Sovereign 40cm Petrol Hand Push Lawnmower

Assembly Manual

XSS40A





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A Safety Information

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Warning Symbols

The following warning symbols appear throughout this assembly manual and indicate the appropriate safety measures you should take when assembly and operating the lawnmower.



This symbol indicates there is a danger of serious personal injury or death if you do not observe the warning.



wearing gloves.

General Safety



WARNING!

- Keep this assembly manual in a safe place following assembly for reference at a later date.

- Always ensure anyone intending to operate this lawnmower is fully conversant with the contents of this assembly manual prior to assembling, maintaining or operating the lawnmower.

- Perform assembly operations as described in this manual. Failure to observe this warning may lead to serious injury, death, or damage to the lawnmower.



- Always take care when removing the packaging to prevent damage to you or to the lawnmower.

IMPORTANT! Before assembling the lawnmower, check all the parts indicated in the manual are in the box. Inspect all the parts for signs of damage. Do not assemble the lawnmower if you observe any damaged components.



NOTE! This lawnmower complies with the Noise Emission Directive 2000/14/EC.

Personal Safety



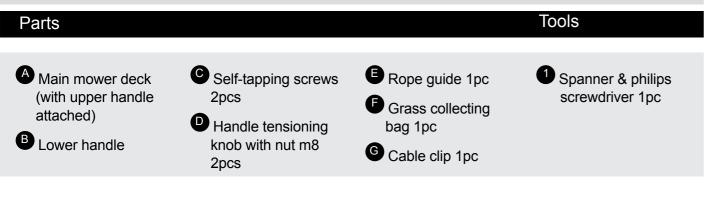
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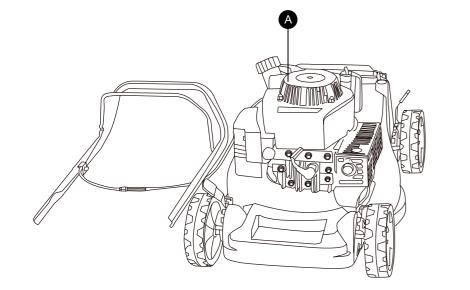


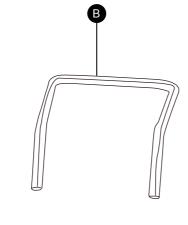
WARNING! Always wear suitable gloves when operating lawnmower to protect your hands from flying debris and/or sharp objects.

This symbol indicates that there is a danger of damaging your hands if you do not wear thick, hard

In the Box







Assembly

Preparing to assemble the lawnmower

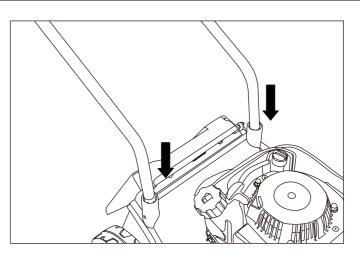
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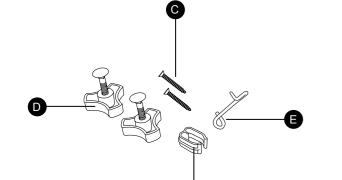
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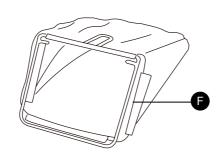
- This item requires a two person lift to remove from the packaging. Make sure that you have sufficient space to put the lawn mower down. Keep your feet apart so that you have a stable position, bend at the knees and keep your back straight.

- Always recycle the packaging in accordance with local recycling schemes.

Step 1 - Assemble the lower handle







Remove the packaging from the handle.

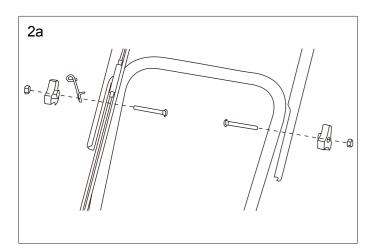
Insert the lower handle into the deck as shown and on each side and fix it with a self - tapping **NOTE** screw.

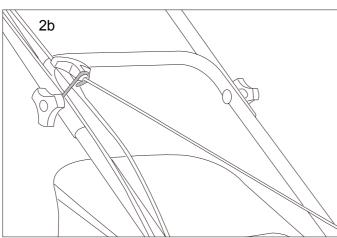
NOTE! Press firmly down until the handle bottoms out in the holes or the cables will be too tight and the handle will not be secure.

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Assembly

Step 2



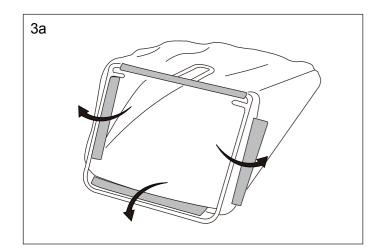


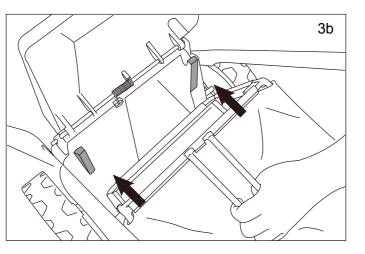
Lift the upper handle, and lock in place using the quick release lever and tensioning bolts that are attached to the handle.

Ensure the lower and upper handles are firmly connected. Attach guide rope and pull the rope through it letting the pulley handle rest on it.

Ensure the rope guide is on the right handle, when you stand behind the mower.

Step 3



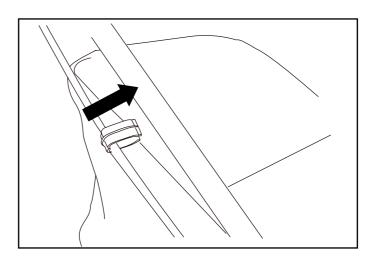


3a. Firstly attach the grass bag to the frame by fixing all plastic hooks.

3b. Raise the safety flap, and hook the collection bag onto the mower. Release the safety flap.

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Step 4



4. Ensure that the cable clips supplied are used to fix the cable to the Lower Handle.

STOP!

Do not start the engine before putting 500ml of SAE 30 oil into the engine. Failure to do so will result in irreparable damage to the engine and invalidate your warranty.

Getting Help

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Our dedicated UK based customer helpline is open 7 days a week to assist you with assembly, parts gueries and technical support. We are open during office hours but you can always send an email via support@gardenservicecentre.co.uk. Our experts are here to get you back enjoying your garden in no time.

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Warnings Symbols



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General Safety



- Keep this operating and maintenance manual in a safe place for reference at a later date.
- Read the instructions carefully. Be familiar with the controls and the proper use of the equipment.
- Never allow children or people unfamiliar with these instructions to use the lawnmower. Local regulations can restrict the age of the operator.
- Never mow while people, especially children, or pets are nearby. Keep in mind that the operator or user is responsible for accidents or hazards occurring to other people or their property.
- This appliance is not intended for use by people (including children) with reduced physical,
- sensory or mental capabilities, or lack of experience and knowledge, unless they have been given supervision or instruction concerning use of the appliance by a person responsible for their safety.
- Do not touch rotating blade.

Personal Safety

WARNING!

- While mowing, always wear substantial footwear and long trousers. Do not operate the equipment when barefoot or wearing open sandals.
- Thoroughly inspect the area where the equipment is to be used and remove all objects which can be thrown by the machine.
- Petrol is highly flammable: store fuel in containers specifically designed for this purpose.
- a) refuel outdoors only and do not smoke while refueling.
- b) add fuel before starting the engine. Never remove the cap of the fuel tank or add petrol while the engine is running or when the engine is hot.
- c) If petrol is spilled, do not attempt to start the engine but move the machine away from the area of spillage and avoid creating any source of ignition until petrol vapours have dissipated.
- d) replace all fuel tank and container caps securely.
- Replace faulty silencers.
- Prior to use, visually inspect to see that the blade, blade bolts and cutter assembly are not worn or damaged. Replace worn or damaged blades and bolts in sets to preserve balance.

Safety Information

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Operation Safety



- WARNING!
- Do not operate the engine in a confined space where dangerous carbon monoxide fumes can collect.
- Mow only in daylight or in good artificial light.
- Avoid operating the equipment on wet grass, where feasible.
- Always be sure of your footing on slopes.
- Walk, never run.
- Mow across the face of slopes, never up and down.
- Exercise extreme caution when changing direction on slopes.
- Do not mow excessively steep slopes.
- Use extreme caution when reversing or pulling the lawnmower towards you.
- grass, and when transporting the lawnmower to and from the area to be mowed.
- Never operate the lawnmower with defective guards, or without safety devices, for example deflectors and/or grass catchers, in place.
- Do not change the engine governor settings or over speed the engine.
- Start the engine carefully according to instructions and with feet well away from the blade.
- Do not tilt the lawnmower when starting the engine.
- Do not start the engine without the grass collector located.

- Do not put hands or feet near or under rotating parts. Keep clear of the discharge opening at all times.

- Never pick up or carry a lawnmower while the engine is running.
- to a complete stop.
- a) Before clearing blockages or unclogging chute.
- b) Before checking, cleaning or working on the lawnmower.
- restarting and operating the lawnmower.
- d) If lawnmower starts to vibrate abnormally, check immediately.
- complete stop before refueling.

- Stop the blade if the lawnmower has to be tilted for transportation when crossing surfaces other than

- Stop the engine and disconnect the spark plug cable, making sure that all moving parts have come

c) After striking a foreign object, inspect the lawnmower for damage and make repairs before

- Stop the engine and disconnect the spark plug wire, make sure that all moving parts have come to a

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Maintenance and Storage

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

- Never store the equipment with petrol in the tank inside a building where fumes can reach an open flame or spark.

- Allow the engine to cool before storing in any enclosure.
- To reduce the fire hazard, keep the engine, silencer, and petrol storage area free of grass, leaves, or excessive grease.
- Check the grass bag frequently for wear or deterioration.
- Replace worn or damaged parts for safety.
- If the fuel tank has to be drained, this should be done outdoors.

Intended Use:

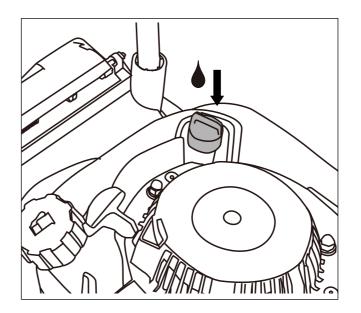
This mower is designed for domestic lawn mowing only. Use in any other way is considered contrary to the intended use. Compliance with the operation, service and repair as specified in this handbook also constitute essential elements of the intended use.

Preparing to Operate the Lawnmower

Step 1 - Filling with Engine Oil



- The following procedures and adjustments must be performed before the engine is started. Do not attempt to make any of these adjustments while the engine is running.



Always use high quality detergent oil classified SAE30 oil (or equivalent eg 5W 30, often termed as 4 Stroke lawn mower oil). Only use additives recommended by the engine manufacturer. To prolong the life of your engine it is important that the oil is changed after the first 5 hours of use. Using non-detergent oil can shorten the engine's service life and using 2-stroke oil will damage the engine.

To prevent engine damage the engine is shipped without oil or petrol. The engine must be filled with the correct grade of oil and petrol before starting the engine.

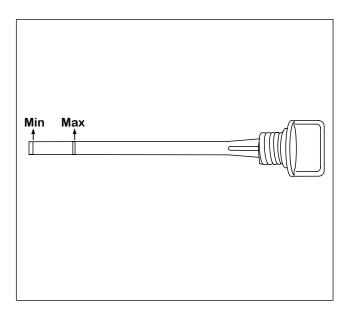
Running the engine with a low oil level will cause engine irreparable damage.

Check the engine oil level with the engine stopped and the mower on a level surface.

Remove the oil filler dipstick and wipe oil from it with a clean cloth.

Insert the dipstick into the oil filler neck, but do not screw it in.

Then remove the dipstick and check the oil level. The oil level must be between the Min and Max marks on the dipstick. If near the lower level, fill to upper level with the recommended oil (SAE30 or equivalent). Do not overfill. Wipe away any spilt oil.



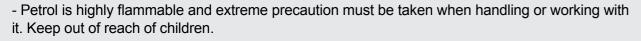
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Step 2 - Filling with Engine Fuel

WARNING!

- Refuel in a well-ventilated area with the engine stopped. Do not smoke or allow flames or sparks in the area where the engine is refueled or where petrol is stored. Avoid repeated or prolonged contact with skin or inhalation of vapour.

CAUTION!



1 Clean the area around the petrol filler cap before removing the cap. Remove the warning tag, check the fuel level.

2 Refill the tank if the fuel level is low. Always use clean, fresh unleaded petrol. Purchase fuel in guantities that can be used within 30 days. Never mix oil with petrol.

3 Refuel carefully to avoid overfilling or spilling fuel to allow for expansion. There should be no fuel in the filler neck.

- 4 Clean up any overflow or splashes of petrol before starting the engine.
- 5 Tighten the filler cap after filling, finger tight only.

NOTE

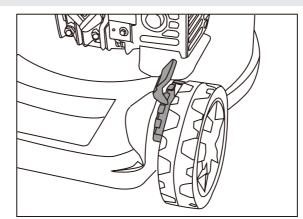
NOTE! The Sovereign 40cm Hand Push Lawnmower has a maximum fuel capacity of 750ml.

Operating the Lawnmower

Step 1 - Setting the Cutting Height



- The blade can cause serious injury. Before adjusting the mower height, stop the engine and wait for the mower blade to stop completely.



Adjust the cutting height:

- a. Pull the lever towards the wheel;
- sure that each wheel is positioned at the same height.



c. Releaselever towards mower deck.

NOTE! There are four height adjustment levers, one for each wheel.

Keep four adjustments in the same level.

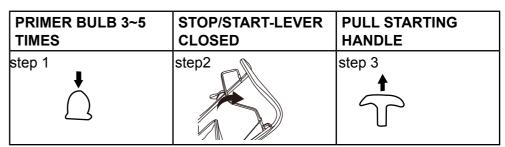
Step 2 - Starting the Engine



WARNING!

- Do not operate the machine in enclosed or poorly ventilated areas as the exhaust gas contains toxic substances. Keep hands, feet, hair and clothing away from all the moving parts of the machine. The exhaust and other parts of the machine will become hot during use. Make sure that the blade is securely fastened before starting the engine.

Starting procedure quick guide



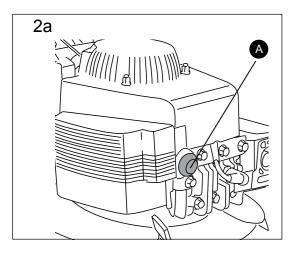
To start the engine, make sure that the spark plug cap is located on the plug and the machine is filled with sufficient oil and petrol.

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b. Move the lever to the position that gives the desired cutting height (25 mm to 75 mm) and make

Operating the Lawnmower

Step 2 - Starting the Engine (continued)

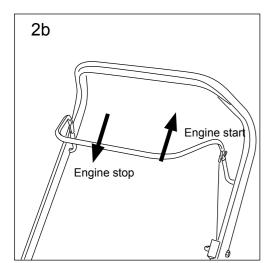


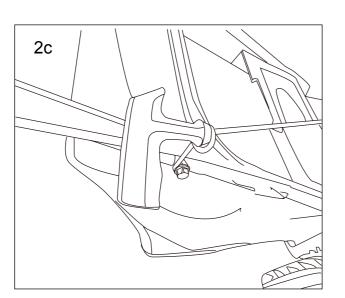
2a Press the primer bulb (A) 3-5 times.

When starting a cold engine, press down the primer fully 3~5 times.

NOTE Pressing the primer button too many times could cause the engine to flood.

NOTE! When starting a warm engine, the primer does not need to be used. If the engine stops due to a lack of petrol, refill and press down the primer 3~5 times.





2b Start/Stop Bar Activation

Pull the Start/Stop bar towards you.

With right hand, slowly but firmly pull the starter handle and rope from the pull cord guide until you feel resistance, then pull briskly. If the engine fails to start after three pulls, repeat the start process. When the engine starts, return the starter rope to the pull cord guide gently.

2c Pull cord handle

3. To stop, release stop/start bar

Operating the Lawnmower

Failure to start

If the engine won't start after you have operated the starter several times, the engine may be flooded with excess fuel.

Use following procedure to clear and start a flooded engine:

- A. Release the stop/start bar.
- B. Remove the spark plug, dry it, and then reinstall it .

Install the spark plug carefully by hand, to avoid cross-threading. After the plug is seated, tighten 1/8 to 1/4 turn with socket spanner of spark plug to compress the washer.

- C. Pull the stop/start bar towards the upper handle.
- D. Operate the starter as described above.

Step 3 - Mowing



WARNING!

- Always observe the strictest safety procedures when using the lawnmower.

Mowing with grass bag

Start the engine and allow it run .See "Step-2 Starting the engine"

Keep a firm grip on the upper handle with stop/start bar and walk bar closed and walk along with it self-propelling, never run with the mower, be very careful when mowing uneven or rough ground. Mow across slopes, never up and down. Be careful when changing the direction of the mower on a slope. Do not use the mower on a steep slope of more than 15°.



NOTE!

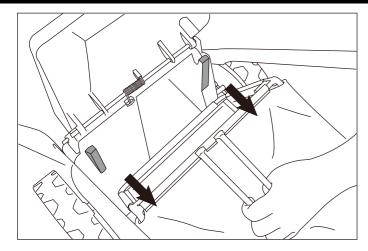
- The best result will be achieved if the grass is dry. Wet grass will tend to clog the blade and the grass collection system. Grass grows at different rates at different time of the year.

- Never use the lowest cutting height for the first cut of the season or in drought conditions. Only about one thirds of the grass height should be cut.

- If the lawnmower will not collect the cuttings efficiently, the grass discharge chute may be blocked. The grass bag may be full, or the underside of the mower deck may be clogged.

Operating the Lawnmower

Step 4 - Emptying the Grass Bag



- Raise the discharge flap with one hand and remove the grass bag using its handle with your other hand. To maintain safety, the discharge flap will close back to cover the mulching plug, when you release the flap.

- Empty the grass debris in the grass collection bag, and refit grass collection bag. If any grass residues are caught in the discharge chute, clean it using a brush.

Maintenance

Storing the Lawnmower for Short Periods

After mowing please follow the below actions prior to placing the lawnmower in storage.

- Allow the engine to fully cool. •
- Ensure the grass bag is empty. ٠
- Clean all debris from under the mower deck.
- Store the lawnmower on flat and level surface with with all 4 wheels on the ground.
- Store in a safe place which is not accessible by children or people who are not familiar with operation.

Storing the Lawnmower for Extended Periods



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- Do not empty the petrol tank in enclosed areas, near fire or when smoking. Petrol fumes can cause explosions and fire.

problems. Simply emptying the machine of fuel will prevent this.

1 Empty the petrol tank with a petrol suction pump if available or use the tipping method.

2 Start the engine and let it run until any remaining petrol has been used up.

engine and refill with fresh oil.

4 Remove the spark plug from the cylinder head. Fill the cylinder with approx. 20 ml of oil from an oil can. Slowly pull back the starter handle, which will bathe the cylinder wall with oil. Screw the spark plug back in.

5 Clean the cooling fins of the cylinder and the housing.

6 Be sure to clean the entire machine to protect the paint.

7 Store the machine in a well-ventilated place.

For more information watch our maintenance videos on www.gardenservicecentre.co.uk

NOTE

NOTE: Alternatively adding Briggs & Stratton FUEL FIT to the fuel will prevent contaminated fuel. Not all additives on the market do this. FUEL FIT can be ordered via www.gardenservicecentre. co.uk

Preparation to re-use

- Check oil level before starting the engine and ensure of sufficient oil level, see page 7.
- Check spark plug inserted correctly, see page 15
- Fill engine with fresh unleaded fuel, see page 8
- Follow starting procedure, see page 9

- If the lawnmower is to be place into storage at the end of the season or if the mower is not to be used for a longer period than 6 weeks, storage maintenance must be performed on the lawnmower. The temperature fluctuations cause condensation which contaminates fuel and causes starting
- 3 Change the oil at the end of every season. To do so, remove the used engine oil from a warm

Maintenance

Maintenance Schedule



WARNING!

- Before you tip the lawn mower onto its side, completely empty the fuel tank using a petrol suction pump.

- Never turn the mower upside down.
- Before commencing any maintenance always disconnect the spark plug

Performing routine maintenance correctly on your lawnmower will ensure you get years of trouble free use.

Please keep this manual safe for future reference.

It is recommended that the following maintenance schedule is adhered to. This will ensure the lawnmower operated correctly and is safe to use.

	after every use	12 hours of use	24 hours of use	36 hours of use
Cleaning	clean	clean	clean	clean
Air filter		clean	clean	replace
Spark plug		check	clean	replace
Engine oil	check	check	replace	check
Cutting blade	check	check	check	replace

The Engine oil should be changed after the first 5 hours.

Cleaning

- To ensure long life and good performance of the machine its important to keep the machine clean and well lubricated. Make sure the chute is clean and under the deck is cleared from wet debris. see also short term storage.

- Do not allow grass cuttings and other debris to become dry and hard on any of the mower surfaces. This will directly affect the cutting and grass collection performance. Make sure that the underside of the lawnmower deck is clean and clear.

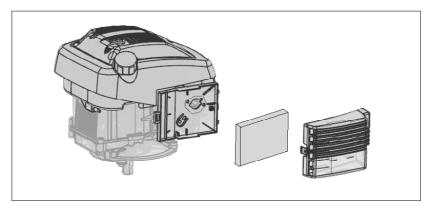
- Never clean the lawn mower with a water jet or high-pressure cleaner. The engine must remain dry. Do not use aggressive cleaning agents such as cold cleaner or petroleum ether.

Maintenance

Cleaning or Replacing Air Filter

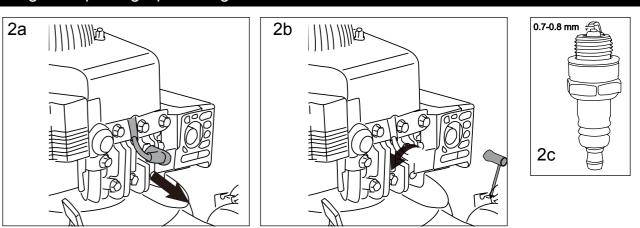


WARNING! Never run the engine without the air filter element installed.



- 2. Open the cover and remove the filter.
- with a new filter.
- 4. Install the filter.
- 5. Install the cover tabs into the slots.
- 6. Close the cover and secure with the fastener.

Cleaning or Replacing Spark Plug



2a Once the engine has cooled, pull off the spark plug boot with a twist. Remove the spark plug using the socket spanner supplied.

2b Clean the plug with a wire brush.

2c Using a feeler gauge set the gap to 0.51mm.

2d Install the spark plug carefully by hand, to avoid cross-threading.

2e After the spark plug is seated, tighten with the spanner to compress the washer.

3. To loosen debris, gently tap the filter on a hard surface. If the filter is excessively dirty, replace

Maintenance

Changing the Oil

Tilt the lawnmower towards the oil filler, have a container ready to catch the oil and remove the dipstick. Once the oil has been emptied, wipe clean any spillages.

Refill with 500ml SAE30 oil or equivalent ie SAE5W/30, SAE10W/30). When the dipstick is rested on the filler pipe, the oil level must be between the min and max marks on the dipstick.

See "Filling with Engine Oil". Do not overfill.

Start the engine and allow it to run briefly.

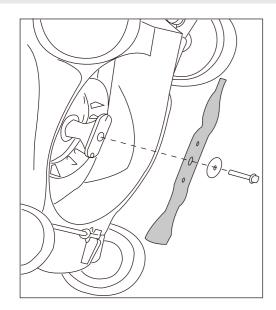
Stop the engine, wait one minute and check the oil level. Top up if necessary.

Replacing Cutting Blade



WARNING!

- Before you remove the grass collection bag, stop the engine and wait until the blade stops completely.
- You will need garden gloves (not provided) and a spanner wrench to remove the blade.
- Always handle the blade with care- sharp edges could cause injury USE GLOVES.
- Don't hold the blade by hand directly.



Renew your metal blade after 50Hrs mowing or 2yrs which ever is sooner regardless of condition.

Regularly check your blade. If the cut of your grass is poor, the blade might be blunt. Damaged blades not only result in a bad cut, they cause excessive vibration and uneconomical running of the engine. If the blade has worn excessively and become pitted and blunt, it should be replaced or sharpened.

NOTE! The blade carrier is designed to break under heavy blade impact to protect the machine. if this happens also replace the blade carrier. This can be purchased from www.gardenservicecentre. co.uk.

Maintenance

Replacing Cuuting Blade (continued)

- 1. Tip the machine slightly towards the oil filler pipe and reach under the deck.
- the washer and the blade.
- Inspect the blade adaptor on any signs of damage.
- washer and bolts.
- keeping the blade firmly secure. Then replace the washer (right way around!) and bolts.

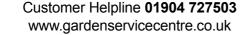
6. Make sure the blade is correctly located, and then firmly tighten the bolt. Do not over tighten. The up turn of the blade must project into the motor compartment.

dealer to change the blade for you. .

List of consumable Qualcast parts

QJ19LM	Spark plug	916204	Blade bolt
916901	Collection grass bag	466018	Fixing knob
916202	Blade		

Parts can be ordered via www.gardenservicecentre.co.uk



NOTE

2. Hold the blade and unscrew the blade bolt counterclockwise using a spanner wrench. Remove

4. Fit a new blade, locate the blade on the two studs on the blade flange and then replace the

5. Check the washer is still slightly domed to keep the pressure on the bold to stop it unwinding,

NOTE! If you are unsure about performing this operation call our helpline or go to an authorised

Troubleshooting

General Troubleshooting



WARNING!

- Always switch off the engine and pull the ignition cable before starting any inspection or adjustment work.

- If, after making an adjustment or repair to the engine, you let it run for a few minutes, remember that the exhaust and other parts will get hot.

The following table provides solutions to common problems encountered with the lawnmower.

Fault	Possible Cause	Solution
Loud while running,	- Screws are loose	- Check screws
machine vibrates heavily	- Blade fasteners are loose	- Check blade fasteners
	- Blade is unbalanced	- Replace blade
Engine does not start	- start/stop bar not pressed	- Press start/stop bar
	- Primer bulb is empty	- Press primer bulb 3~5 times.
	- Spark plug is defective	- Replace spark plug
	- Fuel tank is empty	- Refill with fuel
	- Engine may be flooded	- remove plug and dry, see page 15
Engine runs unsteadily	- Air filter is soiled	- Clean the air filter
	- Spark plug is soiled	- Clean the spark plug
Uneven mowing results	- Blade is blunt	- Sharpen the blade
	- Cutting height is too low	- Set correct height
Unsatisfactory grass collection	- Cutting height is too low	- Set correct height
	- Blade is worn	- Replace the blade
	- grass bag is clogged	- Empty the grass bag

Technical Data

Technical Data Table

Property	Value	
Engine type	Single cylinder 4-stroke	
Engine displacement	149.3cc	
Engine max. power	2.1kW / 3600 rpm	
Engine speed	2900rpm	
Cutting width	40cm	
Grass bag capacity	45L	
Ignition	T.C.I	
Fuel tank capacity	0.8L	
Oil tank capacity	0.6L	
Sound pressure level	85 dB(A)	
Sound power level	96 dB(A)	
Vibration	3.7m/s ²	
Spark type	QJ19LM	
Net weight	21kg	

Disposal

Disposal Instructions

The lawnmower and its accessories are made of various recyclable materials. Dispose of the lawnmower in accordance with your local recycling regulations.

Getting Help

Customer Helpline 01904 727503

Our dedicated UK based customer helpline is open 7 days a week to assist you with assembly, parts queries and technical support. We are open during office hours but you can always send an email via **support@gardenservicecentre.co.uk**. Our experts are here to get you back enjoying your garden in no time.

For useful assembly, starting and maintenance videos and ordering spares please visit **www.gardenservicecentre.co.uk**.

Calling our service does not affect your statutory rights

Guarantee

Dear Customer,

In the unlikely event that your device develops a fault, please contact our customer service department on the telephone number shown below.

1. These guarantee terms cover additional guarantee rights and do not affect your statutory warranty rights.

Claims must be accompanied by Proof of Purchase. This must be in the form of a sales receipt or bank statement and must show that the product has been purchased within 1 years prior to the claim, from the retailer that it was originally sold to.

2. Our guarantee covers problems caused by material or manufacturing defects, and will result in the repair of these defects or replacement of the device with a like for like or similar article. Please note that our devices have not been designed for use in commercial, trade or industrial applications. Consequently, the guarantee is invalidated if the equipment is used in commercial, trade or industrial applications or for other equivalent activities.

3. The following are also excluded from our guarantee:

A) Faults due to accidents, customer misuse, or unauthorized repairs

B) Consumable Parts such as Blades/ /Spark plugs or Filters

C) Failure due to lack of routine maintenance

D) Failure as a result of not using the equipment in accordance with the manual and safety instructions

E) The adjustment of cables, drive belts, or recoil starters

4. The guarantee is valid for a period of 1 year starting from the purchase date of the device. Guarantee claims should be submitted before the end of the guarantee period within two weeks of the defect being noticed. No guarantee claims will be accepted after the end of the guarantee period. The original guarantee period remains applicable to the device even if repairs are carried out or parts are replaced. In such cases, the work performed or parts fitted will not result in an extension of the guarantee period, and no new guarantee will become active for the work performed or parts fitted. This also applies when an on-site Service is used.

5. Please keep your sales receipt in a safe place. If the defect is covered by our guarantee your device will either be repaired under the terms of guarantee or we will send you a replacement device. This device may be re-conditioned or Like for like replacement.