



Operator's Manual

MJ840

Contour Mower





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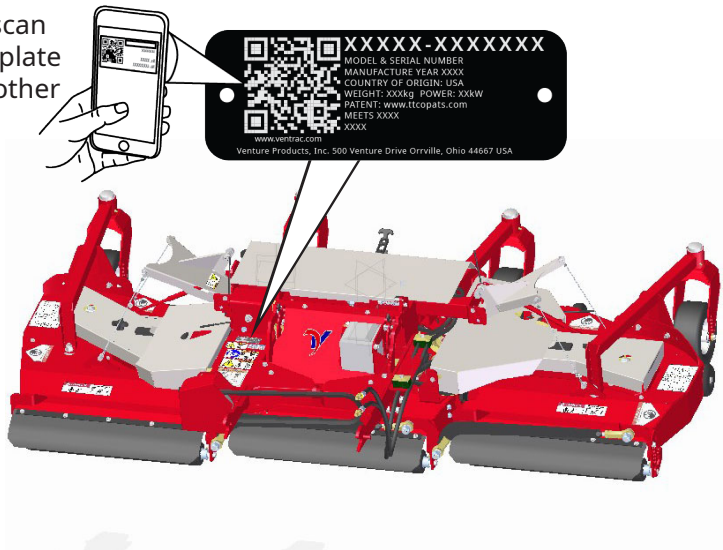
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INTRODUCTION



Ventrac Products Inc. is pleased to provide you with your new Ventrac contour mower! We hope that Ventrac equipment will provide you with a ONE Tractor Solution.

Please visit our website, or contact your authorized Ventrac dealer for a complete list of items available for your new contour mower.

Accessories	Item Description	Part Number
	MJ840 Mulching Kit	70.8087

Product Description

The MJ840 is designed for the sole purpose of finish mowing. The MJ840 features a 211 cm (83 inch) cutting width with full rear rollers for even cutting and striping, rear discharge, and a flip-up deck design. The MJ840 features three independently floating decks that follow the contour of the terrain with up to 40 degrees of motion for each side deck.

Why Do I Need an Operator's Manual?

This manual has been created to help you gain the important knowledge of what is needed to safely operate, maintain, and service your machine. It is divided into sections for convenient reference of the appropriate section.

You must read and understand the operator's manual for each piece of Ventrac equipment you own. Reading the operator's manual will help you become familiar with each specific piece of equipment. Understanding the operator's manual will help you, as well as others, avoid personal injury and/or damage to the equipment. Keep this manual with the machine at all times. The manual should remain with the machine even if it is sold. If this manual becomes damaged or unreadable, it should be replaced immediately. Contact your local Ventrac dealer for a replacement.

When using a Ventrac attachment, be sure to read and follow the safety and operating instructions of both the power unit and the attachment being used to ensure the safest operation possible.

The information in this manual provides the operator with the safest procedures to operate the machine while getting the maximum use out of the unit. Failure to follow the safety precautions listed in this manual may result in personal injury and/or damage to the equipment.


INTRODUCTION

Using Your Manual

Throughout this manual, you will encounter special messages and symbols that identify potential safety concerns to help you as well as others avoid personal injury or damage to the equipment.

SYMBOL DEFINITIONS

ATTENTION

 This symbol identifies potential health and safety hazards. It marks safety precautions. Your safety and the safety of others is involved.

There are three signal words that describe the level of safety concern: Danger, Warning, and Caution. Safety should always be the first priority when working on or operating equipment. Accidents are more likely to occur when proper operating procedures are not followed or inexperienced operators are involved.

Note: Right-Hand and Left-Hand orientations may be referred to at different places throughout this manual. Right-Hand and Left-Hand is determined as if facing forward from the operator station.

SIGNAL WORD DEFINITIONS

DANGER

Indicates an imminently hazardous situation which, if not avoided, will result in death or serious injury. This signal word is limited to the most extreme cases.

WARNING

Indicates a potentially hazardous situation which, if not avoided, could result in death or serious injury.

CAUTION

Indicates a potentially hazardous situation which, if not avoided, may result in minor or moderate injury and/or property damage. It may also be used to alert against unsafe practices.

Manual Glossary

- Power Unit** A Ventrac tractor or other Ventrac engine powered device that may be operated by itself or with an attachment or accessory.
- Attachment** A piece of Ventrac equipment that requires a Power Unit for operation.
- Accessory** A device that attaches to a Power Unit or Attachment to extend its capabilities.
- Machine** Describes any "Attachment" or "Accessory" that is used in conjunction with a power unit.

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General Safety Procedures for Ventrac Power Units, Attachments, & Accessories



Training Required

- The owner of this machine is solely responsible for properly training the operators.
- The owner/operator is solely responsible for the operation of this machine and for the prevention of accidents or injuries occurring to him/herself, other people, or property.
- Do not allow operation or service by children or untrained personnel. Local regulations may restrict the age of the operator.
- Before operating this machine, read the operator's manual and understand its contents.
- If the operator of the machine cannot understand this manual, then it is the responsibility of this machine's owner to fully explain the material within this manual to the operator.
- Learn and understand the use of all the controls.
- Know how to stop the power unit and the attachments quickly in the event of an emergency.

Requirements for Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

- The owner is responsible for ensuring that all the operators use the proper PPE while operating the machine. Whenever you use the machine, use the following PPE:
- Certified eye protection and hearing protection.
- Closed toe, slip resistant footwear.
- Long pants or trousers.
- A dust mask for dusty conditions.
- Additional PPE may be required. Refer to the product safety procedures for any additional requirements.

Operation Safety

- Secure long hair and loose clothing. Do not wear jewelry.
- Inspect the machine before operation. Repair or replace any damaged, worn, or missing parts. Be sure the guards and shields are in proper working condition and are secured in place. Make any necessary adjustments before operating the machine.
- Some pictures in this manual may show shields or covers opened or removed in order to clearly illustrate the instructions. Under no circumstance should the machine be operated without these devices in place.
- Alterations or modifications to this machine can reduce safety and could cause damage to the machine. Do not alter the safety devices or operate with the shields or covers removed.
- Before each use, verify that all the controls function properly and inspect all the safety devices. Do not operate if the controls or safety devices are not in proper working condition.
- Check the parking brake function before operating. Repair or adjust the parking brake if necessary.
- Observe and follow all of the safety decals.
- All the controls are to be operated from the operator's station only.

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- Always wear a seat belt if the machine has a roll cage/bar installed and in the upright position.
- Ensure the attachment or accessory is locked or fastened securely to the power unit before operating.
- Ensure that all bystanders are clear of the power unit and the attachment before operating. Stop the machine if someone enters your work area.
- Always be alert to what is happening around you, but do not lose focus on the task you are performing. Always look in the direction the machine is moving.
- Look behind and down before backing up to be sure of a clear path.
- If you hit an object, stop and inspect the machine. Make any necessary repairs before operating the machine again.
- Stop operation immediately at any sign of equipment failure. An unusual noise can be a warning of equipment failure or a sign that maintenance is required. Make any necessary repairs before operating the machine again.
- If equipped with a high/low range feature, never shift between high and low range while on a slope. Always move the machine to level ground and engage the parking brake before shifting range.
- Do not leave the machine unattended while it is running.
- Always park the machine on level ground.
- Always shut off the engine when connecting the attachment drive belt to the power unit.
- Never leave the operator's station without lowering the attachment to the ground, engaging the parking brake, shutting off the engine, and removing the ignition key. Make sure all moving parts have come to a complete stop before dismounting.
- Never leave the machine unattended without lowering the attachment to the ground, engaging the parking brake, shutting off the engine, and removing the ignition key.
- Only operate in well-lit conditions.
- Do not operate when there is a risk of lightning.
- Never direct the discharge of any attachment in the direction of people, buildings, animals, vehicles, or other objects of value.
- Never discharge material against a wall or obstruction. The material may ricochet back toward the operator.
- Use extra caution when approaching blind corners, shrubs, trees, or other objects that may obscure your vision.
- Do not run the engine in a building without adequate ventilation.
- Do not touch the engine or the muffler while the engine is running or immediately after stopping the engine. These areas may be hot enough to cause a burn.
- Do not change the engine governor settings or over-speed the engine. Operating the engine at excessive speeds may increase the hazard of personal injury.
- To reduce the hazard of fire, keep the battery compartment, engine, and muffler areas free of grass, leaves, excessive grease, and other flammable materials.
- Clear the working area of objects that might be hit or thrown from the machine.

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- Keep people and pets out of the working area.
- Know the work area well before operation. Do not operate where traction or stability is questionable.
- Reduce speed when you are operating over rough ground.
- Equipment can cause serious injury and/or death when improperly used. Before operating, know and understand the operation and safety of the power unit and the attachment being used.
- Do not operate the machine if you are not in good physical and mental health, if you will be distracted by personal devices, or if you are under the influence of any substance which might impair your decisions, dexterity, or judgment.
- Children are attracted to machine activity. Be aware of children and do not allow them in the work area. Turn off the machine if a child enters the work area.
- Power units, attachments, and accessories are not designed or intended for travel on public roadways. Never operate or travel on public roads or highways.
- Operate with safety lights when operating near roadways.
- Slow down and be careful of traffic when operating near or crossing roadways. Stop before crossing roads or sidewalks. Use care when approaching areas or objects that may obscure vision.

Keep Riders Off

- Only allow the operator on the power unit. Keep riders off.
- Never allow riders on any attachment or accessory.

Operating On Slopes

- Slopes can cause loss-of-control and tip-over accidents, which can result in severe injury or death. Be familiar with the emergency parking brake, along with the power unit controls and their functions.
- If the power unit is equipped with a fold down roll bar, it must be locked in the upright position when operating on any slope.
- Use low range (if equipped) when operating on slopes greater than 15 degrees.
- Do not stop or start suddenly when operating on slopes.
- Never shift between high and low range while on a slope. Always move the power unit to level ground and engage the parking brake before shifting range or placing the power unit in neutral.
- Variables such as wet surfaces and loose ground will reduce the degree of safety. Do not drive where the machine could lose traction or tip over.
- Keep alert for hidden hazards in the terrain.
- Stay away from drop-offs, ditches, and embankments.
- Sharp turns should be avoided when operating on slopes.
- Pulling loads on hills decreases safety. It is the responsibility of the owner/operator to determine loads that can safely be controlled on slopes.

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- Transport the machine with the attachment lowered or close to the ground to improve stability.
- While operating on slopes, drive in an up and down direction whenever possible. If turning is necessary while driving across slopes, reduce your speed and turn slowly in the downhill direction.
- Ensure a sufficient supply of fuel for continuous operation. A minimum of one-half tank of fuel is recommended.

Truck Or Trailer Transport

- Use care when loading or unloading the machine into a truck or trailer.
- Use full width ramps for loading the machine into a truck or trailer.
- The parking brake is not sufficient to lock the machine during transport. Always secure the power unit and/or attachment to the transporting vehicle securely using straps, chains, cables, or ropes. Both the front and rear straps should be directed down and outward from the machine.
- Shut off the fuel supply to the power unit during transport on a truck or trailer.
- If equipped, turn the battery disconnect switch to the Off position to shut off electrical power.

Maintenance

- Keep the safety decals legible. Remove all grease, dirt, and debris from the safety decals and instructional labels.
- If any decals are faded, illegible, or missing, contact your dealer promptly for replacements.
- When new components are installed, be sure that the current safety decals are affixed to the replacement components.
- If any component requires replacement, use only original Ventrac replacement parts.
- Always turn the battery disconnect to the Off position or disconnect the battery before performing any repairs. Disconnect the negative terminal first and the positive terminal last. Reconnect the positive terminal first and the negative terminal last.
- Keep all bolts, nuts, screws, and other fasteners properly tightened.
- Always lower the attachment to the ground, engage the parking brake, shut off the engine, and remove the ignition key. Make sure all moving parts have come to a complete stop before cleaning, inspecting, adjusting, or repairing.
- If the power unit, attachment, or accessory requires repairs or adjustments not instructed in the operator's manual, the power unit, attachment, or accessory must be taken to an authorized Ventrac dealer for service.
- Never perform maintenance on the power unit and/or attachment if someone is in the operator's station.
- Always use protective glasses when handling the battery.
- Check the fuel lines for tightness and wear on a regular basis. Tighten or repair them as needed.
- To reduce the hazard of fire, keep the battery compartment, engine, and muffler areas free of grass, leaves, and excess grease.
- Do not touch the engine, the muffler, or other exhaust components while the engine is running or immediately after stopping the engine. These areas may be hot enough to cause a burn.

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- Allow the engine to cool before storing and do not store near an open flame.
- Do not change the engine governor settings or over-speed the engine. Operating engine at excessive speeds may increase the hazard of personal injury.
- Springs may contain stored energy. Use caution when disengaging or removing springs and/or spring loaded components.
- An obstruction or blockage in a drive system or moving/rotating parts may cause a buildup of stored energy. When the obstruction or blockage is removed, the drive system or moving/rotating parts may move suddenly. Do not attempt to remove an obstruction or blockage with your hands. Keep your hands, feet, and clothing away from all power-driven parts.

Fuel Safety

- To avoid personal injury or property damage, use extreme care in handling gasoline. Gasoline is extremely flammable and the vapors are explosive.
- Do not refuel the machine while smoking or at a location near flames or sparks.
- Always refuel the machine outdoors.
- Do not store the machine or fuel container indoors where the fumes or fuel can reach an open flame, spark, or pilot light.
- Only store fuel in an approved container. Keep out of the reach of children.
- Never fill containers inside a vehicle or on a truck or trailer bed with a plastic liner. Always place the containers on the ground away from your vehicle before filling.
- Remove the machine from the truck or trailer and refuel it on the ground. If this is not possible, refuel the machine using a portable container, rather than from a fuel dispenser nozzle.
- Never remove the fuel cap or add fuel with the engine running. Allow the engine to cool before refueling.
- Never remove the fuel cap while on a slope. Only remove the fuel cap when parked on a level surface.
- Replace the fuel tank cap and the container cap securely.
- Do not overfill the fuel tank. Only fill to the bottom of the fuel neck, do not fill the fuel neck full. Overfilling of the fuel tank could result in engine flooding, fuel leakage from the tank, and/or damage to the emissions control system.
- If fuel is spilled, do not attempt to start the engine. Move the power unit away from the fuel spill and avoid creating any source of ignition until the fuel vapors have dissipated.
- If the fuel tank must be drained, it should be drained outdoors into an approved container.
- Check the fuel lines for tightness and wear on a regular basis. Tighten or repair them as needed.
- The fuel system is equipped with a shut-off valve. Shut off the fuel when transporting the machine to and from the job, when parking the machine indoors, or when servicing the fuel system.

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Hydraulic Safety

- Make sure the hydraulic connections are tight and all hydraulic hoses and tubes are in good condition. Repair any leaks and replace any damaged or deteriorated hoses or tubes before starting the machine.
- Hydraulic leaks can occur under high pressure. Hydraulic leaks require special care and attention.
- Use a piece of cardboard and a magnifying glass to locate suspected hydraulic leaks.
- Keep your body and hands away from pinhole leaks or nozzles that eject high pressure hydraulic fluid. Hydraulic fluid escaping under high pressure can penetrate the skin causing serious injury, leading to severe complications and/or secondary infections if left untreated. If hydraulic fluid is injected into the skin, seek immediate medical attention no matter how minor the injury appears.
- The hydraulic system may contain stored energy. Before performing maintenance or repairs on the hydraulic system, remove any attachments, engage the parking brake, disengage the weight transfer system (if equipped), shut off the engine, and remove the ignition key. To relieve pressure on the auxiliary hydraulic system, shut off the power unit engine and move the hydraulic control lever left and right before disconnecting the auxiliary hydraulic quick couplers.

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- The attachment hydraulic system may contain stored energy. Before performing maintenance or repairs on the hydraulic system, the attachment's auxiliary hydraulic hoses must be disconnected from the power unit. Lower the attachment to the ground, shut off power unit engine, move the secondary SDLA lever left and right to relieve auxiliary hydraulic pressure, and disconnect the auxiliary hydraulic quick couplers.

Cutting Unit Safety

- Rotating Blade Hazard: Contact with the rotating mower blades or other moving parts may cause personal injury. Keep your hands and feet away.
- Rotation of one blade may cause another blade to rotate.
- Thrown Object Hazard: Do not direct the mower discharge toward people, animals, or buildings. Never operate with the deflector(s) removed.
- Always shut off the PTO to stop the mower blades whenever you are not mowing, especially when crossing loose terrain such as gravel.
- Never raise the mower deck with the blades running.

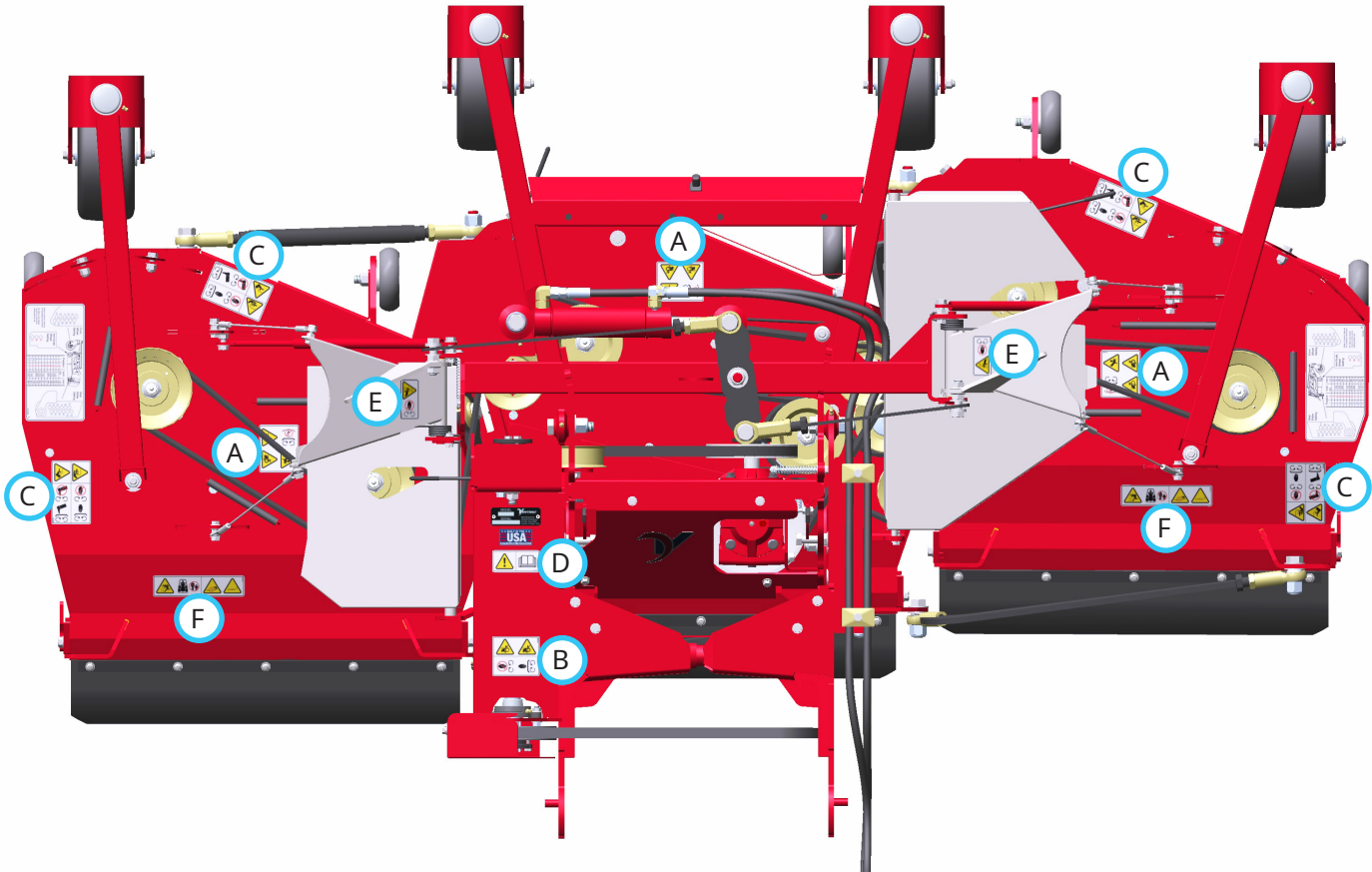
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Safety Decals

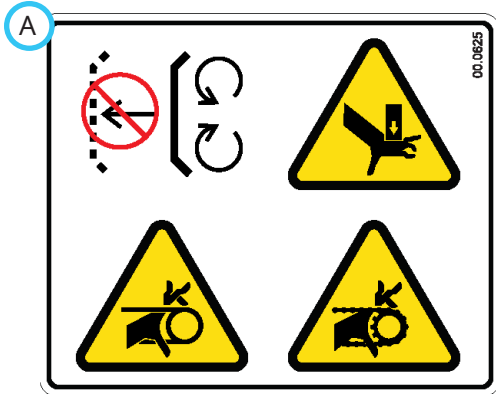
The following safety decals must be maintained on your attachment.

Keep all safety decals legible. Remove all grease, dirt, and debris from safety decals and instructional labels. If any decals are faded, illegible, or missing, contact your dealer promptly for replacements.

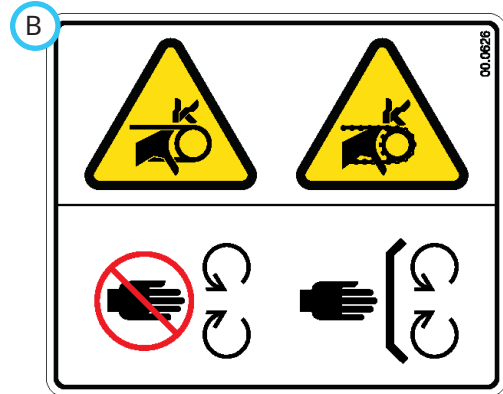
When new components are installed, be sure that current safety decals are affixed to the replacement components.



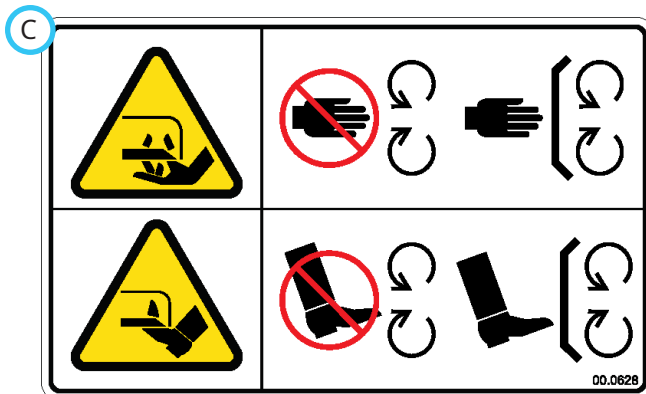
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Shield missing - do not operate.
Pinching/crushing hazard.
Fingers or hand entanglement.



Fingers or hand entanglement.
Stay away from moving parts.
Keep all guards and shields in place.



Cutting/dismemberment hazard of hand or foot, mower blade.
Stay away from moving parts.
Keep all guards and shields in place.



Warning - Read operator's manual.



Pinching or crushing hazard.
Stay away from moving parts.

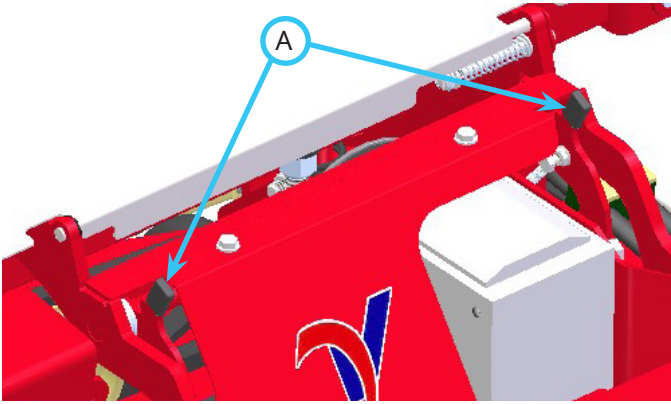


Thrown object hazard.
Keep bystanders away from the machine.
Do not operate with the deflector belting removed.

Decal	Description	Part Number	Quantity
A	Shield Missing	00.0625	3
B	Entanglement Hazard	00.0626	1
C	Cutting Hazard Mower Blade	00.0628	5
D	Read Operator's Manual	00.0619	1
E	Warning, Pinch Point	00.0364	2
F	Thrown Object Hazard	00.0633	2

OPERATIONAL CONTROLS

Deck Pivot Latch



The deck pivot latch (A) performs two functions:

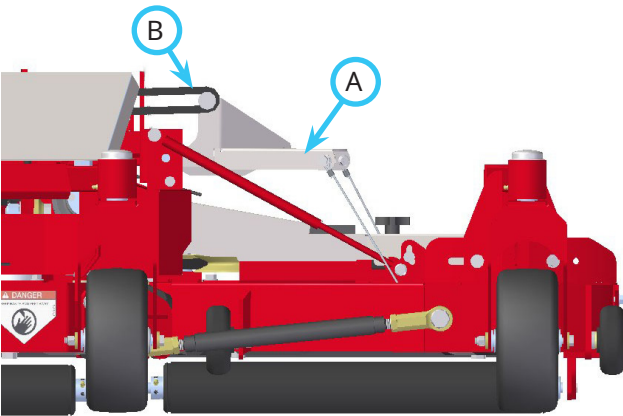
1. It enables the deck to pivot throughout the range of the operating position.
2. It locks the deck in the upright service position for service and maintenance.

Primary SDLA Control Lever

Pull the power unit's primary SDLA lever* to the left to raise the power unit front hitch and the mower deck. Push the lever to the right to lower the power unit front hitch and the mower deck. The lever must be in the float (detent) position during operation of the mower. Float position is attained by pushing the lever to the right until the float detent locks the lever in place.

Secondary SDLA Control Lever

Pull the power unit's secondary SDLA lever* to the left to raise the left and right deck wing lift arms (A). Push the power unit's secondary SDLA lever to the right to lower the left and right deck wing lift arms. When mowing, fully extend the lift arm control links (B) to allow for maximum up and down motion of the left and right mower decks.



Weight Transfer

Terrain and ground conditions may affect the appropriate setting for the power unit's weight transfer system. In most cases, the weight transfer system* should be set from 1/2 to 3/4 of the maximum capacity.

*Refer to power unit operator's manual for operation of power unit controls.

GENERAL OPERATION

Daily Inspection

WARNING

Always engage the parking brake, shut off the power unit engine, remove the ignition key, and ensure that all moving parts have come to a complete stop before inspecting the components, or attempting any repair or adjustment.

1. Park the machine on a level surface, with the engine shut off and all fluids cold.
2. Perform a visual inspection of both the power unit and the attachment. Look for loose or missing hardware, damaged components, or signs of wear.
3. Inspect the hydraulic hoses and the hydraulic fittings to ensure tight, leak free connections.
4. Inspect the belts for damage or excessive wear. Refer to the Belt Inspection section of this manual.
5. Inspect the mower blades and the mower blade mounting bolts. The blades should be sharp and securely fastened. Service as required.

Attaching

1. Drive the power unit slowly forward into the hitch arms of the attachment. Align the lift arms of the power unit with the attachment hitch arms by raising or lowering the front hitch and complete the engagement.
2. Once completely engaged, close the front hitch locking lever.*
3. Engage the parking brake* and shut off the engine.
4. Place the attachment belt onto the PTO drive pulley on the power unit. Ensure the belt is properly seated in each pulley.
5. Engage the PTO belt tensioner rod.
6. Wipe the hose ends clean and connect to the power unit's hydraulic quick couplers. If equipped, connect the hoses and the quick couplers so the colored indicators are paired together (red to red, etc.).

Detaching

1. Park the power unit on a level surface and engage the parking brake.*
2. Lower the attachment to the ground.
3. Shut off the power unit engine.
4. Disengage the PTO belt tensioner rod.
5. Remove the attachment belt from the PTO drive pulley of the power unit.

6. Move the secondary SDLA lever side to side to relieve any pressure in the auxiliary hoses. Disconnect the hydraulic quick couplers from the power unit and store the hose ends on the attachment where the couplers will be free of contamination.
7. Disengage the front hitch locking lever.*
8. Restart the power unit and slowly back away from the attachment. A side to side movement of the steering wheel may aid in disengagement.

Operating Procedure

Before operation, perform the daily inspection and confirm the mower deck cutting height and the power unit's weight transfer system are set properly.

Inspect the mowing area and remove rocks, sticks, and any other objects that could be thrown by the machine or become entangled in the blades.

Lower the mower deck to the ground and place the power unit's primary SDLA lever in the float position by pushing it to the right until the detent engages. The lever will stay in this position until intentionally removed.

With the power unit engine running between 2,000 and 3,000 RPM, engage the PTO switch, then adjust the throttle to the desired engine RPM.

Begin forward motion in the desired mowing path. Avoid obstacles and remove debris as necessary. When the edge of the mowing area is reached, turn the power unit and the mower around and align for the next pass.

Mowing in a back and forth pattern, where each mowing pass is made in the opposite direction of the pass beside it, will create a stripe pattern in the grass. The full length rear roller rolls the grass in the direction of travel to further enhance the stripe effect.

*Refer to power unit operator's manual for operation of power unit controls.

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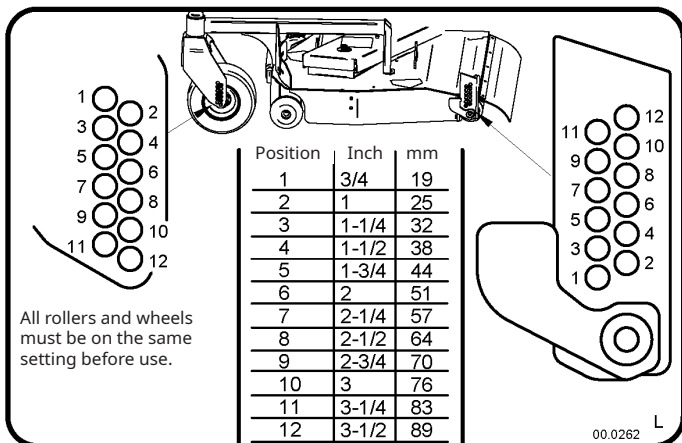
Transport of the Attachment

Transport the attachment with the power unit front hitch and attachment, along with the left and right mower decks, fully raised to reduce wear of the equipment. Travel slowly when transporting over undulating and rough surfaces to maintain control of the power unit and to reduce the shock to the power unit and the attachment. Always disengage the power unit PTO before transporting the attachment.

Cutting Height Adjustment

The cutting height of the mower decks is controlled by the setting of the front caster wheels and the deck rear rollers. All the wheels and rear rollers must be set to the same cutting height position.

1. Flip the decks up to the service position. Refer to the Deck Flip Up Procedure in this manual.
2. Determine the desired cutting height. Refer to the decals on the left and right sides of the mower for the cutting heights and positions.



3. Remove the four caster wheel axle bolts and reinstall at the desired cutting height position. Torque the bolts to 42 Nm (31 ft-lbs).
4. Remove the two bolts securing the rear roller brackets to the deck (one bolt on each side) and reinstall at the desired cutting height position. Torque the bolts to 42 Nm (31 ft-lbs). This step must be performed on all three decks.

Outer Carrier Wheel Path Adjustment

The caster wheels on the left and right mower decks can be repositioned for different applications.

For maximum deck overhang, mount the wheel frames in the furthest inboard position.

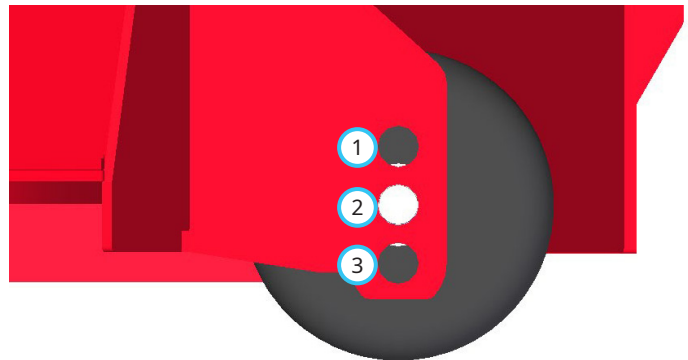
For maximum pass-to-pass consistency and to achieve the best cut quality, mount the wheel frames in the furthest outboard position.

The left and right wheel frames may be set differently from each other as the application requires.

After repositioning the wheel frames, torque the mounting bolts to 42 Nm (31 ft-lbs).

Anti-Scalp Roller Adjustment

The five anti-scalp rollers on the MJ840 have three mounting positions. The correct mounting position is dependent on the cutting height setting of the mower. To prevent scalping, mount all five rollers in the same recommended position.



When the cutting height is set from 19 mm (3/4 inch) to 32 mm (1-1/4 inches), mount the anti-scalp rollers in position 1.

When the cutting height is set from 36 mm (1-1/2 inches) to 57 mm (2-1/4 inches), mount the anti-scalp rollers in position 2.

When the cutting height is set from 64 mm (2-1/2 inches) to 89 mm (3-1/2 inches), mount the anti-scalp rollers in position 3.

Torque the roller mounting bolts to 102 Nm (75 ft-lbs).

GENERAL OPERATION

Mulching Kit (Optional Accessory)

Mulching procedures may vary greatly due to the climate, the type of grass, and the soil conditions. It is generally best to mow frequently and in dry conditions. Leaves are usually mulched and dispersed better when some grass is cut with the leaves.

Mulching often requires more power than normal mowing. When mulching wet and/or thick grass, more frequent cleaning of the underside of the deck is necessary.

For the best results, keep the mower blades sharp and in good condition.

SERVICE

WARNING

Always engage the parking brake, shut off the power unit engine, remove the ignition key, and ensure that all moving parts have come to a complete stop before inspecting the components, or attempting any repair or adjustment.

ATTENTION

If any component requires replacement, use only original Ventrac replacement parts.

Cleaning and General Maintenance

For best results, and to maintain the finish of the mower, clean or wash the mower to remove accumulated clippings, leaves, and dirt when the job is finished. Refer to the Deck Flip Up Procedure to access the underside of the deck.

If washing the mower, do not spray directly into the bearings or seals. After washing, it is important to run the mower so that water does not reside on the seals or bearings for the drive system. When washing is complete, return the deck to the operating position. Move the power unit and mower to a clean, debris-free location and activate the PTO for 30 seconds to remove any standing water.

Deck Flip Up Procedure

1. Park the power unit and mower on a smooth, level surface.
2. Raise the power unit front hitch to its highest position.
3. Engage the parking brake, shut off the engine, and remove the ignition key.
4. Move the deck pivot latch toward the front of the deck to disengage, then lift the mower deck up to a near vertical position.
5. Release the deck pivot latch to lock the deck in the upright position.
6. To return the deck to the operating position, lift up on the front of the deck, move the deck pivot latch toward the front of the deck to disengage, and lower the deck to the operating position.
7. Engage the gearbox drive belt tensioning spring.

Mower Blade Inspection/Replacement

CAUTION

The mower blades may be sharp. Always wear heavy gloves when working with the mower blades.

1. Flip the mower deck up to the service position.
2. Inspect the mower blades to ensure the cutting edges are sharp. If the blades are dull or damaged, they must be removed and sharpened or replaced.
3. Place a short piece of 2 x 4 wood between the end of the blade and an appropriate structural part of the deck frame to prevent the blade from rotating.
4. For the three right hand blades, loosen the blade bolt counterclockwise and remove the blade for sharpening or replacement.
5. For the three left hand blades, loosen the blade bolt clockwise and remove the blade for sharpening or replacement.
6. When installing a blade, the wood block must be placed on the opposite side of the blade to prevent blade rotation when tightening the blade bolt.
7. Torque the blade bolt to 102-108 Nm (75-80 ft-lbs).

Mower Blade Sharpening

The mower blades should be sharpened and balanced by a professional. Maintain the balance, the same bevel, and the length of the sharpened surface.

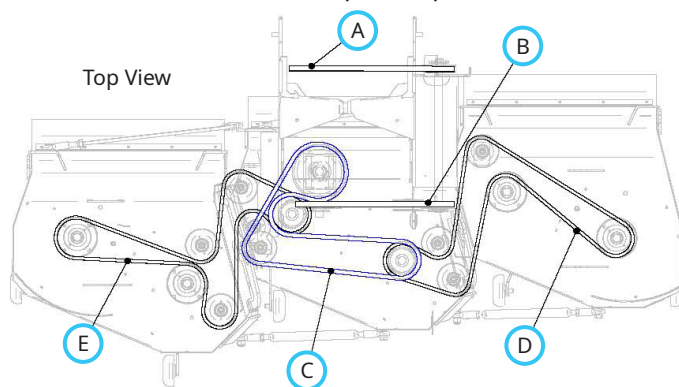
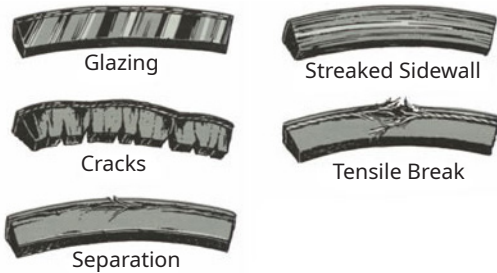
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Belt Inspection

Inspecting the drive belts of the attachment can prevent sudden belt failure by finding problems before they cause a belt to break.

Typical wear on a drive belt may result in the conditions shown in the diagram. If any of these conditions

occur, the drive belt will require replacement.



Attachment Drive Belt Replacement

1. Detach the mower deck from the power unit.
2. Remove the drive pulley shield.
3. Remove the attachment drive belt (A).
4. Place the new belt onto the drive shaft pulley.
5. Reinstall the drive pulley shield.

Gearbox Drive Belt Replacement

1. Detach the mower deck from the power unit.
2. Open the carrier frame cover.
3. Release the belt tension spring.
4. Remove the gearbox drive belt (B) from the gearbox and drive shaft pulleys.
5. Place the new belt onto the gearbox and drive shaft pulleys.
6. Engage the belt tension spring.

Center Deck Belt Replacement

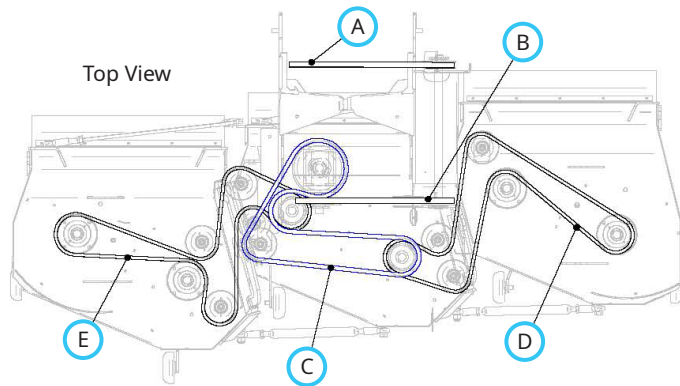
1. Detach the mower deck from the power unit.
2. Open the carrier frame cover.
3. Release the center deck belt tension spring.
4. Remove the center deck belt (C).
5. Place the new center deck belt onto the spindle and idler pulleys as shown on the belt diagram located on the underside of the carrier shield.
6. Engage the belt tension spring.

Left Deck Belt Replacement

1. Detach the mower deck from the power unit.
2. Open the carrier frame cover.
3. Remove the left deck shield and the left deck hinge shield.
4. Release the left deck belt tension spring and the center deck belt tension spring.
5. Remove the center deck belt (C) from the double spindle pulley that drives the left deck belt.
6. Remove the left deck belt (D).
7. Place the new belt onto the spindle and idler pulleys as shown on the belt diagram located on the underside of the carrier shield. The belt is placed in the bottom groove of the double spindle pulley.
8. Engage the left deck belt tension spring.
9. Place the center deck belt back onto the double spindle pulley.
10. Engage the center deck belt tension spring.
11. Reinstall the left deck shield and the left deck hinge shield.

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Right Deck Belt Replacement



1. Detach the mower deck from the power unit.
2. Open the carrier frame cover.
3. Remove the right deck shield and the right deck hinge shield.
4. Release the right deck belt tension spring and the center deck belt tension spring.
5. Remove the center deck belt (C) from the double spindle pulley that drives the right deck belt.
6. Remove the right deck belt (E).
7. Place the new belt onto the spindle and idler pulleys as shown on the belt diagram located on the underside of the carrier shield. The belt is placed in the bottom groove of the double spindle pulley.
8. Engage the right deck belt tension spring.
9. Place the center deck belt back onto the double spindle pulley.
10. Engage the center deck belt tension spring.
11. Reinstall the right deck shield and the right deck hinge shield.

Drive Belt Tension Adjustments

Each drive belt on the MJ840 mower is spring loaded to maintain proper belt tension. No adjustments are required.

Storage

Preparing the Attachment for Storage

1. Clean the attachment to remove accumulated clippings, leaves, and dirt.
2. Inspect for loose or missing hardware, damaged components, or signs of wear. Repair or replace any damaged or worn components.
3. Inspect the belts, the spindles, and the mower blades. Repair or replace any damaged or worn components.
4. Inspect the hydraulic hoses and fittings for damage or wear. Connections must be tight and leak free. Replace damaged or worn components.
5. Inspect the safety decals. Replace any decals that are faded, illegible, or missing.
6. Apply grease to all grease points and wipe off any excess grease.
7. Check the gearbox oil level.
8. Depending on the position of the mower during storage, a light coating of oil on the exposed cylinder rod is recommended.
9. Inspect the painted components for chips, scratches, or rust. Clean and touch up the surfaces as needed.

Removing the Attachment from Storage

1. Clean the attachment to remove any accumulated dust or debris.
2. Inspect the attachment as instructed in the Daily Inspection section of this manual.
3. Test the attachment to ensure that all the components are working properly.

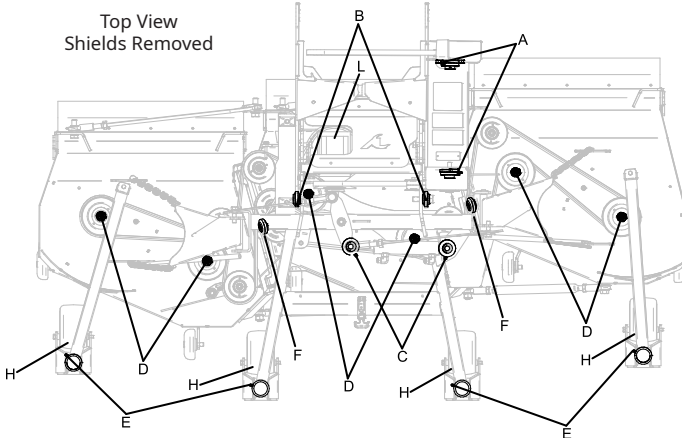
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Lubrication Locations

Lubrication is required at the following locations using a lithium complex NLGI #2 grease.

Wipe the grease fittings clean before applying grease to the grease fittings.

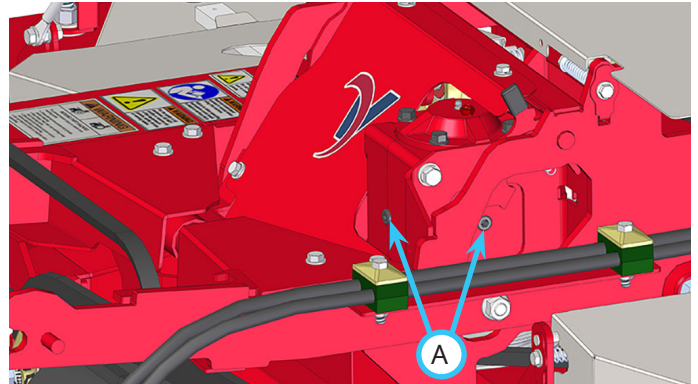
Refer to the maintenance schedule for service intervals and the amount of grease. The grease points and amount of grease are also specified on the maintenance decal on the underside of the carrier frame cover.



Reference	Description	# of Locations
A	Jackshaft Bearing	2
B	Hitch Arm Pivot	2
C	Cylinder End	2
D	Spindle	6
E	Caster Wheel Pivot	4
F	Yoke Pivot	2
H	Wheel Axle Bearing	4
L	Gearbox Top Bearing	1

Checking the Gearbox Oil Level

1. Place the mower deck on a level surface.
2. Remove the plug (A) from either the rear or side of the gearbox to check the oil level.



3. Check the oil level in the gearbox. The oil level should be maintained at the bottom of the fill hole. If the oil level is low, add 75W-140 synthetic gear oil until the oil level reaches the bottom of the fill hole.
4. Reinstall the plug into the gearbox fill hole.

Changing the Gearbox Oil

Due to the gearbox mounting configuration, the gearbox does not have a bottom drain port. The recommended procedure is to remove the gear oil using a fluid extractor or have this service procedure performed by an authorized dealer.

1. Place the mower deck on a level surface.
2. Remove the plug from the fill hole on either the rear or side of the gearbox.
3. Use a fluid extractor to remove the old gear oil from the gearbox.
4. Add 75W-140 synthetic gear oil until the oil level reaches the bottom of the fill hole.
5. Reinstall the plug into the gearbox fill hole.

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Deck Leveling Procedure

Front to Rear Deck Leveling

1. Place the mower on a hard surface that is clean and level.
2. Set the cutting height to a high setting to allow access to the mower blades. All points must be at the same cutting height
3. If the mower is equipped with pneumatic tires, ensure that all the tires are inflated to the same pressure.

Center Deck

4. Turn the mower blades so the blade tips are at the rear of the deck and measure the distance between the flat surface and the blade tip.
5. Rotate the mower blades so the same tip is at the front of the deck and measure again. The blade tip should be level to 3.2 mm (1/8 inch) lower at the front.
6. If the measurement at the front is higher or more than 3.2 mm (1/8 inch) lower, the center deck must be leveled. To begin adjustments, loosen the four 1/2 inch bolts that fasten the front of the deck to the carrier frame.
7. Raise or lower the front of the deck until the front of the deck has been leveled relative to the rear of the deck for both the left and right sides of the deck.
8. Retighten the four 1/2 inch bolts. Torque to 102 Nm (75 ft-lbs).

Left Deck

9. Verify that the rear roller is level with the surface that the deck is setting on. If the roller is not level (if either the right or left end of the roller is raised off the ground), the front and rear connection links require adjustment.
 - a. If the outboard side of the roller is raised off the flat surface, the links must be shortened. Loosen the jam nuts, unbolt the rod ends from the center deck, and turn the rod ends in two turns. Reattach the rod ends to the center deck. Repeat until the rear roller is level with the flat surface, reattach the rod ends to the center deck, and tighten the jam nuts.
 - b. If the inboard side of the roller is raised off the flat surface, the links must be lengthened. Loosen the jam nuts, unbolt the rod ends from the center deck, and turn the rod ends out two turns. Reattach the rod ends to the center deck. Repeat until the rear roller is level with the flat surface, reattach the rod ends to the center deck, and tighten the jam nuts.

10. Turn the mower blades so the blade tips are at the rear of the deck and measure the distance between the flat surface and the blade tip.
11. Rotate the mower blades so the same tip is at the front of the deck and measure again. The blade tip should be level to 3.2 mm (1/8 inch) lower at the front.
12. If the measurement at the front is higher or more than 3.2 mm (1/8 inch) lower, the deck must be leveled. To begin adjustments, loosen the four 3/8 inch bolts that fasten the front yoke anchor plate to the front of the center deck.
13. For the inboard blade, raise or lower the front yoke anchor plate until the inboard blade is level to 3.2 mm (1/8 inch) low at the front.
14. Retighten the four 3/8 inch bolts. Torque to 42 Nm (31 ft-lbs).
15. For the outboard blade, loosen the 1/2 inch bolt that holds the tire swivel frame to the deck.
16. Add 1/2 inch USS flat washers beneath the tire swivel frame to raise the outboard front of the deck. Remove existing washers to lower the outboard front of the deck.
17. When the deck is level, torque the 1/2 inch bolt to 102 Nm (75 ft-lbs).

Right Deck

18. Verify that the rear roller is level with the surface that the deck is setting on. If the roller is not level (if either the right or left end of the roller is raised off the ground), the front and rear connection links require adjustment.
 - a. If the outboard side of the roller is raised off the flat surface, the links must be lengthened. Loosen the jam nuts, unbolt the rod ends from the center deck, and turn the rod ends out two turns. Reattach the rod ends to the center deck. Repeat until the rear roller is level with the flat surface, reattach the rod ends to the center deck, and tighten the jam nuts.
 - b. If the inboard side of the roller is raised off the flat surface, the links must be shortened. Loosen the jam nuts, unbolt the rod ends from the center deck, and turn the rod ends in two turns. Reattach the rod ends to the center deck. Repeat until the rear roller is level with the flat surface, reattach the rod ends to the center deck, and tighten the jam nuts.
19. Turn the mower blades so the blade tips are at the rear of the deck and measure the distance between the flat surface and the blade tip.
20. Rotate the mower blades so the same tip is at the front of the deck and measure again. The blade

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tip should be level to 3.2 mm (1/8 inch) lower at the front.

21. If the measurement at the front is higher or more than 3.2 mm (1/8 inch) lower, the deck must be leveled. To begin adjustments, loosen the four 3/8 inch bolts that fasten the front yoke anchor plate to the front of the right deck.
22. For the inboard blade, raise or lower the front yoke anchor plate until the inboard blade is level to 3.2 mm (1/8 inch) low at the front.
23. Retighten the four 3/8 inch bolts. Torque to 42 Nm (31 ft-lbs).
24. For the outboard blade, loosen the 1/2 inch bolt that holds the tire swivel frame to the deck.
25. Add 1/2 inch USS flat washers beneath the tire swivel frame to raise the outboard front of the deck. Remove existing washers to lower the outboard front of the deck.
26. When the deck is level, torque the 1/2 inch bolt to 102 Nm (75 ft-lbs).

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Maintenance Schedule

Maintenance Schedule	# of locations	# of pumps	As Needed	Daily	At 50 hours	At 100 hours	At 150 hours	At 200 hours	At 250 hours	At 300 hours	At 350 hours	At 400 hours	At 450 hours	At 500 hours	At 550 hours	At 600 hours	At 650 hours	At 700 hours	At 750 hours	At 800 hours	At 850 hours	At 900 hours	At 950 hours	At 1,000 hours	Yearly
Grease and Lubrication: See Lubrication Section																									
Jackshaft Bearing	2	1			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Hitch Arm Pivot	2	^			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Cylinder End	2	^			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Spindle	6	3			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Caster Wheel Pivot	4	1			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Yoke Pivot	6	^			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Rear Roller Bearing (Serial Number 1001-1875)	6	1	**		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Wheel Axle Bearing	4	^	**		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Gearbox Top Bearing	1	1			✓		✓		✓		✓		✓		✓		✓		✓		✓		✓		✓
Check Gearbox Oil Level					✓		✓		✓		✓		✓		✓		✓		✓		✓		✓		✓
Change Gearbox Oil. Replace with 75W-140 synthetic gear oil.					✓									✓											✓
Inspection																									
Inspect for Loose, Missing, or Worn Components				✓																					
Inspect the Belts and Pulleys				✓																					
Inspect the Blades and Blade Mounting Bolts				✓																					
Check the Hitch Pivot Bolts. (Torque to 230 Nm (170 ft-lbs).					✓		✓		✓		✓		✓		✓		✓		✓		✓		✓		✓
Check the Anti-scalp Roller Axle Bolts. (Torque to 102 Nm (75 ft-lbs).					✓		✓		✓		✓		✓		✓		✓		✓		✓		✓		✓
Check the Rear Roller Axle Bolts. (Torque to 47 Nm (35 ft-lbs).					✓		✓		✓		✓		✓		✓		✓		✓		✓		✓		✓
Check the Caster Wheel Axle Bolts and the Rear Roller Bracket Bolts. (Torque to 42 Nm (31 ft-lbs).					✓		✓		✓		✓		✓		✓		✓		✓		✓		✓		✓
Inspect the Safety Decals				✓																					
^Grease until fresh grease is visible.																									
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Maintenance Checklist

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SPECIFICATIONS

Dimensions

Overall Height	56 cm (22 inches)
Overall Length132 cm (52 inches)
Overall Width213 cm (84 inches)
Weight	265 kg (584 pounds)
Transport Width208 cm (82 inches)
Cutting Width211 cm (83 inches)
Cutting Height Range19 - 89 mm (3/4 - 3-1/2 inches)
Cutting Positions	12

Features

- Flip up deck design
- Three independent mower decks with 40 degrees of motion for the side decks.
- Front anti-scalp rollers
- Full length rear rollers
- Flat free front tires