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Product Services Information

INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

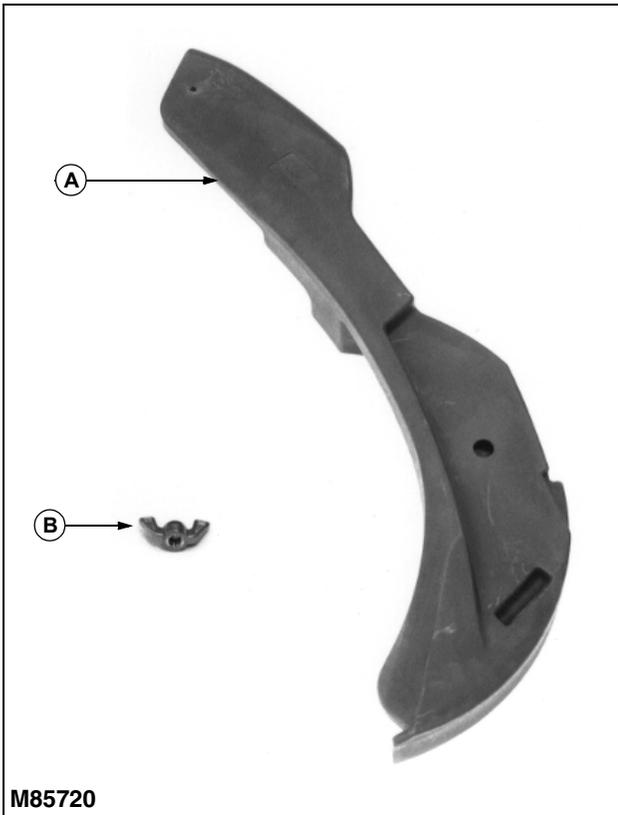
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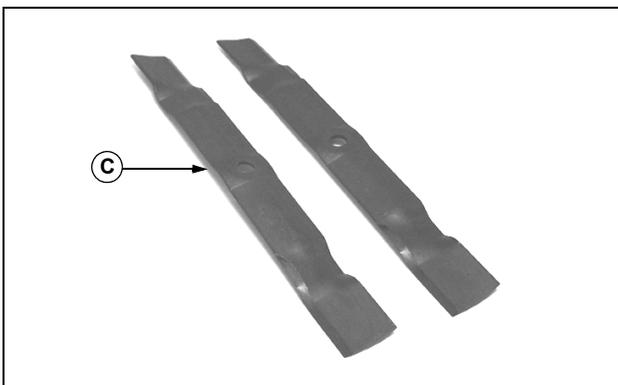
42-INCH CONVERTIBLE MULCHING KIT

Parts in Kit



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Qty.	Description
1	Mulch Plug With Preassembled Hardware (A)
1	Wing Nut, Locking (B)
2	Mulching Blades (C)

NOTE: Mulch plug is shipped with carriage bolt, washer and retaining clip preassembled and should not be removed from mulch plug. Wing nut (B) is shipped preassembled on carriage bolt.

Park Vehicle Safely

1. Drive tractor onto level surface, not on a slope.
2. Stop engine.
3. Lock park brake.
4. Remove key.

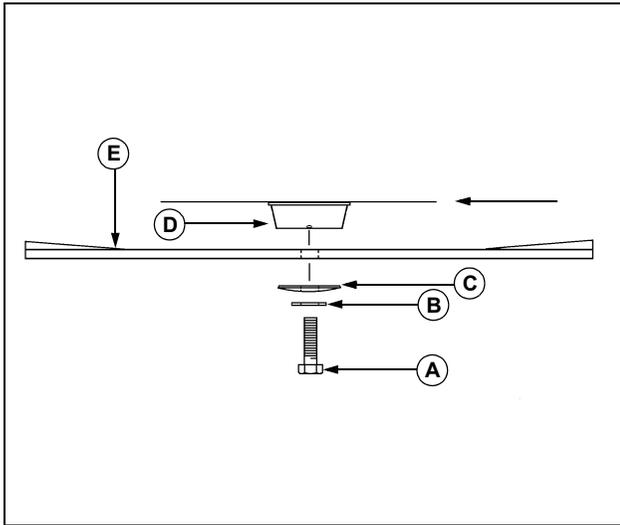
Install Mulching Blades

IMPORTANT: Avoid damage! The mulching blades provided are the only blades for use with the mulch plug. Use of other blades will destroy the mulch plug and may damage the tractor and mower deck.

1. Pull back the lift lever to raise and lock the mower deck in the up position.

CAUTION: Avoid injury! Blades are sharp. Wear gloves or wrap cloth around sharp edges of blades to protect hands.

2. To prevent blade from turning during removal of the attaching hardware, place a block of wood between blade and deck. Rotate the blade until block of wood is tight between mower deck and blade.



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3. Remove and retain bolt (A), washer (B), bevel washer (C) and the blade. Repeat for other blade. Keep the blades for side discharge mowing.

4. Deck must be clean to ensure proper fit of mulching kit. Remove all grass build-up from underside of mower deck, especially at the top and front surfaces. Clean inside the mower deck lip groove around the discharge chute. Rinse these areas thoroughly and dry completely.

NOTE: Install beveled washer so that the cupped side faces upward.

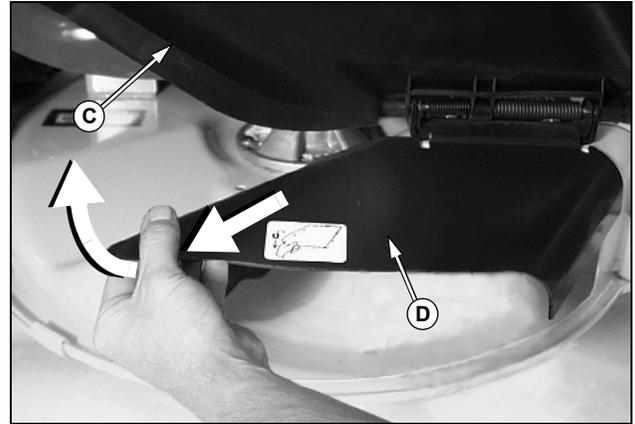
5. Install washer (B) and bevel washer (C) onto bolt (A).

6. Make sure deflector cup (D) is seated properly over mower deck spindle. Position mulching blade (E) so sharpened edges angle downward and arched side is against the deflector cup.

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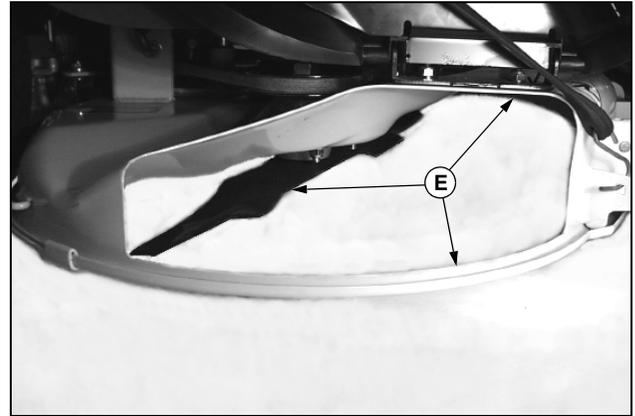
7. Install bolt (A), washer (B), and bevel washer (C) to secure the blade. Tighten bolt to 75 N•m (55 lb-ft). Repeat for other blade.

Install Mulch Plug



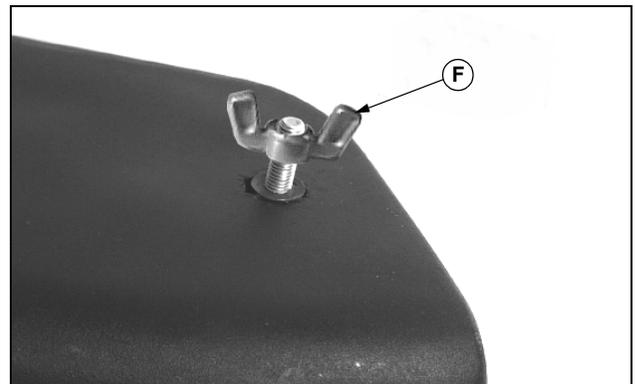
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1. Hold open discharge chute (C).
2. Grasp corner of metal deflector (D). Pull outward and swing upward to release the deflector.
3. Keep the deflector and chute from closing by tying, taping, or strapping the deflector in the up position.



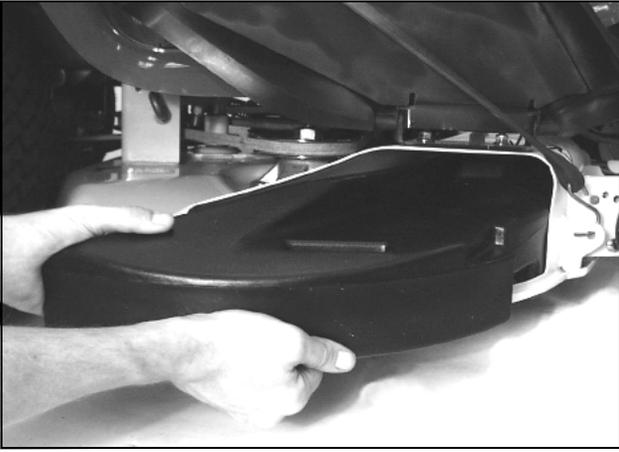
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4. Rotate mower blades to provide maximum clearance (E) for mulch plug installation.



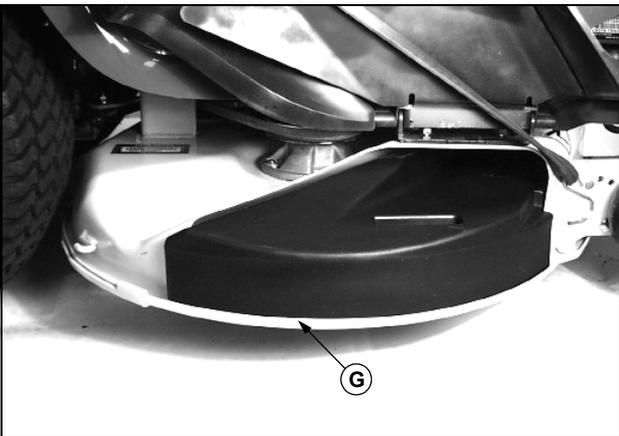
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5. Remove and retain locking wing nut (F) from carriage bolt in mulch plug.



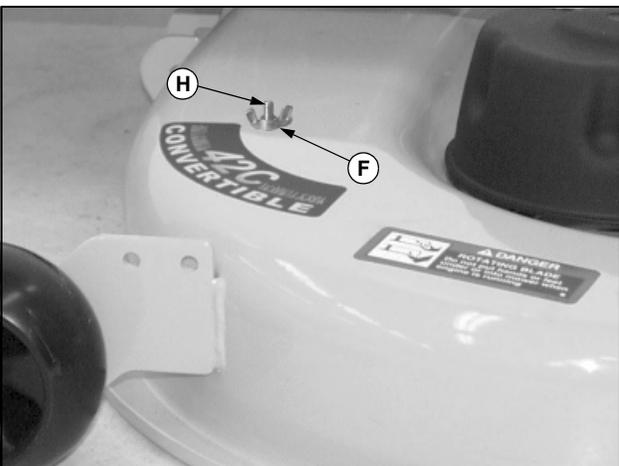
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6. Place mulch plug into discharge opening, carriage bolt end first with threads pointing upward.



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7. Seat bottom edge of mulch plug into mower deck lip groove (G). Then lower the metal deflector and discharge chute.



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8. Insert carriage bolt (H) (installed in mulch plug) through mounting hole at left side of mower deck. Install locking wing nut (F) onto bolt and tighten completely.