

PRODUCT CARE

Troubleshooting

⚠ WARNING

Before cleaning, repairing, or inspecting, make certain the blade(s) and all moving parts have stopped. Turn off the engine, remove the key, disconnect the spark plug wire(s) and the negative battery cable to prevent unintended starting. Always wear safety glasses or safety goggles during operation and while performing an adjustment or repair to protect your eyes.

THIS SECTION ADDRESSES MINOR SERVICE ISSUES. TO LOCATE THE NEAREST AUTHORIZED SERVICE CENTER CONSULT THE SEPARATE SUPPLEMENT SHEET FOR CONTACT INFORMATION.

PROBLEM	CAUSE	REMEDY
Engine fails to start	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. PTO/Blade Engage knob engaged. 2. Park brake not engaged. 3. Spark plug wire disconnected. 4. Throttle control lever not in correct starting position. 5. Fuel tank empty or stale fuel. 6. Blocked fuel line or fuel filter. 7. Faulty spark plug. 8. Engine flooded. 9. Fuse(s) blown. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Place knob in disengaged (OFF) position. 2. Engage park brake. 3. Connect wire to spark plug. 4. Place Throttle control lever halfway between the SLOW and FAST positions. 5. Fill tank with clean, fresh (less than 30 days old) gas. 6. Replace fuel line. See a qualified service dealer. Replace fuel filter. 7. Clean, adjust gap or replace plug. 8. Crank engine with throttle in FAST position. 9. Replace fuse.
Engine runs erratically	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Tractor running with Choke activated. 2. Spark plug wire loose. 3. Blocked fuel line or stale fuel. 4. Vent in gas cap plugged. 5. Water or dirt in fuel system. 6. Dirty air cleaner. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Check for proper throttle/choke cable adjustment. See a qualified service dealer. 2. Connect and tighten spark plug wire. 3. Replace fuel line. See a qualified service dealer. Fill tank with clean, fresh gasoline and replace fuel filter. 4. Clear vent or replace cap if damaged. 5. Drain fuel tank. Refill with clean, fresh gasoline. 6. Clean or replace air cleaner paper element or clean foam pre-cleaner.
Engine overheats	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Engine oil level low. 2. Air flow restricted. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Fill engine with proper amount and type of oil. 2. Clean grass clippings and debris from around the engine's cooling fins and blower housing.
Engine hesitates at high RPMs	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Spark plug gap set too close. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Remove spark plug and adjust gap.
Engine idles poorly	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Fouled spark plug. 2. Dirty air cleaner. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Replace spark plug and adjust gap. 2. Clean or replace air cleaner element and/or clean pre-cleaner.
Excessive vibration	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cutting blades loose or unbalanced. 2. Damaged, dull or bent cutting blade. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Tighten blade and spindle. Balance blade. 2. Replace blade.
Uneven cut	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Deck not leveled properly. 2. Dull blade. 3. Uneven tire pressure. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Perform side-to-side deck adjustment. 2. Sharpen or replace blade. 3. Check tire pressure in all four tires.