

INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

44" BLOWER (SPEEDZTR) - P/N 539115062

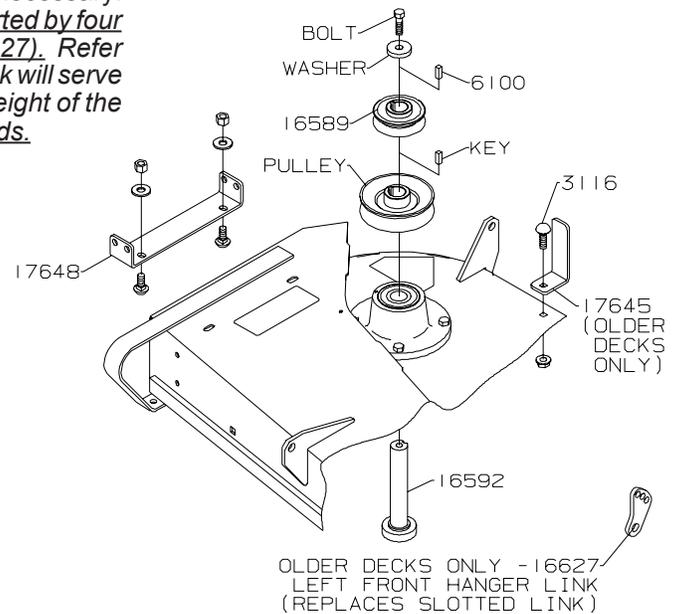
1) Remove mower deck from chassis. Refer to Operator's Manual, if necessary.
If you are working on an older style deck, (before deck was supported by four L-Rods), replace the left front deck hanger link with new link (16627). Refer to illustration. New link is not slotted like the one removed. New link will serve as a counterbalance to restrict deck movement caused by the weight of the blower. This step will be bypassed for decks supported by L-Rods.

2) Remove deflector from mower deck by pulling deflector pin. Deflector pin will be used to install grass blower.

3) Remove deflector bracket from mower deck. Use existing hardware to install new bracket (17648), as illustrated.

4) For older style decks, install deck upstop (17645), as illustrated, at rear of deck in hole used for w-baffle. Use 5/16-18 x 1" carriage bolt (3116) and existing nut. This step may be bypassed for decks supported by L-Rods.

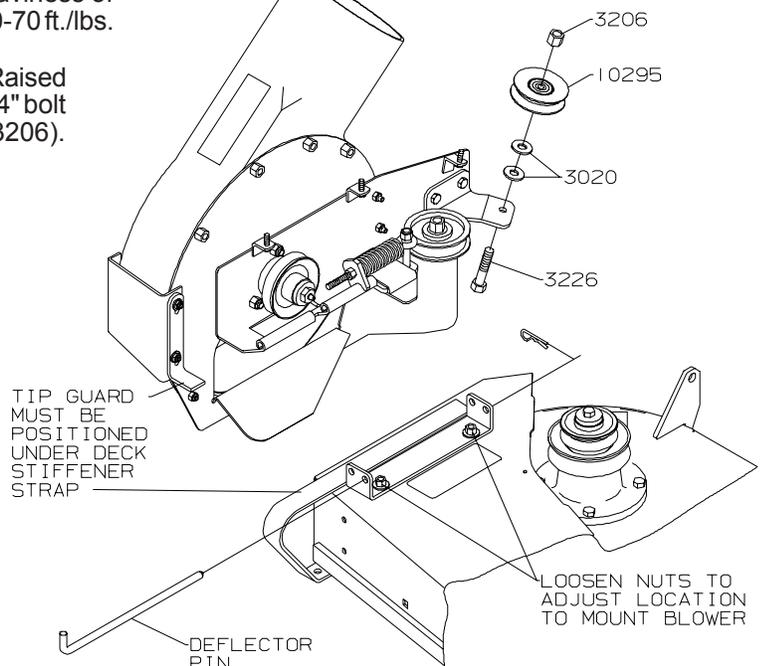
5) Remove pulley guard from right deck hub. Remove blade, shaft, pulley and all hardware from right deck hub. Install new shaft (16592). Install old key and pulley. Raised portion of pulley hub goes on the top. Install new key (6100) and pulley (16589). Raised portion of pulley hub goes on the top. Install old washer and bolt. Refer to illustration.



6) An individual's preference for either HiLift or LoLift blades may vary, depending on mowing conditions and on the type and heaviness of grass to be bagged. Tighten blade attaching hardware to 60-70 ft./lbs.

7) Install idler pulley (10295) to blower housing, as illustrated. Raised portion of pulley hub goes on the bottom. Use 3/8-16 x 1-3/4" bolt (3226), two 5/16" washers (3020) and 3/8-16 nylok nut (3206).

8) Position blower assembly on the deck, with blower housing butted snugly against discharge opening and horizontal portion of tip guard (9884) positioned under deck stiffener strap. Attach blower assembly to deflector hinge with deflector pin from Step #2. Use inboard set of holes so blower sits as close as possible to deck. Outside wall of blower housing should be as close as possible to vertical. If top of blower housing leans in too much, blower belt will have a tendency to come off. If proper fit and alignment is not already achieved, loosen nuts on deflector hinge and slide it to a more suitable location. Be certain nuts on deflector hinge have been tightened in proper position before proceeding.



9) Slide tip guard (9884) up to contact bottom of deck stiffener and tighten nuts attaching it to the blower housing.

- 10) Put mower deck back on chassis. Refer to Operator's Manual, if necessary.

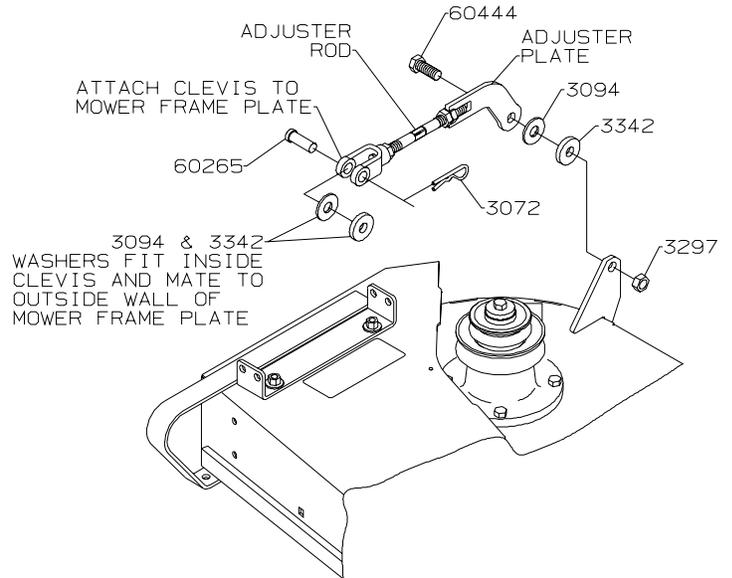
If your deck is the newer type (supported by L-Rods), skip ahead to Step #11.

If your deck is the older type (not supported by L-Rods), use the rest of Step #10 to replace the right rear deck hanger/adjustment hardware with supplied new hanger parts. Old deck hanger/adjustment hardware will not clear the blower drive belt.

Attach the Adjuster Plate to the mower deck plate. Use 1/2-13 x 1-1/4" bolt (60444), standard 1/2" washer (3094), heavy washer (3342) and 1/2" thin profile nylok nut (3297). Refer to illustration.

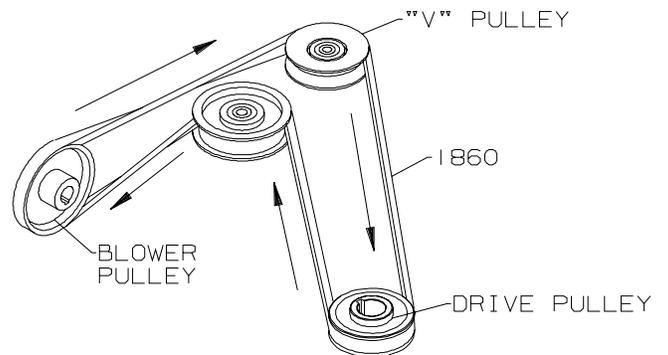
Attach Clevis to mower frame plate. Use 1/2" clevis pin (60265), standard 1/2" washer (3094), heavy washer (3342) and hairpin cotter (3072). Refer to illustration. Washers fit inside the clevis and mate to the outside wall of the mower frame plate.

To assist in deck leveling, loosen the jam nuts and turn the Adjuster Rod to shorten or lengthen the assembly, as needed. Be sure to tighten jam nuts when deck has been leveled.



OLDER STYLE DECKS ONLY

- 11) Install blower drive belt (1860) so that blower rotation is clockwise when viewed from the operator's position. See illustration. To aid in belt installation, tighten nut on the threaded spring rod a few turns. This will pull the flat idler forward, allowing more clearance with the V-idler, for easier belt installation. After belt is put on, nut on threaded rod may need to be loosened to provide sufficient belt tension.



- 12) Install belt guard (16593) to blower assembly using three 1/4" washers (3217) and three 1/4-20 wing nuts (3198) as illustrated.

- 13) Discharge tube is included with grass catcher kit. The tube will slip-fit on the blower assembly, and may be secured using hose clamp (3725).

