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Safety Guide

RIDE ON MOWER



QUIZ INSIDE



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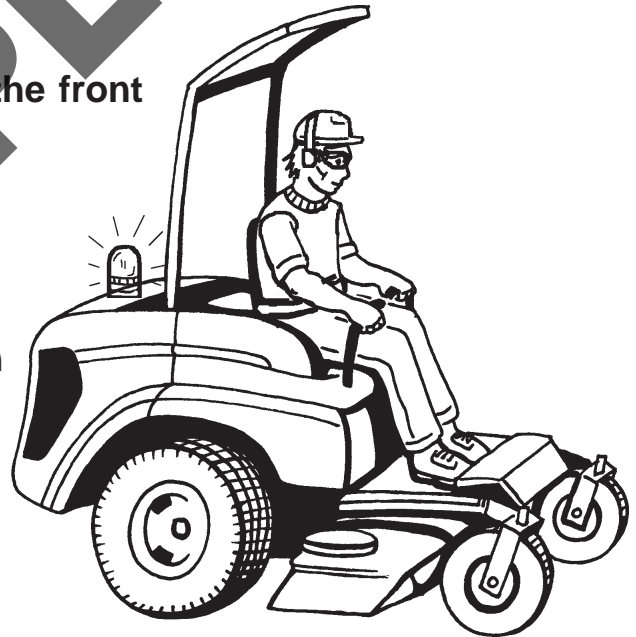
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This book is for operating a ride-on mower

A ride-on mower is:

A powered mower where you sit at the controls. It looks like a small tractor, with the cutting deck mounted between the front and rear axles.

Another type of ride-on mower has a rear-mounted engine with rear-wheel steering and a front-mounted deck. It steers better around tight corners than the tractor-style but is more expensive. Most of these machines cut with horizontal rotating blades.



Example of a ride-on mower

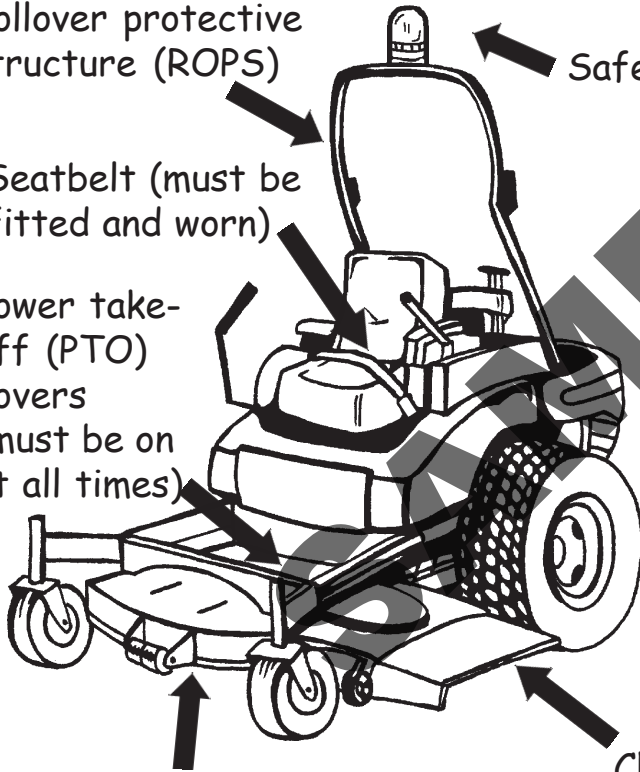
Zero turn mower

Rollover protective structure (ROPS)

Safety light

Seatbelt (must be fitted and worn)

Power take-off (PTO) covers (must be on at all times)



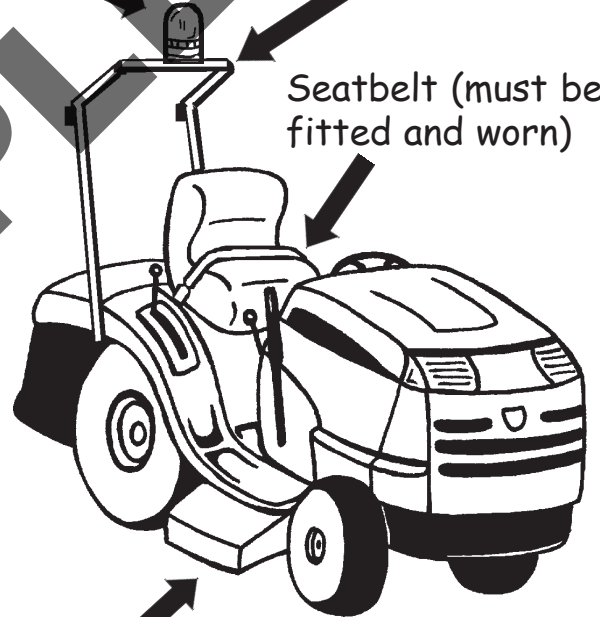
Cutting deck

Chute guard

Tractor-style mower

Rollover protective structure (ROPS)

Seatbelt (must be fitted and worn)



PART 1

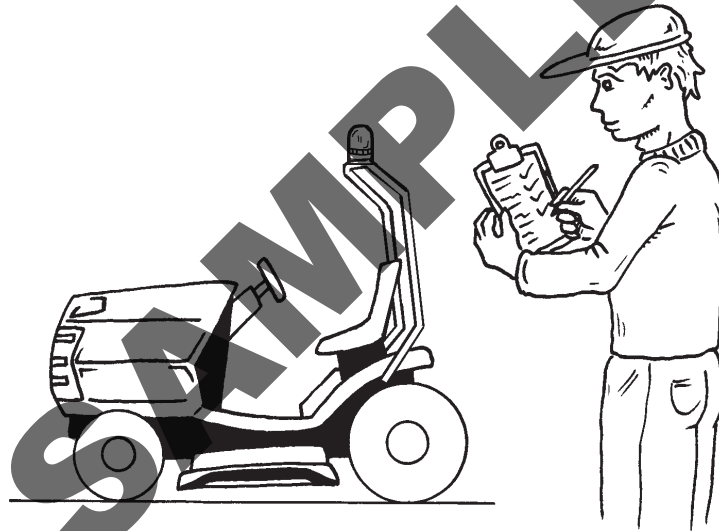
KNOWLEDGE TRAINING ACTIVITIES

to operate a
ride-on mower
safely



UNIT 1

CONDUCT ROUTINE CHECKS AND PLAN WORK




When planning to use your ride-on mower it is important to have the knowledge needed to operate safely. The information in Unit 1 will help to give you this knowledge.



DAILY INSPECTION CHECKLIST

A checklist may be kept on your machine. It can be used to record defects, routine maintenance and other work that needs to be done.


PRE-CHECKS are necessary before operating a ride-on mower. Pre-checks are used to identify **DAMAGE**, **PREVENT ACCIDENTS** and to make sure the ride-on mower is **SAFE TO USE**.



DAILY INSPECTION CHECKLIST

For Users of Ride On Mowers


60 WEEKS
Pages in triplicate



DAILY INSPECTION CHECKLIST SHEET - Week Starting

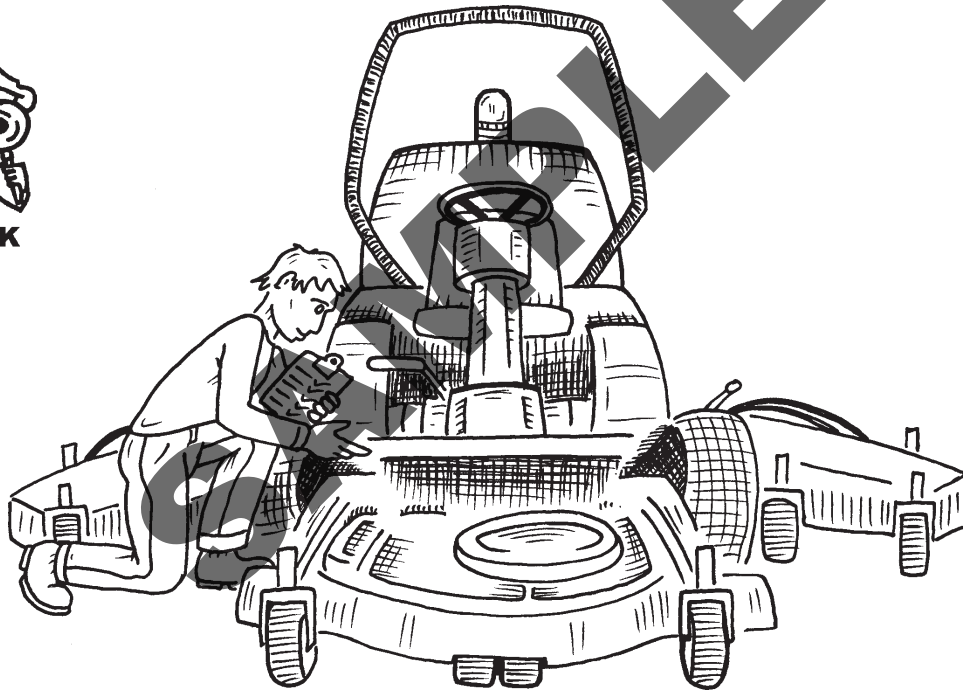
Company/Site Machine Type
 Machine Hour Meter Machine Number

CHECK DAILY BEFORE EACH SHIFT: ✓ = OK ✗ = Action needed	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT	SUN
WEAR OR DAMAGE: structure, guards, blades...							
HYDRAULICS: rams, hoses, leaks, wear...							
WHEELS, TRACKS, TYRES: nuts, pressure, wear, tension...							
ATTACHMENTS: Blades, guards...							
FLUIDS: engine oil, hydraulic oil, transmission oil, coolant, fuel, battery, brake fluid...							
CABIN: seat, seat belt, ROPS / FOPS, loose objects, fire extinguisher, first aid kit...							
BRAKES: park brake, service brake...							
CONTROLS: steering, indicators, lights, gauges, operation, speed control...							
WARNING DEVICES: horn, reversing beeper, alarms, lights...							
OTHER: warning signs, operator manual, decals, locks, radio...							
OPERATOR DOING CHECK TO CLEARLY WRITE / SIGN THEIR NAME AT BOTTOM OF EACH COLUMN							

FAULT REPORTED BY Date/...../.....  Description of fault: (Tag machine. Start new page when machine returned to use.)	ACTION TAKEN TO RETURN TO SERVICE: Repaired by: Date/...../..... Signature:
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Question 3. Why are pre-start operational checks necessary?

Answer: To identify damage, prevent accidents and to make sure the mower will work safely.



UNIT 2

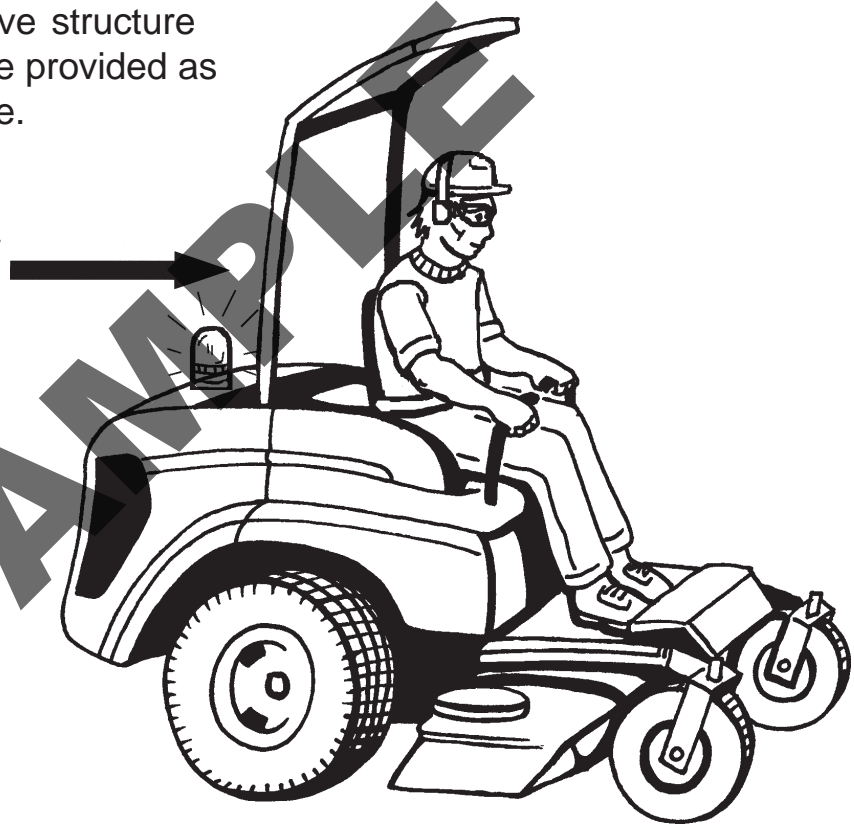
OPERATE RIDE-ON MOWER



Question 14. What should an industrial mower have to protect you if the mower tips over?

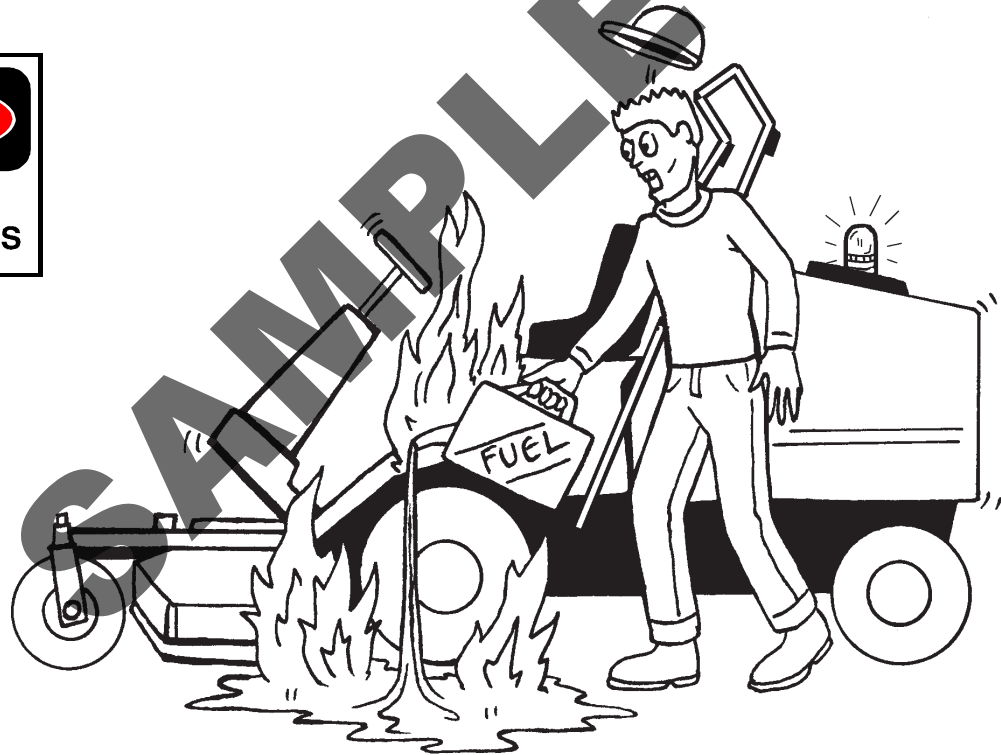
Answer: A rollover protective structure (ROPS) should be provided as good safe practice.

Rollover protective structure (ROPS)



Question 15. Should you refuel a mower while the engine is running (explain your answer)?

Answer: NO! The running engine could set the fuel on fire.

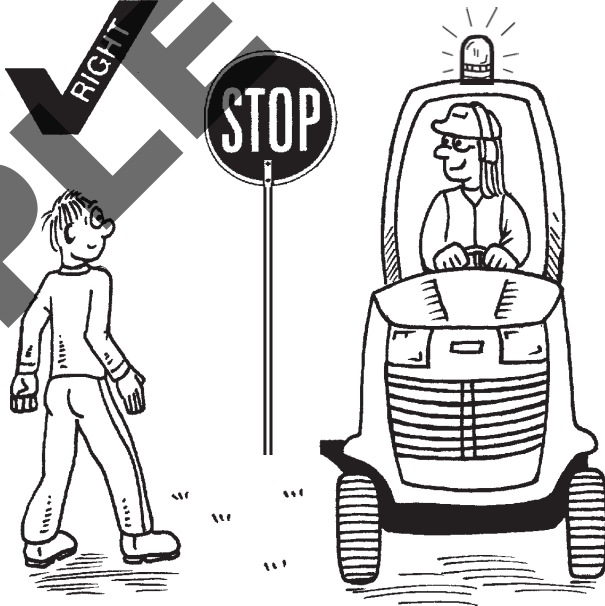


WARNING

X
WRONG



✓
RIGHT



STOP AND DISENGAGE BLADES WHEN PEOPLE GO PAST YOUR MOWER. GUARDS MUST BE DOWN AT ALL TIMES.