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UNIVERSAL SYMBOLS

As a guide to the operation of your tractor, various universal symbols have been utilized on the instruments and controls. The symbols are shown below with an indication of their meaning.

- Safety Alert Symbol
- Diesel Fuel
- Fuel-Level
- Parking Brake
- Engine-Stop
- Preheat
- Engine-Run
- Starter Control
- Power Take-Off Clutch Control-Off Position (Disengaged)
- Power Take-Off Clutch Control-On Position (Engaged)
- Cutting Height
- Mower-Lowered position
- Mower-Raised position
- Fast
- Slow
- Engine Speed Control
- Battery
- Oil Pressure
- Coolant Temperature

California Proposition 65

**WARNING**
The engine exhaust from this product contains chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer, birth defects or other reproductive harm.

**IMPORTANT**
The engine in this machine is not equipped by the manufacturer with a standard spark arrester. It is a violation of California Public Resource Code Section 4442 to use or operate this engine on or near any forest-covered, brush-covered land, or grass-covered land unless the exhaust system is equipped with a working spark arrester meeting state laws. Other states or federal areas may have similar laws.
FOREWORD

You are now the proud owner of a KUBOTA ZERO TURN MOWER. This machine is a product of KUBOTA's quality engineering and manufacturing. It is made of excellent materials and under a rigid quality control system. It will give you long, satisfactory service. To obtain the best use of your machine, please read this manual carefully. It will help you become familiar with the operation of the machine and contains many helpful hints about machine maintenance. It is KUBOTA's policy to utilize, as quickly as possible, every advance in our research. The immediate use of new techniques in the manufacturing of products may cause some small parts of this manual to become outdated. KUBOTA distributors and dealers will have the most up-to-date information. Please do not hesitate to consult them.

SAFETY FIRST

This symbol, the industry's "Safety Alert Symbol", is used throughout this manual and on labels on the machine itself to warn of the possibility of personal injury. Read these instructions carefully. It is essential that you read the instructions and safety regulations before you attempt to assemble or use this unit.

⚠️ DANGER : Indicates an imminently hazardous situation which, if not avoided, will result in death or serious injury.

⚠️ WARNING : Indicates a potentially hazardous situation which, if not avoided, could result in death or serious injury.

⚠️ CAUTION : Indicates a potentially hazardous situation which, if not avoided, may result in minor or moderate injury.

IMPORTANT : Indicates that equipment or property damage could result if instructions are not followed.

NOTE : Gives helpful information.
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SAFE OPERATION

Careful operation is your best insurance against an accident. Read and understand this manual carefully before operating the machine. All operators, no matter how much experience they may have had, should read this and other related manuals before operating the machine or any implement attached to it. It is the owner's obligation to instruct all operators in safe operation. This mowing machine is capable of amputating hands and feet and throwing objects. Failure to observe the following safety instructions could result in serious injury or death.

1. BEFORE OPERATING

1. The ZERO TURN MOWING MACHINE has different steering characteristics than other machines with a steering wheel and does not have a service brake pedal (but, has a parking brake lock pedal that can be used to stop the machine in an emergency. Normal slowing down and stopping is done with the motion control levers.). Read and understand the operators manual before operating the machine. Practice operating machine at low engine speed without mower engaged in an unobstructed area.

2. Know your equipment and its limitations. Read all instructions in this manual before attempting to start and operate the machine.

3. Pay special attention to the warning, caution and danger labels on the machine itself.

4. KUBOTA recommends the use of a Roll Over Protective Structures (ROPS) and seat belt in almost all applications. This combination will reduce the risk of serious injury or death, should the machine be upset.

The machine is equipped with a Foldable ROPS, which may be temporarily folded down only when absolutely necessary for areas with height constraints. (There is no operator protection provided by the ROPS in the folded position. For operator safety the ROPS should be placed in the upright and locked position and the seat belt fastened for all other operations.) If the ROPS is loosened or removed for any reason, make sure that all parts are reinstalled correctly before operating the machine.

Never modify or repair a ROPS because welding, bending, drilling, grinding, or cutting may weaken the structure.

A damaged ROPS structure must be replaced, not repaired or revised.

If any structural member of the ROPS is damaged, replace the entire structure at your local KUBOTA Dealer.

5. Always use the seat belt when the ROPS is upright. Do not use the seat belt if the ROPS is down or if there is no ROPS. Check the seat belt regularly and replace if frayed or damaged.

6. Do not operate the machine or any attachments while under the influence of alcohol, medication, controlled substances or when fatigued.

7. Do not wear loose, torn, or bulky clothing around machine. The clothing may catch on moving parts or controls, leading to the risk of accident. Wear and use any additional safety items such as hard hat, safety boots or shoes, eye and hearing protection, gloves, etc. As appropriate or required.

8. Do not wear radio or music headphones while operating the machine.

Safe operation requires your full attention.

9. Carefully check the vicinity before operating machine or any implement attached to it. Clear the work area of objects (wires, rocks, etc.) that might be picked up and thrown. Check for overhead clearance which may interfere with a grass catcher.

10. Check brakes and other mechanical parts for correct adjustment and wear. Replace worn or damaged parts promptly. Check the tightness of all nuts and bolts regularly. (For further details, see "PERIODIC SERVICE" and "ADJUSTMENT" section.)

11. Keep all shields and guards in place. Replace any that are damaged or missing.

12. Before allowing other people to use your machine, explain how to operate and have them read this manual before operation.

13. Do not allow any bystanders around or near machine during operation.
14. Do not allow passengers, children or non-qualified operators on the machine at any time. The operator must remain in the machine seat throughout operation.

15. In addition to the design and configuration of equipment, hazard control and accident prevention are dependent upon the awareness, concern, and prudence of personnel involved in the operation, transport, maintenance of facilities.

16. Keep the machine and attachments in good operating condition and keep safety devices in place and in proper working condition.

17. Do not modify the machine. Unauthorized modification may affect the function of the machine, which may result in personal injury.

18. Use only implements recommended by KUBOTA. Use proper ballast to front or rear of machine to reduce the risk of upsets. Follow the "Safe Operation" procedures, specified in the manuals with equipment.

19. Keep your machine clean. Accumulations of dirt, grease, and trash can contribute to fires and lead to personal injury.

20. The exhaust gas from the muffler is very hot. To prevent fire, do not expose dry grass, mowed grass, oil and any other combustible materials to exhaust gas. Use a spark arrester where required. Also keep the engine and muffler clean all the time.

2. OPERATING

◆ Starting
1. Always sit in the operator's seat when starting engine or operating levers or controls.
2. Before starting the engine make sure that the motion control levers are in neutral lock, the parking brake is applied, and Power Take Off (PTO) is disengaged (OFF).
3. Do not start engine by shorting across starter terminals. The machine may start in gear and move if normal starting circuitry is bypassed.
4. Do not operate or idle engine in a non-ventilated area. Carbon monoxide gas is colorless, odorless, and deadly.

◆ Working
1. Do not turn sharply when driving at high speed.
2. To avoid tip over, slow down when turning on uneven terrain or before stopping.
3. Do not operate near ditches, holes, embankments, or other terrain, which may collapse under the machine weight. The risk of machine tip over increases when the ground is loose or wet.
4. Park the machine on the firm and level surface.
5. Watch where you are going at all times. Watch for and avoid obstacles. Be alert at curbs, near trees, and other obstructions and hidden hazards.
6. Know what is behind you before backing up. Look to the rear before and when backing. Do not mow while in reverse unless absolutely necessary and make sure the area immediately behind you is clear of obstructions or holes and small children. Use extra caution when machine is equipped with Grass Catcher. Your view to the rear is restricted.
7. When working in groups, always let others know what you are doing ahead of time.
8. Do not drive machine on streets or highways. Watch for traffic when you cross roads or operate near roads.
9. Be aware of the mower discharge direction and do not point it at anyone.
10. When using any attachments, never direct discharge material toward bystanders. Do not allow anyone near the attachments while in operation. Do not mow when bystanders are present in the mowing area.
11. To reduce fire hazards, keep the engine exhaust area free of grass or leaves.
12. Be sure rotating blades and engine are stopped and the key is removed before placing hands or feet near blades and cleaning blockages or unclogging chute.
13. Shut the engine off and wait for all movement to stop before removing grass catcher or unclogging chute.
14. Always inspect the mower for damage after striking a foreign object. Repair or replace any damaged parts before restarting.
15. Operate during daylight or in bright artificial light.

◆ Children
Tragic accidents can occur if the operator is not alert to the presence of children. Children are attracted to the machine and the mowing activity. Never assume that children will remain where you last saw them.
1. Keep children out of the mowing area and under the watchful care of another responsible adult.
2. Be alert and turn machine off if children enter the area.
3. Before and when backing, look behind and down for small children.
4. Never carry children. They may fall off and be seriously injured or interfere with safe machine operation.
5. Never allow children to operate the machine, even under adult supervision. Local regulation can restrict the age of the operator.
6. Use extra care when approaching blind corners, shrubs, trees, or other obstructions that might hide children from sight.
7. Do not mow in reverse unless it is absolutely necessary.
Operators, age 60 years and above
Data indicates that operators, age 60 years and above, are involved in a large percentage of machine-related injuries. These operators should evaluate their ability to operate the machine safely enough to protect themselves and others from serious injury.

Operation on slopes
Slopes are major factor related to loss-of-control and tip-over accidents, which can result in severe injury or death. All slopes require extra caution.
If you cannot back up the slope or if you feel uneasy on it, do not mow it.
If the engine stops when operating on a slope apply the parking brake immediately to prevent machine run away.

DO
1. To avoid tip over, operate across the slopes not up and down. Stay off hills and slopes too steep for safe operation.
2. Remove obstacles such as rocks, tree limbs, etc.
3. Stay alert for holes in the terrain and other hidden hazards. Keep away from drop-offs. Uneven terrain could overturn the machine. Tall grass can hide obstacles.
4. Follow the manufacturer's recommendations for wheel weight or counterweights to improve stability.
5. Keep all movement on the slopes slow and gradual. Do not make sudden changes in speed or direction.
6. Avoid starting or stopping on a slope. If tires lose traction, disengage PTO and proceed slowly straight down the slope.
7. Reduce speed and exercise extreme caution on slopes and in sharp turns to prevent tip-over or loss of control.
8. Use special caution when changing direction on slopes. Slow down, and use extra caution when changing direction on a slope.

DO NOT
1. Do not turn on slopes unless necessary. If necessary, turn uphill slowly and gradually.
2. Do not mow near drop-offs, ditches, or embankments. The mower could suddenly turn over if a wheel is over the edge of cliff or ditch, or if an edge caves in.
3. Do not mow on wet grass. Reduced traction could cause sliding and loss of control.
4. Do not try to stabilize the machine by putting your foot on the ground.
5. Do not use grass catcher on steep slopes.
6. Do not start or stop suddenly when going uphill or downhill. Avoid sudden start and stops on slopes.
7. Never "freewheel". Do not let the machine travel downhill with motion control levers at neutral lock position or in neutral.
8. Do not operate machine without the mower deck installed.

Stopping
1. Park the machine on level ground.
2. Make sure that the machine and all attachments have come to a complete stop before dismounting.
3. Before dismounting, apply parking brake, place the motion control levers in their neutral lock positions, disengage the PTO, lower all attachments to the ground, turn off the engine, and remove the key.
4. Do not park the machine on dry grass or leaves.

3. USING THE PTO
1. Before installing or using PTO-driven equipment, read the manufacturer's manual and review the safety labels attached to the equipment.
2. Wait until all moving components have completely stopped before connecting, disconnecting, adjusting, cleaning, or servicing any PTO-driven equipment.
3. Use the PTO with KUBOTA approved attachments.

The speed of PTO:
ZD221 2530 rpm at 3200 engine rpm

4. USING THE LIFT LINK
1. Use lift link only with authorized attachments designed for lift link usage.

5. TRANSPORTING
1. Disengage power to attachment(s) when transporting or not in use.
2. Do not tow this machine. Use a suitable truck or trailer when transporting on public roads.
3. Use extra care when loading or unloading the machine into a trailer or truck.
4. This machine is not allowed to be used on public roads.
6. SERVICING AND STORAGE

◆ Servicing
1. Before servicing, park the machine on a firm, level surface and apply the parking brake. Remove the key to prevent accidental start-up.
2. Allow the machine time to cool before touching the engine, muffler, radiator, etc.
3. Always stop the engine before refueling. Avoid spills and overfilling. Wipe up spilled fuel immediately.

4. Use extra care in handling diesel fuels. They are flammable.
   (1) Use only an approved container.
   (2) Do not remove fuel cap or refuel with the engine running. Allow engine to cool before refueling. Do not smoke while refueling or when standing near fuel.
   (3) Do not refuel the machine indoors and always clean up spilled fuel or oil.
   (4) Do not store the machine or fuel container inside where there is an open flame, such as in a water heater.
5. Do not smoke when working around battery or when refueling. Keep all sparks and flames away from battery and fuel tank.
   A battery, especially when charging, will give off hydrogen and oxygen gases, which can explode and cause serious personal injury.
6. Before “jump starting” a dead battery, read and follow all the instructions.
7. Disconnect the battery’s ground cable before working on or near electric components.
8. Do not use or charge the refillable type battery if the fluid level is below the LOWER (lower limit level) mark. Otherwise, the battery component parts may prematurely deteriorate, which may shorten the battery’s service life or cause an explosion. Check the fluid level regularly and add distilled water as required so that the fluid level is between the UPPER and LOWER levels.
9. Keep first aid kit and fire extinguisher handy at all times.
10. Do not remove the radiator cap while coolant is hot. When cool, slowly rotate cap to the first stop and allow sufficient time for excess pressure to escape before removing the cap completely. If the machine has a coolant recovery tank, add coolant there instead of the radiator.
11. Do not attempt to mount a tire on a rim unless qualified to do so and all proper safety precautions are followed.
12. Always maintain the correct tire inflation pressure. Do not inflate tires above the recommended pressure shown in the Operator’s Manual.
13. Provide adequate support when changing wheels.
14. Make sure that wheel nuts and bolts have been tightened to the specified torque.
15. Escaping hydraulic fluid under pressure has sufficient force to penetrate the skin causing serious personal injury. Before disconnecting lines, be sure to relieve all pressure. Before applying pressure to the system, make sure all connections are tight and that lines, pipes, and hoses are not damaged.
16. Fluid escaping from pinholes may be invisible. Use a piece of cardboard or wood to search for suspected leaks: do not use hands. Use safety goggles or other eye protection. If injured by escaping fluid, see a medical doctor at once. Serious infection or reaction will result if proper medical treatment is not administered immediately. This fluid can produce gangrene or severe allergic reaction.

17. Do not make adjustments or repairs with the engine running.

18. Keep machine free of grass, leaves, or other debris build-up.

19. Do not change the engine governor setting or overspeed the engine.

20. Do not run a machine inside a closed area.

21. Mower blades are sharp and can cut your hands. Wrap the blade(s) or wear gloves, and use extra caution when servicing them.

22. Keep nuts and bolts, especially blade attachment bolts, tight and keep equipment in good condition.

23. Never tamper with safety devices. Check their operation for proper function regularly.

24. Waste products such as used oil, fuel, coolant, brake fluid, and batteries, can harm the environment, people, pets and wildlife. Please dispose of properly.

25. Do not use beverage containers for waste fluids or other products. Someone, particularly children, may drink them by mistake.

26. Securely support machine or any machine elements with stands or suitable blocking before working underneath. For your safety do not rely or hydraulically supported devices, they may leak down, suddenly drop or be accidently lowered.

27. See your local Recycling Center or KUBOTA Dealer to learn how to recycle or get rid of waste products.

- A Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) provides specific details on chemical products; physical and health hazards, safety procedures, and emergency response techniques. The seller of the chemical products used with your machine is responsible for providing the MSDS for that product upon request.

**Storage**

1. Keep the machine and supply of fuel in locked storage and remove the ignition key to prevent children or others from playing or tampering with them.

2. To avoid sparks from an accidental short circuit, always disconnect the battery’s ground cable (-) first and reconnect it last.

3. To avoid the danger of exhaust fume poisoning, do not operate the engine in a closed building without adequate ventilation.

4. To reduce fire hazards, clean the machine thoroughly before storage. Dry grass and leaves around the engine and muffler may ignite.
7. DANGER, WARNING AND CAUTION LABELS

(1) Part No. K3181-6585-0

**WARNING**

**TO AVOID SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH**
1. Park the machine on level ground.
2. If necessary to park on an incline:
   1. Stop the machine.
   2. Apply the parking brake.
   3. Stop the engine.
   4. If you stop the engine on an incline, without applying the parking brake, the machine may move and runaway.
   5. If the engine stops suddenly during operation, apply the parking brake immediately to prevent machine runaway.

(2) Part No. K3271-6585-1

**CAUTION**

**TO AVOID PERSONAL INJURY**
1. Read and understand the operator's manual before operation.
2. Avoid operating the machine while under the influence of alcohol.
3. Before allowing other persons to use the machine, make sure they have read the operator's manual.
4. Check tightness of all nuts and bolts regularly.
5. Before starting the engine, make certain that everyone is at a safe distance from the machine.
6. Do not operate the machine when children or others are around.
7. Do not run the engine without the operator's presence.
8. Do not carry children or others on the machine at any time.
9. Brousers and clogger charging lemon PTO shaft. Over the implement, place robes and control levers in neutral lock position, set the parking brake, stop the engine and remove the key.
10. Do not leave the engine running unattended.
11. To reduce fire hazard, keep the exhaust area clear of dry grass, dry leaves or other combustible materials.
12. This machine is not for use on slopes.

(3) Part No. K3271-6581-0

**WARNING**

**TO AVOID SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH**
1. Keep all safety guards in place and operating properly.
2. Make sure the machine is operated properly.
3. Loss of traction may occur when operating on slopes.
4. Drive slowly on slippery surfaces.
5. Do not operate on wet slopes.
6. Avoid sudden starts.
7. Reduce turns slowly.

**ADVERTENCIA**

**PARA EVITAR LESIONES PERSONALES GRAVES O LA MUERTE**
1. Coloque el cabezal de manera transversal en las colinas.
2. No deje a los niños al alcance.
3. No se debe manejar la máquina en colinas con agua.
5. Evite arreglos subidas.

(4) Part No. K3271-6587-0

**PRECAUCIÓN**

**PARA EVITAR LESIONES PERSONALES GRAVES O LA MUERTE**
1. Use y entienda el manual del operador antes de empezar la operación.
2. Asegúrese de leer completamente la instrucción al menos una vez antes de comenzar a operar.
3. No modifique la máquina sin el consentimiento de su fabricante.
4. Antes de iniciar la operación, verifique que el control de la máquina esté en posición correcta.
5. Antes de comenzar, asegúrese de que la máquina esté en la posición correcta.
6. Nunca deje que otros niños operen la máquina.
7. No utilice el control de dirección sin la intervención de la persona que ha manejado la máquina.
8. No utilice el control de dirección sin la intervención de la persona que ha manejado la máquina.
9. No deje que otros niños operen la máquina.
10. Mantenga los dispositivos de protección en las piezas de seguridad en el buen estado.
11. Para reducir los riesgos de incendios, detenga el escape en el momento de fuego.
12. No deje que otros niños operen la máquina.
13. Esta máquina no está diseñada para uso en colinas con aguas.
14. Si se tiene una lesión, se debe atender la máquina y el operador de inmediato para evitar el peligro de lesiones personales graves o la muerte.

(5) Part No. K3131-6568-1

**CAUTION**

**When Engine is running, do not open this cover.**

(6) Part No. K3131-6569-1

**PRECAUCIÓN**

**No use el tapete mientras el motor está en funcionamiento.**

(7) Part No. K3271-6571-1

**WARNING**

**When engine is running, do not open this cover.**

**ADVERTENCIA**

**La operación de este equipo puede generar niveles de humo y calor excesivos.**

**Antes de dejar el equipo, asegúrese de que el área de trabajo esté libre de obstáculos.**
SAFE OPERATION

(1) Part No. K3271-6583-0

**DANGER**

To avoid possible injury or death from a machine runaway:
1. Do not start engine by shifting across starter to gear or bypassing the safety shut-off switch. Machine may start in gear and move if normal starting procedure is bypassed.
2. Start engine only from operator's seat with motion control lever in neutral lock position and PTO OFF. Never start engine while standing on the ground.

(2) Part No. K3271-6532-0

**CAUTION**

HOT EXHAUST

**PRECAUCIÓN**

ESCAPE CALIENTE

(3) Part No. K3181-6587-2

Diesel fuel only

No fire

(4) Part No. K3181-2491-3

**LOW SULFUR FUEL OR ULTRA LOW SULFUR FUEL ONLY**

**COMBUSTIBLE CON BAJO CONTENIDO DE AZUFRE O COMBUSTIBLE CON CONTENIDO ULTRABAJO DE AZUFRE SOLAMENTE**

1BDABDEAP027A
(1) Part No. K3181-6115-1

DANGER / POISON

- SHIELD EYES
- EXPLOSIVE GASES can cause blindness or injury
- NO SPARKS / FLAMES / SMOKING
- SULFURIC ACID can cause blindness or severe burns.
- Flush eyes immediately with water.
- Get medical help fast.

(2) Part No. K3111-6591-1

Do not get your hands close to fan.

(3) Part No. K3181-6586-1

Do not get your hands close to engine fan and fan belt.
8. CARE OF DANGER, WARNING, AND CAUTION LABELS

1. Keep danger, warning and caution labels clean and free from obstructing material.
2. Clean danger, warning and caution labels with soap and water, and dry with a soft cloth.
3. Replace damaged or missing danger, warning and caution labels with new labels from your local KUBOTA Dealer.
4. If a component with danger, warning and caution label(s) affixed is replaced with new part, make sure new label(s) is (are) attached in the same location(s) as the replaced component.
5. Mount new danger, warning and caution labels by applying on a clean dry surface and pressing any bubbles to outside edge.
After reading this manual thoroughly, you will find that you can do some of the regular maintenance yourself. Your dealer is interested in helping you get the best performance from your new machine and wants to help you get the most value from it. When in need of parts or major service, be sure to see your KUBOTA Dealer. When in need of parts, be prepared to give your dealer the machine, engine and mower serial numbers.

Locate the serial numbers now and record them in the space provided.

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<td>Engine</td>
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<td>Mower</td>
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Date of Purchase

Name of Dealer

(To be filled in by purchaser)

1BDABDEAP005B

(1) Engine serial No.

1BDABCYAP090A

(1) Mower identification plate
(2) Mower serial No.

1BDABCYAP026A

(1) Machine identification plate
(2) Machine serial No.

1BDABCYAP091A

(1) Mower identification plate
(2) Mower serial No.
(1) ROPS serial No.
### SPECIFICATIONS

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<th>Model</th>
<th>ZD221-48</th>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Engine</strong></td>
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<td>Model</td>
<td>D782-E3-ZD-1</td>
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<tr>
<td>Max. engine power (Gross) kW (HP)</td>
<td>15.7 (21) (*1)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Type</td>
<td>Liquid-cooled</td>
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<tr>
<td>Number of cylinders</td>
<td>3</td>
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<tr>
<td>Bore and stroke mm (in.)</td>
<td>67 x 73.6 (2.64 x 2.90)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Total displacement cm³ (cu. in.)</td>
<td>778 (47.5)</td>
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<td>Rated revolution rpm</td>
<td>3200</td>
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<td>Fuel</td>
<td>Diesel fuel No. 1 [below -10 °C (14 °F)] Diesel fuel No. 2 [above -10 °C (14 °F)]</td>
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<tr>
<td>Starter</td>
<td>Electric starter with battery, glow plug, 12 V, 1.0 kW</td>
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<tr>
<td>Lubrication</td>
<td>Forced lubrication by trochoidal pump</td>
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<td>Cooling</td>
<td>Liquid with pressurized radiator</td>
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<tr>
<td>Battery</td>
<td>51R (12 V, RC: 70 min, CCA: 450A)</td>
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<td><strong>Capacities</strong></td>
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<td>Fuel tank L (U.S.gals.)</td>
<td>23 (6.1)</td>
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<td>Engine crankcase (with filter) L (U.S.qts.)</td>
<td>3.5 (3.7)</td>
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<td>2.1 (2.2)</td>
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<td>Recovery tank L (U.S.qts.)</td>
<td>0.25 (0.26)</td>
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<td>Transmission case including Rear axle gear case L (U.S.qts.)</td>
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<td><strong>Dimensions</strong></td>
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<tr>
<td>Overall length mm (in.)</td>
<td>2130 (83.9)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Overall width w/o mower deck mm (in.)</td>
<td>1210 (47.7)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Overall height mm (in.)</td>
<td>1775 (69.9) With ROPS upright</td>
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<td></td>
<td>1320 (51.9) With ROPS folded</td>
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<tr>
<td>Wheelbase mm (in.)</td>
<td>1295 (51.0)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Min. ground clearance mm (in.)</td>
<td>130 (5.12) W/48&quot;, W/54&quot;</td>
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<tr>
<td>Tread Front mm (in.)</td>
<td>860 (33.9)</td>
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<td></td>
<td>Rear mm (in.)</td>
<td>930 (36.3)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Weight (W/MOWER DECK) kg (lbs.)</td>
<td>545 (1202) with 48&quot;</td>
<td>555 (1224) with 54&quot;</td>
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### Specifications

#### Traveling system

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<tr>
<td><strong>Tires</strong></td>
<td>Front: 13 x 5.0 - 6 (4PR) Rib</td>
<td>Rear: 23 x 10.5 - 12 (4PR) Turf</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Traveling speeds ((\text{mph} ) / (\text{km/h}))</strong></td>
<td>Forward: 0 to 9.0 (0 to 14.5)</td>
<td>Reverse: 0 to 5.0 (0 to 8.0)</td>
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<td><strong>Steering</strong></td>
<td>2 - Hand levers</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Transmission</strong></td>
<td>2 - HST w / Gear</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Parking brake</strong></td>
<td>Wet mult disks / Foot applied, released</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Min. turning radius</strong></td>
<td>mm (in.) 0 (0)</td>
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#### PTO

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<tr>
<td><strong>Revolution</strong></td>
<td>1 speed (2530 rpm at 3200 engine rpm)</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Drive system</strong></td>
<td>Shaft drive, KUBOTA 10 tooth involute spline</td>
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<td><strong>Clutch type</strong></td>
<td>Wet multi disks</td>
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<td><strong>PTO brake</strong></td>
<td>Wet single disk</td>
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(Specifications and design subject to change without notice)

**NOTE:**

*1: Manufacturer's estimate

*2: At 3200 engine rpm

*3: Oil amount when the oil level is at the upper level.
## Specifications

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<tr>
<th>PRO Commercial Deck (Fabricated deck)</th>
<th>Model</th>
<th>RCK48P-222Z</th>
<th>RCK54P-227Z</th>
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<td>Suitable machine</td>
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<td>Mounting method</td>
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<td>Quick joint, Parallel linkage</td>
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<td>Adjustment of cutting height</td>
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<td>Dial gauge</td>
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<td>Cutting width mm (in.)</td>
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<td>1225 (48)</td>
<td>1375 (54)</td>
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<td>Cutting height mm (in.)</td>
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<td>25 to 127 (1.0 to 5.0)</td>
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<td>Weight (Approx.) kg (lbs.)</td>
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<td>106 (234)</td>
<td>119 (262)</td>
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<td>Blade spindle speed r/s (rpm)</td>
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<td>64.8 (3890) *1</td>
<td>58.0 (3480) *1</td>
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<td>Blade tip velocity m/s (fpm)</td>
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<td>86.4 (17000) *1</td>
<td>86.6 (17000) *1</td>
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<td>Blade length mm (in.)</td>
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<td>424 (16.7)</td>
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<td>Total length mm (in.)</td>
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<td>880 (34.6)</td>
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<td>Total width mm (in.)</td>
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<td>1552 (61.1)</td>
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<td>Total height mm (in.)</td>
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<td>340 (13.3)</td>
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*1: Engine Max rpm
The KUBOTA Machine has been thoroughly tested for proper performance with implements sold or approved by KUBOTA. Use with implements which are not sold or approved by KUBOTA and which exceed the maximum specifications listed below, or which are otherwise unfit for use with the KUBOTA Machine may result in malfunctions or failures of the machine, damage to other property and injury to the operator or others. [Any malfunctions or failures of the machine resulting from use with improper implements are not covered by the warranty.]

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Implement weight $W_i$</th>
<th>Maximum total weight</th>
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<td>Front axle $W_f$</td>
<td>Rear axle $W_r$</td>
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<td>ZD221</td>
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<tr>
<td>145 kg (319 lbs.)</td>
<td>510 kg (1124 lbs.)</td>
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<tr>
<td>140 kg (308 lbs.)</td>
<td>655 kg (1444 lbs.)</td>
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Diagram:

![Diagram of loading weights](image-url)
INSTRUMENT PANEL AND CONTROLS

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MOWER MOUNTING

MOUNTING THE MOWER DECK

CAUTION
To avoid personal injury:
- Park the machine on a firm and level surface.
- Apply the parking brake.
- Stop the engine and remove the key.

1. Before mounting the mower deck, raise the lift links to the full up position.
2. Adjust the cutting height control dial to 1 in. position.
3. Go backward so that right and left rear tires would be on the board 40 mm (1.57 in.) high.
4. Change the direction of the front tires as shown in the figure.
5. Place the mower deck at the right side of the machine.

6. Slide the mower deck under the machine, and make sure that the mower gear case is placed properly in the center of the machine.
7. Adjust the lift pedal to the lowest position and pull down the lift links.
8. Attach the lift links to the mower deck with attaching hardware.

   - Pull back the coupler of the universal joint.
   - Push the universal joint onto the PTO shaft until the coupler locks.

IMPORTANT:
- Tug the universal joint backward and forward to make sure it is locked securely.

IMPORTANT:
- Use a board more than 300 mm (11.8 in.) wide and 1400 mm (55.1 in.) long.
- Make sure that right and left rear tires are firm on the board.

H: 40 mm (1.57 in.)  W: 300 mm (11.8 in.)
L: 1400 mm (55.1 in.)

(1) Lift link
(2) Clevis pin, Plain washer, Snap ring
After mounting the mower, check the mower level. If necessary, adjust the mower level and anti-scalp rollers.

ADJUSTING THE MOWER
See "OPERATING THE MOWER" section.

DISMOUNTING THE MOWER DECK
For dismounting the mower deck, reverse the above procedures.

(1) Universal joint
(2) Coupler
(A) "PULL"

10. After mounting the mower, check the mower level. If necessary, adjust the mower level and anti-scalp rollers.
OPERATING THE ENGINE

CAUTION
To avoid personal injury:
- Read "SAFE OPERATION" in the front of this manual.
- Read the danger, warning and caution labels located on the machine.
- To avoid danger of exhaust fume poisoning, do not operate the engine in a closed building without proper ventilation.
- Never start the engine while standing on the ground. Start the engine only from operator's seat.

MOUNT AND DISMOUNT MACHINE SAFELY
DO NOT step on either side of the mower deck when mounting and dismounting the machine. When mounting the machine from either side, step over the mower deck.

STARTING THE ENGINE

1. Sit on the operator's seat.

2. Apply the parking brake.

To apply the parking brake:
Depress the parking brake pedal firmly with your right foot and the parking brake lock pedal simultaneously with your left foot. Then release the parking brake pedal while holding the parking brake lock pedal down.

To release the parking brake:
Depress the brake pedal and release slowly with your right foot without pressing the parking brake lock pedal.
3. Make sure that the PTO lever is in the "DISENGAGED" (OFF) position.

4. Place the motion control levers in the "NEUTRAL LOCK" position.

5. Release the hydraulic lift control pedal to the "DOWN" position.

6. Set the throttle lever 1/2 way forward.

7. Insert the key into the key switch and turn clockwise one notch. Make sure the Easy Checker (TM) lights are ON.

**IMPORTANT:**
- Do not depress the hydraulic lift control pedal. When the engine is off, depressing the hydraulic lift control pedal (UP or DOWN) will lower the implement.
**Key Switch**

- **OFF**............ The position where the key can be inserted into or removed from the key switch. [When the key is turned this position, the engine shuts off.]
- **ON**............. The engine keeps running.
- **PREHEAT**.... The super glow plug is heated.
- **START**........ Apply the parking brake and turn the key switch to this position to start the engine.

**IMPORTANT:**
- Because of the safety devices, the engine may not be started except when the PTO clutch is "DISENGAGED" (OFF), the parking brake lock pedal is applied, motion control levers are in "NEUTRAL LOCK" position and the operator is sitting in the seat.

**NOTE:**
- Glow plug indicator (1) comes on while the engine is being preheated.

8. Turn the key switch clockwise, and hold it for about 5 seconds. (at the "PREHEAT" position)

For the appropriate preheating time, refer to the table below:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Temperature</th>
<th>Preheating Time</th>
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<td>Over 0°C (32°F)</td>
<td>5 sec.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Below 0°C (32°F)</td>
<td>10 sec.</td>
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9. Turn the key switch to the "START" position and release the key to the "ON" position when the engine starts.

**IMPORTANT:**
- Do not use starting fluid or ether.
- To protect the battery and the starter, make sure that the starter is not continuously turned for more than 10 seconds.
- Do not turn the key switch while the engine is running.
- When the temperature is below 0°C (32°F), run the engine at medium speed to warm up the lubricant of the engine and transmission for at least 10 minutes. If the machine is operated before the lubricant is warm enough, the machine life will be shortened.
- Do not operate the machine under full load until it is sufficiently warmed up.
- When the ambient temperature is less than -15°C (5°F), remove the battery from the machine and store it somewhere warm until next operation.

10. Make sure that the Easy Checker (TM) lights have gone off. If the light is still on, immediately stop the engine and check the remedy following the instruction. (See "CHECK DURING OPERATING" in "OPERATING THE ENGINE" section.)

11. Warm the engine by running at medium speed.
CHECK DURING OPERATING

While operating, make the following checks to see that all the parts are functioning normally.

**Immediately Stop the Engine if:**
- The engine suddenly slows down or accelerates.
- Unusual noises are suddenly heard.
- Exhaust fumes suddenly become discolored.

**Easy Checker (TM)**
If the warning lamps in the Easy Checker (TM) come on during operation, stop the engine immediately, and find the cause as shown below. Never operate the machine while Easy Checker (TM) lamp is "ON".

**Fuel Gauge**
Be careful not to empty the fuel tank. Otherwise air may enter the fuel system.

If this should happen, the fuel system should be bled. (See "SERVICE AS REQUIRED" in "PERIODIC SERVICE" section.)

**Coolant Temperature Gauge**

**CAUTION**
To avoid personal injury:
- Do not remove radiator cap until coolant temperature is well below its boiling point. Then loosen cap slightly to the stop to relieve any excess pressure before removing cap completely.

If the indicator reaches red zone, or horn sounds.

1. Place the PTO lever in the “DISENGAGE” (OFF) position.
2. Move the machine to the level surface, and apply the parking brake.
3. Place the throttle lever in the engine idle position, and let the engine run for a few minutes.
4. Check the Cooling System, after it has sufficient time to cool down.

Check the following items:
1. Shortage or leakage of the coolant.
2. Foreign matter on the radiator net or dust and dirt between the radiator fins.
3. Looseness of fan belt.
4. Blockage in the radiator tube.
(See "PERIODIC SERVICE" section.)
OPERATING THE ENGINE

**Hour Meter**
This meter gives readings for the hours the machine has been operated for.

**NOTE:**
- As the hour meter works electrically, it starts to work when the key switch is turned to "ON", regardless of the engine running or not.

**Cold Weather Starting**
When the ambient temperature is below -5 °C (23 °F) and the engine is very cold. (If the engine fails to start after 10 seconds, turn off the key for 30 seconds. Then repeat steps 8, 9 and 10. To protect the battery and the starter, make sure that the starter is not continuously turned for more than 30 seconds.)

**Block Heater (Option)**
A block heater is available as an option from your local dealer. It will assist you in starting your machine when the ambient temperature is below freezing.

**Warming Up**

### CAUTION

To avoid personal injury:
- Be sure to apply the parking brake during warm-up.

For 5 minutes after engine start-up, allow the engine to warm up without applying any load. This is to allow oil to reach every engine part. If load should be applied to the engine without this warm-up period, the troubles such as seizure, breakage or premature wear may develop.

#### Warm-up and Transmission Oil in the Low Temperature Range

Hydraulic oil serves as transmission oil. In cold weather, the oil may be cold with increased viscosity. This can cause delayed oil circulation or abnormally low hydraulic pressure for some time after engine start-up. This in turn can result in a trouble in the hydraulic system or a damage to the hydraulic clutch.

To prevent the above, observe the following instructions:
Warm up the engine at about 50% of rated rpm according to the table below:

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<th>Ambient temperature</th>
<th>Warm-up time requirement</th>
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<td>Higher than 0 °C (32 °F)</td>
<td>Approx. 5 minutes</td>
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<td>0 to -10 °C (32 to -14 °F)</td>
<td>5 to 10 minutes</td>
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<td>-10 to -20 °C (14 to -4 °F)</td>
<td>10 to 15 minutes</td>
</tr>
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<td>Below -20 °C (-4 °F)</td>
<td>More than 15 minutes</td>
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**IMPORTANT:**
- Do not operate unless the engine is well warmed up. If operation is attempted while the engine is still cold, the hydraulic mechanism will not function properly and its service life will be shortened.
- If noises are heard after the hydraulic control lever has been activated and the implement is lifting, the hydraulic mechanism is not adjusted properly. Unless corrected, the unit will be damaged. Contact your local KUBOTA Dealer for adjustment.
JUMP STARTING

WARNING
To avoid personal injury:
- Battery gases can explode. Keep cigarettes, sparks, and flames away from battery.
- If the machine battery is frozen, do not jump start the engine.
- Do not connect the other end of negative jumper cable to the negative terminal of the machine battery.

When jump starting engine, follow the instructions below to start the engine safely.

1. Bring a helper vehicle with a battery of the same voltage as a disabled machine within easy cable reach. "THE VEHICLES MUST NOT TOUCH".
2. Apply the parking brakes of both vehicles and put the shift levers in neutral. Shut the engine off.
3. Put on safety goggles and rubber gloves.
4. Ensure vent caps are securely in place (if equipped).
5. Cover vent caps with damp rags. Do not allow the rag to touch the battery terminals.
6. Attach the red clamp to the positive (red, (+) or pos.) terminal of the dead battery and clamp the other end of the same cable to the positive (red, (+) or pos.) terminal of the helper battery.
7. Clamp the other cable to the negative (black, (-) or neg.) terminal of the helper battery.
8. Clamp the other end to the engine block or the frame of the disabled machine as far from the dead battery as possible.
9. Start the helper vehicle and let its engine run for a few moments. Start the disabled machine.
10. Disconnect the jumper cables in the exact reverse order of attachment. (Steps 8, 7 and 6)
11. Remove and discard the damp rags.

IMPORTANT:
- This machine has a 12 volt negative (-) ground starting system.
- Use only same voltage for jump starting.
- Use of a higher voltage source on a machine could result in severe damage to the machine electrical system.

Use only matching voltage source when "jump-starting" a low or dead battery condition.
STOPPING THE ENGINE

1. After idling the engine, turn the key switch to "OFF" position.
2. Remove the key.
3. Do not leave the key switch "ON" (key in the "ON" position) as the battery will discharge when the engine is not running.
4. Apply the parking brake.

Engine Stop Lever (Inside the Hood)
The engine stops when the key switch is turned "OFF". If the engine does not stop, make sure the motion control levers are in the "NEUTRAL LOCK" position, the PTO lever is "OFF", the mower lowered to the ground and apply the parking brake, then carefully get off the machine. Then open the hood and pull engine stop lever (Red mark) and hold it until the engine stops. Then contact your local KUBOTA Dealer immediately.

CAUTION
To avoid personal injury:
- Do not operate the machine until the engine stop system is repaired.
OPERATING NEW MACHINE
How a new machine is operated and maintained determines the life of the machine.
A new machine just off the factory production line has been, of course, tested, but the various parts are not accustomed to each other, so care should be taken to operate the machine for the first 50 hours at a slower speed and avoid excessive work or operation until the various parts become "broken-in." The manner in which the machine is handled during the "breaking-in" period greatly affects the life of your machine. Therefore, to obtain the maximum performance and the longest life of the machine, it is very important to properly break-in your machine. In handling a new machine, the following precautions should be observed.

■ Changing Lubricating Oil for New Machines
The lubricating oil is especially important in the case of a new machine. The various parts are not "broken-in" and are not accustomed to each other; small metal grit may develop during the operation of the machine; and this may wear out or damage the parts. Therefore, care should be taken to change the lubricating oil a little earlier than would ordinarily be required.
For further details of change interval hours.
(See "SERVICE INTERVALS" in "MAINTENANCE" section.)

■ Engine Break-in
After the first 50 hours of operation, change the engine oil and filter. (See "EVERY 200 HOURS" in "PERIODIC SERVICE" section.)

■ Machine Break-in
After the first 400 hours of operation, change the transmission fluid. (See "EVERY 400 HOURS" in "PERIODIC SERVICE" section.)
After the first 50 hours of operation, change the oil filter.
(See "EVERY 200 HOURS" "EVERY 400 HOURS" in "PERIODIC SERVICE" section.)

Danger
To avoid serious injury or death:
• Do not operate the mower without the deflector shield in the down position.

WARNING
To avoid personal injury:
• The machine relies upon the engine driven transmission for speed, direction and steering control. If the engine is not running, the machine cannot be driven or controlled.
If the engine stops when operating on a slope, apply the parking brake immediately to prevent machine runaway.
• Do not allow any person other than the driver to ride on the machine.
• Do not drive the machine close to the edges of ditches or banks which may collapse under the weight of the machine, especially when the ground is loose or wet.
• When turning the machine, be sure to reduce the travel speed and operate motion control levers carefully.
• To avoid tip over, operate across slopes, not up and down. Avoid sudden starts and stops on slopes. Slow down, and use extra caution when changing direction on a slope.
Park the machine on a firm and level surface.
• Watch where you are going at all times. Watch for and avoid obstacles. Be alert at curbs, near trees, and other obstructions and hidden hazards.
• Do not drive machine on streets or highways. Watch for traffic when you cross roads or operate near roads.
• Look to the rear before and when backing. Make sure the area immediately behind you is clear of obstructions or holes and small children. Use extra caution when machine is equipped with Grass Catcher.

CAUTION
To avoid personal injury:
• Clear the work area of objects which might be picked up and thrown by blades.
• Do not direct the opening of the chute at bystanders or animals. Ejected objects may cause injury. Plan your mowing carefully before starting operation.
• Keep bystanders especially children and animals away from the mowing area.
• Be sure to disengage the PTO and sit on the operator’s seat before starting the engine.
OPERATING FOLDABLE ROPS

CAUTION

To avoid personal injury:
- When raising or folding the ROPS, apply parking brake, stop the engine and remove the key.
- Always perform function from a stable position to the rear of the machine.
- Fold the ROPS down only when absolutely necessary and fold it up and lock it again as soon as possible.
- Before proceeding to fold the ROPS, check for any possible interference with installed implements and attachments.
If interference occurs, contact your KUBOTA Dealer.

To Fold the ROPS
1. Unscrew the knob bolts 1 to 2 turns.
2. Remove both lock pins.
3. Fold the ROPS.
4. Align lock pin holes and insert both lock pins and secure them with the hair pins.

CAUTION

To avoid personal injury:
- Hold the ROPS tightly with both hands and fold the ROPS slowly and carefully.

(1) Lock pin
(2) Hair pin
(3) Knob bolt
To Raise the ROPS to Upright Position

1. Remove both hair pins and lock pins.

2. Raise ROPS to the upright position.

CAUTION
To avoid personal injury:
• Raise the ROPS slowly and carefully.

3. Align lock pin holes, insert both lock pins and secure them with the hair pins.

4. Tighten the knob bolts slightly.

CAUTION
To avoid personal injury:
• Make sure that both lock pins are properly installed as soon as the ROPS is in the upright position and secured with the hair pins.

Adjustment of Foldable ROPS

• Adjust free fall of the ROPS upper frame regularly.
• If you feel less friction when folding the ROPS, tighten the nut (1) until you feel the right friction in the movement and then replace the cotter pin.
STARTING

1. Adjust the operator's position.

**Operator’s Seat**

⚠️ **CAUTION**

To avoid personal injury:
- Make adjustments to the seat only while the machine is stopped.
- Make sure that the seat is completely secured after each adjustment.
- Do not allow any person other than the driver to ride on the machine.

◆ How to adjust the operator’s seat
  - Fore-aft adjust
    Pull the seat adjusting lever and slide the seat.

**IMPORTANT:**
- After adjusting the operator’s seat, be sure to check to see that the seat is securely locked.

**Seat Belt**

⚠️ **CAUTION**

To avoid personal injury:
- Always use the seat belt when the ROPS is installed.
- Do not use the seat belt if a foldable ROPS is down or there is no ROPS.

Adjust the seat belt for proper fit and connect to the buckle. The seat belt is auto-locking retractable type.

2. Raise the implement.

**Hydraulic Lift Control Pedal**

The hydraulic lift control pedal is used to raise the mower. To raise the mower, keep depressing the pedal. To lower it, release the pedal.

**IMPORTANT:**
- Do not operate until the engine is warmed up. If operation is attempted when the engine is still cold, the hydraulic system may be damaged.
- Do not operate at slow engine rpm. Move the throttle lever above 1/2.
- If noises are heard when implement is lifting after the hydraulic lift control pedal has been activated, the hydraulic mechanism is not adjusted properly. Contact your local KUBOTA Dealer for adjustment.
- Do not depress the hydraulic lift control pedal continuously while operating the machine.
3. **Accelerate the engine.**

**Throttle Lever**
Moving the throttle lever backward decreases the engine speed and moving it forward increases the engine speed.

4. **Unlock the parking brake.**

**Parking Brake Pedal**
To release the parking brake:
Depress the brake pedal and release slowly with your right foot, without pressing the parking brake lock pedal.
5. Operate the machine.

Motion Control Lever

**CAUTION**
To avoid personal injury:
- Understand how to use the motion control levers and practice in an unrestricted area at a little more than an idle speed without the mower engaged until becoming proficient in the operation of the machine.
- Do not move motion control levers from forward to reverse or reverse to forward position rapidly. Sudden direction changes could cause loss of control or damage to the machine or property.
- Do not make sharp turns at high speeds. Fast and sharp turns could cause loss of control.
- Motion control levers must be in "NEUTRAL LOCK" position to safely enter and exit the operator’s seat or to carry out maintenance and safety checks.

**NOTE:**
- To make restarting on the slopes easier, this machine has the "CREEP" position.
  If you release hand pressure from the levers in the operating position, the levers move to the "CREEP" position automatically.
Machine speed and steering is controlled by the motion control levers, when the engine is running and the parking brake is released.

**CAUTION**

To avoid personal injury:
- No control is provided by the motion control levers when the engine is off.

**Neutral position**
- Grasp the motion control levers and move them inward from the "NEUTRAL LOCK" position so that the machine is in "NEUTRAL". (Engine cannot be restarted.)

**Creep position (Moves the machine slowly forward)**
- To make restarting on the slopes easier, this machine has the "CREEP" position.
- If hand pressure is released from the motion control levers after moving them from the "NEUTRAL LOCK" position with the engine running, the levers move to the "CREEP" forward position by spring pressure. When hand pressure is released from the motion control levers while in the reverse position with the engine running, the levers will return through neutral to the "CREEP" forward position by spring pressure.
- The machine moves forward at creep speed, when the levers are in the "CREEP" position.

4. Push the control levers slowly forward to begin forward motion.

**To move reverse:**
Pull both control levers slowly rearward at the same time to begin reverse motion.

**To stop:**
Move by hand and hold both motion control levers to the "NEUTRAL" position until the machine comes to a stop.

**CAUTION**

To avoid personal injury:
- The motion control lever adjustment is important to ensure the machine operates properly.

**Forward and Reverse Motion:**
1. Move throttle lever to the "FAST" position.
2. Release the parking brake.
3. Move both motion control levers from the "NEUTRAL LOCK" position inward to the "NEUTRAL" position. (Releasing your grasp on the levers allows spring pressure to automatically position the levers in the "CREEP" position.)
FORWARD:

- Push both motion control levers forward equally at the same time. For travel forward in a straight line.

REVERSE:

- Pull both motion control levers past center rearward equally at the same time. For rearward travel in a straight line.

GENERAL LEFT TURN:

- Push right motion control lever further forward than the left motion control lever. For forward travel to the left.

GENERAL RIGHT TURN:

- Push left motion control lever further forward than the right motion control lever. For forward travel to the right.

SHARP (ZERO) LEFT TURN:

- Push right motion control lever forward and pull left motion control lever rearward at the same time.

SHARP (ZERO) RIGHT TURN:

- Push left motion control lever forward and pull right motion control lever rearward at the same time.
OPERATING THE MACHINE

WORK LIGHT (OPTIONAL KIT)

STOPPING

⚠️ CAUTION
To avoid personal injury:
- Park the machine on level ground.
- If necessary to park on an incline,
  1. Stop the machine,
  2. Apply the parking brake, then
  3. Stop the engine.
- If you stop the engine on an incline without applying the parking brake, the machine could move and run away.

Importantly:
- The parking brake pedal is for parking and emergency use only. If the parking brake is applied when the motion control levers are not in "NEUTRAL LOCK" position, the engine will stop within approximately 3 seconds. This feature is to prevent brake and transmission damage during operation.

1. Move both motion control levers to the "NEUTRAL" position to stop the machine.
2. Apply parking brake.
3. Move both motion control levers to "NEUTRAL LOCK" position.
4. Move the throttle lever to the half speed position and the shift PTO lever to the "DISENGAGE" (OFF) position.
5. Lower all implements to the ground.
6. Turn off the engine and remove the key.

PARKING

TO LOCK:
Depress the parking brake pedal firmly with your right foot, and the parking brake lock pedal simultaneously with your left foot. Then release the parking brake pedal while handling the parking brake lock pedal down.

TO UNLOCK:
Depress the parking brake pedal and release slowly with your right foot, without pressing the parking brake lock pedal.

⚠️ CAUTION
To avoid personal injury:
Before leaving the operator’s position,
- Apply parking brake.
- Lower all implements to the ground.
- Shut off the engine.
- Remove the key.
- Place the motion control levers in the "NEUTRAL LOCK" position.

If necessary to park on an incline, be sure to chock the wheels on the downhill side to prevent accidental rolling of the machine.
TRANSPORTING

IMPORTANT:
1. Transport the machine on a trailer.
   - Fasten the machine to the trailer.
   - To prevent the hood from opening by wind while in transit, it is necessary to either load the machine backward or use a suitable tie down for the hood.
2. Do not attempt to tow this machine, or damage to the transmission may result.
3. During the long distance transporting, make sure to lift the mower by the hydraulic lift control pedal and move the lift lock lever in the “TRANSPORT LOCK” position.

(1) Lift lock lever
   - "LOCK"
   - "UNLOCK"
MAKING THE MOST OF YOUR MOWER

1. When using your mower for the first time, choose a smooth level area and cut in straight and slightly overlapping strips.

2. The size and type of the area to be mowed will determine the proper mowing pattern. Take into account obstructions, such as trees, fences and buildings. To keep grass clippings off fences, sidewalks, etc., it is advisable to go over the outside of the area to be mowed several times in a clockwise direction. To mow the area remaining, work in a counterclockwise direction so that the clippings are dispersed onto the previously cut area.

3. Always keep the left side of the mower toward trees, posts or other obstacles on the first trip around the obstacle.

4. Most lawns should be mowed to keep the grass approximately 50 to 80 mm (2 to 3 in.) high. Best results are obtained by cutting often and not too short. To keep a green lawn, never mow more than one third of the height of the grass or a maximum of 25 mm (1 in.) in one mowing.

For extremely tall grass, set the cutting height at maximum cutting height for the first mowing, then reset to the desired height and mow again. Allow the grass to grow to 80 mm (3 in.), then cut off only the top inch.

5. For best appearance, grass should be cut in the afternoon or evening when it is free of moisture.

ADJUSTING CUTTING HEIGHT

**DANGER**
To avoid serious injury or death:
- Do not engage the mower in the transport position.

1. Before adjusting cutting height, check that all tire pressures are correct. If necessary adjust to the correct tire pressure.

2. To set the cutting height, keep depressing the hydraulic lift control pedal firmly to raise mower deck to the top position. Make sure that the lift lock lever is in unlock position. Adjust the cutting height control dial to desired height.

3. Use the higher settings for mowing in a rough area or when mowing tall grass. Lower settings should be used only for smooth lawns where short grass is desired.

4. Lower the mower deck by releasing the hydraulic lift control pedal. This lowers the mower deck from the "TRANSPORT" position to the "OPERATING" position.

5. Adjust the anti-scalp rollers’ height as recommended below for normal operating condition. To minimize gouging and roller damage or wear, the anti-scalp rollers will maintain the ground clearance of 19 mm (3/4 in.).
**IMPORTANT:**
- Never allow roller to contact the ground continuously as premature roller wear may develop if set incorrectly.
- Anti-scalp rollers must maintain a minimum clearance of 6 mm (1/4 in.) to the ground.

**Reference**
- Set the position for a recommended ground clearance of 19 mm (3/4 in.).
  (Figure shows a setting position of cutting height 2.0” or 2.25”)

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*1. For cutting heights above 3.0”. The anti-scalp rollers will still be effective against scalping.

*2. Cutting height 1” is a ground clearance of 6 mm.

*3. Cutting height 1.25” is a ground clearance of 12.4 mm.
OPERATING MOWER

DANGER
To avoid serious injury or death:
- Do not operate the mower without the discharge deflector being in place properly.

CAUTION
To avoid personal injury:
- Clear the work area of objects which might be picked up and thrown.
- Do not direct the opening of the deflector at bystanders especially children or animals. Ejected objects may cause injury. Plan your mowing carefully before starting operations.
- Keep bystanders and animals away from the mowing area.
- Be sure to disengage the PTO clutch of the mower before attempting to start the engine.

PTO Lever
To engage the PTO, move the PTO lever to the "ENGAGED" (ON) position.

| (1) PTO lever | ENGAGED" (ON) | "DISENGAGED" (OFF) |

1. If you get off the seat while the PTO is running, the engine will stop automatically. (Operator presence control)
2. Before starting the engine, pull the PTO lever to the "DISENGAGED" (OFF) position. If it is at the "ENGAGED" (ON) position, the engine will not start.

NOTE:
- These safety features are built-in.

Starting

WARNING
To avoid serious injury or death:
- Engine components can get extremely hot from operation. To prevent severe burns, do not touch these areas while the engine is running, or immediately after it is turned off. Never operate the engine without heat shields or guards.

1. Sit on the operator's seat.
2. Start the engine.
3. Engage the PTO lever.
4. Disengage the parking brake.
5. Speed up the engine by moving the throttle lever forward.
6. Push or pull the motion control levers to move forward or backward.

IMPORTANT:
- Never attempt to move the machine with the parking brake "ON".

NOTE:
- Keep the engine running at full throttle for best results. Control the travel speed with the motion control levers.
- During heavy duty use, operate the machine at a slower ground speed or go over the area twice.
- Keep the mower deck in the raised position when the mower is disengaged.
- The mower will not cut cleanly if the ground speed is too high or if the blade speed drops due to an overload.
- If debris builds up on the grass screen or other cooling air intake areas, stop the engine and clean them. Operating the engine with blocked or dirty air intake and cooling areas causes damage due to overheating.
TIRES AND WHEELS

TIRES

**WARNING**
To avoid personal injury:
- Do not attempt to mount a tire. This should be done by a qualified person with the proper equipment.
- Always maintain the correct tire pressure. Do not inflate tires above the recommended pressure shown in the Operator’s Manual.
- Inflation pressure in front tires rises quickly when using compressed air.

**CAUTION**
Never operate machine with a loose rim, wheel, or axle.
- Whenever bolts are loosened, retighten to specified torque.
- Check all bolts frequently and keep them tightened.

**Inflation Pressure**
Though the inflation pressure is factory-set to the prescribed level, it naturally drops slowly in the course of time. Thus, check it everyday and inflate as necessary.

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<td>Rear 23 x 10.5 - 12, 4PR Turf</td>
<td>140 kPa (1.4 kgf/cm(^2), 20psi)</td>
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WHEELS

**IMPORTANT:**
- When re-fitting a wheel, tighten the wheel bolt to the following torques then recheck after traveling 200 m (200 yards) changing directions several times.

![Wheel Torque](image)

Wheels with beveled or tapered holes:
Use the tapered wheel bolt.

(1) Ground
(A) "INSUFFICIENT"
(B) "NORMAL"
(C) "EXCESSIVE"
### Remove and Install Front Caster Wheels

**Removing**
1. Park the machine on a firm and level surface.
2. Stop the engine and apply parking brake.
3. Lift the front of machine with a safe lifting device.
4. Remove the lock nut with nylon sleeve and wheel bolt.
5. Remove the wheel from assembly yoke.

**Installing**
1. Install the replacement wheel.
2. Install the wheel bolt and lock nut with nylon sleeve.
3. Install the nut.

**IMPORTANT:**
- Insert the wheel bolt from the outside of the yoke.
- Tighten the nut gradually until wheel bearing play is eliminated and wheel turns freely by hand.

Reference

| Tightening torque | 20 to 25 N·m (14.8 to 18.4 ft-lbs) (2 to 2.5 kgf-m) |

4. Lower machine.

![Diagram of wheel components](image)
# MAINTENANCE

## SERVICE INTERVALS

The following servicing tasks should be carried out on the machine at the stated running-time intervals.

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**IMPORTANT:**
- The jobs indicated by ☺ must be done initially.
  - *1* This maintenance should be done daily more often in dusty condition than in normal conditions.
    - Suggested cleaning interval is every 100 hours in normal conditions.
  - *2* These items should be serviced by an authorized KUBOTA Dealer, unless the owner has the proper tools and is mechanically proficient.
  - *3* Consult your local KUBOTA Dealer for this service.
  - *4* Replace only if necessary.
- The items listed above (@ marked) are registered as emission related critical parts by KUBOTA in the U.S.EPA non-road emission regulation. As the engine owner, you are responsible for the performance of the required maintenance on the engine according to the above instruction.
Please see the Warranty Statement in detail.
PERIODIC SERVICE CHART LABEL

(1) Part No. K3131-6552-4 (ENGLISH)

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<tr>
<th>INTERVAL</th>
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<td>50 Hrs.</td>
<td>Shop for low oil pressure</td>
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<td>Fuel filter element replacement</td>
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<td>300 Hrs.</td>
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<td>Replace orifice plate in fuel pump</td>
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<td>750 Hrs.</td>
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<td>1,000 Hrs.</td>
<td>Replace orifice plate in fuel pump</td>
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Approximate fuel capacities:
- Diesel: 30 liters
- Gasoline: 20 liters

(2) Part No. K3131-6553-4 (SPANISH)

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Capacidades de combustible:
- Diésel: 30 litros
- Gasolina: 20 litros
LUBRICANTS, FUEL AND COOLANT

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<td>Fuel</td>
<td>23 L (6.1 U.S. gals.)</td>
<td>• No.2-D diesel fuel</td>
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<td>• No.1-D diesel fuel if temperature is below -10°C (14°F)</td>
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<td>Coolant</td>
<td>2.1 L (2.2 U.S.qts.)</td>
<td>Fresh clean water with anti-freeze</td>
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<td>Recovery tank</td>
<td>0.25 L (0.26 U.S.qts.)</td>
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<td>Engine crankcase</td>
<td>3.5 L (3.7 U.S.qts.)</td>
<td>• Engine oil: API service Classification CF or better Above 25°C...SAE30, SAE10W-30 or 15W-40 (77°F) 0 to 25°C........SAE20, SAE10W-30 or 15W-40 (32 to 77°F) Below 0°C........SAE10W, SAE10W-30 or 15W-40 (32°F)</td>
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<td>Transmission case with filter &amp; hose</td>
<td>7.5 L (7.9 U.S.qts.)</td>
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<td>0.15 L (0.16 U.S.qts.)</td>
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<td>[MOWER]</td>
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<td>Front anti scalp roller pivot boss</td>
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Note * Oil amount when the oil level is at the upper level of the oil level gauge.

IMPORTANT:
• To prevent serious damage to hydraulic systems, use only KUBOTA genuine fluid or its equivalent.
NOTE:
◆ Engine Oil:
  ● Oil used in the engine should have an American Petroleum Institute (API) service classification and Proper SAE Engine Oil according to the ambient temperatures as shown above:
  ● With the emission control now in effect, the CF-4 and CG-4 lubricating oils have been developed for use of a low-sulfur fuel on on-road vehicle engines. When an off-road vehicle engine runs on a high-sulfur fuel, it is advisable to employ the "CF or better" lubricating oil with a high Total Base Number (TBN). If the "CF-4, CG-4, CH-4 or CI-4" lubricating oil is used with a high-sulfur fuel, change the lubricating oil at shorter intervals. (approximately half)
  ● Lubricating oil recommended when a low-sulfur or high-sulfur fuel is employed.

☐ : Recommendable  X : Not Recommendable

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☆: Class CF-4, CG-4 and CH-4 engine oils cannot be used on EGR (Exhaust Gas Re-circulation) type engines.

● The CJ-4 engine oil is intended for DPF (Diesel Particulate Filter) type engines, and cannot be used on this machine.

◆ Fuel:
  ● Cetane number of 45 minimum. Cetane number greater than 50 is preferred, especially for temperatures below -20 °C or elevations above 1500 m.
  ● If diesel fuel with sulfur content greater than 0.5% sulfur content is used, reduce the service interval for engine oil and filter by 50%.
  ● DO NOT use diesel fuel with sulfur content greater than 1.0%.
  ● Diesel fuels specified to EN 590 or ASTM D975 are recommended.
  ● No.2-D is a distillate fuel of lower volatility for engines in industrial and heavy mobile service. (SAE J313 JUN87)
  ● Since this engine adopts EPA Tier 4 and Interim Tier 4 standards, the use of low sulfur fuel or ultra low sulfur fuel is mandatory in EPA regulated area (North America). Therefore, please use No.2-D S500 or S15 diesel fuel as an alternative to No.2-D, or use No.1-D S500 or S15 diesel fuel as an alternative to No.1-D if outside air temperature is below -10 °C.

◆ Transmission oil:
  The oil used to lubricate the transmission is also used as hydraulic fluid. To insure proper operation of the hydraulic system and to complete lubrication of the transmission, it is important that a multi-grade transmission fluid is used in this system. We recommend the use of KUBOTA UDT or SUPER UDT fluid for optimum protection and performance. (Consult your local KUBOTA Dealer for further detail.)
  Do not mix different brands together.
  ● Indicated capacities of water and oil are manufacturer’s estimate.
HOW TO OPEN THE HOOD AND STEP

**CAUTION**
To avoid personal injury from contact with moving parts:
- Never open the hood while the engine is running.
- Never open the step while the engine is running.
- Do not touch muffler or exhaust pipes while they are hot; Severe burns could result.

**Hood**
To open the hood, pull the lever sideward, and then open.

**Step**
To open the step, pull the grip.

HOW TO RAISE THE OPERATOR'S SEAT

**Raise**

**CAUTION**
To avoid personal injury:
- Fully raise the operator's seat.
  (To the locked position)
  Do not keep the seat halfway.

1. Seat must be all the way back before raising.
2. Pull the latch lever on the seat panel frontward.
3. Raise the operator's seat to the “LOCK” position.

CAUTION

To avoid personal injury:

- Do not drop the seat to close it.
- Watch your hands. Do not place your hands under the seat, when closing.

1. Pull up the seat support rod and release the “LOCK”.
2. Lower the seat slowly to lock.
3. Slide the seat to proper position.

HOW TO OPEN THE LEVER GUIDE

CAUTION

To avoid personal injury:

- Park the machine on a firm and level surface.
- Stop the engine, remove the key and apply the parking brake.

1. Remove the four screws of the lever guide.
2. Pull up the lever guide.

How to install the lever guide.

1. Install the lever guide.
2. Tighten the screws.

IMPORTANT:

- If the lever cover is out of alignment with the motion lever, move the lever cover to align it with the motion lever.
LIFT-UP POINT

**WARNING**
To avoid personal injury, death or machine damage:
- Do not work under the machine unless it is secured by safe stands or suitable blocking.

**Front side:**
Hook nylon slings at the front frame.
Hoist the front frame with the nylon sling or jack up the front frame.

**Rear side:**
Hoist the rear frame with nylon slings. Or jack up the bottom plate.
DAILY CHECK
To prevent trouble from occurring, it is important to know the condition of the machine. Check it before starting.

CAUTION
To avoid personal injury:
- Be sure to check and service the machine on a level surface with the engine shut off, the key removed and the parking brake securely set or chock the rear wheels.

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<td>Safety start switch, seat safety control and other safety devices. If either of these do not operate properly, contact your local KUBOTA Dealer immediately.</td>
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<td>Check the areas where previous trouble was experienced.</td>
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Checking Engine Oil Level

**CAUTION**
To avoid personal injury:
- Always stop the engine and remove the key before checking oil.

1. Check engine oil before starting and 5 minutes or more after the engine has stopped.
2. Wipe dipstick area clean.
3. To check the oil level, remove the dipstick, wipe it clean, replace it, and draw it out again. Check to see that the oil level is between the two notches.
4. Add new oil to the prescribed level at the oil port if necessary.

Check the fuel level. Take care that the fuel tank does not become empty.

| Fuel tank capacity | 23 L (6.1 U.S.gals.) |

**IMPORTANT**:  
- Use Diesel Fuel Only  
1. Use No.2 diesel fuel.
2. Use No.1 diesel fuel if the temperature is below -10°C (14°F).
3. Always use a strainer when refueling to prevent fuel injection pump contamination.

**NOTE**:  
- No.2-D is a distillate fuel of lower volatility for engines in industrial and heavy mobile service.  
(SAE J313 JUN87)  
Grade of Diesel Fuel Oil according to ASTM D975.

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<th>Ash, weight %</th>
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<td>Min 52 (125)</td>
<td>Max 0.05</td>
<td>Max 0.35</td>
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Checking and Cleaning Radiator Screen to Prevent Overheating

⚠️ CAUTION
To avoid personal injury:
- Be sure to stop the engine and remove the key before cleaning.

IMPORTANT:
- The air intake area must be clear of debris to prevent the engine from overheating.

Daily or after every 5 hours of operation, check to be sure the radiator screen and the radiator core are clean. Dirt or chaff on the radiator screen or radiator core decrease cooling performance.

1. Remove the radiator screen and the panel screen, and remove all foreign material.
2. Remove the dust from between the fins and the tube.
3. Tighten the fan drive belt as necessary. For this, refer to "EVERY 100 HOURS" in "PERIODIC SERVICE" section.
4. If the scale forms in the tube, clean with the scale inhibitor or its equivalent.
5. Each time the panel screen is covered with grass during operation, rub it off the screen with the hand. Check the radiator screen from time to time if grass accumulates.
6. If the dust or chaff has accumulated inside of the panel, remove the radiator screen and clean inside completely.

After cleaning, replace the radiator screens properly.

Checking Tire Pressure

⚠️ WARNING
To avoid personal injury:
- Do not attempt to mount a tire on a rim. This should be done by a qualified person with the proper equipment.
- Always maintain the correct tire pressure. Inflation pressure in front tires rises quickly when using compressed air. Do not inflate tires above the recommended pressure shown in the Operator’s Manual.

IMPORTANT:
- Do not use tires larger than specified.
### Inflation Pressure

Though the inflation pressure is factory-set to the prescribed level, it naturally drops slowly in the course of time. Thus, check it and inflate as necessary.

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<td>276 kPa (2.8 kgf/cm², 40 psi)</td>
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<td>Rear</td>
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<td>140 kPa (1.4 kgf/cm², 20 psi)</td>
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### Checking Transmission Fluid Level

1. Park the machine on a flat surface, lower the implement to the ground and shut off the engine and remove the key. Allow the machine to idle for 1-3 minutes, and then check fluid.
2. Raise and lock the operator's seat.
3. To check the oil level, draw out the dipstick, wipe it clean, replace it, and draw it out again. Check to see that the oil level lies between the two notches. If the level is too low, add the new oil to the prescribed level at the oil inlet. (See "LUBRICANTS AND FUEL" in "MAINTENANCE" section.)

**IMPORTANT:**
- If oil level is low, do not run engine.
■ Checking Coolant Level

**CAUTION**
To avoid personal injury:
- Do not remove the radiator cap when the engine is hot. Then loosen cap slightly to the stop to relieve any excess pressure before removing cap completely.

Check the coolant level daily both the radiator and the recovery tank before starting engine.
1. Remove the radiator cap and check to see that the coolant level is just below the fill port.
2. Check to see that the coolant level is between the "FULL" and "LOW" marks of recovery tank.
3. When the coolant level drops due to evaporation, add water only up to just below the fill port of the radiator and the full level of the recovery tank.
   In case of leakage, add anti-freeze and water in the specified mixing ratio up to the full level.
   (See "Flushing Cooling System and Changing Coolant" in "EVERY 1 YEAR" in "PERIODIC SERVICE" section.)

**IMPORTANT:**
- If the radiator cap has to be removed, follow the caution above and securely retighten the cap.
- Use clean, distilled water and anti-freeze to fill the radiator and the recovery tank.
- If water should leak, consult your local KUBOTA Dealer.

■ Lubricating All Grease Fittings

**CAUTION**
To avoid personal injury:
Be sure to stop the engine and remove the key before greasing.

Grease the following location.

(1) Mower universal joint
(2) Spindle shaft
(3) Belt tension pulley
(4) Belt tension pivot
EVERY 50 HOURS

Safety Devices
The Safety Devices in your machine are designed to protect you while operating. Please check these Safety Devices periodically - daily is best - to test function of the Safety Devices before operation.

CAUTION
To avoid personal injury:
- Do not allow anyone near the machine while testing.
- If the machine does not pass one of the following tests, do not operate the machine. See your local KUBOTA Dealer.
- Sit on operator's seat for all tests except for Test 1.

IMPORTANT:
- Check the following tests before operating the machine.

◆ Check the safety switches
Test 1 (OPERATOR NOT ON THE SEAT)
1. Securely set the parking brake.
2. Shift the PTO lever to "DISENGAGE" (OFF) position.
3. Set the motion control levers to the "NEUTRAL LOCK" position.
4. Turn the key switch to "START" position.
5. The engine must not crank.

Test 2 (OPERATOR ON THE SEAT)
1. Do not set the parking brake. (release it from test 1)
2. Shift the PTO lever to "DISENGAGE" (OFF) position.
3. Set the motion control levers to the "NEUTRAL LOCK" position.
4. Turn the key switch to "START" position.
5. The engine must not crank.

Test 3 (OPERATOR ON THE SEAT)
1. Securely set the parking brake.
2. Shift the PTO lever to "DISENGAGE" (OFF) position.
3. Grasp the motion control levers and move them inward from the "NEUTRAL LOCK" position to the "NEUTRAL" position and then release the levers.
4. Turn the key switch to "START" position.
5. The engine must not crank.

Test 4 (OPERATOR ON THE SEAT)
1. Securely set the parking brake.
2. Shift the PTO lever to "ENGAGE" (ON) position.
3. Grasp the motion control levers and move them inward from the "NEUTRAL LOCK" position to the "NEUTRAL" position and then release the levers.
4. Turn the key switch to "START" position.
5. The engine must not crank.

Test 5 (OPERATOR ON THE SEAT)
1. Start the engine.
2. Keep the parking brake securely set.
3. Shift the PTO lever to "DISENGAGE" (OFF) position.
4. Grasp the motion control levers and move them inward from "NEUTRAL LOCK" position to "NEUTRAL" position and then release the levers.
5. The engine must shut off after a short time delay.

IMPORTANT:
- For this test only, the engine will shut off in a few seconds.

Test 6 (OPERATOR ON THE SEAT)
1. Start the engine.
2. Do not set the parking brake.
3. Shift the PTO lever to "DISENGAGE" (OFF) position.
4. Grasp the motion control levers and move them inward from "NEUTRAL LOCK" position to "NEUTRAL" position and then release the levers.
5. Stand up. (Do not get off the machine.)
6. The engine must shut off.

Test 7 (OPERATOR ON THE SEAT)
1. Start the engine.
2. Do not set the parking brake.
3. Shift the PTO lever to "ENGAGE" (ON) position.
4. Stand up. (Do not get off the machine.)
5. The engine must shut off.

NOTE:
- If the engine cranks Test 1 through 4, consult your local KUBOTA Dealer to have the unit checked before operation.
Checking Gear Box Oil Level

**CAUTION**
To avoid personal injury:
- Always stop the engine and remove the key before checking oil.

1. Park the machine on a flat surface and lower the mower to the ground.
   - To check the oil level, loosen check plug bolt and check to see that the oil level is just below the check plug port.
   - If the level is too low, add new oil to the prescribed level at the oil inlet.
   - (See "LUBRICANTS AND FUEL" in "MAINTENANCE" section.)

Lubricating Grease Fittings

**CAUTION**
To avoid personal injury:
- Be sure to stop the engine and remove the key before greasing.

Apply a small amount of multipurpose grease to the following points every 50 hours:
- If you operated the machine in extremely wet and muddy conditions, lubricate grease fittings more often.

1. Drain plug (Bolt)
2. Check plug (Bolt)
3. Oil filler plug

(1) Front axle (LH, RH)
(2) Front wheel (LH, RH)

(1) Parking brake lock pedal
### Oiling

1. **Machine universal joint**

2. **Seat adjuster**

3. **Front lift arm (LH, RH)**

4. **Motion control lever pivot bushing (LH, RH)**

5. **Motion control lever contact position (LH, RH)**
(1) Lift control cable (oil)

(1) Throttle cable (oil)

(1) Anti-scalp rollers

(1) Throttle cable (oil)
EVERY 100 HOURS

Cleaning Air Cleaner Primary Element
1. Remove the air cleaner cover and primary element.
2. Clean the primary element:
   - When dry dust adheres to the element, blow compressed air from the inside, turning the element. Pressure of compressed air must be under 205 kPa (2.1 kgf/cm², 30 psi).
3. Replace air cleaner primary element:
   Once yearly or after every sixth cleaning, whichever comes first.

NOTE:
- Check to see if the evacuator valve is blocked with dust.

Checking Fuel Lines and Fuel Filter

CAUTION
To avoid personal injury:
- Be sure to stop the engine and remove the key when attempting to make the following checks and changes.
- Never fail to check the fuel lines periodically. The fuel lines are subject to wear and aging. Fuel may leak out onto the running engine, causing a fire.

The fuel line connections should be checked annually or every 100 service hours, whichever comes first.
1. The fuel line is made of rubber and ages regardless of service period.
2. If the fuel line and clamps are found damaged or deteriorated, replace them.
3. Check fuel filter, if it is clogged by debris or contaminated with water, replace it.

IMPORTANT:
- The fuel line is disconnected for maintenance or repair, close both ends of the fuel line with a piece of clean cloth or paper to prevent dust and dirt from entering. In addition, particular care must be taken not to admit dust and dirt into the fuel pump. Entrance of even a small amount dust or dirt cause premature wear and malfunction of the fuel pump and injector components.

IMPORTANT:
- The air cleaner uses a dry element, never apply oil.
- Do not run the engine with filter element removed.
- Operating in dusty conditions requires more frequent maintenance.
- Align the arrow marks when reinstalling the air cleaner cover.
- Do not touch the secondary element except in cases where replacing is required.

(See “Replacing Air Cleaner Primary Element and Secondary Element” in “EVERY 1 YEAR” in "PERIODIC SERVICE" section.)

Evacuator Valve
Open the evacuator valve once a week under ordinary conditions - or daily when used in a dusty place - to get rid of large particles of dust and dirt.
### Adjusting Fan Drive Belt Tension

**CAUTION**

To avoid personal injury:
- Be sure to stop the engine and remove the key before checking belt tension.

If the fan drive belt becomes loose, the engine may overheat. To adjust, loosen bolts and move the dynamo outward to tighten the belt. After adjustment, securely tighten the bolts.

Moderate belt tension:
The belt should deflect approx. 10 mm (0.4 in.) when the center of the belt is depressed with finger pressure of 98N (10kgf, 22 lbs).

### Adjusting Parking Brake

**CAUTION**

To avoid personal injury:
- Park the machine on a firm and level surface.
- Stop the engine and chock the wheels before checking or adjusting.

**IMPORTANT:**
- Wrong adjustment may cause machine damage.

1. **Check brake spring**
   - Place the motion control levers to the "NEUTRAL LOCK" position.
   - Be sure to chock the rear wheels.
   - Apply the parking brake to the lock position.
   - Check the length of the brake springs on both sides.

**A:** Proper brake spring length with the brake applied to the lock position

| (A): Proper brake spring length | 115 to 117 mm (4.53 to 4.61 in.) |

(A) "Parking brake spring length"
5. Release the parking brake completely.
6. Hold the brake rod lightly.
7. Check the brake spring play.

8. If these dimensions are not correct, adjust them.

◆ **Adjustment of brake spring play**
1. Place the motion control lever to the "NEUTRAL LOCK" position.
2. Be sure to chock the rear wheels.
3. Release the parking brake completely.
4. Loosen the lock nuts.
5. Hold the brake rod by hand.
6. Tighten the nut to the correct space between the end of the spring and the nut.
7. Lock the nuts.
8. Adjust the other side spring to the same dimension.

◆ **Adjustment of brake length**
1. Place the motion control lever to the "NEUTRAL LOCK" position.
2. Apply the parking brake to the lock position.
3. Loosen the lock nuts.
4. Adjust the spring length to the recommendation.
5. Lock the nuts.
6. Check the brake spring play to the recommendation.
   - If there is no play, adjust the brake spring play again.
7. Adjust the other side spring to the same dimension.

(2) ◆ **Check on the slope**
1. Place the machine on a 17° ramp.
2. Apply the parking brake.
3. Place the motion control levers in "NEUTRAL LOCK" position and shut off the engine.
4. Check that the machine does not move.

**NOTE:**
- For parking brake test purposes, only use 17° ramp.

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**Battery Condition**

**DANGER**
To avoid the possibility of battery explosion:
For the refillable type battery, follow the instructions below.
- Do not use or charge the refillable type battery if the fluid level is below the LOWER (lower limit level) mark.
  - Otherwise, the battery component parts may prematurely deteriorate, which may shorten the battery’s service life or cause an explosion. Check the fluid level regularly and add distilled water as required so that the fluid level is between the UPPER and LOWER levels.

**CAUTION**
To avoid personal injury:
- Never remove the vent cap while the engine is running.
- Keep electrolyte away from eyes, hands and clothes. If you are spattered with it, wash it away completely with water immediately and get medical attention.
- Wear eye protection and rubber gloves when working around battery.

Mishandling the battery shortens the service life and adds to maintenance costs.
The original battery is a maintenance-free, non-accessible type battery. If the battery is weak, the engine will be difficult to start and the lights will become dim. It is important to check the battery periodically.

**Battery Charging**

**DANGER**
To avoid serious injury or death:
- When the battery is being activated, hydrogen and oxygen gases in the battery are extremely explosive. Keep open sparks and flames away from the battery at all times, especially when charging the battery.

**CAUTION**
To avoid personal injury:
- When charging battery, ensure that the vent caps are securely in place (if equipped).
- When disconnecting the cables from the battery, start with the negative terminal first. When connecting the cables to the battery, start with the positive terminal first.
- Never check battery charge by placing a metal object across the posts. Use a voltmeter or hydrometer.

(For accessible maintainable type batteries with removable vent caps.)

1. Make sure each electrolyte level is at the bottom of vent wells, if necessary add distilled water in a well-ventilated area.

2. The water in the electrolyte evaporates during recharging. Liquid shortage damages the battery. Excessive liquid spills over and damages the machine body.

3. To slow charge the battery, connect the battery positive terminal to the charger positive terminal and the negative to the negative, then recharge in the standard fashion.

4. A boost charge is only for emergencies. It will partially charge the battery at a higher rate and in a short time. When using a boost-charged battery, it is necessary to recharge the battery as soon as possible. Failure to do this will shorten the battery’s service life.

5. When the specific gravity of electrolyte reaches 1.27-1.29 charge has completed.

6. When exchanging an old battery with new one, use a battery of equal specification shown in.

(For non-accessible maintenance-free type batteries.)
Maintenance-free, non-accessible batteries are designed to eliminate the need to add water. Yet the volume of electrolyte above plates may eventually become depleted due to abnormal conditions such as high heat or improper regulator setting. Use a voltmeter to check the state of charge. (See reference chart below to determine if charging is necessary.)

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<td>51R</td>
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(For non-accessible maintenance-free type batteries.)
EVERY 150 HOURS

Changing Gear Box Oil

⚠️ CAUTION
To avoid personal injury:
- Be sure to stop the engine and remove the key before changing the oil.

1. To drain the used oil, remove the drain plug and filler plug at the gear box and drain the oil completely into the oil pan.
2. After draining, reinstall the drain plug.
3. Remove the oil level check plug.
4. Fill with the new oil up to the check plug port. (See "LUBRICANTS AND FUEL" in "MAINTENANCE" section.)
5. After filling, reinstall the check and filler plugs.

EVERY 200 HOURS

Changing Engine Oil

⚠️ CAUTION
To avoid personal injury:
- Be sure to stop the engine and remove the key before changing the oil.
- Allow engine to cool down sufficiently; oil can be hot and may cause burns.

1. To change the used oil, remove the drain plug at the bottom of the engine and drain the oil completely. The used oil can be drained out more easily if the engine is warm.
2. Fill with the new oil up to the upper notch on the dipstick.

3. To check the oil level. Remove the dipstick, wipe it clean, insert it and draw it out again. Check to see that the oil level is between the two marks.
## Replacing Engine Oil Filter

**CAUTION**

To avoid personal injury:
- Be sure to stop the engine and remove the key before changing the oil and the oil filter.
- Allow engine to cool down sufficiently; oil can be hot and may cause burns.

1. The oil filter must be changed every 200 service hours.
2. Apply a slight coat of oil onto the rubber gasket of new filter.
3. Tighten the filter quickly until it contacts the mounting surface. Tighten filter by hand an additional 1/2 turn only.
4. After the new filter has been replaced, the engine oil level normally lowers a little. Add engine oil to proper level. Check for oil leaks around filter gasket.

**IMPORTANT:**
- To prevent serious damage to the engine, replacement element of the recommended type must be used. Use only a genuine KUBOTA filter or its equivalent.

## Checking Radiator Hose and Clamp

Check to see if radiator hoses are properly fixed every 200 hours of operation or six months, whichever comes first.

1. If hose clamps are loose or water leaks, tighten clamps securely.
2. Replace hoses and tighten hose clamps securely, if radiator hoses are swollen, hardened or cracked.
Checking Hydraulic Hose

**CAUTION**

To avoid personal injury:
- Be sure to stop the engine and remove the key before checking and replacing the hydraulic hose.
- Allow the transmission case to cool down sufficiently; oil can be hot and may cause burns.

Check to see if hydraulic hoses are properly fixed every 200 hours of operation.
1. Check to see that all lines and hose clamps are tight and not damaged.
2. If hoses and clamps are found worn or damaged, replace or repair them at once.

Replacing Transmission Oil Filter [HST]

**CAUTION**

To avoid personal injury:
- Be sure to stop the engine and remove the key before changing the oil filter.
- Allow transmission case to cool down sufficiently; oil can be hot and may cause burns.

1. The oil filter must be changed every 200 service hours.

2. Place an oil pan underneath the oil filter. (Do not drain oil.)
3. Remove the oil filter by using the filter wrench.
4. Apply a slight coat of oil onto the filter gasket.
5. Tighten the filter quickly until it contacts the mounting surface. Tighten filter by hand an additional 1/2 turn only.
6. After the new filter has been replaced, the transmission fluid level normally lowers a little. Add fluid to proper level. Check for oil leaks around filter gasket.

**IMPORTANT:**
- To prevent serious damage or premature failure to the hydraulic system, use only a KUBOTA genuine filter.
Adjusting the Motion Control Lever Pivot

**CAUTION**
To avoid personal injury:
- Be sure to stop the engine and set the parking brake to "ON" before checking.

| Proper lever free travel | 2 to 15 mm (0.08 to 0.59 in.) on the lever |

1. Set the motion control lever in "NEUTRAL" position.
2. Slightly move the lever back and forth and measure the free travel at the top of lever stroke.
3. If the proper free travel limits are exceeded, remove the fender and retighten the nut to specified torque.

**NOTE:**
- If the motion control lever pivot bolt is maladjusted, motion control may be difficult.

Checking Intake Air Line
1. Check to see that hoses and hose clamps are tight and not damaged.
2. If hoses and clamps are found worn or damaged, replace or repair them at once.

Cleaning Engine Shroud
Consult your local KUBOTA Dealer for this service.
EVERY 400 HOURS

Changing Transmission Fluid and Rear Axle Gear Case Oil (RH and LH)

⚠ CAUTION
To avoid personal injury:
- Be sure to stop the engine and remove the key before changing or checking the oil.
- Allow transmission case to cool down sufficiently; oil can be hot and may cause burns.

The fluid in the transmission case is also used for the hydrostatic drive system.

1. To drain the transmission oil, place the oil pan underneath the transmission case and remove the drain plug at the bottom of the transmission case.
2. After draining, disassemble and clean the strainer and change the oil filter cartridge. After reassembling, fill with UDT or SUPER UDT hydrostatic transmission fluid, or its equivalent.
3. After running the engine for a few minutes, stop it and check the oil level again; add oil to the prescribed level.

IMPORTANT:
- Operate only at low RPM's immediately after changing the transmission fluid and the filter cartridge.
  Keep the engine at medium speed for a few minutes to insure proper lubrication of all parts so there is no damage to the transmission.
Cleaning Transmission Strainer

When changing the transmission fluid, disassemble and rinse the strainer with nonflammable solvent to completely clean off filings.

Check O-rings, replace if damaged, cracked or hardened. When reassembling be careful not to damage the parts.

Anti-freeze

CAUTION
To avoid personal injury:
- When using anti-freeze, put on some protection such as rubber gloves (Anti-freeze contains poison.).
- If should drink anti-freeze, throw up at once and take medical attention.
- When anti-freeze comes in contact with the skin or clothing, wash it off immediately.
- Do not mix different types of Anti-freeze. The mixture can produce chemical reaction causing harmful substances.
- Anti-freeze is extremely flammable and explosive under certain conditions. Keep fire and children away from anti-freeze.
- When draining fluids from the engine, place some container underneath the engine body. If swallowed anti-freeze is harmful.
- Do not pour waste onto the grounds, down a drain, or into any water source.
- Also, observe the relevant environmental protection regulations when disposing of anti-freeze.

If it freezes, coolant can damage the cylinders and radiator. If the ambient temperature falls below 0°C (32°F) or before a long-term storage, let out cooling water completely, or mix fresh water with long-life coolant and fill the radiator and reserve tank with the mixture.

1. Long-life coolant (hereafter LLC) comes in several types. Use ethylene glycol (EG) type for this engine.
2. Before employing LLC-mixed cooling water, fill the radiator with fresh water and empty it again. Repeat this procedure 2 or 3 times to clean up the inside.
3. Mixing the LLC
   - Put the LLC in cooling water in the percentage (%) for a target temperature. When mixing, stir it up well, and then fill into the radiator.
4. The procedure for the mixing of water and anti-freeze differs according to the make of the anti-freeze and the ambient temperature. Refer to SAE J1034 standard, more specifically also to SAE J814c.

Replacing Fuel Filter

Consult your local KUBOTA Dealer for this service.

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NOTE :
- Since the fine filings in the oil can damage the precision component parts of the hydraulic system, the end of the suction line is provided with an oil strainer.

IMPORTANT :
- When the anti-freeze is mixed with water, the anti-freeze mixing ratio must be less than 50%. 
At 1.013 x 10^5 Pa (760mmHg) pressure (atmospheric). A higher boiling point is obtained by using a radiator pressure cap which permits the development of pressure within the cooling system.

5. Adding the LLC
   (1) Add only water if the mixture reduces in amount by evaporation.
   (2) If there is a mixture leak, add the LLC of the same manufacturer and type in the same mixture percentage.
   *Never add any long-life coolant of different manufacturer. (Different brands may have different additive components, and the engine may fail to perform as specified.)

6. When the LLC is mixed, do not employ any radiator cleaning agent. The LLC contains anti-corrosive agent. If mixed with the cleaning agent, sludge may build up, adversely affecting the engine parts.

7. Kubota's genuine long-life coolant has a service life of 2 years. Be sure to change the coolant every 2 years.

**NOTE:**
- The above data represent industry standards that necessitate a minimum glycol content in the concentrated anti-freeze.
- When the coolant level drops due to evaporation, add water only to keep the anti-freeze mixing ratio less than 50%. In case of leakage, add anti-freeze and water in the specified mixing ratio before filling in to the radiator.

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### EVERY 1500 HOURS

- **Checking Fuel Injection Nozzle (Injection Pressure)**
  Consult your local KUBOTA Dealer for this service.

### EVERY 3000 HOURS

- **Checking Injection Pump**
  Consult your local KUBOTA Dealer for this service.

### EVERY 1 YEAR

- **Replacing Air Cleaner Primary Element and Secondary Element**
  (See "Cleaning Air Cleaner Primary Element" in "EVERY 100 HOURS" in "PERIODIC SERVICE" section.)

**IMPORTANT:**
- To prevent serious damage to the engine, use only a KUBOTA genuine filter.

**[How to remove the secondary element]**

1. While turning slightly, pull out the secondary element.

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### Flushing Cooling System and Changing Coolant

**CAUTION**
To avoid personal injury:
- Do not remove the radiator cap when the engine is hot. Then loosen cap slightly to the stop to relieve any excess pressure before removing cap completely.

1. Stop the engine and let cool down.
2. To drain the coolant, open the radiator drain cock and remove the radiator drain plug and remove radiator cap. The radiator cap must be removed to completely drain the coolant.
3. After all coolant is drained, close the drain cock and install the drain plug.
4. Fill with clean water and cooling system cleaner.
5. Follow directions of the cleaner instruction.
6. After flushing, fill with clean water and anti-freeze until the coolant level is just below the fill port on the radiator.
   Install the radiator cap securely.
7. Fill with coolant up to the "FULL" mark on the recovery tank.
8. Start and operate the engine for a few minutes.
9. Stop the engine and let cool.
10. Check coolant level of recovery tank, add coolant if necessary, and install the drain plug.

EVERY 2 YEARS

■Replacing Hydraulic Hose
Consult your local KUBOTA Dealer for this service.

■Replacing Fuel Lines
Consult your local KUBOTA Dealer for this service.

■Replacing Radiator Hose
See “Checking Radiator Hose and Clamp” in "EVERY 200 HOURS" in "PERIODIC SERVICE" section.

■Replacing Mower Gear Box Oil-Seal
Consult your local KUBOTA Dealer for this service.

■Replacing Intake Air Line
See "Checking Intake Air Line" in "EVERY 200 HOURS" in "PERIODIC SERVICE" section.

IMPORTANT:
- Do not start engine without coolant.
- Use clean, distilled water and anti-freeze to fill the radiator and recovery tank.
- When the anti-freeze is mixed with water, the anti-freeze mixing ratio must be less than 50%.
- Securely tighten radiator cap. If the cap is loose or improperly fitted, water may leak out and the engine could overheat.
SERVICE AS REQUIRED

Replacing Fuses
Replacement of the fuse
1. Raise the operator’s seat.
2. Remove the blown fuse.
3. Place a new fuse of the same capacity in position.

![Fuse location](image)

(1) Fuse location
(2) Slow blow fuse

IMPORTANT:
- If the new fuse happens to blow out within a short time, contact your dealer for inspection and repair. Never “jump” the fuse with wire or foil, or install a larger capacity fuse than is recommended.

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*Option: The fuse should be in only when the work light is attached.

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Checking and Replacing Blade

**CAUTION**

To avoid personal injury:
- Be sure to stop the engine and remove the key.
- Blades may be sharp. When you handle blades, wear heavy gloves or wrap end of blade with a rag.

**Checking**
The blade cutting edges should be kept sharp at all times. Sharpen the cutting edges, if they resemble blade (B). Replace the blades if they appear similar to blade (C).

![Blade diagrams](image)

(A) New blade
(B) Worn blade
(C) Cracked blade
◆ Replacing

1. Tilt up the mower deck.
   (See "HOW TO TILT UP THE MACHINE" in "PERIODIC SERVICE" section.)
2. Wedge a block of wood between the blade and mower housing or use a box wrench over the pulley nut to prevent the spindle from rotating while removing the blade bolts; loosen the blade bolt as illustrated.

IMPORTANT:
- Use the proper metric size box or socket wrench to tighten or loosen the blade mounting bolt.

3. To sharpen the blades yourself, clamp the blade securely in a vise.
   Use a large mill file and file along the original bevel until sharp.
4. To check the blade for balance, place a small rod through the center hole. If the blade is not balanced, file the heavy side of the blade until balance is achieved.
5. Pass the spline boss through the blade and 2 cup washers, and tighten the bolt.

NOTE:
- Make sure that the cup washer is not flattened out or worn; this cause blade to slip excessively.
  Replace the 2 cup washers if either is damaged.
6. Before checking or replacing the blade, wipe grass and mud off the top and inside of the mower. Especially clean up the inside of the belt cover, because otherwise the belt life will be reduced.

[RCK48P, RCK54P]

(1) Block
   (A) "LOOSEN"

(1) Spindle holder
(2) Spindle guard
(3) Blade
(4) 2-Cup washer
(5) Lock washer
(6) Bolt

IMPORTANT:
- Tighten the bolts of the outer blades from 103 to 118 N-m (76 to 87 ft-lbs) of torque.
- The blade bolts have Right hand threads. Turn them counterclockwise to loosen.
- To prolong the service life of the blades, reposition them as shown in the figure below periodically.
**Mower Belt Replacement**

1. Remove the mower deck from the machine according to the procedure "DISMOUNTING THE MOWER DECK".
2. Remove the left and right hand shield from the mower deck.
3. Clean around the gear box.
4. Remove the belt from the tension pulley.
5. Remove the right hand bracket which mounts the gear box to the mower deck and slip the belt over the top of the gear box.
6. To install a new belt, reverse the above procedure.

**NOTE:**
- Tighten bracket bolts securely 77.6 to 90.2 N-m (8.0 to 9.2 kgf-m, 57.1 to 66.5 ft-lbs).

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**Bleeding Fuel System**

Air must be removed:
1. When the fuel filter or lines are removed.
2. When tank is completely empty.
3. After the machine has not been used for a long period of time.

**Bleeding procedure is as follows:**
1. Fill the fuel tank with fuel.
2. Start the engine and run for about 30 seconds, and then stop the engine.
MOTION CONTROL LEVER

**CAUTION**
To avoid personal injury:
- Park the machine on a firm and level surface.
- If it is necessary to run the engine in an enclosed area, use a gas tight exhaust pipe extension to remove the fumes.
- Always try to work in a well-ventilated area.
- Lift up and secure with jack stands or blocking the rear of the machine, do not run the machine while adjusting.
- Remove rear wheels.
- Do not adjust only one of the following adjustments; exclude "MOTION CONTROL LEVER POSITION". They are interlinked.

**IMPORTANT:**
- Right and left motion control levers can be adjusted independently.
- This machine has a creep speed.

**HST NEUTRAL**
1. Lift-up and secure with jack stands or blocking the rear of the machine frame.
2. Remove both rear wheels.
3. Remove the lever guide.
4. Place the motion control lever in "NEUTRAL LOCK" position.
5. Check that the lever is touching the front side of its guide plate.
   - If the lever is not in the correct position, adjust the speed control spring.
   - See "CREEP SPEED".
6. Remove the set knobs of seat frame, then raise and latch the seat assembly.
7. Remove the connector from the seat safety switch, and then temporarily install a jumper wire across the terminals in the connector of the wiring harness.

**CAUTION**
To avoid personal injury:
- Do not operate the machine with a jumper wire.
- If you feel you are unable to make the following adjustments correctly and safely, please contact your local KUBOTA Dealer.

8. Remove the beam plate and the panel screen.
9. Loosen the lock nut of the motion control rod.
   - Adjust the motion control rod until axle rotation stops.

10. Lengthen the rod by 1/2 turn and then tighten the lock nut.
    - Place the motion control lever to the reverse position, and move them to the forward slowly.
11. Place the lever in "NEUTRAL LOCK" position, and check that the rear axle does not rotate.
    - If the axle does not stop rotating, adjust the "HST NEUTRAL" again.
12. After adjustment, make sure to stop the engine immediately.
13. Adjust the other side "HST NEUTRAL" equally.
14. Attach the beam plate and the panel screen.
**CREEP SPEED**

1. Lift-up and secure with jack stands or blocking the rear of the machine frame.
2. Remove both rear wheels.
3. Start the engine, and run at maximum speed.
4. Place the lever in "NEUTRAL" position.
5. Pull the lever to the reverse maximum position and release the lever.
6. Measure the axle rotation.
7. Loosen the lock nut and adjust the creep speed control bolt length so that the axle rotation is between 8 to 10 revolutions per minute. (Do not change spring length \( L = 55 \) to \( 56 \) mm (2.17 to 2.2 in.))
8. Lock the nut.
9. Check the axle creep rpm again. If it is not correct, adjust again.
10. Adjust the other side "CREEP SPEED" equally.
11. After adjustment, make sure to stop the engine immediately.

**MAXIMUM SPEED (FORWARD)**

Consult your local KUBOTA Dealer for this service.

**MOTION CONTROL LEVER ALIGNMENT**

- **Check the alignment**
  Check the gap and space between the levers, at the maximum forward position.

| Recommendation | Gap: 0 to 2 mm  
|----------------| (0 to 0.08 in.)
|                | Space: 10 to 20 mm  
|                | (0.4 to 0.8 in.)

If positions of the control levers are unequal, an adjustment is necessary.

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**CAUTION**

- To avoid personal injury;
  - Park the machine on a firm and level surface.
  - Stop the engine, remove the key and apply the parking brake.
Aligning the control levers

1. Stop the engine and apply the parking brake.
2. Loosen the nut and remove the lever guide.

Lever position (High or Low)
3. Remove the bolts and select the motion control lever position, high or low.
4. Tighten the bolt and install the lever guide.

Lever alignment (Right and Left)
5. Loosen the bolts.
6. Slide both levers forward or rearward to the desired position within tab slots until levers are aligned.
7. Tighten the bolts.

NOTE:
- If the ends of the levers strike against each other while in “NEUTRAL” position, move the levers outward to the “NEUTRAL LOCK” position and carefully bend them outward.
- Move them back to the “NEUTRAL” position and check for the recommended space.

MOWER DECK LEVEL

ANTI-SCALP ROLLERS

CAUTION
To avoid personal injury:
- Park the machine on a firm and level surface.
- Apply the parking brake.
- Stop the engine and remove the key.
- Wait for all moving parts to stop.

IMPORTANT:
- The flattest cut can be achieved by having the anti-scalp rollers adjusted off the ground.
- Check anti-scalp roller adjustments each time the mower deck cutting height is changed.
- It is recommended that all the anti-scalp rollers be kept off the ground to minimize scuffing.

1. Check the machine tire pressure.
   Inflate tires to the correct pressure. (See “TIRES AND WHEELS” section.)
2. Start the engine.
3. Raise up the mower deck to the transport position.
   (Also the top end of the lift.)
4. Turn the cutting height control dial to adjust height.
5. Lower the mower deck.

Front side anti-scalp roller
6. Adjust the height of the front side anti-scalp roller to one of three positions to approximately 19 mm (3/4 in.) between rollers and the ground.
   Adjust both side rollers to the same height.
7. Install the roller with attaching hardware.
Rear side anti-scalp roller

8. Adjust the height of the rear side anti-scalp roller to one of three positions to approximately 19 mm (3/4 in.) between rollers and the ground. Adjust both side rollers to the same height.

9. Install the roller with attaching hardware.

LEVEL MOWER DECK (Side-to-Side)

CAUTION

To avoid personal injury:

- Park the machine on a firm and level surface.
- Apply the parking brake.
- Disengage PTO (OFF).
- Stop the engine, remove the key and remove the mower u-joint while checking or adjusting the level of the mower deck.

IMPORTANT:

- Check the machine tire pressure.
  Inflate tires to the correct pressure.
  (See “TIRES AND WHEELS” section.)

◆ Checking level (Side-to-Side)

NOTE:

- Mower deck anti-scalp rollers should not contact the ground.

1. Raise the mower deck to the transport position. (Also the top end).
2. Turn the cutting height set dial to the 3 in. cutting height position.
3. Lower the mower deck.
4. Position the right mower blade in the Side-to-Side position.
5. Measure from outside blade tip to the level surface with a short ruler or leveling gauge.

Reference

| Height of the blade at the concrete surface | 76 mm (3 in.) |

NOTE:

- There is a difference of the blade height between on the concrete and ground.

6. Check that the left side blade is same height.
   The difference between both measurements should be less than 3 mm (1/8 in.).
7. If the Side-to-Side adjustment is not within the given tolerance, adjustment necessary.

| Side-to-Side adjustment | Less than 3 mm (1/8 in.) |
Adjusting level (Side-to-Side)
1. Raise up the mower deck to the transport position. (Also the top end).
2. Turn the cutting height set dial to the 3 in. cutting height position.
3. Place 51 mm (2 in.) height wood blocks under each side of the mower deck.
   Anti-scalp rollers must not rest on the wood block.
4. Lower the mower deck.
5. Position mower blade in the Side-to-Side position.
6. Loosen the lock nuts of the right side of the machine.
7. Adjust the cutting height fine tuning bolts to set 76 mm (3 in.) height.
   Front and rear side bolts must be adjusted.
8. Lock the nuts.
9. Adjust the left side equally.
10. Check the side-to-side level and if it is not level, adjustment necessary.

Checking level (Front-to-Rear)

LEVEL MOWER DECK (Front-to-Rear)

CAUTION
To avoid personal injury:
- Park the machine on a firm and level surface.
- Engage the parking brake.
- Disengage PTO.
- Stop the engine, remove the key and remove the mower u-joint while checking or adjusting the level of the mower deck.

IMPORTANT:
- Check the machine tire pressure.
  Inflate tires to the correct pressure.
  (See “TIRES AND WHEELS” section.)

NOTE:
- Mower deck anti-scalp rollers should not contact the ground.

1. Raise the mower deck to the transport position. (Also the top end).
2. Turn the cutting height set dial to the 3 in. cutting height position.
3. Lower the mower deck.
4. Position the right mower blade in the Front-to-Rear position.
5. Measure from the right front blade tip to the level surface with a short ruler or leveling gauge.
6. Turn the blade 180° and measure from right rear blade tip to the level surface.
7. Check that the left side blade has the same dimension.
   The difference between both measurements should be less than 6 mm (1/4 in.).
   Front side must be lower than rear side.
8. If the Front-to-Rear adjustment is not within the given tolerance, adjustment is necessary.
Adjusting level (Front-to-Rear)
1. Raise up the mower deck to the transport position. (Also the top end).
2. Turn the cutting height set dial to the 3 in. cutting height position.
3. Place 51 mm (2 in.) height wood blocks under each side of the mower deck.
   Anti-scalp rollers must not rest on the wood block.
4. Lower the mower deck.
5. Loosen the lock nuts of the front side of the machine.
6. Adjust the cutting height fine tuning bolts to set 76 mm (3 in.) height.
   Both front side bolts must be adjusted.
7. Lock the nuts.
8. Adjust the other side equally.

IMPORTANT:
- The difference between both measurements should be less than 6 mm (1/4 in.).
  Front side must be lower than rear side.
9. Check the front-to-rear level and if it is not level, adjustment necessary.

| Front-to-Rear adjustment | Less than 6 mm (1/4 in.)
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<td>Front side must be lower than Rear side.</td>
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<td>SAE grade No.</td>
<td>American standard cap screws</td>
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<td>(N-m)</td>
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| 1/4 | GR.5 | GR.8 | M6 | 7.2 - 8.3 |
| 5/16 | 17 - 20.5 | 24 - 29 | M8 | 17.4 - 20.2 |
| 3/8 | 35 - 42 | 45 - 54 | M10 | 35.5 - 41.2 |
| 1/2 | 80 - 96 | 110 - 132 | M12 | 57.2 - 66.5 |
| 9/16 | 110 - 132 | 160 - 192 | M14 | 91.2 - 108 |
| 5/8 | 150 - 180 | 220 - 264 | M16 | 145 - 166 |
# Tightening Torque Chart

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<tr>
<th>Thread size ( d ) (mm)</th>
<th>Hexa-Bolt Head size ( B ) (mm)</th>
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<td>ft-lbs</td>
<td>N-m</td>
<td>kgf-m</td>
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<td>M8 12 or 13</td>
<td>13.0 - 15.2 (14.1 ± 1.1)</td>
<td>17.8 - 20.6 (19.2 ± 1.4)</td>
<td>1.9 - 2.1 (2.0 ± 0.1)</td>
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<td>M10 14 or 17</td>
<td>28.9 - 33.3 (31.1 ± 2.2)</td>
<td>39.3 - 45.1 (42.2 ± 2.9)</td>
<td>4.0 - 4.6 (4.3 ± 0.3)</td>
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<td>M12 17 or 19</td>
<td>46.3 - 53.5 (49.9 ± 3.6)</td>
<td>62.8 - 72.6 (67.7 ± 4.9)</td>
<td>6.4 - 7.4 (6.9 ± 0.5)</td>
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<td>M14 19 or 22</td>
<td>79.6 - 92.6 (86.1 ± 6.5)</td>
<td>107.9 - 125.5 (116.7 ± 8.8)</td>
<td>11.0 - 12.8 (11.9 ± 0.9)</td>
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**NOTE:**
- Figure "7" on the top of the bolt indicates that the bolt is of special material.
- Before tightening, check the figure on the top of bolt.
CAUTION
To avoid personal injury:
• Do not clean the machine with engine running.
• To avoid the danger of exhaust fume poisoning, do not operate the engine in a closed building without proper ventilation.
• When storing, remove the key to avoid unauthorized persons from operating the machine and getting injured.

MACHINE STORAGE
If you intend to store your machine for an extended period of time, follow the procedures outlined below. These procedures will insure that the machine is ready to operate with minimum preparation when it is removed from storage,
1. Check for loose bolts and nuts, and tighten if necessary.
2. Apply grease to machine areas where bare metal will rust also to pivot areas.
3. Inflate the tires to a pressure a little higher than usual.
4. Change the engine oil and run the engine to circulate oil throughout the engine block and internal moving parts for about five minutes.
5. With all implements lowered to the ground, coat any exposed hydraulic cylinder piston rods with grease.
6. Remove the battery from the machine. When disconnecting the cables from the battery, start with the negative terminal first. When connecting the cables to the battery, start with the positive terminal first.
7. Keep the machine in a dry place where the machine is sheltered from rain. Cover the machine.
8. Store the machine indoors in a dry area that is protected from sunlight and excessive heat. If the machine must be stored outdoors, cover it with a waterproof tarpaulin.
9. Jack the machine up and place blocks under the front and rear axles so that all four tires are off the ground. Keep the tires out of direct sunlight and extreme heat.

IMPORTANT:
• When washing the machine, be sure to stop the engine. Allow sufficient time for the engine to cool before washing.
• Cover the machine after the muffler and the engine have cooled down.

REMOVING THE MACHINE FROM STORAGE
1. Check the tire air pressure and inflate the tires if they are low.
2. Jack the machine up and remove the support blocks.
3. Install the battery. Before installing the battery, make sure it is fully charged.
4. Check the fan belt tension.
5. Check all fluid levels (engine oil, transmission/hydraulic oil, engine coolant and any attached implements).
6. Check all control levers and the brake for proper function free up or lubricate as necessary.
7. Start the engine. Observe all gauges. If all gauges are functioning properly and reading normal, move the machine outside.
8. Once outside, park the machine securely set the parking brake, place the control levers in the neutral lock position and let the engine idle for at least five minutes.
9. Shut the engine off and walk around machine and make a visual inspection looking for evidence of oil or water leaks.
10. With the engine fully warmed up, release the parking brake and test the brakes for proper adjustment as you move forward. Adjust the brakes as necessary.
ENGINE TROUBLESHOOTING

If something is wrong with the engine, refer to the table below for the cause and its corrective measure.

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<td>Engine is difficult to start or won’t start</td>
<td>• No fuel flow.</td>
<td>• Check the fuel tank and the fuel filter. Replace filter if necessary.</td>
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<td>• Air or water is in the fuel system.</td>
<td>• Check to see if the fuel line coupler bolt and nut are tight.</td>
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<td>• Bleed the fuel system. (See “SERVICE AS REQUIRED” in “PERIODIC SERVICE” section.)</td>
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<td>• In winter, oil viscosity increases, and engine revolution is slow.</td>
<td>• Use oils of different viscosities, depending on ambient temperatures.</td>
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<td>• Battery becomes weak and the engine does not turn over quick enough.</td>
<td>• Clean battery cables and terminals.</td>
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<td>• Charge the battery.</td>
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<td>• In cold weather, always remove the battery from the engine, charge and store it indoors. Install it on the machine only when the machine is going to be used.</td>
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<td>Insufficient engine power.</td>
<td>• Insufficient or dirty fuel.</td>
<td>• Check the fuel system.</td>
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<td>• The air cleaner is clogged.</td>
<td>• Clean the element.</td>
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<td>Engine stops suddenly.</td>
<td>• Insufficient fuel.</td>
<td>• Refuel.</td>
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<td>• Bleed the fuel system if necessary.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Exhaust fumes are colored.</td>
<td>Black</td>
<td>• Fuel quality is poor.</td>
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<td>• Too much oil.</td>
<td>• Change the fuel and fuel filter.</td>
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<td>• Engine is overloaded.</td>
<td>• Check the proper amount of oil.</td>
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<td>• Reduce engine load.</td>
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<td>Blue white</td>
<td>• The inside of exhaust muffler is dumped with fuel.</td>
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<td>• Injection nozzle trouble.</td>
<td>• Heat the muffler by applying load to the engine.</td>
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<td>• Fuel quality is poor.</td>
<td>• Check the injection nozzle.</td>
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<td>• Change the fuel and fuel filter.</td>
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<td>Engine overheats.</td>
<td>• Engine overloaded.</td>
<td>• Lower speed or reduce load.</td>
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<td>• Low coolant level.</td>
<td>• Fill cooling system to the correct level; check radiator and hoses for loose connections or leaks.</td>
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<td>• Loose or defective fan belt.</td>
<td>• Adjust or replace fan belt.</td>
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<td>• Dirty radiator core or grille screens.</td>
<td>• Remove all trash.</td>
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<td>• Coolant flow route corroded.</td>
<td>• Flush cooling system.</td>
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# BATTERY TROUBLESHOOTING

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<td>Starter does not function.</td>
<td>• Battery overused until lights are dim.</td>
<td>• Charge battery sufficiently.</td>
<td>• Charge the battery properly.</td>
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<td>• Battery has not been recharged.</td>
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<td>• Poor terminal connection.</td>
<td>• Clean the terminal and tighten securely.</td>
<td>• Keep the terminal clean and tight. Apply grease and treat with anti-corrosives.</td>
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<td>• Battery life expired.</td>
<td>• Renew battery.</td>
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<tr>
<td>From beginning starter does not function, and lights soon become dim.</td>
<td>• Insufficient charging.</td>
<td>• Charge battery sufficiently.</td>
<td>• Battery must be serviced properly before initial use.</td>
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<td>When viewed from top, the top of plates look whitish.</td>
<td>• Battery was used with an insufficient amount of electrolyte.</td>
<td>• Add distilled water and charge the battery.</td>
<td>• Regularly check the electrolyte level.</td>
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<td>• Battery was used too much without recharging.</td>
<td>• Charge battery sufficiently.</td>
<td>• Charge the battery properly.</td>
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<td>Recharging is impossible.</td>
<td>• Battery life expired.</td>
<td>• Replace battery.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Terminals are severely corroded and heat up.</td>
<td>• Poor terminal connection.</td>
<td>• Clean the terminal and tighten securely.</td>
<td>• Keep the terminal clean and tight. Apply grease and treat with anti-corrosives.</td>
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<td>Battery electrolyte level drops rapidly.</td>
<td>• There is a crack or pin holes in the electrolytic cells.</td>
<td>• Replace battery.</td>
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<td>• Charging system trouble.</td>
<td>• Contact your local KUBOTA Dealer.</td>
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<td>Machine operation is not smooth.</td>
<td>• Hydrostatic transmission fluid is insufficient.</td>
<td>• Replenish oil.</td>
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<td>• Filter is clogged.</td>
<td>• Replace the filter.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Machine does not move while engine is running.</td>
<td>• Parking brake is on.</td>
<td>• Release the parking brake.</td>
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<td>• Transmission fluid level is insufficient.</td>
<td>• Replenish oil.</td>
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<td>Machine moves when motion control levers are in &quot;NEUTRAL LOCK&quot; position. (Engine is operated.)</td>
<td>• Motion control rod is not correctly adjusted.</td>
<td>• Ask your dealer for hydrostatic lever linkage adjustment or pressure adjustment.</td>
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<td>• Control linkage pivots are sticking.</td>
<td>• Full up and lubricate linkage.</td>
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## MOWER TROUBLESHOOTING

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<td>Blade does not rotate.</td>
<td>● PTO system is not normal: PTO system malfunctioning.</td>
<td>● See your Kubota Dealer.</td>
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<td>● PTO system is normal: Broken mower belt.</td>
<td>● Replace.</td>
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<td>Mower belt slipping.</td>
<td>● Weaken tension spring.</td>
<td>● Replace.</td>
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<td>● Worn mower belt.</td>
<td>● Replace.</td>
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<td>● Mower plugged.</td>
<td>● Unplug and clean mower deck.</td>
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<td>● Debris in pulleys.</td>
<td>● Clean.</td>
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<td>Discharge chute plugged.</td>
<td>● Grass too wet.</td>
<td>● Wait for grass to dry.</td>
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<td>● Grass too long.</td>
<td>● Raise cutting height and cut grass twice.</td>
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<td>● Cutting too low.</td>
<td>● Raise cutting height.</td>
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<td>● Engine rpm too low.</td>
<td>● Mow at full throttle.</td>
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<td>● Ground speed too fast.</td>
<td>● Slow down.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Streaking of grass uncut.</td>
<td>● Engine rpm too low.</td>
<td>● Mow at full throttle, check and reset engine rpm.</td>
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<td>● Grass too long.</td>
<td>● Cut grass twice.</td>
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<td>● Blades dull or damaged.</td>
<td>● Replace blades or have blades sharpened.</td>
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<td>● Debris in mower deck.</td>
<td>● Clean mower deck.</td>
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<td>Uneven cut.</td>
<td>● Mower deck not level.</td>
<td>● Level mower deck.</td>
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<td>● Ground speed too fast.</td>
<td>● Slow down.</td>
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<td>● Blades dull.</td>
<td>● Have blades sharpened.</td>
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<td>● Blades worn or damaged.</td>
<td>● Replace blades.</td>
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<td>● Low tire inflation.</td>
<td>● Add air to correct pressure.</td>
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<td>● Anti-scalp rollers not adjusted correctly.</td>
<td>● Adjust anti-scalp rollers.</td>
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<td>● Wheels pressure not adjusted correctly.</td>
<td>● Set both tire pressure to the correct pressure. (See “TIRES” in “TIRES AND WHEELS” section.)</td>
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<td>● Turning speed too fast.</td>
<td>● Reduce speed on turns.</td>
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<td>● Ridges in terrain.</td>
<td>● Change mowing pattern.</td>
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<td>● Rough or uneven terrain.</td>
<td>● Adjust wheels pressure and anti-scalp rollers.</td>
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<td>● Anti-scalp rollers not adjusted correctly.</td>
<td>● Adjust wheels pressure and anti-scalp rollers.</td>
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<td>● Bend blade(s).</td>
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### Troubleshooting

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<td>Excessive vibration.</td>
<td>• Debris on mower deck or in pulleys.</td>
<td>• Clean mower deck and pulleys.</td>
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<td>• Damaged mower belt.</td>
<td>• Replace mower belt.</td>
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<td>• Damaged pulleys.</td>
<td>• Replace pulleys.</td>
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<td>• Pulleys out of alignment.</td>
<td>• Check pulleys.</td>
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To achieve this status, the company has through the years diversified the range of its products and services to a remarkable extent, until today, 19 plants and 16,000 employees produce over 1,000 different items, large and small.

All these products and all the services which accompany them, however, are unified by one central commitment. KUBOTA makes products which, taken on a national scale, are basic necessities. Products which are indispensable, products intended to help individuals and nations fulfill the potential inherent in their environment. For KUBOTA is the Basic Necessities Giant.

This potential includes water supply, food from the soil and from the sea, industrial development, architecture and construction, and transportation.

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