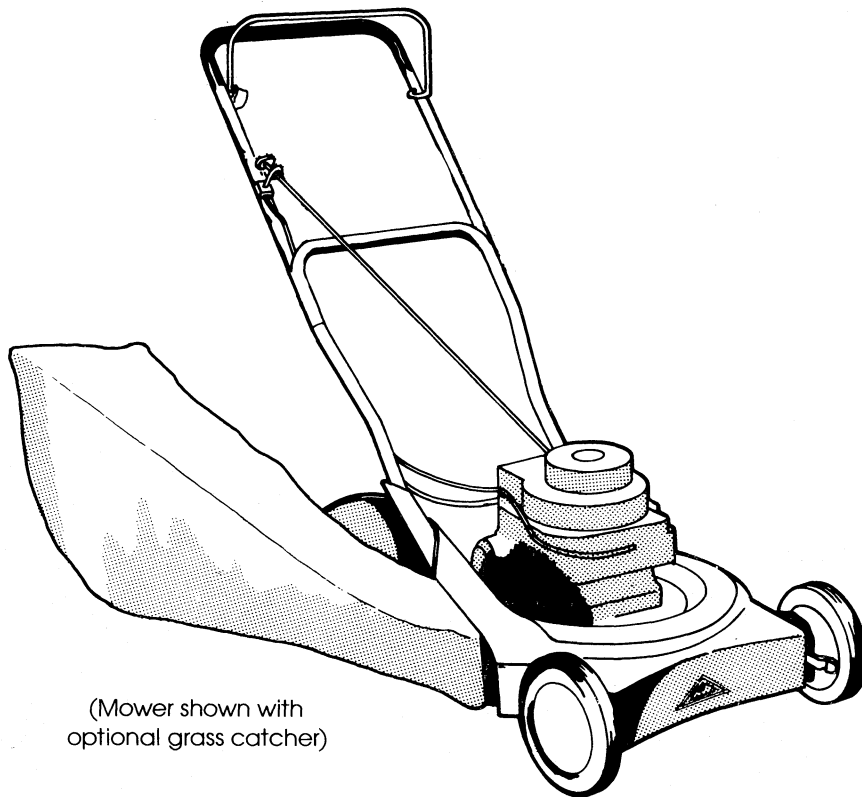


# FORD

**Series RM19  
Walk Behind Mower  
09GN2004**



(Mower shown with  
optional grass catcher)

# OPERATOR'S MANUAL

Reprinted

## GENERAL INTRODUCTION

This operator's manual has been prepared to provide the information you need to correctly assemble, operate and maintain your mower. Carefully read and follow the instructions in this operator's manual; with proper care and operation you will obtain long and efficient service. Should you ever need parts or service a complete parts breakdown and parts list has been included for your convenience.

Separate engine instructions are also furnished to you. Keep the engine instructions with this operator's manual and refer to the engine instructions for all engine operation, adjustment and maintenance information.

Your lawn mower was built with special safety features to help protect the operator from injury due to inadvertent contact with the cutter blade. All controls have been placed in the operator's position and must be maintained in good working condition.

Be sure safety precautions are observed. They are for your benefit.

Any references made in this Operator's Manual concerning the right- and left-hand sides are determined by the direction the operator is facing when holding the handle in the normal operating position.

The replacement of any part on this product by other than the manufacturer's authorized replacement part may adversely affect the performance, durability or safety of this product.

The manufacturer reserves the right to make changes on and to add improvements upon its product at any time without notice or obligation. The manufacturer also reserves the right to discontinue manufacture of any product at its discretion at any time.



(Mower shown with optional grass catcher)

**NOTICE:** A data plate with the model number and serial number of your mower is on the rear of the mower deck, facing the operator. Record these numbers in the spaces provided below.

Model No. \_\_\_\_\_ Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_

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**IMPORTANT:** If safety decals are missing, illegible, or damaged, they should be replaced. See **REPLACEMENT DECAL** section.

Notice to customers in the State of California- The engine on this unit is **NOT** equipped with a spark arresting muffler.

### IMPORTANT

**USE OR OPERATION OF THIS ENGINE ON ANY FOREST COVERED, BRUSH COVERED, OR GRASS COVERED LAND WITHOUT A STATE APPROVED SPARK ARRESTOR IN EFFECTIVE WORKING ORDER CONSTITUTES A VIOLATION OF THE LAW OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.**

## SAFETY PRECAUTIONS



**Safety is NO accident..... Be Alert!**

This symbol is used to attract your attention to the safety precautions that should be understood by the operator to avoid accidents.

Your lawn mower was built to the highest standards in the industry. However, **a mower is only as safe as the operator.** As with any type of power equipment, carelessness or error on the part of the operator can result in injury. Please read and follow these instructions on safe operation and be certain anyone using this lawn mower is familiar with these simple rules:

### TRAINING

1. Read this operator's manual and the engine operating instructions carefully. Be thoroughly familiar with the controls and proper use of the equipment.
2. Never allow children to operate a power mower.
3. Keep the area of operation clear of all persons, particularly small children and pets.

### PREPARATION

1. Always disconnect spark plug wire and place wire where it cannot contact spark plug to prevent accidental starting when setting up, adjusting or making repairs to your lawn mower.
2. Thoroughly inspect the area where the equipment is to be used and remove all stones, sticks, wires, bones, and other foreign objects.
3. Do not operate the equipment when barefoot or wearing open sandals. Always wear hard toed or safety footwear.
4. Check the fuel before starting the engine. Do not fill the gasoline tank indoors, when the engine is running, or while the engine is still hot. Wipe off any spilled gasoline before starting the engine.
5. Never attempt to make a wheel height adjustment while the engine is running.
6. Mow only in daylight or good artificial light.
7. Never operate the equipment in wet grass. Always be sure of your footing; keep a firm hold on the handle and walk; never run.

### OPERATION

1. Do not change the engine governor settings or over-speed the engine.

2. Do not put hands or feet near or under rotating parts. Keep clear of the discharge opening at all times. Never pick up or carry a mower when it is running.
3. Stop the blade(s) when crossing gravel drives, walks, or roads.
4. After striking a foreign object, stop the engine, remove the wire from the spark plug, thoroughly inspect the mower for any damage, and repair the damage before restarting and operating the mower.
5. If the equipment should start to vibrate abnormally, stop the engine and check immediately for the cause. Vibration is generally a warning of trouble.
6. Stop the engine whenever you leave the equipment, before cleaning the mower housing, or when making any repairs or inspections.
7. When cleaning, repairing, or inspecting, make certain the blade and all moving parts have stopped. Disconnect the spark plug wire, and keep the wire away from the plug to prevent accidental starting.
8. Do not run the engine indoors.
9. Shut the engine off and wait until the blade comes to a complete stop before removing the grass catcher or unclogging chute.
10. Mow across the face of slopes; never up and down. Exercise extreme caution when changing directions on slopes. Do not mow excessively steep slopes.
11. Never operate the mower without proper guards, plates, or other safety protective devices in place.
12. Do not use any attachments unless they are approved by the original manufacturer.

### MAINTENANCE AND STORAGE

1. Check the blade and the engine mounting bolts at frequent intervals for proper tightness.
2. Keep all nuts, bolts, and screws tight to be sure the equipment is in safe working condition.
3. Never store the equipment with gasoline in the tank inside a building where fumes may reach an open flame or spark. Allow the engine to cool before storing in any enclosure.
4. To reduce fire hazard, keep the engine free of grass, leaves, or excessive grease.
5. Check the grass catcher and control cables frequently for wear or deterioration. Replace with new parts for safety protection.
6. Use only replacement parts made and guaranteed by the original manufacturer.

When you see this symbol-



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