

### OWNER'S MANUAL

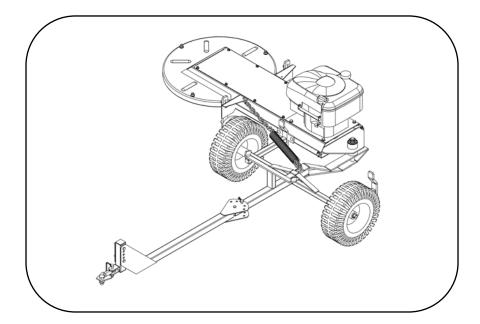
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MODEL NO. PST67522 PST67522-CA PST67522EC



CAUTION:

Read and follow all Safety Rules and Instructions Before Operating This Equipment



# POSTMASTER TOW MOWER & FENCE POST TRIMMER

Assembly
Operation
Service and Adjustment
Repair Parts



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#### SAFETY PRECAUTIONS & DECALS



This Safety Alert Symbol indicates important messages in this manual. When you see this symbol, carefully read the message that follows and be alert to the possibility of personal injury.

Read this manual completely. This machine can amputate hands and feet, and throw objects. Failure to observe the following safety instructions could result in serious injury or death.

- Read the manual. Learn to operate this machine safely.
- Always disconnect the spark plug wire and place the wire where it cannot contact the spark plug, to prevent accidental starting the engine when setting up, transporting, adjusting or making repairs.
- Keep all shields and guards in place.
- Understand the speed, steering and stability of this machine. Know the positions and operations of all controls before you operate this machine. Check all of the controls in a safe area before starting to work with this machine.
- Allow only responsible adults who are familiar with these instructions to operate this machine. **Never allow children to operate this machine.**
- Clear the area of objects such as rocks, toys, wire, etc. that can be picked up and thrown by the blade.
- Be sure the area is clear of other people before mowing. Be aware of the mower discharge direction and do not point at anyone. **Stop the machine** if anyone enters the mowing area. Children are often attracted to the machine and the mowing activity. *Never assume that children will remain where you last saw them.* Keep children under the watchful care of another responsible adult.
- No riders!
- Do not put hands or feet near or under rotating parts.
- Do not mow in reverse. Always look down and behind before and during backing.
- Turn off the unit when not mowing. Before leaving the machine, turn off the unit and stop the engine.
- Watch for traffic when operating near or crossing roadways.
- Do not operate the mower if it has been dropped or damaged in any manner or if the mower vibrates excessively. Excessive vibration is an indication of damage. Repair mower as necessary.
- Dress properly. Do not operate the mower when barefoot or wearing open sandals. Wear only solid shoes with good traction when mowing.
- Never allow operation by untrained persons.
- Do not operate the machine while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
- Do not operate on slopes greater than 15 degrees.
- Never tamper with safety devices. Check their proper operation regularly.
- Stop and inspect the equipment if you strike an object. Repair, if necessary, before restarting. Never make adjustments or repairs with the engine running.
- Do not operate at too fast a rate.





OD55- Danger- Triangle Decal

OD45- Warning Serious Injury Decal

#### **ASSEMBLY**

- Disconnect spark plug wire from spark plug and place where it cannot make a connection.
- All engines are filled with oil at the factory. Verify oil level and add if necessary before starting engine. (See Engine Owner's Manual)
- Verify fuel level and add if necessary before starting engine.
- Attach swivel hitch(H10TK) to L-Hitch(P/N H1), (See p.10). Then connect trimmer to tow vehicle.
- Install trimmer string to spinner weldment (P/N 2021TC). See p.5 for installation instructions.
- Reconnect spark plug wire.
- For proper operating procedures, Read pp. 4-7.

#### **OPERATING YOUR NEW CUTTER**



The operation of any mower can produce foreign objects to be thrown into the eyes, resulting in severe eye damage. Always wear certified safety glasses or wide-vision safety goggles over spectacles before starting any cutting machine and while operating such a machine.



The operation of any cutter produces sound waves that are damaging to the human ear. Ear protection is recommended.



#### **CAUTION!**

Tragic accidents can occur if the operator is not alert to the presence of children. Children are often attracted to the machine and the mowing activity. *Never assume that children will remain where you last saw them.* 



#### **SLOPE OPERATION!**

Use extra caution when mowing on slopes. Operate self-propelled units up and down slopes. There is a significant risk of overturns when operating across slopes. If you feel uneasy on a slope then **do not** mow it.

#### **INTENDED USE**

This is not a lawn mower. The Postmaster is designed to trim along fence rows, tree rows, etc. The Postmaster has been designed to run offset to either side and also offset from the center of the tow vehicle to provide additional cutting width.

#### **STOPPING THE ENGINE**

- Slide the throttle into the "STOP" position.
- Return unit to travel position.

#### **INSTALLING STRING** (Refer to OD63- String Diagram Decal)

- Use proper length string. Using a string too long for the unit will cause stalling and unacceptable operation.
- Remove any built-up debris gathered in string holder.
- Fold string in half, creating a balanced loop.
- Place loop of string against outside of loop on trimmer head.
- Bring ends around and through the loop and over the string loop.
- Pull ends to tighten loop
- Cut string off evenly with outside diameter of the cover to protect fence posts and other items being trimmed.



OD63- String Diagram Decal

#### **STARTING THE ENGINE**

- Remove any built-up debris from engine.
- Remove trimmer from travel rest and assemble into desired position.
- Check oil & fuel.
- Prime engine as directed. Note: A warm engine may not need to be primed.
- Slide throttle into "FAST" position.
- Pull engine coil rope. Do not pull recklessly.
- Adjust throttle to desired engine RPM. For maximum results, operate in the full throttle position.

#### PREPARING FOR FIRST USE

- Check engine crankcase for oil. Check with engine dipstick. Do not overfill. See engine manual for proper oil level.
- Fill fuel tank with fresh gasoline. Never fill tank in an enclosed area!
- Check to ensure string has been installed correctly.
- Start trimmer as directed above.
- Under supervision, allow strings to rotate and engine to idle for 5 minutes. This breaks-in the engine and the belt.
- Stop engine.

#### **BEGIN TRIMMING**

- Make sure area is clear of all bystanders.
- Make sure that all guards, belt guides, and the spark plug wire are properly attached.
- Start engine, setting desired engine speed. **Note: This machine is designed to operate at maximum engine speed.**
- Start trimming in a low gear. Some bounce may occur when trimmer is returning into position. Use caution.

#### **BACKING THE UNIT**

See Transporting.

#### **TRANSPORTING**

- Stop engine and remove wire from spark plug.
- Wait for all moving parts to come to a complete stop.
- Place unit into travel position.
- This position is recommended while backing the unit.

#### **•CUTTING HEIGHT**

- There are five height settings.
- Stop engine.
- Place unit into travel mode to make adjustments.
- Pull the hairpins and clevis pins out and set both rollers at equal settings.
- Replace hardware.

#### **TENSION ADJUSTMENT**

- Spring return-tension should be increased before trimming dense-grass areas.
- Always stop engine while making adjustments.
- Place unit into travel position to make adjustments.
- Move snap hook on chain closer to spring to increase tension.
- Move snap hook to the end furthest from spring to lessen tension.
- Always have chain and spring attached at both ends.

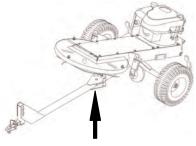
#### HITCH OFFSET ADJUSTMENT

- Take unit out of travel position.
- Pull ball-lock-pin out of hitch, pivot hitch left or right into the desired offset.
- Replace pin securely, assuring that it locks into position.
- Offset to the opposite side by un-hooking chain connector on the roller bracket. Pivot deck around to other side and re-attach to opposite roller bracket.



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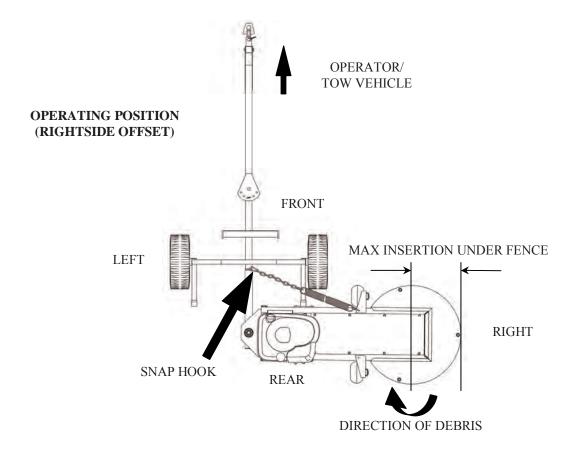
SHUT OFF ENGINE AND REMOVE WIRE FROM SPARK PLUG BEFORE MAKING ANY ADJUSTMENTS TO THE UNIT.



Ball-Lock-Pin
TRAVEL POSITION

#### **SUGGESTED PRACTICES**

- Always operate engine at full throttle when cutting to assure the best cutting performance and proper discharge of material.
- Offset unit to the right-hand side whenever possible (as shown). Debris is thrown away from the operator.
- If grass is wet, allow it to dry. Wet grass will clump and collect, clean unit regularly.
- When cutting dense areas go slow. Some dense areas may need to be gone over twice.
- Do not operate trimmer if it vibrates abnormally. Excessive vibration is a sign of damage. Stop the engine and safely check for damage. Repair as necessary.
- For best results, Do not insert cutting head more than halfway through the fence line.



#### TRIMMER MAINTENANCE & SERVICE



#### **CAUTION!**

SHUT OFF ENGINE AND REMOVE WIRE FROM SPARK PLUG BEFORE MAKING ANY ADJUSTMENTS TO THE UNIT.



USE PROPER TOOLS FOR ANY ADJUSTMENTS, DISASSEMBLY, OR REPAIRS.

#### **STORAGE**

- Do not store engine indoors or other poorly ventilated areas.
- If unit is to be stored for longer than 30 days, prepare as directed below:

  Drain fuel outside into an approved container.

  Start engine and run until unit is completely out of fuel. Removing fuel prevents gum deposits from forming inside carburetor. Gum deposits can malfunction the engine.

  Let engine cool.

#### **SEASONAL MAINTENANCE**

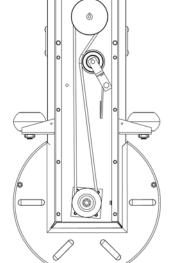
- Replace the spark plug.
- Clean or replace the air filter and fuel filter.
- Change oil.
- Check belts, tires, hardware, etc. for wear and damage. Repair as necessary.
- New spark plug, clean air filter, and clean fuel filter assure proper air-fuel mixture and help engine perform better and last longer.

#### **BEFORE EACH USE**

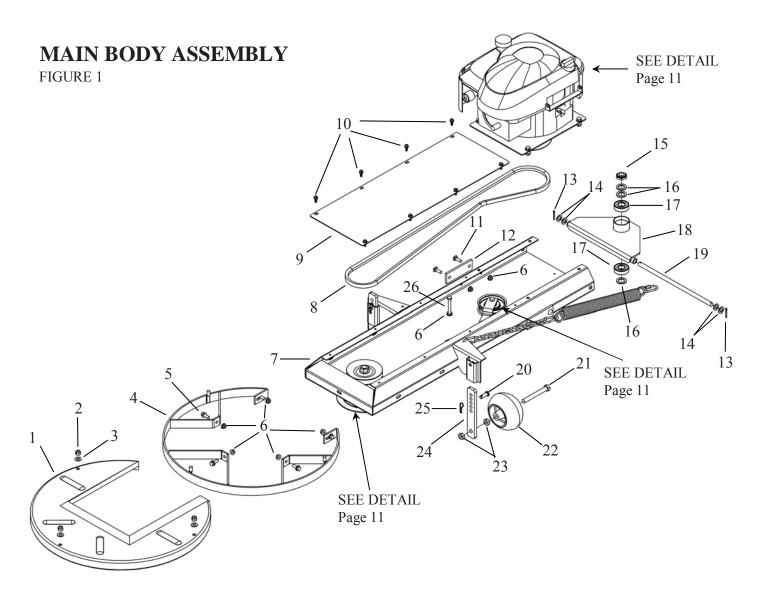
- Check and fill engine oil on a level surface. If oil appears black or soiled, change immediately.
- Check condition of filters, spark plug, tires, etc. Clean or replace if necessary.
- Replace/repair strings as necessary.
- Check for loose hardware and tighten as needed.

#### **BELT REPLACEMENT**

- Stop engine and remove wire from spark plug.
- Remove belt cover.
- Move idler pulley to free belt and hold.
- Remove old belt.
- Install new belt. Start at the engine pulley and work the belt around the drive pulley and onto the backside of the idler pulley.
- Release idler pulley.
- Replace belt cover.



#### **BELT CONFIGURATION**



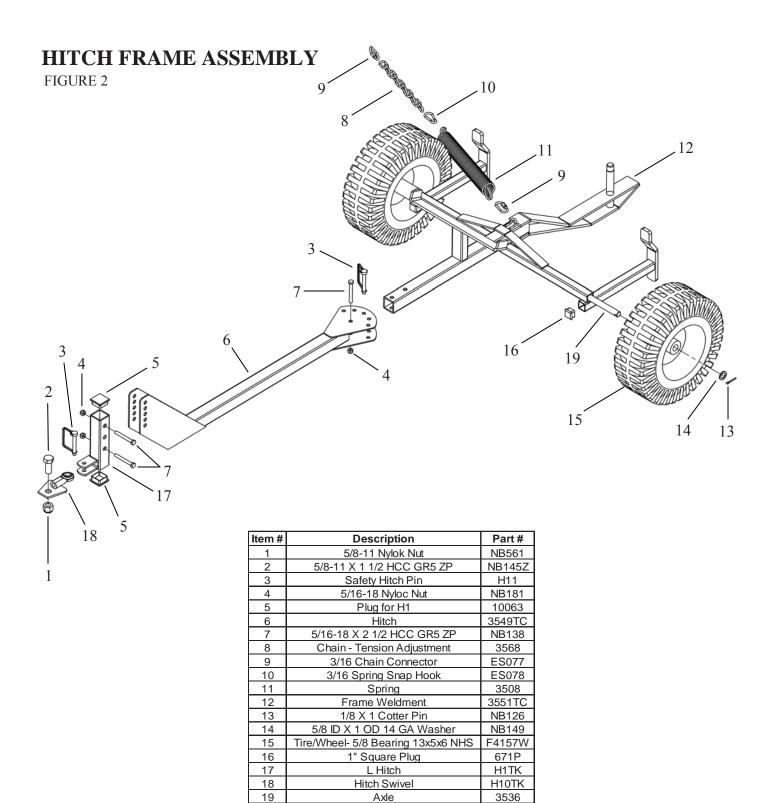
Item #	Description	Part #
1	Plastic Cover	3526
2	3/8-16 Nyloc Nut	NB182
3	3/8 SAE Washer	NB272
4	Guard Weldment	3532TK
5	5/16-18 X 3/4 Serr Flng Bolt	NB596
6	5/16-18 Serrated Flng Nut	NB170
7	Motor Base	3548TC
8	Belt 74"	4220
9	Belt Cover	3501TC
10	#14 X 3/4 HX Tek Screw ZP	NB161
11	5/16-18 X 1 Carriage Bolt	NB516
12	Wear Strip	3519
13	1/8 X 1 Cotter Pin	NB126

Item #	Description	Part #
14	1/2 NR Mach Bushing 14 GA	NB177
15	3/4-16 Jam Nylok Nut	NB122
16	13/16 X 1 1/4 X 1/8 Washer	NB195
17	Blade Bearing	B98
18	Pivot Weldment	3530TK
19	Pivot Bar (Zinc Plated)	3504Z
20	Clevis Pin Std Zp 3/8 X 1 1/8	NB300
21	1/2-13 X 4 HCCGR5ZP	NB132
22	Gauge Wheel	3511
23	1/2-13 2-Way Jam Lock Nut	NB121
24	Height Adjust Bar	3515TK
25	#3 Hair Pin (A155H)	NB127
26	5/16-18 X 2 3/4 HCCGR2ZP	NB106

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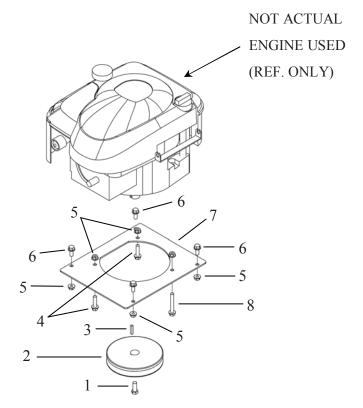
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#### **ENGINE ASSEMBLY**

FIGURE 3

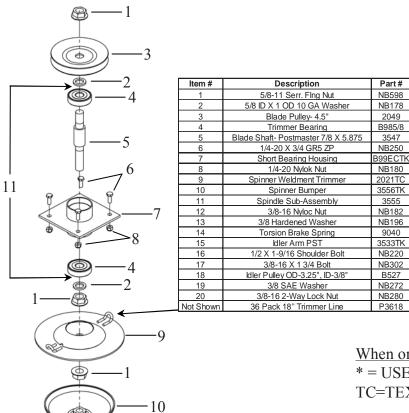
Item #	Description	Part #
1	3/8-24 X 1 Engine Bolt Locktite	NB238N
2	Engine Pulley- 6"	2065
3	3/16 X 1 Key Stock	9030
4	5/16-18 X 1 1/4 Serr. Flng Bolt	NB253
5	5/16-18 Serr. Flng Nut	NB170
6	5/16-18 X 3/4 Serr. Flng Bolt	NB596
7	Motor Base	3506TC
8	5/16-18 X 2 1/4 Flng Serr. GR5 ZP	NB622
	6.75 HP B&S Engine	N/A

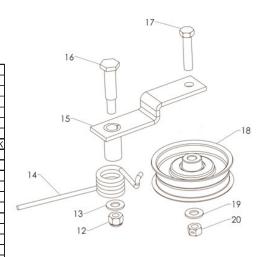


#### **BLADE DRIVER ASSEMBLY**

FIGURE 4

#### **IDLER ASSEMBLY** FIGURE 5





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### **POSTMASTER**

Each mower has its own model number. Each engine has its own model number. The model number for the mower will be found on the right hand side of the drive belt housing. The model number for the engine will be found on the top of the blower fan housing.

All mower parts listed herein may be ordered directly from Swisher or your nearest Swisher dealer.

All engine parts may be ordered from the nearest dealer of the engine supplied with your mower.

WHEN ORDERING PARTS, PLEASE HAVE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION AVAILABLE:

- \* PRODUCT TRAILMOWER
- \* SERIAL NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_
- \* MODEL NUMBER -
- \* ENGINE MODEL NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ TYPE -
- \* PART NUMBER
- \* PART DESCRIPTION

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