

**12PB, 12SB  
14PB, 14SB, and 14SE  
21-Inch  
Walk-Behind  
Rotary Mowers**  
(Serial No. GXXXXXX010001- )

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# Introduction

THANK YOU for purchasing a John Deere product.

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

THIS MANUAL SHOULD BE CONSIDERED a permanent part of your machine and should remain with the machine when you sell it.

MEASUREMENTS in this manual are U.S. customary units and their metric equivalents.

RIGHT-HAND AND LEFT-HAND sides are determined by facing in the direction of forward travel.

WRITE IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS in the Specifications section. Accurately record all the numbers to help in tracing the machine should it be stolen. Your dealer also needs these numbers when

you order parts. File the identification numbers in a secure place.

WARRANTY is provided as part of John Deere's support program for customers who operate and maintain their equipment as described in this manual. The warranty is explained on the warranty certificate which you should have received from your dealer.

This warranty provides you the assurance that John Deere will back its products where defects appear within the warranty period. In some circumstances, John Deere also provides field improvements, often without charge to the customer, even if the product is out of warranty. Should the equipment be abused, or modified to change its performance beyond the original factory specifications, the warranty will become void and field improvements may be denied. Setting fuel delivery above specifications or otherwise overpowering machines will result in such action.



Model 12PB, 2-Cycle Engine

M61526  
-UN-01SEP88



Model 14SB, 4-Cycle Engine

M61525  
-UN-01SEP88

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# Safety

## RECOGNIZE SAFETY INFORMATION

This is the safety-alert symbol. When you see this symbol on your machine or in this manual, be alert to the potential for personal injury.

Follow recommended precautions and safe operating practices.



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## UNDERSTAND SIGNAL WORDS

A signal word—DANGER, WARNING, or CAUTION—is used with the safety-alert symbol. DANGER identifies the most serious hazards.

Safety signs with signal word DANGER or WARNING are typically near specific hazards.

General precautions are listed on CAUTION safety signs. CAUTION also calls attention to safety messages in this manual.



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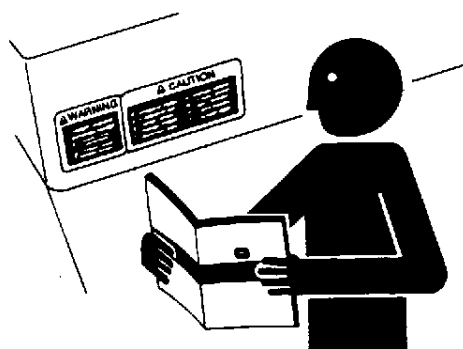
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## FOLLOW SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

Carefully read all safety messages in this manual and on your machine safety signs. Keep safety signs in good condition. Replace missing or damaged safety signs.

Learn how to operate the machine and how to use controls properly. Do not let anyone operate without instruction.

Keep your machine in proper working condition. Unauthorized modifications to the machine may impair the function and/or safety and affect machine life.



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## OPEI CERTIFICATION

This OPEI Label on your mower indicates that this model has been certified by an independent laboratory for compliance with American National Standard B-71.1-1986, "Safety Specifications" for Power Lawn Mowers, Lawn and Garden Tractors, and Lawn Tractors.



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## INSPECT MOWER REGULARLY

Check hardware often. Keep it tight.

Clean engine often, especially cooling fins.

Discharge chute or rear bag must be in good condition, and in place.

Rear cover (on top of bag) must be working properly and in place.



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## PROTECT FROM THROWN OBJECTS

Before you mow, clear mowing area of objects that might be thrown.

Discharge clippings away from people.

Discharge chute or grass bag must be in place.

Do not lift or block door open when blade is ENGAGED.



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## PROTECT PEOPLE AND PETS

Keep people and pets out of mowing area.

Do not let children or untrained persons operate mower.

Do not leave mower unattended.



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