

# 42" TUNNEL DECK MULCH KIT FOR MODEL 968999254/ 968999703

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To ensure acceptable mulching performance, the following guidelines must be followed:

1. The amount of grass that is to be cut off in one pass should not exceed 1/3 of the total grass height.

Example: If the grass height is 3" you should not have your mower deck cutting height set less than 2".

2. Ground speed should normally be reduced to allow clippings to be finely mulched.

3. Engine RPM should be set at maximum.

4. Blades must be kept sharp.

5. The underside of deck should be cleaned out often to prevent grass accumulation.

6. Conditions must be dry. Wet grass does not mulch well and grass will accumulate under deck.

**IMPORTANT: BEFORE PROCEEDING, PLACE ALL CONTROLS IN THE DISENGAGED OR THE OFF POSITION, REMOVE SPARK PLUG WIRES FROM THE SPARK PLUGS.**

## **Installation Instructions:**

1. Block the front of the mower up to give access to the underside of the front deck. Then carefully remove the standard blades retaining the hardware. Clean any grass out from underneath the deck.

**NOTE:** Tighten all hardware by turning the bolt, not the nut.

2. In the kit there are two baffle sections (item 1 and 2). Bolt the two sections together using two of the bolts provided. See illustration for orientation of hardware.

3. With the discharge chute up and the two sections bolted together, place the baffle up under the deck and install with hardware provided. See illustration for orientation of hardware.

5. Using hardware provided fasten the discharge cover plate to the deck and baffle. See illustration.

8. Install the mulching blades using the existing hardware (torque to 90 ft./lbs.). Rotate the blades by hand and check for clearance of all baffles.

9. Make sure all hardware is tight and remove blocks and return the mower to its normal position.

# PARTS LIST

ITEM	PART NO.	QTY.	DESCRIPTION
1	539110700	1	42" BAFFLE, LEFT
2	539110702	1	42" BAFFLE, RIGHT
3	539110704	1	42" MULCH CAP
4	539109699	3	BLADE, MULCH, 14 5/8"
5	539990188	15	WASHER, 5/16, SAE
6	539976934	12	HCS, 5/16-18 X 3/4, GR5
7	539990585	12	NUT, 5/16C

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