



## **Operator's Manual**



## 8000 SERIES ZTR® MOWERS



### **IMPORTANT - READ CAREFULLY**

The Dixon <sup>®</sup> ZTR <sup>®</sup> Mower is both easy and fun to operate. However, any power mower must be operated properly to be safe. It is not a toy or a recreational vehicle. Before you start to use the mower, read the operator's manual carefully and become completely familiar with the controls.

The information in this operator's manual applies to all Dixon  $^{\mathbb{R}}$  ZTR  $^{\mathbb{R}}$  8000 Series Commercial Mowers. Your Dixon dealer will gladly answer any questions.

See your dealer for warranty service, parts and repairs.



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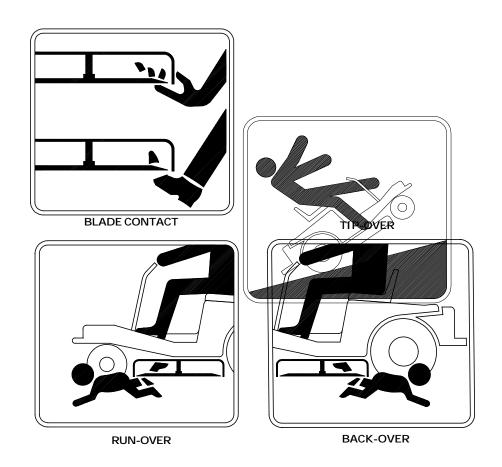
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## RIDING LAWNMOWERS, IF IMPROPERLY OPER-ATED, CAN CAUSE SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH

The most common causes of injury to the operator or bystander...



...read and understand this manual to prevent injuries.





## Safety Alert Symbol

When you see this symbol, BE ALERT to the potential for injury.

# Follow recommended safety precautions and safe operating practices.



#### Danger

indicates an imminently hazardous situation which, if not avoided, will result in death or serious injury.



#### 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. It may also be used to alert against unsafe practices.



This cutting mower is capable of amputating hands & feet, and throwing objects. Failure to observe the following safety instructions could result in serious injury or death.

### GENERAL OPERATION:

- Read, understand, and follow all instructions in the manual and on the mower before starting.
- Only allow responsible adults, who are familiar with the instructions, to operate the mower.
- Clear the area of objects such as rocks, toys, wire, etc., which could be picked up and thrown by the blade.
- Be sure the area is clear of other people before mowing. Stop mower if anyone enters the area.
- Never carry passengers.
- Do not mow in reverse unless absolutely necessary. Always look down and behind before and while backing.
- Be aware of the mower discharge direction and do not point it at anyone. Do not operate the mower without either the entire grass catcher or the deflector in place.
- Slow down before turning.
- Never leave a running mower unattended. Always turn off blades, set parking brake, stop engine, and remove key before dismounting.
- Turn off blades when not mowing.
- Stop engine before removing grass catcher or unclogging chute.
- Mow only in daylight or good artificial light.
- Do not operate the mower while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
- Watch for traffic when operating near or crossing roadways.
- Use extra care when loading or unloading the mower into a trailer or truck. Do not ride the mower when loading & unloading.
- Always wear safety goggles or safety glasses with side shields when operating mower.
- Data indicates that operators, age 60 years and above, are involved in a large percentage of riding mower-related injuries. These operators should evaluate their ability to operate the riding mower safely enough to protect themselves and others from serious injury.
- Follow the manufacturer's recommendation for wheel weights or counterweights.
- Maintain or replace safety and instruction labels, as necessary.



### **SLOPE OPERATION:**

Slopes are a major factor related to loss-of-control and tip-over accidents, which can result in severe injury or death.

All slopes require extra caution.

If you cannot back up the slope or if you feel uneasy on it, do not mow it!

#### DO

Mow across the slope with your Dixon ZTR - never up or down.

Remove obstacles such as rocks, tree limbs, etc.

Watch for holes, ruts or bumps. Uneven terrain could overturn the mower. Tall grass can hide obstacles.

Use slow speed. Tires may lose traction on slopes even though the brakes are functioning properly.

Use extra care with grass catchers or other attachments. These can change the stability of the mower.

Keep all movement on the slopes slow and gradual. Do not make sudden changes in speed or direction.

Avoid starting or stopping on a slope. If tires lose traction, disengage the blades and proceed slowly down the slope.

If front wheels lift off the ground, pull the levers back to stabilize the mower.

#### DO NOT

Do not turn on slopes unless necessary, and then, turn slowly and gradually downhill, if possible.

**Do not** mow near drop-offs, ditches, or embankments. The mower could suddenly turn over if a wheel is over the edge of a cliff or ditch, or if an edge caves in.

*Do not* mow on wet grass. Reduced traction could cause sliding.

*Do not* try to stabilize the mower by putting your foot on the ground.

*Do not* use grass catcher on steep slopes.



### CHILDREN:

Tragic accidents can occur if the operator is not alert to the presence of children.

Children are attracted to lawn mowers and the mowing activity.

NEVER assume children will stay where they were last seen.

Be alert to avoid accidents.

- Keep children out of the mowing area and under the watchful care of another responsible adult.
- Be alert and turn mower off if a child enters the area.
- Before and during backing, look behind and DOWN for small children.
- Never carry children. They may fall off and be seriously injured or interfere with safe mower operation.
- Never allow children to operate the mower.
- Use extra care when approaching blind corners, shrubs, trees, or other objects that may obscure vision.



### SERVICE:

• Use extra care in handling gasoline and other fuels. They are flammable and vapors are explosive.

Use only an approved container.

Never remove gas cap or add fuel with the engine running. Allow engine to cool before refueling. Do not smoke.

Never refuel the mower indoors.

Never store the mower or fuel container inside a building where there is an open flame,

If fuel is spilled on clothing, change clothing immediatley.

To prevent fire and explosion caused by static electricity:

Never fill containers inside a vehicle or on a truck or trailer bed with a plastic liner. Always place containers on the ground away from your vehicle before filling.

When practical, remove gas-powered equipment from the truck or trailer and refuel it on the ground. If this is not possible, then refuel such equipment on a trailer with a portable container, rather than from a gasoline dispenser nozzle.

If a gasoline dispenser nozzle must be used, keep the nozzle in contact with the rim of the fuel tank or container opening at all times until fueling is complete. Do not use a nozzle lock-open device.

- Never run a mower inside a closed area. The exhaust fumes are toxic.
- Keep nuts and bolts tight, especially blade attachment bolts, and keep equipment in good condition.
- Never tamper with safety devices. Check their proper operation regularly.
- Keep mower free of grass, leaves, or other debris buildup. Clean up oil or fuel spillage. Allow mower to cool before storing.
- Stop and inspect the equipment if you strike an object. Repair, if necessary, before restarting.
  - Never make adjustments or repairs with the engine running.
- Grass catcher components are subject to wear, damage, and deterioration, which could expose moving parts or allow objects to be thrown. Frequently check components and replace with original equipment parts, when necessary.

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## DIXON LIMITED WARRANTY POLICY - COMMERCIAL MODELS

8000 Series

WARRANTY: <u>Home Owner Application</u>: This Dixon Warranty term is for a period of three (3) years from date of purchase. <u>Commercial Application</u>: Dixon mowers used for commercial application are warranted for one (1) year from the date of purchase or 750 hours whichever comes first. Commercial use is specified as use other than, or in addition to, mowing at owner's primary place of residence.

DIXON ZTR MOWERS ARE WARRANTED AGAINST DEFECTS IN MATERIALS AND WORKMANSHIP AND PROVIDES FOR REPLACEMENT OR REPAIR OF PARTS INCLUDING LABOR COSTS. THIS WARRANTY IS SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS AND LIMITATIONS:

- 1. Warranty applies only to original retail purchaser of new and unused mowers and accessories.
- 2. All Dixon warranty must be accomplished by authorized Dixon dealers and in accordance with Dixon warranty policy and allowances. All warranty claims must be approved by Dixon Industries, Inc.
- 3. Battery warranty: Limited to <u>90 days</u> from date of purchase.
- 4. Accessories Warranty (Grass Catchers, Snow Blades, Covers, etc.): Limited to 90 days from date of purchase.
- Warranty does not apply to damage in transit or incidents of misuse, negligence, accidents, or alteration. The use of parts or components other than those supplied by Dixon Industries, Inc. VOIDS ALL WARRANTY.
- 6. The following items are not covered by this warranty policy:
  - (a) Pick up and delivery charges for transportation of mower to and from an Authorized Dixon dealer's place of business.
  - (b) Routine maintenance or adjustments.
  - (c) Belts/cutting blades/HydroGear filters.
  - (d) Engines All engines used on Dixon ZTR mowers are warranted by each individual engine manufacturer.
  - (e) Any costs or expense of providing substitute equipment while repair work is being performed on a warranted mower.
- 7. There is no other express warranty. Implied warranties, including those of merchantability and fitness for a particular purpose, are limited to the same duration of the express warranty, and to the extent permitted by law any and all implied warranties are excluded. Liabilities for consequential damages under any and all warranties are excluded.

	Blue/Customer	Yellow/Dealer	White/Dixon Ind.
			must review each portion of this warranty ner's signature &send copy to Dixon Industries, Inc
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Owner's Name			Dealership
Address		Ā	ddress
Owner's Signature			Pealer's Signature

## **SPECIFICATIONS**

Specifications go here

### **8000 Series**

**CHASSIS:** 11 GA - rectangular tube

**BODY:** Folded sheet metal.

**SEAT:** Designed for operator comfort with padded back and arm rests. Seat is adjustable

fore and aft.

2 Decks are available. Both decks are made of 10 GA fabricated welded **MOWER DECK:** 

construction with 7-" GA reinforcement plate. 3 blades combine for either a 60" or 72" cut width. Cut height approximately 1.5" to 6" via 11 position lift handle.

**BLADE DRIVE:** Electric clutch

**DRIVE SYSTEM:** Each rear wheel is independently driven by a HydroGear BDA pump and White

CE wheel motor.

**ENGINE:** 25HP Kohler Command, 4-Cycle, V-Configuration, Overhead Valve, Air-

Cooled, Gasoline, Vertical Shaft, Aluminum Head, and Crankcase with Cast Iron Liners, Full Pressure Lubrication/Full Flow Filter, Pulse-type Fuel Pump, Fixed Jet Carburetor w/Smart-Choke, Electronic Ignition, In-Line Fuel Filter, Dual

Element Air Cleaner.

STARTING SYSTEM: Electric by key switch operation with safety interlocks on parking brake and blade

drive clutch.

TIRES: **Front** 13-6.5x6

> 23-10.5x12 Rear

RECOMMENDED Front 12 lbs. TIRE PRESSURE: 12 lbs. Rear

**CAPACITIES:** 

Fuel - 11.5 gallons (approx) Hydrostat oil tank - 4 quart with in-line 40 micron filter

Hydrostat oil recommendation, refer to page 36

Engine - 2 qts. SAE 10W30 (with filter)

**DIMENSIONS:** Width 73.5"(60" Deck), 85.5"(72" Deck)

> Height *87*" Length

Weight 1020 lbs. (60" Deck), 1054 lbs. (72" Deck)

NOTE: Additional information provided in service instructions under the individual

component.

SPECIFICATIONS SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE

## SEAT ADJUSTMENT INSTRUCTIONS

## 8000 Series Models

#### FORE & AFT ADJUSTMENT

- 1. Grasp seat slide adjuster and move it into adjustment position.
- 2. Slide seat forward or backward.
- 3. Release seat slide adjuster.

SEAT BACK ADJUSTMENT

- 1. Rotate knob clockwise to recline.
- 2. Rotate knob counter-clockwise to raise.

## SHOW HOW TO REMOVE BOOT & RAISE AND LOWER & ROTATE CONTROL HANDLES

# ADD INFO ON HEADLIGHT POSITION ON START SWITCH

### PARKING BRAKE:

The parking brake is designed to hold the mower from moving and is *not* intended for use in stopping the mower while it is in motion.



Engage parking brake before starting engine

#### TO SET PARKING BRAKE:

The hand operated parking brake is located at *left* hand side of mower.

To engage brake, pull upward.

To release brake, move lever downward.

NOTE: Always set parking brake before dismounting.

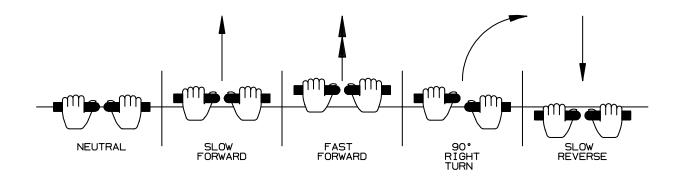
Release parking brake before moving mower.

#### **HYDRO-GEAR DRIVE SYSTEM:**

Allows the mower to turn on its own axis (zero turning radius).

Each lever controls one side of the mower.

NOTE: The pressure required to operate the mower is very light.



# SHOW HOW TO REMOVE BOON FROLISE

**ADD** 

### **BLADE DRIVE:**

Located on control panel, on operator's right.

To engage blades: Pull up on the switch.

To disengage blades: Push down.

### MOWER DECK CUT HEIGHT LIFT LEVER:

Located to the right and front of operator.

Controls the cutting height.

Eleven positions of adjustment.

NOTE: Always use high position for transport.

The safe and successful operation of the Model ZTR 8000 Series will depend upon the operator having the correct knowledge of all controls used on the mower and making good judgements about the terrain to be mowed.

**NEVER** allow anyone to operate the mower without complete knowledge of all controls and their functions.

During initial operation, "learning to drive", set throttle at slow speed.

Sound judgement by the owner will prevent accidents.

## **BEFORE OPERATING MOWER:**

- 1. Read engine manufacturer's operating and maintenance instructions.
- 2. Discuss proper maintenance with your dealer.
- 3. Read and observe all safety instructions on your mower and in the manual.
- 4. Check engine oil.
- 5. Check gas cap to be sure it is in place.
- 6. Be sure parking brake is on.
- 7. Mower blade drive is off.
- 8. Know how to stop engine. (Turn key to off position)



### **TESTING OF SAFETY INTERLOCK SYSTEMS:**

Do not operate mower if safety switches are not operating properly.

Your Zero Turning Radius Mower is equipped with switches interlocked for your safety.

- 1. The mower blades must be disengaged before the engine will start.
- 2. The steering control levers must be in neutral "OUT" position before the engine will start.
- 3. The engine will stop if the mower blade clutch is engaged when the operator leaves the driver's seat.
- 4. The engine will stop if the brake is "SET" and the steering control levers are moved to the "IN" position.

### **BLADE DRIVE SWITCH TEST: (Electric Clutch)**

- a. With the electric blade drive switch turned on and the parking brake in "ON" position, engine should not turn over or attempt to start when key switch is moved to the start position.
- b. In a SAFE AREA away from bystanders, start the engine, place throttle setting at maximum or full. Engage the blade drive through the electric clutch switch. Raise weight slightly off of seat. *Engine should stop*.
- c. If any Safety Check fails, do not operate the mower until the system has been checked and repaired by an Authorized Dixon ZTR Dealer.

### STARTING INSTRUCTIONS: Cold Engine

- 1. Push throttle control lever to 1/2 setting.
- 2. Push choke control lever forward.
- 3. Insert ignition key and turn to "Start" position. When engine starts, release ignition key. Key will return to "Run" position.
- 4. Once engine starts to *warm up*, slowly push choke control lever back to the fully open position.
- 5. Move throttle control lever to the *wide open or maximum* setting for actual operation of the mower deck.
- 6. Engine must be operated at *wide open or maximum* setting to insure adequate lubrication, cooling and cut quality of the mower deck.

**NOTE:** Model ZTR 8025 will require a slightly longer warm up period using partial choke settings.

### STARTING INSTRUCTIONS: Engine has been operated.

- 1. Move throttle control lever to 1/4 to 1/2 setting.
- 2. Insert ignition key and turn to "Start" position. When engine starts, release ignition key. Key will return to "Run" position.
- 3. Move throttle control lever to *wide open or maximum* setting for actual operation of the mower deck.

**NOTE:** Model ZTR 8000 Series may require partial choke setting to start even if the engine has been operated for a period of time.

4. Engine must be operated at *wide open or maximum* setting to insure adequate lubrication, cooling and cut quality of the mower deck.



DO NOT operate the engine in an enclosed area due to the harmful exhaust gas produced.

**NOTE:** On initial operation, set throttle at slow speed.

Engine cannot be restarted when blade is engaged.

Safety switches stop engine when operator leaves seat while mower blade is engaged.

Always turn engine off when leaving mower.

In order to achieve optimum cutting performance, please read and follow the tips listed below.

Additional information can be found in the troubleshooting guide beginning on page 35.



Be sure that deflector is properly installed on the discharge chute.

**Best Cut Heights:** 

- 1. Set engine speed control to the wide open or full setting.
- 2. Do Not Attempt To Cut Grass When It Is Wet. Wet grass will clog the underside of the deck and discharge area.
- 3. If the grass is tall, place the mower deck cut height lever in the top or second notch. "Initially" overlap cutting swaths instead of a full swath with each pass. Some applications may require a second cutting.
- 4. Keep The Underside Of The Mower Deck Clean. Frequent removal of dried grass and dirt will allow the clippings to discharge correctly.
- 5. Maintain Sharp Blade(s) Throughout The Cutting Season.

Grass Types:

#### **GRASS HEIGHT SUGGESTIONS:**

Correct mowing height can reduce weeds and disease by 50% to 80%

The following grass cut heights are based on adequate moisture conditions and normal thatch buildup in a healthy lawn. Some locations and applications may require slightly different cut heights. If in doubt, consult your local lawn professional for assistance.

Craes Types.	Beet Gut Height
Zoysia	2" - 2 1/2"
Blue Grass	1 1/2" - 3"
Fescue Blends	1 1/2" - 3"
St. Augustine (Mid South)	1 1/2" - 2"
St. Augustine (Deep South	i) 3" - 4"
Tifton Bermuda	1 1/2"
Centipede	1 1/2" - 2"
Common Bermuda	1 1/2" - 2"
Bahia/Argentina/Pensacola	a 2"

## **A** CAUTION

Before performing any maintenance, turn off engine, allow to cool, remove key and disconnect spark plugs. Use extreme care when working on machinery. Do not wear watch or jewelry. Do not wear loose fitting clothes, and observe all common safety practices with tools.

## MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE

Check drive belts
every 50 hours (20 hours break-in)
Check crankcase oil level
before each use
Clean grass from Hydrostat fans and cooling fans before
each use
Check air intake screen
after each use
Clean grass under deck
after each use
Check tire pressure
every 10 hours
Check battery fluid
every 10 hours
Sharpen mower blades
every 10 hours Clean air filter element
every 25 hours
Check hydrostatic transmission fluid
every 25 hours
Service air filter element.
every 100 hours
Change engine crankcase oil
100 hours
(5 hours break-in)
Change engine oil filter
every 200 hours
Change hydrostat oil & oil filter
every 500 hours
(100 hours break-in)
Replace air filter element
every 500 nours  Check spark plugs
500 hours
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#### **ENGINE:**

For complete maintenance and operating information of the engine, please refer to the maintenance instructions furnished by the engine manufaturer and included in your Zero Turn Radius Mower information packet.

**Note**: Air intake screen must be kept clean. If plugged, engine may be seriously damaged by over heating.



Battery electrolyte is a poisonous and corrosive acid solution. Avoid spilling on skin,

Check the fluid in the battery at frequent intervals.

Keep fluid level above the plates in each cell, using distilled water.

#### **OFF SEASON BATTERY STORAGE:**

Identify each cable so cables can be reconnected to correct terminals.

Disconnect cables from terminals.

ALWAYS disconnect ground cable first and reconnect last.

Charge battery.

DO NOT remove battery from mower.

Clean top of battery and terminals with baking soda and water.

#### TIRES:

tire

Correct tire pressure is essential for efficient operation of the mower. Check pressure periodically. Inflate tires to the pressure listed below.

Front tires -12 lbs.

Rear tires - 12 lbs.

Lug nuts or lug bolts should be checked regularly for tightness.

Stop engine, remove ignition key and spark plugs for heavy, thick gloves when holding onto cutter blade, avoid the sharp edge of the blade.

### **MOWER BLADES:**

Check sharpness of mower blades after every 10 hours of operation. To sharpen blades, proceed as follows.

- ?? A. Remove bolt, lock washer, and cup washer mounting blade on shaft. Remove blade.
  - B. Blades should be discarded when worn excessively.
- C. Sharpen blade with a hand file, electric grinder or blade sharpener. Wear gloves and eye protection when sharpening.

  Grind blade at original 25 degree bevel.
- D. Check balance of blade by positioning the blade on a nail or blade balance pedestal. Grind the blade on the end that is heavier until both sides balance.
- E. Install blade, cup washer, lock washer and bolt to 60 ft. lbs.

  New Blade

  New Blade

25 When notch starts, degrees discard blade

### **BELTS:**

Check belts every 50 hours. Replace any belts found to be in poor condition.

All belts are equipped with spring loaded belt tighteners and do not require tightening adjustments.

### LUBRICATION:

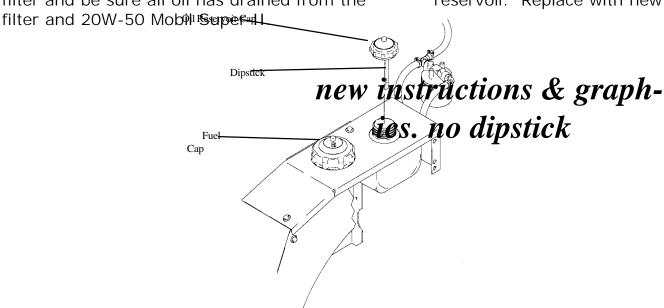
- A. Engine: Follow engine manufacturer's recommendation.
- B. Deck spindles: Lubricate with 3 "shots" only, every 100 hours.
- C. Hydrostatic transmission and filter (follow instructions listed below).

Dirt or water in oil can ruin the hydrostatic transmissions.

## CHECKING & REPLENISHING OIL IN HYDRO-STATIC TRANSMISSION

Check the oil level in hydrostatic transmission oil reservoir after every 25 hours of usage. Clean the oil reservoir cap and the area around it prior to removal. Check the oil level on the dipstick. The proper oil level should register between the marked hole on the dipstick and the end of the dipstick. Replenish as needed with 20W-50 Motor Oil. DO NOT OVERFILL. When checking the oil level, be very careful to keep the reservoir clean.

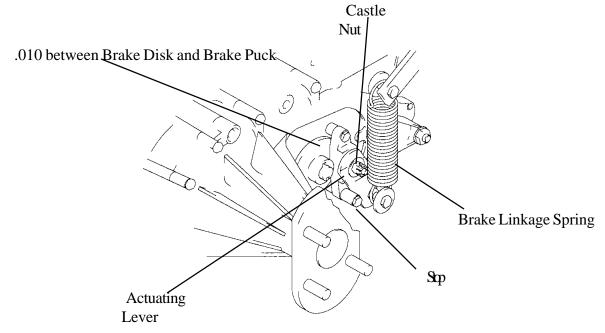
Change the oil in the reservoir and hydrostat transmission oil filter after the first 100 hours of use. Then every 500 hours after that. Remove the filter and be sure all oil has drained from the reservoir. Replace with new



Please dispose of used oil at proper collection centers - protect your environment

### PARKING BRAKE ADJUSTMENT

With the brake handle in the release position, remove the cotter pin from the castle nut. Insert a 0.010 feeler gauge between the brake disc and the brake puck. Tighten the castle nut with the feeler gauge inserted until the gauge fits snugly between the disc and puck. The gap should not be so tight that the feeler gauge cannot be reinserted after removal. Back the castle nut to the closest pin hole and reinsert the cotter pin. Repeat for other side. See picture below.



### HYDROSTATIC TRANSMISSIONS:

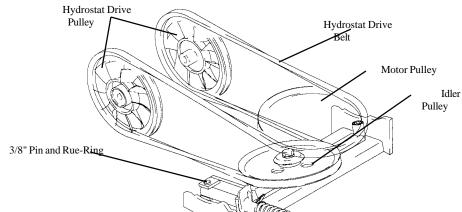
Before each use, check to be sure that the cooling fins of the hydrostatic transmissions are clean. Excessive accumulation of oil, dirt, or trash may cause the transmissions to overheat. NEVER WASH ACROSS TOP OF RESERVOIR WITH WATER OR STEAM. Fill reservoir as required per the maintenance schedule listed in this book.

## HYDROSTAT DRIVE BELT REPLACEMENT PRO-CEDURE:

(The hydrostatic drive is equipped with a manual belt take-up).

- A. Remove the 3/8" locknut, washers, and rubber spacer from the rear of the assembly.
- B. Allow the idler arm/pulley to swing forward towards the fornt of the mower. Remove old belt if required. Replace with new belt.
- C. With the belt in place on all pulleys, reinsert the rubber spacer, washers, and 3/8" locknut. Tighten 3/8" locknut until rubber spacer is deflected approximately 1/8" to 3/16". Make sure belt is not too tight. Belt deflection or movement should be approximately

1/4" to 1/2" when measured at mid-point between hydro and idler pulley.



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### STEERING CONTROL ADJUSTMENTS

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### A. To Adjust Neutral:

- 1. Remove the fender skirts from each side of the machine.
- 2. Block up the unit so that the Drive Wheels are off the ground.
- 3. Start the engine and run at a fast idle with the Steering control levers in the "out" position.
- 4. Loosen the locknuts tightened against the rod end ball joints in the Upper Linkage Assembly.

NOTE: One of these is a left hand nut and will have to be turned backwards.

- 5. Adjust the Neutral Position by turning the rod in the upper linkage until the wheel stops turning.
- 6. Retighten the nuts on the Upper Linkage Assembly and check to see that the drive wheel is still not turning.
  - 7. Repeat steps 1-6 for the other side.
  - 8. Shut off engine before removing the blocks.
  - B. To Adjust "IN" Position of the Steering Controls:
- 1. Remove the two front bolts, lockwashers, and washers which hold the fender cap.
- 2. Pull the boot from the hole in the fender cap, exposing the cast iron lever.
  - 3. Using a 5/32" Allen wrench, turn the setscrew to adjust the stop.
  - 4. Replace the boot into the hole in the fender cap.
  - 5. Replace the two front bolts, lockwashers and washers.

### C. To Align Handles:

Sit on the seat and push the control levers full forward and full backward. If the ends do not match, the handles may be adjusted as follows:

1. Locate setscrew stops in the steering control lever base which stop the lever in each direction

NOTE: The one at the rear is the stop for FWD and the one in the front is the stop for REV.

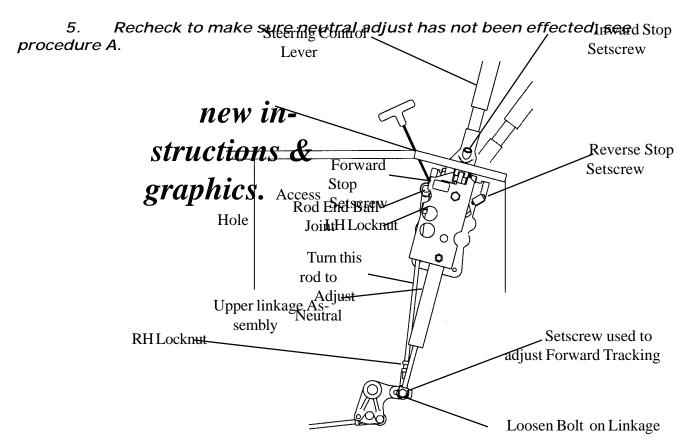
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STEERING CONTROL ADJUSTMENTS (continued):

#### D. Adjusting for Straight Forward Tracking:

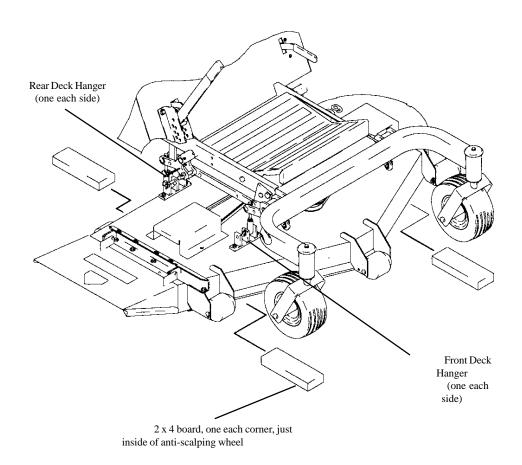
In large open area, actuate the control handles into the full forward position. If the mower veers in either direction (left or right) some adjustment is necessary.

- 1. If the mower veers to the right, then the right hydrostat needs to be sped up. If the mower veers to the left, then the left hydrostat needs to be sped up.
  - 2. Stop the machine and shut off the engine.
- 3. Slightly loosen the bolt at the lower end of the upper linkage assembly on the side that is slower. Using a 1/8" Allen wrench turn the setscrew 1/4 turn in. It may take several test drives to get the mower to track straight forward.
- 4. Once the tracking is to the operator's liking, completely tighten the bolt on the control linkage assembly that was loosened earlier.



### LEVELING THE DECK

- A. Set the tire pressure on all four tires.
- Move the tractor to a hard, level surface (i.e. concrete or blacktop). B. board under all four corners of the deck shell, just inside Place a 2x4 of the anti-scalping wheels. Lower the deck down onto the boards. The deck must rest on the boards, not the anti-scalping sheels. Adjust the deck hangers longer or shorter until the deck "just" comes off of the boards. Remove the boards and verify that the deck is hanging on all four deck hangers, re-adjust if necessary. Lock the jam nuts on the deck hangers. (Note: the two rear deck hangers will be achem instructions & graphics. easier to



# PROCEDURE FOR RAISING AND LOWERING THE DECK

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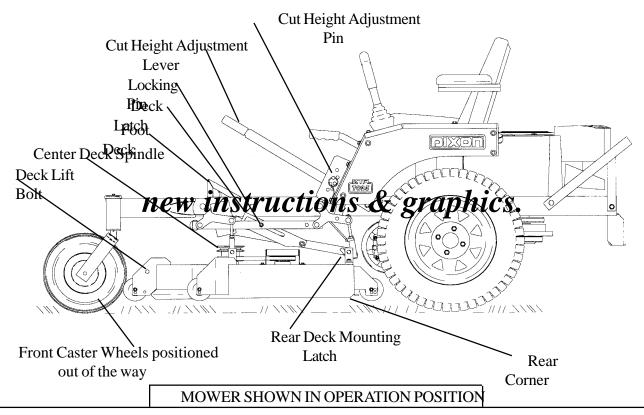
#### RAISING THE DECK:

- A. Remove cut height adjustment pin and completely lower the cut height adjustment lever. Re-insert the cut height adjustment pin into the 3-1/2" cut height position (this will lock the cut height adjustment lever into the lowest position.
- B. Flip up the foot deck to allow access to the engine to deck drive blet. Roll the engine to deck drive belt off the center spindle. Hook the engine to deck drive belt onto the bolt protruding out of the top of the foot deck support angle.
- C. Lift the rear corner of the deck and disconnect the rear deck mounting latch. Repeat for the other side.
- D. Position the front caster sheels so they are away from the deck (such as the tractor would by traveling in reverse).
- E. Attached a hoist to the deck lift bolt. lift the nose of the deck until the deck is standing vertical and the deck latch engages.

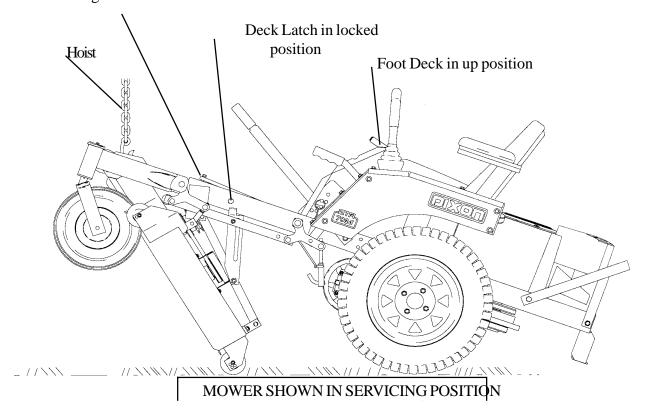
IMPORTANT NOTE: MAKE SURE THAT THE DECK IS LIFTED FAR ENOUGH FOR THE DECK LATCH TO FULLY ENGAGE THE LOCKING PIN (LOCATED ON THE LEFT SIDE OF THE DECK MOUNTING SUSPENSION). THIS WILL PREVENT THE DECK FROM FALLING DOWN WHEN SERVICING THE UNDERSIDE OF THE MOWER DECK.

#### LOWERING THE DECK:

- A. While lifting the nose of the deck disengage the deck latch from the locking pin. Push the bottom of the deck towards the rear of the tractor while holding the deck latch so that it clears the locking pin. Lower the deck until it rests on the ground.
- B. Lift the rear corner of the deck and reconnect the rear deck mounting latch. Repeat for the otherside.
- C. Roll the engine to deck drive belt back onto the center spindle. Insure that the engine to deck drive belt is installed onto all of the pulleys and idlers in the drive train.
  - D. Lower the foot deck down into the operation position.



Engine to Deck Drive Belt



## STANDARD SERVICE PARTS LIST

#### MODEL ZTR 8025:

BLADES: 60": P/N

72": P/N

BELTS: Engine To Mower Deck: P/N

Serpentine Belt: P/N Engine To Hydro: P/N

Hydrostatic Transmission Filter: P/N

#### KOHLER AIR AND OIL FILTER PART NUMBERS:

Refer to engine manufacturers manual for recommendations regarding frequency of service required for engine oil changes and air filter maintenance.

Protect your engine investment, use only original equipment filters.

Model ZTR 8025: 25HP Pre-Cleaner Foam Element

Cartridge Air Cleaner Engine Oil Filter

#### IMPORTANT:

Some applications, extreme dirt conditions, or the use of a grass catcher may require that the engine used on the Model ZTR 8025 be fitted with an *OPTIONAL Kohler fresh air filter system*.

Listed below are the Kohler kit numbers required to adapt these components to the engine. Consult your dealer or a Kohler engine service center for additional information.

Model ZTR 8025: 25HP Check with xxxxxxx Dealer for

availability

## TROUBLESHOOTING

1.	ENGINE WON'T TURN OVER	
	Mower blades engaged  Drive not in neutral	disengage blades
		move steering control levers
	Dead battery	to neutral "OUT " position
	Ignition switch	replace fuse
		charge or replace
2.	ENGINE WILL TURN OVER BUT WON'T	STARTconsult dealer
	Over or under choked	consult dealer
	Carburetor maladjustment Ignition Switch	consult dealer
3.		-refuel and/or clean or replace fuel filters
	Fuel line clogged Faulty-fuel pump	-reruer and/or clean or replace ruer inters
	Spark plug wire loose or grounded	adjust choke
		dcheck spark plug
	Electronic ignition defective  Dirty or maladiusted earburetor	condition and reset
		gap*/consult dealer
		readjust carburetor* or con-
4.	ENGINE STARTS BUT CUTS OUT Water in gasoline	sult dealer for carburetor service
	Clogged fuel line	
	Vent in fuel cap plugged	
	Maladjusted carburetor	clean fuel line and check fuel filter
	Engine dies when control-levers are mov	ed-"IN"
		consult dealer
5	ENGINE KNOCKS	check spark plug wires
σ.		check spark
	Ignition timing off	plug
	Fuel octane too low  Over heated engine	condition and reset gap*
	Over heated engine	consult dealer
		readjust carburetor* or consult dealer for carburetor service
		drain old gasoline-replace with new gasoline and / or clean carburetor bowl
		tor bowl and or check fuel filter
		clean fuel line
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		consult doalor

## TROUBLESHOOTING

6. ENGINE SOMETIMES SKIPS AT HIGHER SPEED	Consult dealer
Incorrect-ignition-timing	Readjust carburetor
Faulty-spark-plugs	Check spark
. cany spant plags	plug or condition and reset gap*
7. ENGINE OVERHEATED	
Air intake screen or fins clogged	
	Clean
Oil level too low or too high	Intake screen and fins
	Readjust carburetor*
Running engine too slow	
	Adjust oil level
8. FNGINF IDLES POORLY	Consult dealer
Improper spark plug gap	Run engine faster
	(NOTE: Always mow at full throttle setting.)
9. ENGINE BACKFIRES	
Carburetor maladjustment	
	Readjust carburetor
MOVE FORWARD	Check and re-gap plug*
Drive belt broken or slipping	
Shift linkage cable disconnected	
Transmission shift arm disconnected	
Transmission locks in free wheel position	Readjust carburetor*
Hydrostat oil filter plugged	Readjust carburetor
Bad transmission	
Gear mating transmission/gearbox disconnected	
	Danlage drive helt
11. MOWED LOSES DOWED OD TDANSMISSION.	Replace drive belt
OVERHEATS	Reconnect
Hydrostat transmission oil-too-low-or-too-high	
Transmission damage	Reconnect
-Transmission blowing -oil-out-cap	
	lio bbA
	Put in lock position
12. ENGINE STALLS WHEN BLADES ARE ENGAGEĐ	pg. 5)
Operator not on seat	Replace filter
Bad blade spindle bearing	Consult dealer
	Consult dealer
Blades blocked by foreign material	

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DATE PURCHASED		
MOWER MODEL NUM	/IB <u>ER</u>	
MOWER SERIAL NUI	MB <u>ER</u>	
PURCHASED FROM	Name	
	Ad- dress	
DATE OIL CHANGED	:	DATE ENGINE TUNED:





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