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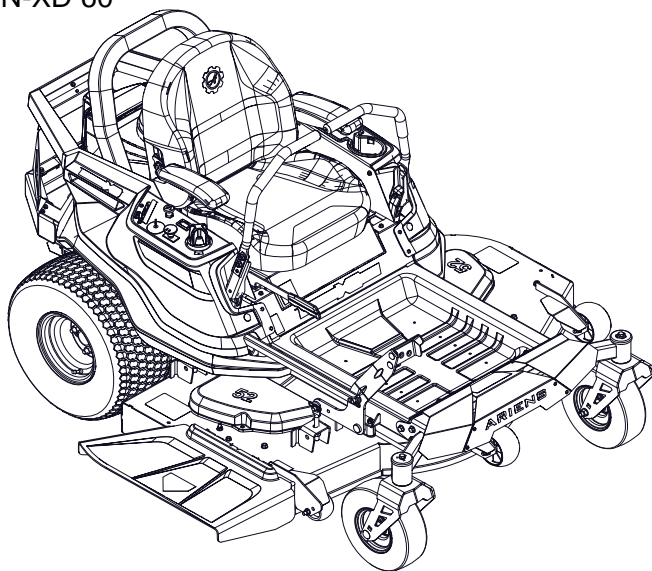
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# WELCOME

Congratulations on your purchase and welcome to the Ariens family! Every machine in the Ariens lineup is designed for long-lasting and unsurpassed performance. We are confident your machine will be part of your family for many years to come.

## Have Questions or Need Assistance?

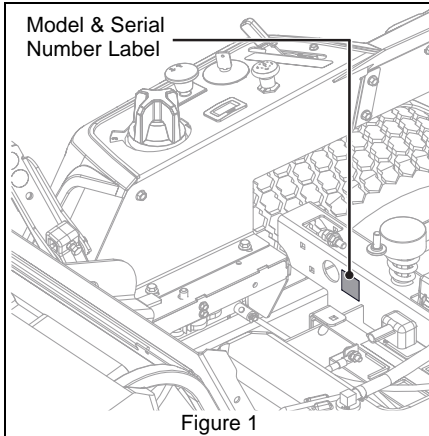
[www.ariens.com](http://www.ariens.com)

A service manual and parts manual for your unit is available for free download or purchase at [www.ariens.com](http://www.ariens.com).

## REGISTER YOUR PRODUCT!

It is extremely important to register your product at time of purchase. Product registration activates the warranty and establishes a communication link from the AriensCo.

Locate the model and serial number decal on your unit and register those numbers online at [www.ariens.com](http://www.ariens.com). See Figure 1 for decal location. Be aware that the original selling dealer may have already completed product registration on behalf of the original purchaser.



Record model number here.

Record serial number here.

## MANUALS

Before operating the unit, carefully and completely read the owner's manual provided with the unit. They contain safety instructions and important information about unit controls.

The engine on this unit is covered by a separate manual. Refer to the engine manual for engine service recommendations. Contact the engine manufacturer for a replacement manual if necessary.

It is your responsibility to read and understand all safety precautions and instructions in the manuals. If you do not understand or have difficulty following the instructions, contact your Ariens dealer for assistance. To locate your nearest dealer, go to [www.ariens.com](http://www.ariens.com).

## DISCLAIMER

Ariens reserves the right to discontinue, make changes to, and add improvements upon its products at any time without public notice or obligation. The descriptions and specifications contained in this manual were in effect at printing. Equipment described in this manual may be optional. Some illustrations may not be applicable to your unit.

## SAFETY

Read these safety rules and follow them closely. Failure to follow these rules could lead to loss of control of unit, severe personal injury or death to you or bystanders, or result in damage to property or the machine.

### PRACTICES & LAWS

Practice usual and customary safe working precautions. Learn applicable rules and laws in your area. Always follow the practices set forth in this manual.

### EMISSION CONTROL SYSTEM

This equipment and/or its engine may include exhaust and evaporative emissions control system components required to meet U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and/or California Air Resources Board (CARB) regulations. Tampering with emission controls and components by unauthorized personnel may result in severe fines or penalties. Emission controls and components can only be adjusted by an Ariens dealer or an authorized engine manufacturer's service center. Contact your Ariens Equipment Retailer concerning emission controls and component questions.

### REQUIRED OPERATOR TRAINING



Read and understand the Operator's Manual and decals on the unit. This information is for your safety and the proper use of your equipment. Failure to follow these

instructions and warnings may cause death or serious injury. If you have purchased this product from an Ariens dealer, the dealer can provide you with training.

Familiarize yourself and any other operators with all controls and the safe use of the features of this unit. If you loan, rent or sell this product to others, provide them with all manuals.

If you have any questions, please call our customer support line at 920-756-4688 or contact us at [www.ariens.com](http://www.ariens.com). Do not use this equipment if, after reading the Operator's Manual and the on-board decals, you have any questions about the safe use of this product.



**WARNING: AVOID INJURY.** This cutting machine is capable of amputating hands and feet and throwing objects. Failure to observe the safety instructions in the manuals and on decals could result in serious injury or death.

### SAFETY ALERT SYMBOL



This is the safety alert symbol. It means:

- **ATTENTION!**
- **YOUR SAFETY IS INVOLVED!**

When you see this symbol:

- **BECOME ALERT!**
- **OBEY THE MESSAGE!**

### SIGNAL WORDS

The safety alert symbol above and signal words below are used on decals and in this manual. Read and understand all safety messages.

#### 1. Danger



**DANGER:** Indicates an **IMMINENTLY HAZARDOUS SITUATION!** If not avoided, **WILL RESULT** in death or serious injury.

#### 2. Warning



**WARNING:** Indicates a **POTENTIALLY HAZARDOUS SITUATION!** If not avoided, **COULD RESULT** in death or serious injury.

#### 3. Caution



**CAUTION:** Indicates a **POTENTIALLY HAZARDOUS SITUATION!** If not avoided, **MAY RESULT** in minor or moderate injury. It may also be used to alert against unsafe practices.

#### 4. Notice

**NOTICE:** Indicates information or procedures that are considered important but not hazard related. If not avoided property damage could result.

## 5. Important

**IMPORTANT:** Indicates general reference information worthy of special attention.

## SAFETY DECALS

The safety decals on your machine are visual reminders of the important safety information in this manual. All messages on your unit must be fully understood and carefully followed. Safety decals on the machine are explained below.

### Safety Decal Locations

ALWAYS replace missing or damaged safety decals. Replacement decal part numbers are found in the parts manual for your machine and may be ordered from your dealer.

See Figure 2 for safety decal locations.

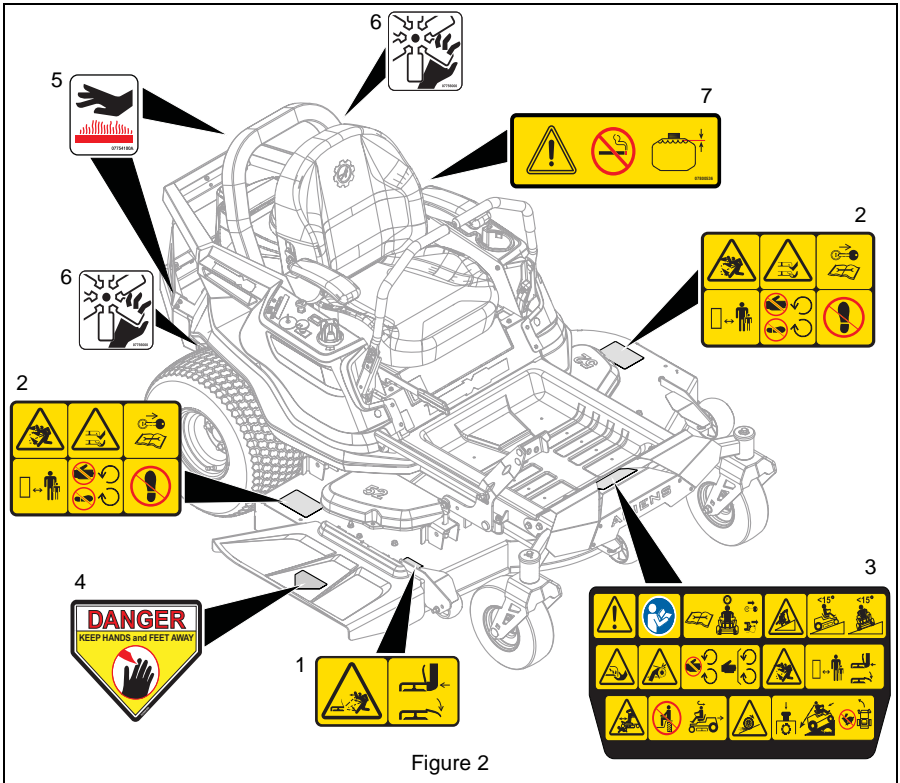


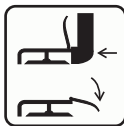
Figure 2

## Safety Decal Descriptions

### 1. DANGER!



Discharge Hazard - NEVER operate unit without discharge chute in operating position. Thrown objects can cause injury or damage.



DO NOT operate mower unless all guards are in operating position or bagger is attached.

### 2. DANGER!



Discharge Hazard - NEVER direct discharge toward people, pets or property. Thrown objects can cause injury or damage.



Amputation Hazard - NEVER stick hands or feet under deck or shielded areas.



Shut off engine, remove key, and read manual before servicing or making adjustments to unit.



Keep children and others away from unit while unit is in operation.



Keep feet and hands away from all rotating or moving parts.



DO NOT step or stand in this area.

### 3. DANGER!



DANGER!



Read and understand the operator's manual before operating unit.

### 3. AMPUTATION HAZARD



To avoid amputation hazard DO NOT put hands near rotating blades.



To avoid amputation hazard DO NOT put hands near moving belts.



Keep hands away from all rotating or moving parts.

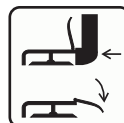


Keep all guards and shields in place.

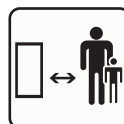
### 3. DISCHARGE HAZARD



Discharge Hazard - NEVER direct discharge toward people, pets or property. Thrown objects can cause injury or damage.



DO NOT operate mower unless all guards are in operating position or bagger is attached.



Keep children and people away from unit during operation.

### 3. TIPPING HAZARD



Avoid tipping hazard.



DO NOT operate on slopes over 15°.



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### 3. SERVICE HAZARD



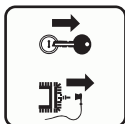
Before servicing unit do the following:



Read owners manual before servicing or making adjustments to unit.



Set parking brake.



Remove key and disconnect spark plug before servicing or making adjustments to unit.

### 3. BYSTANDER HAZARD



DO NOT operate the unit in the presence of bystanders.



DO NOT carry passengers.

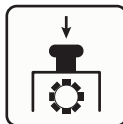


Look behind when operating the unit in reverse.

### 3. LOSS OF TRACTION HAZARD



If loss of traction is experienced do the following:



Disengage PTO.



Proceed off slope slowly.



DO NOT try to turn or speed up.

### 4. DANGER!



ALWAYS keep hands and feet away from discharge chute.

### 5. HOT PARTS!



DO NOT touch parts which are hot from operation. ALWAYS allow parts to cool.

### 6. ROTATING PARTS!



AVOID INJURY. Stay clear of rotating parts.

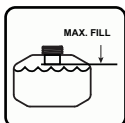
## 7. DANGER!



DANGER!



No smoking.



**IMPORTANT:** DO NOT overfill. Fill fuel tank to below bottom of filler neck.

**WARNING:** Overfilling may cause severe damage to evaporative system!

- NEVER fill fuel tank when engine is running, hot or unit is indoors. NEVER overfill fuel tank.
- Replace fuel cap securely and clean up spilled fuel.

## SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

The following safety instructions are based on the B71.1 specifications of the American National Standards Institute and ISO 5395 in effect at the time of production.

### Safe Practices for Ride-On Mowers

If used improperly, this machine is capable of amputating hands and feet and throwing objects. Failure to observe the following safety instructions could result in serious injury or death. Use only for purposes intended as set forth in the Operator's Manual. Other use is improper and may cause serious injury or death.

#### General Information

Read, understand, and follow instructions and warnings in this manual and on the machine, engine and attachments.

Only allow operators, who are responsible, trained, familiar with the instructions, and physically capable to operate the machine.

DO NOT carry passengers and keep people or pets away from the mowing area.

DO NOT operate the machine while physically or mentally impaired, feeling tired, ill or under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

Follow the manufacturer's recommendation for wheel weights or counterweights.

DO NOT touch parts which are hot. Allow parts to cool.

#### Preparation Before Operating

Inspect unit before each use for missing or damaged decals and shields, correctly operating safety interlock system, ROPS and deterioration of grass catchers. Replace or repair as needed.

Clear the operating area of all objects which could be thrown by or interfere with operation of the machine.

Keep the area of operation clear of all bystanders, particularly small children. Stop the machine and attachment(s) if anyone enters the area

DO NOT operate the machine without the entire grass catcher, discharge chute, or other safety devices in place and functioning properly. Check frequently for signs of damage, wear or deterioration and replace as needed.



NEVER tamper with safety devices. Check their proper operation regularly. NEVER do anything to interfere with the intended function of a safety device or to reduce the protection provided by the safety device.

Check parking brake operation frequently. Adjust and service as required.

Wear appropriate personal protective equipment such as safety glasses, hearing protection, and substantial footwear. DO NOT mow barefoot or while wearing sandals.

## Operating

Improper use of power equipment can cause serious permanent injury or death to the operator or a bystander. Understand:

- How to operate all controls
- The functions of all controls
- How to STOP in an emergency
- Braking and steering characteristics
- Turning radius and clearances

If the operator or the mechanic cannot read the manual, it is the owner's responsibility to explain it to them. Manuals are available in other languages at [www.ariens.com](http://www.ariens.com).

Only run the engine in well ventilated areas. Exhaust gases contain carbon monoxide, an odorless deadly poison.

Only operate the machine in daylight or good artificial light.

Avoid holes, ruts, bumps, rocks and other hazards. Uneven terrain could overturn the machine, or cause operator to lose their balance, footing and/or control of the mower.

DO NOT put hands or feet near rotating parts or under the machine. Keep clear of the discharge opening at all times.

Avoid slippery surfaces. ALWAYS be sure of your footing.

Stop engine before removing grass catcher or unclogging chute.

DO NOT direct discharge material toward anyone. Avoid discharging material against a wall or obstruction. Material may ricochet back toward the operator. Stop the blade(s) when crossing gravel surfaces. DO NOT mow into roads or across sidewalks.

DO NOT leave a running machine unattended. ALWAYS park on level ground, disengage the attachment, set parking brake, stop engine and remove key (if applicable) before leaving the operator's position.

DO NOT mow in reverse unless absolutely necessary. ALWAYS look down and behind before and while backing.

Lightning can cause severe injury or death. If lightning is seen or thunder is heard in the area, DO NOT operate the machine; seek shelter.

If you strike a foreign object, stop and inspect the machine. Repair, if necessary, before restarting.

ALWAYS check overhead and side clearances carefully before operation. Keep in mind that your mower deck may be wider than your track width.

## Children Specific

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.

Keep children out of the operating area and under the watchful care of a responsible adult other than the operator.

Do not carry children, even with the blade(s) shut off. Children could fall off and be seriously injured or interfere with safe machine operation. Children who have been given rides in the past could suddenly appear in the mowing area for another ride and be run over or backed over.

DO NOT allow children under the age of 18 to operate any outdoor power equipment.

## Slope Specific

Slopes are a major factor related to accidents. Operation on slopes requires extra caution. If you feel uneasy on a slope DO NOT mow it. Use the parking brake for emergency stops.

DO NOT operate on slopes of more than 15°.

Do not mow within 1.2 M (4 feet) of a drop off. Do not mow within 1.2 M (4 feet) of a pond or other waterway.

The primary hazard of slope operation is loss of control and/or roll over.

Mow up and down slopes, NEVER across. Exercise caution when changing direction on slopes. Use caution while operating near dropoffs.

Avoid mowing wet grass. Wet surfaces can cause a loss of traction and control.

DO NOT operate machine under any condition where traction, steering, or stability is in question. Tires could slide even if the wheels are stopped.

Always keep the machine in gear when going down slopes. Do not coast downhill.

Avoid starting and stopping on slopes. Avoid making sudden changes in speed or direction. Make turns slowly and gradually.

Use extra care while operating machine with a grass catcher or other attachment(s). They can affect the stability of the machine.

### **Fire and Fuel Specific**

Extinguish all cigarettes, cigars, pipes and other sources of ignition.

Use only an approved fuel container.

DO NOT remove fuel cap or add fuel with the engine running or while hot.

DO NOT refuel indoors or in enclosed spaces.

DO NOT store the machine or fuel container, or refuel, where there is an open flame, spark, or pilot light such as on a water heater or other appliance.

If fuel is spilled, DO NOT attempt to start the engine and avoid creating any source of ignition until fuel vapors have dissipated.

To help prevent fires: keep machine free of grass, leaves, or other debris build up; clean up oil or fuel spillage and remove any fuel soaked debris; allow engine to cool before storing.

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

### **Hauling**

Use a single full-width ramp for loading and unloading a machine for transport. Secure with appropriate straps.

### **Towing**

Follow the manufacturer's recommendation for weight limits for towed equipment and towing on slopes.

### **Service**

Keep machine in good working order. Replace worn or damaged parts.

Use caution when servicing blades. Wrap the blade(s) or wear gloves. Replace damaged blades. DO NOT repair or alter blade(s).

Disconnect spark plug wire(s) and the negative battery cable before making any repairs.

Use only attachments recommended by AriensCo that are appropriate to your use and can be used safely in your application.

The use of non-genuine replacement parts or accessories could adversely affect machine operation and safety.

DO NOT change engine governor setting or overspeed the engine.

## CONTROLS AND FEATURES

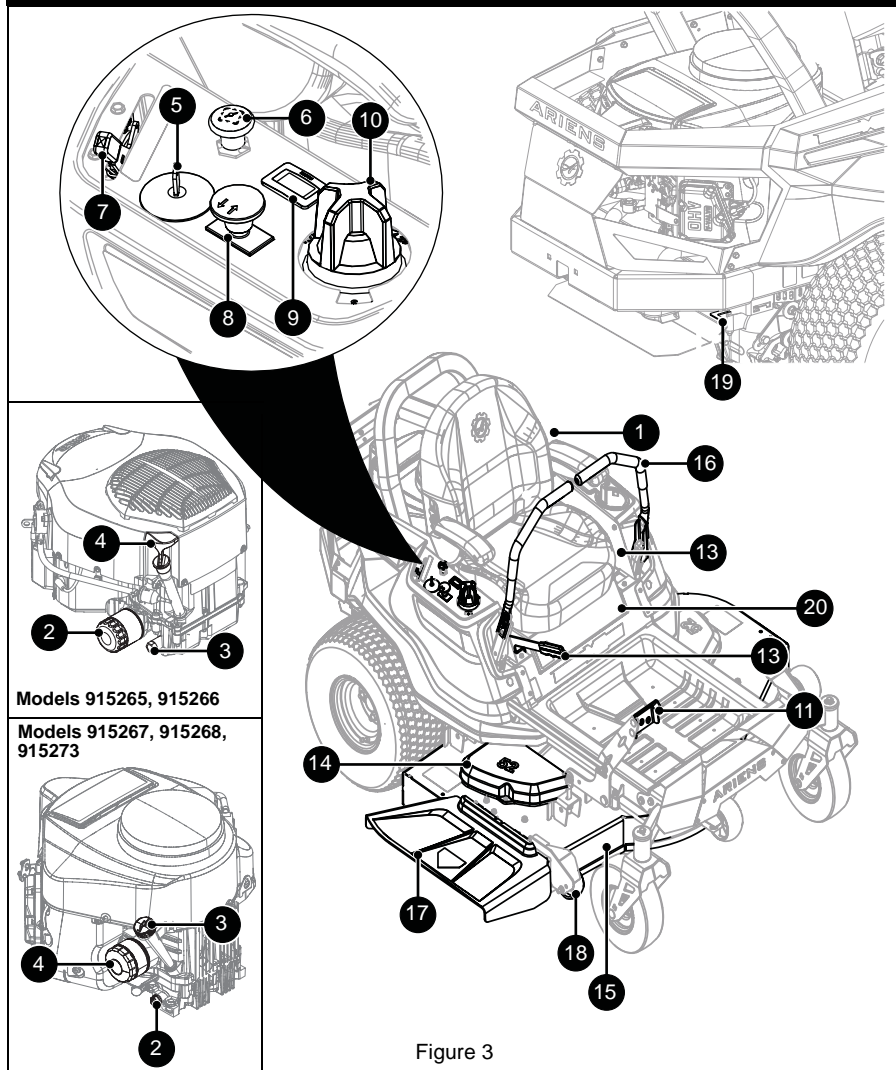


Figure 3

1. Fuel Tank and Cap
2. Oil Filter
3. Oil Drain
4. Engine Oil Dipstick
5. Ignition Key
6. Choke Control Knob
7. Throttle Control Lever
8. Power Take-off (PTO) Knob
9. Hour Meter
10. Height-of-Cut Dial
11. Deck Lift Pedal
12. Seat Adjustment Lever (Model 915273)
13. Parking Brake Lever
14. Belt Guard (2)
15. Mower Deck
16. Steering Lever (2)
17. Discharge Chute
18. Anti-Scalp Wheel
19. Transaxle Bypass Lever (2)
20. Battery (Under Seat)



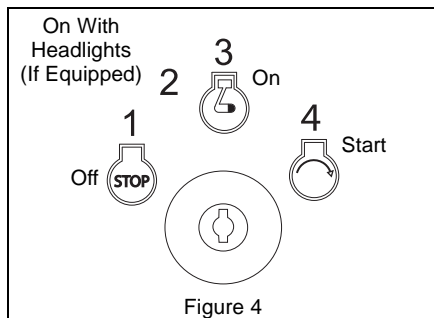
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Read and understand the entire *Safety* section before proceeding.

See Figure 3 for all controls and features locations.

## IGNITION KEY

See Figure 4.

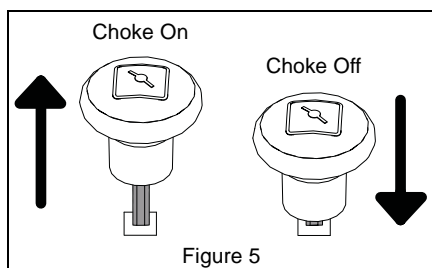
Controls power to the engine. The key cannot be removed when in run position.



## CHOKE CONTROL KNOB

See Figure 5.

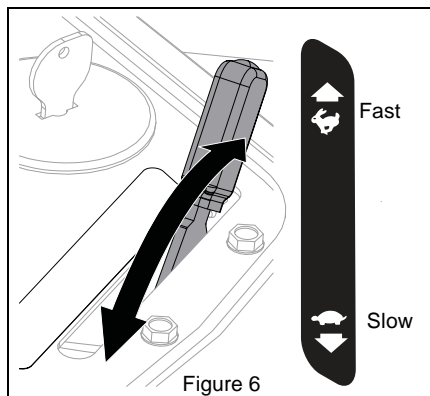
Controls airflow to the engine.



## THROTTLE CONTROL LEVER

See Figure 6.

Controls engine speed.



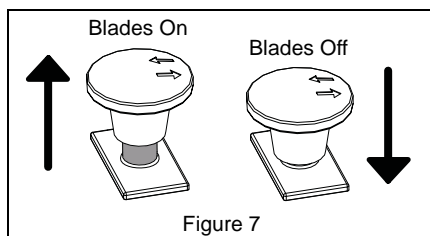
## POWER-TAKE-OFF (PTO) KNOB

See Figure 7.

Controls power to mower blades. The engine will not start with the PTO knob in the on position.



**WARNING: AVOID INJURY.**  
Blades will not *immediately* stop after pushing PTO knob down to off position.



## HOUR METER

Hour meter measures engine runtime and cannot be reset.

## HEIGHT-OF-CUT DIAL

Sets the mower height of cut.

## DECK LIFT PEDAL

Raises or lowers mower deck.

## SEAT ADJUSTMENT LEVER

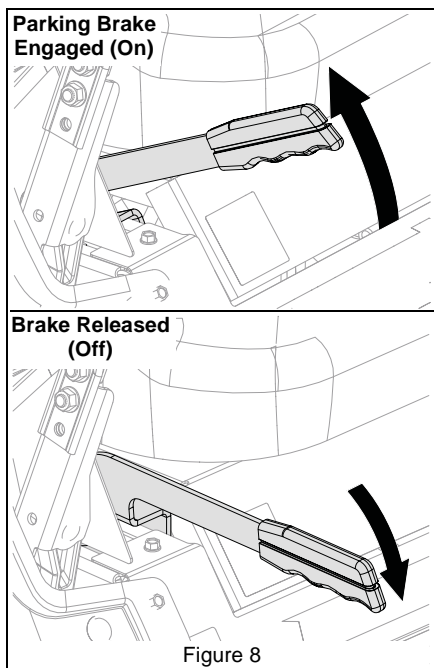
### Model 915273

Unlocks seat to allow operator to move seat forward or backward and then lock in desired position.

## PARKING BRAKE LEVER

See Figure 8.

Controls the parking brake. The engine will not start with brake in the off position.



## SAFETY INTERLOCK SYSTEM

Monitors the interaction of various unit features for operator safety.

## STEERING LEVERS

Control the direction and speed of unit. To stop unit, return both steering levers to neutral.

## TRANSAXLE BYPASS LEVERS

Control the transaxles so unit may be moved with the engine off.

## ANTI-SCALP ROLLERS

Help prevent the deck from contacting the ground and scalping the lawn when passing over a high spot.

## OPERATION



**WARNING: AVOID INJURY.**  
Read and understand the *Safety* section before proceeding.

**IMPORTANT:** All references to left, right, front or rear are given from the perspective of operator in operator's position, facing the direction of forward travel.

## EMERGENCY STOPPING

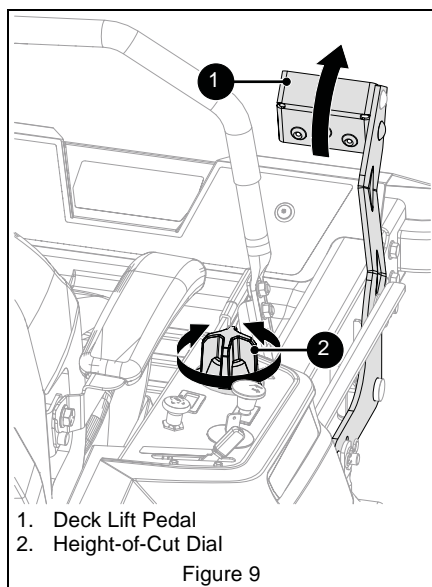
1. Move steering levers to neutral position.
2. Engage parking brake.
3. Push PTO knob down to off position.
4. Turn ignition key to off position and remove key from ignition.

## BEFORE OPERATING UNIT

1. Check fuel level and add fuel if needed.

**IMPORTANT:** Use fresh unleaded fuel with an octane rating of at least 87. DO NOT use E85 blended fuels; the engine is not E20 / E30 / E85 compatible. The maximum recommended ethanol content is 10%. Ariens recommends using a quality fuel stabilizer in all fuel. See *Short-Term Storage* on page 22.

2. Check engine oil level and add oil if needed. Refer to engine manual.
3. Check condition of air cleaner. Refer to engine manual.
4. Check function of the Safety Interlock System by performing the tests in *Check Safety Interlock System* on page 15. Contact your Ariens dealer for repair if any of the tests fail.
5. Set cutting height. See Figure 9.
  - a. Depress and hold deck lift pedal in forward position.
  - b. Rotate height-of-cut dial to desired setting.
  - c. Slowly return deck lift pedal to resting position.



## START THE ENGINE

1. Push PTO knob down to off position.
2. Move steering levers to neutral position.
3. Engage parking brake.
4. If engine is cold, pull choke knob up to on position. If engine is warm or hot, turn choke off.
5. Set throttle to slow speed.
6. Insert ignition key and turn to start position. Release key when engine starts.

**IMPORTANT:** Do not operate the starter for more than 10 seconds at a time. If the engine does not start, allow a 60-second cool down period between starting attempts.

7. If choke is on, wait a few seconds after engine starts and then push choke knob down to off position.

**IMPORTANT:** Make sure choke is completely off. Engine will not run smoothly using partial choke.

## OPERATE UNIT

1. Release parking brake.
2. Set throttle control lever to fast position.

**IMPORTANT:** Engaging the PTO with the throttle lever set lower than fast position can cause excessive belt wear. ALWAYS use fast position when engaging the PTO.






3. Pull PTO knob up to on position.

**IMPORTANT:** Never engage the PTO if the mower is plugged with grass or other material. This may cause damage to the electric clutch.



**WARNING: AVOID INJURY.**  
Move the steering levers slowly and keep the throttle at slow speed until you learn how to operate the unit.

4. Move steering levers to begin mowing

Direction of Travel	Lever Position
Forward	Push both levers forward from neutral position. 
Reverse	Pull both levers backward from neutral position. 
Right Turn	Push left lever farther forward than the right lever. 
Left Turn	Push right lever farther forward than the left lever. 
Stop	Return both levers to neutral position. 

5. Move throttle control lever to fast.

**IMPORTANT:** Aggressive turning can scuff or damage lawns. Always keep both wheels rotating when making sharp turns. DO NOT make turns with inside wheel completely stopped. For minimum turning radius, slowly reverse inside wheel while moving outside wheel slowly forward.

## For Best Mowing Results

- Cut grass when it is dry.
- Keep mower blades sharp.
- Keep mower deck properly leveled.
- Do not set height of cut too low. For very tall grass, mow twice.
- Do not travel too fast.
- Mow with the engine set at full throttle.

- When mulching, only remove 1/3 of grass length per cutting. Do not cut more than 2.5 cm (1") at any one time.
- Discharge clippings into areas already cut.
- Vary cutting pattern with each mowing.
- Do not allow grass or debris to collect inside of mower deck. Clean after each use.

## STOP THE ENGINE



**WARNING: AVOID INJURY.**  
Wait for all moving parts to stop before leaving operator's position.

1. Move steering levers to neutral position.
2. Engage parking brake.
3. Push PTO knob down to off position.
4. Set throttle to slow speed.
5. Turn ignition key to off position and remove key from ignition.

## MOVE UNIT MANUALLY

See Figure 10.

**IMPORTANT:** There is one transaxle bypass lever on each side of unit. Ensure that both levers are fully in front or rear position.

- To disengage the transaxles and move unit with the engine off, place both bypass levers in the rear position.
- To engage transaxles and operate unit normally, place both bypass levers in the front position.

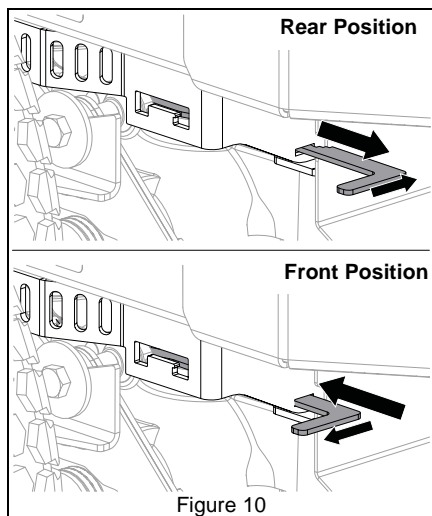


Figure 10

## TRANSPORT UNIT

1. Stop engine, set parking brake and remove key from ignition.
2. Secure unit chassis to transport vehicle.

**NOTICE:** NEVER secure from rods or linkages that could be damaged.

## MAINTENANCE



**WARNING: AVOID INJURY.**  
Read and understand the  
*Safety* section before  
proceeding.

Your Ariens dealer can provide service and adjustments to keep your unit operating at peak efficiency.

Contact an authorized engine manufacturer's service center for engine service.

## MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE

Service Performed	Each Use	Every 25 hrs.	Every 50 hrs.	Every 100 hrs.
Check Safety Interlock System	•			
Check Parking Brake	•			
Clean Engine of any Grass and Debris	•			
Check Engine Oil *	•			
Change Engine Oil *+				
Check Tire Pressure	•			
Check Mower Blades	•			
Check Battery		•		
Clean Battery		•		
Check Air Filter *			•	
Check Fasteners			•	
Lubricate Unit			•	
Clean Engine Cooling System*				•
Check Belts				•
* Refer to engine manual for instructions + Use tubing included in literature pack to drain engine oil.				

## SERVICE PARTS

See your Ariens dealer to purchase service parts for your unit.

### Common Service Parts

Description	Qty.	Part No.
Fuel Stabilizer – 118 ml (4 oz)	A/R	
• Except Canada		04730400
• For Canada Only		04742500
Seat Switch	1	02754100

### Model 915265

Description	Qty.	Part No.
Transaxle Drive Belt	1	07200718
Mower Belt	1	07200523
Mower Blade	1	04769800
Fuel Filter	1	21541500
Oil Filter	1	21397200
Air Filter	1	21555500

### Model 915266

Description	Qty.	Part No.
Transaxle Drive Belt	1	07200718
Mower Belt	1	07200023
Mower Blade	1	04771200
Fuel Filter	1	21545700
Oil Filter	1	21397200
Air Filter	1	21555500

### Model 915267

Description	Qty.	Part No.
Transaxle Drive Belt	1	07200718
Mower Belt	1	07200023
Mower Blade	1	04771200
Fuel Filter	1	21548101
Oil Filter	1	21548100
Air Filter	1	21548000

### Model 915268

Description	Qty.	Part No.
Transaxle Drive Belt	1	07200718
Mower Belt	1	07200523
Mower Blade	1	04769800
Fuel Filter	1	21548101



Oil Filter	1	21548100
Air Filter	1	21565300

### Model 915273

Description	Qty.	Part No.
Transaxle Drive Belt	1	07200718
Mower Belt	1	07200804
Mower Blade	1	04965000
Fuel Filter	1	21548101
Oil Filter	1	21548100
Air Filter	1	21548000

## SERVICE POSITION

See Figure 11.

Before starting any of the following maintenance procedures:

1. Park unit a flat, level surface.
2. Stop engine, remove key and wait for all moving parts to stop and for hot parts to cool.
3. Move steering levers to neutral position and rotate handles outward.
4. Engage parking brake.
5. Disconnect spark plug wires from engine.
6. Tip seat forward.

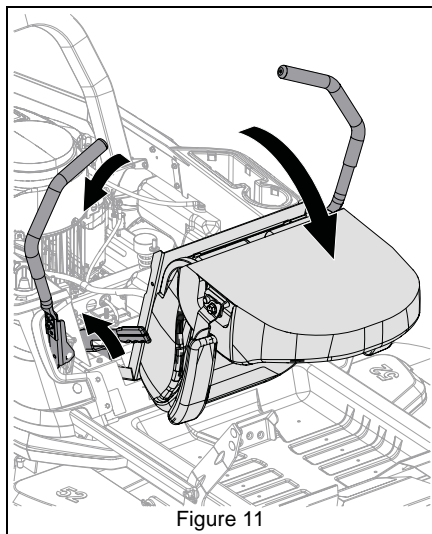


Figure 11

**IMPORTANT:** Reconnect spark plug wires after maintenance.

## CHECK SAFETY INTERLOCK SYSTEM

Check function of the Safety Interlock System by performing the tests below. Contact your Ariens dealer for repair if any of the tests fail.

Test	Steering Levers	PTO	Parking Brake	Result
<b>Starting Interlock</b>				
1	Neutral	Off	On	Engine starts.
2	Forward, Neutral, Reverse	On	On or Off	Engine does not start.
3	Forward, Neutral, Reverse	On or Off	Off	Engine does not start.
<b>Operating Interlock (Engine On)</b>				
4 *	Forward, Neutral, Reverse	On	On or Off	Engine shuts off.
5 *	Forward, Neutral, Reverse	On or Off	Off	Engine shuts off.
* When operator lifts off seat.				

## CHECK PARKING BRAKE

1. Place unit in service position. See *Service Position* on page 15.
2. Set both transaxle bypass levers in the rear position. See *Move Unit Manually* on page 13.
3. Push unit forward.
  - If unit does not move forward, no further action is needed.
  - If unit easily moves forward, adjust the brake lever. Refer to your unit's service manual.

## CHECK ENGINE OIL

**NOTICE:** Engine oil level must be maintained at correct level or engine damage may occur. Refer to engine manual.

## CHECK TIRE PRESSURE

See *Specifications* on page 23 for recommended tire pressure.

**WARNING: AVOID INJURY.**

Explosive separation of tire and rim parts is possible.

- DO NOT inflate tires above the recommended pressure.
- DO NOT inflate tires with a compressor; use a hand pump.
- DO NOT stand in front of tire assembly when inflating. Use a clip-on chuck and extension hose long enough to allow you to stand to one side.

**CHECK FASTENERS**

Check for loose or missing hardware.

**CHECK MOWER BLADES**

Check blades for wear or damage. Replace or sharpen as needed. See Figure 12.



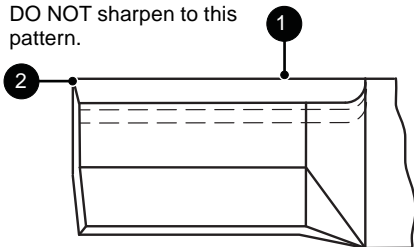
**CAUTION: AVOID INJURY.** Use sturdy gloves or padding to protect hands when working with mower blades.

Rotation of one blade rotates the other blades.

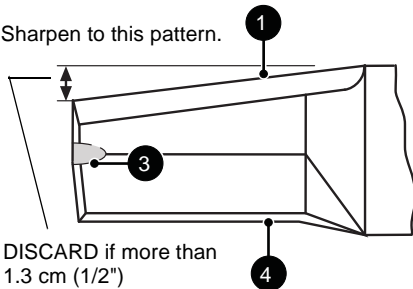


**CAUTION: DO NOT sharpen blades while attached to unit.**

DO NOT sharpen to this pattern.



Sharpen to this pattern.



DISCARD if more than 1.3 cm (1/2")

1. Cutting Edge
2. Square Corner
3. Air Lift Erosion
4. Air Lift

Figure 12



**CAUTION:** Unbalanced blades cause excessive vibration and eventual damage to unit. Balance blades before reinstalling on unit.

**NEVER** weld or straighten blades.

## CHECK BATTERY



**WARNING:** Battery posts, terminals and related accessories contain lead. Wash hands after handling.

### Clean Battery



**CAUTION:** AVOID DAMAGE. DO NOT allow tools to contact metal surfaces when removing positive battery cable.

1. Disconnect battery cables, negative cable first.
2. Clean terminals and battery cable ends with a wire brush.
3. Coat terminals with dielectric grease or petroleum jelly.
4. Reinstall battery cables, positive first.

## CHECK MOWER BELTS

Check belts for wear and replace as needed.



**CAUTION:** Keep body parts away from idler when releasing idler spring tension.

## ADJUSTMENTS



**WARNING:** AVOID INJURY. Read and understand the *Safety* section before proceeding.

### POSITION SEAT

**Model 915273**

See Figure 13.

1. Pull seat adjustment lever up to unlock seat.
2. Move seat to desired position.
3. Release seat adjustment lever to lock seat in place.

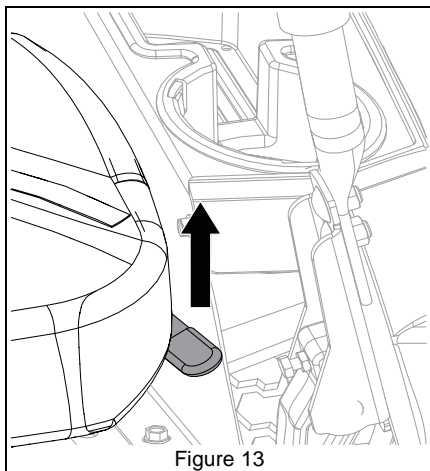


Figure 13

## Models 915265, 915266, 915267, 915268

See Figure 14.

1. Tip seat forward.
2. Loosen the two wing knobs located at the front of the seat plate.
3. Adjust seat to desired position.
4. Tighten wing knobs.

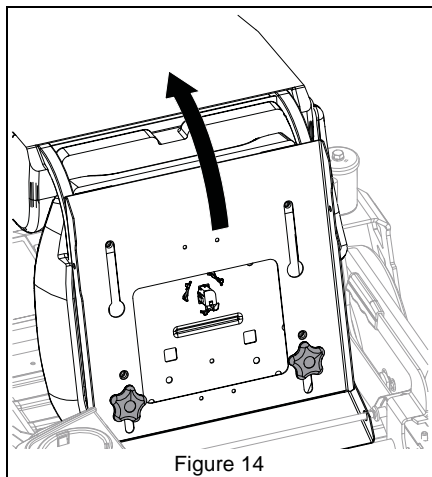


Figure 14

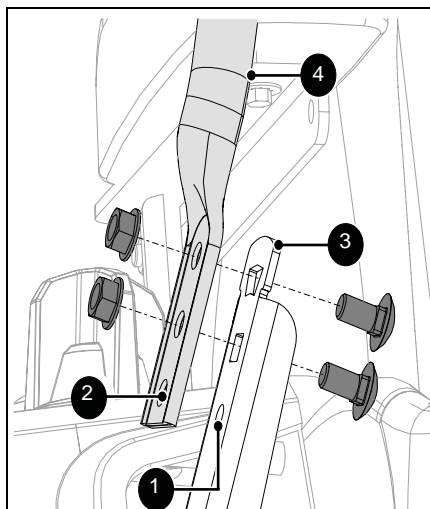
5. Return seat to operating position.

## ADJUST STEERING LEVERS

### Adjust Steering Lever Height

See Figure 15.

1. Remove hardware securing steering lever to upper control arm.
2. Place steering lever in desired adjusting hole.
  - Use upper and middle holes for highest lever position.
  - Use middle and lower holes for lowest lever position.
3. Reinstall hardware in upper control arm.
4. Align levers side to side. See *Adjust Steering Level Reach* on page 19.
5. Fully tighten hardware.

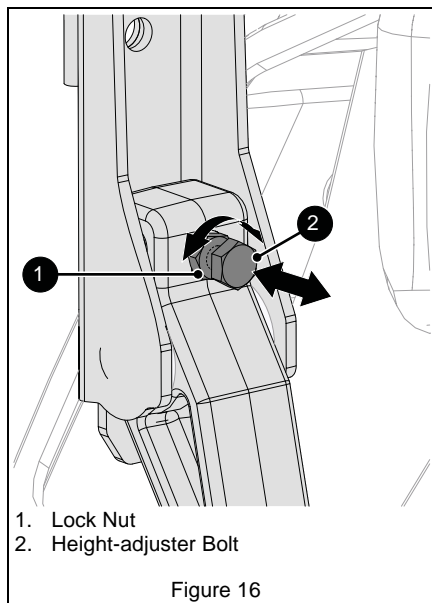


1. Adjusting Hole
2. Mounting Hole
3. Steering Lever
4. Upper Control Arm

Figure 15

See Figure 16.

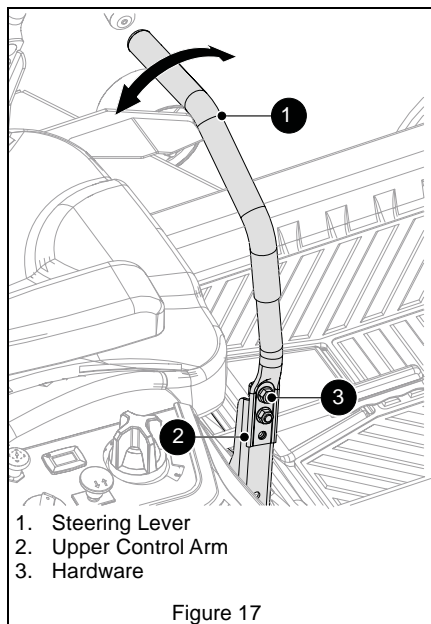
1. Loosen lock nut on height-adjustment bolt.
2. Turn bolt in or out until levers are at the same height.
3. Tighten lock nut.



## Adjust Steering Level Reach

See Figure 17.

1. Loosen hardware securing steering lever to upper control arm.
2. Pivot steering lever to desired position.
3. Ensure levers are aligned with each other.
4. Tighten hardware.



## TROUBLESHOOTING

Problem	Probable Cause	Correction
<b>Engine does not start.</b>	Safety Interlock System is not engaged or is faulty.	Check Safety Interlock System. See <i>Check Safety Interlock System</i> on page 15.
	Fuel tank is empty.	Fill fuel tank. See <i>Before Operating Unit</i> on page 11.
	Fuel supply is contaminated.	Replace with clean fuel.
	Battery is discharged.	Charge battery. Refer to your unit's service manual.
	Connection between battery and battery cables is poor.	Tighten and/or clean battery and battery cables. See <i>Clean Battery</i> on page 17.
	Spark plug wire(s) are loose or spark plug(s) are faulty.	Connect spark plug wire(s) or replace spark plug(s). Refer to engine manual.
	Electrical system is faulty.	Contact your Ariens dealer.
<b>Engine runs rough.</b>	Engine is faulty.	Contact your Ariens dealer.
	Choke control knob is in on position.	Move knob to off position.
	Air filter cartridge is plugged.	Clean or replace air filter cartridge. Refer to engine manual.
<b>Engine overheats.</b>	Engine is faulty.	Contact your Ariens dealer.
	Engine oil level is low.	Add engine oil. Refer to engine manual.
	Cooling fins are plugged.	Clean engine. Refer to engine manual.
<b>Unit does not drive.</b>	Engine is faulty.	Contact your Ariens dealer.
	The transaxles are bypassed.	Engage levers. See <i>Move Unit Manually</i> on page 13.
	Ground drive belt is faulty.	Contact your Ariens dealer.
<b>PTO malfunctions.</b>	Transaxles are faulty.	Contact your Ariens dealer.
	Operator presence switch is not engaged.	Activate switch by sitting on operator seat.
	Operator presence switch is faulty.	Contact your Ariens dealer.
	Deck drive belt is faulty.	Replace deck drive belt. Refer to your unit's service manual.
<b>Unit moves with engine off and parking brake engaged.</b>	PTO switch, wiring, connectors or clutch are faulty.	Contact your Ariens dealer.
	Parking brake needs adjustment.	Adjust parking brake lever. Refer to your unit's service manual.
<b>Unit does not track straight.</b>	Parking brake is faulty.	Contact your Ariens dealer.
	Tire pressure is incorrect.	Check tire pressure. See <i>Specifications</i> on page 23.
	Steering levers need adjustment.	Adjust steering levers. See <i>Adjust Steering Levers</i> on page 18.
<b>Unit creeps when steering levers are in neutral position.</b>	Transaxles and/or linkages need adjustment.	Contact your Ariens dealer.
	Transmission and/or linkage need adjustment.	Contact your Ariens dealer.

## TROUBLESHOOTING

Problem	Probable Cause	Correction
<b>Poor cutting quality.</b>	Mower blades not level or mower deck pitch is incorrect.	Level and adjust pitch of mower deck. Refer to your unit's service manual.
	Mower blades are dull or faulty.	Sharpen or replace mower blades. Refer to your unit's service manual.
	Mowing speed is too fast.	Drive slower when cutting grass.
	Belt tension or condition is poor.	Replace deck drive belt. Refer to your unit's service manual.
	Cutting height is too low.	Do not set height of cut too low. For very tall grass, mow twice.

## STORAGE

### SHORT-TERM STORAGE

**IMPORTANT:** NEVER wash unit with high-pressure water or store outdoors.

1. Allow unit to cool and clean with mild soap and water.
2. Tighten all hardware to correct specifications.
3. Inspect unit for visible signs of wear or damage. Repair as needed.
4. Prepare fuel system for storage.

**NOTICE:** Ariens recommends using a quality fuel stabilizer in all fuel. Gasoline left in the fuel system without a stabilizer, even for short periods of time, deteriorates and leaves gummy deposits in the system that may damage the carburetor and fuel hoses, filter and tank. For the best effectiveness, add stabilizer to all fuel containers whenever purchasing fuel. Add the stabilizer to the container before adding fuel.

- a. Add fuel stabilizer (see *Service Parts* on page 14) or equivalent according to manufacturer's instructions to the fuel tank and any fuel containers with remaining fuel.
  - b. Run engine outdoors for at least 5 minutes to allow stabilizer to reach the carburetor.
5. Turn ignition key to off position and remove from ignition.
  6. Store unit in a cool, dry, protected area. DO NOT store unit outdoors.

### LONG-TERM STORAGE

1. Perform short-term storage procedures.
2. Lubricate as directed in *Maintenance* on page 14.
3. Touch-up all scratched painted surfaces.
4. Remove and charge battery as directed in *Check Mower Belts* on page 17. Store battery in a cool, dry, protected area.
5. Store unit in a cool, dry, protected area. Do not store unit outdoors.

### START-OF-SEASON PREPARATION

1. Before adding fuel for the first time after long-term storage, add fresh, stabilizer-treated fuel to fuel tank and any fuel containers with remaining fuel.
2. Charge and install the battery.

## ACCESSORIES

See your Ariens dealer for a complete list of compatible accessories and attachments for your unit.

Description	Part No.
Mulch Kit – 42"	71513900
Mulch Kit – 52"	71514000
Mulch Kit – 60"	71514400
Headlight Kit	71514100
Bagger Kit*	81504300
Trailer Hitch Kit	71514900

\*Requires additional kit 71514500 for installation on 60" decks



## SPECIFICATIONS

Model Number	915265	915266	915267	915268	915273
Model	IKON-XD 42	IKON-XD 52	IKON-XD 52	IKON-XD 42	IKON-XD 60
Engine	Kohler 7000 Series		Kawasaki FR		
Engine Displacement – cm <sup>3</sup> (in <sup>3</sup> )	725.0 (44.2)		726.0 (44.3)	603.0 (36.8)	726.0 (44.3)
Maximum RPM – No Load	3300 ± 75		3300 ± 100		
Oil Capacity	Refer to Engine Manual				
Drive					
Forward Maximum – km/h (mph)	11.3 (7.0)				
Reverse Maximum – km/h (mph)	4.8 (3.0)				
Turning Radius	Zero				
Brakes	Internal Transmission				
Electrical					
Starter	Electric				
Battery	12V Maintenance-Free 190CCA (U1 Replaceable)				
PTO (Power Take-off)	Electric				
Fuel					
Fuel Tank Capacity – Liter (gal)	10.5 (2.8)				
Size and Weight					
Length – cm (in)	196.9 (77.5)				
Width – cm (in)	137.7 (54.2)	161.0 (63.4)		137.7 (54.2)	183.4 (72.2)
Weight – kg (lbs)	268.5 (592.0)	288.9 (637.0)	289.8 (639.0)	269.4 (594.0)	304.4 (671.0)
Height – cm (in)	103.9 (40.9)				
Tires					
Front Tire Size – in	11 x 4-5				11 x 6-5
Rear Tire Size – in	20 x 8-8	20 x 10-8		20 x 8-8	20 x 10-8
Recommended Front Tire Pressure – kPa (psi)	262 – 317 (38 – 46)				
Recommended Rear Tire Pressure – kPa (psi)	62 – 76 (9 – 11)				
Mower Deck					
Cutting Height – cm (in)	3.8 – 11.4 (1.5 – 4.5)				
Cutting Width – cm (in)	106.7 (42.0)	132.1 (52.0)		106.7 (42.0)	152.4 (60.0)
Mower Deck Lift	Foot Operated				
Transmission					
Type	Maintenance-Free Hydro-Gear® EZT Transaxles				



# ARIENS®

## Outdoor Power Equipment Limited Warranty

AriensCo warrants to the **original purchaser** that Ariens brand products purchased on or after 9/1/2019 will be free from defects in material and workmanship for the time period noted in the chart below. Equipment put to personal use around a single household or residence is considered "Residential Use." Equipment put to any business use (agricultural, commercial, or industrial) or used at multiple locations is considered "Commercial Use." If any product is rented or leased, then the duration of these warranties shall be 90 days after the date of purchase.

An authorized Ariens dealer will repair any defect in material or workmanship, and repair or replace any defective part, subject to the conditions, limitations and exclusions set forth herein. Such repair or replacement will be free of charge (labor and parts) to the original purchaser; except as noted below. Pick-up and delivery are at the owner's expense.

The warranty code is found on the model and serial number identification label on the unit.

Warranty Code	Product Group	Warranty Period
AA	Serialized Attachments	1 Year.
CH	Zenith Mowers (Non-European Models)	4 Years or 750 Hours.*
CQ	Zenith Mowers (European Models)	2 Years.
HE	Edge Mowers	2 Years or 150 Hours.*
HF	Ikon-XD Mowers	3 Years or 300 Hours.*
HH	Apex Mowers	4 Years or 500 Hours.*
PA	921-Series Brushes	3 Years Residential Use. 90 Days Commercial Use.
PB	926-Series Brushes	3 Years Residential Use. 1 Year Commercial Use.
SA	Professional Sno-Thro	3 Years Residential Use. 1 Year Commercial Use.
SB	Compact, Deluxe and Platinum Sno-Thro and Path-Pro	3 Years Residential Use. 90 Days Commercial Use.
SD	Deluxe and Platinum EFI Sno-Thro	3 Years Residential Use. 90 Days Commercial Use.
SE	920-Series Classic Sno-Thro	3 Years Residential Use. 90 Days Commercial Use.

\* Whichever comes first.

### Special Extensions

The chart below details special **extensions** to warranty terms. Warranty terms are total time periods covered. If any product is rented or leased, there are no extensions to the 90-day warranty.

Warranty Code	Warranty Term Extension	Warranty Period
SA	Cast Iron Auger Gear Case	5 Years.
SB, SD	Cast Iron Auger Gear Case	5 Years Residential Use. 1 Year Commercial Use.
SE	Aluminum Auger Gear Case	3 Years Residential Use. 90 Days Commercial Use.



## Exclusions and Limitations

The charts below detail special **exclusions and limitations** to this warranty.

Warranty Term Exclusions	Warranty Period
Air filters, auger paddles, brake arms, brake linings, brake shoes, brushes, cutters, fuel filters, headlights, knives, light bulbs, lubricants, mower blades, oil, oil filters, spark plugs, scraper blades, shear bolts and skid shoes.	Components are not covered under warranty.

### Hydro-Gear Transaxle Limitation

See Hydro-Gear warranty. The warranty is administrated by AriensCo.

Warranty Term Limitations	Warranty Period
Cloth, Plastic and Rubber Components. Mufflers, Tires and Belts.	Components are covered for manufacturer's defect only, not wear.

### Exclusions – Items Not Covered by This Warranty

- Parts that are not genuine Ariens service parts are not covered by this warranty and may void the warranty if the parts result in premature wear or damage to the product.
- Damages resulting from the installation or use of any part, accessory, or attachment which is not approved by AriensCo for use with product(s) identified herein are not covered by this warranty.
- Any misuse, alteration, improper assembly, improper adjustment, neglect, or accident which requires repair is not covered by this warranty.
- Repairs or adjustments required due to failure to use fresh fuel or failure to properly prepare the unit for periods of non-use.
- **Use of gasoline blends exceeding 10% ethanol voids any and all warranties.**
- **Any tampering with the hour meter voids any and all warranties.**
- Products are designed to the specifications in the area that the product was originally distributed. Different areas may have significantly different legal and design requirements. This warranty is limited to the requirements in the area in which the unit was originally distributed. AriensCo does not warrant this product to the requirements of any other area. Warranty service is limited to service within the area originally distributed.
- In countries other than the United States and Canada, contact the AriensCo dealer for warranty policies that govern within your country. Rights may vary from country to country and within any one country.

### Evaporative Emissions Control Warranty Exception

As required by the California Air Resources Board (CARB) and the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) the evaporative emissions control system is warranted to the ultimate purchaser, and any subsequent owner, for two years.

The CARB and EPA evaporative emissions control system warranty is described in a separate evaporative emission control warranty statement.

### Battery Warranty

Battery warranty is one year. Units used for rental or lease have no exceptions to the 90-day warranty. Total battery claim reimbursement will not exceed 45.00 USD.

## Engines

The chart below details engine warranty information. Engine warranty terms may vary from the specific terms of this warranty. If inconsistent, the terms of the engine warranty shall apply to the engine and its component parts.

Engine Manufacturer	Detail
Ariens AX	Ariens-branded engines are warranted by the manufacturer and the warranty is administered by AriensCo. Refer to the engine manual for warranty statements.
Briggs & Stratton, Kawasaki, Kohler	Covered by the engine manufacturer's warranty. Refer to the engine manufacturer's warranty statements.

## Parts and Accessories

Service replacement parts and non-serialized accessories are warranted for 90 days from date of purchase. Parts and accessories must be installed by an authorized Ariens dealer to be covered. Labor is not included.

## Customer Responsibilities

**Register the product immediately at the time of sale.** If the dealer does not register the product, the customer must register the unit on-line at [www.ariens.com](http://www.ariens.com).

To obtain warranty service, the **original purchaser** must:

- Ensure that the maintenance and adjustments explained in the Operator's Manual are routinely completed.
- Promptly notify AriensCo or an authorized Ariens service representative of the need for warranty service.
- Transport the product to and from the place of warranty service at owner's expense.
- Have the warranty service performed by an authorized Ariens service representative.

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AriensCo may from time to time change the design of its products. Nothing contained in this warranty shall be construed as obligating the AriensCo to incorporate such design changes into previously manufactured products, nor shall such changes be construed as an admission that previous designs were defective.

## ***Limitation of Remedy and Damages***

AriensCo liability under this warranty, and under any implied warranty that may exist, is limited to repair of any defect in workmanship, and repair or replacement of any defective part. AriensCo shall not be liable for incidental, special, or consequential damages (including lost profits). Some states do not allow the exclusion of incidental or consequential damages, so the above limitation or exclusion may not apply to you.

## ***Australian Consumer Law***

The following applies solely to warranties subject to Subsection 102(1) of the Australian Consumer Law: Our goods come with guarantees that cannot be excluded by the Australian Consumer Law. You are entitled to a replacement or refund for a major failure and for compensation for any other reasonably foreseeable loss or damage. You are also entitled to have the goods repaired or replaced if the goods fail to be of acceptable quality and failure does not amount to a major failure.

## ***Disclaimer of Further Warranty***

AriensCo makes no warranty, express or implied, other than what is expressly made in this warranty. If the law of your state provides that an implied warranty of merchantability, or an implied warranty of fitness for particular purpose, or any other implied warranty, applies to AriensCo, then any such implied warranty is limited to the duration of this warranty. Some states do not allow limitations on how long an implied warranty lasts, so the above limitation may not apply to you.

*This warranty gives you specific legal rights, and you may also have other rights which vary from region to region.*



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