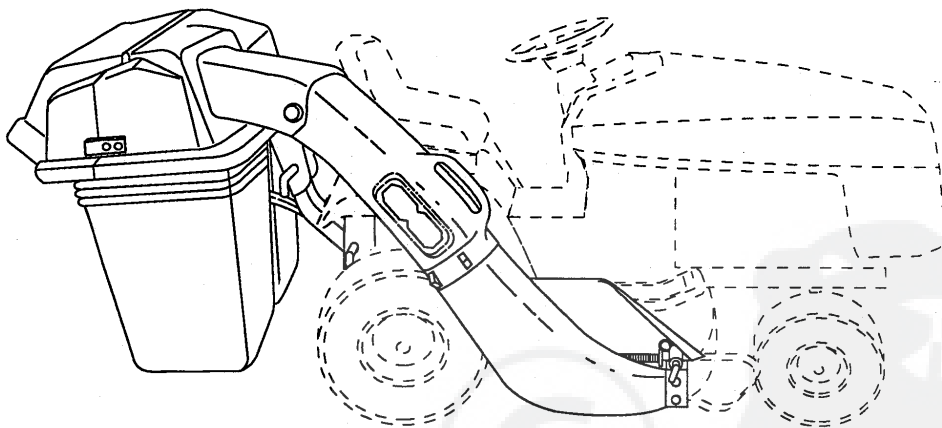


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# OWNER'S MANUAL

GRASS CATCHER  
MODEL NUMBER GC240AR



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**LOOK FOR THIS SYMBOL TO POINT OUT IMPORTANT SAFETY PRECAUTIONS. IT MEANS - ATTENTION! BECOME ALERT! YOUR SAFETY IS INVOLVED.**

**CAUTION: LOOK FOR THIS WORD TO POINT OUT IMPORTANT EQUIPMENT PRECAUTIONS.**



## **RULES FOR SAFE OPERATION**

1. Know the controls and how to stop quickly. **READ THIS OPERATOR'S MANUAL** and instructions furnished with attachments.
2. Do not allow children to operate the machine. Do not allow adults to operate it without proper instruction.
3. Do not carry passengers. Do not mow when children and others are around.
4. Always wear substantial footwear. Do not wear loose fitting clothing that could get caught in moving parts.
5. Keep your eyes and mind on your tractor, mower, and the area being cut. Do not let other interests distract you.
6. Do not attempt to operate your tractor or mower when not in the drivers seat.
7. Always get on or off your tractor from the operator's left hand side.
8. Clear the work area of objects (wire, rocks, etc.) which might be picked up and thrown.
9. Disengage all attachment clutches before attempting to start the engine.
10. Disengage power to attachments and stop the engine before leaving the operator's position.
11. Disengage power to mower, stop the engine, and disconnect spark plug wire(s) from spark plug(s) before cleaning, making an adjustment, or repair. Be careful to avoid touching hot muffler or engine components.
12. Disengage power to attachments when transporting or not in use.
13. Take all possible precautions when leaving the vehicle unattended. Disengage the power-take-off, lower the attachments, shift into neutral, set the parking brake, stop the engine, and remove the key.
14. Do not stop or start suddenly when going uphill or downhill. Mow up and down the face of slopes (not greater than 15°); never across the face. Refer to tractor Owner's Manual.
15. Reduce speed on slopes and make turns gradually to prevent tipping or loss of control. Exercise extreme caution when changing direction on slopes.
16. While going up or down slopes, place Gear Shift Control Lever in 1st gear position to negotiate the slope without stopping.
17. Never mow in wet or slippery grass, when traction is unsure, or at a speed which could cause a skid.
18. Stay alert for holes in the terrain and other hidden hazards. Keep away from drop-offs.
19. Do not drive too close to creeks, ditches, and public highways.
20. Exercise special care when mowing around fixed objects in order to prevent the blades from striking them. Never deliberately run tractor or mower into or over any foreign objects.
21. Never shift gears until tractor comes to a stop.
22. Never place hands or feet under the mower, in discharge chute, or near any moving parts while tractor or mower are running. Always keep clear of discharge chute.
23. Use care when pulling loads or using heavy equipment.
  - a. Use only approved drawbar hitch points.
  - b. Limit loads to those you can safely control.
  - c. Do not turn sharply. Use care when backing.
  - d. Use counterweight or wheel weights when suggested in owner's manuals.
24. Watch out for traffic when crossing or near roadways.
25. When using any attachments, never direct discharge of material toward bystanders nor allow anyone near the vehicle while in operation.
26. Handle gasoline with care - it is highly flammable.
  - a. Use approved gasoline containers.
  - b. Never remove the fuel cap of the fuel tank or add gasoline to a running or hot engine or an engine that has not been allowed to cool for several minutes after running. Never fill tank indoors, always clean up spilled gasoline.
  - c. Open doors if the engine is run in the garage - exhaust fumes are dangerous. Do not run the engine indoors.
27. Keep the vehicle and attachments in good operating condition, and keep safety devices in place and working.
28. Keep all nuts, bolts, and screws tight to be sure the equipment is in safe working condition.
29. Never store the equipment with gasoline in the tank inside a building where fumes may reach an open flame or spark. Allow the engine to cool before storing in any enclosure.
30. To reduce fire hazard, keep the engine free of grass, leaves, or excessive grease. Do not clean product while engine is running.
31. Except for adjustments, **DO NOT** operate Engine if air cleaner or cover directly over carburetor air intake is removed. Removal of such part could create a fire hazard.
32. Do not operate without a muffler, or tamper with exhaust system. Damaged mufflers or spark arresters could create a fire hazard. Inspect periodically and replace if necessary.
33. The vehicle and attachments should be stopped and inspected for damage after striking a foreign object, and the damage should be repaired before restarting and operating the equipment.
34. Do not change the engine governor settings or overspeed the engine; severe damage or injury may result.
35. When using the vehicle with mower, proceed as follows:
  - a. Mow only in daylight or in good artificial light.
  - b. Shut the Engine off when unclogging chute.
  - c. Check the blade mounting bolts for proper tightness at frequent intervals.
36. Do not operate the mower without either the entire grass catcher, on mowers so equipped, or the the deflector shield in place.
37. Disengage power to mower before backing up. Do not mow in reverse unless absolutely necessary and then only after careful observation of the entire area behind the mower.
38. Under normal usage the grass catcher bag material is subject to deterioration and wear. It should be checked frequently for bag replacement. Replacement bags should be checked to ensure compliance with the original manufacturer's recommendations or specifications.

## BLADE CARE

To ensure satisfactory operation, it is recommended that before the start of each mowing season, the old blades be discarded and replaced with new blades. Blades can be purchased at all Sears Service Centers and most retail stores.

## TO REMOVE GRASS CATCHER

Reverse steps 2 thru 5 under "Assembly - Grass Catcher", pages 7 - 9.



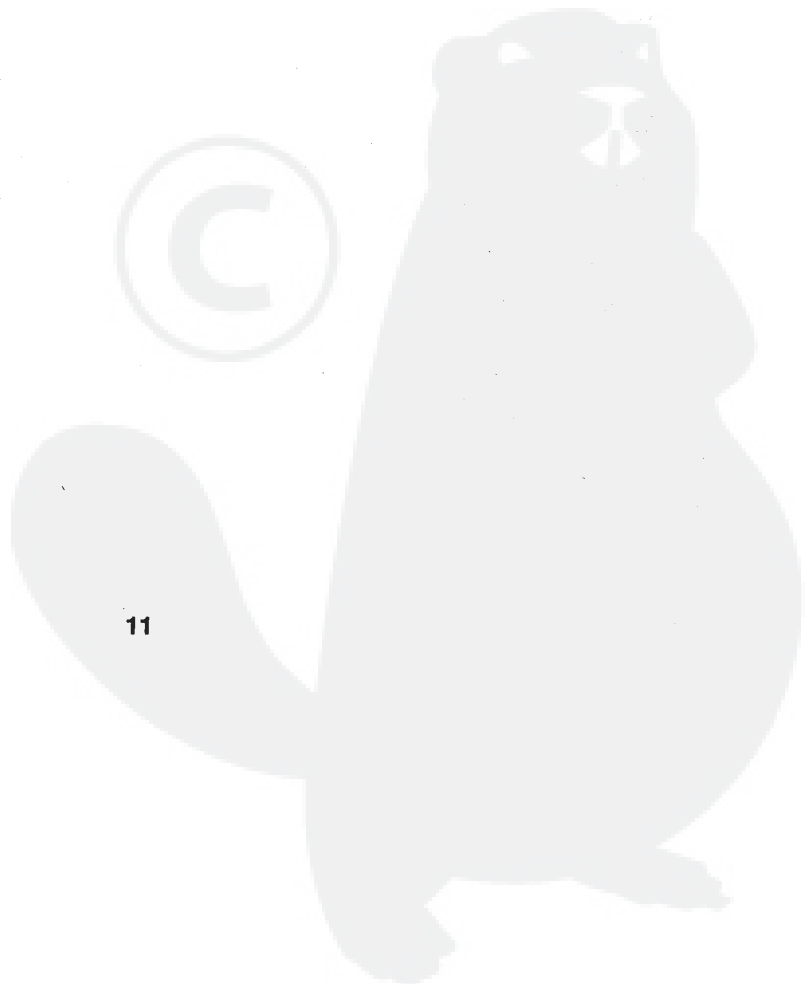
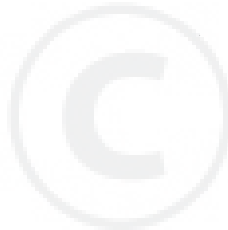
**YOUR CONTAINERS ARE OF VERY DURABLE MATERIAL, HOWEVER, IN THE EVENT OF EXCESSIVE WEAR OR DAMAGE, REPLACE IMMEDIATELY. THE REPLACEMENT CONTAINER SHOULD COMPLY WITH THE ORIGINAL MANUFACTURED SPECIFICATIONS IN ORDER TO INSURE PROPER PERFORMANCE AND PRODUCT SAFETY.**

## STORAGE

When grass catcher is to be stored for a period of time, clean it thoroughly, remove all dirt, grass, leaves, etc. Store in a clean, dry place.

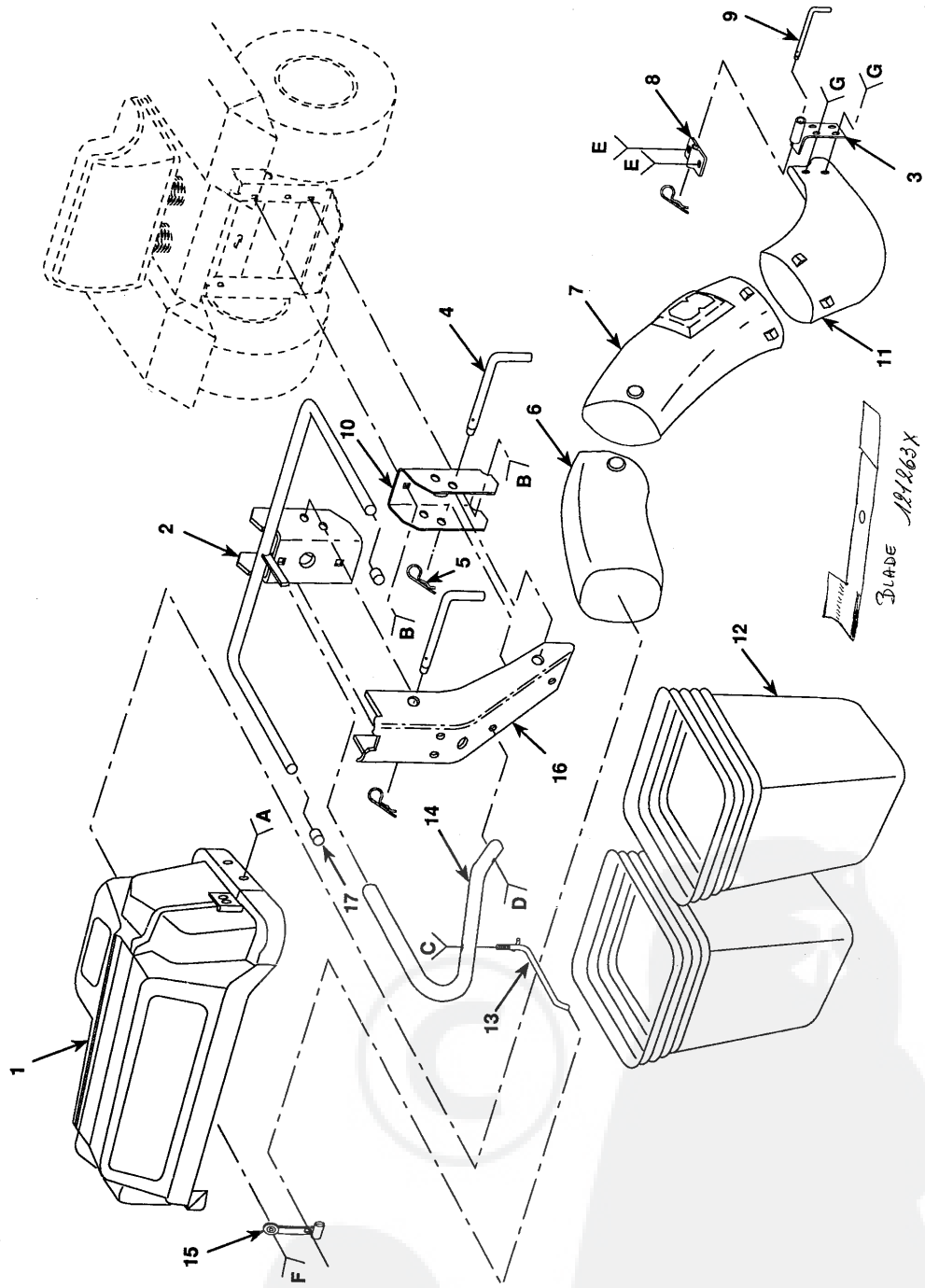


**REPLACE IMMEDIATELY ANY PARTS THAT SHOW WEAR OR DETERIORATION, ESPECIALLY PARTS WHICH CONTAIN THE FLOW OF MATERIAL FROM THE MOWER. ALSO, CHECK THE CONDITION OF FASTENERS THAT KEEP THESE PARTS IN A SAFE POSITION DURING OPERATION.**



**REPAIR PARTS**

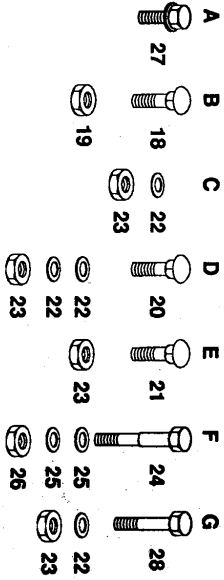
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# REPAIR PARTS

## GRASS CATCHER FOR SIDE DISCHARGE MOWER - MODEL NUMBER GC240AR

KEY PART NO.	DESCRIPTION	KEY PART NO.	DESCRIPTION
1	Cover, Grass Catcher	18	Bolt, Carriage 3/8 - 16 x 1.000
2	Support, Container Assembly	19	* Locknut 3/8 - 16
3	Bracket, Chute Assembly	20	* Bolt 5/16 - 18 x 1.50
4	Pin - Support Bracket	21	Bolt 5/16-18x1
5	85902	22	Washer 1 1/32 x 3/4 x .093
6	121774X	23	* Locknut 5/16 - 18
7	122517X	24	* Bolt, Hex Hd. 1/4 - 20 x .75 Gr. 5
8	120098X	25	Washer .28 x .62 x .06
9	120097X	26	* Locknut 1/4 - 20
10	121761X	27	Screw Hex Thd. Roll 10 - 24 x .50
11	121772X	28	Bolt, Hex Hd 5/16 - 18 x 3/4
12	122522X	--	Bag, Trash 30 Gal. 1.5 Mil
13	123252X	--	Owners Manual - English
14	121766X	--	Owners Manual - French
15	109808X	--	Owners Manual - German
16	121762X363		
17	123284X		

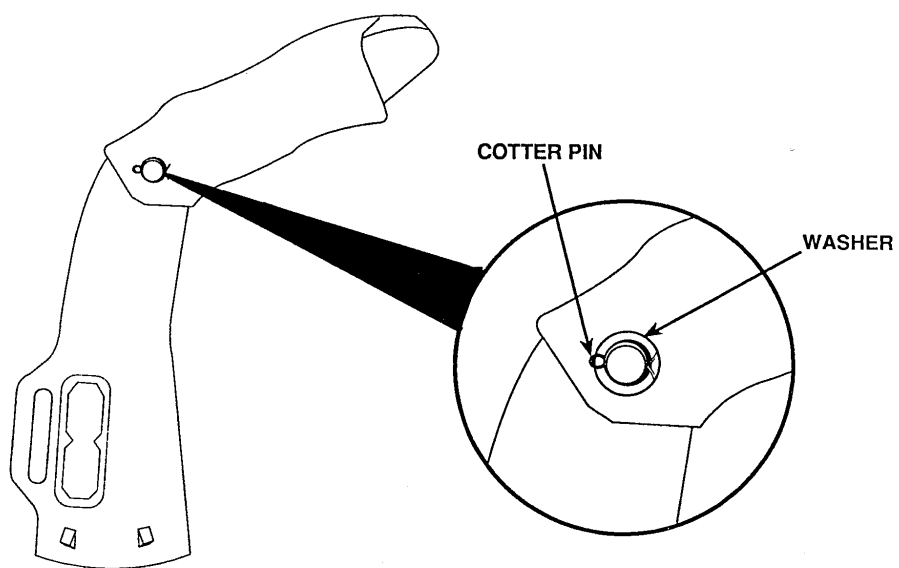


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## SUPPLEMENT TO OWNER'S MANUAL

Due to changes in the manufacture of your bagger, the owner's manual supplied with your bagger requires the following change: Install Cotter Pin and Washer found in bag of parts and turn ends back as shown.

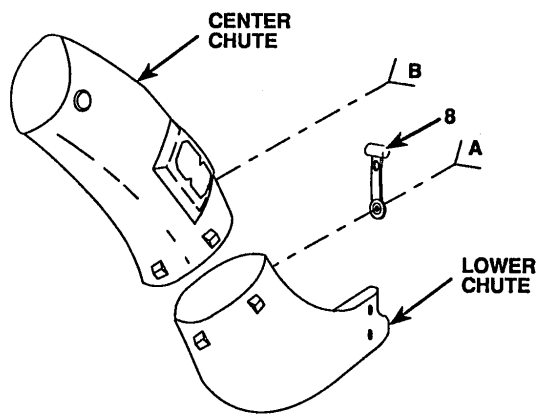


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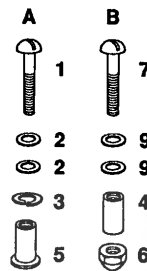
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| 1 | 74291010 | Screw-Truss Head 10-24x5/8 |
| 2 | 4802     | Washer, Flat No. 10        |
| 3 | 5080     | Washer, Lock No. 10        |
| 4 | 7206J    | Spacer, Split              |
| 5 | 2029J    | Nut, Weld                  |
| 6 | 60867    | Nut, Acorn No. 10-24       |
| 7 | 87175    | Screw, 10-24x1 1/2         |
| 8 | 109808X  | Latch, Hood                |
| 9 | 52784    | Washer, Flat No. 10        |



Please save this sheet and refer to these numbers when ordering replacement parts.

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2. Placez le déflecteur intérieur dans le côté droit du carter de tondeuse. Le support du déflecteur doit être placé entre le bord du carter de tondeuse et le curseur à droite.
  - A. Placez le crochet en J à filets au-dessus du bord du carter de tondeuse et placez le collier, la rondelle plate de 1/4 po., et l'écrou de blocage de 1/4 po. sur le crochet en J. Ne pas resserrer.
3. Placez le déflecteur à droite (Fig. 4) entre le support du déflecteur intérieur et le curseur à droite. Fixez le curseur à droite au déflecteur à droite, au déflecteur intérieur, et au carter de tondeuse en utilisant un boulon mécanique de 5/16 et un écrou de blocage de 5/16.
4. Fixez le déflecteur intérieur et le déflecteur à droite au carter de tondeuse.
  - A. Fixez le collier, la rondelle de 1/4 po., et l'écrou de blocage de 1/4 po. au crochet en J.
  - B. Placez le collier au-dessus du trou dans le déflecteur à droite (Fig. 4). Placez le sommet du boulon de 1/4 po. au-dessous du déflecteur à droite et fixez-le en utilisant une rondelle de 1/4 po. et un écrou de blocage de 1/4 po.

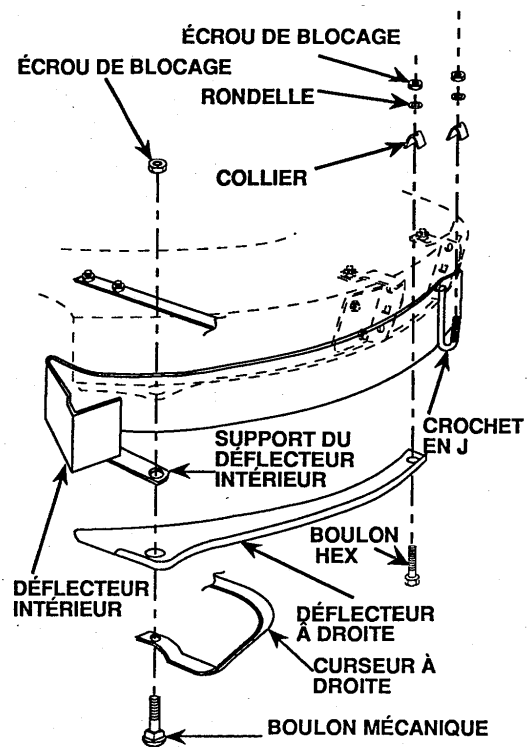


FIGURE 4

### PIÈCES DE RECHANGE

NO. DE PIÈCE	DESCRIPTION
122071X	Feuille d'instructions
121263X	Lame de tondeuse
121306X	Barre d'attelage
85937	Déflecteur à droite
123810X	Déflecteur intérieur
10959X	Support de levage C.D.
10958X	Support de levage C.G.
85936	Collier
74780424	Boulon hex. 1/4-20 x 1-1/2
19091016	Rondelle 9/32 x 5/8 x 16 Ga.
73680400	Écrou de blocage 1/4-20
72140508	Boulon mécanique 5/16-18 x 1
73680500	Écrou de blocage 5/16-18

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## KIT DE L'ADAPTATEUR DE RAMASSE-HERBE 122070X



**AVANT DE COMMENCER LES INSTRUCTIONS DANS CE KIT, REPORTER AUX RÈGLES DE SÉCURITÉ DANS VOTRE MANUEL DU PROPRIÉTAIRE DU TRACTEUR.**

### BARRE D'ATTELAGE

Remplacez la barre d'attelage qui existe sur votre tracteur avec la barre d'attelage fournie dans le kit.

1. Retirez les quatre (4) boulons de 3/8 po. en utilisant une clé de 9/16 po. (Fig. 1). Ne jetez pas la quincaillerie.
2. Mettez l'attache en fil à la nouvelle barre si elle est équipée de cette façon.
3. Montez la nouvelle barre d'attelage en utilisant la quincaillerie qui était utilisée en montant la vieille barre d'attelage. Resserrez complètement.

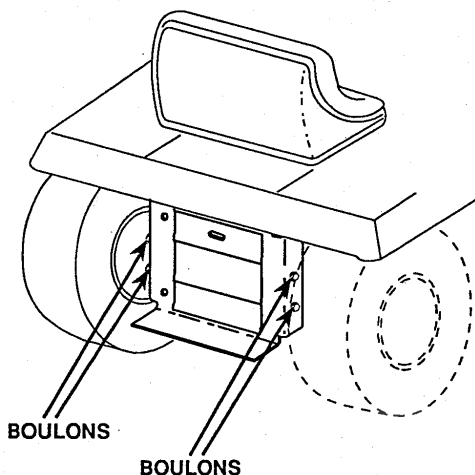


FIGURE 1

### SUPPORTS DE LEVAGE

Remplacez les supports de levage sur l'avant de votre plate-forme de tonte avec les nouveaux supports fournis dans le kit.

1. Enlevez la plate-forme de tonte du tracteur (Reporter à la section "ENLÈVEMENT DE LA PLATE-FORME DE TONTE" dans le manuel du propriétaire de votre tracteur.).
2. En utilisant une clé de 1/2 po., retirez les écrous qui fixent les supports à l'avant de la plate-forme de tonte (Fig. 2). Gardez les écrous pour l'usage dans l'étape 3.

3. Installez les nouveaux supports en utilisant la quincaillerie qui existe, et resserrez-les complètement.

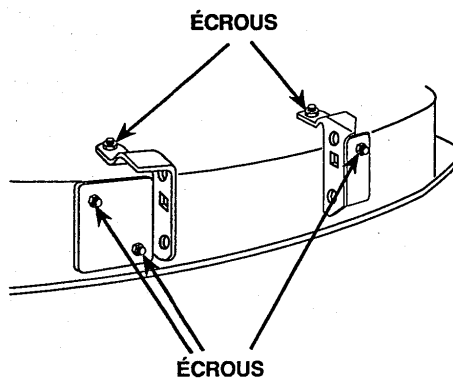


FIGURE 2

### LAMES

Remplacez les lames qui existent sur la plate-forme de tonte avec les nouvelles lames "High-lift" (no. de pièce 121263X) qui sont fournies dans le kit. Suivez le mode d'emploi pour remplacement des lames qui se trouve dans votre manuel du propriétaire du tracteur.

### DÉFLECTEURS

1. En utilisant une clé de 1/2 po., enlevez la quincaillerie "A" (Fig. 3) qui tixe la partie inférieure du curseur à droite au carter de tondeuse.

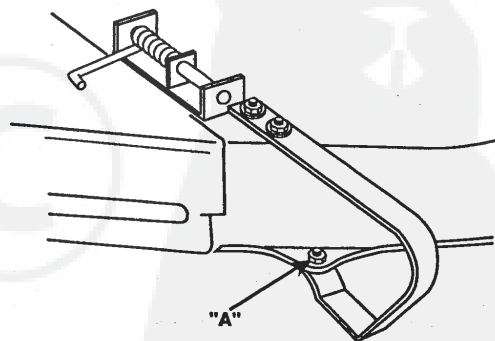


FIGURE 3

## KIT DES LAMES 123431X

### FEUILLE D'INSTRUCTIONS

Remplacez les lames existant sur la plate-forme de tonte avec les nouvelles lames « hi-lift » (n° de pièce 121263X) qui sont incluses dans le kit. Suivez les instructions de remplacement des lames qui se trouvent dans votre manuel du propriétaire.