

Hondalawnlovers

Safe Storage Of Your Lawnmower



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BEFORE LOADING

If the engine has been running, allow it to cool for at least 15 minutes before loading the mower onto the transport vehicle. A hot engine and exhaust system can burn you and can ignite some materials.

Turn the fuel valve to the OFF position. This will prevent carburettor flooding and reduce the possibility of fuel leakage.

If equipped, remove the grass bag.

LOADING AND UNLOADING

If a suitable loading ramp is not available, two people should lift the mower on and off the transport vehicle while holding the mower level.

Position the mower so all four wheels are on the bed of the transport vehicle.

Tie the mower down with rope or straps and block the wheels. Keep the tie-down rope or straps away from the controls, adjustment levers, cables and the carburettor.

The handlebar can be folded so the mower will take up less space.

STORAGE PREPARATION

Proper storage preparation is essential for keeping your lawn mower trouble-free and looking good. The following steps will help to keep rust and corrosion from impairing your lawn mowers function and appearance and will make the engine easier to start when you use the lawn mower again.

Cleaning

Wash the lawn mower, including the underside of the cutter housing.

Engine

Wash the engine by hand and be careful to prevent water from entering the air cleaner and/or muffler.

Please note:

- Using the garden hose or pressure washing equipment can force water into the air cleaner. Water in the air cleaner will soak the filters and can enter the carburetor or engine, causing damage.
- Water on a hot engine can cause damage. If the engine has been running, allow it to cool for at least 30 minutes before washing.



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Cutter Housing

1. If using a garden hose or pressure washing equipment to clean the cutter housing, be careful to avoid getting water into controls and cables or anywhere near the engine air cleaner or muffler opening.
2. Before washing the underside of the cutter housing, be sure the fuel valve is in the OFF position. Disconnect the spark plug cap. Rest the mower on its right side, so the carburetor side is up. This will help to prevent fuel leakage and hard starting due to carburetor flooding. Wear heavy gloves to protect your hands from the blades.
3. After washing the lawn mower, wipe dry all accessible surfaces.
4. With the mower in an upright position, start the engine outdoors and let it run until it reaches normal operating temperature to evaporate any water remaining on the engine.
5. Stop the engine and allow it to cool.
6. After the lawn mower is clean and dry, touch up any damaged paint and coat other areas that may rust with a light film of oil. Lubricate the control cable cores with a silicone spray lubricant.

TRANSPORTING/STORAGE

Fuel

Petrol will oxidize and deteriorate overtime when stored. Old petrol will cause hard starting and it leaves gum deposits that clog the fuel system. If the petrol in your mower deteriorates during storage, you may need to have the carburettor and other fuel system components serviced or replaced.

The length of time that petrol can be left in your fuel tank and carburettor without causing functional problems will vary with such factors as petrol blend, your storage temperatures and whether the fuel tank is partially or completely filled. The air in a partially filled fuel tank promotes fuel deterioration. Very warm storage temperatures accelerate fuel deterioration. Fuel deterioration problems may occur within 30 days or even less if the petrol was not fresh when you filled the fuel tank.

The Warranty does not cover fuel system damage or engine performance problems resulting from neglected storage preparation.

You can avoid fuel deterioration problems by draining the fuel tank and carburettor.



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Please note:

- Petrol spoils very quickly depending on factors such as light exposure, temperature and time. In worst cases, petrol can be contaminated within 30 days. Using contaminated petrol can seriously damage the engine (carburettor clogged, sticking valves).
- Such damage due to spoiled fuel is not warrantable.

To avoid this please strictly follow these recommendation:

- Only use specified petrol.
- Use fresh and clean petrol.
- To slow deterioration, keep petrol in a certified fuel container.
- If long storage (more than 30 days) is foreseen, drain fuel tank and carburetor.

