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Assembly Instructions Start on Page 7!
Please review the Warning & Safety Information on Pages 4-6 and the Assembly Instructions before unpacking the box.
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Unlike big tillers, your MANTIS Tiller weighs only 26 pounds. So it lifts easily, handles smoothly, tills and weeds precisely. And, unlike other small tillers, it features serpentine tines that churn soil to ten inches deep. It creates a soft, smooth seed bed, even in problem soil.

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This machine comes with Operation and Safety instructions, Parts and Service instructions and Engine instructions. The useful life and good service you receive from this machine depends to a large extent on how well you read and understand these manuals. Treat your machine properly, lubricate and adjust it as instructed, and it will give you many years of reliable service.

Your safe use of this Schiller Grounds Care, Inc. product is one of our prime design objectives. Many safety features are built in, but we also rely on your good sense and care to achieve accident-free operation. For best protection, study the manuals thoroughly. Learn the proper operation of all controls. Observe all safety precautions. Follow all instructions and warnings completely. Do not remove or defeat any safety features. Make sure those who operate this machine are as well informed and careful in its use as you are.

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Safety Rules & Warnings

You will notice throughout this Owners Manual Safety Rules and Important Notes. Make sure you understand and obey these warnings for your own protection.

I. SPECIAL SAFETY INFORMATION

WARNING

Attention: This symbol points out our important safety instructions. When you see this symbol, heed it’s warning!! Stay alert!!

WARNING

To reduce the potential for accidents, comply with the safety instructions in this manual. Failure to comply may result in serious personal injury, and/or equipment and property damage.

II. SAFETY & WARNINGS

WARNING

Improper use or care of this tiller or failure to wear proper protection can result in serious injury. Read and understand the rules for safe operation and all instructions in this manual. Wear hearing and eye protection.

WARNING

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

III. SAFETY DECAL INFORMATION

An important part of the safety system incorporated in this tiller are the warning and information decals found on various parts of the tiller. These decals must be replaced in time due to abrasion, etc. It is your responsibility to replace these decals when they become hard to read.

2-Cycle

Cutting hazard; keep feet and hands away from rotating tines.

Do not carry the tiller in this position.

Read owner’s manual before using tiller, or performing any repair or maintenance. Keep owners manual in a safe place.

Don’t fuel, refuel, or check fuel while smoking, or near an open flame or other ignition source.

Caution: when assembling the handles, make sure fuel tank faces operator. This is the rear of the tiller, refer to assembly instruction on page 8-9.

Incorrect assembly.

Wear ear and eye Protection.

Don’t operate indoors.

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If the tiller is used improperly or safety precautions are not followed, the users risk serious injury to themselves and others. Read and understand this manual before attempting to operate this tiller.

IV. WARNINGS - DO’S

Read and understand the owner’s manual. Pay particular attention to all sections regarding safety.

1. **Always** keep a firm grip on both handles while the tines are moving and/or the engine is running. BE AWARE!! The tines may coast after throttle trigger is released. Make sure tines have come to a complete stop and engine is off before letting go of the tiller.

2. **Always** maintain a firm footing and good balance. Do not overreach while operating the tiller. Before you start to use the tiller check the work area for obstacles that might cause you to lose your footing, balance or control of the machine.

3. **Thoroughly** inspect the area where equipment is to be used and remove all objects, which can be thrown by the machine.

4. **Always** keep area clear of children, pets, and bystanders.

5. **Always** stay alert. Watch what you are doing and use common sense. Do not operate unit when fatigued.

6. **Always** dress properly. Do not wear loose clothing or jewelry, they might get caught in moving parts. Use sturdy gloves. Gloves reduce the transmission of vibration to your hands. Prolonged exposure to vibration can cause numbness and other ailments.

7. **While working,** always wear substantial footwear and long trousers. Do not operate the equipment when barefoot or wearing open sandals.

8. **Always** wear ear and eye protection. Eye protection must meet applicable CE requirements. To avoid hearing damage, we recommend hearing protection be worn whenever using the equipment.

9. **To reduce fire hazard,** keep the engine, and petrol/gas storage area free of vegetative material and excessive grease.

10. **Start** the engine carefully, according to the manufacturer’s instructions and with feet well away from tool(s).

11. **Keep** all nuts, bolts and screws tight to be sure the equipment is in safe working condition.

12. **Use extreme caution** when reversing or pulling the machine towards you.

13. **Work only** in daylight or good artificial light.

14. **Always** be sure of your footing on slopes.

15. **Exercise** extreme caution when changing direction on slopes.

16. **Always** keep a safe distance between two or more people when working together.

17. **Always** inspect your unit before each use. Keep all knobs, nuts, bolts and screws tight to be sure the equipment is in safe working condition.

18. **Before** using your tiller, always visually inspect to see that the tools are not worn or damaged. Replace worn or damaged elements and bolts in sets to preserve balance.


20. **Always** store tiller in a sheltered area (a dry place), not accessible to children. The tiller as well as fuel should not be stored in a house.

21. **Always** keep in mind that the operator or user is responsible for accidents or hazards occurring to other people or their property.

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V. WARNINGS - DONT’S

Don’t use tiller with one hand. Keep both hands on handles with fingers and thumbs encircling the handles, while tines are moving, and engine is running.

Don’t run with the machine, walk.

Don’t work on excessively steep slopes.

Don’t attempt to clear tines while they are moving. Never try to remove jammed material before switching the engine off and making sure the tines have stopped completely.

Don’t allow children or people unfamiliar with these instructions to use the machine. Local regulations can restrict the age of operator.

Don’t operate while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

Don’t attempt to repair this tiller. Have repairs made by a qualified dealer or repairman. See that only original Mantis parts are used.

VI. ENGINE/FUEL WARNINGS - DO’S

2-Cycle Always use fresh gasoline in the fuel mixture. Stale gasoline can cause damage.

4-Cycle Always use fresh gasoline.

Always store fuel in containers specifically designed for this purpose.

Always add fuel before starting the engine.

Always replace all fuel tank and container caps securely.

Always pull starter cord slowly until resistance is felt to avoid kickback and prevent arm or hand injury.

Always operate engine with spark arrestor installed and operating properly.

Stop the engine whenever you leave the machine and before refueling. Allow the engine to cool before storing in any enclosure. Replace worn or damaged parts for safety.

If the fuel tank needs to be drained, this should be done outdoors.

VII. ENGINE/FUEL WARNINGS - DON’TS

Never pick up or carry a machine while the engine is running.

Don’t fuel, refuel or check fuel while smoking, or near an open flame or other ignition source. Stop engine and be sure it is cool before refueling.

Don’t leave the engine running while the tiller is unattended. Stop the engine when carrying out maintenance and cleaning operations, when changing tools and when being transported by means other than under its own power.

Never remove the cap of the fuel tank or add petrol while the engine is running or when the engine is hot.

Don’t refuel, start or run this tiller indoors or in an improperly ventilated area.

Don’t run engine when electrical system causes spark outside the cylinder. During periodical checks of the spark plug, keep plug a safe distance from cylinder to avoid burning of evaporated fuel from cylinder.

Don’t check for spark with spark plug or plug wire removed. Use an approved tester.

Don’t crank engine with spark plug removed unless spark plug wire is disconnected. Sparks can ignite fumes.

Don’t run engine when the odor of gasoline is present or other explosive conditions exist.

Do not attempt to start the engine if petrol is spilled, but move the machine away from the area of spillage and avoid creating any source of ignition until petrol vapors have dissipated.

Don’t operate your tiller if there is an accumulation of debris around the muffler, and cooling fins. To reduce the fire hazard, keep the engine and petrol storage area free of vegetative material and excessive grease.

Don’t touch hot mufflers, cylinders or cooling fins as contact may cause serious burns.

Don’t change the engine governor setting or over speed the engine.

Don’t attempt to remove spark plug while engine is hot. Removing a spark plug from a hot engine can cause irreparable damage to the engine and will void your warranty.

Don’t use starter fluids as they will cause permanent engine damage.

WARNING

Handle fuel with care, it is highly flammable. Fueling a hot engine or near an ignition source can cause a fire and result in serious personal injury and/or property damage.
Congratulations! You have just purchased a super high-quality product, the Mantis Deluxe Tiller/Cultivator. Whether you have purchased the 2-Stroke or 4-Stroke model, this manual will show you how to Assemble, Start, Operate, Transport, Store and Maintain your Tiller. The Mantis Deluxe Tiller/Cultivator is designed to bring you years of solid, reliable performance.

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Prior to removing the contents and assembling, it is important to:
- Have a clean work area.
- Make sure all necessary tools are handy.
- You will need a 7/16" crescent wrench.
- A ratchet with an extension
- A 7/16" socket
- A 3/8" socket or crescent wrench.
Assembly

LET’S BEGIN
The following instructions are for the 2-Stroke and 4-Stroke Tiller.
• With the box upright, open the box and remove the tine box and the loose parts that are at the top of the tiller box. Do not remove any other parts in the box.
• Lay the box on one side and open the bottom flaps.
• Return the box to an upright position (as shown) and pull the box straight up.
• The right handle, additional parts and tiller engine will be in the box cradle. Leave the engine and throttle in the cradle to assist in the assembly.
• Lay everything out so you can easily identify the parts (see parts image and list on page 7).

LOWER HANDLE ASSEMBLY

1. For ease of assembly and stability it is important that you keep the engine assembly in its cardboard cradle.

2. Slide the foam grip onto the right loop handle.

3. Line up the holes of the Right Loop Handle with the holes of the Lower Right Handle.
   • Slide the two 3.25” bolts through the hole.

4. Position this assembly onto the recessed channels below the engine.

5. Slide the lower left handle onto the bolts.

6. Slide the left loop handle into the foam grip and right loop handle.

NOTE: Some of the photos in this manual do not represent your 4-Stroke tiller engine. They are for assembly purposes only.
LOWER HANDLE ASSEMBLY (CONTINUED)

7. Slide loop handle through bolts and over top lower left handle, then take two lock nuts and fasten them finger tight.

8. Place the Carry Handle between the lower handles and line up the holes. Place two of the 1.125” bolts through holes with hex head on inside of carry handle and with two lock nuts fasten them tight with wrench and socket.

9. Use the 7/16” wrenches and socket to tighten the rest of the handle bolts.

At this point, your Mantis tiller should look like this when lower handle assembly is complete.

KICKSTAND ASSEMBLY

1. Position the kickstand brace just above the bend of the lower handles. The stamped arrow should be pointing up.

2. Position the kickstand under the lower handles, line up the holes and thread the kickstand brace bolts into the kickstand. Tighten with the 3/8” wrench.

3. Your Mantis tiller will look like this when lower handle assembly and kickstand is complete.
Assembly

TINE ASSEMBLY

1. You’ll need the 2 Tines and the 2 Retaining pins

2. Remove the unit from the cardboard cradle and turn the unit slightly on its side

3. You will notice that one side of the Tine has a circular hole while the other has a “D” shaped hole.

4. Attach the Tine so that the circular hole slides onto the axle first.

5. When the axle protrudes from the other side it will line up perfectly with the “D” shaped hole.

6. Slide a Retaining Pin through the hole in the axle to secure the Tine.
   Repeat steps for the other side.

*NOTE: The Tiller is laying down for assembly purposes only. See page 14 for important information.

UPPER HANDLE ASSEMBLY

1. To assemble the Upper Handles, first put the Kickstand down

2. Layout the Middle and Upper Handles and the Handle Brace as shown above

3. Take the Right Middle Handle and attach the brace using a hex head cap screw and a 2-way lock nut. Finger tighten.
   Repeat for left side.
• Take the Right Upper Handle, the one with the throttle, and slide it between the Middle Handle and the lower flange of the Brace.

• Insert a curved head bolt into the slot at the bottom of the Upper Handle so that it comes out the top of the Middle Handle.

• Thread a 2-pronged knob onto the bolt two full turns while leaving it loose.
  • Repeat for left side.

• Line up the top holes of the Upper Handles with the holes on the top of the Brace so the handles are in the lowest position.

• Insert the round knob into the Brace and tighten.

• Now fully tighten the lower 2-prong knobs

• With a 7/16 in. wrench and socket, tighten the nuts and bolts that hold the Brace onto the handles

• Insert the carriage bolts into the bottom holes of the Upper Handles then through the top holes of the Lower Handles.

• Loosely thread the other 2-pronged knobs onto the carriage bolts
**Assembly**

**UPPER HANDLE ASSEMBLY (CONTINUED)**

13
• Lift the Upper Handles until they line up with the Lower Handles and fully tighten the knobs at the pivot point.

14
• Cap the exposed bolts with the acorn nuts and tighten with your 7/16” wrench until snug. Do not over tighten.

15
• Attach the throttle cable clips to the Upper and Lower Handles. Make sure the cable is not wrapped or twisted and you have the proper throttle movement.

* See important notes listed below.

**UPPER HANDLE POSITIONING**

1
• Adjust your handle height by loosening the upper 2-prong knobs and removing the round knobs then sliding the Upper Handles to the desired position.

2
• Then re-insert the round knobs and re-tighten the 2-prong knobs

**IMPORTANT NOTE:**
Make sure you have installed the handles properly. When you stand behind your tiller, holding the handles, the fender warning label should face you.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:**
Before you use your MANTIS Tiller, read the Safety Rules & Warnings on pages 4-6

**IMPORTANT NOTE:**
Be sure you have proper throttle movements and that the throttle cable is not wrapped or twisted around the handle bar. Hold down the lockout lever, fully squeeze the throttle trigger and let go. The throttle triangle must click in both directions. If there is any doubt, remove air filter and visually check that the throttle triangle hits both the idle screw and the full open stop. THIS MUST BE DONE BEFORE STARTING THE ENGINE.

**WARNING**
Improper Throttle installation can cause tines to rotate unexpectedly.

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2-CYCLE TILLER FUELING ONLY
Before you start your Mantis Deluxe 2-Cycle Tiller/Cultivator for the first time you will need to mix the fuel and oil.
Pour the pre-measured bottle of Mantis approved, 2-Cycle oil into one gallon of 89 octane gasoline and mix well.
Put the kickstand down to position the tiller upright.
Remove the fuel cell cap.
Carefully add the fuel mixture to the tank until it is about 4/5 full. And remember, always drain the gas when transporting the unit from one location to another.
Replace the cap.

2-CYCLE TILLER STARTING ONLY
The FastStart feature works by winding up the starter coil to store energy in the starting mechanism. The following process will allow you to easily start your Mantis tiller.

Cold Starting
- First make sure the stop/start switch located on the throttle handle, is in the start position, which is indicated by the “I” symbol.
- Close the choke by pulling the choke button out.
- Press the primer bulb approximately 6 times until the bulb is filled with gas. Once it is filled, press it two more times.
- Pull the starter cord out a few clicks (8 to 12 inches) to store energy in the starting mechanism. Return the starter cord to the original position. Briskly pull the starter cord. The stored energy is released and the engine will start.
- Once it is running, open the choke by pushing the button back in, if you have not already done so.
- To stop the engine, simply push the start / stop switch to the stop position "O".
- Before using the tiller, let the engine idle for one minute to warm up. Before shutting it down, let the engine idle for two to three minutes to cool down.

Warm Starting
- To start a warm engine, follow the same procedure. The only exception is that you can leave the choke button in and you don’t have to pump the primer bulb.
- Before using the tiller, let the engine idle for a minute to warm up. Before shutting it down, let the engine idle for two to three minutes to cool down.

IMPORTANT NOTE:
If the engine does not start on the first attempt, repeat the above starting process a maximum of 5 times. If you are still experiencing difficulties, push the choke button in and repeat the above starting process again.

WARNING
If engine does not stop when switch is put in the stop position, release the throttle, allow engine to idle, put the tiller down and pull the choke button out to shut engine down. Have product serviced before using.

WARNING
Fuel is extremely flammable. Handle it with care. Keep away from ignition sources. Do not smoke while fueling your equipment

WARNING
Avoid accidental blade engagement. Do not squeeze the throttle trigger when starting. Maintain proper idle speed adjustment (2500-3100 rpm)

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If you suspect the engine is overfilled, the following procedure should remove the excess oil from the crankcase and valve cover. If the engine is overfilled, oil will enter the crankcase and it does not simply pour out of the oil fill opening. The excessive oil has to be pumped out as the engine runs. Checking the oil level and draining any excess between multiple 30 second running intervals will bring the oil back to the proper level.

1. Place the engine on a level surface resting flat on the front handle and remove the oil fill cap/dipstick. Use a catch basin for any oil that overflows from the oil fill opening.
2. Replace the oil fill cap/dipstick and run the engine for approximately 30 seconds then repeat step one. Continue steps 1 & 2 until oil no longer overflows when the oil fill cap/dipstick is removed.
3. Once the oil level is corrected the engine may continue to smoke while running for several minutes while the residual oil burns off.

IMPORTANT!
It is normal for your 4 stroke engine to smoke for the first minute or two of operation, however it is not necessary for this to occur every time. This is a result of the oil being pulled through the engine for lubrication.
WARNING

If engine does not stop when switch is put in the stop position, release the throttle, allow engine to idle. Put the tiller down, and slide the choke lever to the cold start (closed) position. Have product serviced.

A SPECIAL FEATURE
(With the idle set properly and the engine running)

Even when the engine is running, the tines won't turn unless you squeeze the throttle trigger on the handlebars. And, when you release the throttle trigger, the tines will stop.

A TIP FOR EXTENDING YOUR ENGINE'S LIFE

After you start the engine, let your tiller warm up for two to three minutes before you use it. Then, before you put your tiller away, let it idle for a minute to give the engine a chance to cool down.

OPERATION

With engine running, and both hands on the handles, hold down the throttle lock out lever (Figure 1), then squeeze the throttle trigger gradually to increase the engine speed and engage the tines.

NOTE: This step must be repeated each time your tiller trigger is released.

NOW YOU'RE READY TO USE YOUR MANTIS TILLER.

If you've seen other tillers, your MANTIS Tiller may surprise you. It tills best when you pull it backward! You see, when you pull your MANTIS Tiller backward, you give extra resistance to the tines, so they dig deeper. (Figure 2)

In addition, when you go backward, you erase your footprints. So your soil stays light and fluffy. With other tillers, by contrast, you walk right over the soil you've just tilled, packing it down, so it's less plantable.

RUN YOUR MANTIS TILLER LIKE A VACUUM CLEANER

Place your Tiller at the head of the row or area you want to till. Start it up. Then use an easy rocking motion. First, pull your Tiller backward. Then use an easy rocking motion. Again, pull your Tiller backward. Then, let it move forward just a little bit. Then pull it backward again. This will help you till deeper.

Keep repeating these steps until you've tilled an entire row. Start again on the next row. It's much like running a vacuum cleaner! (Figure 3)

You Can Even Control Depth.

For Deeper Tilling:

Move your Tiller slowly back and forth, as you would a vacuum cleaner. Work the same area over and over until you've dug to your desired depth. (Figure 4)

For Shallow Tilling:

Switch the tines to the cultivating position. (See page 16 to learn how.)

Then move your Tiller quickly over your soil surface.

For Big Weeds or Tough Roots:

Let your Tiller rock back and forth over the tough spot, until the tines slice through the weed or root.

Your MANTIS Tiller Handles Special Tilling Projects:

Want to turn part of your lawn into a colorful flower border? Your MANTIS Tiller makes it easy! Just run your Tiller back and forth until the sod begins to break up. Then continue tilling. Your Tiller will chop the clumps of sod until they're fine. Then, it will work them into the soil. Pretty soon, you'll have a soft, fresh planting bed.
YOUR MANTIS TILLER MAKES WEEDING A PLEASURE!

As a tiller, your MANTIS Tiller works the soil down to 10" (25.4 cm) deep. But, as a cultivator, it gently cultivates the surface, only 2" to 3" (5.09 cm to 7.62 cm) deep.

First, you must switch the tines to the weeding, cultivating position. This takes less than a minute.

Then, your MANTIS Tiller’s sharp “tine teeth” will slice up those pesky weeds, burying them as you go along. And, since the tines in this position won’t dig too deep, they won’t hurt your plants’ precious root systems.

The result? Your Tiller will cut your weeding time in half, and turn a tiresome chore into a pleasure.

HOW TO SWITCH FROM TILLING TO CULTIVATING POSITION

1. Make sure your Tiller is off.
2. Remove the retaining pins from the tines. (Figure 1)
3. Remove the tines from the axle.
4. Place the right-side tine onto the left-side axle. Place the left side tine onto the right-side axle. The “D” hole should be to the outside.
5. Reinsert the pins.

IMPORTANT:

To change the tines on your Mantis Tiller, push the tiller forward and allow it to rest on the loop handle.

Tilling

Cultivating

To set them for tilling, attach the tines so the points of the blades face forward - away from the operator. The tines’ points will contact the ground first.

For cultivating, reverse the tines so that the points of the tines face backward - toward the operator. Now the long flat part of the tine’s blade will contact the ground first.
Each fall, or before you store your Mantis Tiller for any long period, be sure to take these measures:

1. Do not store your Tiller with fuel still in it. Even under ideal conditions, stored fuel containing ethanol or MTBE can start to go stale in 30 days. And, since stale fuel has a high gum content, it can clog the carburetor, this, in turn, will restrict fuel flow. Therefore, when you’re ready to store your Tiller, or will not be using it for more than 2 weeks, drain the fuel tank completely.

2. Next, restart the engine to make sure no fuel is left in the carburetor. Then, run the engine until it stops. This will prevent gum deposits, forming inside of the carburetor and possible engine damage.

3. Disconnect spark plug wire and remove the spark plug. Slowly pull the starter cord once.

4. Inspect the spark plug, and if necessary, clean it. If you need to replace it, buy a NGK-CMR5H.

5. Install the spark plug, but leave the spark plug wire disconnected.

6. Wipe the tines with oil or spray them with WD-40, to prevent rusting.

7. Oil the throttle cable and all visible moving parts. (Do not remove the engine cover.)

8. Store your Tiller in an upright position in a clean, dry place. You can store with the handles in an extended position or folded down.

To fold the handles down, simply loosen the lower 2-pronged knobs until you can pivot the upper handles down. (Figure 3)

Or it can be hung using the handle brace. (Figure 4)

9. To fold the handles, follow these easy steps: Loosen the handle knobs (#40) then fold the handles forward. Tighten knob securely. Your handles are now folded and ready to store in a smaller area.

10. Do you have fuel left over from last season? Dispose of it properly. Buy fresh oil and gasoline next season.

11. Remove Tilling Tines or attachments and lightly oil tine shaft at least once a year.
2-Cycle Tiller Maintenance

2-CYCLE TILLER BASIC MAINTENANCE ONLY

Your Deluxe 2 Cycle Tiller will require some basic maintenance to keep it performing year after year.

Of course, your Mantis is designed to be used in the soil, but dirt is the enemy of any engine. You should check the air filter regularly.

To replace the filter, remove the filter cover by first unscrewing the wing nut. Carefully remove the filter cover, then simply pull out the filter and replace it with a clean filter.

If a new filter is not immediately available, you can clean the old filter with a brush to remove debris.

If you are storing your tiller for the season or longer than 30 days it is very important to empty the fuel tank to prevent engine damage from foul fuel.

The fuel filter should be replaced every year. Open the fuel cap and using the cap retainer you can remove the fuel intake line. The filter is at the end.

4-Cycle Tiller Maintenance

4-CYCLE TILLER BASIC MAINTENANCE ONLY

Your Deluxe 4 Cycle Tiller will require some basic maintenance to keep it performing year after year.

If you are storing your tiller for the season or longer than 30 days it is very important to empty the fuel tank to prevent engine damage.

Undoubtedly, you will be putting your tiller through rigorous use.

Check engine oil level, air filter and fuel filter.

Refer to your Honda® engine manual for more details.
HOW TO RESEAT THE FLANGE

At some point, you may find that the tines won’t turn when you press the throttle. This may mean the engine isn’t sitting all the way down on the worm gear housing.

Perhaps you’ve been using your Tiller for several years. Or perhaps you’ve removed the engine for use with our hedge trimmer attachment, then replaced it. In either case, the flange bolt may have come loose and lifted the engine up.

If this happened you’ll notice a gap between the bottom of the engine clutch case and the top of the worm gear housing. (Figure 1)

To fix this, loosen the flange bolt. Take the engine off the worm gear housing. Notice the hex head on top of the drive shaft. Inside the clutch case, you’ll find the clutch drum. Make sure the hex head lines up with the clutch drum inside the clutch case.

Then put the engine back on the worm gear housing. Make sure the plastic carrying handle is not under the fuel tank.

If you’ve followed these steps properly, there will be no gap between the clutch case and the worm gear housing. (Figure 2) Make sure you tighten the flange bolt!

All other engine maintenance issues can be found in the Honda® Engine Manual included in your tiller package.

TRANSMISSION CARE

Check the transmission grease level after the first 10 hours of use, then check yearly.

With the tines off, remove the transmission plate (Figure 3) and gasket to see if the grease level is up to the plate flange (Figure 4). If it is not, you will need to add lithium zero grease.

Wipe off any excess grease, replace the transmission gasket and plate.
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<td>• Return the fuel tank vent line to the upright position and place it under the cylinder cover in the small “pocket” in the cylinder cover.</td>
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<td>• The exhaust port may be restricted.</td>
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ECHO INCORPORATED EMISSION CONTROL WARRANTY STATEMENT

FOR ECHO AND SHINDAIWA BRANDS

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the California Air Resources Board (C.A.R.B.) and ECHO Incorporated (ECHO Inc.) are pleased to explain the emission control system warranty on your 2010 and later equipment/small off-road engine (SORE). New equipment/SORE must be designed, built and equipped to meet stringent EPA and C.A.R.B. anti-smog standards. ECHO Inc. must warrant the emission control system on your equipment/SORE for the periods of time listed below, provided there has been no abuse, neglect or improper maintenance of your equipment/SORE. Your emission control system may include parts such as: carburetor, fuel-injection system, ignition system, catalytic converter/muffler, fuel tank, fuel feed lines, fuel cap assembly, spark plug, air filters, and other associated components. Where a warrantable condition exists, ECHO Inc will repair your equipment/SORE at no cost to you including diagnosis, parts and labor. The Emission Control System warranty is extended to the original owner including all subsequent owners.

MANUFACTURER’S WARRANTY COVERAGE:
The emission control system is warranted for 2 years or the length of the ECHO Inc. warranty, whichever is longer. If any emission-related part on your equipment is defective, the part will be repaired or replaced by ECHO Inc. or its Authorized Service Representative.

OWNER’S WARRANTY RESPONSIBILITIES:
As the equipment/SORE owner, you are responsible for the performance of the required maintenance listed in your Operator’s Manual. ECHO Inc. recommends that you retain all receipts covering maintenance on your equipment/SORE however, ECHO Inc. cannot deny warranty solely for the lack of receipts or for your failure to ensure the performance of all scheduled maintenance. As the equipment/SORE owner, you should be aware that ECHO Inc. may deny warranty coverage if your equipment/SORE or a part has failed due to abuse, neglect, improper maintenance or unapproved modifications.

You are responsible for presenting your equipment/SORE to an ECHO Inc. authorized service representative as soon as a problem exists. The warranty repairs should be completed in a reasonable amount of time, not to exceed 30 days. If a warrantable condition exists and there is no Authorized Dealer within 100 miles, ECHO Inc. will pay to ship the unit to the nearest authorized dealer. If you have questions regarding your warranty coverage, you should contact ECHO Inc. at 1-800-673-1558, web site WWW.ECHO-USA.COM or contact Shindaiwa at 1-877-986-7783, web site WWW.SHINDAIWA.COM.

WHAT DOES THIS WARRANTY COVER?
ECHO Inc. warrants that your equipment/SORE was designed, built and equipped to meet applicable EPA and C.A.R.B. emissions standards and that your equipment/SORE is free from defects in material and workmanship that would cause it to fail to conform with applicable requirements for 2 years or the length of the ECHO Inc. warranty, whichever is longer. The warranty period begins on the date the product is purchased by an end user.

HOW WILL A COVERED PART BE CORRECTED?
If there is a defect in a part covered by this warranty, any ECHO Inc. Authorized Service Dealer will correct the defect. You will not have to pay anything to have the part adjusted, repaired or replaced. This includes any labor and diagnosis for warranted repairs performed by the dealer. In addition, engine parts not expressly covered under this warranty but whose failure is a result of a failure of a covered part will be warranted.

WHAT PARTS ARE COVERED?
• Any applicable emission related part not scheduled for “required maintenance” will be repaired or replaced within the warranty period. The repaired or replaced part will be warranted for the remaining ECHO Inc. warranty period.
• Any warranted part that is scheduled only for regular inspection in the written instructions supplied is warranted for the warranty period stated above. Any such part repaired or replaced under warranty will be warranted for the remaining ECHO Inc. warranty period.
• Any emission related part scheduled for replacement during “required maintenance” is warranted for the period of time prior to the first scheduled replacement point for that part. Any such part repaired or replaced under warranty shall be warranted for the remainder of the period prior to the first scheduled replacement point for that part.
• Any manufacturer-approved replacement part may be used in the performance of any warranty maintenance or repairs on emission related parts, and must be provided without charge if the part is still under warranty.
• Any replacement part that is equivalent in performance and durability may be used in non-warranty maintenance or repairs, and shall not reduce the warranty obligations of the manufacturer.
• Throughout the equipment/SORE warranty period, ECHO Inc. will maintain a supply of warranted parts sufficient to meet the expected demand for such parts.

SPECIFIC EMISSION RELATED WARRANTED PARTS:
• Electronic Ignition System
• Catalytic Converter / Muffler Assembly
• Choke
• Fuel Tank
• Air Filter
• Spark Plug
• Carburetor (complete assembly or replaceable components)
• Fuel-Injection Assembly (or replaceable components)
• Fuel Cap Assembly
• Fuel Feed Line (and associated clamps/connectors as applicable)

WHAT IS NOT COVERED?
Any failure caused by abuse, neglect, improper maintenance, unapproved modifications, use of unapproved add-on parts/modified parts or unapproved accessories.

This Emission Control Warranty is valid only for the U.S.A., it's Territories, and Canada. 99922201033 01/2010
EPA PHASE 2 / CALIFORNIA TIER III EMISSION CONTROL
WARRANTY STATEMENT YOUR RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the California Air Resources Board (C.A.R.B.) and The Equipment Manufacturer are pleased to explain the emission control system warranty on your EPA Phase 2 / C.A.R.B. Tier III model year 2005 and later small off road engine (SOREs). New small off road engines must be designed, built and equipped to meet stringent EPA and C.A.R.B. anti-smog standards. Echo, Incorporated must warrant the emission control system on your small off road engine for the periods of time listed below provided there has been no abuse, neglect or improper maintenance of your small off road engine.

Your emission control system may include parts such as the carburetor or fuel injected system, and the ignition system and catalytic converter. Also included may be hoses, belts, connectors and other emission-related assemblies.

Where a warrantable condition exists, the Manufacturer will repair your small off road engine at no cost to you including diagnosis, parts and labor.

MANUFACTURER’S WARRANTY COVERAGE:
- The 1995 and later small off road engines are warranted for two years. If any emission-related part on your engine is defective, the part will be repaired or replaced by the Manufacturer.

OWNER’S WARRANTY RESPONSIBILITIES:

- As the small off road engine owner, you are responsible for the performance of the required maintenance listed in your Operator’s Manual. The Manufacturer recommends that you retain all receipts covering maintenance on your small off road engine, but the Manufacturer cannot deny warranty solely for the lack of receipts or for your failure to ensure the performance of all scheduled maintenance.
- As the small off road engine owner, you should however be aware that the Manufacturer may deny you warranty coverage if your small off road engine or a part has failed due to abuse, neglect, improper maintenance or unapproved modifications.

You are responsible for presenting your small off road engine to the Manufacturer’s authorized service center as soon as a problem exists. The warranty repairs should be completed in a reasonable amount of time, not to exceed 30 days.

If you have any questions regarding your warranty rights and responsibilities, you should contact your Product Manufacturer.

EPA PHASE 2 / CALIFORNIA TIER III EMISSIONS DEFECT WARRANTY EXPLANATION

This is additional detailed information about the EPA PHASE 2/ CALIFORNIA TIER III EMISSIONS DEFECT WARRANTY for your small off road engine.

WHAT DOES THIS WARRANTY COVER?
The Manufacturer warrants that your unit was designed, built and equipped to conform with applicable California emissions standards and that your unit is free from defects in material and workmanship that would cause it to fail to conform with applicable requirements within five (5) years. The warranty period begins on the date the product is delivered to a retail purchaser. This is your emission control system, DEFECTS WARRANTY.

HOW WILL A COVERED PART BE CORRECTED?
If there is a defect in a part covered by this warranty, a Manufacturer’s Authorized Service Dealer will correct the defect.

You will not have to pay anything to have the part adjusted, repaired or replaced. This includes any labor and diagnosis for warranted repairs performed by the dealer. In addition, engine parts not expressly covered under this warranty but whose failure is a result of a failure of a covered part will be warranted.

Emissions System repairs covered under this warranty should be completed in a reasonable time, not to exceed 30 days.

IMPORTANT

If the diagnosis reveals no defect, the emission defect warranty does not apply.

WHAT PARTS ARE COVERED BY THE EPA PHASE 2/ CALIFORNIA TIER III 2005 & LATER SMALL OFF ROAD ENGINE EMISSIONS DEFECT WARRANTY?

- Any emission related part not scheduled for, “required maintenance” (See Engine Operators Manual, “SERVICE MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE”) will be repaired or replaced within the warranty period. The repaired or replaced part will be warranted for the remaining Emissions Defect warranty period.
- Any emission related part scheduled for replacement during “required maintenance” (See Engine Operators Manual, “SERVICE MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE”) is warranted for the period of time prior to the first scheduled replacement point for that part. Any such part repaired or replaced under warranty shall be warranted for the remainder of the period prior to the first scheduled replacement point for that part.
- Any manufacturer-approved replacement part may be used in the performance of any warranty maintenance or repairs on emission-related parts, and must be provided without charge if the part is still under warranty.
- Any replacement part that is equivalent in performance and durability may be used in non-warranty maintenance or repairs, and shall not reduce the warranty obligations of the manufacturer.

The owner is responsible for the performance of the required maintenance described in the operators manual.

SPECIFIC EMISSION RELATED WARRANTED PARTS:
- Choke
- Carburetor (complete assembly or replaceable components)
- Spark Plug
- Fuel Injection Assembly or replaceable components
- Electronic Ignition System
- Catalytic Converter / Muffler Assembly

WHAT IS NOT COVERED BY THE EPA PHASE 2/ CALIFORNIA TIER III 2005 & LATER SMALL OFF ROAD ENGINE EMISSIONS DEFECT WARRANTY?

- Any failure caused by abuse, neglect, improper maintenance.
- Any failure caused by unapproved modifications, use of unapproved add-on parts/modified parts or unapproved accessories.
MANTIS extends this limited warranty against defects in material and workmanship for a period of five (5) years under normal usage for residential purposes and two (2) years under normal usage for commercial purposes, from the date of purchase by the original purchaser.

MANTIS will repair or replace, at its option, any part or parts of the product found to be defective in material or workmanship during the warranty period. Warranty repairs and replacements will be made without charge for parts or labor. All parts replaced under warranty will be considered as part of the original product, and any warranty on the replaced parts will expire coincident with the original product warranty. If you think your MANTIS TILLER is defective in material or workmanship, you must send it, along with your proof of purchase (sales receipt) to:

Mantis
1028 Street Road
Southampton, PA 18966

You are responsible for pickup and delivery charges; the product must be returned to us postage paid.

MANTIS assumes no responsibility in the event that the product was not assembled or used in compliance with any assembly, care, safety, or operating instructions contained in the Owner’s Manual or accompanying the product. This limited warranty does not cover damages or defects due to normal wear and tear, lack of reasonable and proper maintenance, failure to follow operating instructions or owner’s manual, misuse, lack of proper storage or accidents [or routine maintenance parts and service]. This limited warranty shall not be effective if your Mantis tiller has been subjected to negligence or has been repaired or altered by anyone other than an authorized dealer or authorized service center.

You must maintain your MANTIS TILLER by following the maintenance procedures described in the owner’s manual. Such routine maintenance, whether performed by you or a dealer, is at your expense.

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