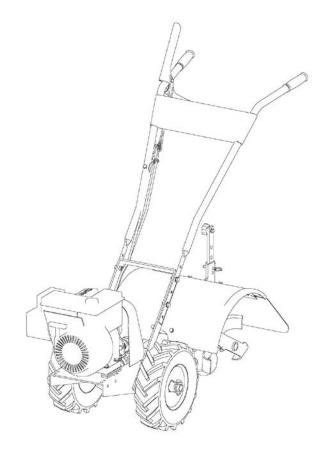
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# **GASOLINE TILLER**



Model: GBA-9002A,GBA-9002B,GBA-9002C

Due to continuing improvements, actual product may differ slightly from the product described herein.

## **OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS**



#### SAFETY

#### OWNER'S RESPONSIBILITY

Accurate assembly and safe and effective use of the tiller is the owner's responsibility.

- Carefully follow all safety and assembly instructions.
- Maintain the tiller according to directions and schedule included in this operator's manual.
- Ensure that anyone who uses the tiller is familiar with all controls and safety precautions.

#### SPECIAL MESSAGES

Your manual contains special messages to bring attention to potential safety concerns, machine damage as well as helpful operating and servicing information. Please read all the information carefully to avoid injury and machine damage.

NOTE: General information is given throughout the manual that may help the operator in the operation or service of the machine.

#### **IMPORTANT SAFETY PRECAUTIONS**

#### Please read this section carefully.

Your tiller is equipped with a safety device that enables you to stop the wheels and tines quickly in an emergency. Learn how the drive safety control lever operates and how to control the tiller at all times.



This symbol points out important safety

instructions which if not followed could endanger your personal safety. Read and follow all instructions in this manual before attempting to operate this equipment.

 Do not allow children to operate this tiller. Never allow children and bystanders near the unit. Do not allow adults to operate the tiller without proper instruction.



#### A DANGER

DANGER INDICATES A SERIOUS INJURY OR FA-TALITY WILL RESULT IF THE SAFETY INSTRUC-TIONS THAT FOLLOW THIS SIGNAL WORD ARE NOT OBEYED.



#### WARNING

WARNING INDICATES A SERIOUS INJURY OR FA-TALITY COULD RESULT IF THE SAFETY INSTRUC-TIONS THAT FOLLOW THIS SIGNAL WORD ARE NOT OBEYED.



#### CAUTION

CAUTION INDICATES YOU CAN OR YOUR EQUIPMENT CAN BE HURT IF THE SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS THAT FOLLOW THIS SIGNAL WORD ARE NOT OBEYED.

#### **IMPORTANT**

IMPORTANT INDICATES HELPFUL INFORMATION FOR PROPER ASSEMBLY, OPERATION, OR MAINTENANCE OF YOUR EQUIPMENT.



#### WARNING

YOU MUST READ, UNDERSTAND AND COMPLY WITH ALL SAFETY AND OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS IN THIS MANUAL BEFORE ATTEMPTING TO SETUP AND OPERATE YOUR ROTOTILLER.

FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH ALL SAFETY AND OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS CAN RESULT IN LOSS OF MACHINE CONTROL, SERIOUS PERSONAL INJURY TO YOU AND/OR BYSTANDERS, AND RISK OF EQUIPMENT AND PROPERTY DAMAGE. THE TRIANGLE IN THE TEXT SIGNIFIES IMPORTANT CAUTIONS OR WARNINGS WHICH MUST BE FOLLOWED.

#### **CALIFORNIA PROPOSITION 65 WARNING**

ENGINE EXHAUST FROM THIS **PRODUCT** CONTAINS CHEMICALS KNOWN TO THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA TO CAUSE CANCER. BIRTH DEFECTS, OR OTHER REPRODUCTIVE HARM.

#### **PREPARATION**

- Dress appropriately when operating the tiller. Always wear sturdy footwear. Never wear sandals, sneakers, or open shoes, and never operate the tiller with bare feet. Do not wear loose clothing that might get caught in moving parts.
- Carefully inspect the area to be tilled and remove all foreign objects. Do not till above underground water lines, gas lines, electric cables, or pipes. Do not operate the tiller in soil with large rocks and foreign objects which can damage the equipment.
- Disengage all clutches and leave all control levers in the neutral position before starting the engine.
- Handle fuel with care; it is highly flammable.
- a. Use an approved fuel container.
- b. Never add fuel to a running or hot engine.
- c. Fill fuel tank outdoors with extreme care. Never fill fuel tank indoors.
- d. Replace gasoline cap securely and clean up spilled fuel before restarting.
- Never attempt to make any adjustments while the engine is running.

#### **OPERATION**

- Never operate the tiller without guards, covers, and hoods in place.
- Never start the engine or operate the tiller with the wheels in the free-wheel position. Make sure the wheel lock pins are engaged through the wheel hubs and wheel axle. The wheels act as a brake to keep the tiller at a controlled speed. Disengage wheel lock pins to permit free-wheeling only when engine is stopped.
- Keep hands, feet, and clothing away from rotating parts. Keep clear of tiller tines at all times.
- Tines and wheels rotate when tiller is engaged in *forward* or *reverse*-- in *forward*, tines and wheels rotate when the drive safety control lever(FORWARD), is pushed down toward the handlebar. In *reverse*, wheels and tines rotate when the drive safety control lever(REVERSE), is pulled back toward the operator. Releasing the reverse handle to the *neutral* position stops the wheels and tines. Do not operate both drive safety control levers at the same time.
- Be extremely cautious when operating in *reverse*. Take extra care to avoid slipping or falling, and keep hands and feet clear of tines.
- Use extreme caution when operating on or crossing gravel drives, walks, or roads. Stay alert for hidden hazards or traffic.

#### **IMPORTANT**

THE RIGHT AND LEFT SIDES OF YOUR ROTOTILLER ARE DETERMINED FROM THE OPERATING POSITION AS YOU FACE THE DIRECTION OF FORWARD TRAVEL.

ENGINE IS SHIPPED FROM FACTORY WITHOUT OIL. YOU MUST ADD ENGINE OIL BEFORE STARTING ENGINE.



- If vegetation clogs the tines, raise the handlebars to elevate the tines, and run the tiller in *reverse*. If this does not clean clogged vegetation from the tines, **STOP THE ENGINE**AND DISCONNECT THE SPARK PLUG WIRE before removing vegetation by hand.
- Engine muffler will be hot from operation. Do not touch it with bare skin or a severe burn may result.
- If the unit should start to vibrate abnormally, stop the engine and check immediately for the cause. Vibration is generally a warning of trouble.
- Do not run the engine indoors; exhaust fumes are deadly.
- Do not overload the machine capacity by attempting to till too deep at too fast a rate.
- Never operate the machine at high transport speeds on slippery surfaces. Look behind and use care when backing.
- Use only attachments and accessories approved by the manufacturer of the tiller.
- Never operate the tiller without good visibility or light.
- Be careful when tilling in hard ground. The tines may catch in the ground and propel the tiller backward. If this occurs, let go of the handlebars and do not restrain the machine.
- Take all possible precautions when leaving the machine unattended. Disengage all control levers, stop the engine, wait for all moving parts to stop, and make certain guards and shields are in place.
- When leaving the operating position for any reason:
- shut off the engine.
- wait for all moving parts to stop.

#### MAINTENANCE AND STORAGE

#### **MAINTENANCE**

• Good maintenance is your responsibility; poor maintenance is an invitation to trouble.

Follow good shop practices.

Keep service area clean and dry.

Be sure electrical outlets and tools are properly grounded.

Use adequate light for the job at hand.

• Make sure the engine is off before you begin any maintenance or repairs. This will eliminate several potential hazards:

#### Carbon monoxide poisoning from engine exhaust.

Be sure there is adequate ventilation whenever you operate the engine.

Never operate the engine in a closed building.

#### Burns from hot parts.

Let the engine and exhaust system cool before touching.

#### Injury from moving parts.

Do not run the engine unless instructed to do so.

- Read the instructions before you begin, and make sure you have the tools and skills required.
- To reduce the possibility of fire or explosion, be careful when working around gasoline. Use only a nonflammable solvent, not gasoline, to clean parts. Keep cigarettes, sparks and flames away from all fuel-related parts.
- Always use personal protection devices such as eye, hand and hearing protectors when performing any service or maintenance.
- Frequently check tiller tines. They should be free of nicks and cracks and securely fastened in place.
- Periodically tighten all bolts, nuts, screws, and check that all pins are properly installed to make certain unit is safe to operate.
- When completing maintenance or service, make sure all safety guards and devices are installed before using the tiller.
- Where replacement parts are necessary for periodic maintenance and servicing, use only new, original replacement parts or their equivalents for repair and replacement to restore your equipment to original specifications.
- The manufacturer and/or distributor will not be responsible for injuries or damages caused by use of unapproved parts and/or accessories.
- A first aid kit should be kept readily accessible while performing maintenance on this equipment.

#### **STORAGE**

#### PREPARE FOR STORAGE

Follow the steps below to prepare your tiller for storage. Read your engine manual for detailed instructions on preparing the engine for storage.

- 1. Protect wheels and axles from rust:
- Remove lock pin and slide wheel off hub.
- Coat the axles lightly with axle grease.
- Slide wheel back on hub and insert lock pin.



DO NOT STORE TILLER IN AN UNVENTILATED AREA WHERE FUEL FUMES MAY REACH FLAME, SPARKS, PILOT LIGHTS OR AN IGNITED OBJECT. DRAIN FUEL OUTDOORS AWAY FROM ANY IGNITION SOURCES. USE ONLY APPROVED FUEL CONTAINERS.

- 2. Drain fuel system completely following engine manufacturer's instructions or add fuel stabilizer to prevent fuel from gumming up during extended storage period.
- 3. While engine is still warm, drain the oil from the engine. Refill with fresh oil of the recommended grade.
- 4. clean external surfaces, engine and cooling fan.
- 5. Remove spark plug, pour one ounce of SAE 30 oil into spark plug hole.
- 6. Transport unit to a suitable storage location. If you have chosen to use a fuel stabilizer

and have not drained the fuel system, follow all safety instructions storage precautions in this manual to prevent the possibility of fire from the ignition of gasoline fumes. Remember, gasoline fumes can travel to distant sources of ignition and ignite, causing risk of explosion and fire.

7. If there is any possibility of unauthorized use or tampering, remove the spark plug and store it in a safe place before storing the tiller unit. Be sure to plug the spark plug hole to prevent foreign material from entering.

#### **SAFETY DECALS**

The safety labels are easily applied, and will act as a constant visual reminder to you, and others who may use the equipment. Follow the safety instructions necessary for safe, effective operation of your tiller.

# **▲ WARNING**AVOID SERIOUS INJURY

- Read operaor's manual(s) before operating.
- Know the location and function of all controls.
- Keep all shields and guards in place and working while running.
- Never allow children to operate tiller.
- Dress appropriately—wear sturdy footwear.
- Carefully inspect area to be tilled—remove large rocks and other foreign objects.
- DO NOT till above underground electric, water, gas, or other utility lines and pipes.
- STOP THE ENGINE AND DISCONNECT THE SPARK PLUG WIRE before removing debris or servicing unit.
- When leaving the operating position for any reason:
  - shut off the engine.
  - wait for all moving parts to stop.

# **WARNING**WHEELS ACT AS BRAKES

- Never start or operate tiller with wheels in the Free Wheel position, Make sure wheel lockouts are engaged through wheel hubs and axle.
- Wheels act as brakes to keep the tiller at a controlled speed, Disengage wheel lockouts ONLY when engine is stopped.

### **OPERATION**

REFER TO OPERATOR'S MANUAL FOR DETAILED OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS TO START:

- 1. Release drive control levers to neutral position.
- Lower the drag stake so that tines do not touch the ground.
- 3. Check position of wheels and wheel lockouts.
- 4. Slide choke control to choke position.
- 5. Move throttle control lever to fast position.
- 6. Pull starter rope.





# AVOID INJURY FROM ROTATING TINES!

Keep hands, feet, and clothing away.

- Tines rotate when tiller is engaged in forward or reverse.
- Tines and wheels rotate when drive control levers are pulled
  down
- In reverse, tines and wheels rotate when the reverse handle is pulled back toward the operator.
- Releasing the drive control levers to the neutral position stops the wheels and tines.

## **A** WARNING

DO NOT START ENGINE UNLESS BELT COVER IS ATTACHED. KEEP HANDS, FEET, AND CLOTHING AWAY FROM MOVING BELTS AND PULLEYS. FAILURE TO COMPLY COULD RESULT IN INJURY. SEE OWNER'S MANUAL FOR FULL SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS.

<b>A</b> WARNING			
	Read and follow Operating Instructions before running engine.		
Jedy:	Gasoline is flammable. Allow engine to cool at least 2 minutes before refueling.		
*	Engines emit carbon monoxide, DO NOT run in enclosed area.		
willinds.	Muffler area temperature may exceed 150°F. Do not touch hot parts.		



#### ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS

The tiller comes fully assembled except for a few parts. The following instructions will help you assemble and adjust the tiller's depth regulator, cable tension, and handlebar height. You will need two 9/16" wrenches to complete the assembly.

#### **IMPORTANT**

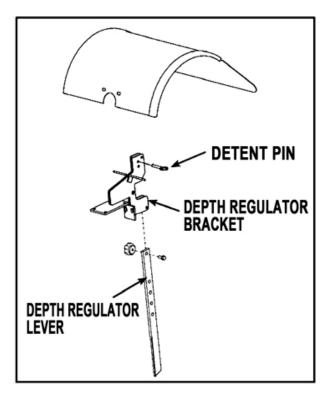
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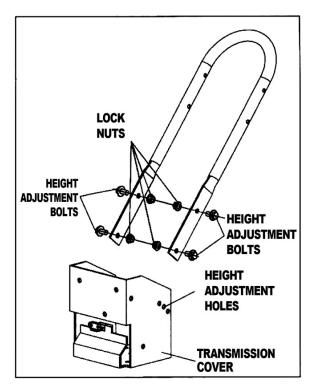
#### STEP 1 Install the Depth Regulator

- 1. Install the depth regulator into the top of the depth regulator Bracket with handle facing rearward.
- 2. Insert depth regulator pin through depth regulator bracket and top hole of depth regulator-tines should clear the ground.



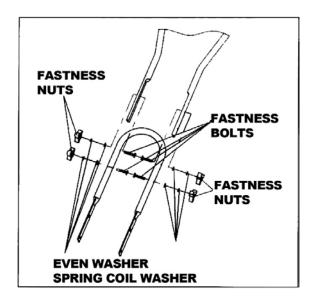
#### STEP 2 Attach ex-arm-rest stems to the Tiller

- 1. The ex-arm-rest stems on outside of the Transmission cover and align the lower boles.
- 2. Insert one 3/8"-16x 1" bolt for each side in lower holes.
- 3. Start 3/8"-I6 nuts on each bolt.
- 4. Insert one 3/8"-16x 1" bolt for each side in Upper holes at desired handlebar height.
- 5. Tighten all the nuts.



#### STEP 3: Attach handle bar to the Tiller

- 1. Insert four fastness bolts for each side in every holes.
- 2. Start fastness nuts on each bolt.
- 3. Tighten all the nuts.

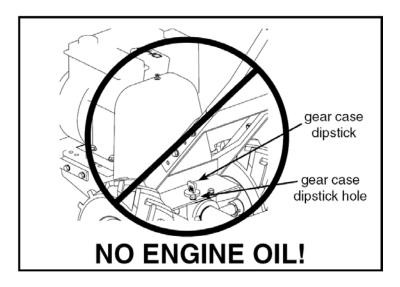


#### **STEP4 Fill Engine Crankcase**

#### **IMPORTANT**

Engine is shipped from factory without oil. Engine oil must be added before starting engine.

- 1. Add oil according to engine manual. Do not overfill. Use clean, high quality detergent oils. Do not mix oil with gasoline. Oil level must be full. Check the oil level by removing oil fill plug.
- 2. Always check oil level before starting engine. Refer to engine manual for capacity and type of oil to use.



#### **OPERATION**

#### PRE-START INSPECTION

- 1. Make sure all safety guards are in place and all nuts and bolts are secure.
- 2. Check oil level in engine crankcase.
- 3. Inspect air cleaner for cleanliness.
- 4. Check the fuel supply. Fill the fuel tank no closer than 1 inch from top of tank to provide space for expansion.
- 5. Be sure spark plug wire is attached and spark plug is tightened securely.
- 6. Check position of wheels and wheel lockouts.
- 7. Check depth regulator lever position.
- 8. Examine underneath and around engine for signs of oil or fuel leaks.
- 9. Inspect fuel hoses for tightness and fuel seepage.
- 10. Look for signs of engine damage.
- 11. Remove excessive debris from muffler area and recoil starter.

#### **A** CAUTION

PLEASE DO NOT START YOUR TILLER UNTIL YOU HAVE READ THE MANUAL THAT CAME WITH YOUR ENGINE, AND THE SECTIONS IN THIS MANUAL TITLED CONTROLS, ADJUSTMENTS AND SAFETY. IF YOU HAVE READ THESE, FOLLOW THE STEPS BELOW TO START YOUR TILLER. ALWAYS PERFORM THIS PRE-START CHECKLIST BEFORE STARTING THE ENGINE.

#### **A** WARNING

GASOLINE IS HIGHLY FLAMMABLE AND MUST BE HANDLED WITH CARE. NEVER FILL THE TANK WHEN THE ENGINE IS HOT OR RUNNING. ALWAYS MOVE OUTDOORS TO FILL THE TANK.

WHEELS MUST ALWAYS BE LOCKED IN THE TILLING POSITION WHEN ENGINE IS RUNNING. DO NOT OPERATE THE TILLER WITH THE WHEEL LOCKOUTS UNLOCKED. ALWAYS SET THE WHEELS INTILLING POSITION BEFORE STARTING ENGINE.

ALWAYS PUT THE DEPTH REGULATOR LEVER IN THE TRANSPORT POSITION BEFORE STARTING ENGINE. TINES SHOULD CLEAR THE GROUND.

#### **IMPORTANT**

ENGINE IS SHIPPED FROM FACTORY WITHOUT OIL. YOU MUST ADD ENGINE OIL BEFORE STARTING ENGINE.



ALWAYS KEEP HANDS AND FEET CLEAR OF ROTATING MACHINE PARTS.

#### START- UP

The controls required to start and run the tiller are located on the engine and are marked "choke" and "Throttle".

#### **COLD STARTS**

- 1. Move choke lever to full choke position.
- 2. Move throttle lever to "start".
- 3. Pull starting rope out slowly one time and allow to return normally.
- 4. Pull starting rope out rapidly, and allow rope to return normally.
- 5. When engine starts, gradually move choke lever to "no choke" position and increase throttle speed.

#### **RESTARTING A WARM ENGINE**

Restarting an engine that is already warm from previous running does not normally require use of the choke.

- 1. Move throttle lever to "start" position.
- 2. Pull starting rope out rapidly until engine starts. Allow rope to return normally. Repeat

until engine starts.

3. Adjust throttle speed to "high" for best tiller action.

#### **IDLE SPEED**

Use the "low" position on the throttle lever to reduce stress on the engine when tilling is not being performed. Lowering the engine speed to "idle" will help extend the life of the motor, as well as conserve fuel and reduce the noise level of the equipment.

#### **OPERATING SPEED**

For normal tilling, set the throttle lever to "fast".

#### SHUTTING DOWN

To stop the engine at any time, turn engine ON/OFF switch to the off position. To stop wheels and tines at any time, release drive safety control levers to neutral position.

#### **TILLING**

1. Adjust the depth regulator lever to desired tilling depth.

NOTE: Raise depth regulator lever up one hole at a time, testing tiller operation after each raise. Raising depth regulator lever too high can result in loss of control of tiller!

- 2. Move the throttle control to fast.
- 3. Place the tiller in *forward* by pushing down on the drive safety control lever(**FORWARD**)--this will engage the wheels and tines.

NOTE: You can slow the tiller's forward advance at any time by putting slight downward pressure on the handlebars. You can stop the tiller by releasing the drive safety control levers to the neutral position.

# DRIVE SAFETY CONTROL LEVERS FORWARD LEVER

Engages wheels and tines into forward.

Pushing down the drive safety control lever(**FORWARD**) toward the handlebar



TEMPERATURE OF MUFFLER AND NEAR BY AREAS MAY EXCEED 150° F. AVOID THESE AREAS.

DO NOT MOVE CHOKE CONTROL TO CHOKE TO STOP ENGINE. BACKFIRE OR ENGINE DAMAGE MAY OCCUR.

TO STOP WHEELS AND TINES AT ANY TIME, RE-LEASE DRIVE SAFETY CONTROL LEVERS TO NEUTRAL POSITION.

ALWAYS RELEASE DRIVE SAFETY CONTROL LEVERS TO NEUTRAL POSITION BEFORE ADJUSTING THE DEPTH OF THE REGULATOR LEVER.

### **A** DANGER

ENGINE AND SURROUNDING PARTS BECOME EXTREMELY HOT DURING NORMAL USE AND WILL CAUSE SERIOUS BURN INJURIES IF TOUCHED BEFORE THE ENGINE HAS COOLED.

ALLOW ENGINE TO COOL COMPLETELY BEFORE TOUCHING THESE HOT SURFACES.

#### **IMPORTANT**

PRACTICE OPERATING THE CONTROLS AND TILLER WITH TINES OUT OF GROUND BEFORE BEGINNING TO TILL. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU KNOW HOW TO USE THE TILLER PROPERLY, KEEP CONTROL AT ALL TIMES, STOP THE TINES AND WHEELS FROM TURNING, AND STOP THE ENGINE IF NECESSARY. IF YOU DO NOT KNOW HOWTO DOTHESETHINGS, READTHE CONTROLS, ADJUSTMENTS AND SAFETY SECTIONS BEFORE PROCEEDING.

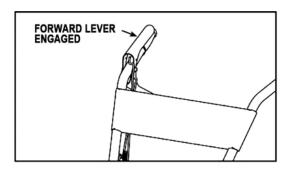
#### **A** CAUTION

DO NOT OPERATE BOTH "FORWARD" AND "REVERSE" DRIVE SAFETY CONTROL LEVERS AT THE SAME TIME.

THIS INFORMATION IS PROVIDED HERE ONLY TO INTRODUCE THE CONTROLS. DO NOT START THE ENGINE ATTHIS TIME. STARTING AND OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS ARE GIVEN ON PAGE ??. PLEASE READ THIS SECTION AND ALL OPERATING AND SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE STARTING YOUR TILLER.

- AS A SAFETY PRECAUTION, THE DRIVE SAFETY CONTROL LEVERS WILL NOT LOCK IN THE FORWARD OR REVERSE POSITION.
- AS A SAFETY PRECAUTION, THE REVERSE DRIVE SAFETY CONTROL LEVER WILL NOT LOCK IN REVERSE.
- TO STOP THE WHEELS AND TINES AT ANY TIME RELEASE THE DRIVE SAFETY CONTROL LE-VERS OR RELEASE THE REVERSE HANDLE.
- DO NOT OPERATE BOTH THE REVERSE AND FORWARD DRIVE SAFETY CONTROL LEVERS AT THE SAME TIME.

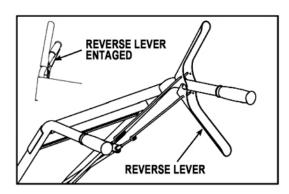
engages the wheels and tines. Releasing the lever stops the wheels and tines and brings the tiller to a complete stop.



#### **REVERSE LEVER**

Engages wheels and tines into reverse.

Pulling the drive safety control lever(**REVERSE**) toward the handlebar reverses tiller. Releasing the lever stops the wheels and tines.



#### **ADJUSTMENTS**



ENGINE SHOULD BE OFF BEFORE ADJUSTING ANY CONTROLS.

EXTREME CAUTION SHOULD BE USED WHEN OPERATING ROTOTILLER IN THE REVERSE DIRECTION.



#### WHEEL LOCK PINS

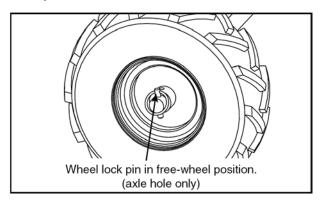
Place wheels in tilling position.

- 1. Remove lock pin. Align hole in axle with hole in wheel hub.
- 2. Insert lock pin through holes, fold lock pin ring to secure pin to axle.
- 3. Firmly lock wheel and axle together before tilling.
- 4. Repeat for other wheel.

NOTE: Always have both wheel lock pins in or out. Do not operate tiller with only one wheel locked.

To place wheels in free-wheel position.

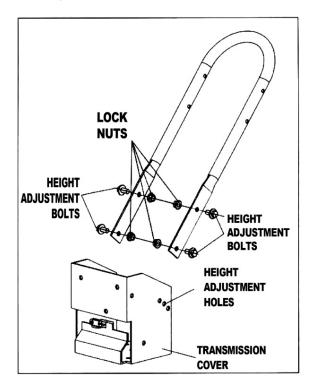
- 1. Remove lock pin. Slide wheel inward toward machine.
- 2. Insert pin in axle only.
- 3. Wheel should turn freely on axle.



#### HANDLEBAR HEIGHT ADJUSTMENT

The ideal height of the handlebar varies with operator height and the depth of tilling. To adjust handlebar height:

- 1. Unscrew nuts and remove top and bottom bolts on each side.
- 2. Align handlebar to desired holes on the lower handlebar mount.
- 3. Install bolts and nuts. Retighten.



#### **DEPTH REGULATOR LEVER**

Tilling depth is controlled by the height of the depth regulator lever. To adjust tilling depth:

1. Remove detent pin.



#### WARNING

DO NOT ADJUST TILLING DEPTH UNLESS DRIVE SAFETY CONTROL LEVERS ARE RELEASED TO NEUTRAL POSITION.

ALWAYS SET THE DEPTH REGULATOR LEVER IN THE TRANSPORT POSITION BEFORE STARTING ENGINE, THAT IS, PLACE THE DETENT PIN IN THE HIGHEST HOLE OF THE DEPTH REGULATOR LEVER.

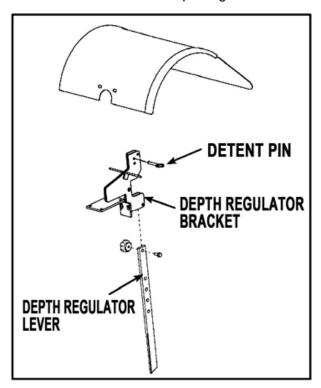
- 2. Raise the depth regulator lever to position tines at chosen tilling depth.
- 3. Align hole in depth regulator lever with hole in depth regulator bracket and replace detent pin.

#### **Depth Regulator Lever Down** = Shallower tilling.

Place the detent pin in the top hole of the depth regulator lever for shallowest tilling.

#### **Depth Regulator Lever Up =** Deeper tilling.

Place the detent pin in the bottom hole of the depth regulator lever for deepest tilling.



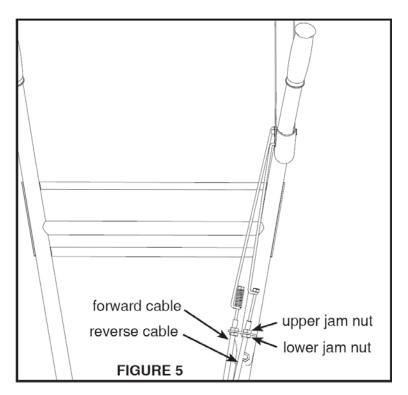
#### **BELT TENSION ADJUSTMENT**

Proper belt tension is critical to good performance. After 1/2 hour of operation, all cables may have to be adjusted due to initial stretch. Thereafter, check tension after every 2 hours of operation.

#### To increase belt tension:

- 1. Loosen upper jam nut. Turn nut up cable in 1/8" increments.
- 2. Tighten lower jam nut.
- 3. check adjustment.

This procedure can be repeated until conduit adjustment bolts are fully adjusted. If no more adjustment can be made, belt may have to be replaced.



#### **TILLING TIPS**

The key to successful tilling is to begin with a shallow cut on the frst pass, and then work an inch or two deeper on each successive pass.

- Tilling depth will vary with ground conditions.
- When beginning to till in unbroken ground or in extremely hard soil, set the detent pin in the highest hole of the drag stake (follow instructions under Tilling section). This will allow for shallow tilling. With the drag stake

#### **A** WARNING

EXTREME CAUTION MUST BE TAKEN IN SELECTING TILLING DEPTH. IF YOU ATTEMPT TO TILL TOO DEEPLY FOR SOIL CONDITIONS, THAT IS, WITH THE DRAG STAKE IN TOO HIGH A POSITION, LOSS OF CONTROL COULD RESULT.

IF REMOVING MATERIAL FROM THE TINES BY HAND, STOP ENGINE AND REMOVE SPARK PLUG WIRE FIRST.

in this position, make several light passes over the area to be tilled. Reset for deeper depths with successive passes.

- If tiller jumps or skids uncontrollably, lower the drag stake by placing the detent pin in a higher hole. This will allow for shallower tilling. Hold firmly to the handlebars to control sudden lurches.
- If weeds, tall grasses, vines, or other materials clog or jam the tines, reverse the tiller to unwind vegetation.

Immediately release the drive control levers if the tines jam or you strike a foreign object. With drive control levers in neutral position, push throttle control to stop position to stop the engine. Disengage the spark plug wire. When tines have stopped, remove foreign objects and check for damage.

#### **CULTIVATING TIPS**

If you plan to use your tiller for cultivating:

- Plant rows on 20" 22" centers for ease of turning.
- Set the depth regulator lever with the detent pin in one of the higher holes. This will allow for shallow cultivation necessary to turn over weeds, and break up and aerate the soil.

#### MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE

Please read this normal care schedule, and note the recommended care operating intervals to extend the life of your unit.

Maintenance Operation		Each Use	First Month or 20 Hours	Every 3months or 50Hours	Every 6months or 100Hours	Every year or 300Hours
Drive Belt Tension	Check	√				
	Change	√				
Engine oil	Check level	√				
	Change		√		√	
Air filter	Check	√				
	Clean			√(1)	√(1)	
	Replace					$\sqrt{}$
Tiller Transmission	Check	√				
Grease	Replace			√		
Tire Pressure	Check	√				
Tine Shaft	Clean	√				
Wheel Axle Shaft	Lubricate			√		

1) Service more frequently when used in dusty areas.

#### **ENGINE MAINTENANCE**

Refer to the engine manual included in your parts packet for information on engine maintenance. Your engine manual provides detailed information and a maintenance schedule for performing the following tasks:



#### **A** CAUTION

DO NOT OPERATE TILLER BEFORE READING THE ENGINE MANUAL PROVIDED IN THE PARTS PACKET.

- 1. Check oil level before each use or after every 8 hours of operation.
- 2. Change oil after first 5-8 hours of operation. Change oil while engine is warm. Refill with new oil of recommended grade.
- 3. Check spark plug yearly or every 100 hours of operation.
- 4. Service air cleaner.
- 5. Keep engine and parts clean.

#### IMPORTANT

ENGINE IS SHIPPED FROM FACTORY WITHOUT OIL. YOU MUST ADD ENGINE OIL BEFORE STARTING ENGINE.

6. Check engine and equipment often for loose nuts and bolts, keep these items tightened.

#### CHECK OR FILL ENGINE CRANKCASE

- 1. Add oil according to engine manual. **Do not overfill.** Use clean, high quality detergent oil. **Do not mix oil with gasoline.** Oil level must be full. Check the oil level by removing oil fill plug. Oil level should be up to the bottom of the fill plug opening.
- 2. Always check oil level before starting engine. Refer to engine manual for capacity and type of oil to use.

#### **CHECK TILLER TRANSMISSION GREASE**

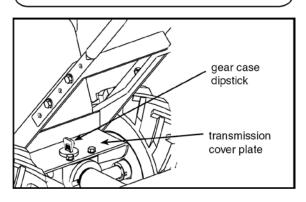
Check the grease level annually. To check the grease level:

- 1. Move tiller to level ground.
- 2. Remove grease level dipstick located between the handlebar mounts on the engine mount. If the grease level couldn't touch the dipstick, pals fill the grease.
- 3. Replace grease level dipstick in the filler hole.
- 4. Note that the front wheel transmission and rear tine transmission are one common reservoir. When you add to the front transmission, you must wait a short period of time for the grease to flow rearward and

#### **IMPORTANT**

TILLER TRANSMISSION IS SHIPPED FROM FACTORY WITH THE PROPER AMOUNT OF LIQUID GREASE.

WHEN REPLACING GREASE, THE TILLER TRANSMISSION HOLDS 18-22 OUNCES. DO NOT OVERFILL.



equalize in both front and rear. The dipstick will read correctly on level ground for both gear units.

#### CHECK TIRE PRESSURE

Recommended tire pressure is 20 PSI. If tires do not have equal pressure, tiller will pull to one side.

#### LUBRICATION

Proper lubrication of moving mechanical parts is critical for proper care and maintenance. Oil the moving parts shown at 10 hour intervals using the 30 weight oil.

#### **CLEAN TINE AXLE SHAFT**

- 1. Turn off engine. Engine must be cool.
- 2. Remove spark plug wire and secure from spark plug.
- 3. Tip the tiller forward. Block the tiller in position so that it rests on the engine mount and the tines are exposed.
- 4. Remove all vegetation, string, wire, and other material that may have accumulated on the axle between the inside set of tines and the seal on the transmission housing.
- 5. Tip the tiller back to a level position.

### TROUBLESHOOTING AND REPAIR

#### TROUBLESHOOTING GUIDE

The troubleshooting guide below lists the most common problems, causes and remedies.

PROBLEM	REMEDY/ACTION			
	Add gas to gas tank.			
Engine will not start	Connect spark plug wire to spark plug			
Lingine will not start	Throttle must be positioned at choke for a cold start			
Engine runs rough, foods during operation	Clean or replace air cleaner			
	Drain old fuel and replace with fresh. Use gas			
	stabilizer at end of season			
Engine is hard to start	Make sure spark plug wire is securely attached to			
Engine is hard to start	spark plug			
	Drive safety control levers must be released to			
ingine misses or lacks power	neutral position to start the engine			
	Raise the tines for shallow tilling by lowering the			
	depth regulator lever			
	Remove and clean fuel tank			
Engine misses or lacks newer	Clean or replace air cleaner			
Lingine misses of lacks power	Improper carburetor adjustment, take to			
	authorized engine service center			
	Replace spark plug and adjust gap			
	Drain and refill gas tank and carburetor			
Engine will not stop when throttle	See engine manual to check and adjust throttle			
control is positioned at stop	linkage			
Tilles measure forms and dissipate startings	Drive safety control levers must be released to			
Tiller moves forward during starting	neutral position to start the engine			
T20 - 1 - 100 - 10	Lock wheels in tilling position			
Tiller is difficult to control when tilling	• Raise the tines for shallower tilling by lowering the			
(machine jumps or lurches forward)	depth regulator lever			
PROBLEM	REMEDY/ACTION			
Times turn wheele do not turn	Lock wheels in tilling position			
Tines turn, wheels do not turn	Internal transmission failure, see your dealer			
Tines turn, wheels turn, tiller does not	Lower the tines for deeper tilling by raising the			
	depth regulator lever			

	Adjust forward belt guide:		
	- turn engine off and allow muffler to cool		
	- disconnect spark plug wire and secure from spark		
	plug		
Belts squeal in neutral and/or reverse	- remove belt guard		
	- pull down on drive safety control levers		
	- manually bend forward belt guide so there is 1/16		
	inch or less clearance between belt guide and belt		
	- replace belt guard and spark plug wire		
	Adjust tabs on the reverse belt guide		
	- turn engine off and allow muffler to cool		
	- disconnect spark plug wire and secure from spark		
	plug		
	- release drive safety control levers to neutral		
Belts squeal in forward operation	position		
Beits squear in forward operation	- remove belt guard		
	- adjust tabs of reverse belt guide:		
	while drive safety control levers are released, bend		
	metal tabs on reverse belt guide to 1/64 inch or less		
	clearance from reverse belt		
	- replace belt guard and spark plug wire		
	Remove vegetation by following instructions in		
Excessive heat build up in	clean Tine Axle Shaft of Normal care section.		
transmission/tine area during tilling	FOLLOW ALL SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS		
	Check transmission fluid and fill if needed		

### **TECHNICAL DIAGRAM**

Tilling Scope	500mm		
Tilling Depth	175~350mm		
Gear Shifting	0, 1, -1		
Engine Type	OHV 4-stroke		
Starting System	Recoil		
Displacement	196cc		
Max Output	6.5HP/3600rpm		
Engine Speed	3600rpm		
Fuel Volume	3.6 L		
Oil Volume	0.6 L		
Fuel Type	Unleaded Gasoline		