

**14PT and 14ST  
21-Inch  
Tricycler®  
Walk-Behind  
Rotary Mowers**  
(Serial No. 010001— )

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# Introduction

**THANK YOU** for purchasing a John Deere product.

**READ THIS MANUAL** to learn how to operate and service your mower. Failure to do so could result in personal injury or equipment damage.

**RIGHT AND LEFT SIDES** are determined by facing the direction of forward travel.

**DEALER NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

**PHONE NUMBER** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE OF PURCHASE** \_\_\_\_\_

**WARRANTY IS EXPLAINED** on the warranty certificate you received from your dealer. Please read it.

**WRITE MACHINE NUMBERS BELOW.** You need these numbers to help you order parts and to help trace the mower if it is stolen. Also record these numbers in a safe place in case the manual is lost.

• A—Mower Model \_\_\_\_\_

• B—Mower Number \_\_\_\_\_

• C—Engine Number \_\_\_\_\_



## SERVICE SCHEDULE

### Before Use:

—Check oil level.

**After Each Use:** Clean the mower.

**After First 5 Hours:** Change oil.

### 25 Hours:

- Clean air cleaner foam element.
- Tighten blade bolt.
- Clean & gap spark plug.
- Clean belt/transmission area.
- Lubricate rear axle bushings.
- Change oil.

### 100 Hours:

- Replace air cleaner paper element.

**250 HOURS:** Have John Deere dealer check flywheel brake liner.

### As Necessary:

- Clean fins.
- Adjust traction cable.
- Adjust throttle cable.
- Adjust choke & slow idle.
- Check, remove, & sharpen blade.
- Balance & install blade.
- Clean fuel cap vent.

**PART NUMBERS** are subject to change without notice, & may be different outside the U.S.A.

- Air cleaner paper element: M79451
- Belt: M77167
- Standard blade: M111453
- Mulch blade: M112972
- Spark plug: Champion RN11YC or NGK-BP5ES

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# Safety

## READ SAFETY SIGNS & INSTRUCTIONS

**!** This symbol means **BE ALERT FOR POSSIBLE INJURY**.

**DANGER** points out immediate hazards which will cause severe injury or death.

**WARNING** points out hazards or unsafe practices which could cause severe injury or death.

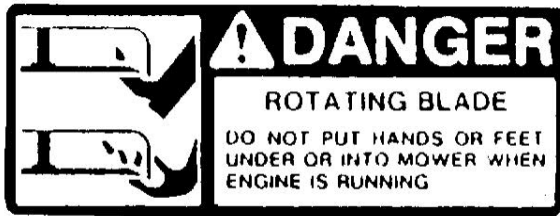
**CAUTION** points out hazards or unsafe practices which could cause minor injury or machine or property damage.

**KEEP SAFETY SIGNS** in good condition. You can order safety signs from your John Deere dealer.

**READ THIS MANUAL CAREFULLY.** Be thoroughly familiar with controls and proper use of equipment.

**ALLOW ONLY RESPONSIBLE ADULTS**, who understand instructions, to operate the machine.

**IF YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND** any part of this manual, see your John Deere dealer.



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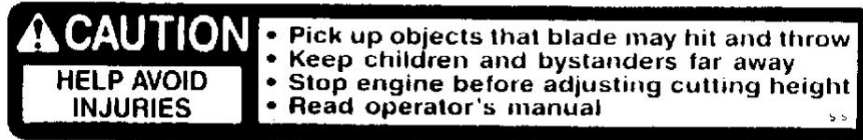
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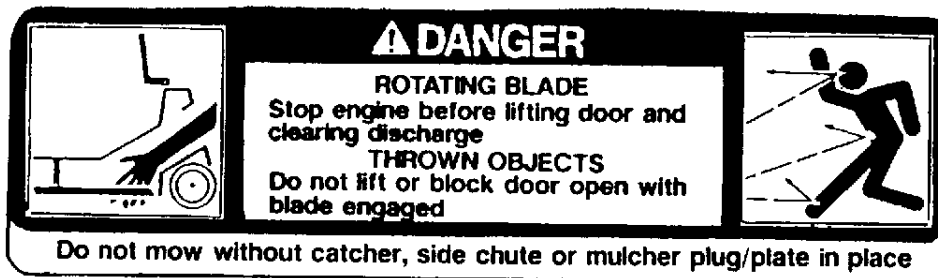
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Right Side of Deck

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Top, Rear of Engine



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Rear of Door



## PREPARE BEFORE YOU OPERATE

Check hardware often, especially blade and engine mounting bolts. Keep them tight.

Discharge chute, grass bag, or mulch plug must be in good condition, held in place by door.

To help prevent fires, keep engine clean, especially cooling fins. Replace faulty muffler.

Wear close-fitting clothing, substantial footwear—not barefoot or sandals—and long trousers.

Protect eyes with shield, safety glasses, or goggles.

Protect ears with earplugs or ear muffs.

Focus on mowing. Don't wear headphones.

Be prepared for fire. Keep fire extinguisher and first aid kit handy. Keep medical and fire department emergency numbers near telephone.

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## PROTECT AGAINST THROWN OBJECTS

Don't mow when people are in mowing area.

Before you mow, clear area of objects that might be thrown by blade: sticks, rocks, bones, wire, etc.

Discharge clippings away from people.

Don't lift or block discharge door open when blade is ENGAGED.



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## PROTECT CHILDREN

**KEEP CHILDREN IN HOUSE WHILE YOU MOW.** If children come into mowing area, STOP MOWER. Move children to a safe place. Also keep other people and pets out of mowing area.

Don't let children or untrained persons operate mower.

Don't leave mower unattended with engine running.



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