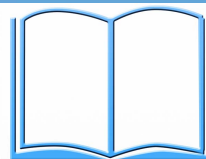


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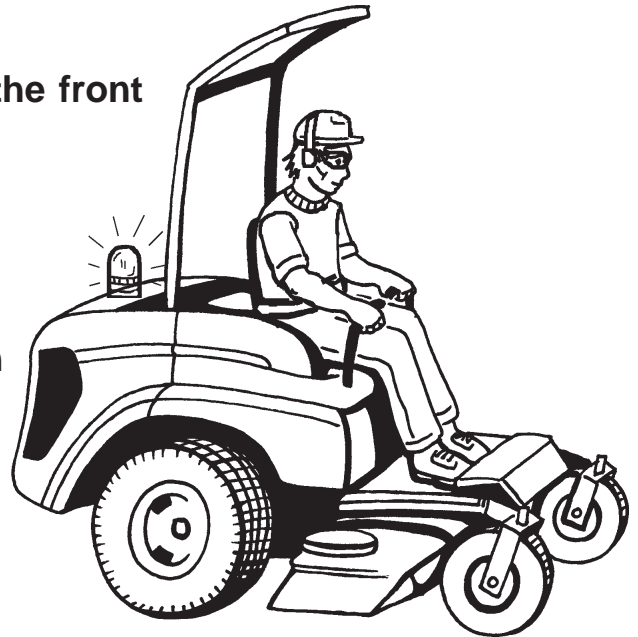
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This book is for operating a ride-on mower

A ride-on mower is:

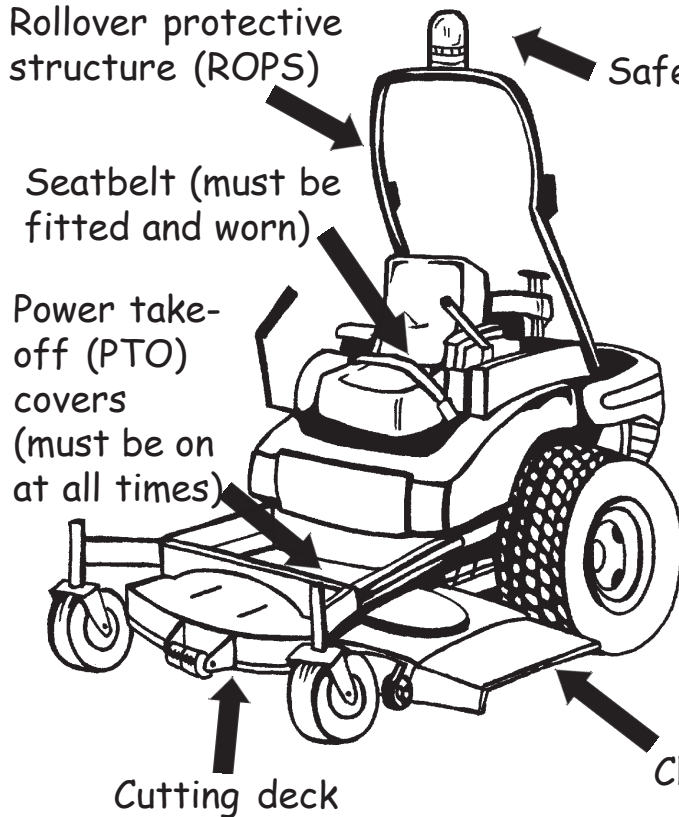
A powered mower where you sit at the controls. It looks like a small tractor, with the cutting deck mounted between the front and rear axles.

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.

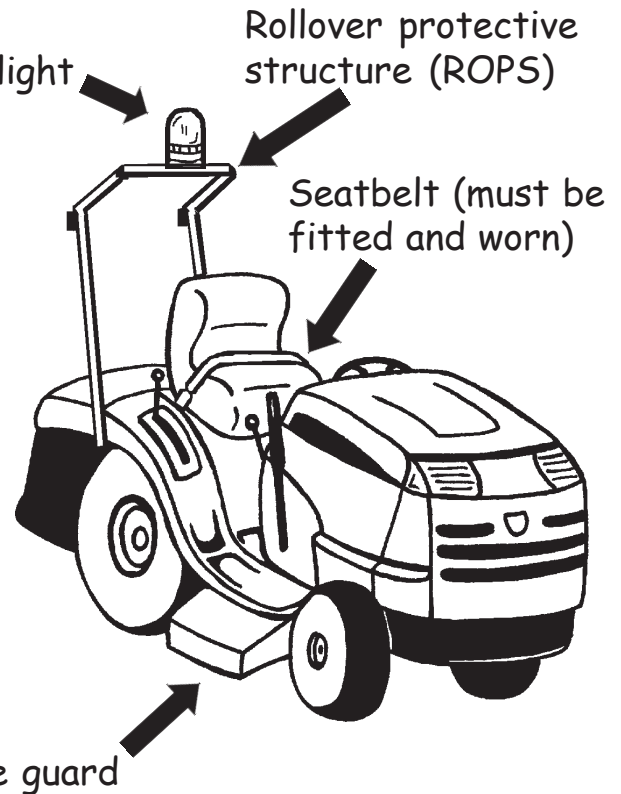


Example of a ride-on mower

Zero turn mower



Tractor-style mower



PLAN FOR SAFETY BEFORE YOU START

It is a good idea to have an *operational plan before you start work*. Your plan should show that you have thought about:

- a) how to do the job,
- b) what needs to be done first,
- c) workplace rules and procedures and
- d) any hazards and how you will control them.

For example:

Inspect the site - Start at ground level and work your way up.



GROUND - Check the surface of the ground. Check for boggy ground or any other obstructions that might interfere with the safe operation of the ride on mower.

EYE HEIGHT - Look for other machines, people and obstructions that may be in the path where you want to work.

AIR - Check for obstructions, buildings, and anything else above eye height.

Use the information about the site to plan how you will work 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/...../.....							ACTION TAKEN TO RETURN TO SERVICE:	
 Description of fault.....							Repaired by.....	
(Tag machine. Start new page when machine returned to use.)							Date/...../..... Signature.....	

UNIT 2

OPERATE RIDE-ON MOWER



Question 13. Are you allowed to operate a mower or attachments while under the influence of alcohol or medication, or fatigued?

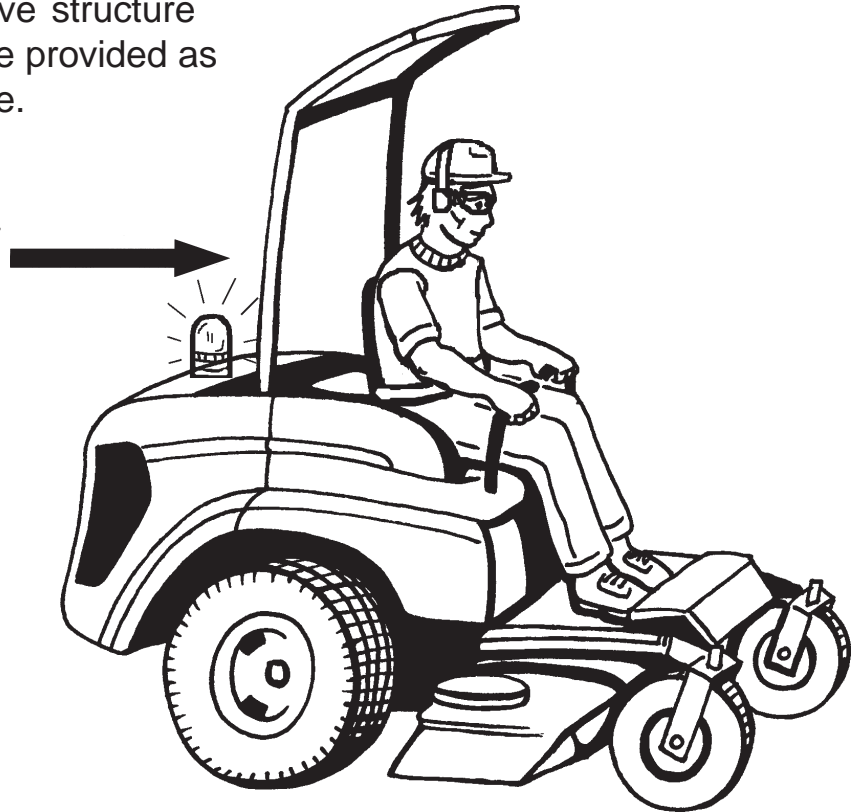
Answer: No, not at all.



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.



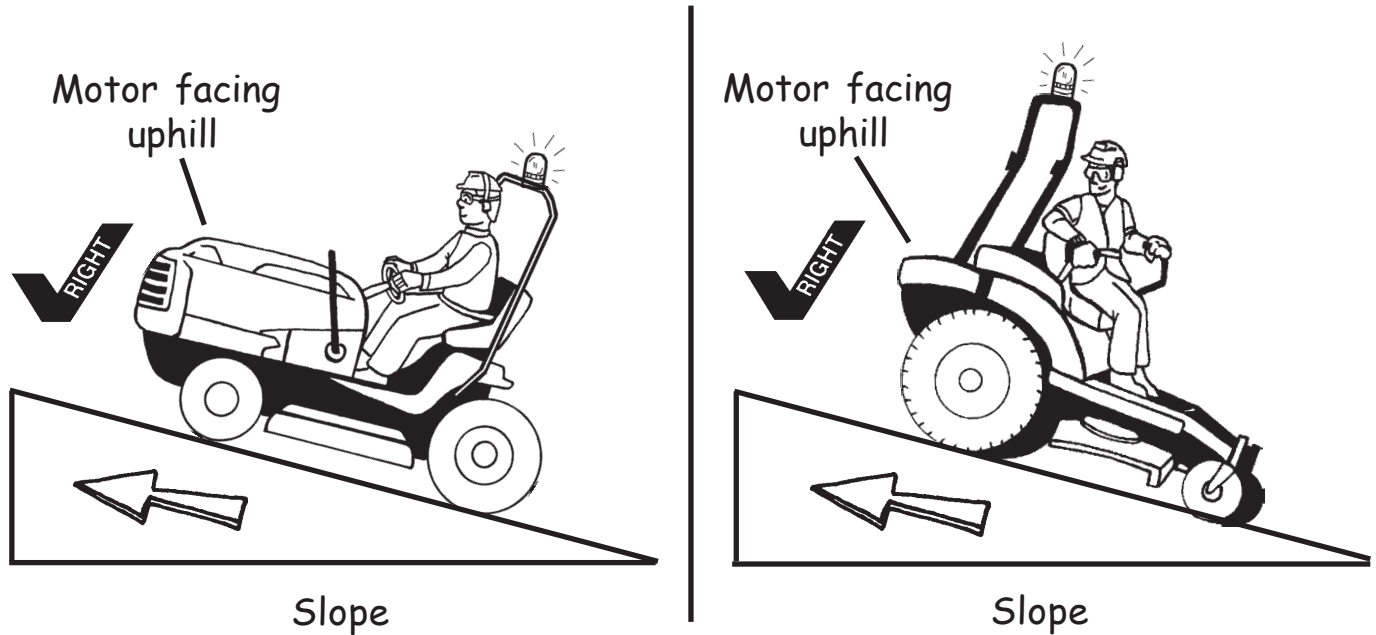
Question 16. When travelling up a slope, why must the mower motor face uphill?

Answer: To keep the mower stable. The heavy end will be on the high side of the slope and the mower will be less likely to tip over.



Question 17. What direction must the mower motor face when travelling up a slope?

Answer: The mower motor must face uphill.



REMEMBER: ALWAYS KEEP THE MOTOR ON THE UPHILL SIDE.

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