

REPLACE DEBRIS SHIELD with BELT RETAINER (KIT #443950)

REMOVE BELT FROM GEARCASE PULLEY

1. Remove drive cover and belt keeper.
2. Remove belt from gearcase pulley by pushing down on pulley and rolling belt off it.

REMOVE BLADE AND DEBRIS SHIELD

1. Disconnect spark plug wire from spark plug and place wire where it cannot come in contact with spark plug.
2. Turn lawn mower on its side. Make sure air filter and carburetor are up.
3. Use a wood block between blade and mower housing to prevent blade from turning when removing blade bolt.

NOTE: Protect your hands with gloves and/or wrap blade with heavy cloth.

4. Remove blade bolt by turning counter-clockwise.
5. Remove blade and attaching hardware (bolt, lock washer and hardened washer). Set aside for later installation.
6. Remove debris shield and discard it.

REPLACE BLADE ADAPTER/PULLEY

1. Remove existing blade adapter/pulley and discard it.
2. Install new blade adapter/pulley provided in this kit.
3. Reinstall belt on new blade adapter/pulley.

INSTALL BELT RETAINER

1. Remove the engine mounting bolt where shown.
2. Install belt retainer provided in this kit with engine mounting bolt. Do not tighten bolt at this time.
3. Position blade retainer so that its tabs are centered around the blade adapter/pulley.
4. Tighten engine mounting bolt to 25-30 ft. lbs. torque.

REINSTALL BLADE

1. Position blade on blade adapter/pulley.
- NOTE:** Be sure the trailing edge of blade (opposite sharp edge) is up toward the engine.
2. Install blade bolt, lock washer and hardened washer into blade adapter/pulley and crankshaft.
 3. Use block of wood between blade and lawn mower housing and tighten the blade bolt, turning clockwise.
- The recommended tightening torque is 35-40 ft. lbs.

IMPORTANT: Blade bolt is heat treated. If bolt needs replacing, replace only with approved bolt shown in the Repair Parts section of your manual.

REINSTALL BELT KEEPER

1. Return mower to upright position.
2. Install belt on gearcase pulley.
3. Reinstall belt keeper and drive cover.

NOTE: Always use factory approved belt to assure proper fit and long life.

