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# INTRODUCTION

## Introduction

## Manual Description

This technical manual is written for an experienced technician and contains sections that are specifically for this product. It is a part of a total product support program.

The manual is organized so that all the information on a particular system is kept together. The order of grouping is as follows:

- Table of Contents
- Specifications and Information
- Identification Numbers
- Tools and Materials
- Component Location
- Schematics and Harnesses
- Theory of Operation
- Operation and Diagnostics
- Diagnostics
- Tests and Adjustments
- Repair
- Other

**Note: Depending on the particular section or system being covered, not all of the above groups may be used.**

The bleed tabs for the pages of each section will align with the sections listed on this page. Page numbering is consecutive from the beginning of the Safety section through the last section.

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Safety

Specifications and Information

Engine (B&S - Single Cylinder)

Engine (B&S - V-Twin)

Electrical

Power Train (Gear)

Power Train (Hydrostatic)

Steering

Brakes

Attachments

Miscellaneous

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# SAFETY

## Safety

### Recognize Safety Information



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This is the safety-alert symbol. When you see this symbol on your machine or in this manual, be alert to the potential for personal injury.

Follow recommended precautions and safe servicing practices.

### 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.

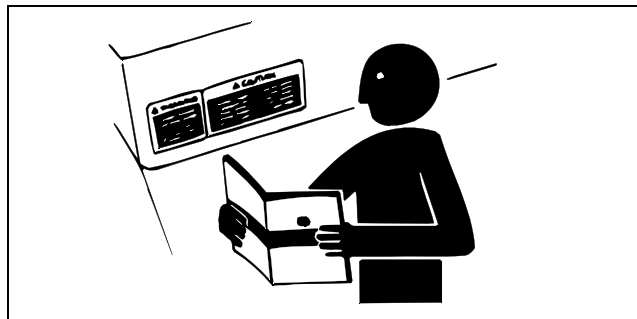


**Caution: Avoid Injury!** This symbol and text highlight potential hazards or death to the operator or bystanders that may occur if the hazards or procedures are ignored.

**Important: Avoid Damage!** This text is used to tell the operator of actions or conditions that might result in damage to the machine.

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

### Replace Safety Signs



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Replace missing or damaged safety signs. See the machine operator's manual for correct safety sign placement.

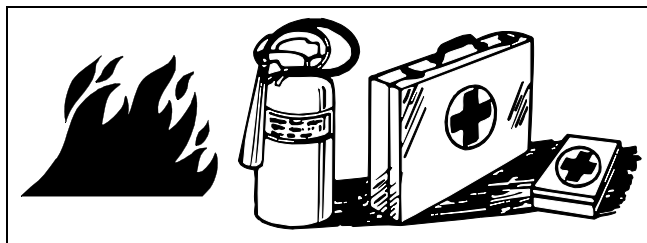
### Understand Signal Words

A signal word - DANGER, WARNING, or CAUTION - is used with the safety-alert symbol. DANGER identifies the most serious hazards.

DANGER or WARNING safety signs are located near specific hazards. General precautions are listed on CAUTION safety signs. CAUTION also calls attention to safety messages in this manual.

### Handle Fluids Safely - Avoid Fires

#### Be Prepared For Emergencies

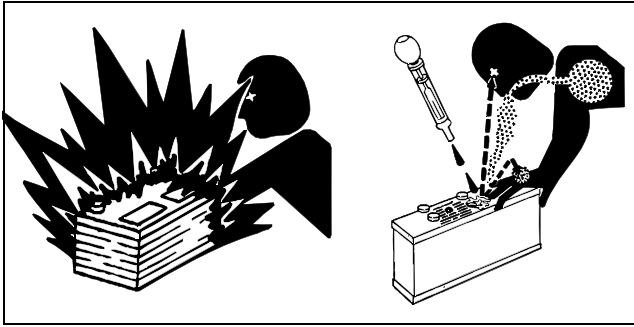


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- When you work around fuel, do not smoke or work near heaters or other fire hazards.
- Store flammable fluids away from fire hazards. Do not incinerate or puncture pressurized containers.
- Make sure machine is clean of trash, grease, and debris.
- Do not store oily rags; they can ignite and burn spontaneously.
- Be prepared if a fire starts.
- Keep a first aid kit and fire extinguisher handy.
- Keep emergency numbers for doctors, ambulance service, hospital, and fire department near your telephone.

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## Use Care In Handling and Servicing Batteries



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### Prevent Battery Explosions

- Keep sparks, lighted matches, and open flame away from the top of battery. Battery gas can explode.
- Never check battery charge by placing a metal object across the posts. Use a volt-meter or hydrometer.
- Do not charge a frozen battery; it may explode. Warm battery to 16°C (60°F).

### Prevent Acid Burns

- Sulfuric acid in battery electrolyte is poisonous. It is strong enough to burn skin, eat holes in clothing, and cause blindness if splashed into eyes.

#### Avoid acid burns by:

1. Filling batteries in a well-ventilated area.
2. Wearing eye protection and rubber gloves.
3. Avoiding breathing fumes when electrolyte is added.
4. Avoiding spilling or dripping electrolyte.
5. Use proper jump start procedure.

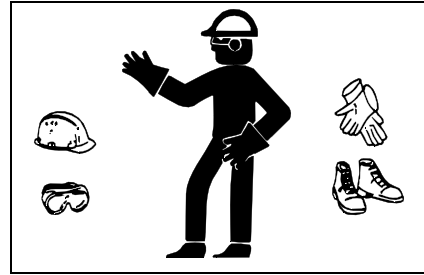
#### If you spill acid on yourself:

1. Flush your skin with water.
2. Apply baking soda or lime to help neutralize the acid.
3. Flush your eyes with water for 10 - 15 minutes.
4. Get medical attention immediately.

#### If acid is swallowed:

1. Drink large amounts of water or milk.
2. Then drink milk of magnesia, beaten eggs, or vegetable oil.
3. Get medical attention immediately.

## Wear Protective Clothing



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Wear close fitting clothing and safety equipment appropriate to the job.

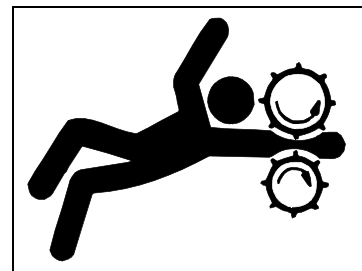
Prolonged exposure to loud noise can cause impairment or loss of hearing. Wear a suitable hearing protective device such as earmuffs or earplugs to protect against objectionable or uncomfortable loud noises.

Operating equipment safely requires the full attention of the operator. Do not wear radio or music headphones while operating machine.

### Parking Safely

1. Stop machine on a level surface, not on a slope.
2. Disengage PTO and stop attachments.
3. Lower attachments to the ground.
4. Lock park brake.
5. Stop engine.
6. Remove key.
7. Wait for engine and all moving parts to stop before you leave the operator's station.
8. Close fuel shut-off valve, if your machine is equipped.

### Service Machines Safely



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Tie long hair behind your head. Do not wear a necktie, scarf, loose clothing, or necklace when you work near machine tools or moving parts. If these items were to get caught, severe injury could result.

Remove rings and other jewelry to prevent electrical shorts and entanglement in moving parts.

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## Use Proper Tools

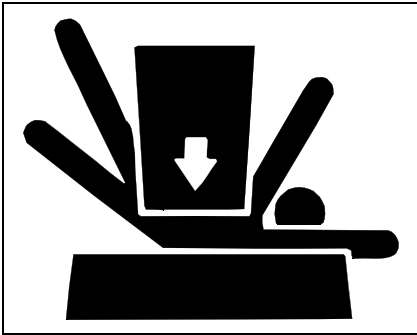
Use tools appropriate to the work. Makeshift tools and procedures can create safety hazards. Use power tools only to loosen threaded parts and fasteners. For loosening and tightening hardware, use the correct size tools. **DO NOT** use U.S. measurement tools on metric fasteners. Avoid bodily injury caused by slipping wrenches. Use only service parts meeting John Deere specifications.

## Work in Clean Area

### Before starting a job:

1. Clean work area and machine.
2. Make sure you have all necessary tools to do your job.
3. Have the right parts on hand.
4. Read all instructions thoroughly; do not attempt shortcuts.

## Support Machine Properly and Use Proper Lifting Equipment



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If you must work on a lifted machine or attachment, securely support the machine or attachment.

Do not support the machine on cinder blocks, hollow tiles, or props that may crumble under continuous load. Do not work under a machine that is supported solely by a jack. Follow recommended procedures in this manual.

Lifting heavy components incorrectly can cause severe injury or machine damage. Follow recommended procedure for removal and installation of components in the manual.

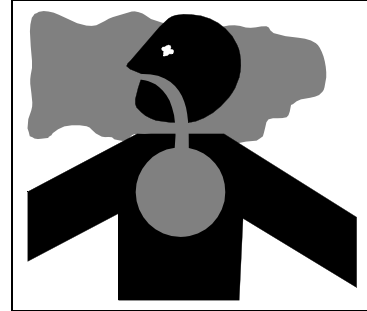
## Using High Pressure Washers

Directing pressurized water at electronic/electrical components or connectors, bearings, hydraulic seals, fuel injection pumps or other sensitive parts and components may cause product malfunctions. Reduce pressure and spray at a 45 to 90 degree angle.

## Illuminate Work Area Safely

Illuminate your work area adequately but safely. Use a portable safety light for working inside or under the machine. Make sure the bulb is enclosed by a wire cage. The hot filament of an accidentally broken bulb can ignite spilled fuel or oil.

## Work In Ventilated Area



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Engine exhaust fumes can cause sickness or death. If it is necessary to run an engine in an enclosed area, remove the exhaust fumes from the area with an exhaust pipe extension.

If you do not have an exhaust pipe extension, open the doors and get outside air into the area.

## Warning: California Proposition 65 Warning

Gasoline engine exhaust from this product contains chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer, birth defects, or other reproductive harm.

Diesel engine exhaust and some of its constituents are known to the State of California to cause cancer, birth defects, and other reproductive harm.

## Remove Paint Before Welding or Heating

Avoid potentially toxic fumes and dust. Hazardous fumes can be generated when paint is heated by welding, soldering, or using a torch. Do all work outside or in a well ventilated area. Dispose of paint and solvent properly. Remove paint before welding or heating: If you sand or grind paint, avoid breathing the dust. Wear an approved respirator. If you use solvent or paint stripper, remove stripper with soap and water before welding. Remove solvent or paint stripper containers and other flammable material from area. Allow fumes to disperse at least 15 minutes before welding or heating.

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## Avoid Harmful Asbestos Dust

Avoid breathing dust that may be generated when handling components containing asbestos fibers. Inhaled asbestos fibers may cause lung cancer.

Components in products that may contain asbestos fibers are brake pads, brake band and lining assemblies, clutch plates, and some gaskets. The asbestos used in these components is usually found in a resin or sealed in some way. Normal handling is not hazardous as long as airborne dust containing asbestos is not generated.

Avoid creating dust. Never use compressed air for cleaning. Avoid brushing or grinding material containing asbestos. When servicing, wear an approved respirator. A special vacuum cleaner is recommended to clean asbestos. If not available, apply a mist of oil or water on the material containing asbestos. Keep bystanders away from the area.

## Service Tires Safely



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Explosive separation of a tire and rim parts can cause serious injury or death.

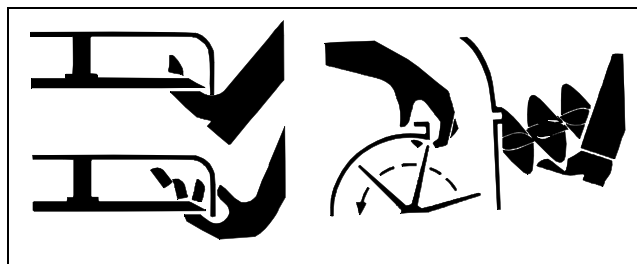
Do not attempt to mount a tire unless you have the proper equipment and experience to perform the job.

Always maintain the correct tire pressure. Do not inflate the tires above the recommended pressure. Never weld or heat a wheel and tire assembly. The heat can cause an increase in air pressure resulting in a tire explosion. Welding can structurally weaken or deform the wheel.

When inflating tires, use a clip-on chuck and extension hose long enough to allow you to stand to one side and NOT in front of or over the tire assembly. Use a safety cage if available.

Check wheels for low pressure, cuts, bubbles, damaged rims or missing lug bolts and nuts.

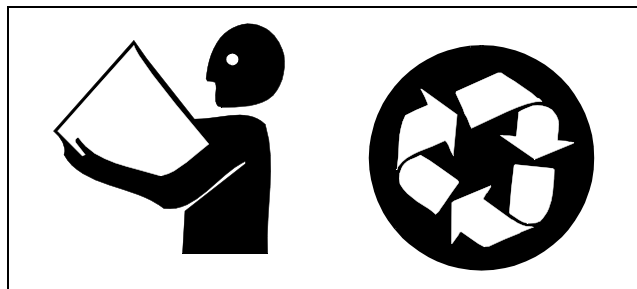
## Avoid Injury From Rotating Blades and Augers



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Keep hands and feet away while machine is running. Shut off power to service, lubricate or remove mower blades, augers or PTO shafts.

## Handle Chemical Products Safely



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Direct exposure to hazardous chemicals can cause serious injury. Potentially hazardous chemicals used with John Deere equipment include such items as lubricants, coolants, paints, and adhesives.

A Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) provides specific details on chemical products: physical and health hazards, safety procedures, and emergency response techniques. Check the MSDS before you start any job using a hazardous chemical. That way you will know exactly what the risks are and how to do the job safely. Then follow procedures and recommended equipment.

## Dispose of Waste Properly

Improperly disposing of waste can threaten the environment and ecology. Potentially harmful waste used with John Deere equipment include such items as oil, fuel, coolant, brake fluid, filters, and batteries. Use leakproof containers when draining fluids. Do not use food or beverage containers that may mislead someone into drinking from them. Do not pour waste onto the ground, down a drain, or into any water source. Inquire on the proper way to recycle or dispose of waste from your local environmental or recycling center, or from your John Deere dealer.

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## Live with Safety



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Before returning machine to customer, make sure machine is functioning properly, especially the safety systems. Install all guards and shields.

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# SPECIFICATIONS AND INFORMATION FASTENER TORQUES

## Fastener Torques

## Metric Fastener Torque Values

<b>Property Class and Head Markings</b>				
<b>Property Class and Nut Markings</b>				

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SIZE	Class 4.8				Class 8.8 or 9.8				Class 10.9				Class 12.9			
	Lubricated a		Dry a		Lubricated a		Dry a		Lubricated a		Dry a		Lubricated a		Dry a	
	N•m	lb-ft	N•m	lb-ft	N•m	lb-ft	N•m	lb-ft	N•m	lb-ft	N•m	lb-ft	N•m	lb-ft	N•m	lb-ft
M6	4.8	3.5	6	4.5	9	6.5	11	8.5	13	9.5	17	12	15	11.5	19	14.5
M8	12	8.5	15	11	22	16	28	20	32	24	40	30	37	28	47	35
M10	23	17	29	21	43	32	55	40	63	47	80	60	75	55	95	70
M12	40	29	50	37	75	55	95	70	110	80	140	105	130	95	165	120
M14	63	47	80	60	120	88	150	110	175	130	225	165	205	150	260	109

DO NOT use these hand torque values if a different torque value or tightening procedure is given for a specific application. Torque values listed are for general use only and include a  $\pm 10\%$  variance factor. Check tightness of fasteners periodically. DO NOT use air powered wrenches.

Shear bolts are designed to fail under predetermined loads. Always replace shear bolts with identical grade.

Fasteners should be replaced with the same class. Make sure fastener threads are clean and that you properly start thread engagement. This will prevent them from failing when tightening.

When bolt and nut combination fasteners are used, torque values should be applied to the NUT instead of the bolt head.

Tighten toothed or serrated-type lock nuts to the full torque value.

a "Lubricated" means coated with a lubricant such as engine oil, or fasteners with phosphate and oil coatings. "Dry" means plain or zinc plated (Yellow Dichromate - Specification JDS117) without any lubrication.

Reference: JDS - G200


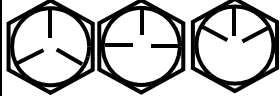






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## Metric Fastener Torque Value - Grade 7

Size	Steel or Gray Iron Torque		Aluminum Torque	
	N•m	lb-ft	N•m	lb-ft
M6	11	8	8	6
M8	24	18	19	14
M10	52	38	41	30
M12	88	65	70	52
M14	138	102	111	82

# SPECIFICATIONS AND INFORMATION FASTENER TORQUES

## Inch Fastener Torque Values

<b>SAE Grade and Head Markings</b>	1 or 2 <sup>b</sup> No Marks 	5    5.1    5.2 	8    8.2 
<b>SAE Grade and Nut Markings</b>	2 No Marks 	5  	8  

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SIZE	Grade 1		Grade 2b				Grade 5, 5.1 or 5.2				Grade 8 or 8.2					
	Lubricated a		Dry a		Lubricated a		Dry a		Lubricated a		Dry a		Lubricated a		Dry a	
	N•m	lb-ft	N•m	lb-ft	N•m	lb-ft	N•m	lb-ft	N•m	lb-ft	N•m	lb-ft	N•m	lb-ft	N•m	lb-ft
1/4	3.7	2.8	4.7	3.5	6	4.5	7.5	5.5	9.5	7	12	9	13.5	10	17	12.5
5/16	7.7	5.5	10	7	12	9	15	11	20	15	25	18	28	21	35	26
3/8	14	10	17	13	22	16	27	20	35	26	44	33	50	36	63	46
7/16	22	16	28	20	35	26	44	32	55	41	70	52	80	58	100	75
1/2	33	25	42	31	53	39	67	50	85	63	110	80	120	90	150	115
9/16	48	36	60	45	75	56	95	70	125	90	155	115	175	130	225	160
5/8	67	50	85	62	105	78	135	100	170	125	215	160	215	160	300	225
3/4	120	87	150	110	190	140	240	175	300	225	375	280	425	310	550	400
7/8	190	140	240	175	190	140	240	175	490	360	625	450	700	500	875	650
1	290	210	360	270	290	210	360	270	725	540	925	675	1050	750	1300	975
1-1/8	470	300	510	375	470	300	510	375	900	675	1150	850	1450	1075	1850	1350

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a "Lubricated" means coated with a lubricant such as engine oil, or fasteners with phosphate and oil coatings. "Dry" means plain or zinc plated (yellow dichromate - Specification JDS117) without any lubrication.

b "Grade 2" applies for hex cap screws (Not Hex Bolts) up to 152 mm (6 in.) long. "Grade 1" applies for hex cap screws over 152 mm (6 in.) long, and for all other types of bolts and screws of any length.

Reference: JDS - G200

## General Information

### Gasoline



**Caution: Avoid Injury! Gasoline is HIGHLY FLAMMABLE**, handle it with care. **DO NOT** refuel machine while:

indoors, always fill gas tank outdoors

machine is near an open flame or sparks

engine is running, **STOP** engine

engine is hot, allow it to cool sufficiently first  
smoking

**Help prevent fires:**

fill gas tank to bottom of filler neck only

be sure fill cap is tight after fueling

clean up any gas spills **IMMEDIATELY**

keep machine clean and in good repair - free of  
excess grease, oil, debris, and faulty or  
damaged parts

any storage of machines with gas left in tank  
should be in an area that is well ventilated to  
prevent possible igniting of fumes by an open  
flame or spark, this includes any appliance  
with a pilot light

To prevent fire or explosion caused by **STATIC  
ELECTRIC DISCHARGE** during fueling:

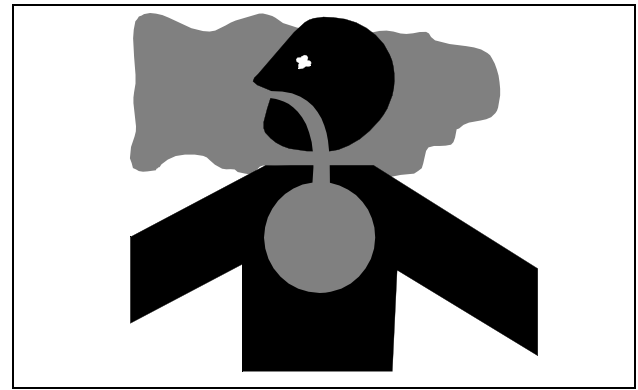
**ONLY** use a clean, approved **POLYETHYLENE  
PLASTIC** fuel container and funnel **WITHOUT**  
any metal screen or filter

To avoid engine damage:

- DO NOT mix oil with gasoline
- **ONLY** use clean, fresh unleaded gasoline with an octane rating (anti-knock index) of 87 or higher
- fill gas tank at the end of each day's operation to help prevent condensation from forming inside a partially filled tank
- keep up with specified service intervals

Use of alternative oxygenated, gasohol blended, unleaded gasoline is acceptable as long as:

- the ethyl or grain alcohol blends DO NOT exceed 10% by volume or



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- methyl tertiary butyl ether (MTBE) blends DO NOT exceed 15% by volume

**Important: Avoid Damage! DO NOT use METHANOL gasolines because METHANOL is harmful to the environment and to your health.**



**Caution: Avoid Injury! California Proposition 65 Warning: Gasoline engine exhaust from this product contains chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer, birth defects, or other reproductive harm.**

### Gasoline Storage

**Important: Avoid Damage! Keep all dirt, scale, water or other foreign material out of gasoline.**

Keep gasoline stored in a safe, protected area. Storage of gasoline in a clean, properly marked ("UNLEADED GASOLINE") POLYETHYLENE PLASTIC container WITHOUT any metal screen or filter is recommended. DO NOT use de-icers to attempt to remove water from gasoline or depend on fuel filters to remove water from gasoline. Use a water separator installed in the storage tank outlet. BE SURE to properly discard unstable or contaminated gasoline. When storing machine or gasoline, it is recommended that you add **John Deere Gasoline Conditioner and Stabilizer (TY15977)** or an equivalent to the gasoline. BE SURE to follow directions on container and to properly discard empty container.

### 4 - Cycle Gasoline Engine Oil

Use the appropriate oil viscosity based on the expected air temperature range during the period between recommended oil changes. Operating outside of these recommended oil air temperature ranges may cause premature engine failure.

The following John Deere oil is PREFERRED:

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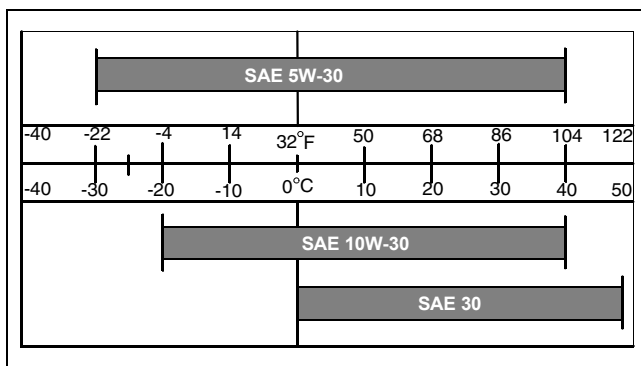
- **TURF - GARD® - SAE 10W-30.**
- **PLUS - 4® - SAE 10W-30;**

The following John Deere oils are **also recommended**, based on their specified temperature range:

- **TORQ - GARD SUPREME® - SAE 30.**

Other oils may be used if above John Deere oils are not available, provided they meet one of the following specifications:

- SAE 5W-30 - API Service Classification SG or higher;
- SAE 10W-30 - API Service Classifications SG or higher;
- SAE 30 - API Service Classification SC or higher.



## Break-In Engine Oil - 4-Cycle Gasoline

**Important: Avoid Damage! ONLY use a quality break-in oil in rebuilt or remanufactured engines for the first 5 hours (maximum) of operation. DO NOT use oils with heavier viscosity weights than SAE 5W-30, these oils will not allow rebuilt or remanufactured engines to break-in properly.**

The following John Deere oil is **PREFERRED**:

- **BREAK - IN ENGINE OIL.**

John Deere BREAK - IN ENGINE OIL is formulated with special additives for aluminum and cast iron type engines to allow the power cylinder components (pistons, rings, and liners as well) to “wear-in” while protecting other engine components, valve train and gears, from abnormal wear. Engine rebuild instructions should be followed closely to determine if special requirements are necessary.

John Deere BREAK - IN ENGINE OIL is also recommended for non-John Deere engines, both aluminum and cast iron types.

The following John Deere oil is **also recommended**:

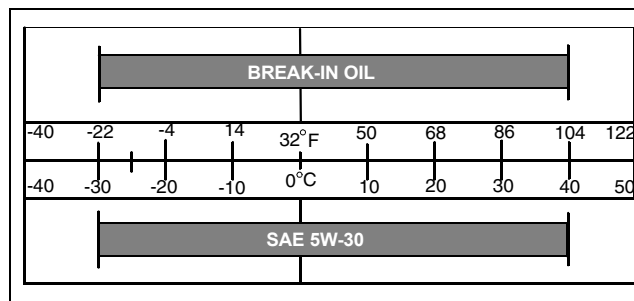
- **TORQ - GARD SUPREME® - SAE 5W-30.**

If the above recommended John Deere oils are not available, use a break-in engine oil meeting the following

specification during the first **5 hours (maximum)** of operation:

- SAE 5W-30 - API Service Classification SE or higher.

**Important: Avoid Damage! After the break-in period, use the John Deere oil that is recommended for this engine.**



## Alternative Lubricants

Conditions in certain geographical areas outside the United States and Canada may require different lubricant recommendations than the ones printed in this technical manual or the operator's manual. Consult with your John Deere Dealer, or Sales Branch, to obtain the alternative lubricant recommendations.

**Important: Avoid Damage! Use of alternative lubricants could cause reduced life of the component.**

If alternative lubricants are to be used, it is recommended that the factory fill be thoroughly removed before switching to any alternative lubricant.

## Synthetic Lubricants

Synthetic lubricants may be used in John Deere equipment if they meet the applicable performance requirements (industry classification and/or military specification) as shown in this manual.

The recommended air temperature limits and service or lubricant change intervals should be maintained as shown in the operator's manual.

Avoid mixing different brands, grades, or types of oil. Oil manufacturers blend additives in their oils to meet certain specifications and performance requirements. Mixing different oils can interfere with the proper functioning of these additives and degrade lubricant performance.

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## Lubricant Storage

All machines operate at top efficiency only when clean lubricants are used. Use clean storage containers to handle all lubricants. Store them in an area protected from dust, moisture, and other contamination. Store drums on their sides. Make sure all containers are properly marked as to their contents. Dispose of all old, used containers and their contents properly.

## Mixing Of Lubricants

In general, avoid mixing different brands or types of lubricants. Manufacturers blend additives in their lubricants to meet certain specifications and performance requirements. Mixing different lubricants can interfere with the proper functioning of these additives and lubricant properties which will downgrade their intended specified performance.

## Grease

**Important: Avoid Damage! Use recommended John Deere greases to avoid component failure and premature wear.**

**The recommended John Deere greases are effective within an average air temperature range of -29 to 135 degrees C (-20 to 275 degrees F).**

**If operating outside that temperature range, contact your Servicing dealer for a special-use grease.**

**The following greases are preferred:**

- John Deere Multi-Purpose SD Polyurea Grease
- John Deere Multi-Purpose HD Lithium Complex Grease

If not using any of the preferred greases, be sure to use a general all-purpose grease with an NLGI grade No.2 rating.

Wet or high speed conditions may require use of a special-use grease. Contact your Servicing dealer for information.

## Hydrostatic Transmission Oil

These machines are equipped with a internal wet disc brake transmission (Hydrostatic transmission).

**Important: Avoid Damage! Use ONLY the following oils for service. DO NOT use automatic transmission fluid.**

**Note: The T40 and K46 transmissions are filled with 10W30 engine oil at the factory.**

**For the T40 or K46 transmissions used in extreme or high-hour applications, J20C Hygard Hydraulic oil or 5W-50 Synthetic Engine Oil is approved as an optional fill. Use only after a complete drain of the factory oil.**

# SPECIFICATIONS AND INFORMATION SERIAL NUMBER LOCATIONS

## Serial Number Locations

### Machine Product Identification Number

If you need to contact an Authorized Service Center for information on servicing, always provide the product model and identification numbers.

When ordering parts or submitting a warranty claim, it is **IMPORTANT** that the machine product identification number (PIN) and component serial numbers are included. The location of the PIN and component serial numbers are shown.



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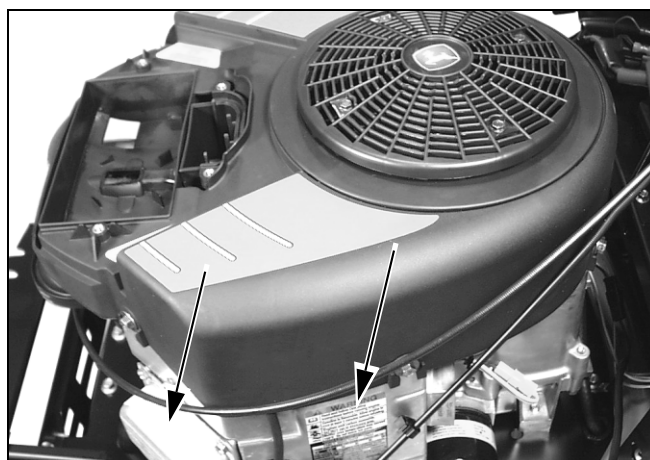
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### Engine Serial Number



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Single Cylinder Engines



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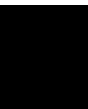
### Transaxle Serial Number

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# ENGINE - GAS SPECIFICATIONS

## Specifications

### General Specifications

#### Specifications:

Make	Briggs & Stratton
Series	Intek
Type	Gasoline
Stroke/Cycle	4
Models	31P677 and 31P707
Cylinders	1
Valves	Overhead Valves
Displacement	502 cm <sup>3</sup> (30.63 cu in.)
Bore	90.68 mm (3.57 in.)
Stroke	77.72 mm (3.06 in.)
Cooling System	Air Cooled
Lubrication 31P707 engine	Oil Slinger
Lubrication 31P677 engine	Pressurized with Filter
Crankcase Oil Capacity	1.4 L (1.5 qt)
Air Cleaner	Paper with outer foam element
Muffler	Horizontal discharge below frame
Fuel Filter	Replaceable (In-Line Type)
Aspiration	Normal
Alternator	.9 amp regulated

### Tests and Adjustments Specifications

#### Valve Clearance:

Slow Idle (governed)	1750 rpm
Fast Idle	3350 ± 100 rpm
Spark Plug Gap	0.76 mm (0.030 in.)
Spark Plug Torque	20 N•m (180 lb-in.)
Valve Clearance - Intake	0.08 - 0.13 mm (0.003 - 0.005 in.)
Valve Clearance - Exhaust	0.13 - 0.18 mm (0.005 - 0.007 in.)
Valve Guide Depth	0.12 - 0.15 mm (0.005 - 0.006 in.)
Magneto Air Gap	0.25 - 0.35 mm (0.010 - 0.014 in.)

### Repair Specifications

#### Cylinder Bore, Pistons and Rings:

Cylinder Bore Maximum Dimension	90.51 mm (3.563 in.)
Cylinder Bore Minimum Dimension	90.47 mm (3.562 in.)
Cylinder Bore Out of Round (maximum)	0.04 mm (0.002 in.)
Piston Pin (Wear Limit)	20.29 mm (0.799 in.)
Piston Pin Bore (Wear Limit)	20.35 mm (0.801 in.)

#### Ring End Gap (Wear Limit) Case Iron Bore:

Compression Ring (Top)	0.64 mm (0.025 in.)
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Compression Ring (Center) . . . . .	0.76 mm (0.030 in.)
Oil Ring . . . . .	0.76 mm (0.030 in.)
Compression and Oil Ring Groove Wear Limit (New Rings Installed) . . . . .	0.15 mm (0.006 in.)

## Valves:

Valve Guide (Wear Limit) . . . . .	6.09 mm (0.240 in.)
Valve Seat Width . . . . .	0.79 - 1.98 mm (0.031 - 0.078 in.)
Valve Margin (Minimum) . . . . .	0.40 mm (0.016 in.)
Valve Face Angle . . . . .	45°
Valve Seat Narrowing Angle . . . . .	30°

## Connecting Rod and Crankshaft:

Connecting Rod Crankpin (Wear Limit) . . . . .	38.15 mm (1.502 in.)
Connecting Rod Piston Pin Bearing (Wear Limit) . . . . .	20.37 mm (0.802 in.)
Crankshaft PTO Journal (Wear Limit) . . . . .	41.20 mm (1.622 in.)
Crankshaft Magneto Journal (Wear Limit) . . . . .	34.95 mm (1.376 in.)
Crankshaft Crankpin Journal (Wear Limit) . . . . .	38.02 mm (1.497 in.)
Crankshaft Eccentric Journal (Wear Limit) . . . . .	55.93 mm (2.202 in.)
PTO Bearing (Wear Limit) . . . . .	41.37 mm (1.629 in.)
Magneto Bearing (Wear Limit) . . . . .	35.13 mm (1.383 in.)
Crankshaft End Play . . . . .	0.05 - 0.58 mm (0.002 - 0.023 in.)
Cam Gear PTO Journal (Wear Limit) . . . . .	12.65 mm (0.498 in.)
Cam Gear Magneto Journal (Wear Limit) . . . . .	12.65 mm (0.498 in.)
Cam Lobe (Wear Limit) . . . . .	30.07 mm (1.184 in.)
Cam Gear Bearing (Wear Limit) . . . . .	12.80 mm (0.504 in.)
Compression Release Lobe . . . . .	0.25 mm (0.010 in.)

## Counterweight:

Crankshaft Eccentric Journal (Wear Limit) . . . . .	55.93 mm (2.202 in.)
Counterweight Link Bearing (Wear Limit) . . . . .	56.13 mm (2.210 in.)

## Torque Specifications (Alphabetical)

### Specifications:

Armature Mounting Screws . . . . .	2.8 N•m (25 lb-in.)
Blower Housing Screws . . . . .	10 N•m (85 lb-in.)
Breather Mounting Bolts . . . . .	3 N•m (25 lb-in.)
Carburetor to Intake Manifold . . . . .	8 N•m (70 lb-in.)
Carburetor Bowl Screw . . . . .	4.5 N•m (40 lb-in.)
Connecting Rod Cap Screws . . . . .	21 N•m (186 lb-in.)
Control Bracket Screws . . . . .	3.4 N•m (30 lb-in.)
Cylinder Head Cap Screws . . . . .	25 N•m (220 lb-in.)
Drive Belt Idler Pulley . . . . .	9.6 N•m (85 lb-in.)
Engine Mounting Bolts . . . . .	32 N•m (24 lb-ft)
Engine Output Pulley Assembly . . . . .	75 N•m (55 lb-ft)
Exhaust Manifold . . . . .	18.5 N•m (165 lb-in.)
Flywheel Fan Screws . . . . .	16 N•m (140 lb-in.)
Flywheel Nut . . . . .	136 N•m (100 lb-ft)
Flywheel Screen Screws . . . . .	4.5 N•m (40 lb-in.)

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Fuel Pump Bracket.....	7.3 N•m (65 lb-in.)
Fuel Pump to Bracket.....	4.0 N•m (35 lb-in.)
Fuel Shutoff Solenoid.....	5 N•m (44 lb-in.)
Governor Arm Lock Nut.....	4.5 N•m (40 lb-in.)
Heat Shield Screws.....	4.5 N•m (40 lb-in.)
Ignition Armature.....	2.8 N•m (25 lb-in.)
Intake Manifold Elbow.....	11 N•m (100 lb-in.)
Oil Filter Adaptor Screws.....	14 N•m (125 lb-in.)
Oil Pump Cover Screws.....	9 N•m (80 lb-in.)
Rocker Arm Adjustment Lock Nut.....	5 N•m (45 lb-in.)
Rocker Arm Mounting.....	11.3 N•m (100 lb-in.)
Spark Plug.....	20 N•m (180 lb-in.)
Starting Motor Mounting Bolts.....	16 N•m (140 lb-in.)
Starting Motor Through Bolts.....	6 N•m (50 lb-in.)
Stator to Cylinder Block.....	2.3 N•m (21 lb-in.)
Sump Cover.....	20 N•m (180 lb-in.)
Throttle Valve Plate.....	4.5 N•m (40 lb-in.)
Valve Cover Nuts.....	6 N•m (55 lb-in.)
Voltage Regulator/Rectifier.....	7.3 N•m (65 lb-in.)

## Special or Essential Tools

### Special or Required Tools

Tool Name	Tool No.	Tool Use
Pulse Tachometer, or Digital Tachometer	JT07270 JT05719	Governor, and governed and slow idle adjustments.
Cylinder Leak Tester	JTO3502	Cylinder leakdown test.
Pressure Gauge Hose Assembly Connector	JT07034 JT03017 JT05847	Oil pressure test.
Vacuum Gauge Bar Fitting Line and Plug	JT03503 JT05703 JT05699 and 8741-F66	Crankcase vacuum test.
Briggs & Stratton Flywheel Tool	B&S Tool No. 19203	Remove flywheel.

**Note:** Order tools according to information given in the U.S. SERVICE-GARD™ Catalog or in the European Microfiche Tool Catalog (MTC).

# ENGINE - GAS DIAGNOSTICS

## Other Materials

### Other Material

Part No.	Part Name	Part Use
TY24416	Multipurpose Lithium Grease	Apply to engine crankshaft. Pack oil seals.
	SCOTCH-BRIGHT™ Abrasive Sheets/Pads	Clean cylinder head.
	Valve Guide Cleaner	Clean valve guides.
	Stanisol or Kerosene	Finish ream valve guide.
	Prussian Blue Compound	Check valve seat contact.
	Zinc Oxide/Wood Alcohol	Check block for cracks.
	Mineral Spirits	Clean electric starter armature.

## Diagnostics

### Starting Problems



**Caution: Avoid Injury! Be aware! The engine may start to rotate at any time. Keep hands away from all moving parts when testing.**

**Note: To test specific electrical components, see Electrical section and refer to either Diagnostics or Tests and Adjustments for further guidance.**

#### Symptom: Engine Will Not Crank

Problem	Cause - Solution
1. Battery	a. Charge and test battery. See "Battery Voltage and Specific Gravity Tests" on page 170 in the Electrical section. b. Replace the battery if it will not take or hold a charge.
2. Starting Motor Solenoid does not click when ignition switch is turned to start position.	a. Cranking circuit problem. See "Cranking Circuit Diagnosis - All Models" on page 146 in the Electrical section. b. Key switch malfunction. See "Key Switch Test" on page 178 in the Electrical section. c. Starting motor solenoid malfunction. See "Starting Solenoid Test - All Models" on page 172 in the Electrical section.



**Caution: Avoid Injury! Do not rotate engine with starter if the spark plug is removed. Gasoline spray from the open cylinder may be ignited by ignition spark and cause an explosion or fire.**

**Note: Perform a visual inspection first to determine if battery cables are tight and not corroded. The battery must be sufficient size to turn the engine over at minimum cranking speed of 350 rpm.**

# ENGINE - GAS TESTS AND ADJUSTMENTS

## Tests and Adjustments

### Symptom: Engine Cranks But Will Not Start

Problem	Cause - Solution
1. Engine cranks slowly.	a. Charge and test battery. See "Battery Voltage and Specific Gravity Tests" on page 170 in the Electrical section. b. Replace the battery if it will not hold a charge.
2. Poor or no spark at spark plug.	a. Replace spark plug, b. Ignition coil gap incorrect. See "Armature Air Gap Adjustment" on page 27. c. Magneto shorted to ground, flywheel magnet weak.
3. Choke or throttle not adjusted properly.	a. Adjust cable. See "Throttle/Choke Cable Adjustment" on page 23.
4. Fuel supply.	a. Check air cleaner, fuel mixture, possible contaminated fuel, or stuck float needle. b. Check fuel shutoff valve, fuel lines, fuel pump, and engine vacuum.
5. Fuel shutoff solenoid does not open when ignition switch is turned to start/run.	a. Check fuel solenoid and ignition circuit. See "Ignition and Shutoff Circuit Diagnosis - All Models" on page 151 and "Fuel Shutoff Solenoid Test" on page 182 in the Electrical section.
6. Valve clearance improperly.	a. Check and adjust valve clearance. See "Valve Clearance Adjustment" on page 26.
7. Internal components binding.	a. Remove spark plug and turn the engine over by hand. If the engine is hard to turn over by hand repair or replace engine.

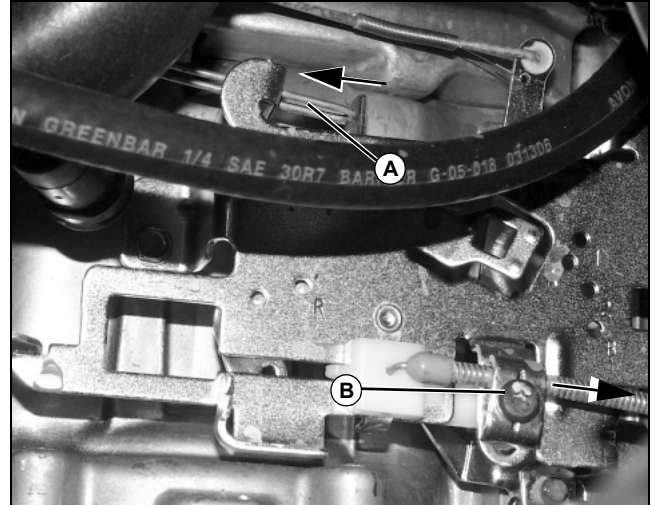
### Throttle/Choke Cable Adjustment

#### Reason:

To make sure the throttle cable moves the throttle and choke through its full range of movement.

#### Procedure:

1. Move throttle lever all the way forward to Start (Choke) position.



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2. Locate choke control rod (A) on right side of engine at top of throttle control plate.
3. With your fingers or a needle nose pliers, try and move choke rod (A) toward carburetor (top arrow).
4. If choke control rod moves toward carburetor, choke is not completely closing and throttle cable needs to be adjusted.
5. Loosen throttle cable clamp (B).
6. Slide the throttle cable as far as it will go to the right.
7. Tighten throttle cable clamp (B).

### Fuel Shutoff Solenoid Test

#### Reason:

To test proper operation of fuel shutoff solenoid.

#### Required Tools:

- Two Jumper wires

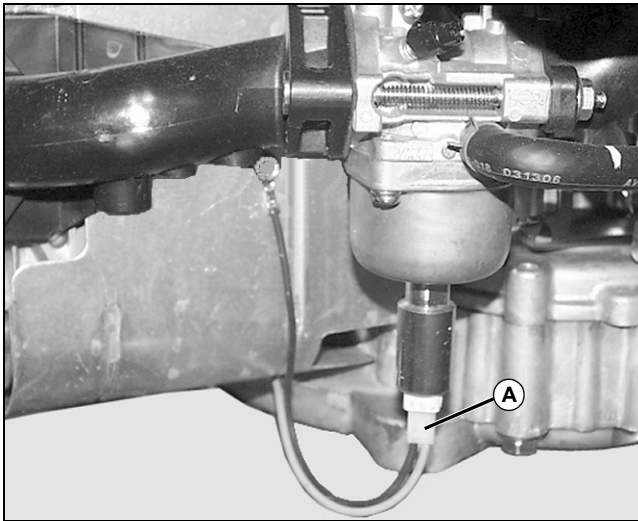
#### Procedure:

1. Park machine safely.
2. Listen for an audible click when ignition switch is turned

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from OFF to ON.

3. If solenoid does not click, problem could be in machine wiring. See electrical section.



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4. Disconnect wire (A) from solenoid.
5. Place one jumper wire between one of the fuel solenoid terminals and a good ground. Place second jumper wire on battery positive terminal and momentarily touch other solenoid terminal.

**Note:** If battery voltage drops below 9 volts when cranking engine or while engine is running, the solenoid will not function.

6. If solenoid clicks when wire contacts terminal, the solenoid is working properly.

## Results:

- Solenoid is operating properly if a click is heard when ignition switched from OFF to ON.

## Governor Adjustment - Static

(Engine OFF)

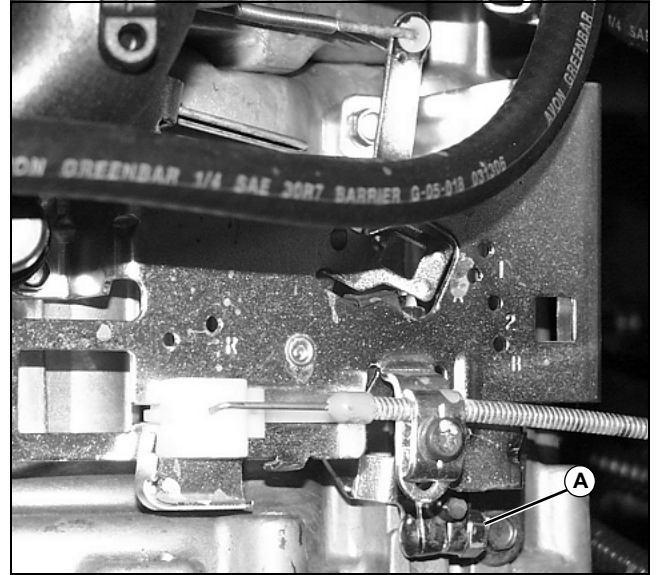


**Caution: Avoid Injury! Before starting or running engine, static adjustment of the governor must be made. Failure to make static adjustments first, could result in engine overspeeding, and may result in engine or equipment damage, personal injury and/or property damage.**

## Reason:

To remove any slack in governor linkage that would allow engine to overspeed.

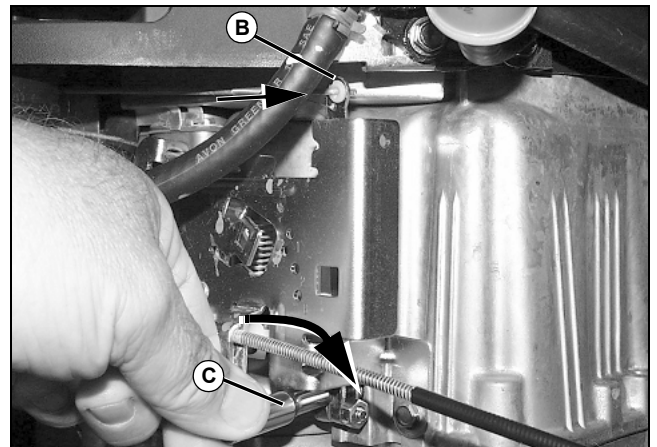
## Procedure:



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1. Loosen governor lever pinch bolt nut (A).
2. Move throttle lever to FAST.

**Important: Avoid Damage! Do not bend governor link or distort governor arm.**



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3. Hold governor arm (B) in FAST position (top arrow) and using 3/16 inch socket, turn governor shaft clockwise until it stops.
4. Hold governor arm and shaft in position. Tighten governor arm pinch bolt nut to specification.

## Specification:

Lock Nut . . . . . 4.5 N•m (40 lb-in.)

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## Governor Adjustment - Dynamic

(Full Throttle - No Load)

### Reason:

To verify the engine speed settings are within limits.

### Equipment:

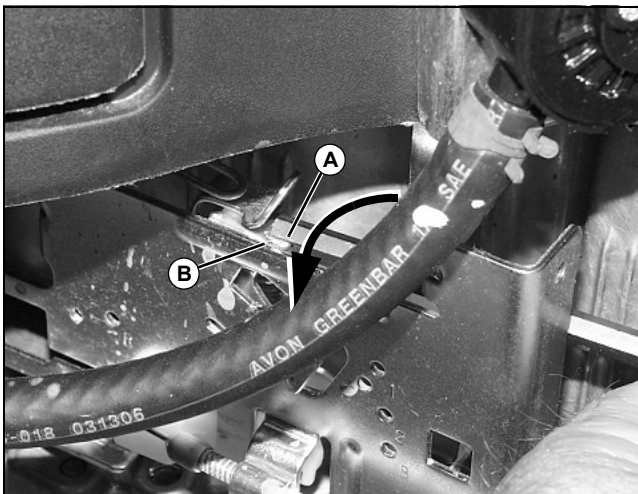
- JT07270 Pulse Tachometer, or
- JT05719 Digital Tachometer

### Procedure:



**Caution: Avoid Injury!** Before starting or running engine, static adjustment of the governor must be made. Failure to make static adjustments first, could result in engine overspeeding, and may result in engine or equipment damage, personal injury and/or property damage.

1. With engine running, set throttle lever to FAST.
2. Measure engine rpm.

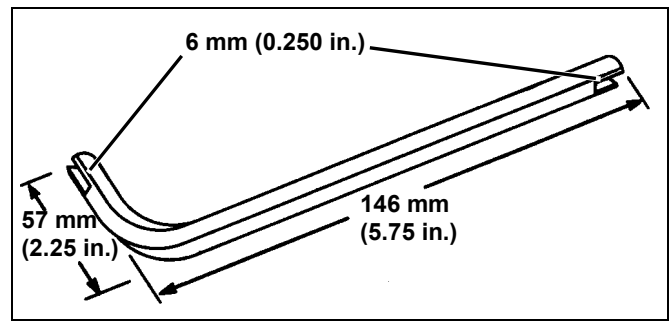


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**Picture Note: Arrow denotes direction to increase speed.**

**Important: Avoid Damage! Do not bend governor link or distort governor arm.**

3. Insert the governor adjusting tool (A) and bend the upper governor spring anchor (B) to adjust the top no load engine rpm to specification.
4. Bend the anchor UP (counter clockwise) to lengthen the spring and increase the rpm, or DOWN (clockwise) to shorten the spring and reduce the engine rpm.



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**Picture Note: A tool can be made from a 5/16 in. Allen wrench. Slots are cut into each end 6 mm (0.25 in.) across the width of the wrench.**

### Specification:

Top No Load rpm . . . . . 3350 ± 100 rpm

## Governed Idle Adjustment

### Reason:

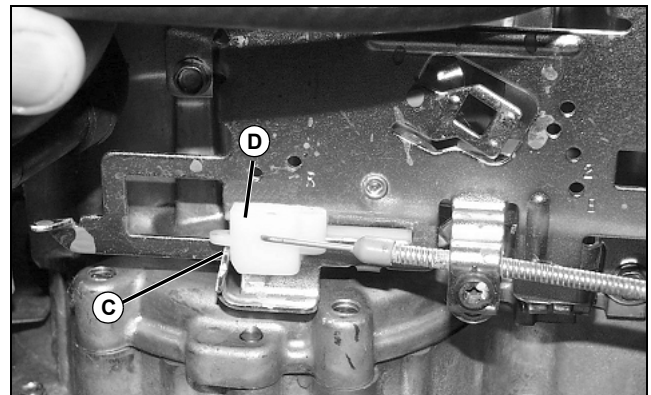
To set the governed idle speed.

### Equipment:

- JT07270 Pulse Tachometer, or
- JT05719 Digital Tachometer

### Procedure:

1. Start engine and run at 1/2 throttle for 5 minutes to bring engine to operating temperature.
2. Move throttle lever to slow position and check engine speed with tachometer.



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3. Tang (C) is a stop for remote control slide (D). If governed idle is not within specification, bend tang (C) to the right to increase rpm or to the left to decrease rpm. Make sure slide is against tab when checking rpms.

### Specification:

Governed Idle rpm . . . . . 2200 ± 300 rpm

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Product: John Deere LA100 Series (LA100, LA110, LA120, LA130, LA140) Lawn Garden Tractor Service Repair Technical Manual

## Slow Idle Carburetor Adjustment

### Reason:

To set the carburetor mixture screw for proper operation of the carburetor.

### Equipment:

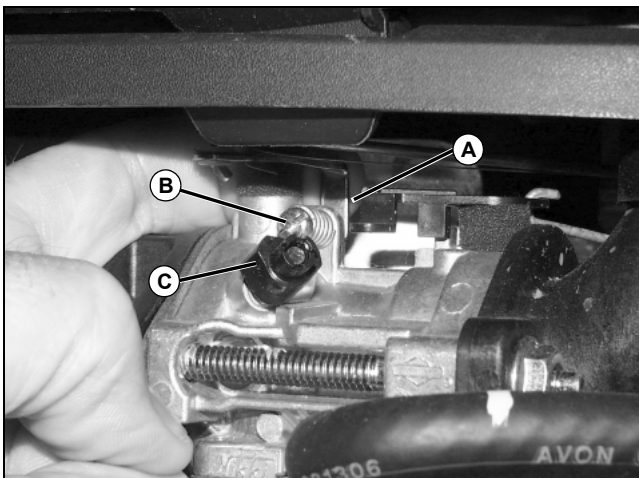
- JT07270 Pulse Tachometer, or
- JT05719 Digital Tachometer

**Important: Avoid Damage! To obtain correct adjustment, the procedure must be performed in the sequence shown.**

### Procedure:

**Important: Avoid Damage! When servicing engine (with engine running), remove hood to avoid damage from muffler exhaust heat.**

1. Remove hood assembly. "Hood Removal and Installation" on page 309 in the Miscellaneous section.
2. Start engine. Run at 1/2 throttle for 5 minutes to bring engine to operating temperature.
3. Move throttle to SLOW.



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4. Hold throttle closed so that tab (A) is against idle speed screw (B). Turn idle speed screw (B) to obtain 1750 rpm.
5. Adjust idle mixture screw (C) slowly until best idle is obtained.
6. Check rpms and re adjust if necessary.

### Specification:

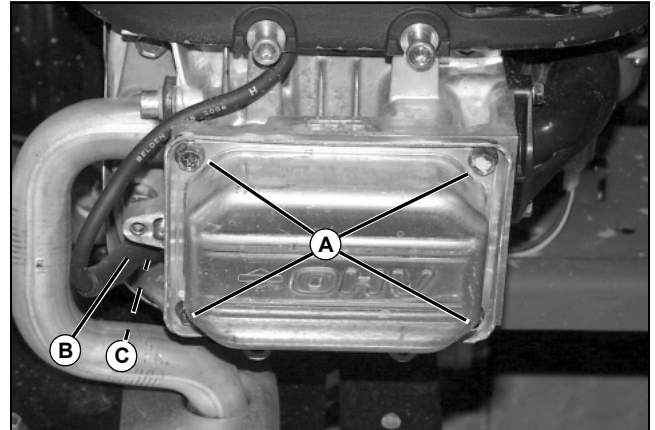
**Carburetor Slow Idle Speed. . . . . 1750 ± 50 rpm**

## Valve Clearance Adjustment

**Note: Correct position of crankshaft is necessary to eliminate interference by the compression release mechanism when adjusting valve clearance.**

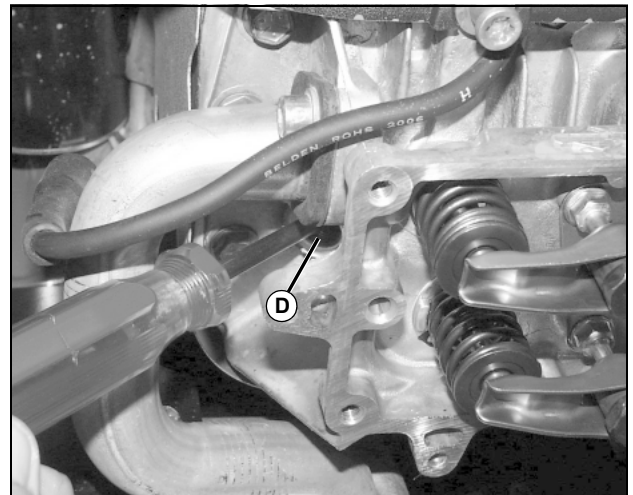
### Procedure:

1. Park machine safely and allow engine to cool.



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2. Remove four bolts and valve cover (A).
3. Disconnect spark plug wire (B) and remove spark plug (C).
4. Place thumb or finger over spark plug hole and turn crankshaft (clockwise viewed from top, counter clockwise viewed from bottom) until air pressure is felt in spark plug hole (engine is on compression stroke).



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5. Insert a screwdriver through the spark plug opening (D). Slowly continue to turn the crankshaft until the piston has pushed the screwdriver to the top of it's stroke and has started to move down again approximately **6.35 mm (0.25 in.)**.

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