

## GRASS COLLECTION SYSTEM

## DESIGNED FOR: DIXIE CHOPPER

## <u>MODEL 38031501-04</u> XCALIBER - CLASSIC - SILVER EAGLE



# **OPERATOR'S MANUAL**

## **ASSEMBLY • OPERATION • MAINTENANCE**

MANUAL PART#: Q0391

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<u>Safety</u>

- **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 of the slope.
- **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

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### **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** 



Black letters on **ORANGE** 



Black letters on YELLOW

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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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PECO extends the following warranties to the original purchaser of each new PECO consumer product subject to the following limitations:

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VALIDITY OF WARRANTY CLAIMS. Freight and mailing will be borne by the customer.

- 2. PARTS REPLACED DURING WARRANTY: Any new PECO 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 PECO 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.**

Call PECO for Return Authorization. Damaged or broken parts, other than engines or batteries, must be returned to PECO Inc., 100 Airport Road, Arden, NC 28704 before any warranty adjustment can be authorized. At the time of requesting warranty adjustment, the purchaser must present evidence for date of delivery of the product. The purchaser shall pay any charge for the product to and from Arden, NC.

#### C. ITEMS NOT COVERED BY PECO WARRANTY.

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not approved by PECO Inc..

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#### E. ACCIDENTS AND NORMAL MAINTENANCE.

The warranty covers only defective material and workmanship. It does not cover depreciation or damage caused by normal wear, accident, improper use or abuse of products. The cost of normal maintenance and normal replacement of service items such as belts, cutting blades, hoses, etc., which are not defective shall be paid for by the purchaser.

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#### WARRANTIES OF FITNESS AND MERCHANTABILITY.

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#### OF ORIGINAL SALE ONLY.

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## Section I INTRODUCTION AND DESCRIPTION

#### **1-1 Introduction**

We are pleased to have you as a PECO 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. The collection system 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 easy dumping.

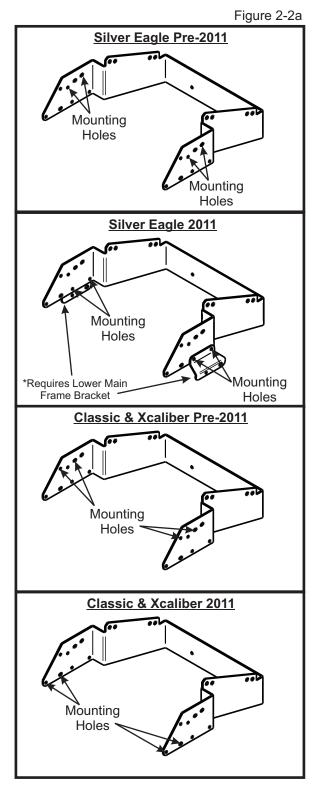
### Section II INSTALLATION FOR USE 2-1 Preparation Of Mower

Carefully dismantle wooden the shipping crate from around the components. Cut the retaining straps and separate the parts. The collection system will have various parts located inside. Remove and sort all parts for easy identification.

**NOTE:** Before each step of assembly it will help to study the part drawings on pages 11 through 14.

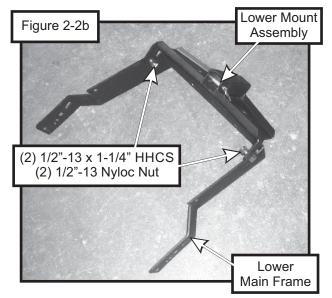
#### **2-2 Lower Main Frame Installation**

The lower main frame P#(B0567) is designed to fit model years 2009 - 2011, for the Classic, Xcaliber and Silver Eagle series. Refer to Figure 2-2a for specific mounting hole locations.



#### 2-2 Lower Main Frame Installation Continued...

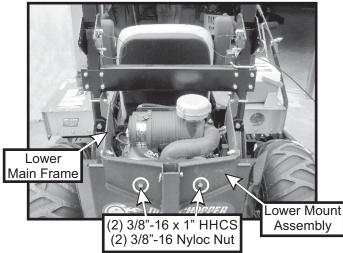
Attach the lower mount assembly P#(A1098) to the lower main frame P#(B0567) using (2) 1/2"-13 x 1-1/4" HHCS P#(K1232) and (2) 1/2"-13 nyloc nut P#(K1247)as shown in Figure 2-2b.



Position the lower main frame and lower mount assembly as shown in Figure 2-2c. The rear bumper of the mower fits in between the lower main frame and the lower mount assembly. Secure the lower mount assembly to the lower main frame using (2) 3/8"-16 x 1" HHCS P#(K1191) and (2) 3/8"-16 nyloc nuts P#(K1216).

**NOTE:** The lower main frame secures to the R.O.P.S. using different mounting holes, depending on your model year and series. Refer to Figure 2-2a for reference.

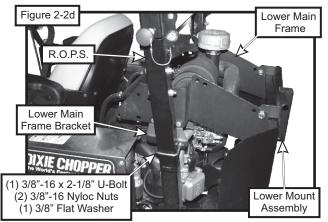
#### Figure 2-2c



**NOTE:** For the Silver Eagle Series, it may be necessary to slide the R.O.P.S. into the forward position in order for the lower main frame to be installed.

#### Silver Eagle 2011

Secure (1) left lower main frame bracket P#(B0625) and (1) right lower main frame bracket P#(B0626) to the lower main frame using (2) 3/8"-16 x 1" HHCS P#(K1191) and (2) 3/8"-16 nyloc nuts P#(K1216) PER BRACKET. Secure the left and right lower main frame brackets to the R.O.P.S. using (1) 3/8"-16 x 2-1/8" u-bolt P#(K1119), (2) 3/8-16 nyloc nuts P#(K1216) and (1) 3/8" flat washer P#(K0047) PER BRACKET. Use the flat washers on the slotted holes in the left and right lower main frame brackets. See Figure 2-2d.

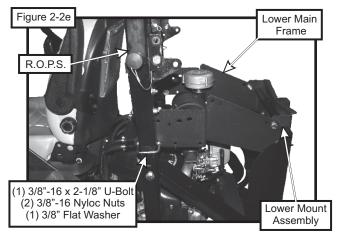


#### Silver Eagle Pre-2011

Refer to Figure 2-2a for reference. Secure the lower main frame P#(B0567) to the R.O.P.S. using (1) 3/8"-16 x 2-1/8" u-bolt P#(K1119), (2) 3/8-16 nyloc nuts P#(K1216) and (1) 3/8" flat washer P#(K0047) PER SIDE. Use the flat washer on the slotted holes in the lower main frame.

#### Classic and Xcaliber 2011

Secure the lower main frame P#(B0567) to the R.O.P.S. using (1) 3/8"-16 x 2-1/8" u-bolt P#(K1119), (2) 3/8-16 nyloc nuts P#(K1216) and (1) 3/8" flat washer P#(K0047)PER SIDE. Use the flat washer on the slotted holes in the lower main frame. See Figure 2-2e.



#### Classic and Xcaliber Pre-2011

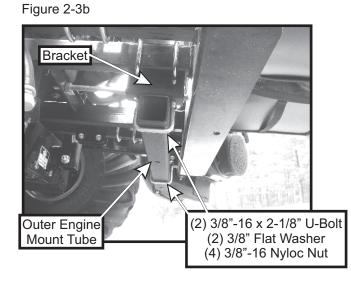
Refer to Figure 2-2a for reference. Secure the lower main frame P#(B0567) to the R.O.P.S. using (1) 3/8"-16 x 2-1/8" u-bolt P#(K1119), (2) 3/8-16 nyloc nuts P#(K1216) and (1) 3/8" flat washer P#(K0047) PER SIDE. Use the flat washer on the slotted holes in the lower main frame.

#### 2-3 Outer Engine Mount Bracket and Outer Engine Mount Tube Installation

Xcaliber and Classic Series: Fasten the (2) outer engine mount brackets P#(B0569) to the rear frame of the mower using (2) 3/8"-16 x 2-1/4" u-bolt P#(K1436), (2) 3/8" flat washers P#(K0047) and (4) 3/8"-16 nyloc nut P#(K1216) (Per Bracket) as shown in Figure 2-3a. Use flat washers on the slotted holes.

From the underside of the mower, fasten the outer engine mount tube P#(B1117) to the outer engine mount brackets using (1) 3/8"-16 x 2-1/8" u-bolt P#(K1119), (2) 3/8" flat washers P#(K0047) and (2) 3/8"-16 nyloc nut P#(K1216) (Per Bracket). Use flat washers on the slotted holes. Position the outer engine mount tube so that 5" to 6" of the tube protrudes from the rear mower frame (Figure 2-3a). Tighten all hardware at this time. Refer to Figure 2-3a and 2-3b for reference.

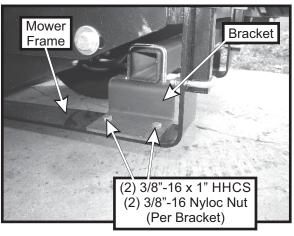
Figure 2-3a (2) 3/8"-16 x 2-1/4" U-Bolt (2) 3/8" Flat Washer (4) 3/8"-16 Nyloc Nut (Per Bracket) Rear Frame Bracket

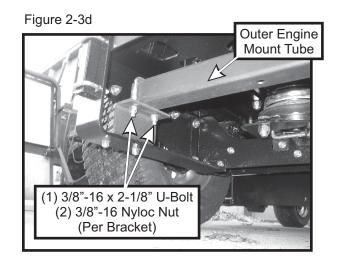


**Silver Eagle Series:** Fasten the (2) outer engine mount brackets P#(B0570) to the rear frame of the mower using (2) 3/8"-16 x 1" HHCS P#(K1191) and (2) 3/8"-16 nyloc nut P#(K1216) (Per Bracket). Refer to Figure 2-3c for reference.

From the underside of the mower, fasten the outer engine mount tube P#(B1117) to the outer engine mount brackets using (2) 3/8"-16 x 2-1/8" u-bolts P#(K1119) and (4) 3/8"-16 nyloc nuts P#(K1216). Position the outer engine mount tube so that 5" to 6" of the tube protrudes from the rear mower frame (Figure 2-3a). Tighten all hardware at this time. Refer to Figure 2-3c and 2-3d for reference.

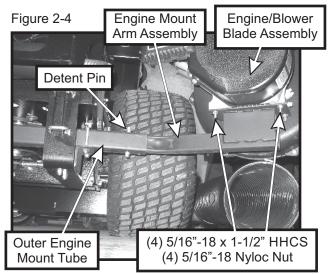






#### 2-4 Engine Mount Arm Assembly and Engine/Blower/Blade Assembly Installation

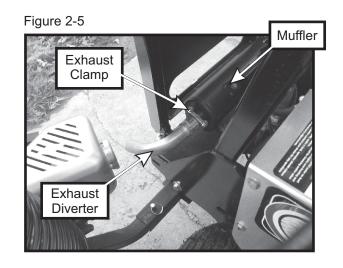
Slide the engine mount arm assembly P#(A0503) into the outer engine mount tube and align the holes on both parts. Secure the engine mount arm assembly with (1) detent pin P#(J0248). Position the engine/blower/blade assembly on top of the engine mount arm assembly and fasten with (4) 5/16"-18 x 1-1/2" HHCS P#(K1157) and (4) 5/16"-18 nyloc nuts P#(K1180). Refer to Figure 2-4 for reference.



#### **2-5 Exhaust Diverter Installation**

<u>Note:</u> The exhaust diverter is used on the Silver Eagle Series mower only.

Remove the existing exhaust diverter. Insert the new exhaust diverter P#(J0282) onto the muffler and fasten using (1) exhaust clamp P#(X1064). Position the exhaust diverter as shown in Figure 2-5.

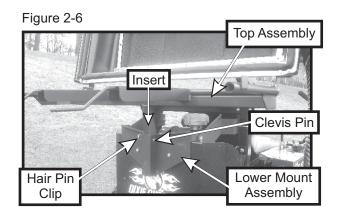


## 2-6 Upper Frame Assembly

#### Installation

**Note:** It is recommended that someone assist you when installing the upper frame assembly.

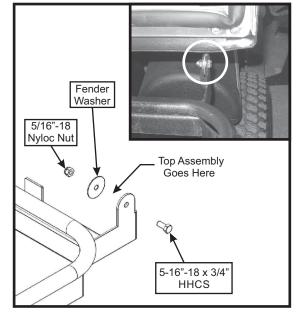
Lift the upper frame assembly P#(A0585) into position and insert the mount tube into the lower mount assembly as shown in Figure 2-6. Fasten with (1) clevis pin P#(K0133) and (1) hair pin clip P#(K0088).



#### 2-7 Top Assembly To Upper Frame Assembly Installation

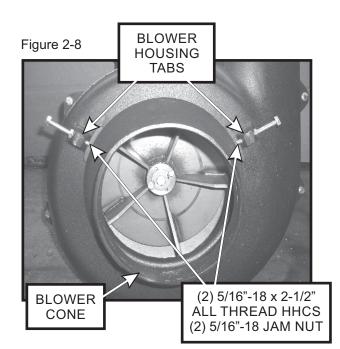
Align the pivot brackets of the top assembly P#(A0551) to the pivot point on either side of the upper frame assembly. Place (1) fender washer P#(K0041) between each pivot point (Figure 2-7) and fasten each side by using (1) 5/16"-18 x 3/4" HHCS P#(K1153) and (1) 5/16"-18 nyloc nut P#(K1180). When fastening, leave nut slightly loose so that the top can pivot freely.





#### **2-8 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. For the Classic and Silver Eagle series, use an 8" blower cone P#(E6009). For the Xcaliber series, use a 9" blower cone P#(E6020). Refer to Figure 2-8 for reference.

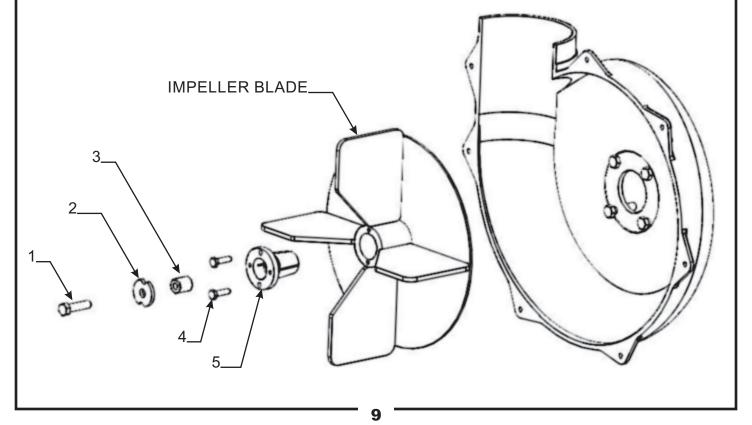


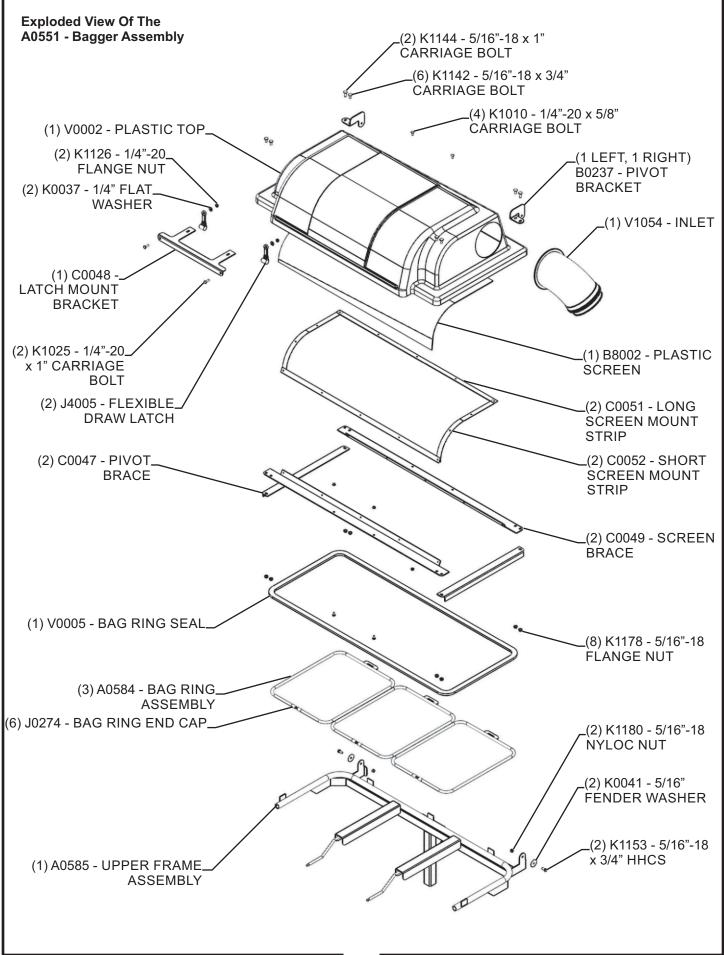
#### 2-9 Impeller Blade Removal/Replacement

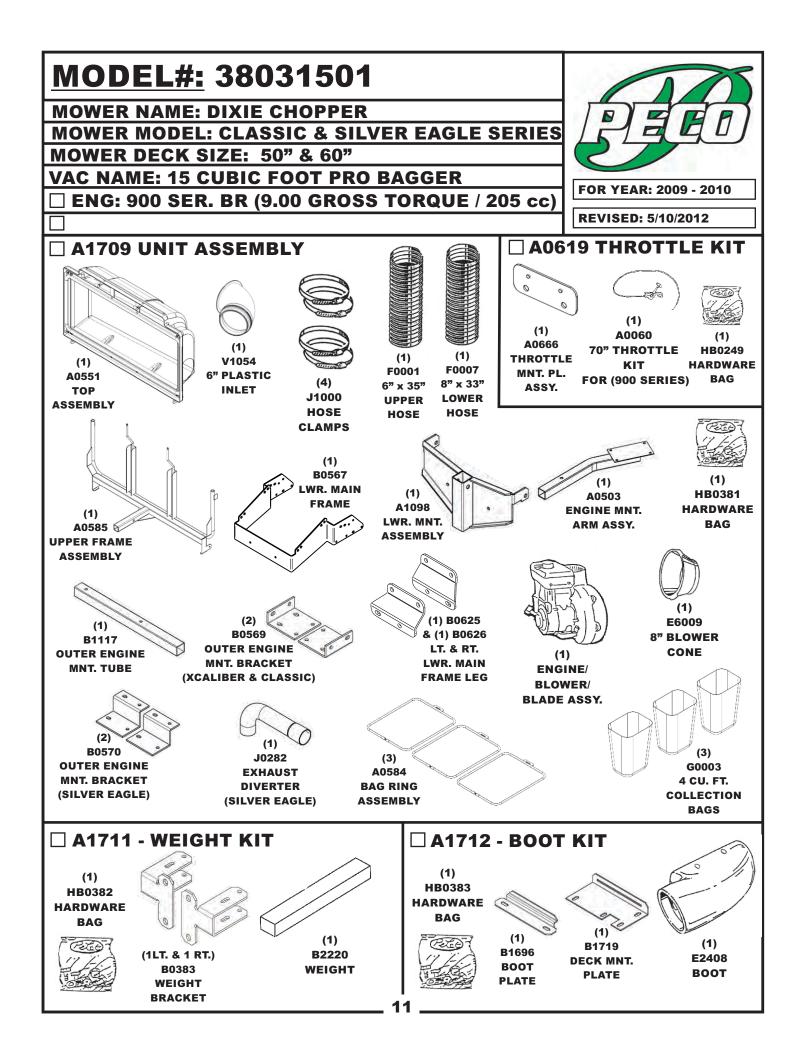
**To Remove:** First remove the center bolt (#1), washer (#2) and spacer (#3) from the taper-lock bushing (#5). See Figure 2-9. Next remove the (2) 1/4"-20 bolts (#4) and place them into the threaded holes of the taper-lock bushing (next to the holes they were removed from). Gradually thread each bolt evenly into the taper-lock bushing, forcing the blade to break-away from the taper-lock bushing. If the impeller will not move, hit the base of the impeller, between each vein, with a hammer, then try again.

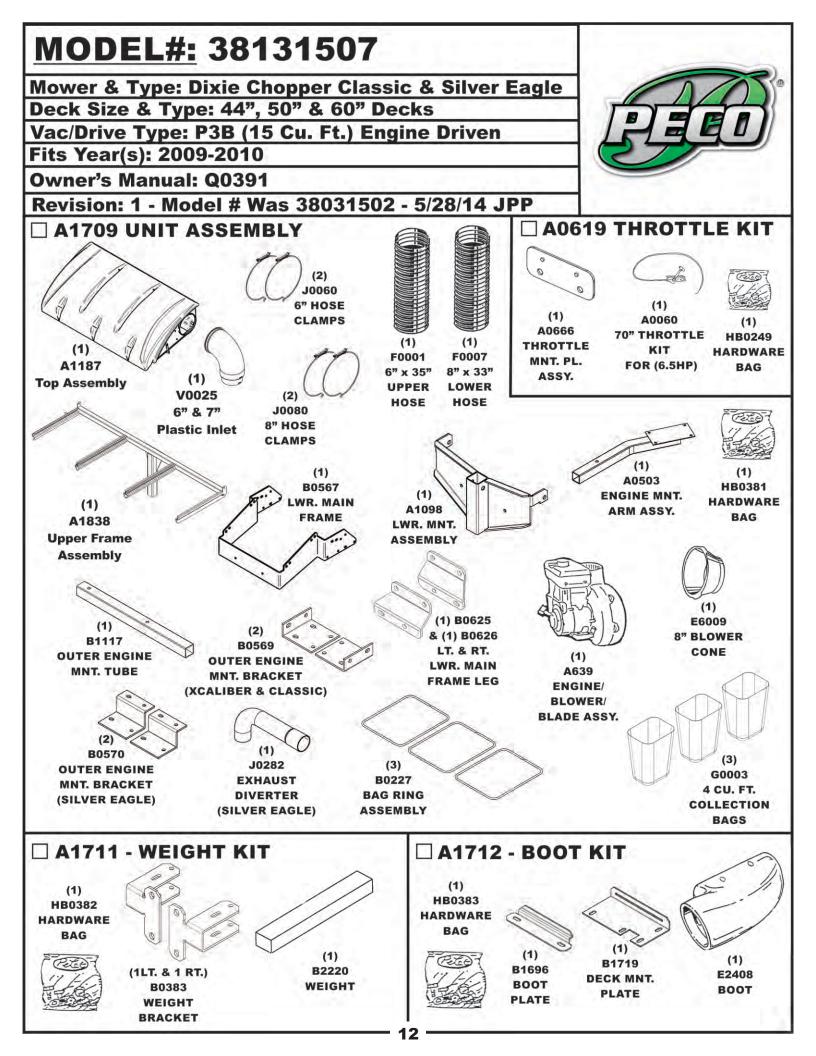
**To Replace:** Place impeller blade over the engine shaft. Slide the taper-lock bushing on to the engine shaft and into the impeller blade, aligning the **non-threaded** holes of the taper-lock bushing to the threaded holes of the impeller blade. Fasten by using (2) 1/4"-20 HHCS grade #8 bolts, (1) spacer washer and (1) HHCS bolt w/ washer. Torque to the proper specifications in the torque chart on the back of this manual. Next, rotate the impeller blade to insure that the blade is clear of contact on all sides of the blower housing.

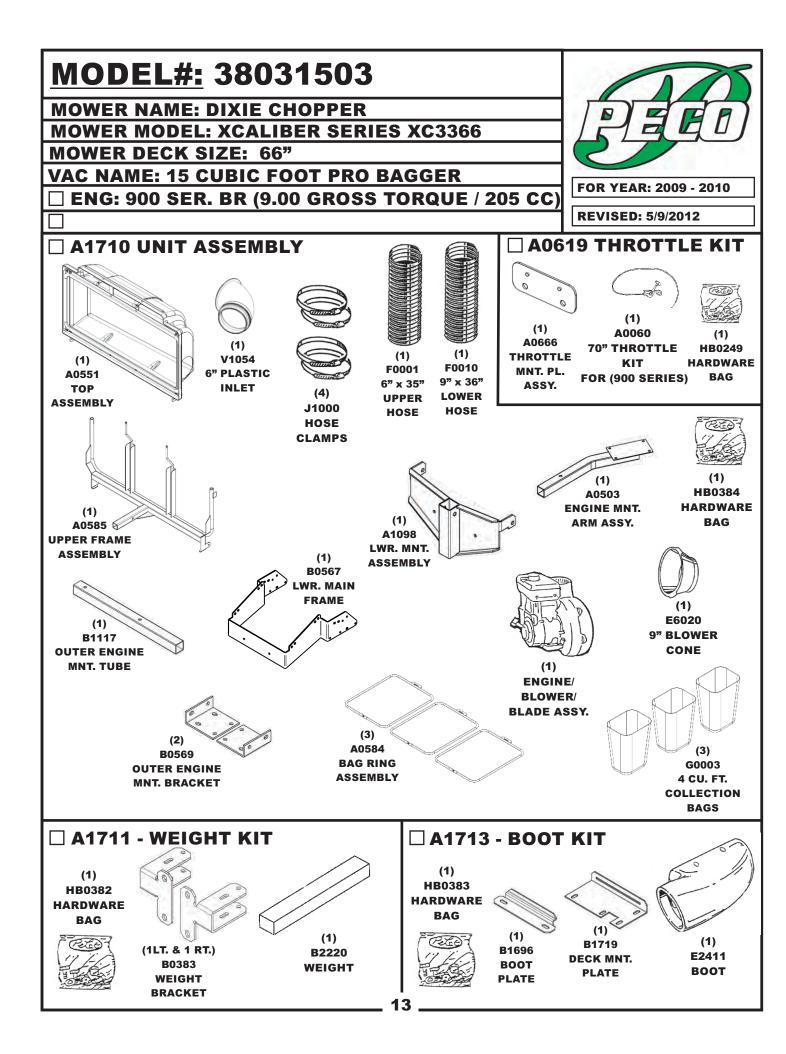


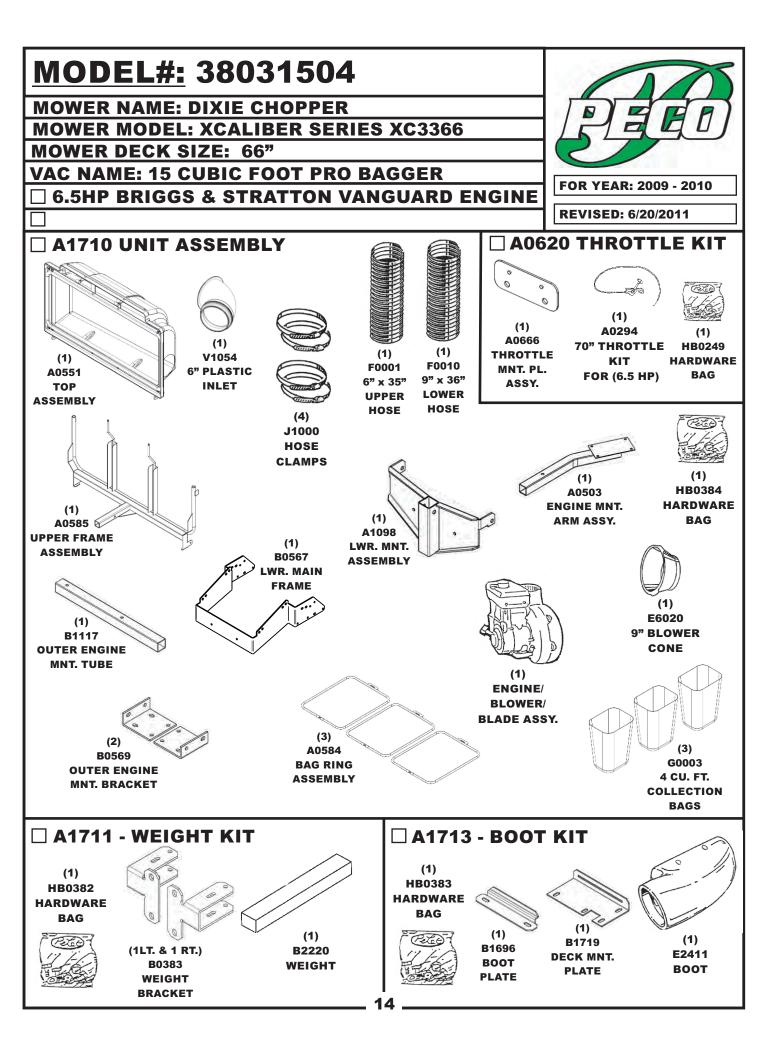










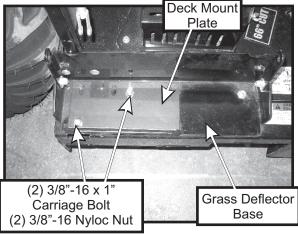


#### 2-10 Boot to Mower Deck installation

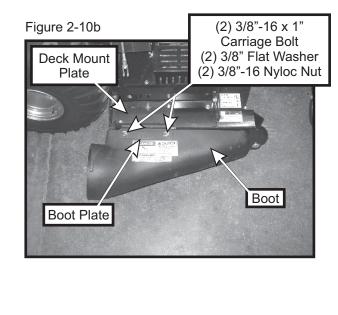
#### 66" Mower Deck Instructions:

Remove (2) carriage bolts and (2) flange nuts from the grass deflector base. Fasten the deck mount plate P#(B1719) to the mower deck, where the existing hardware was removed, using (2) 3/8"-16 x 1" carriage bolt P#(K1182) and (2) 3/8"-16 nyloc nut P#(K1216). Insert the carriage bolts from the underside of the deck, so that the nyloc nuts are on top of the deck. Refer to Figure 2-10a for reference.

#### Figure 2-10a

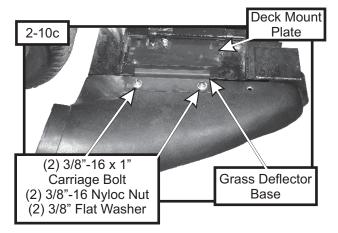


Fasten the boot plate P#(B1696) to the aluminum boot P#(E2411) using (2) 3/8"-16 x 1" carriage bolts P#(K1182), (2) 3/8" washers and (2) 3/8"-16 nyloc nut P#(K1216). Insert the carriage bolts from the inside of the boot so that the nyloc nuts are on the outside. This will prevent grass clipping from collecting on the bolts. Attach the boot and boot plate to the deck mount plate by tilting the boot forward and inserting the boot plate into the slot on the deck mount plate. See Figure 2-10b for reference.



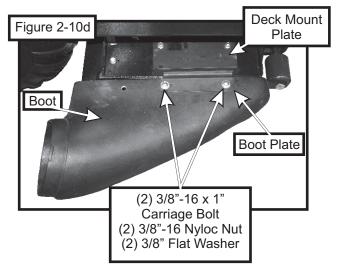
#### 50" Mower Deck instructions:

Remove (2) carriage bolts and (2) flange nuts from the grass deflector base. Fasten the deck mount plate P#(B1719) to the mower deck, where the existing hardware was removed, using (2) 3/8"-16 x 1" carriage bolt P#(K1182) and (2) 3/8"-16 nyloc nut P#(K1216). Insert the carriage bolts from the underside of the deck, so that the nyloc nuts are on top of the deck. Fasten the boot plate P#(B1696) to the aluminum boot P#(E2408) using (2) 3/8"-16 x 1" carriage bolts P#(K1182), (2) 3/8" flat washers P#(K0047) and (2) 3/8"-16 nyloc nut P#(K1216). Tilt the boot plate upward and slide into the slot on the deck mount plate. Tighten all hardware. Refer to Figure 2-10c.



#### 60" Mower Deck instructions:

Remove (2) carriage bolts and (2) flange nuts from the grass deflector base. Fasten the deck mount plate P#(B1719) to the mower deck, where the existing hardware was removed, using (2) 3/8"-16 x 1" carriage bolt P#(K1182) and (2) 3/8"-16 nyloc nut P#(K1216). Insert the carriage bolts from the underside of the deck, so that the nyloc nuts are on top of the deck. Fasten the boot plate P#(B1696) to the aluminum boot P#(E2408) using (2) 3/8"-16 x 1" carriage bolts P#(K1182), (2) 3/8" flat washers P#(K0047) and (2) 3/8"-16 nyloc nut P#(K1216). Tilt the boot plate upward and slide into the slot on the deck mount plate. Tighten all hardware. Refer to 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 allow for enough clamping surface between the inlet, blower assembly, and the deck boot, but have to remain short enough to prevent hose "kinks".

#### 2-12 Upper Hose Installation

Slide a 6" hose clamp P#(J0060) onto both ends of the 6" upper hose P#(F0001) (Figure 2-12). 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 2-12 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

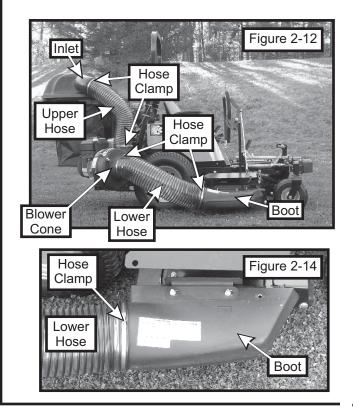
Installation

Slide a 2"-10" hose clamp P#(J1000) 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 2-12.

<u>Note:</u> Classic and Silver Eagle series uses 8" lower hose. Xcaliber series uses 9" lower hose.

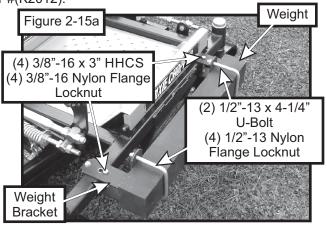
#### 2-14 Lower Hose To Boot Installation

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 add in retaining boot to mower deck.

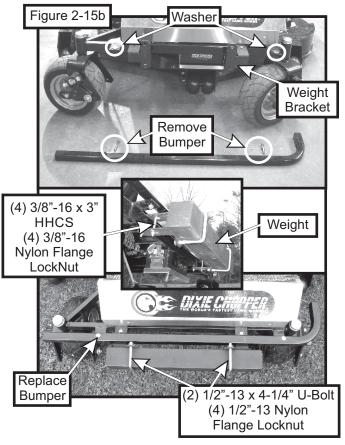


#### 2-15 Front Weight Installation

**Silver Eagle Series Installation:** Fasten the (2) weight brackets P#(B0383) to the front bumper of the mower using (4) 3/8"-16 x 3" HHCS P#(K1198) and (4) 3/8"-16 nylon flange locknuts P#(K2038), as shown in Figure 2-15a. Use a rolling floor jack or someone to help you lift the weight P#(B2220) into position and fasten the weight to the weight brackets using (2) 1/2"-13 x 4-1/4" U-bolts P#(K0331) and (4) 1/2"-13 nylon flange locknuts P#(K2012).



**<u>Classic and Xcaliber Series Installation</u>:** Remove the front bumper and hardware from the mower as shown in Figure 2-15b. Place (2) washers P#(K1446) on the bumper mounting holes (Figure 2-15b). Follow the same installation procedure used on the Silver Eagle series. Replace bumper with existing hardware after weight has been installed.



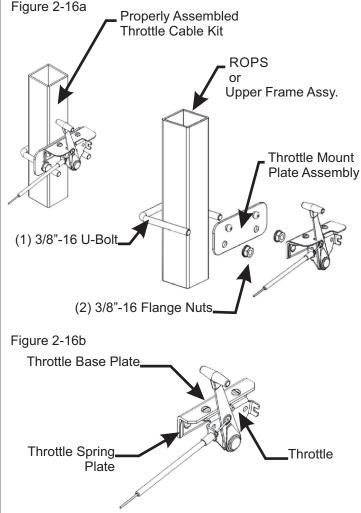
#### 2-16 Throttle Cable Installation

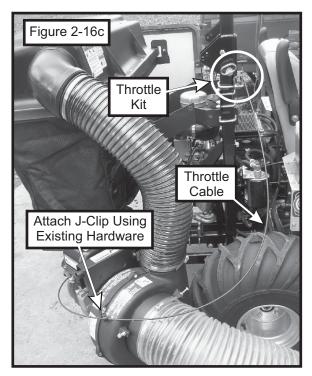
To install the throttle cable kit to the ROPS (roll over protection system), place the 3/8" U-Bolt P#(K0136) onto the ROPS with the threads facing the front of the mower. Next slide on the throttle mount plate assembly P#(A0666) with the rivets also facing toward the front of the mower. Tighten the throttle mount plate assembly securely to the ROPS using (2) 3/8"16 flange nuts P#(K1215) (Figure 2-16a). 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 2-16b).

**NOTE:** If mower is not equipped with a ROPS Intall the throttle cable kit to the upper frame assembly P#(A0585) using the same steps as above. Make sure to locate the throttle cable kit were it can be easily accessed from the operator's seat.

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

Route cable over upper hose as shown in Figure 2-16c.





When routing the throttle cable from the ROPS to the engine, attach (1) J-clip P#(K1455) included in the throttle kit hardware bag, to the blower housing, using existing hardware as shown in Figure 2-16c.

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 2-16d). 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, pull the box handle to dump the box and be sure the cable does not alter the movement of the box.

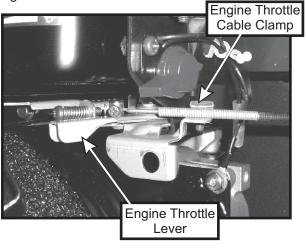


Figure 2-16d

#### 2-17 Installation/Removal Of **Collection Bags**

To install the bag onto the bag ring, first make sure the bag ring end caps are fastened to the bag ring. Place the seam openings of the bag onto the bag ring openings and turn the bag until the slot bracket in the bag ring is protruding from the opening in the bag (Figure 2-17a). Do this for each of three bags.

Install the completed assemblies onto the support frame and close the plastic top. Fasten both draw latches to hold the plastic top closed (Figure 2-17b).

To empty the bag, remove the bag and bag ring by lifting and sliding rearward. Grasp the loop on the bottom of the bag, turn it upside down and empty the collected debris (Figure 2-17c). Repeat for the other bags. Reinstall all bags, line with plastic bags if desired, close the plastic top and reattach the draw latches.

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 2-17d).

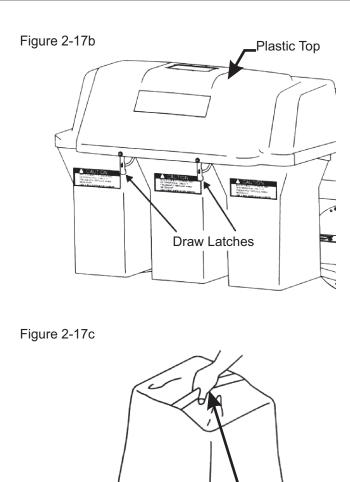


Figure 2-17a

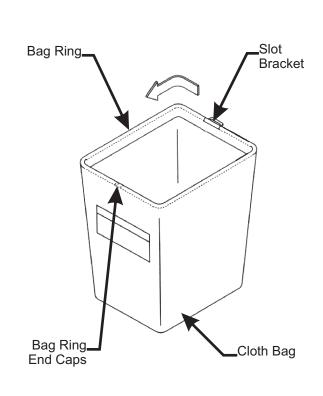
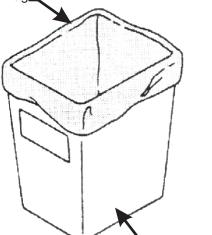




Figure 2-17d



Cloth Bag

Grasp Bag Here

## 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

- A. Perform BEFORE EACH USE maintenance list in paragraph 4-1.
- B. Start the engine/blower/blade assembly.
- B. Start mower.
- C. With the mower at high idle speed, engage the mower deck.
- D. 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

- A. Stop the forward movement of the mower.
- B. Disengage the mower deck.
- C. Using the throttle cable slow the engine down to idle.
- D. 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, lift bag ring from tab on bagger 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 overfilled as potential damage may occur to your equipment. Also, be sure to clean the hood screen as needed.

## SECTION IV MAINTENANCE

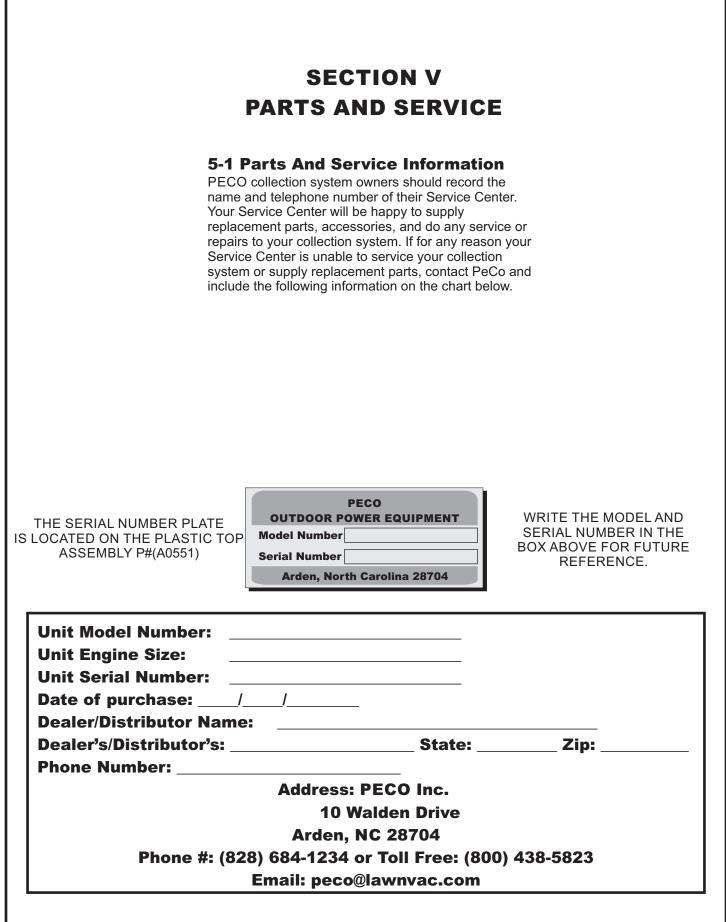
#### 4-1 Maintenance Checklist

Before each use:

- 1. 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.
- 4. 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 PECO parts.

#### After Each Use:

- 1. Clean all debris from machine especially from the container, and off of safety decals. Replace any missing or illegible decals.
- 2. 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.



### SAFETY DECALS

To promote safe operation, PECO 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.



	RICAN Id Markings	WRENCH SIZE (IN.) "A"	BOLT DIAMETER (IN.) "B" AND THREAD SIZE	SAE GRADE 2	SAE GRADE 5	SAE GRADE 8
		7/16				
		7/16	1/4 - 20 UNC	6 (7)	8 (11)	12 (16)
A			1/4 - 28 UNF	6 (8)	10 (13)	14 (18)
$\langle \gamma \rangle$	SAE Grade 2 (No Dashes)	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)
A		7/8	9/16 - 12 UNC	70 (95)	109 (148)	153 (207
	SAE Grade 5	7/8	9/16 - 18 UNF	79 (107)	122 (165)	172 (233)
	(3 Dashes)	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)
	Bonter "B	1-5/16	7/8 - 9 UNC	166 (225)	430 (583)	606 (821)
	Bolt Bolt	1-5/16	7/8 - 14 UNF	184 (249)	474 (642)	668 (905)
1		1-1/2	1 - 8 ŲNC	250 (339)	644 (873)	909 (1232
		1-1/2	1 - 12 UNF	274 (371)	705 (955)	995 (1348
ch 'A"	SAE Grade 8	1-1/2	1 - 14 UNF	280 (379)	721 (977)	1019 (138
	(6 Dashes)	1-11/16	1-1/8 - 7 UNC	354 (480)	795 (1077)	1288(1745
Ť		1-11/16	1-1/8 - 12 UNF	397 (538)	890 (1206)	1444 (195
		1-7/8	1-1/4 - 7 UNC	500 (678)	1120 (1518)	1817 (246
		1-7/8	1-1/4 - 12 UNF	553 (749)	1241 (1682)	2013 (272
		2-1/16	1-3/8 - 6 UNC	655 (887)	1470 (1992)	2382 (322
		2-1/16	1-3/8 - 12 UNF	746 (1011)	1672 (2266)	2712 (367
		2-1/4	1-1/2 - 6 UNC	870 (1179)	1950 (2642)	3161 (428
		2-1/4	1-1/2 - 12 UNF	979 (1327)	2194 (2973)	3557 (482

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Wrench Size "A" 8.8
Numbers appearing on bolt heads indicate ASTM class.
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\*Use 75% of the specified torque value for plated fasteners. Use 85% of the specified torque values for lubricated fasteners.

Proper torque for metric fasteners used on Peco equipment.						
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)	

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