions in the engine compartment.
- Take care with battery maintenance. Explosive gases form in the battery. Never perform maintenance on the battery while smoking or in the vicinity of open flames or sparks. This can cause the battery to explode and cause serious injuries.



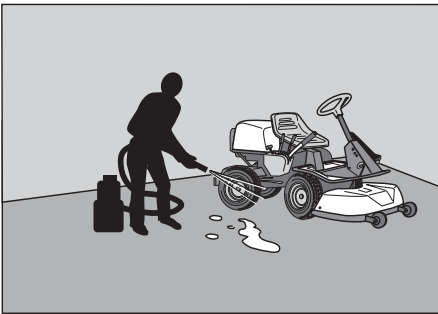
- Make sure all nuts and bolts are tightened correctly and that the equipment is in good condition.
- Do not modify safety equipment. Check regularly to be sure it works properly. The machine must not be driven if protective plates, protective covers, safety switches or other protective devices are not fitted or are defective.
- Observe the risk of injury caused by moving or hot parts if the engine is started with the engine cover open or protective cowlings removed.

SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

- Do not change the setting of governors and avoid running the engine at excessively high revs. If you run too fast, you risk damaging the machine components.
- Never use the machine indoors or in spaces lacking proper ventilation. Exhaust fumes contain carbon monoxide, an odourless, poisonous and highly dangerous gas.



- Stop and inspect the equipment if you run over or into anything. If necessary, make repairs before starting.
- Never make adjustments with the engine running.
- The machine is tested and approved only with the equipment originally provided or recommended by the manufacturer.
- The blades are sharp and can cause cuts. Wrap the blades or wear protective gloves when handling them.
- Check regularly that the parking brake works. Adjust and maintain as required.
- Reduce the risk of fire by removing grass, leaves and other debris that may have fastened on the machine. Allow the machine to cool before putting it in storage.



Transport

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

The parking brake is not sufficient to lock the machine during transport. Ensure you secure the machine firmly to the transporting vehicle.

- The machine is heavy and can cause serious crush injuries. Take extra care when loading it onto or off a vehicle or trailer.
- Use an approved trailer to transport the machine.
- To secure the machine on the trailer, two approved tension belts and four wedge shaped wheel blocks should be used.

Engage the parking brake and tie the tension belts around stable parts on the machine, e.g. frame or rear wagon. Secure the machine by tensioning the belts towards the back and the front of the trailer respectively.

Place the wheel blocks in front of and behind the rear wheels.

- Check and observe local road traffic regulations before transporting or driving the machine on roads.

PRESENTATION

Presentation

Congratulations on your choice of an excellent quality product that will give you great pleasure for many years. This operator's manual describes Rider 18 and Rider 18 AWD.

Rider 18 AWD is equipped with all wheel drive.

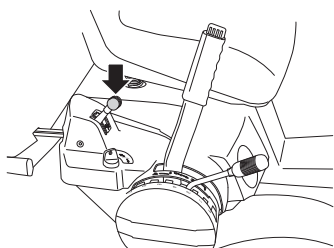
The power transmission from the engine is handled by a hydrostatic gearbox, which allows variable variation of the speed by using the pedals.

One pedal for driving forward and one for reverse.

Throttle control/choke control

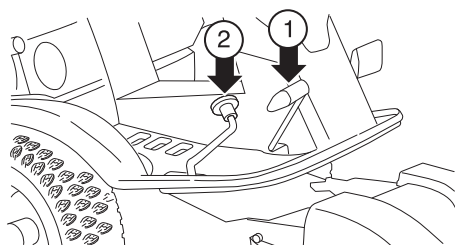
The throttle control regulates the engine speed, and thereby also the rotation speed of the blades.

The control is also used to activate the choke. When the choke is engaged a richer fuel and air mixture is fed to the engine, which facilitates starting in the cold.



Speed limiter

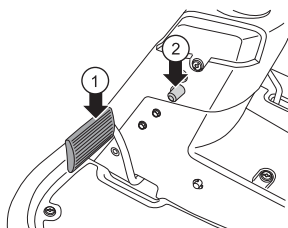
The speed of the machine is steplessly regulated with two pedals. Pedal (1) is used to drive forwards, and pedal (2) to drive backwards.



WARNING! Make sure that branches do not obstruct the pedals when mowing under bushes. Otherwise there is a risk you may lose control.

Parking brake

The parking brake is applied as follows:



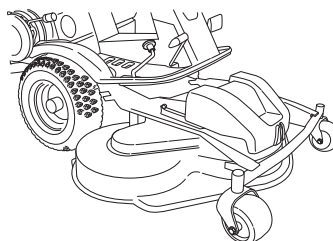
- 1 Press down the parking brake pedal (1).
- 2 Press in the lock button (2) on the steering column.

- 3 Release the parking brake pedal while keeping the button pressed in.

The parking brake lock disengages automatically when the brake pedal is pressed.

Cutting unit

The machines have a 3-blade Combi-unit



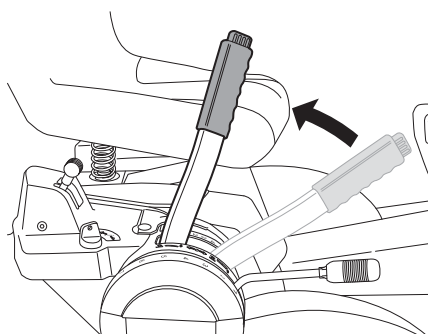
- CombiClip 103

The Combi-unit, equipped with a BioClip-plug, finely chops the cuttings to fertiliser. Without the BioClip-plug the unit works in the same way as a rear ejection unit.

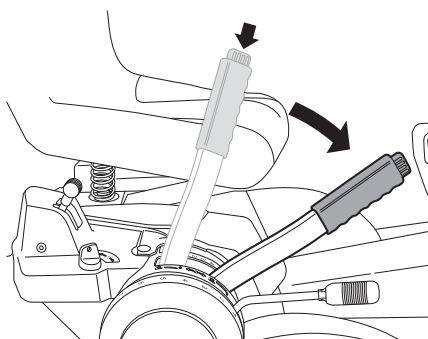
Lifting lever for the cutting unit

The lift lever is used to set the cutting unit in transport or mowing position.

If the lever is pulled backwards the unit is raised and the blades automatically stop rotating (transport position).



If the lock button is pressed in and the lever is moved forwards the unit will be lowered and the blades will automatically start to rotate (mowing position).



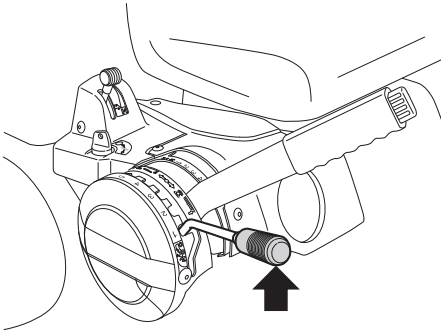
The lever can also be used to temporarily regulate the cutting height, e.g. for a small mound in the lawn.

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Cutting height adjustment lever

The cutting height can be adjusted to 7 different positions with the cutting height lever.

Combi-unit 40-90 mm (1 9/16" - 3 9/16")

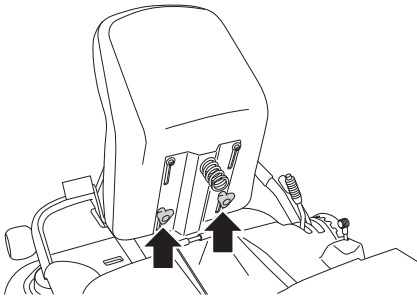


Seat

The seat has a jointed attachment on the front edge and can be tipped forward.

The seat can also be adjusted lengthways.

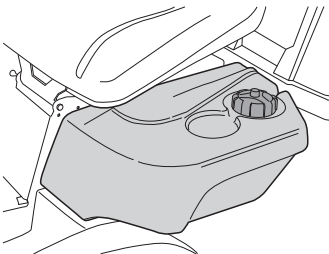
Loosen the handles under the seat and adjust it forwards or backwards to the desired position.



Fueling

The engine runs on unleaded petrol with a minimum octane rating of 85 (not mixed with oil). We recommend the use of biodegradable alkylate petrol. (max. methanol 5%, max. ethanol 10%, max. MTBE 15%)

Do not fill the tank completely, leave an expansion area of at least 2.5 cm (1").



WARNING! Petrol is highly inflammable. Exercise care and refuel outdoors (see safety instructions).

IMPORTANT INFORMATION Do not use the fuel tank as a support area.

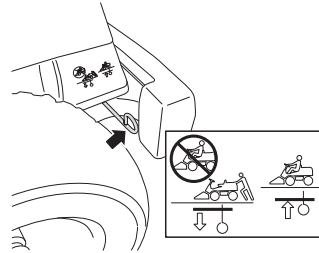
Release lever

The release control must be pulled out in order for the machine to be moved when the engine is shutoff.

Should you attempt to drive the machine with the clutch controls pulled out it will not move. The drive on the axle is disengaged when one of the controls is pulled out.

Pull the controls to the end positions, do not use an intermediate position.

Release lever Rider 18



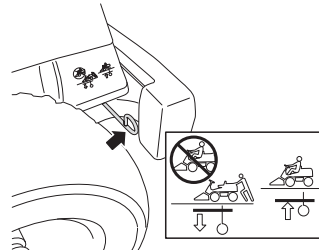
- Pull out the control to disengage the drive system.
- Push in the control to engage to the drive system.

Release lever Rider 18 AWD

Rider 18 AWD has one control for the front axle and one control for the rear axle.

IMPORTANT! Always drive the machine with both clutch controls pressed in.

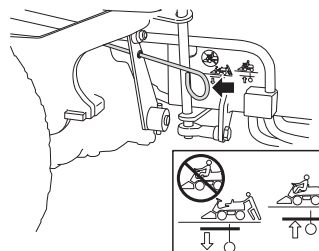
- Clutch control, rear axle



- Control drawn out, drive system disengaged.
- Control depressed, drive system engaged.

- Clutch control, front axle

The control is positioned on the inside of the left front wheel.



- Rear control (pulled out), drive system disengaged.
- Front control (pushed in), drive system engaged.

Driving

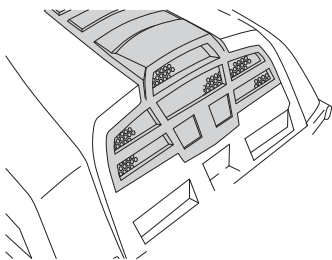
Before starting

- Read the safety instructions and information concerning the placement of controls and functions before starting.
- Perform daily maintenance before starting as set out in the Maintenance schedule.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

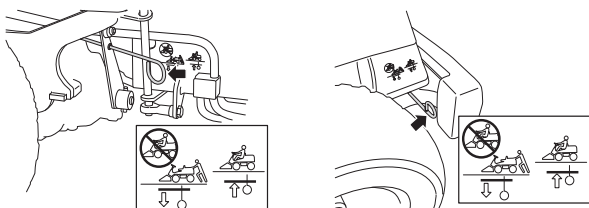
The air intake grille in the engine cover behind the driver's seat must not be blocked by, for example, clothing, leaves, grass or dirt. Impaired cooling of the engine.

Risk of major engine damage.

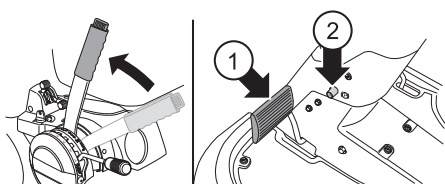


Start the engine

- 1 Make sure that the clutch control is depressed. Rider 18 AWD has one control for the front axle and one control for the rear axle.



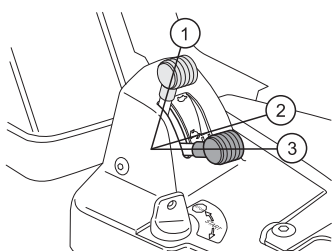
- 2 Lift up the cutting unit by pulling the lever backwards to locked position (transport position) and apply the parking brake.



- 3 The engine can not be started if the parking brake is not pressed down.

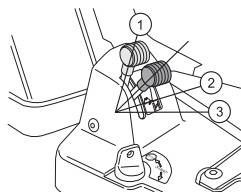
Starting a cold engine

- 4 Move the throttle to position 3 (choke position). In this position the engine is fed with a richer mixture, which means the engine is easier to start.

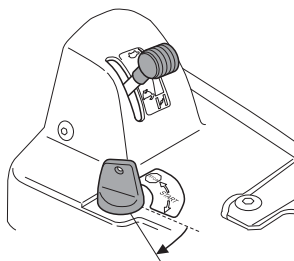


Starting a warm engine

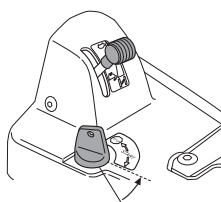
Move the throttle in between positions 1 and 2.



- 5 Turn the ignition key to the start position.



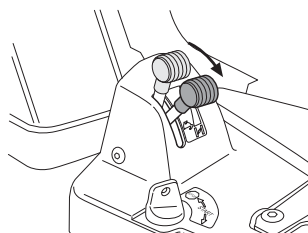
- 6 When the engine starts release the ignition key immediately back to neutral position.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Do not run the starter for more than about 5 seconds at a time. If the engine does not start, wait about 15 seconds before trying again.

- 7 Push the throttle control to full throttle position. Let the engine run at moderate speed or half throttle for 3-5 minutes before subjecting it to heavy load.



- 8 Set the required engine speed with the throttle control.



WARNING! Never run the engine indoors, in enclosed or poorly ventilated areas. The exhaust fumes contain toxic carbon monoxide.

Starting the engine with a weak battery



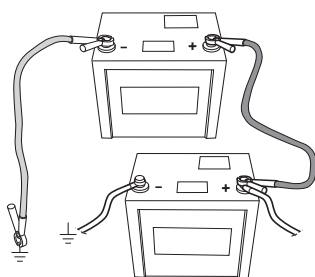
WARNING! Lead-acid batteries produce explosive gases. Avoid sparks, open flames and smoking close to batteries. Always wear protective glasses in the vicinity of batteries.

If the battery is too weak to start the engine, it should be recharged.

When jump leads are used for emergency starting, follow the procedure below:

IMPORTANT INFORMATION Your Rider is equipped with a 12-volt system with negative earth. The other vehicle must also have a 12-volt system with negative earth. Do not use your Rider battery to start other vehicles.

Connecting the jump leads



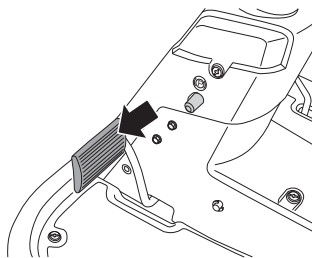
- Connect each end of the red cable to the POSITIVE pole (+) on each battery, exercise care not to short circuit any of the ends against the chassis.
- Connect one end of the black cable to the NEGATIVE pole (-) on the fully charged battery.
- Connect the other end of the black cable to a good CHASSIS EARTH, away from the fuel tank and the battery.

Remove the cables in the reverse order

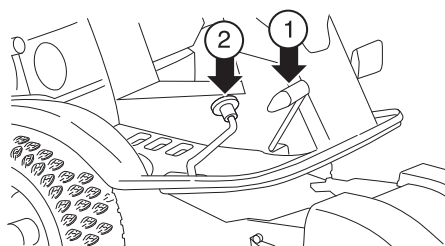
- The BLACK cable is removed from the chassis and then the fully charged battery.
- Finally the RED cable from both batteries.

Driving the Rider

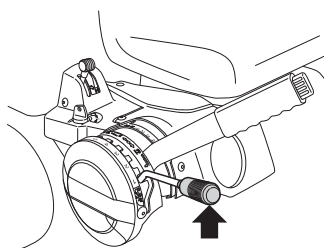
- 1 Release the parking brake by first pressing down the parking brake pedal and then releasing it.



- 2 Carefully press down one of the pedals until the required speed is obtained. Pedal (1) is used to drive forwards, and pedal (2) to drive backwards.

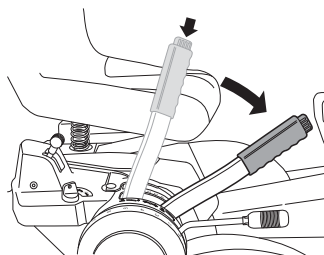


- 3 Select the required cutting height (1-7) with the cutting height lever.



It is important that the air pressure in both front wheels is equal, 60 kPa / 0,6 bar / 8.5 PSI, to produce an even cutting height.

- 4 Press in the lock button on the lifting lever and lower the cutting unit.

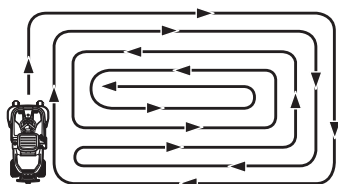


IMPORTANT INFORMATION

The life span of the drive belts is increased significantly if the engine runs at a low speed when the blades are engaged. Therefore apply full throttle first when the cutting unit has been moved to the mowing position.

Driving

Cutting tips

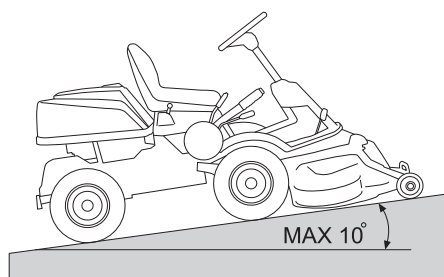


WARNING! Clear the lawn from stones and other objects which can be thrown out by the blades.

- Localise and mark stones and other fixed objects to avoid collision.
- Start with a high cutting height and reduce down until the required mowing results are obtained.
- The mowing result will be best with the highest permitted engine speed, see technical data, (the blades rotate rapidly) and low speed (the Rider moves slowly). If the grass is not too high and thick, the driving speed can be increased without noticeably depreciating the mowing result.
- The best lawns are achieved if the grass is cut often. Mowing becomes more uniform and the grass cuttings become more evenly distributed over the surface. The total time consumption is not greater since it is possible to select a higher driving speed without inferior mowing results.
- Avoid mowing a wet lawn. The mowing results are inferior since the wheels sink down into the soft lawn.
- Hose down the cutting unit with water underneath each time it is used. The cutting unit should then be put in the service position.
- When the BioClip function is used, it is very important that the mowing interval is not too long.



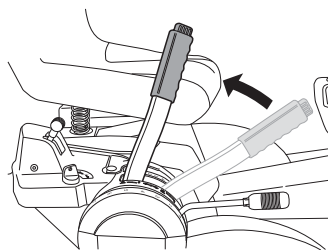
WARNING! Do not use the machine on ground that slopes more than 10°. Mow slopes upwards and downwards, never across. Avoid sudden changes in direction.



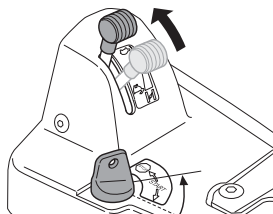
Stop the engine

Preferably allow the engine to idle for a minute to obtain normal working temperature before stopping it if it has been working hard. Avoid idling the engine for long periods, as there is a risk of carbon build-up on the spark plugs.

- 1 Lift up the cutting unit by pulling the lever backwards to its locked position.



- 2 Move the throttle control to the MIN. position. Turn the ignition key to the "STOP".



- 3 When the Rider is at a standstill, press down the parking brake and push in the locking button.

Maintenance

Maintenance schedule

The following is a list of the maintenance which should be conducted on the machine. For those points not described in this manual, visit an authorised service workshop.

Maintenance	Daily maintenance before starting	At least once a year	Maintenance interval in hours			
			25	50	100	200
Cleaning	X					
Check the engine's oil level	X					
Check the engine's cooling air intake	X					
Check the fuel pump air filter	X					
Check the steering wires	X					
Check the battery	X					
Check the safety system	X					
Check nuts and screws	O					
Check for fuel and oil leakage	O					
Clean around the silencer	O					
Clean the prefilter in the air filter ²⁾			X			
Change engine oil ¹⁾				X ³	X ³	
Check the cutting deck			X			
Check the air pressure in the tyres, 60 kPa/8.5 PSI.			X			
Lubricate the belt adjuster ³⁾			X			
Lubricate joints and shafts ³⁾			X			
Adjust the brake				X		
Check the V-belts			O			
Check the cooling fins on the hydrostatic transmission			O			
Checking the transmission oil level	X					
Checking and adjusting the choke wire				X		
Tighten the nuts and screws					O	
Checking and adjusting of throttle wire				X		
Replace the air filter's prefilter and paper filter ^{2, 5)}					X	X
Replace the fuel filter					X	
Replace the spark plug.					X	
Check the need to change the oil ^{6,7)} in the gearbox/hydraulic system		O				O
Change the oil filter						X
Check the synchronisation between the front and rear wheels.		O				
Check the fuel hose. Replace if necessary ⁶⁾		O				

¹⁾First change after 8 hours. When operating with a heavy load or at high ambient temperatures, replace every 50 hours. ²⁾ Maintenance and replacement are required more often in dusty conditions. First change after 8 hours. ³⁾If the machine is used daily it should be lubricated twice a week. ⁴⁾ Replace the oil filter every 200 hours. ⁵⁾ Replace the paper filter annually or every 200 hours. ⁶⁾Conducted by authorised service workshop. ⁷⁾Only 18 AWD first change after 8 hours

X = Described in this operator's manual

O = Not described in this operator's manual



WARNING! No service procedures must be conducted on the engine or cutting unit unless:

The engine is switched off.

The parking brake is applied.

The ignition key is removed.

The cutting unit is disengaged.

The ignition cables are removed from the plugs.

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Cleaning



Clean the machine directly after use. It is much easier to wash off grass cuttings before they dry.



Oily dirt can be removed using a cold degreasing agent. Spray on a thin layer.

Rinse at normal water pressure.

Do not direct the jet towards electrical components or bearings.

Do not rinse hot surfaces such as the engine and exhaust system.

It is recommended that you start the engine and run the mower for a short period after cleaning, so that any remaining water is blown off.

Lubricate the machine if necessary after cleaning. Carry out extra lubrication when the bearings have been exposed to a degreaser or a water jet.

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Avoid using a high pressure washer or a steam cleaner.

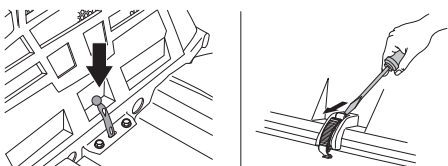
There is a major risk of water penetrating into bearings and electrical connections. Corrosion attack can result, which will lead to running problems. Cleaning additives generally aggravate the damage.

Removing of the machine hoods

Engine cover

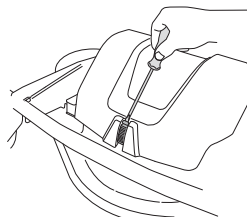
The engine becomes accessible for service when the engine cover is opened.

Fold the seat forward, loosen the snap lock under the seat and fold the cover backwards.



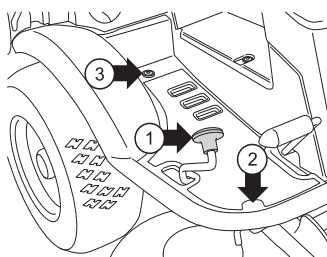
Front cover

Release the clip on the front hood and lift off the fender.



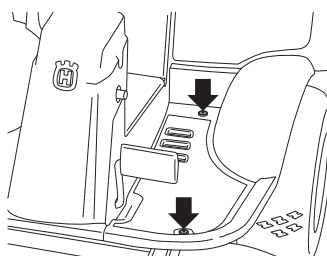
Right-hand fender

Remove the accelerator knob (1), screws (2 and 3), and remove the cover.



Left-hand fender

Remove the screws holding the wing cover (2) and lift off the cover.



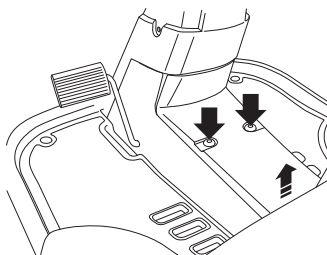
Checking and adjusting the steering wires

The steering is controlled by means of wires.

These can in time become slack, which implies that the adjustment of the steering becomes altered.

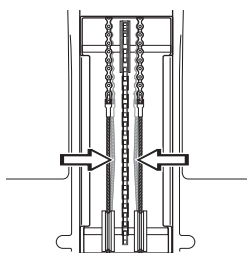
Check and adjust the steering as follows:

- Remove the frame plate by loosening the two screws.

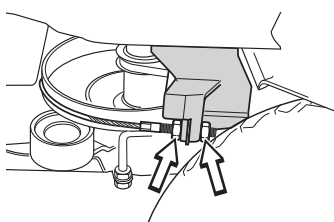


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- Check the tension of the steering wires by squeezing them together by the arrows as illustrated. It should be possible to push them together so that the distance between them is half as much, without using unnecessary force.



- If necessary, the wires can be adjusted by tightening the adjuster nuts on each side of the steering collar. Do not over tighten the cables; they should only be drawn in towards the steering collar.



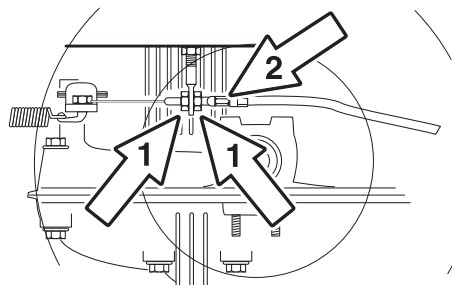
Hold the cable, for example using an adjustable wrench, so that it does not twist.

If the adjustment is only made on one side, the middle position of the steering will be affected.

Check the wire tension on completion of the adjustment as per item 2.

Adjusting the parking brake Rider 18

The parking brake is adjusted as follows:



- 1 Loosen the locking nuts (1).
- 2 Tension the cable using the adjuster screw (2) until the play in the cable is taken up.
- 3 Tighten the locking nuts (1) after adjustment.
- 4 The parking brake should be checked again after the adjustment has been made.



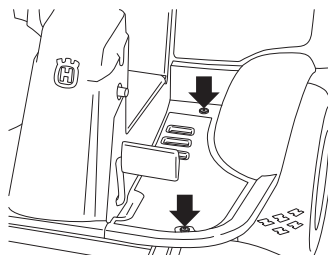
WARNING! A poorly adjusted parking brake can result in reduced braking ability.

Adjusting the parking brake Rider 18 AWD

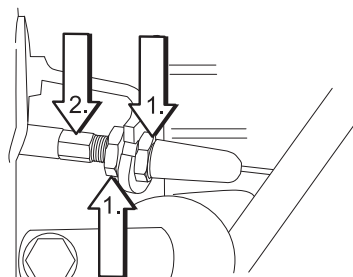
Check that the parking brake is adjusted correctly by placing the machine on a slope with the front and rear axles disengaged.

Apply and lock the parking brake. When the machine does not stand still, the parking brake should be adjusted according to the following.

- 1 Remove the left-hand wing cover.



- 2 Loosen the locking nuts (1).



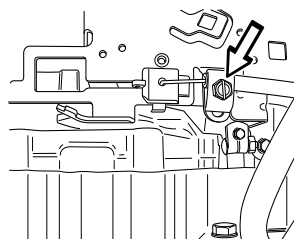
- 3 Tension the cable using the adjuster screw (2) until the play in the cable is taken up.
- 4 Tighten the locking nuts (1).
- 5 The brake should be checked again after adjustment
- 6 Assemble the left-hand wing cover.

Checking and adjusting of throttle wire

The throttle cable may need to be adjusted, if the engine does not respond as it should when accelerating, if it produces black smoke or maximum revs are not reached.

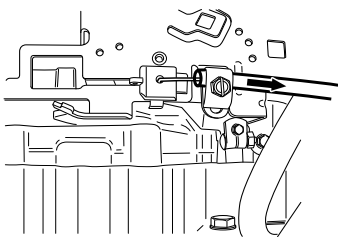
If doubts arise, contact your service representative.

- 1 Loosen the clamping screw for the cable's outer casing and move the throttle to the full throttle position.

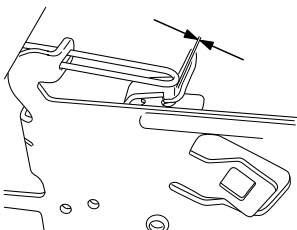


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- 2 Pull the choke wire casing to the far right and tighten the clamping screw.

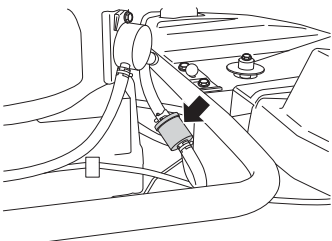


- 3 Pull back the throttle to the full throttle position and check that the choke is no longer actuated.



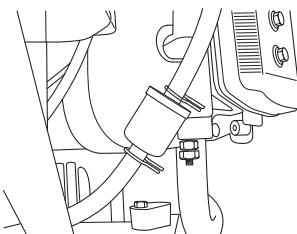
Replacement of fuel filter

Replace the fuel filter every 100 running hours (once per season) or more frequently if it is clogged.



Replace the filter as follows:

- 1 Open the engine cover.
- 2 Move the hose clips away from the filter. Use a pair of flat pliers.
- 3 Pull off the filter from the hose ends.
- 4 Press the new filter into the ends of the hoses. If necessary apply liquid detergent to the ends of the filter to facilitate connection.
- 5 Push the hose clips back on the filter and tighten.



Replacing the air filter

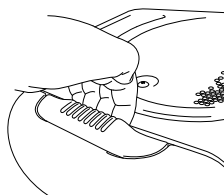


WARNING! The exhaust system is hot. Let it cool before starting to replace the air filter.

If the engine seems to lack power or does not run smoothly this may be because the air filter is clogged. It is therefore important to replace the air filter at regular intervals (see Maintenance/Maintenance Schedule for the correct service interval).

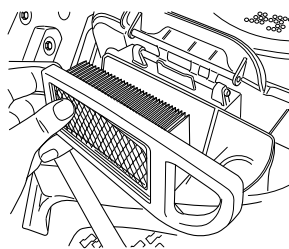
Replace the air filter as follows:

- 1 Open the engine cover.
- 2 Pull up the handle on the air filter cover, unhook and turn towards the engine.



- 3 Remove the air filter cover.

Lift out the air filter cartridge from the fan housing.



Replace the air filter cartridge, if clogged with dirt.

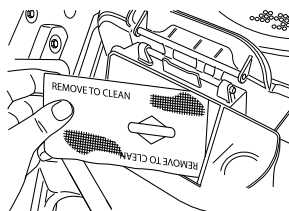
IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Never run the engine without the air filter fitted.

Do not use compressed air to clean the paper filter.

The filters must not be oiled. They must be fitted dry.

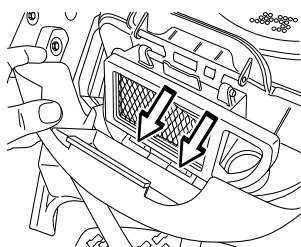
- 4 Carefully lift the precleaner out of the fan housing.



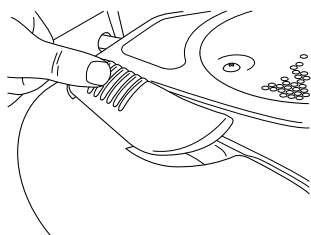
- 5 Carefully clean the fan housing so that dirt does not fall down into the carburettor.
- 6 Insert a new precleaner and air filter cartridge in the fan housing.

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- 7 Align the tabs on the cover with the slits in the housing and replace the air filter cover.



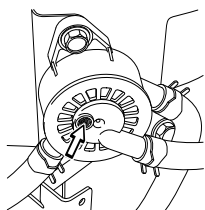
- 8 Pull the handle outwards. Secure the handle in the air filter cover and close the cover by pressing it inwards.



Checking the fuel pump's air filter

Check regularly that the fuel pump's air filter is free from dirt.

The filter can when necessary be cleaned with a brush.



Ignition system

The engine is equipped with an electronic ignition system. Only the spark plug requires maintenance.

For recommended spark plug, see Technical data.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Fitting the wrong spark plug type can damage the engine.

Replacing the spark plug

- 1 Remove the ignition cable shoe and clean around the spark plug.
- 2 Remove the spark plug with a 3/4" (19 mm) spark plug socket wrench.
- 3 Check the spark plug. Replace the spark plug if the electrodes are burned or if the insulation is cracked or damaged. Clean the spark plug with a steel brush if it is to be reused.
- 4 Measure the electrode gap with a gapping tool. The gap should be 0.75 mm/0.030". Adjust as necessary by bending the side electrode.
- 5 Reinsert the spark plug, turning by hand to avoid damaging the threads.

- 6 Tighten the spark plug, once it touches the seating, with the spark plug spanner. Tighten the spark plug so that the washer is compressed. A used spark plug should be turned 1/8 of a turn from the seated position. A new spark plug should be turned a 1/4 turn from the seated position.

- 7 Replace the ignition cable shoe.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Inadequately tightened spark plugs can cause overheating and damage the engine. Tightening the spark plug too much can damage the threads in the cylinder head.

Do not turn over the engine if the spark plug or ignition cable has been removed.

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Check the safety system

The machine is equipped with a safety system that prevents starting or driving under the following conditions.

The engine should only be possible to start when the cutting unit is in its raised position and the hydrostat pedals are in the neutral position.

The engine can not be started if the parking brake is not pressed down.

The driver does not need to be seated in the driver's seat.

Make daily inspections to ensure that the safety system works by attempting to start the engine when one of the conditions is not met. Change the conditions and try again.

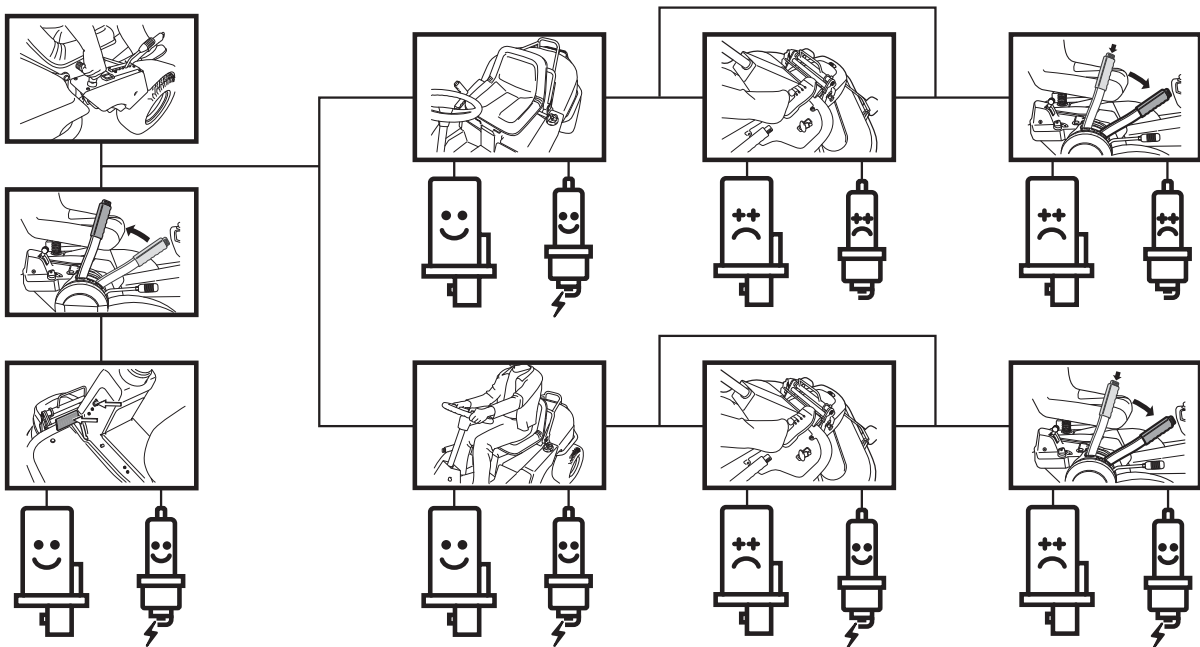
Check that the engine stops if you temporarily move out off the driver's seat while the cutting unit is lowered or the hydrostat pedals are not in the neutral position.

Start motor

Ignition system

Works

Does not work

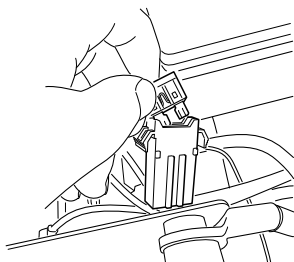


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Main fuse

The main fuse is placed in a detachable holder under the battery case's cover, in front of the battery.

Type: Flat pin, 15 A.



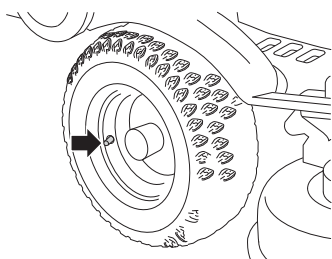
Do not use any other type of fuse when replacing.

A blown fuse is indicated by a burnt connector. Pull the fuse from the holder when replacing.

The fuse is there to protect the electrical system. If it blows again shortly after replacement, it is due to a short circuit, which must be fixed before the machine can be put into operation again.

Checking the tyre pressure

The tyre pressure should be 60 kPa (0.6 bar / 9 PSI) all round. To improve driving the pressure on the rear tyres can be reduced to 40 kPa (0.4 bar/5.6 PSI). The maximum tyre pressure is 100 kPa (1,0 bar/14 PSI).

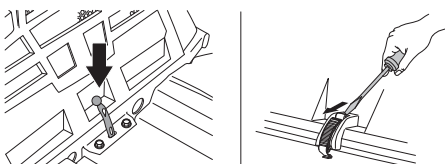


IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Different tyre pressures on the front tyres will result in the blades cutting the grass at different heights.

Checking the engine's cooling air intake

Clean the air intake grille in the engine cover behind the driver's seat.



Open the engine cover.

Check that the cooling intake is free from leaves, grass and dirt.

Check the air duct, located on the inside of the engine cover, ensure it is clean and does not rub against the cooling air intake.

A blocked cooling intake will interfere with the cooling of the engine, which can damage the engine.



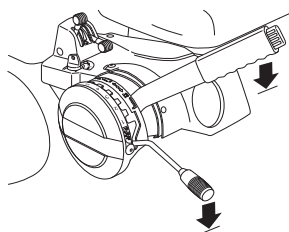
WARNING! The cooling air intake rotates when the engine is running. Mind your fingers.

Fitting the cutting head

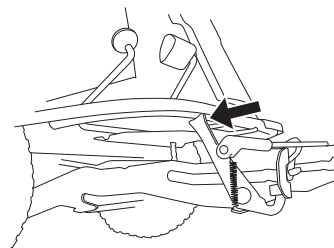


WARNING! Wear protective glasses when fitting the cutting unit. The spring which tensions up the belt may break and cause personal injury.

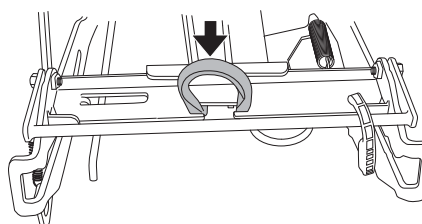
- 1 Place the Rider on a flat surface and apply the parking brake.
- 2 Check that the lever for setting the cutting height is in the lowest position and that the lifting lever for the cutting unit is in mowing position.



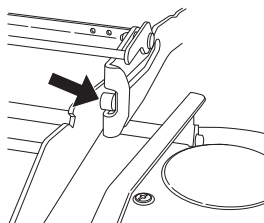
- 3 Push the equipment frame down and place the catch against the frame.



- 4 Engage the belt in the belt holder.



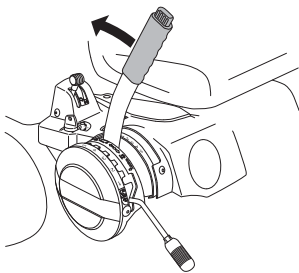
- 5 Push the deck in and put the front guide plugs in the grooves on the equipment frame, one on each side.



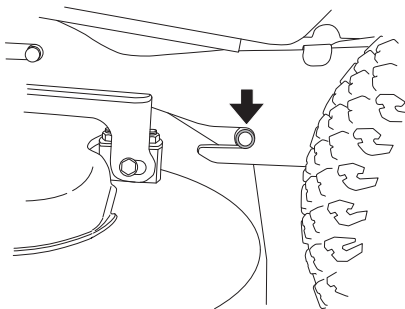
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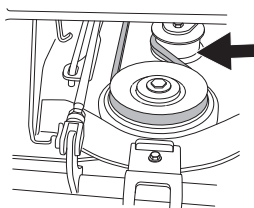
- 6 Lift up the cutting unit



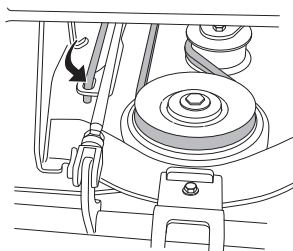
- 7 Push the unit in so that the interior plugs touch the bottom of the equipment frame's grooves.



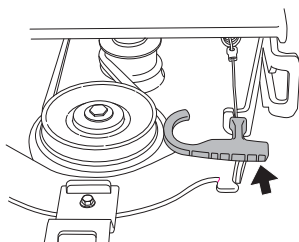
- 8 Fit the drive belt around the drive wheels of the cutting unit. Make sure the belt is placed on the correct side of the belt tensioner wheel.



- 9 Hook up the height adjustment strut.



- 10 Secure the collet spring.



- 11 Fit the front cover.

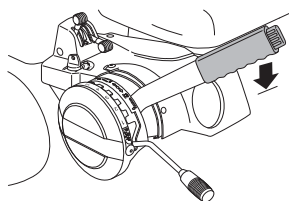
Removing the cutting unit



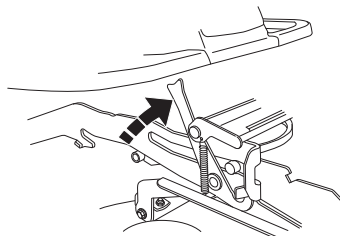
WARNING! Wear protective glasses when dismantling the cutting unit. The spring which tensions up the belt may break and cause personal injury.

- 1 Carry out points 1-6 to put the cutting unit in the service position, see Service position for the cutting unit.

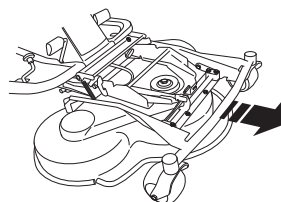
- 2 Lower the cutting unit.



- 3 Open the unit catch.



- 4 Pull out the cutting unit.



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Checking and adjustment of the cutting unit's ground pressure

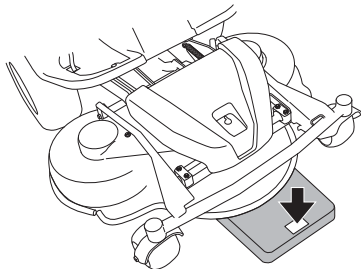
To achieve the best cutting results the cutting unit should follow the underlying surface without pressing too hard against it.

Pressure is adjusted using a screw and spring on each side of the Rider.

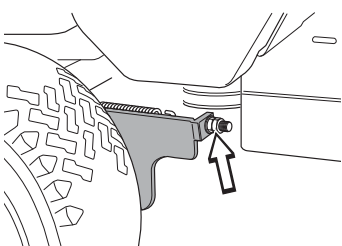
- 1 Check the air pressure in the tyres 60 kPa/0.6 kp/cm²/8.5 PSI.
- 2 Place the machine on a flat surface.
- 3 Put the lifting lever in the mowing position.

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- 4 Place a set of bathroom scales under the cutting unit's frame (front edge) so that it rests on the scales. If necessary a block can be placed between the frame and scales so that the support wheels do not bear any weight.



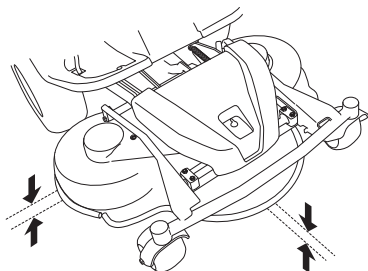
- 5 Adjust the unit's ground pressure by screwing in or out the adjusting screws located behind the front wheels on both sides. The ground pressure should be between 12 and 15 kg (26.5-33 lb).



Checking the cutting unit's parallelism

Check the cutting unit's parallelism as follows:

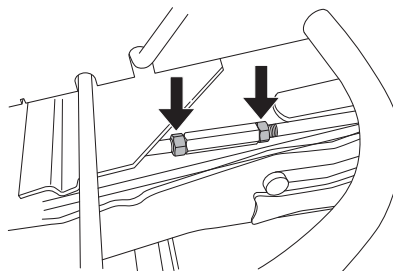
- 1 Check the air pressure in the tyres 60 kPa/0.6 kp/cm²/8.5 PSI.
- 2 Place the machine on a flat surface.
- 3 Put the lifting lever in the mowing position.
- 4 Measure the distance between the ground and the front and rear edges of the cutting unit hood. The cutting unit should have a slight slant, with the rear edge 2-4 mm (1/8") higher than the front edge.



Adjusting the parallelism of the cutting unit

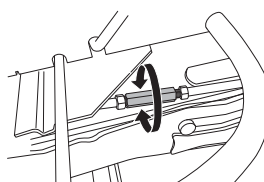
- 1 Remove the front hood and right-hand fender.

- 2 Undo the nuts on the lift strut.



- 3 Screw out (extend) the stay to raise the rear edge of the cover.

Screw in (shorten) the stay to lower the rear edge of the cover.



- 4 Tighten the nuts after adjustment.
- 5 On completion of the adjustment the unit's parallelism should be re-checked.
- 6 Fit the right-hand fender and the front hood.

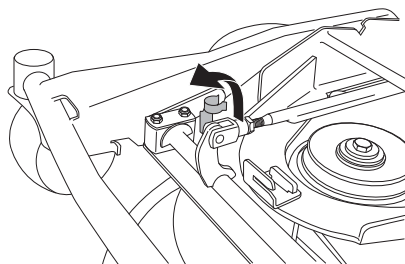
Replacing the cutting unit belts



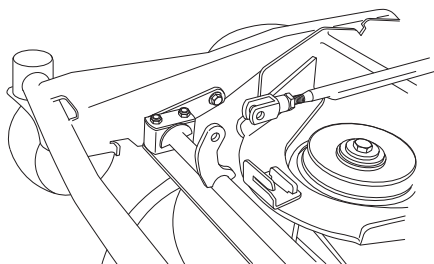
WARNING! Wear gloves to protect your hands when working with the blades. There is a risk of crush injuries when working with the belt.

On these cutting units with collision-proof blades, the blades are driven by one V-belt. Do as follows to change the V-belt:

- 1 Remove the cutting unit.
- 2 Open the lock for the track rod bolt.

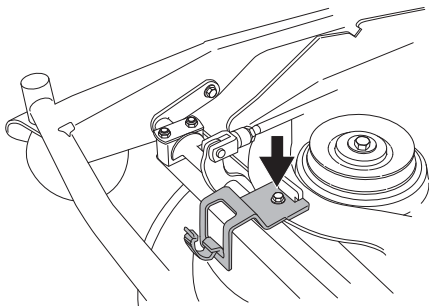


- 3 Remove the bolt so the track rod is released in one end.



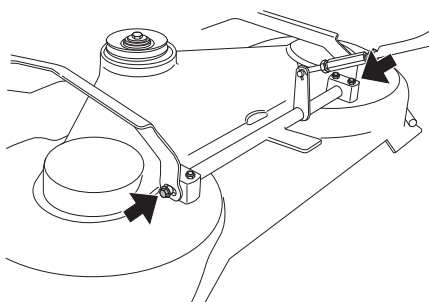
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- 4 Unscrew the bolt holding the unit frame bracket.

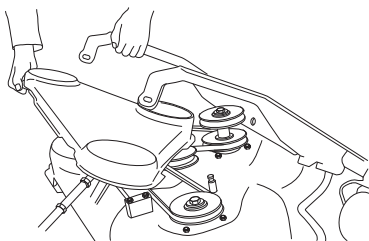


- 5 Remove the lock and pass the unit frame out.

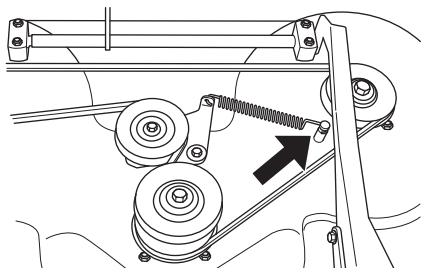
- 6 Remove the two bolts on the unit frame.



- 7 Remove the screws on the cutting cover. Lift the unit frame and remove the cutting unit cover.



- 8 Loosen the spring that tensions the V-belt and pry off the belt.



- 9 Simply reverse the procedure to fit the new belt.

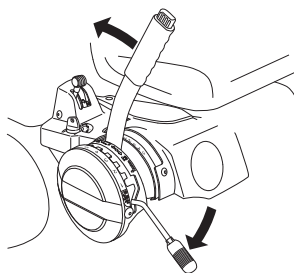
Service position for the cutting unit

The cutting head can be placed in the service position to provide easy access for cleaning, repairs and servicing. In the service position the cutting unit is raised and locked in the vertical position.

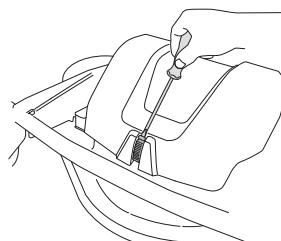
Placing in the service position

- 1 Position the machine on flat ground.
- 2 Apply the parking brake.

- 3 Set the cutting height control in the lowest position and lift up the cutting unit.

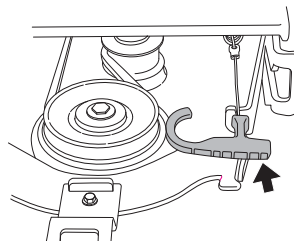


- 4 Release the clip on the front hood and lift off the fender.

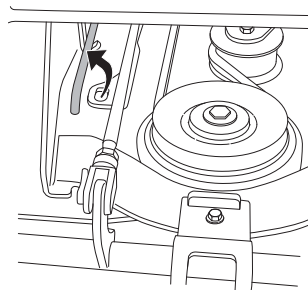


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- 5 Disengage the spring for the drive belt tensioning wheel.

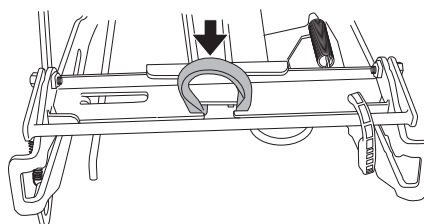


- 6 Loosen on the cutting height stay and place in the holder.



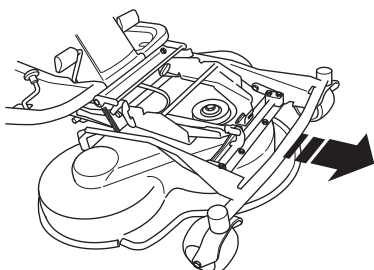
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- 7 Remove the drive belt and place it in the belt holder.

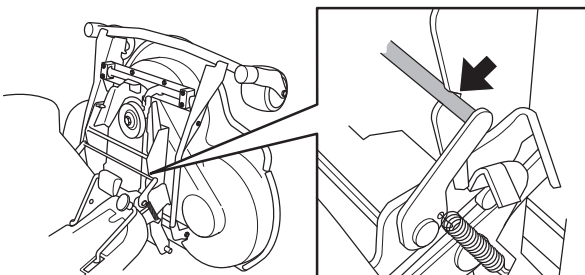


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- 8 Grip the front edge of the unit and pull forwards until it stops.

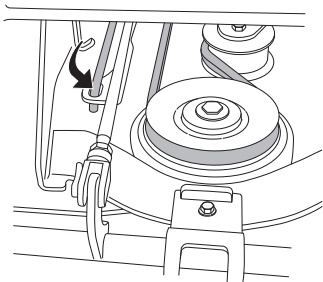


- 9 Lift the unit until it stops and a clicking sound is heard. The unit locks automatically in the vertical position.

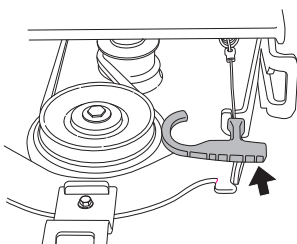


Restoring from service position

- 1 Grip the front edge of the unit and loosen the lock, fold down and slide in the unit.
- 2 Replace the cutting height stay and the belt.



- 3 Tension the belt with the belt adjuster.



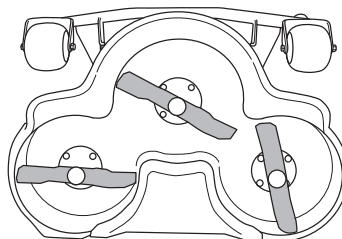
- 4 Fit the front cover.

Checking the blades

WARNING! Wear gloves to protect your hands when working with the blades.

To achieve the best mowing results it is important that the blades are undamaged and well-sharpened.

Check that the blades' attachment screws are tight.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION Replacing or sharpening the blades should be conducted by an authorised service workshop.

The blades should be balanced after sharpening.

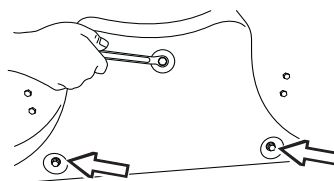
Damaged blades should be replaced when hitting obstacles that result in a breakdown. Let the servicing dealer judge whether the blade can be repaired/ground or must be discarded.

Removing the BioClip plug

To change a Combi unit from BioClip function to cutting unit with rear ejection, remove the BioClip plug located under the unit with three screws.

CombiClip 103, CombiClip 112

- 1 Put the unit in the service position, see Placing in the service position.
- 2 Remove the three screws holding the BioClip plug, and remove the plug.



- 3 **Tip:** Fit three full-thread screws M8x15 mm in the screw holes to protect the threads.
- 4 Replace the unit in normal position.
Fit the BioClip plug in the reverse order.

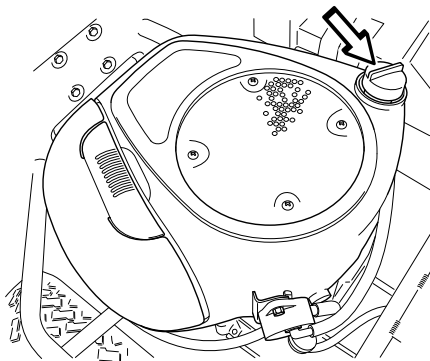
Lubrication

Checking the engine's oil level.

Check the oil level in the engine when the Rider stands horizontal with the engine switched off.

Open the engine cover.

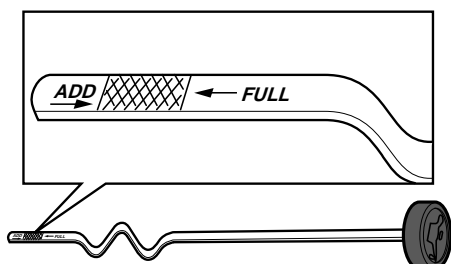
Loosen the dipstick, pull it up and wipe it off.



Now insert the dipstick again. The dipstick should be **completely screwed down**

Pull the dipstick out again and read the oil level.

The oil level should be between the markings on the dipstick. If the level is approaching the ADD mark, top up the oil to the FULL mark on the dipstick.



The oil is topped up through the hole the dipstick sits in. Fill the oil slowly.

Tighten the dipstick correctly before starting the engine. Start and run the engine at idling speed for approx. 30 seconds. Turn off the engine. Wait 30 seconds and check the oil level. If necessary fill so that the oil comes up to the FULL mark on the dipstick.

First and foremost use synthetic engine oil class SJ-CF 5W/30 or 10W/30 for all temperature ranges. Mineral oil SAE30, class SF-CC can be used at temperatures $> +5\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ ($40\text{ }^{\circ}\text{F}$)

Do not mix different types of oil.

Caution when using oils such as 5W-20, 10W-30 and 10W-40 the engine's oil consumption increases. If these oils must be used, check the oil level frequently.

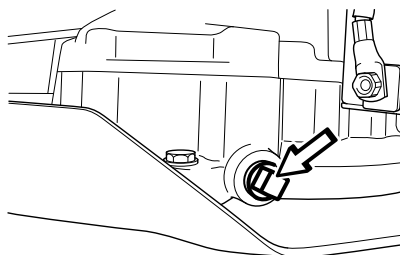
Replacing the engine oil

The engine oil should be changed the first time after 8 hours running time. It should then be changed after every 50 hours of running time. When operating with a heavy load or at high ambient temperatures, replace every 25 hours.



WARNING! Engine oil can be very hot if it is drained directly after stopping the engine. Allow the engine to cool somewhat first.

- 1 Place a container underneath the engine's left oil drain plug.
- 2 Remove the dipstick. Remove the drain plug from the engine's left side.



- 3 Let the oil run out into the container.
- 4 Fit the drain plug and tighten it.
- 5 If necessary fill so that the oil comes up to the FULL mark on the dipstick. The oil is topped up through the hole the dipstick sits in. See Checking the engine's oil level for filling instructions. The engine holds 1.4 litres (1.5 USqt) of oil when the oil filter is not replaced and 1.6 litres (1.7 USqt) of oil when the oil filter is replaced.
- 6 Run the engine warm, then check that there is no leakage from the oil plug.

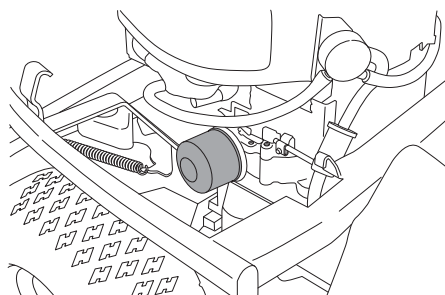
IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Used engine oil is a health hazard and must not be disposed of on the ground or in nature; it should always be disposed of at a workshop or appropriate disposal location.

Avoid skin contact; wash with soap and water in case of spills.

Changing the oil filter

The oil filter must be replaced after every 200 hours running time. Turn the old oil filter anti-clockwise to remove. If necessary, use a filter remover.



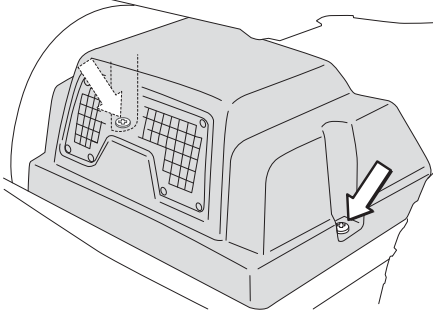
Lightly lubricate the rubber seal on the new oil filter using new oil. Fit the oil filter by turning clockwise. Turn by hand until the rubber seal is seated. Now tighten a further half turn.

Fill with new oil according to Checking the engine's oil level. Start the engine and let it idle for about 3 minutes. Now stop it and check for signs of leakage. Fill with oil to compensate for the oil held in the new oil filter.

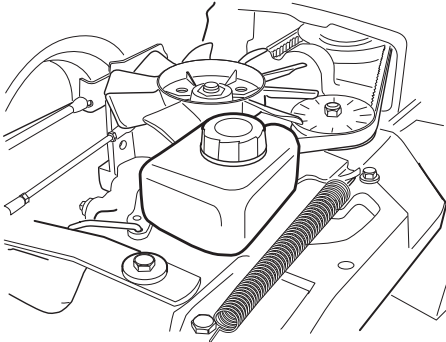
Lubrication

Checking the transmission oil level

- 1 Remove the transmission cover. Undo the two screws (one on each side) and lift off the transmission cover.



- 2 Check that there is oil in the transmission's oil tank.



Rider 18. Fill if necessary with engine oil SAE 10W/40 (class SF-CC).

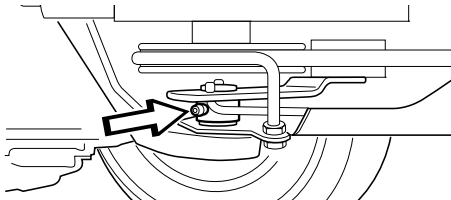
Rider 18 AWD Fill if necessary with oil Synthetic 10W/50

The oil and filter should be changed by an authorised service representative, as described in the Workshop Manual.

Work on the system entails particular demands on cleanliness and the system must be vented before the machine is used.

Lubricating the belt adjuster

- The belt adjuster should be lubricated regularly using good quality molybdenum disulphide grease*.
- Lubricate using a grease gun, 1 nipple from the right-hand side under the engine's lower belt pulley, until grease is forced out. With daily use, lubrication should be carried out twice weekly.



General lubrication

All joints and bearings are lubricated using molybdenum disulphide grease during manufacture. Continue to lubricate using the same type of grease *. Lubricate the steering and control wires using engine oil.

Carry out this lubrication regularly; with daily use, the machine should be lubricated twice weekly.

*Grease from well-known brand names (petrochemical companies, etc.) usually maintains a good quality. The most important property is that the grease provides good protection against corrosion.

Troubleshooting schedule

Problem	Procedure
Engine does not start	There is no fuel in the fuel tank Spark plug defective Faulty spark plug connections or interchanged cables Dirt in the carburettor or fuel line Starter motor does not turn over the engine
Starter motor does not turn over the engine	Battery flat Bad contact between the cable and battery Lift lever for cutting unit in wrong position Main fuse blown. This fuse is in front of the battery, under the battery cover. Ignition lock faulty Brake not activated. Faulty starter motor
Engine does not run smoothly	Faulty spark plug. Carburettor incorrectly set Air filter clogged Fuel tank vent blocked Ignition key defective Dirt in the carburettor or fuel line Choking or incorrectly adjusted throttle cable
Engine seems to have no power	Air filter clogged Faulty spark plug. Dirt in the carburettor or fuel line Carburettor incorrectly set Choking or incorrectly adjusted throttle cable
Engine overheats	Engine overloaded Air intake or cooling flanges blocked Fan damaged Too little or no oil in engine Ignition defective Faulty spark plug.
Battery does not charge	One or more battery cells faulty Poor contact on the battery terminal cable connectors
Machine vibrates	Blades are loose Engine is loose One or more blades unbalanced, caused by damage or poor balancing after sharpening
Uneven mowing	Blades blunt Cutting unit skew Long or wet grass Grass blockage under hood Different tyre pressures on right and left sides Over-speeding Engine speed too low Drive belt slipping

Storage

Winter storage

At the end of the season, or if the machine is going to stand idle for more than 30 days, it should immediately be made ready for storage. Fuel which is left to stand for long periods (30 days or more) can leave tacky deposits which can block the carburettor and interfere with the engine.

Fuel stabiliser is an acceptable alternative to avoid tacky deposits during storage. If alkylate petrol (Aspen) is used stabiliser is not necessary since this fuel is stable. However, one should avoid changing from standard to alkylate petrol since sensitive rubber parts can harden. Add stabiliser to the fuel in the tank or the storage container. Always use the mixing ratios indicated by the manufacturer. Run the engine for at least 10 minutes after adding the stabiliser so that it will reach the carburettor. Do not empty the fuel tank and carburettor if stabiliser has been added.



WARNING! Never place an engine with fuel in the tank indoors or in poorly ventilated areas where petrol fumes can come into contact with naked flames, sparks or pilot flames in boilers, hot water heaters, drying cabinets, etc. Exercise caution when handling fuel. It is highly inflammable, and careless use can cause serious injury and damage to property. Drain off the fuel in an approved container outdoors and well clear of naked flames. Never use petrol for cleaning purposes. Use degreasing agents and hot water instead.

To prepare the machine for storage follow these instructions:

- 1 Carefully clean the machine, especially under the cutting unit. Touch-up paint damage to avoid rust.
- 2 Inspect the machine for worn or damaged parts and tighten loose screws and nuts.
- 3 Change the engine oil, and take care of the waste oil.
- 4 Empty the fuel tank. Start the engine and run it until the carburettor is emptied of fuel.
- 5 Remove the plugs and pour about a tablespoon of engine oil into each cylinder. Pull round the engine to distribute the oil and screw the plugs back on.
- 6 Grease all grease nipples, joints and axles.
- 7 Remove the battery. Clean it, charge it, and store it in a cool place.
- 8 Store the machine in a clean and dry place and cover it over for extra protection.

Guard

There is a cover to protect your machine during storage or transport. Contact your dealer for a demonstration

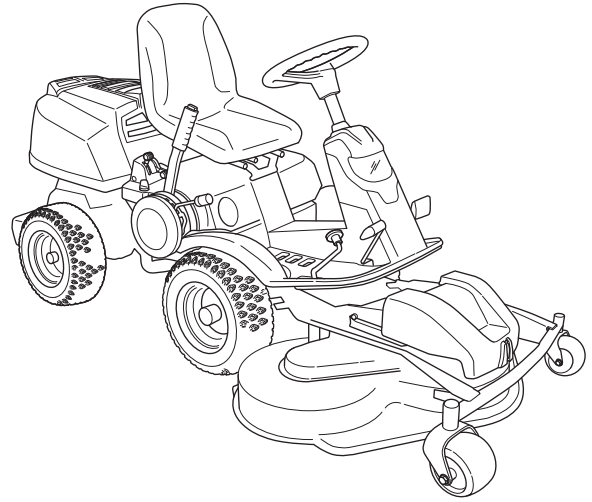
Service

Low season is the most suitable time to perform a service or overhaul of the machine in order to ensure high function safety during high season.

When ordering spare parts state your machine's purchase year, model, type, and serial number.

Always use genuine parts.

Annual inspection or tuning by an authorised service workshop is a good way of getting the best out of your machine the next season.



TECHNICAL DATA

	Rider 18	Rider 18 AWD
Dimensions		
Length without cutting unit, mm/ft	2020/6,61	2020/6,61
Width without cutting unit, mm/ft	890/2,92	890/2,92
Height, mm/ft	1150/3,77	1150/3,77
Operating weight with cutting deck, kg/lb	269-274-277/593-604-611	293-298-301/646-657-664
Wheel base, mm/ft	887/2,91	887/2,91
Track width, front, mm/ft	712/2,34	712/2,34
Track width, rear, mm/ft	627/2,06	627/2,06
Tyre dimensions	16 x 6,50 x 8	16 x 6,50 x 8
Air pressure, rear - front, kPa / bar / PSI	60 (0,6/8,5)	60 (0,6/8,5)
Max. gradient	10°	10°
Motor		
Brand / Model	Briggs & stratton/31G7	Briggs & stratton/31G7
Nominal engine output, kW (see note 1)	21,4/9,7	21,4/9,7
Displacement, cm ³ /cu.in	502	502
Max. motor speed, r/min	2900 ± 75	2900 ± 75
Fuel, minimum octane grade lead-free	85	85
Tank volume, litres/USqt	10/10,6	10/10,6
Oil	Class SF, SG, SH or SJ SAE40, SAE30, SAE10W-30, SAE10W-40 or SAE5W-20	Class SF, SG, SH or SJ SAE40, SAE30, SAE10W-30, SAE10W-40 or SAE5W-20
Oil volume incl. filter	1,6/1,7	1,6/1,7
Oil volume excl. filter, litres/USqt	1,4/1,5	1,4/1,5
Starting	Electric start 12V	Electric start 12V
Electrical system		
Type	12 V, negative earthed	12 V, negative earthed
Battery	12 V, 24 Ah	12 V, 24 Ah
Spark plug	EMS PLATINUM	EMS PLATINUM
Electrode gap, mm/inch	0,75/0,030	0,75/0,030
Noise emissions and cutting width		
(see note 2)		
Sound power level, measured dB(A)	98-98-99	98-98-99
Sound power level, guaranteed dB(A)	98-99-100	98-99-100
Cutting width, mm	94-103-112/37-41-44	94-103-112/37-41-44
Sound power level		
(see note 3)		
Sound pressure level at the operators ear, dB(A)	86-84-85	86-84-85
Vibration levels		
(see note 4)		
Vibration level on the steering wheel, m/s ²	2,5	2,5
Vibration level in the seat, m/s ²	0,7	0,7
Transmission		
Brand	Tuff Torq K46	K 574 KTM 10L
Oil, class SF-CC	SAE 10W/40	SAE 10W/50 Synthetic
Cutting unit		
Type	CombiClip 94 CombiClip 103 CombiClip 112	CombiClip 94 CombiClip 103 CombiClip 112

Note 1: The power rating of the engine indicated is the average net output (at specified rpm) of a typical production engine for the engine model measured to SAE standard J1349/ISO1585. Mass production engines may differ from this value. Actual power output for the engine installed on the final machine will depend on the operating speed, environmental conditions and other values.

Note 2: Noise emissions in the environment measured as sound power (L_{WA}) in conformity with EC directive 2000/14/EC. If the machine can be equipped with different cutting decks, the noise emissions are stated in order starting from the cutting deck with the smallest cutting width.

Note 3: Noise pressure level according to EN 836. Reported data for noise pressure level has a typical statistical dispersion (standard deviation) of 1.2 dB(A). If the machine can be equipped with different cutting decks, the noise pressure levels are stated in order starting from the cutting deck with the smallest cutting width.

Note 4: Vibration level according to EN 836. Reported data for vibration level has a typical statistical dispersion (standard deviation) of 0.2 m/s² (steering wheel) and 0.8 m/s² (seat).

TECHNICAL DATA

Cutting unit	CombiClip 103	CombiClip 112
Cutting width, mm/inch	1030 / 41	1120 / 44.1
Cutting heights, 7 positions, mm/inch	25-75/0.98-2.95	25-75/0.98-2.95
Blade length, mm/inch	388/15.28	420 / 16,5

IMPORTANT INFORMATION When the service life of this product has been served and it is no longer used it should be returned to the dealer or to an applicable station for recycling.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION We reserve the right to change specifications and designs without prior notice so as to implement improvements.

Note that no legal claims are valid on the basis of information in this manual.

Use only genuine parts for repairs. The warranty is not valid if non genuine parts are used. (Authorized representative for Husqvarna AB and responsible for technical documentation.)



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