



PTO GRASS COLLECTION SYSTEM

DESIGNED FOR:

Silver Eagle Series

MODEL#: 38131501

2744 - 2550 - 2750 - 2760 (KW) - 2960 EFI



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OPERATOR'S MANUAL

ASSEMBLY • OPERATION • MAINTENANCE

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Safety

1. Read the operator's manual carefully and familiarize yourself with the proper use of your attachment. Do not allow anyone who is not acquainted with the Safety Instructions to use your attachment.
2. Know the controls and how to stop quickly. READ THE OPERATOR'S MANUAL!
3. Do not allow children to operate the vehicle. Do not allow adults to operate it without proper instruction.
4. Be especially watchful of children and pets darting into the area while operating.
5. Keep your eyes and mind on your unit while mowing or operating your attachment. Don't let others distract you.
6. Do not attempt to operate your unit or mower when not in the driver's seat.
7. Always stop unit when emptying the container.
8. Stop unit, shut off deck attachment, set parking brake, shut off mower engine and remove spark plug wire before removing clogs, removing or replacing hose, boot, blower cone, or performing any maintenance.
9. Mow across the face of slopes (not steeper than 10 degrees); never up and down the face.
10. It is recommended that the container be kept only half full when negotiating any slopes. Start mowing on slopes when the container is empty.
11. Inspect your lawn and remove any foreign objects before mowing. Never deliberately run the mower across any foreign object.
12. Wear ear protection if the noise level is offensive.
13. Wear eye protection to prevent debris from damaging your eyes.

SAFETY

WARNING! **NEVER** operate the mower unless the discharge guard and either the deflector assembly or the vacuum collector adapter are fastened securely in place.

WARNING! Do not work around the mower deck boot or the blower area until you are certain that the mower blades and the blower impeller have stopped rotating.

WARNING! To avoid serious injury, perform maintenance on the vacuum collector; **ONLY AFTER STOPPING THE MOWER'S ENGINE AND WAITING FOR ALL MOVING PARTS TO COME TO A COMPLETE STOP.** Set the parking brake. Always remove the ignition key before beginning maintenance.

WARNING! For your own personal safety, **ALWAYS** mow **ACROSS** the face of slopes and **NEVER UP and DOWN** the face. **NEVER** attempt to mow excessively steep slopes, and use caution when turning on any slope.

Safety Alert Symbol



This Safety Alert Symbol means: **“ATTENTION! BECOME ALERT! YOUR SAFETY IS INVOLVED!”**

This symbol is used to call attention to safety precautions that should be followed by the operator to avoid accidents. When you see this symbol, carefully read the message that follows and heed its advice. Failure to comply with safety precautions could result in death or serious bodily injury.

Safety Signs

The signal words **DANGER**, **WARNING**, and **CAUTION** are used on the equipment safety signs. These words are intended to alert the viewer to the existence and the degree of hazard seriousness.



White letters on **RED**

This signal word indicates a potentially hazardous situation which, if not avoided, will result in death or serious injury.



Black letters on **ORANGE**

This signal word indicates a potentially hazardous situation which, if not avoided, could result in death or serious injury.

It may also be used to alert against unsafe practices.



Black letters on **YELLOW**

This signal word indicates a potentially hazardous situation exist which, if not avoided, will result in minor or moderate injury.

It may also be used to alert against unsafe practices.

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Dixie Chopper extends the following warranties to the original purchaser of each new Dixie Chopper consumer product subject to the following limitations.

- 1. PRODUCT WARRANTY:** Any part of any consumer product, which is defective in material or workmanship as delivered to the purchaser will be repaired or replaced, as Dixie Chopper elects, without charge for parts or labor, if the defect appears within 12 months from the date of delivery of the product to the original purchaser. **ALL DEFECTIVE PARTS MUST BE RETURNED TO DIXIE CHOPPER FOR INSPECTION TO DETERMINE VALIDITY OF WARRANTY CLAIMS.** Freight and mailing will be borne by the customer.

- 2. PARTS REPLACED DURING WARRANTY:** Any new Dixie Chopper part which is furnished in performance of this warranty and is defective in material or workmanship as delivered to the purchaser will be repaired or replaced, as Dixie Chopper elects, without charge if the defect appears within 90 days from the date of installation of such part or before the expiration of the original warranty period, whichever is later.

B. SECURING WARRANTY ADJUSTMENTS.

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C. ITEMS NOT COVERED BY DIXIE CHOPPER WARRANTY.

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G. ANY MACHINE USED FOR RENTAL PURPOSES ARE GUARANTEED FOR 45 DAYS FROM DATE OF ORIGINAL SALE ONLY.

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1. NO SERVICE CENTER WARRANTY.

The selling Service Center makes no warranty on his own on any item warranted by Dixie Chopper unless he delivers to purchaser a separate written warranty certificate specifically warranting the item. The dealer has no authority to make any representation or promise on behalf of Dixie Chopper or to modify the terms of this warranty in any way.

Section I - INTRODUCTION AND DESCRIPTION

1-1 Introduction

We are pleased to have you as a Dixie Chopper customer. Your collection system has been designed to give you a low maintenance, simple, and effective way to collect the grass clippings from your mower. This manual is provided to give you the necessary instructions to properly mount and operate the collection system on your mower. Please read this manual thoroughly. Understand what each control is for and how to use it. Observe all safety decal precautions on the machine and noted throughout the manual.

NOTE: all references made to right, left, front, rear, top or bottom are as viewed from the normal operator's position on the mower.

1-2 Description

The collection system is designed for turf maintenance where there is a need to collect the grass clippings as the mower cuts the turf. It is also good for picking up leaves and twigs in pre-season and post-season clean-up.

The engine/blower/blade assembly is mounted on the right side of the unit. The blower draws grass clippings from the discharge area of the cutter deck back to the (3) 4 cubic foot collection bags P#(G0003) at the rear portion of the mower frame. The operator can engage the engine/blower/blade assembly by starting the engine. Once the bags are full, they can be released for dumping.



Section II - INSTALLATION FOR USE

2-1 Left and Right Frame Bracket Installation

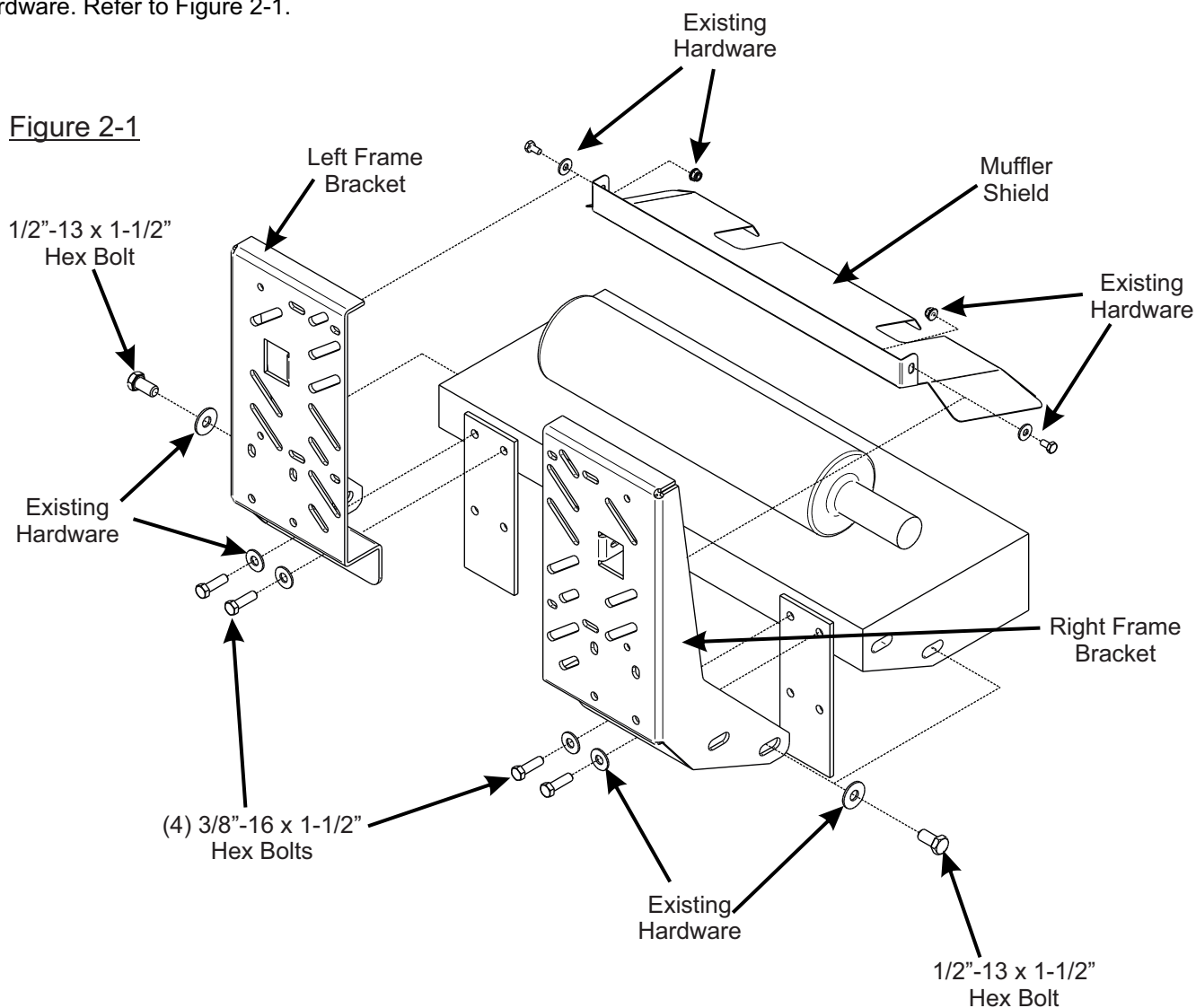
First, remove the rear bumper of the mower and keep the existing hardware for use during the frame bracket installation.

If your mower is equipped with a muffler shield:

Remove the muffler shield from the rear bumper of the mower and keep the existing hardware.

Next, secure the left frame bracket P#(B0792) and right frame bracket P#(B0791) to the rear frame of the mower using (4) 3/8"-16 x 1-1/4" HHCS P#(K1192), (4) existing flat washers and (4) existing 3/8" nuts. Then, secure the frame brackets to the side of the mower frame using (2) 1/2"-13 x 1-1/2" HHCS P#(K1233), (2) existing flat washers and (2) existing 1/2" nuts. Last, attach the muffler shield, removed from the rear bumper (if applicable), to the frame brackets using the existing hardware. Refer to Figure 2-1.

Figure 2-1



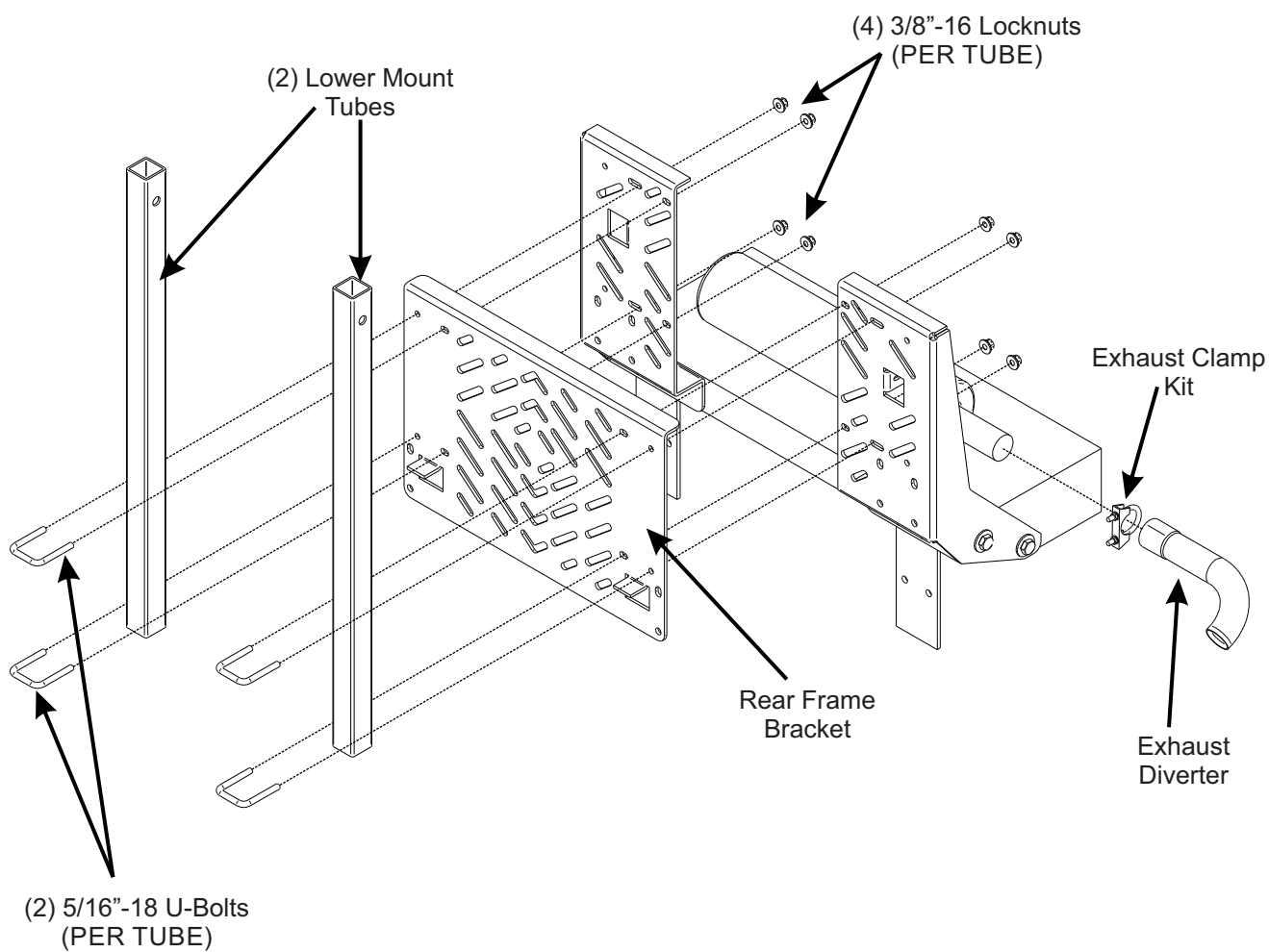
2-2 Rear Frame Bracket and Lower Mount Tube Installation

Align the mounting holes in the rear frame bracket P#(B0773) with the mounting holes in the left and right frame bracket. Position the (2) lower mount tubes P#(B0640) onto the rear frame bracket. Secure the (2) lower mount tubes to the rear frame bracket using (2) 5/16"-18 u-bolts P#(K1098) and (4) 5/16"-18 nylon flange locknuts P#(K2516) PER TUBE.

Insert the exhaust diverter P#(J0282) onto the end of the muffler. Secure the exhaust diverter with (1) exhaust clamp kit P#(X1064). Position the diverter so that the exhaust does not blow onto the collection bags or the ground. Refer to Figure 2-2.

Note: The Figure below will look different if mounting to Silver Eagle 2744 models as the mower's chassis is slightly narrower. The bagging system's frame brackets are adjustable and mount in the same fashion as wider chassis models.

Figure 2-2

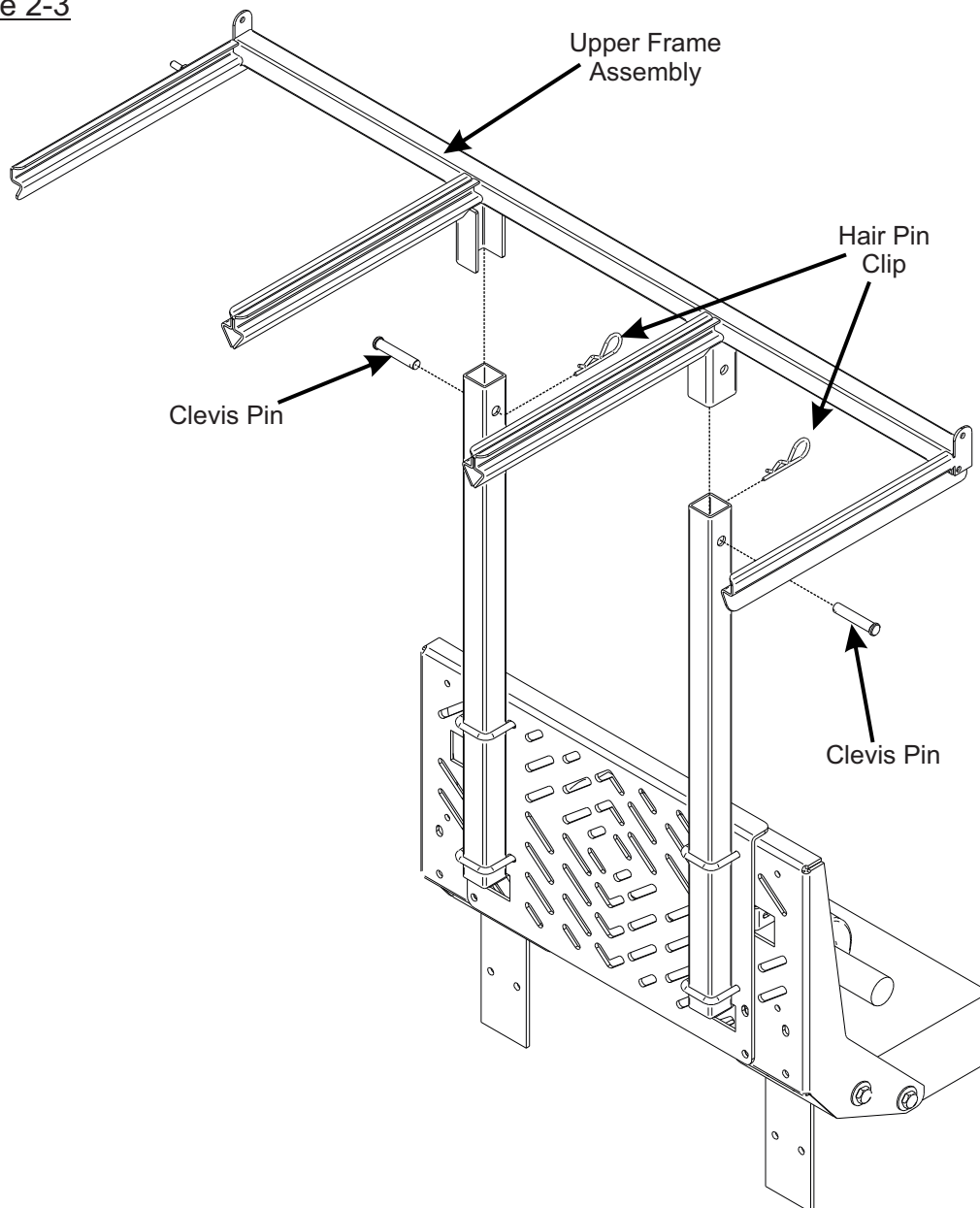


2-3 Upper Frame Assembly Installation

NOTE: During this step, it is suggested that two people install the upper frame to the lower mount tube.

Lift the upper frame assembly P#(A1058) above the lower mount assembly and lower the top assembly onto the two vertical tubes. Secure the top assembly to the lower mount assembly using (2) clevis pins P#(K0133) and (2) hair pin clips P#(K0088). Refer to Figure 2-3.

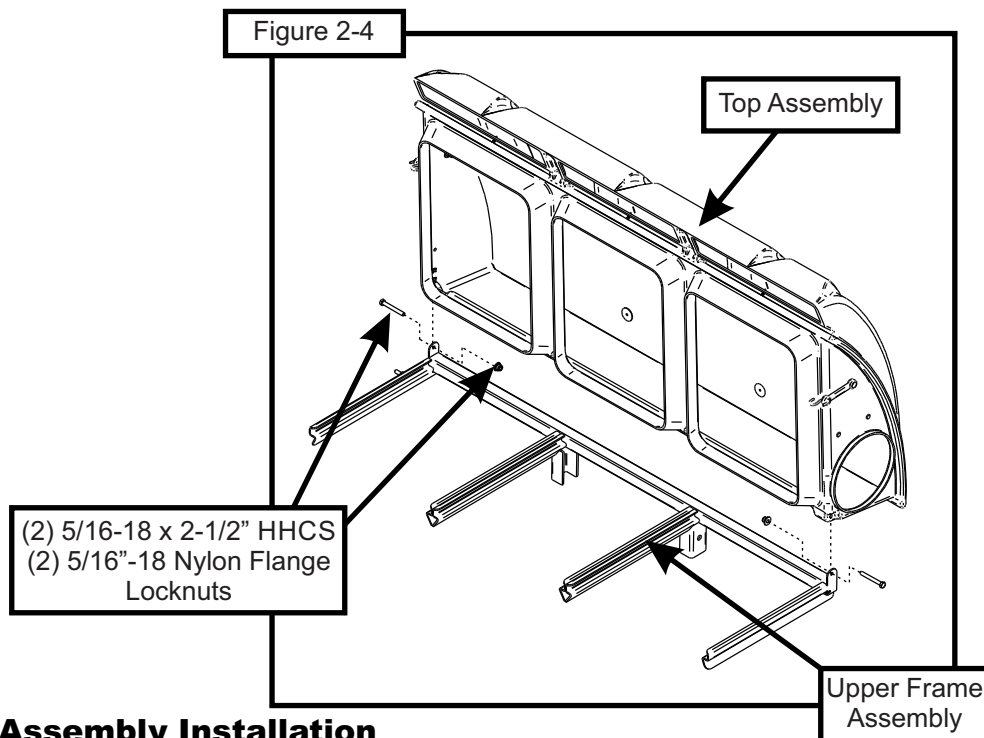
Figure 2-3



2-4 Top Assembly To Upper Frame

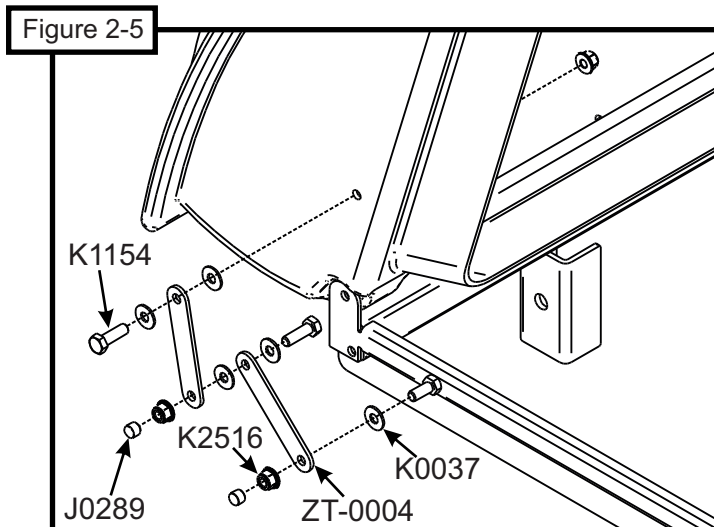
Assembly Installation

Position the top assembly P#(A1187) above the upper frame assembly as shown in Figure 2-4. Fasten the top assembly to the upper frame assembly using (2) 5/16"-18 x 2-1/2" HHCS P#(K0125) and (2) 5/16"-18 nylon flange locknuts P#(K2516). Leave the locknuts slightly loose, to allow the top assembly to open and close easily. Refer to Figure 2-4 for hardware location.



2-5 Hinge Kit Assembly Installation

Assemble the hinge kit as shown in Figure 2-5, using (2) 5/16"-18 x 1" HHCS P#(K1154), (3) 5/16"-18 nylon flange locknuts P#(K2516), (5) 1/4" flat washers P#(K0037) and (2) swing arm brackets P#(ZT-0004). Place (1) vinyl cap P#(J0289) on the end of the hex bolts as shown in Figure 2-5. Leave the nuts loose enough to allow fluid movement of the top when opening and closing. When opened, the top should rest on the middle joint of the hinge allowing it to remain up.



2-6 Outer Engine Mount Tube Installation

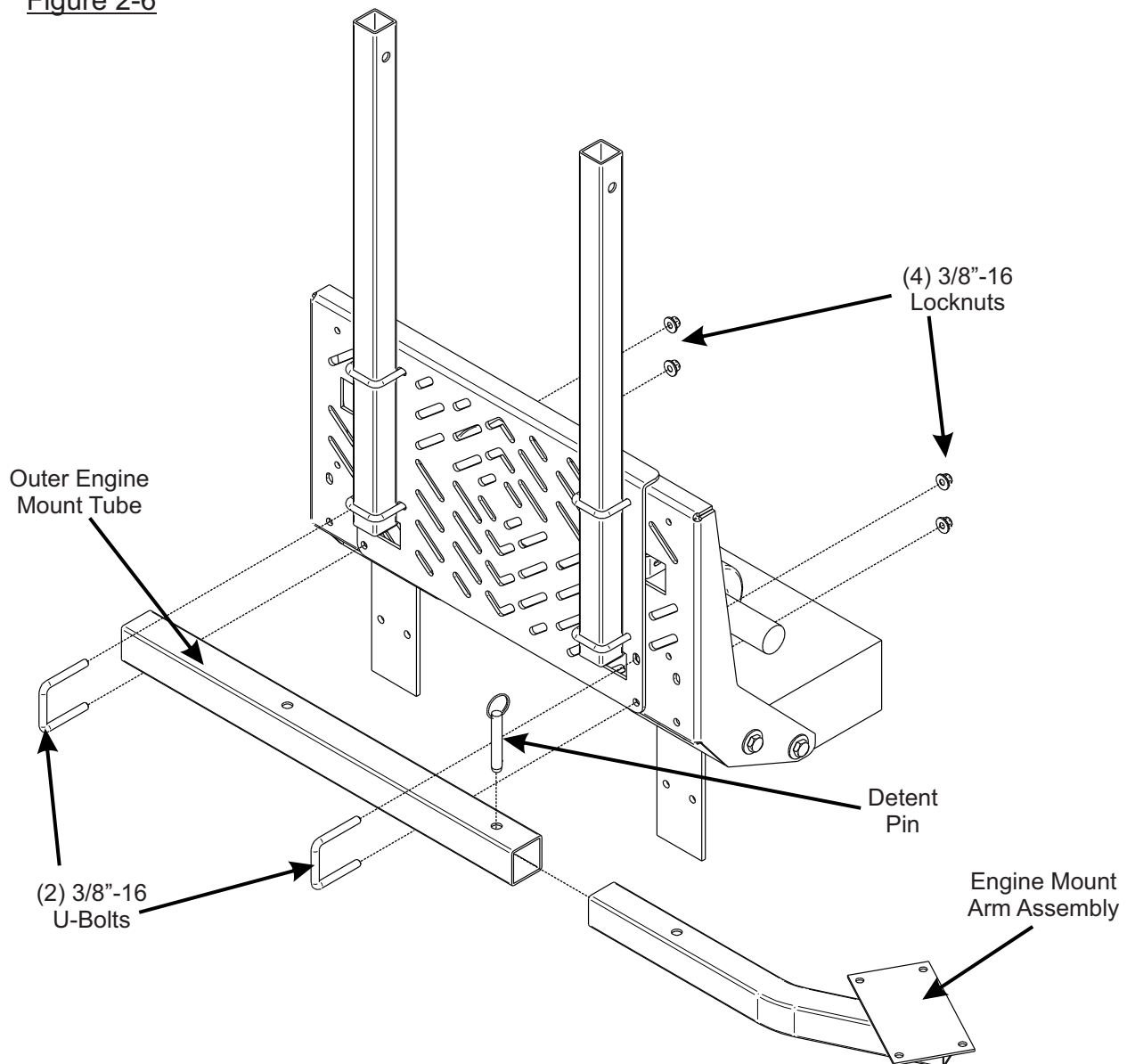
Secure the outer engine mount tube P#(B1117) to the rear frame bracket using (2) 3/8"-16 x 2-1/8" u-bolts P#(K1460) and (4) 3/8"-16 nylon flange locknuts P#(K2038). Refer to Figure 2-6.

NOTE: Keep the hardware finger tight until the engine/blower/blade assembly has been installed and there is proper clearance between the blower housing and the rear tire.

2-7 Engine Mount Arm Assembly Installation

Insert the engine mount arm assembly into the outer engine mount tube and align the mounting holes in both tubes. Secure the engine mount arm assembly with (1) detent pin P#(J0248). Refer to Figure 2-6.

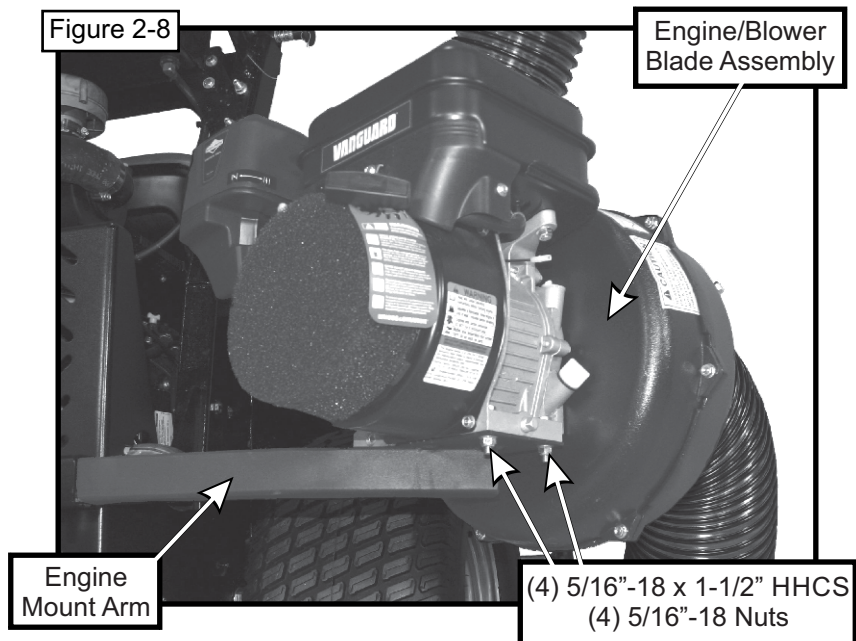
Figure 2-6



2-8 Engine/Blower/Blade Assembly

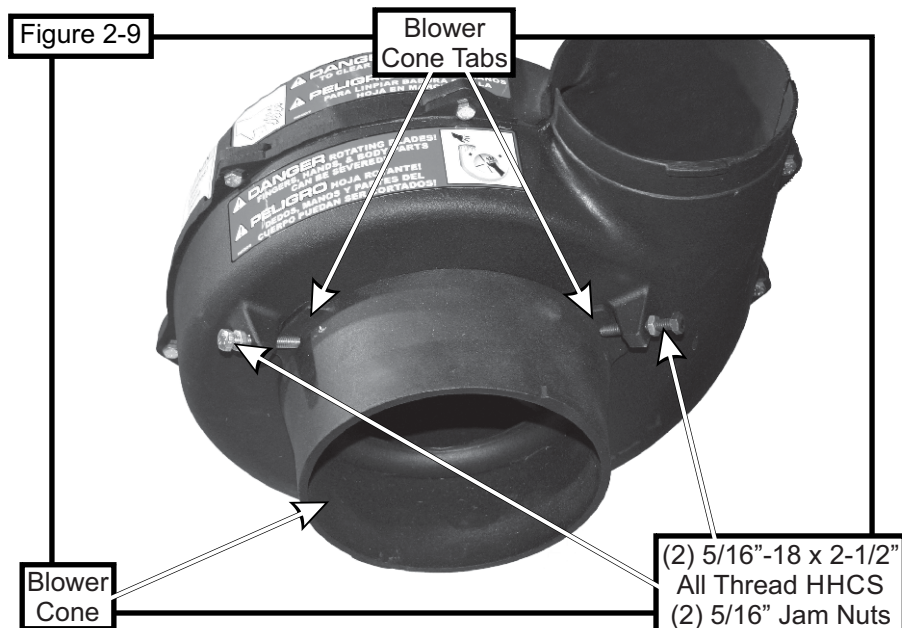
Installation

Place the engine blower blade assembly on top of the engine mount arm as shown in Figure 2-8. Secure the assembly using (4) 5/16"-18 x 1-1/2" HHCS P#(K1157) and (4) 5/16"-18 nylon flange lock nuts P#(K2516). Reposition the engine mount arm and outer engine mount tube so that there is approximately 2" clearance between the blower housing and the rear tire. When the blower assembly has the proper clearance, tighten the hardware from Section 2-6.



2-9 Blower Cone Installation

Thread (1) 5/16"-18 jam nut P#(K0120) onto each end of (2) 5/16"-18 x 2-1/2" HHCS P#(K0125). Now partially thread the bolts into each of the two tabs located on the blower housing. Place blower cone so the two tabs line up with the bolts then tighten completely (Figure 2-9).

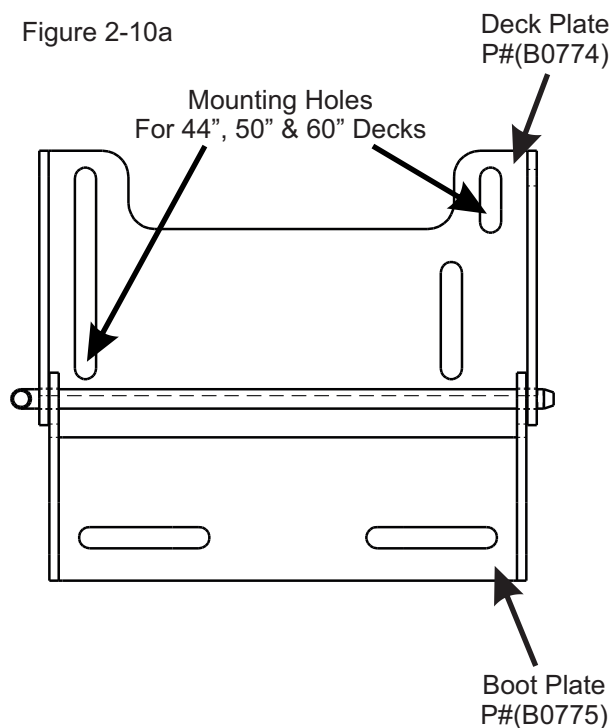


2-10 Boot To Mower Deck Installation

The aluminum boot P#(E0023) and deck mounting components are designed to fit the 44", 50" and 60" deck options for the Silver Eagle.

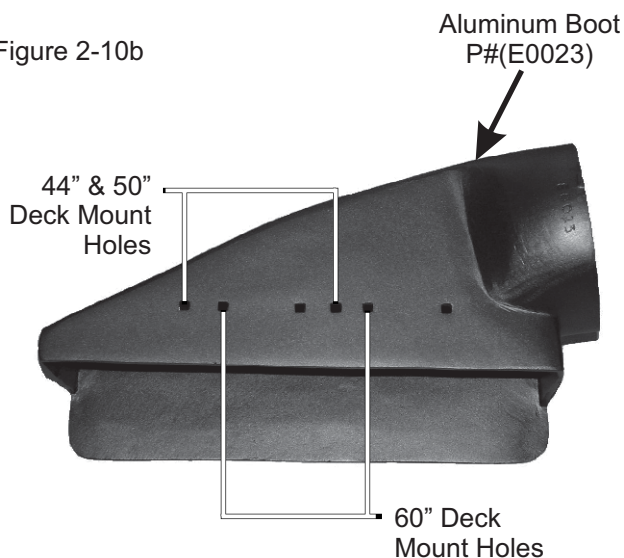
Refer to Figure 2-10a for the deck plate mounting holes used for the Silver Eagle series.

Figure 2-10a



Refer to Figure 2-10b for boot plate mounting hole locations.

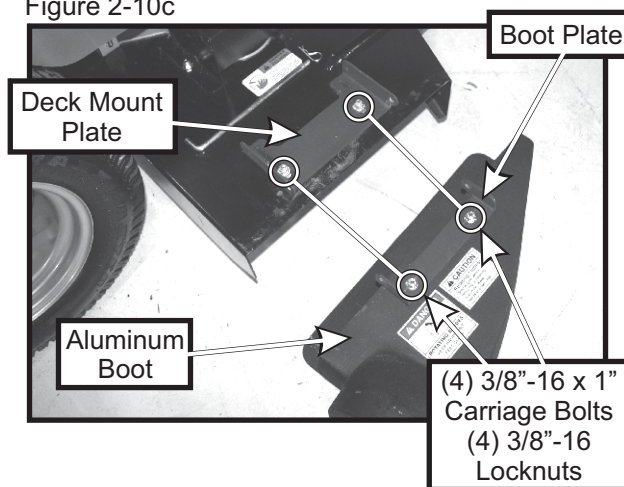
Figure 2-10b



NOTE: Remove all grass deflector and/or mulching hardware from the mower deck before proceeding.

Position the boot plate P#(B0775) onto the top of the aluminum boot P#(E0023) as shown in Figure 2-10c. Secure the boot plate to the boot using (2) 3/8"-16 x 1" carriage bolts P#(K1182) and (2) 3/8"-16 nylon flange locknuts P#(K2038). Insert the bolts from the inside of the boot so that the lock nuts are on top of the boot plate. This will prevent grass clipping from collecting on the bolt threads. Position the deck mount plate onto the top of the mower deck as shown in Figure 2-10c. Secure the deck mount plate to the mower deck using (2) 3/8"-16 x 1" carriage bolts P#(K1182) and (2) 3/8"-16 nylon flange locknuts P#(K2038). Insert the bolts from the underside of the mower deck.

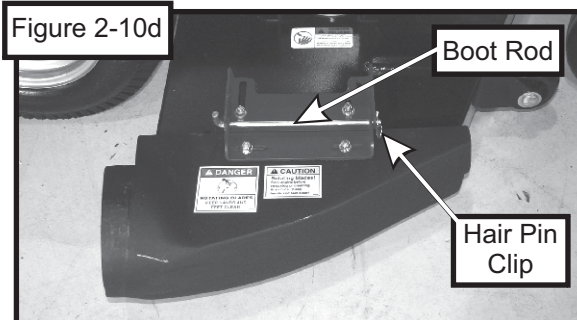
Figure 2-10c



Align the holes in the boot plate with the holes in the deck mount plate. Insert the boot rod P#(B0333) into the mounting holes and secure with (1) hair pin clip P#(K0099). Refer to Figure 2-10d.

With all the carriage bolts still finger tight, use the slots in the deck mount plate and the boot plate to position the boot so that the front inside corner of the boot is flush to the front outside edge of the mower deck. Also check for clearance between the mowers blade and the bottom edge of the boot. Once the boot is positioned correctly, tighten all the hardware.

Figure 2-10d



2-11 Length Of Hose Adjustment

The hoses in steps 2-12 and 2-13 must be cut to fit your machine. Follow steps 2-12 and 2-13. Do not cut the hoses until you have tried to fit them on your machine. Remember that the hoses have to be long enough to adjust for the blower assembly's movement as well as allow for enough clamping surface between the inlet, blower assembly, and the deck boot.

2-12 Upper Hose Installation

Fasten the inlet to the plastic top by sliding the inlet from the inside of the top to the outside and lock into place. Slide a pre-assembled hose clamp P#(J0060) onto both ends of the 6" upper hose (Figure 2-14). Then slide one end of the 6" hose onto the inlet. Make sure there is about a two-inch overlap between the hose end and the container inlet. Proceed to slide the opposite end of the 6" hose onto the outlet of the blower assembly. See (Figure 2-14) for details. Make sure both ends of the hose are clearly attached to the inlet and the blower assembly inlet. Tighten the hose clamps.

2-13 Lower Hose To Blower Cone

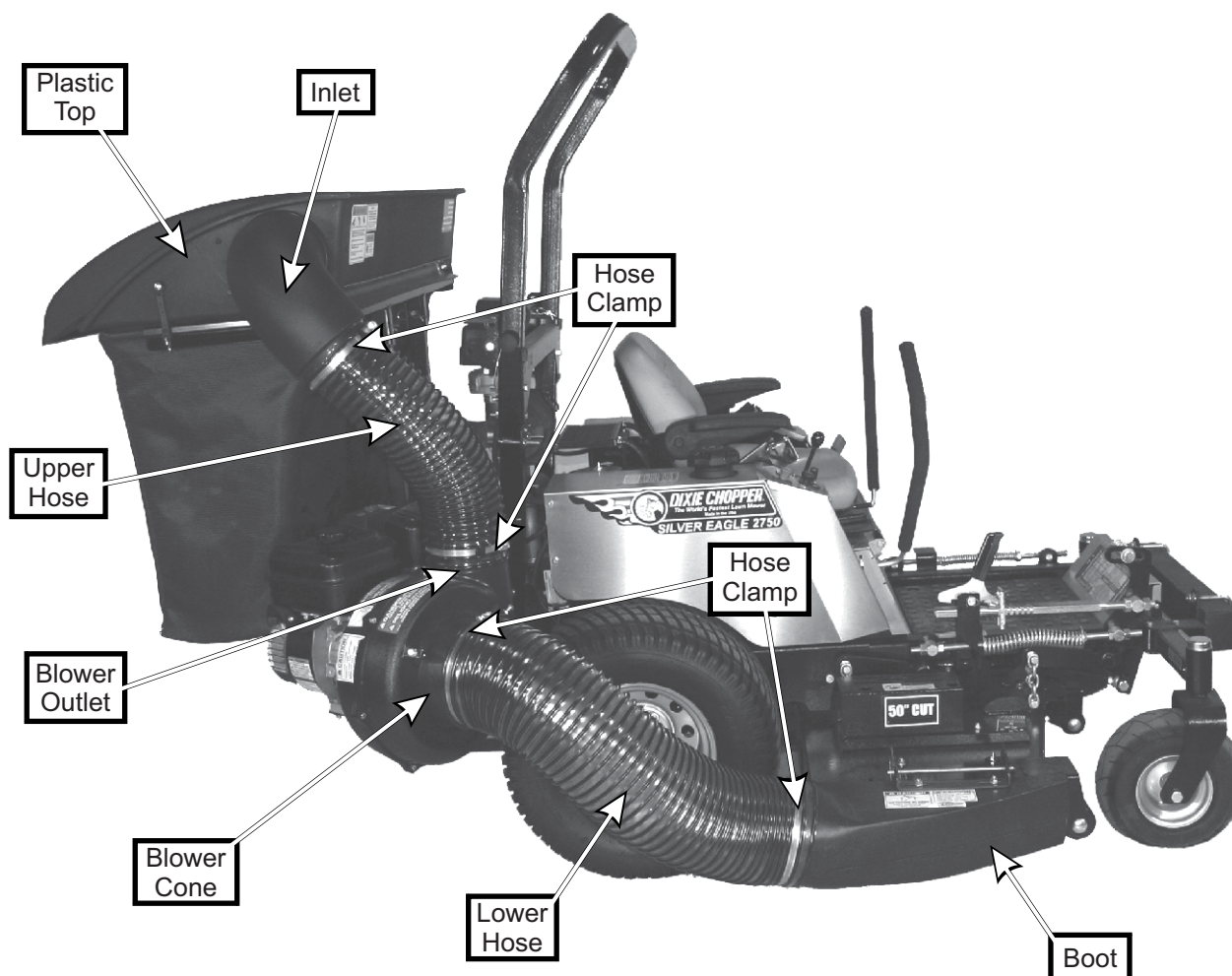
Installation

Slide a pre-assembled hose clamp P#(J0080) over both ends of the lower hose. Then proceed to slide the lower hose onto the blower cone. Tighten the hose clamp. The assembly should look like Figure 2-14.

2-14 Lower Hose To Boot Installation

Take the unattached end of the lower hose and slide it over the circular end of the boot. Use the lower hose clamp to secure the hose to the boot (Figure 2-14). Tip: Before securing clamp rotate hose counter-clockwise (away from yourself) approximately 1" to aid in retaining boot to mower deck.

Figure 2-14



2-15 Throttle Cable Installation

NOTE: Engine Driven Models Only

To install the throttle cable kit to the ROPS (roll over protection system), place the 3/8" U-Bolt P#(K0136) onto the ROPS with the threads facing the front of the mower. Next slide on the throttle mount plate assembly P#(A0666) with the rivets also facing toward the front of the mower. Tighten the throttle mount plate assembly securely to the ROPS using (2) 3/8"16 nylon flange lock nuts P#(K2038) (Figure 2-15a). With the throttle cable facing toward the engine/blower/blade assembly, place the throttle base plate over the rivets. Slide the throttle cable kit to the right, moving the smaller end of the slot over the rivets. When positioned correctly, the throttle spring plate will snap into place (Figure 2-15b).

To remove the throttle cable kit, lift the throttle spring plate and slide the throttle kit to the left.

Route cable over the upper hose as shown in Figure 2-15c.

Figure 2-15a

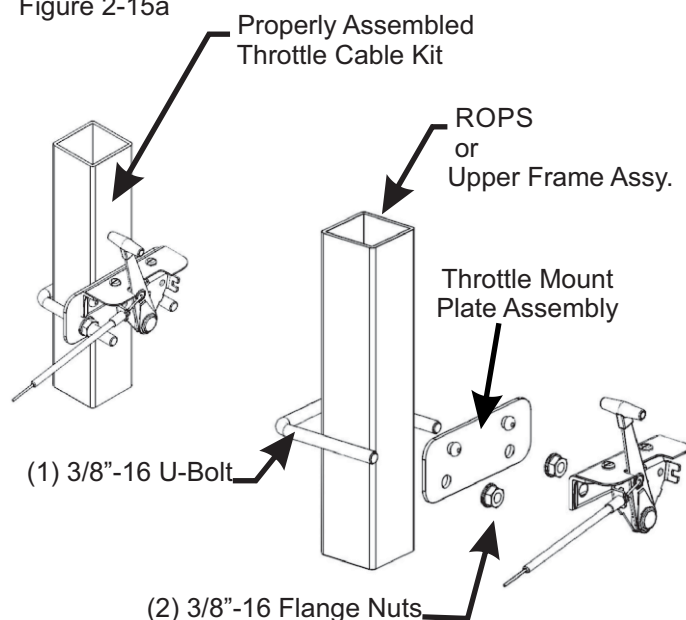


Figure 2-15b

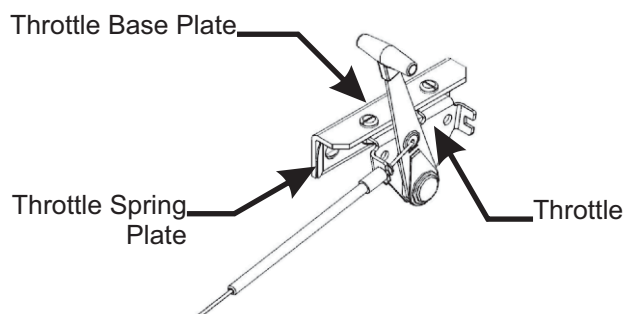
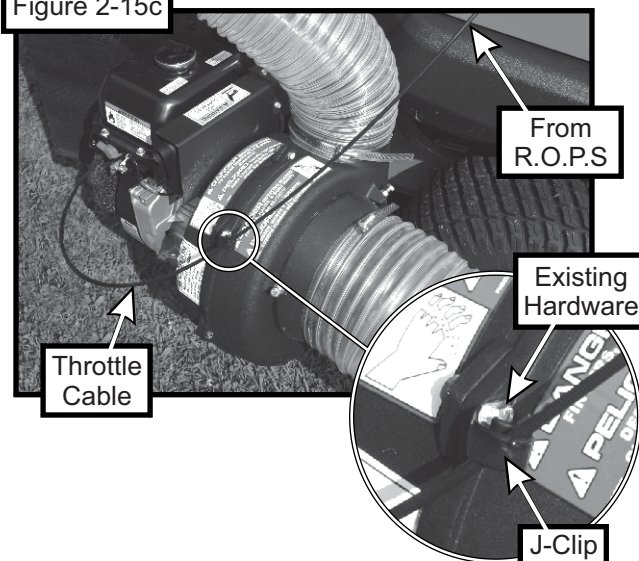


Figure 2-15c

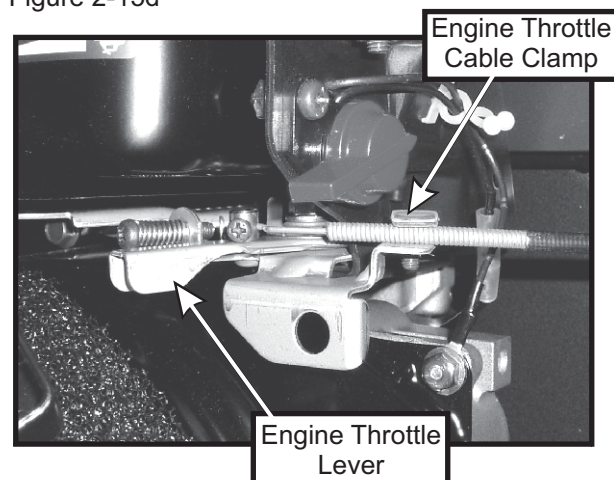


Secure the throttle cable to the blower housing assembly using (1) J-Clip P#(K1455). Use the existing hardware from the blower housing to secure the J-Clip, as shown in Figure 2-15c.

To fasten the throttle cable end to the engine, place the throttle control lever into the "stop" position. Rotate the engine throttle lever to the "stop" position. Thread the wire end of the throttle cable into the engine throttle lever eyelet and tighten the screw. Fasten the throttle cable sleeve to the clamp on the engine throttle (Figure 2-15d). Rotate the throttle control lever into the "fast" position to check for proper installation.

NOTE: Cable sleeve may need to be cut, depending on the engine type. Once throttle cable is attached, lift the plastic top assembly and make sure that the throttle cable does not interfere with the movement of the plastic top.

Figure 2-15d



2-16 Impeller Blade Removal/Replacement

To gain impeller blade (#1) access, first remove the blower cone (#2) from the blower housing, located on the PTO assembly P#(A1821), by removing two blower cone bolts and nuts (#3). Next, remove the blower housing front (#4) by removing seven bolts and nuts (#5) around the outer housing edge. Refer to Figure 2-16.

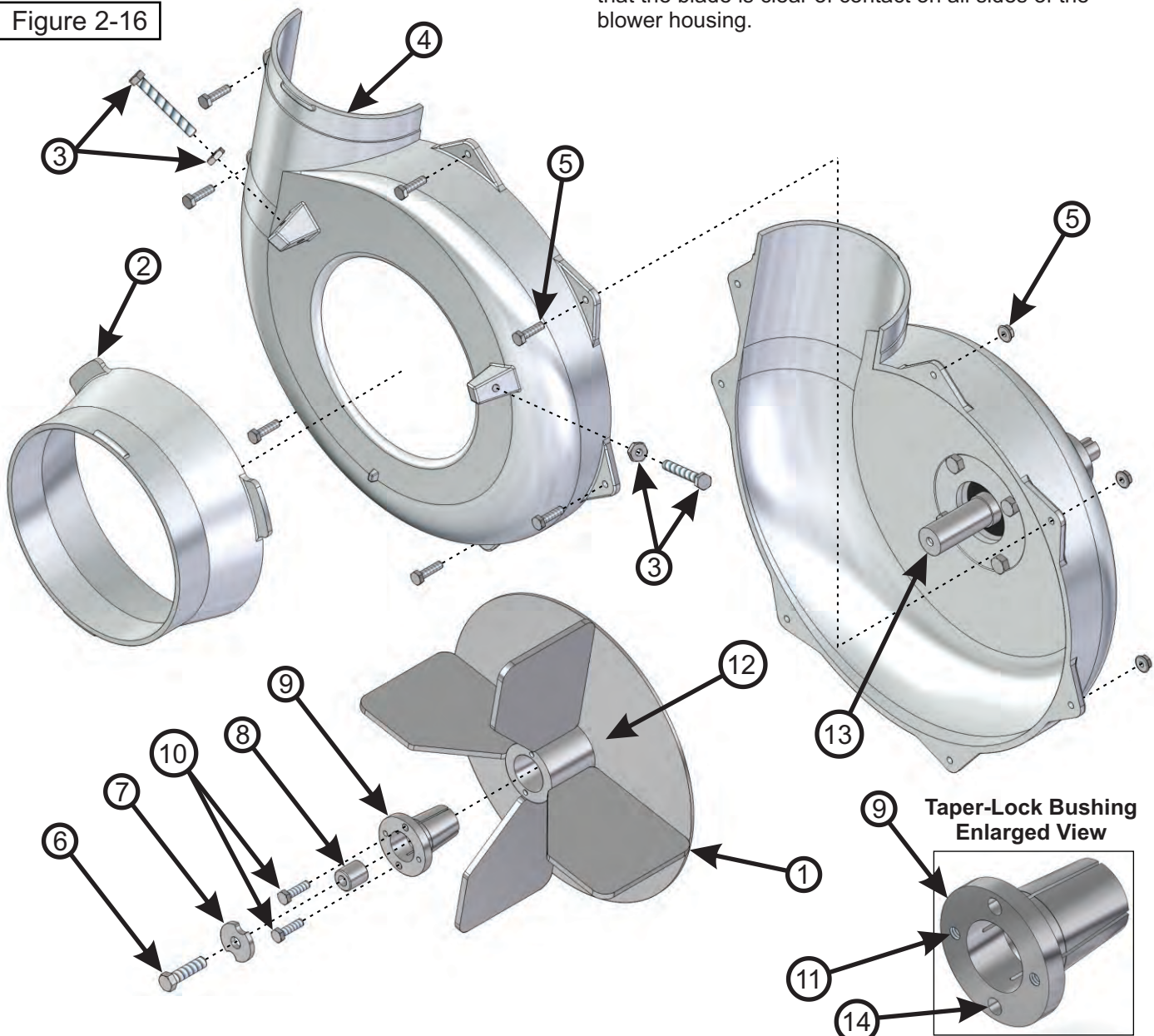
To Remove: First, remove one 3/8"-16 x 1-1/2" HHCS P#(K1211) (#6), one taper-lock bushing washer P#(K0278) (#7) and one spacer bushing P#(S3242) (#8) from the taper-lock bushing (#9). See Figure 2-16. Next, remove two 1/4"-20 x 1" HHCS (#10) and place them into the threaded holes (#11) of the taper-lock bushing P#(S4302). Last, gradually thread each bolt evenly into the taper-lock bushing, forcing the blade to break-away from the taper-lock bushing.

Tips on removing impeller blade;

- 1 - Try carefully hitting the base of the impeller blade (#1), between each vein (#12), with a rubber mallet to loosen the taper-lock bushing hold.
- 2 - Spray break-free lubricant into the surrounding areas of the taper-lock bushing (#9) and repeat Tip 1.

To Replace: First, place the impeller blade (#1) over the drive shaft (#13). Next, slide the taper-lock bushing (#9) on to the drive shaft and into the impeller blade, aligning the **non-threaded** holes (#14) of the taper-lock bushing to the threaded holes of the impeller blade. Then, fasten by using two 1/4"-20 x 1" HHCS (#10), one spacer bushing (#8) one taper lock bushing washer (#7), and one 3/8"-16 x 1-1/2" HHCS (#6). Torque all bolts to the specifications located in the chart towards the back of this manual. Last, rotate the impeller blade to ensure that the blade is clear of contact on all sides of the blower housing.

Figure 2-16



2-18 Weight Kit Installation

NOTE: It is recommended that someone assist you in the weight kit installation procedure.

Position the left and right weight brackets as shown in the Figure 2-17a. Attach the left weight bracket P#(B0383L) and right weight bracket P#(B0383R) to the front frame of the mower. Insert each weight bracket onto the frame tube. Secure each weight bracket using (2) 3/8"-16 x 3-1/2" HHCS P#(K1200), (2) 3/8" flat washers P#(K0047) and (4) 3/8"-16 nylon flange lock nuts P#(K2038). The (2) washers are used on the slotted holes on each weight bracket. Leave the hardware finger tight so the position of the weight brackets can be adjusted left or right if necessary.

Using two people, lift the weight bar P#(B2220) into position. Secure the weight bar to the left and right weight brackets using (2) 1/2"-13 x 4-1/4" u-bolts P#(K0331) and (4) 1/2"-13 nylon flange locknuts P#(K0212). Use Figure 2-17b for reference. **NOTE:** Before tightening the u-bolts, make sure the weight bar is centered between the weight brackets. Tighten all the weight kit hardware at this time.

The weight kit assembly should look like Figure 2-17c after installation is complete.

Figure 2-17c

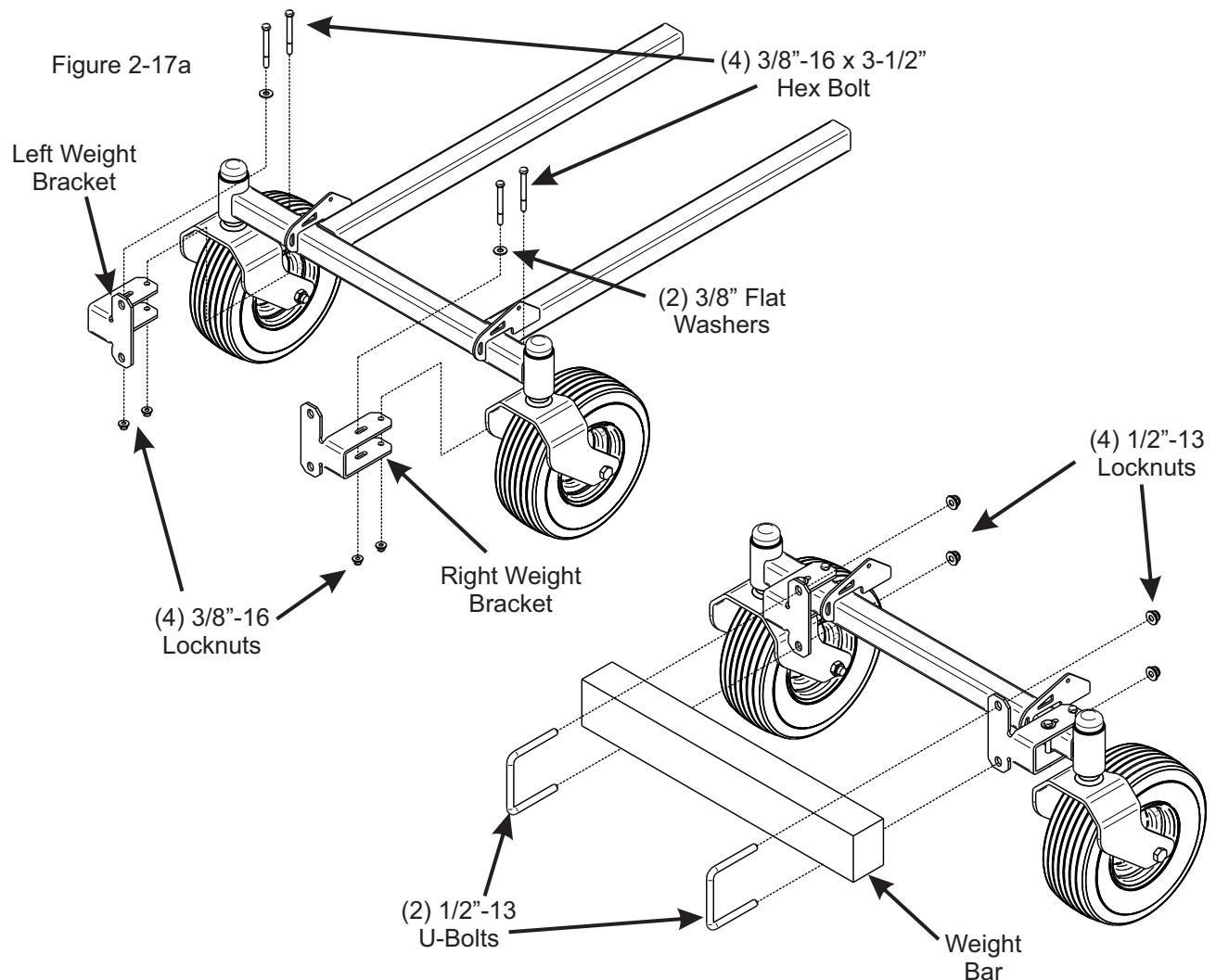
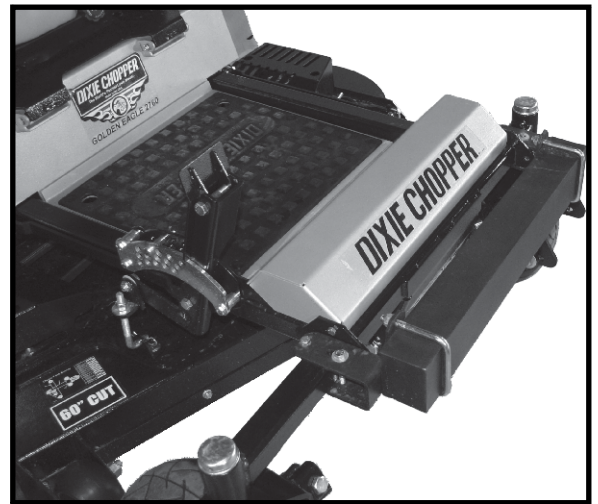


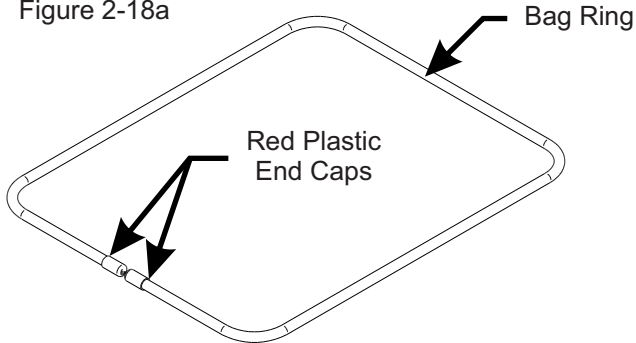
Figure 2-17b

2-18 Installation/Removal Of Collection Bags

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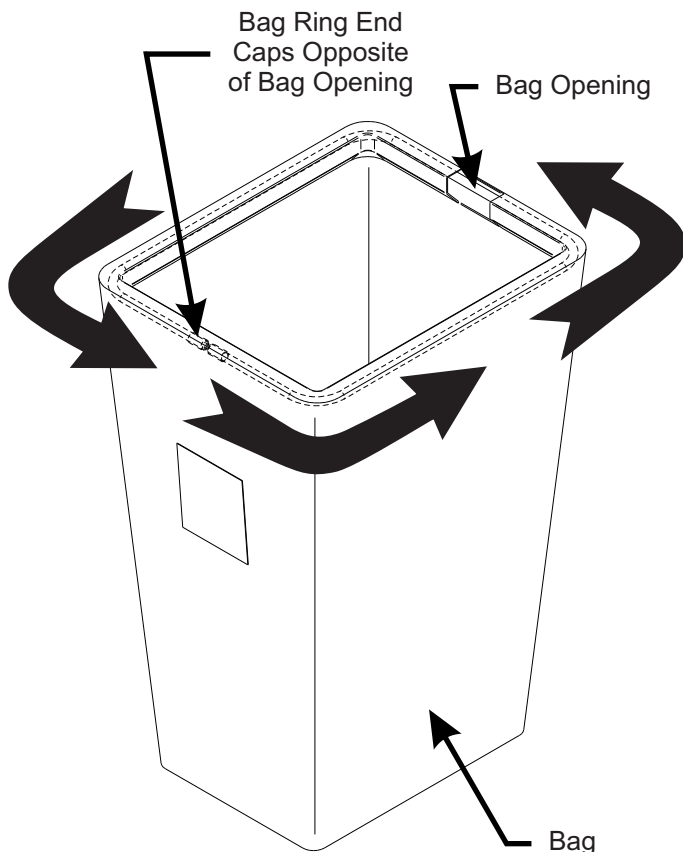
To prevent bag wear, install (2) red plastic end caps P#(J0274), as shown in Figure 2-18a, on each bag ring before installing bags.

Figure 2-18a



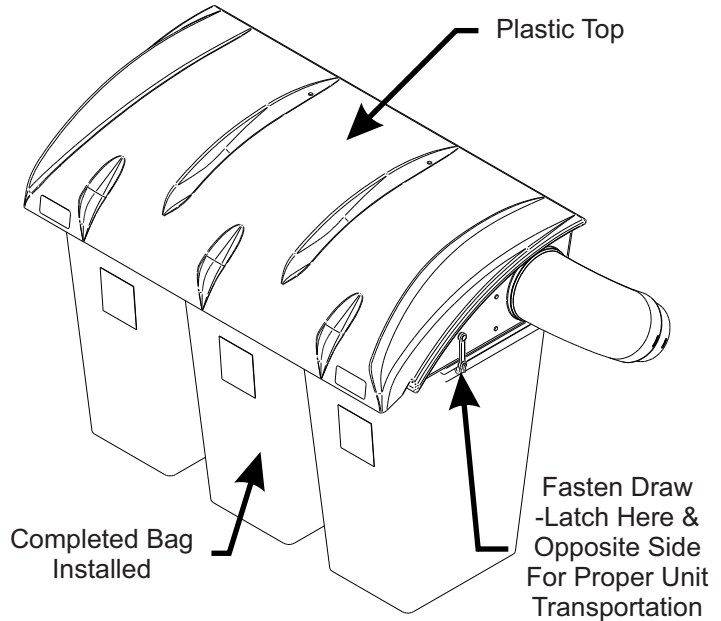
To install the bag onto the bag ring, place the seam openings of the bag onto the bag ring openings and turn the bag one full turn (360°) so the plastic end caps are located opposite to the opening in the bag (Figure 2-18b). Do this for each of three bags.

Figure 2-18b



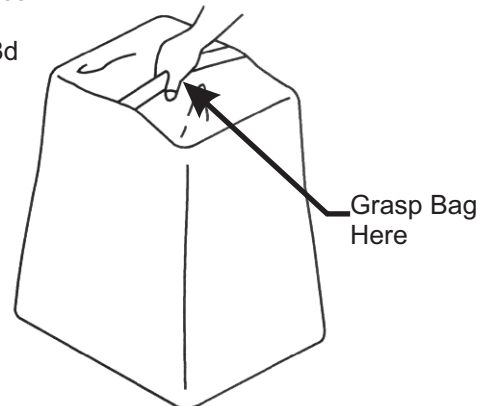
Install the completed assemblies onto the support frame and close the plastic top. Fasten both draw-latches to hold the plastic top closed (Figure 2-18c).

Figure 2-18c



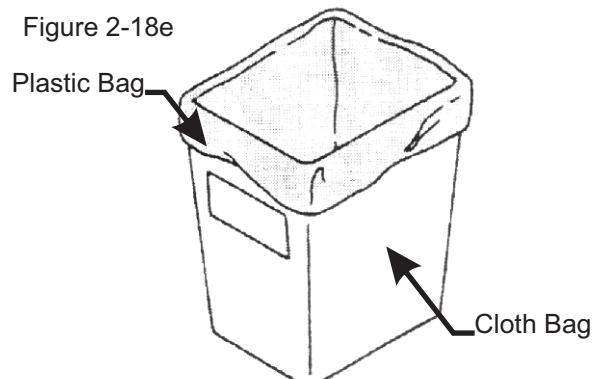
To empty the bag, first unlatch and lift top, next remove the bag and bag ring by sliding rearward, then grasp the loop on the bottom of the bag, and last turn it upside down to empty the collected debris (Figure 2-18d). Repeat for the other bags. Reinstall all bags, line with plastic bags if desired, close the plastic top and reattach the draw latches.

Figure 2-18d



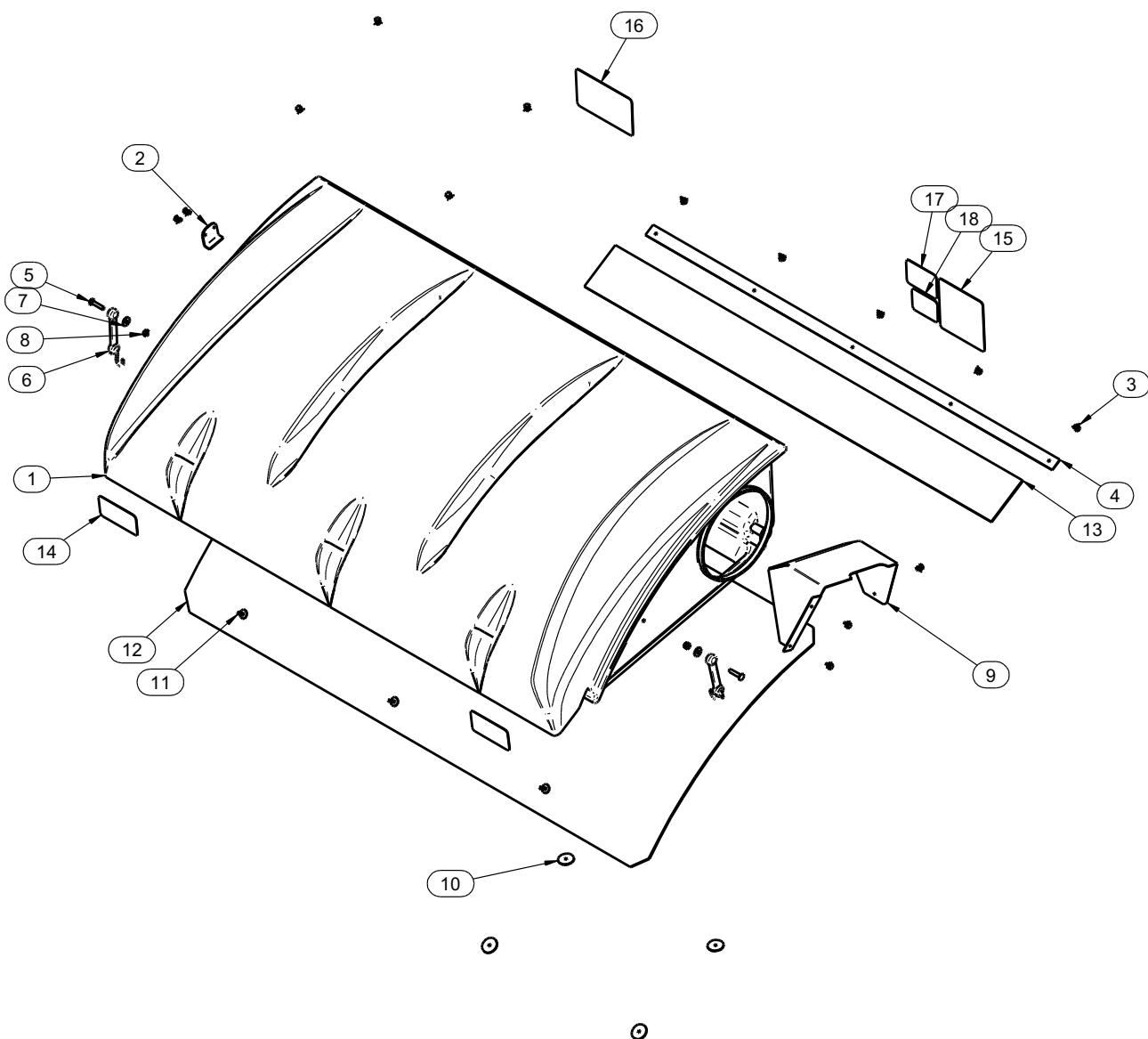
Plastic lawn and leaf bags, 33 gallon size, may be used inside the cloth bags. Be sure to leave enough plastic bag hanging over the frame so the plastic bags can be twist tied before emptying (Figure 2-18e).

Figure 2-18e



Exploded Parts View

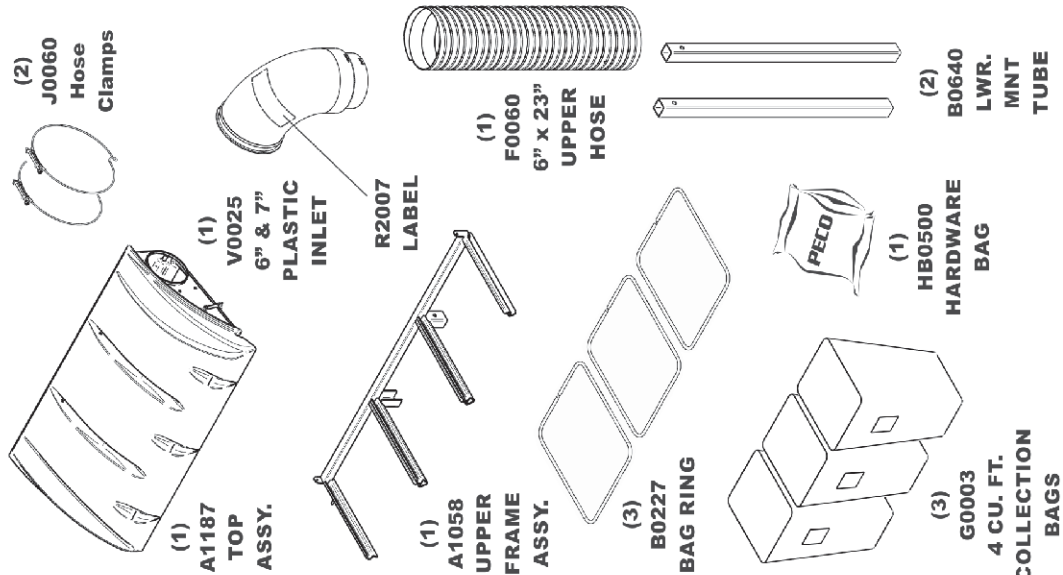
A1187 Top Assembly



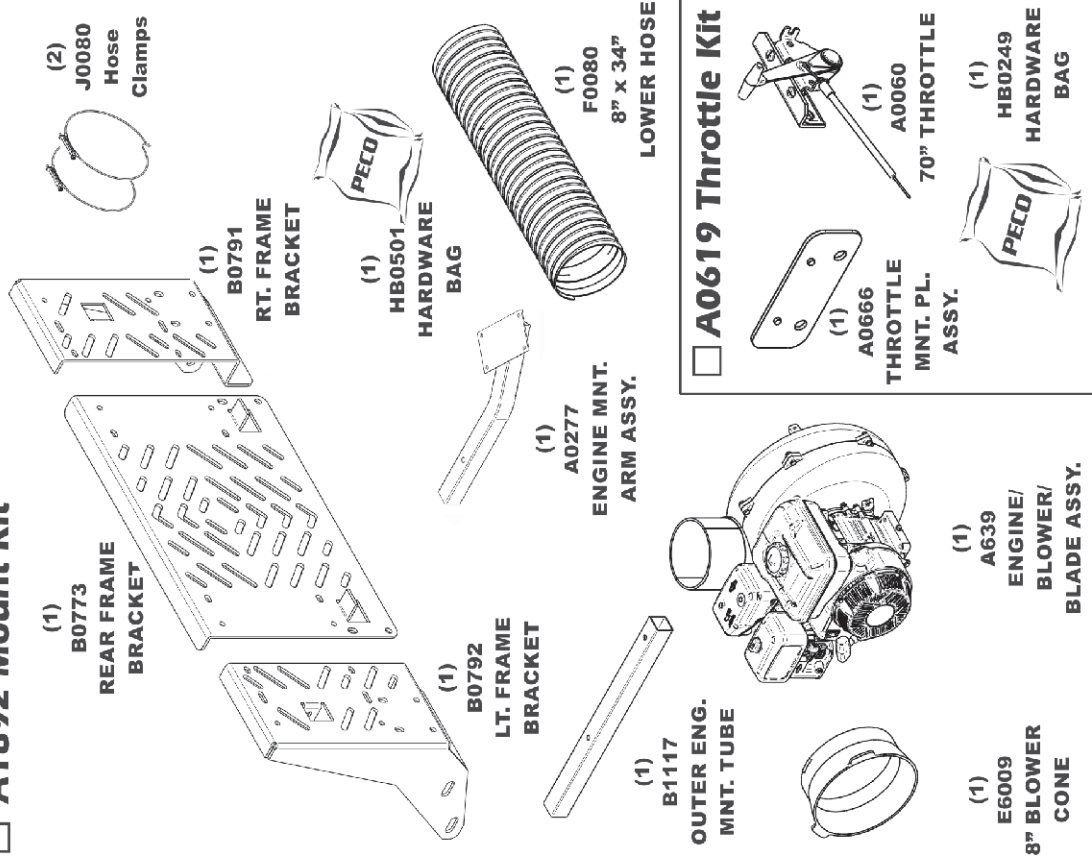
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1	V0022	PRO 3 BAGGER TOP	1
2	B0676	Hinge Stop Pl.	1
3	K0114	BLACK PLASTIC RIVET	14
4	C0069	DUST GUARD BRACE	1
5	K1030	1/4\"-20 x 1-1/4\" CARRIAGE BOLT	2
6	J4009	SHORT RUBBER STRAP W/ S HOOK	2
7	K0037	1/4\" FLAT WASHER .75 OD x .314 ID x .060 T	2
8	K1128	1/4\"-20 NYLOC NUT	2
9	C0026	GRASS DEFLECTOR	1
10	K0062	3/16\" x 1-1/2\" FENDER WASHER, Z	4
11	K1265	BLACK PANEL RETAINER	3
12	V1120	Black Plastic Screen	1
13	V1118	DUST GUARD	1
14	R1057	2\" x 4\" Red Reflector Label	2
15	R1069	Warning - Turn Off Blower Label	1
16	R1065	Made In USA Label	1
17	R1054	Important Check Hoses	1
18	R1051	Warning - Use Hearing Protection	1

Mower: Dixie Chopper	Owner's Manual: Q0451
Mower Type: Silver Eagle	Engine Type: Fits All Engine Models
Deck Size: 44", 50" and 60"	Vac Type: 15 Cu. Ft. Pro 3 Bagger
Deck Type:	Drive Type: Briggs & Stratton 6.5HP Vanguard
Revision #: Final Release 2/20/13	Fits Year(s): 2011 - 2014

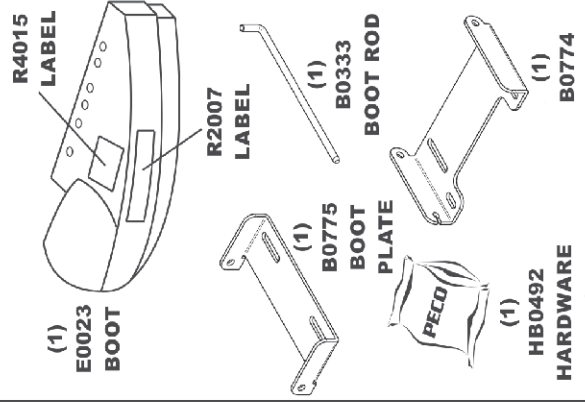
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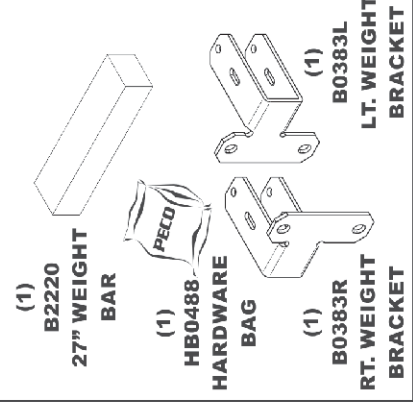
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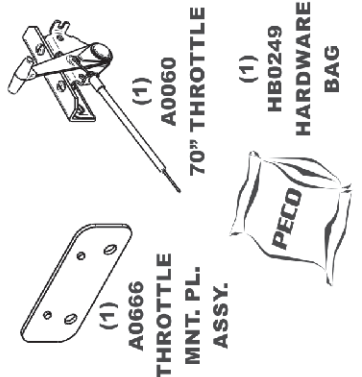
☐ A1880 Boot Kit



☐ A1879 Weight Kit



☐ A0619 Throttle Kit



SECTION III OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

3-1 General Safety

Only qualified people familiar with this operator's manual and the mower's operator's manual should operate this machine.

3-2 Operation & Tips On Mowing

- Perform BEFORE EACH USE maintenance list in paragraph 4-1.
- Start the engine/blower/blade assembly.
- Start mower.
- With the mower at high idle speed, engage the mower deck.
- Proceed to operate the control levers of the mower.

NOTE: If the collection system does not appear to be collecting the grass clippings; disengage the deck, and blower, engage the parking brake and turn the mower off. Check the upper hose, lower hose, top screen and boot for clogs.

To obtain the maximum effectiveness from your collection system the tips listed below should be followed:

- * Watch your speed- Normal conditions will allow a speed of up to approximately 5 mph, but thick, heavy damp conditions will require reduced ground speed.
- * Mow with sharp blades- A sharp blade cuts cleaner.
- * Wet grass and leaves will decrease effectiveness and will increase horsepower requirements.
- * Mow at higher cutting heights- Remove and mulch no more than 2" of grass length with each mowing. (Experts recommend not cutting off more than 1/3 of the grass blade length at any given time.)
- * Mow twice, at different height settings, (high, then low), if grass is extra tall.
- * Remember that horsepower requirements will vary with the mowing conditions such as type and height of turf grass, moisture content, amount of leaves, whether the terrain is flat or sloped, etc.

3-3 Unloading The Collection System

- Stop the forward movement of the mower.
- Disengage the mower deck.
- Using the throttle cable slow the engine down to idle.
- Engage the parking brake.

E. Once the parking brake has been engaged, then and only then, walk behind the mower and check the collection bags by lifting the plastic hood. Load in bags should not exceed the height of the installed bag.

F. To release bags from frame, slide bag out and turn bags over to deposit clippings.

G. Follow steps on page 18 to re-attach bags back to the bagger.

NOTE: Do not allow collection bags to become over-filled as potential damage may occur to your equipment. Also, be sure to clean the hood screen as needed.

SECTION IV MAINTENANCE

4-1 Maintenance Checklist

Before each use:

- Check blades and spindles to be sure that no foreign objects, such as wire or steel strapping bands, are wrapped around them.
- Inspect blades for wear. Replace if necessary. If it is necessary to sharpen the blades, remove the blades from the spindles before sharpening. DO NOT sharpen blades while still attached to the mower.
- Make sure all shields are in place and in good condition. Repair or replace any missing or damaged shields.
- Listen for abnormal sounds, which might indicate loose parts, damaged bearings, or other damage. Correct any deficiency before continuing operation.
- Check for wear or deterioration of the upper or lower hoses. If there are any portions of the hose that have been torn or worn through, replace with genuine Dixie Chopper parts.

After Each Use:

- Clean all debris from machine especially from the container, and off of safety decals. Replace any missing or illegible decals.
- Clean all debris from the box screen.
- Inspect unit for worn or damaged components. Repair or replace before the next use. Any replacement component installed during repair shall include the components current safety decal specified by the manufacturers to be affixed to the component.

SECTION V

PARTS AND SERVICE

5-1 Parts And Service Information

Dixie Chopper XT collection system owners should record the name and telephone number of their Dixie Chopper dealer. Your Dixie Chopper dealer will be happy to supply replacement parts, accessories, and do any service or repairs to your collection system. If for any reason your Dixie Chopper dealer is unable to service your collection system or supply replacement parts, contact Dixie Chopper and include the following information on the chart below.

THE SERIAL NUMBER PLATE
IS LOCATED ON THE TOP
ASSEMBLY



WRITE THE MODEL AND
SERIAL NUMBER IN THE
BOX ABOVE FOR FUTURE
REFERENCE.

Unit Model Number: _____
Unit Engine Size: _____
Unit Serial Number: _____
Date of purchase: ____/____/____
Dealer/Distributor Name: _____
Address: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____
Phone Number: _____

SAFETY DECALS

To promote safe operation, Dixie Chopper supplies safety decals on all products manufactured. Damage can occur to safety decals either through shipment, use or reconditioning. Contact your local Service Center for replacement decals.



Part #: R4015
Danger: Rotating Blades Label



Part #: R1069
Warning: Turn Off Blower Label



Part #: R1065
Made In America Label



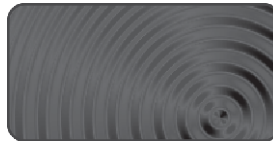
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Danger: Never Use Hands Label



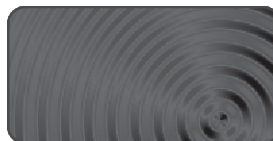
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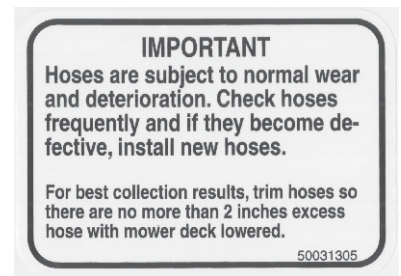
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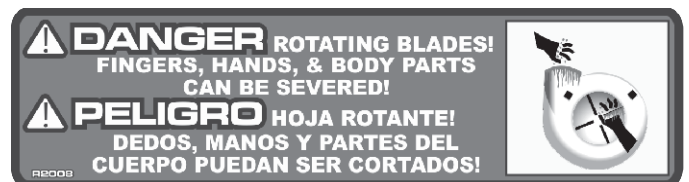
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Important: Check Hoses Label



Part #: R4008
Caution: Rotating Blades Label



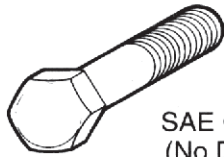
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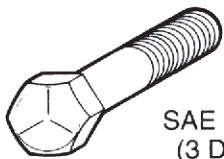
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TORQUE SPECIFICATIONS

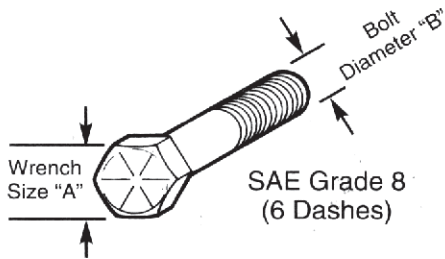
AMERICAN Bolt Head Markings



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SAE Grade 5
(3 Dashes)

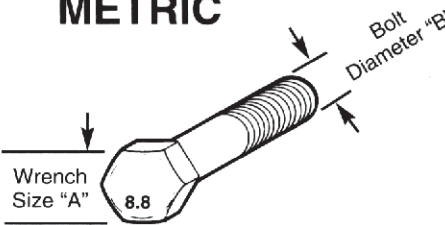


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(6 Dashes)

Recommended Torque in Foot Pounds (Newton Meters).*

WRENCH SIZE (IN.) "A"	BOLT DIAMETER (IN.) "B" AND THREAD SIZE	SAE GRADE 2	SAE GRADE 5	SAE GRADE 8
7/16	1/4 - 20 UNC	6 (7)	8 (11)	12 (16)
7/16	1/4 - 28 UNF	6 (8)	10 (13)	14 (18)
1/2	5/16 - 18 UNC	11 (15)	17 (23)	25 (33)
1/2	5/16 - 24 UNF	13 (17)	19 (26)	27 (37)
9/16	3/8 - 16 UNC	20 (27)	31 (42)	44 (60)
9/16	3/8 - 24 UNF	23 (31)	35 (47)	49 (66)
5/8	7/16 - 14 UNC	32 (43)	49 (66)	70 (95)
5/8	7/16 - 20 UNF	36 (49)	55 (75)	78 (106)
3/4	1/2 - 13 UNC	49 (66)	76 (103)	106 (144)
3/4	1/2 - 20 UNF	55 (75)	85 (115)	120 (163)
7/8	9/16 - 12 UNC	70 (95)	109 (148)	153 (207)
7/8	9/16 - 18 UNF	79 (107)	122 (165)	172 (233)
15/16	5/8 - 11 UNC	97 (131)	150 (203)	212 (287)
15/16	5/8 - 18 UNF	110 (149)	170 (230)	240 (325)
1-1/8	3/4 - 10 UNC	144 (195)	266 (360)	376 (509)
1-1/8	3/4 - 16 UNF	192 (260)	297 (402)	420 (569)
1-5/16	7/8 - 9 UNC	166 (225)	430 (583)	606 (821)
1-5/16	7/8 - 14 UNF	184 (249)	474 (642)	668 (905)
1-1/2	1 - 8 UNC	250 (339)	644 (873)	909 (1232)
1-1/2	1 - 12 UNF	274 (371)	705 (955)	995 (1348)
1-1/2	1 - 14 UNF	280 (379)	721 (977)	1019 (1381)
1-11/16	1-1/8 - 7 UNC	354 (480)	795 (1077)	1288 (1745)
1-11/16	1-1/8 - 12 UNF	397 (538)	890 (1206)	1444 (1957)
1-7/8	1-1/4 - 7 UNC	500 (678)	1120 (1518)	1817 (2462)
1-7/8	1-1/4 - 12 UNF	553 (749)	1241 (1682)	2013 (2728)
2-1/16	1-3/8 - 6 UNC	655 (887)	1470 (1992)	2382 (3228)
2-1/16	1-3/8 - 12 UNF	746 (1011)	1672 (2266)	2712 (3675)
2-1/4	1-1/2 - 6 UNC	870 (1179)	1950 (2642)	3161 (4283)
2-1/4	1-1/2 - 12 UNF	979 (1327)	2194 (2973)	3557 (4820)

METRIC



Numbers appearing on bolt heads
indicate ASTM class.

Recommended torque in foot pounds (newton Meters).*

WRENCH SIZE (mm) "A"	BOLT DIA. (mm) "B"	ASTM 4.6	ASTM 8.8	ASTM 9.8	ASTM 10.9
8	5	1.8 (2.4)		5.1 (6.9)	6.5 (8.8)
10	6	3 (4)		8.7 (12)	11.1 (15)
13	8	7.3 (10)		21.1 (29)	27 (37)
16	10	14.5 (20)		42 (57)	53 (72)
18	12	25 (34)	74 (100)	73 (99)	93 (126)
21	14	40 (54)	118 (160)	116 (157)	148 (201)
24	16	62 (84)	167 (226)	181 (245)	230 (312)
30	20	122 (165)	325 (440)		449 (608)
33	22		443 (600)		611 (828)
36	24	211 (286)	563 (763)		778 (1054)
41	27		821 (1112)		1138 (1542)
46	30	418 (566)	1119 (1516)		1547 (2096)

*Use 75% of the specified torque value for plated fasteners. Use 85% of the specified torque values for lubricated fasteners.

NOTES



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