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Operating Your Lawn Mower

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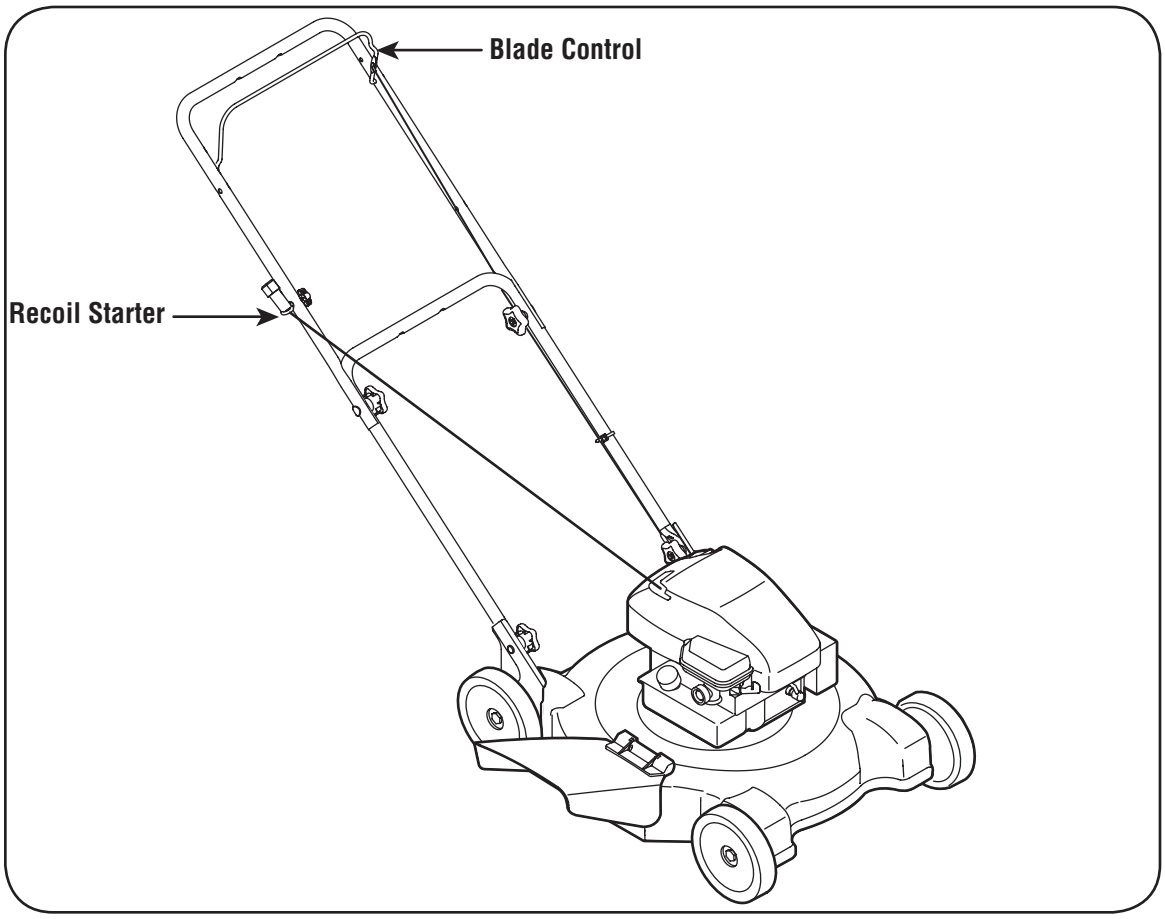

Figure 4-1

Now that you have set up your lawn mower for operation, get acquainted with its controls and features. These are described below and illustrated this page. This knowledge will allow you to use your new equipment to its fullest potential.

Blade Control

The blade control is attached to the upper handle of the mower. Depress the blade control to operate the unit. Release it to stop engine and blade.

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Recoil Starter

The recoil starter is attached to the right upper handle. Stand behind the unit and pull the recoil starter rope to start the unit.

Gas and Oil Fill-Up

1. Check oil level and add oil if necessary. Follow Engine manual for this.
2. Service engine with gasoline as instructed in Engine manual. See Engine manual for location of gas and oil fill.

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Starting Engine

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1. Push primer three times. Wait about two seconds between each push. See Figure 4-2. In temperature around 55° F or below, prime five times. Do not prime to restart a warm engine.
2. Standing behind the mower, squeeze the blade control against upper handle. See Figure 4-2.
3. Holding these two handles together firmly, grasp recoil starter handle and pull rope out with a rapid, continuous, full arm stroke. See Figure 4-2. Keeping a firm grip on the starter handle, let the rope rewind slowly. Repeat until engine cranks. Let the rope rewind each time slowly.

Stopping Engine

1. Release blade control to stop the engine and blade.
2. Disconnect spark plug wire from spark plug and ground against the engine.

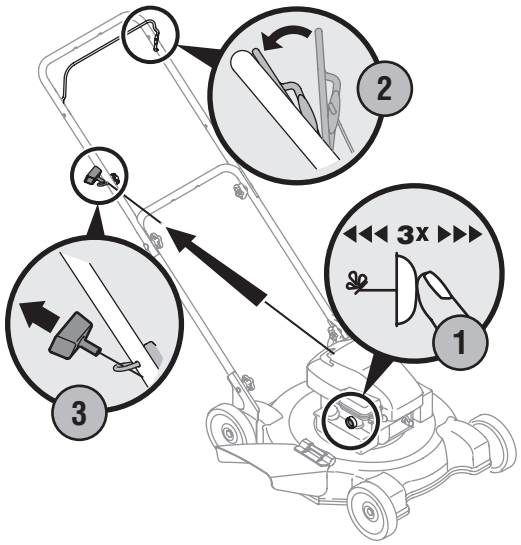

Figure 4-2

Using Your Lawn Mower

Be sure the lawn is clear of stones, sticks, wire, or other objects which could damage the lawn mower or the engine. Such objects could be accidently thrown by the mower in any direction and cause serious personal injury to the operator and others.

WARNING: If you strike a foreign object, stop the engine. Remove wire from the spark plug, thoroughly inspect the mower for any damage, and repair the damage before restarting and operating the mower. Extensive vibration of the mower during operation is an indication of damage. The unit should be promptly inspected and repaired.

Operating Tips

1. For best results, do not cut wet grass.
2. New grass, thick grass, or wet grass may require a narrower cut.
3. For a healthier lawn, never cut off more than one-third of the total length of the grass.
4. Your lawn should be cut in the fall as long as there is growth.
5. Adjust your ground speed according to condition of lawn.

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