

FAST START GUIDE



WARNING: Read and understand all instruction, warning, and danger labels.



Para instrucciones en Español, refiérase al Manual del Operador.

Tools Required

- 7/16-inch wrench (or adjustable wrench)
- 1/2-inch wrench (or adjustable wrench)
- 9/16-inch wrench (or adjustable wrench)
- 3/4-inch wrench (or adjustable wrench)
- Flat-head screwdriver

Chute Deflector Assembly

NOTE: Use the hardware in Group 1 to complete the following steps. Refer to your Operator's Manual.

1. Align the holes on the chute deflector with the corresponding holes on the deck surface.
2. Insert carriage screws up through the underside of the deck and through the chute deflector. See Figure 3-1.

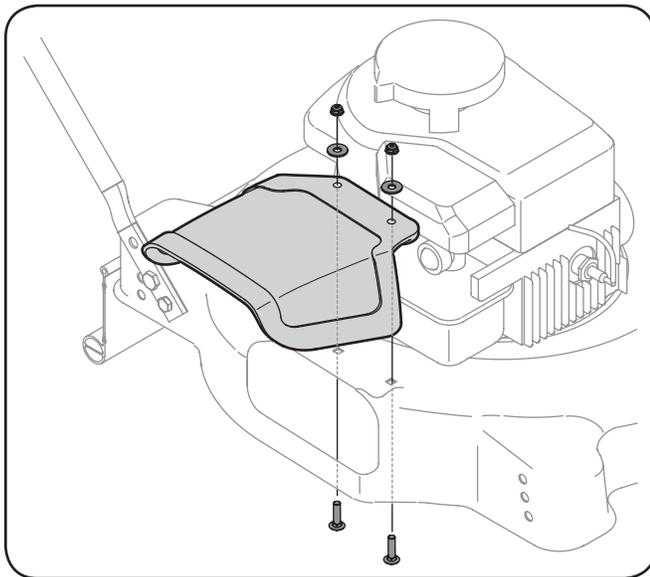


Figure 3-1

3. Secure each screw with a washer and lock nut.

Lower Handle Assembly

NOTE: Use the hardware in Groups 2 and 4 to complete the following steps.

1. Lift the rear of the deck and place it on a block of wood to secure it.
2. Place the lower handle over the deck and align the holes on the deck with the corresponding holes on the handle.
3. Pivot the lower handle forward and secure it to the deck using the hex screws, shoulder screws, and flange lock nuts. See Figure 3-2.

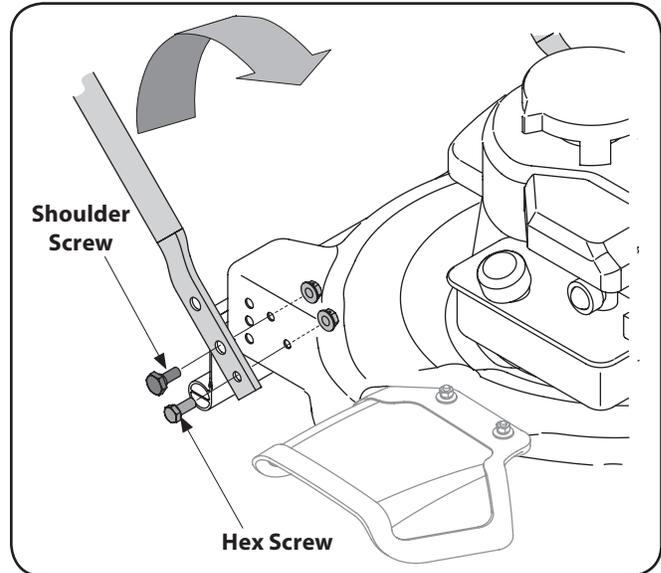


Figure 3-2

Upper Handle Assembly

NOTE: Use the hardware in Groups 2 and 4 to complete the following steps. Refer to your Operator's Manual.

1. Place the upper handle in position over the lower handle keeping the blade control handle facing up.
2. Secure the upper handle to the lower handle using the carriage bolts and lock nuts from Group 4 of the hardware pack. See Figure 3-3.

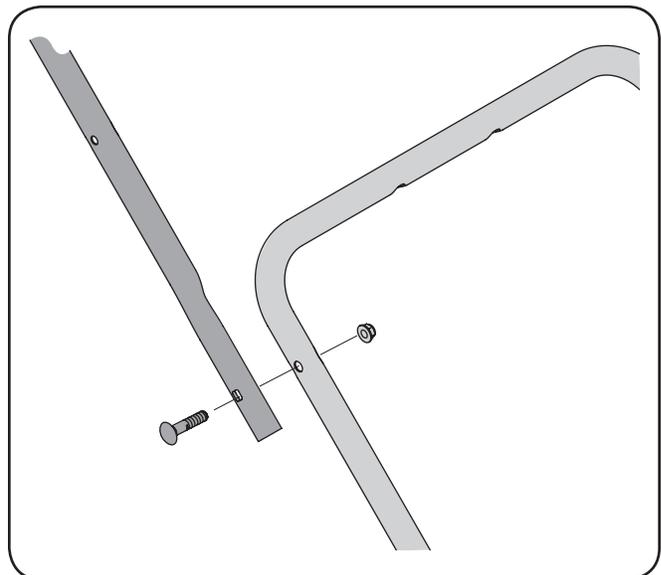


Figure 3-3

Wheels

NOTE: Use the hardware in Group 3 to complete the following steps. Refer to your Operator's Manual.

The holes in the deck provide three cutting heights. Use corresponding holes when attaching all four wheels (i.e. for the lowest cutting position, assemble each wheel at the highest hole on the deck). Refer to the Cutting Height Adjustment section for more information.

1. Secure each wheel to the deck as shown in Figure 3-4.

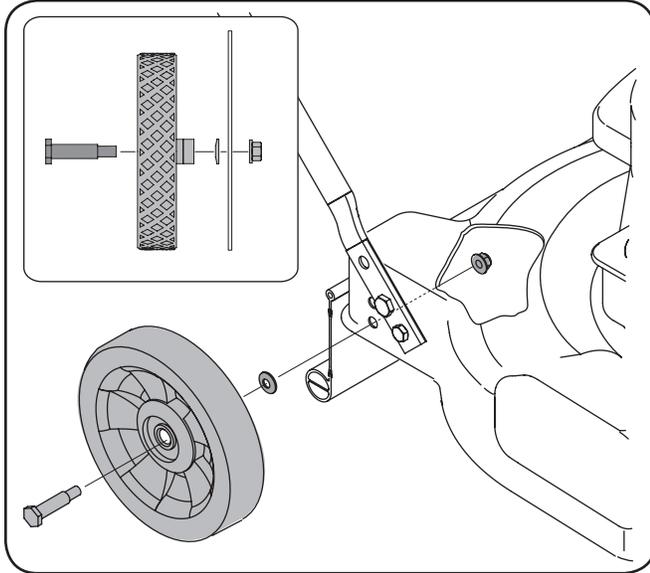


Figure 3-4

NOTE: The cupped side of each washer should be pressed against the deck.

Blade Control

NOTE: If the blade control is secured and in place on the upper handle, you may skip the following three steps. If, however, the blade control became displaced either during shipping or during assembly, reattach it as follows:

1. Insert the curved end of the blade control into the center hole located on the right side of the upper handle. See Figure 3-5.

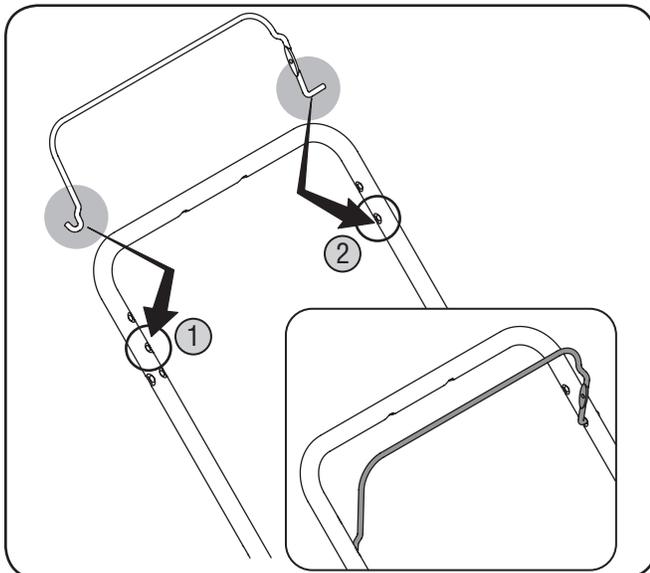


Figure 3-5

2. Gently squeeze the blade control inward and insert the straight end into the lower hole located on the left side of the upper handle. See Figure 3-5.
3. Check to confirm that the blade control pivots freely against the upper handle.

NOTE: Your mower has been supplied with one of two types of control cables - one that is secured with a snap fitting as shown in Figure 3-7 or one that is secured with a stud as shown in Fig.3-8. Make note of the cable supplied with your mower and follow the appropriate steps below.

Control Cable (Snap Fitting)

Unwrap the control cable from the engine and route it under the lower handle.

Z Fitting

1. To make it easier to attach the Z fitting, temporarily remove the left side of the blade control as shown in Figure 3-6.

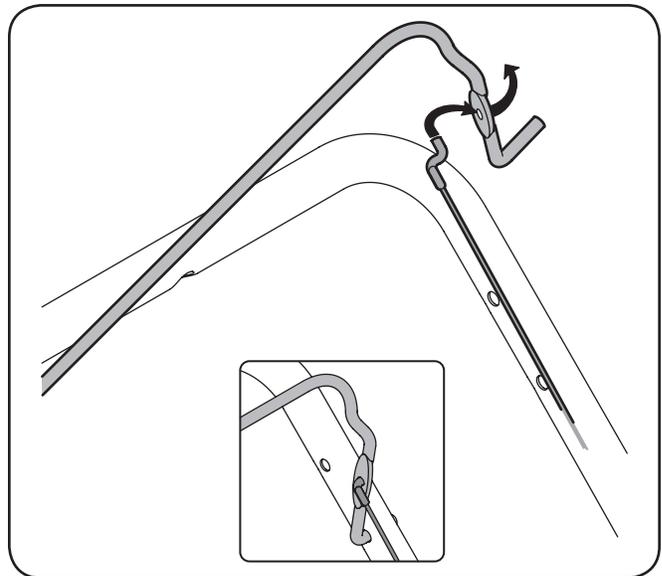


Figure 3-6

2. Hook the Z end of the brake cable into the control from the inside to outside. See Figure 3-6.
3. Reattach the left side of the blade control.

Securing Control Cable

NOTE: Use the hardware in Group 6 to complete the following steps.



WARNING: The cable must be routed properly to avoid contact with all sharp edges and hot surfaces. Such contacts damage the cable and render the controls inoperative.

1. Press the stud found inside the snap fitting into the hole found on the left side of the upper handle, as shown in Figure 3-7.

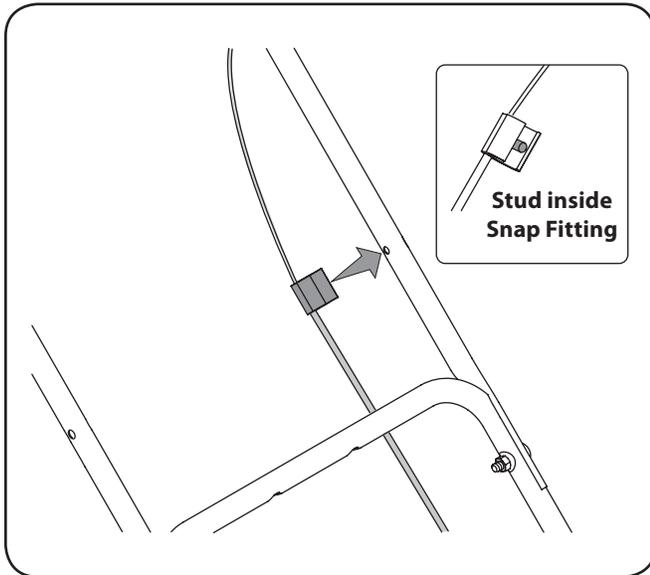


Figure 3-7

2. Secure the cable to the lower left handle with a cable tie. Trim off the extra length of the cable tie.

Control Cable (Stud)

Unwrap the control cable from the engine and route it under the lower handle.

Securing Control Cable



WARNING: The cable must be routed properly to avoid contact with all sharp edges and hot surfaces. Such contacts damage the cable and render the controls inoperative.

1. Press the stud found on the cable fitting into the hole found on the left side of the upper handle, as shown in the Figure 3-8 insets.

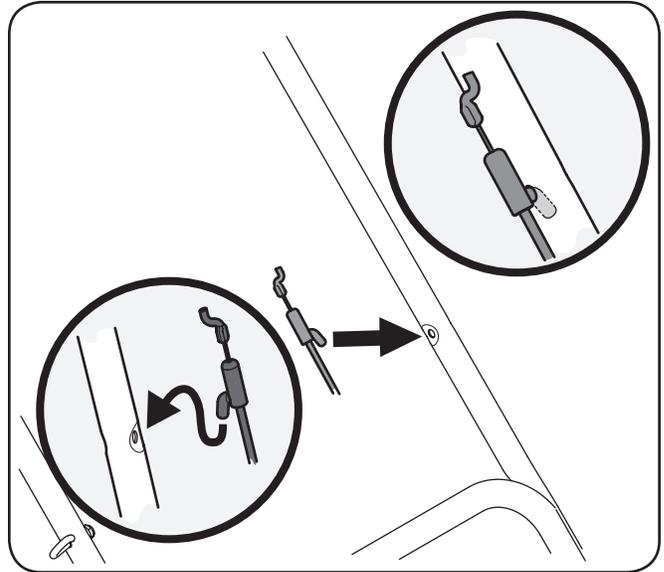


Figure 3-8

Z Fitting

NOTE: Use the hardware in Group 6 to complete the following steps.

1. To make it easier to attach the Z fitting, temporarily remove the left side of the blade control as shown in Figure 3-9.

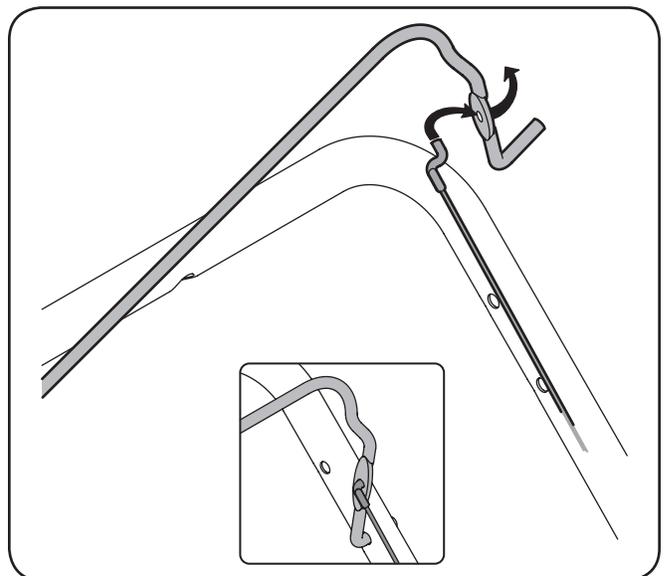


Figure 3-9

2. Pull up on the Z end of the brake cable and hook it into the control from the inside to outside. See Figure 3-9.
3. Reattach the left side of the blade control.
4. Secure the cable to the lower left handle with a cable tie. Trim off the extra length of the cable tie.

Starter Rope

NOTE: Use the hardware in Group 5 and refer to Figure 3-10 to complete the following steps.

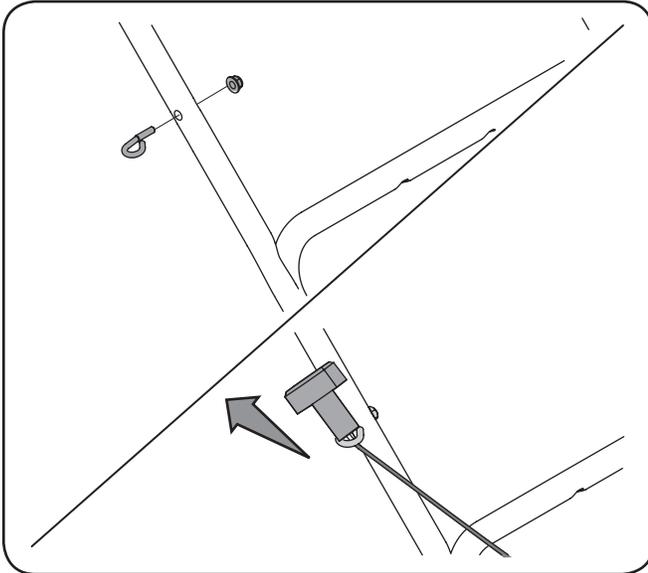


Figure 3-10

1. Attach the eye bolt to the upper handle and loosely thread the lock nut on to secure it. Do NOT tighten. See Figure 3-10.
2. With the spark plug wire disconnected and grounded, depress the blade control and pull the rope out of the engine.
3. Loop the rope through the eye bolt. See Figure 3-10.
4. Tighten the eye bolt to the handle using the lock nut. DO NOT overtighten.

Gas and Oil Fill-Up

Refer to the separate engine owner's manual for additional engine information.

1. Remove the oil fill/dipstick using a flat head screwdriver. Add the entire contents of the bottle of oil provided. See Figure 3-11.

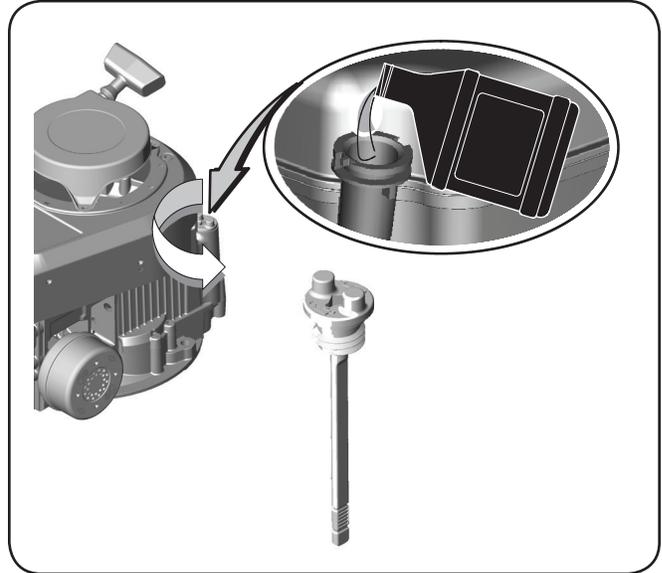


Figure 3-11

2. Service the engine with gasoline as instructed in the separate engine owner's manual.



WARNING: Use extreme care when handling gasoline. Gasoline is extremely flammable and the vapors are explosive. Never fuel the machine indoors or while the engine is hot or running. Extinguish cigarettes, cigars, pipes and any other sources of ignition.