

*Please Read These Instructions
Before Using Your Mower*

Mountfield

Operating Instructions

for model

*Multiclip 501SP Lawnmower
with Mountfield RM45 engine*



**Product Code:
291502148/BQ**

*These instructions are an addition to and should be read in
conjunction with the Operator Manual enclosed with this mower*

Call our Helpline if you have any problems:-

0845 600 2912

**Open from 9:00am to 5:00pm Monday to Saturday
10.00am to 4.00pm on Sunday**

Thank you for purchasing a Mountfield lawnmower. This machine will give you many years of safe and reliable service if operated in accordance with these instructions. **Please read and understand these Operating Instructions before using your mower, failure to do so could result in personal injury or damage to the equipment.**



NEVER TIP THE MOWER FORWARDS OR ON ITS SIDE AS THIS WILL FLOOD THE CYLINDER AND AIR FILTER WITH OIL. To access the underside, lift the front wheels by lowering the handle until it rests on the ground.

SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

Read these instructions before using your mower.	Keep hands and feet well away from the cutter blade.	Warning!	Remove the spark plug lead before working on the mower.	Beware of objects that may be thrown up by the blade.	Keep children, bystanders and pets away from the work area.

The following safety precautions must be observed at all times. Please read them very carefully.

GENERAL

- Know how to stop your mower quickly in an emergency. Understand all the controls and how they operate.
- Do not allow children or anyone who is unfamiliar with these instructions to use the mower. Local regulations may restrict the age of the operator.
- Keep children, pets and other bystanders well away from the work area.
- Never put your hands, feet or any implement under the cutter deck. The cutter blade will continue to rotate for some time after the engine is switched off.

STOP THE ENGINE AND DISCONNECT THE SPARK PLUG LEAD

- Before carrying out any adjustments, cleaning, inspection or maintenance.
- If your mower is damaged or vibrates excessively. Ensure the machine is in a safe working condition before it is restarted.
- Before clearing any blockage.

STOP THE ENGINE

- Whenever you leave the mower unattended.
- Before refilling with petrol or oil.

PREPARATION

- Wear sturdy footwear and long trousers when using the mower. Never go barefoot or wear open sandals. Avoid loose clothing that may snag on moving parts.
- Check the work area and remove any stones or other debris that may be thrown up by, or cause damage to, the cutter blade.
- Before use ensure that the mower is in a safe working condition. Inspect the cutter blade for damage; check safety devices and guards; check that all nuts, bolts and screws are secure.
- Never use the machine without a silencer; or with a faulty silencer.

FUEL SAFETY

WARNING! – PETROL IS HIGHLY FLAMMABLE AND EXPLOSIVE UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS.

- Store petrol in a cool place and only in containers specifically designed for the purpose.
- Refuel outdoors only, with the engine stopped. **DO NOT SMOKE** while refuelling.
- After refuelling, replace the fuel tank cap and the petrol container cap securely.
- Never remove the fuel tank cap, or add petrol, when the engine is hot or when it is still running.
- If any petrol is spilt do not attempt to start the engine. Move the mower away from the area, clean up the spillage and allow the fumes to dissipate before starting the engine.

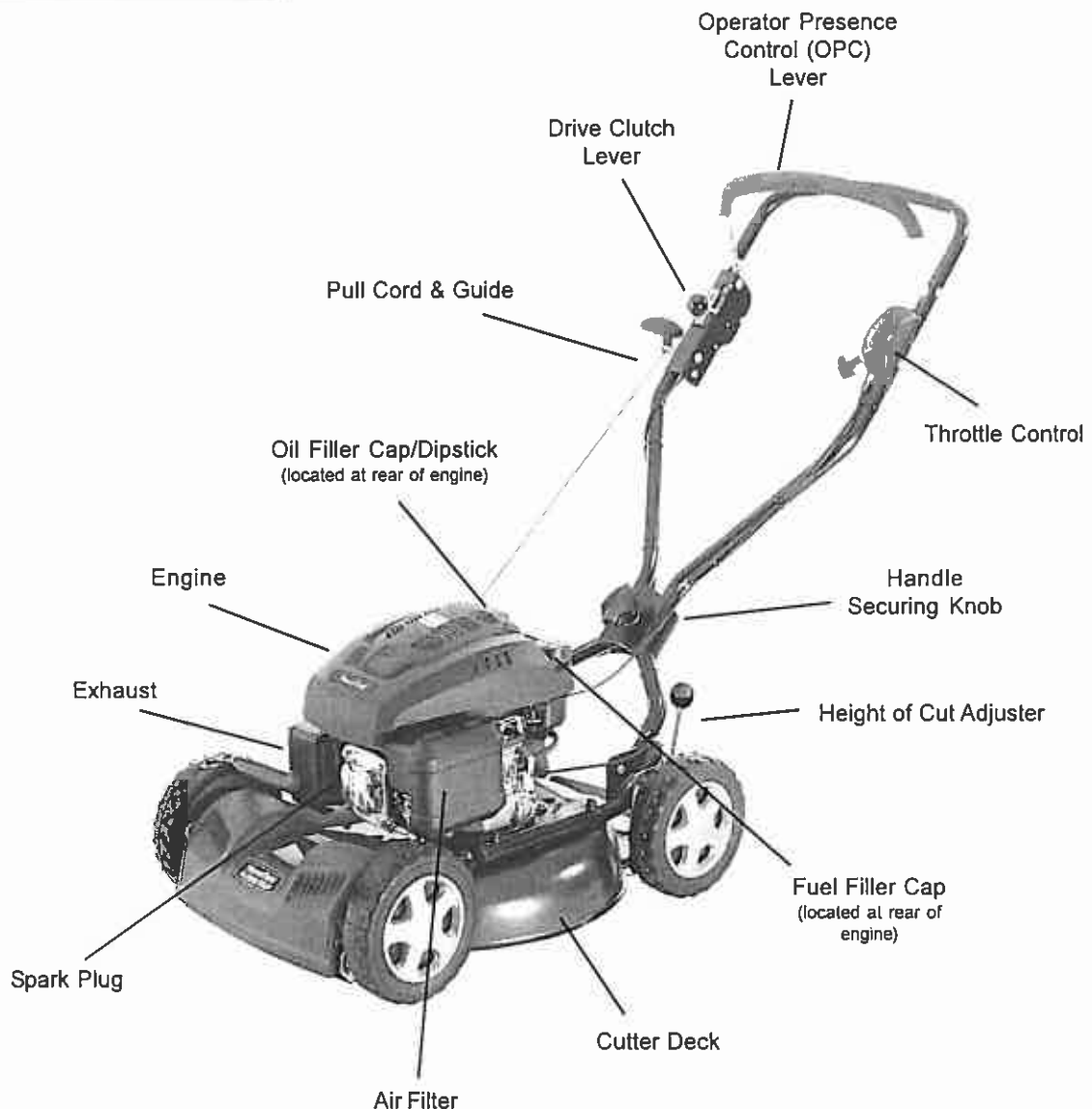
OPERATION

- Do not operate the engine in a confined space. Exhaust fumes contain CARBON MONOXIDE, an odourless and POISONOUS gas.
- Mow only in daylight or good artificial light.
- Check the oil and fuel levels before starting the engine.
- Disengage the engine brake and drive clutch before starting the engine.
- Start the engine in accordance with the instructions and with feet well away from the cutter blade.
- Do not tilt the mower when starting the engine.
- Do not change the engine settings. If adjustments are necessary, contact your dealer.
- Operate the machine at a comfortable walking pace, never run behind the mower.
- Avoid operating the machine on wet grass whenever possible.
- Take care when working on slopes. Mow across the slope, never up and down, and exercise caution when changing direction. Do not use the mower on slopes of more than 20 degrees.
- Exercise extreme caution when reversing or pulling the mower towards you.
- Stop the cutter blade when crossing surfaces other than grass and when transporting the mower to and from the work area.
- Never pick up or carry the mower when the engine is running.

STORAGE & MAINTENANCE

- To reduce the risk of fire, keep the mower and petrol storage areas free of grass, leaves and grease.
- Check the mower and grass collector regularly to ensure the machine is in a safe working condition. Replace any worn or defective parts. Only use genuine replacement parts.
- Store the mower in a dry, secure place out of the reach of children and well away from any fire hazard.
- Allow the engine to cool before storage. If the fuel tank has to be drained, this should be done outdoors.

KNOW YOUR MOWER



HOW TO GET MOWING

Your Mountfield lawnmower does not contain petrol or oil and these must be added before use. **Running the mower with insufficient oil can cause serious damage to the engine and will invalidate your warranty.**



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To access the underside of the machine lift the front wheels by lowering the handle to the ground.

Carefully remove the mower from the carton and read these Operating Instructions. An Owner's Manual for the engine is also included, please read this before starting the engine.

HANDLE ASSEMBLY (Figure 1)

- Fit the upper part of the handle (1) to the lower part (2) using the knob (3) and washer (4) supplied.
- Engage the Operator Presence Control (OPC) lever to release the engine brake. Pull the starter cord (5), fit it into the cord guide (6) and tighten the cord guide fixing nut (7).
- Use the cable ties (8) to fit the OPC cable and clutch cable to the handle assembly. Take care that the cables will not impair adjustment of the handles.
- Before starting work check that the lower handle securing screws (9) and the adjusting knob (3) are fully tightened.

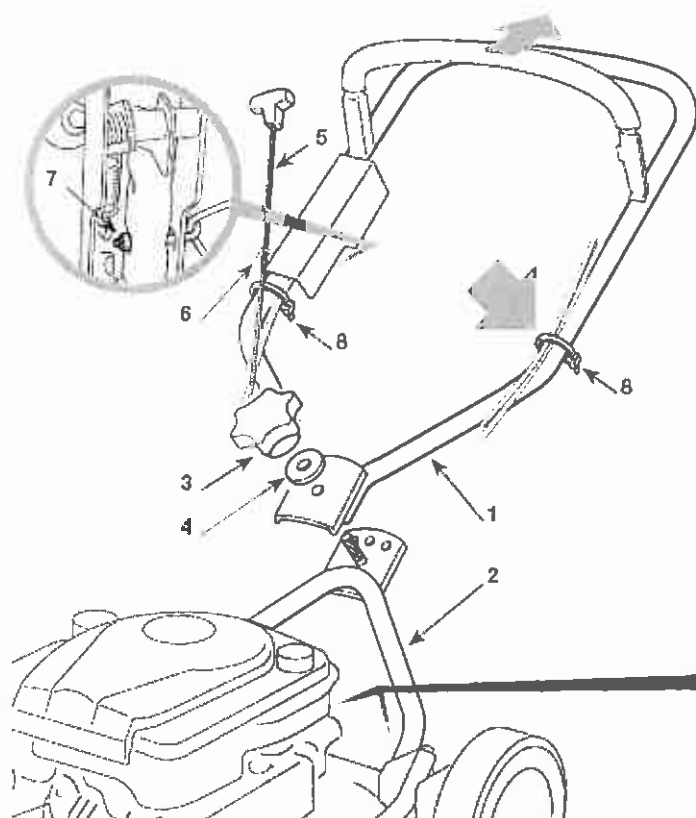
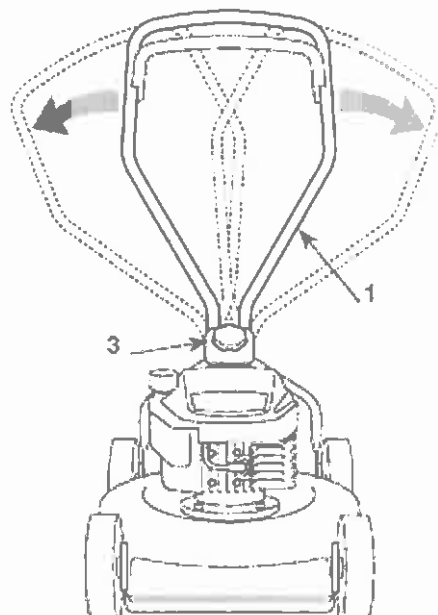
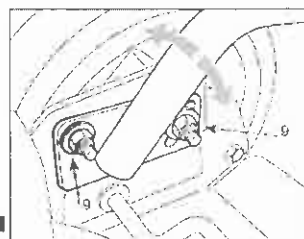


Figure 1



HANDLE ADJUSTMENT (Figure 2)

- The upper part of the handle (1) can be offset to either side to facilitate working near walls or hedges.
- Loosen the knob (3) move the upper handle to the desired position and retighten the knob.

Figure 2

STARTING YOUR MOWER

Read and understand the Safety Precautions before using your mower.

- Put Mountfield 4-stroke, or an SAE 10W-30 oil, in the oil filler (Figure 3). Do not overfill, the oil tank capacity is 0.55 litre. Mountfield oil, part number MX855, is available from any Mountfield stockist or B&Q store.
- Fill the fuel tank with UNLEADED petrol. Use only clean, fresh petrol - stale fuel may contain deposits that will clog the carburettor. Do not overfill, the petrol level should be below the bottom of the fuel tank neck..
- Ensure that the spark plug lead is securely connected to the spark plug.

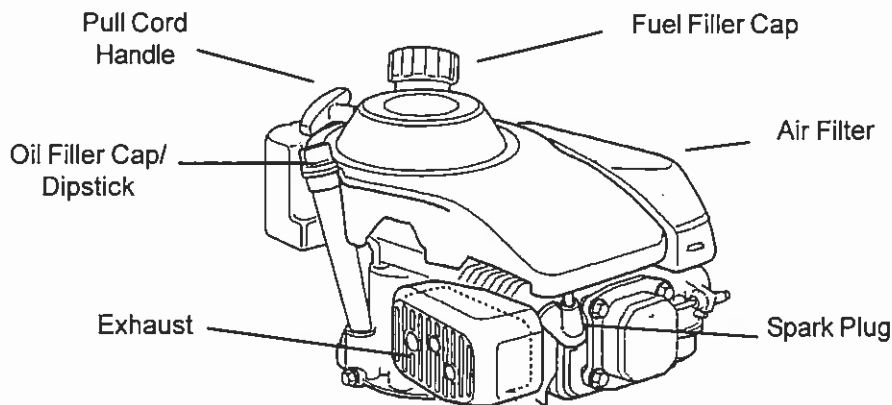


Figure 3

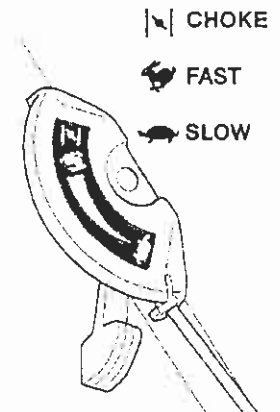


Figure 4

- Move the throttle control to the "Choke" position (Figure 4).
- Pull and hold the Operators Presence Control (OPC) lever against the handle to disengage the engine brake. **THE ENGINE WILL NOT START, OR CONTINUE TO RUN, UNLESS THE OPC LEVER IS HELD AGAINST THE HANDLE.**
- Pull the starter cord with a strong smooth pull. Do not remove the pull cord from the guide.
- When the engine starts move the throttle control from "Choke" to the "Fast" position.

NOTE: Using the choke is usually unnecessary when starting a warm engine. However, in cool weather it may still be necessary to use the choke to start the engine.

ENGAGING THE DRIVE (Figure 5)

- The forward drive is operated by moving the clutch control lever (1) towards the operator.
- Do not engage the drive unless the engine is running.
- To dis-engage the drive move the lever towards position "N".
- Releasing the Operator Presence Control (OPC) lever automatically moves the drive lever (1) to position "N" stopping forward movement.

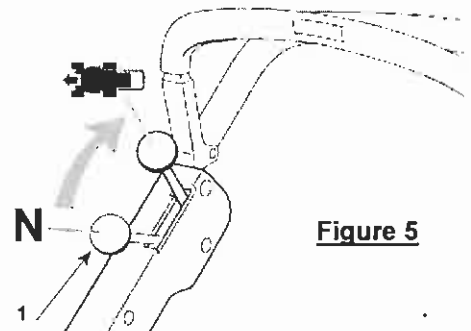


Figure 5

STOPPING YOUR MOWER

- Move the throttle control lever to the "Slow" (tortoise) position.
- Release the Operators Presence Control (OPC) lever; this will engage the engine brake and operate the ignition safety cut out device.

HEIGHT OF CUT ADJUSTMENT (Figure 6)

This mower has a MULCHING system which cuts the grass into fine particles which are blown down into the base of the turf to decompose. There are no grass clippings left to be collected.

To obtain the best results from your mower:

- operate the mower with the engine running at a high speed (full throttle)
- do not cut the grass when it is wet
- cut no more than 1/3 off the length of the grass at a time
- ensure the underside of the cutter deck is kept clear of grass debris
- always use a sharp cutter blade

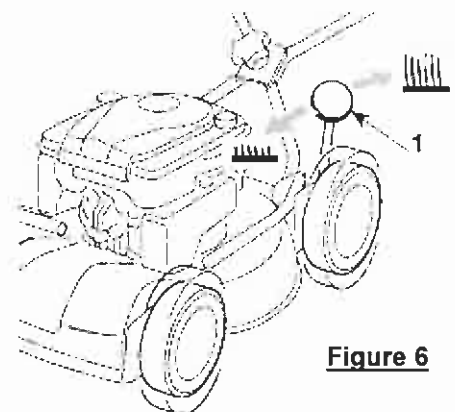


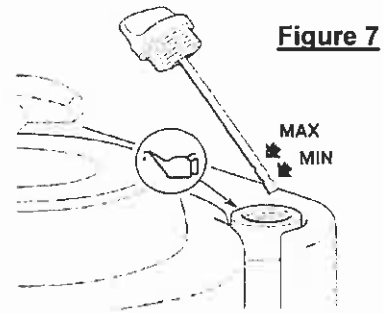
Figure 6

To adjust the height of cut:

- stop the engine and disconnect the spark plug.
- put the mower on a level surface.
- adjust the cutting height lever (1) by pulling outwards and moving into the required position.

BEFORE EACH USE

- Always ensure that the mower is in a safe working condition. Inspect the cutter blade for damage; check safety devices and guards; check that all nuts, bolts and screws are secure.
- Check the oil level as follows:
 - a) Remove the oil filler cap and wipe the dipstick clean (Figure 7).
 - b) Insert the dipstick into the filler neck and tighten down again. Remove the dipstick and check the oil level; oil should be at the MAX mark. The oil tank capacity is about 0.55 litre or 18 fluid oz.
 - c) If the oil level is low add Mountfield oil part number MX855 or a SAE 10W-30 oil, to the upper limit on the dipstick. Do not overfill; the oil level should not be above the FULL mark.
- Fill the fuel tank with unleaded petrol. Do not overfill; the level should be below the bottom of the fuel tank neck.



MAINTENANCE



Stop the engine and disconnect the spark plug lead before working on the machine. DO NOT TIP THE MOWER FORWARD OR ONTO ITS SIDE AS THIS WILL FLOOD THE CYLINDER AND AIR FILTER WITH OIL. To access the underside of the machine, lift the front wheels by lowering the handle until it rests on the ground.

CUTTER BLADE

Examine the cutter blade regularly for wear or damage.

- A slightly worn blade can be re-sharpened by your local dealer.
- If the blade is damaged it should be replaced. Replacement blade kits are available from your Mountfield stockist. If in doubt refer to your dealer, or telephone 0845 600 2912.

CLUTCH (Figure 8)

- Once or twice a year clean the area around the transmission and drive belt.
- Remove the guard (1) by unscrewing the screws (2) and releasing the couplings (3).
- Using a brush or compressed air carefully remove any grass and dirt from around the transmission and drive belt.
- Always refit the guard (1).

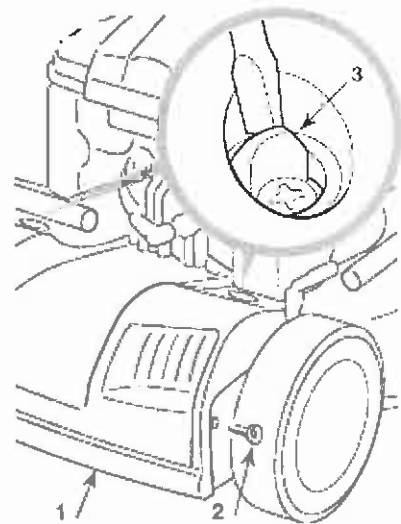


Figure 8

ENGINE

An engine manufacturer's Owner's Manual is supplied with your mower. Please read this, it provides detailed information on engine operation, maintenance and battery care. Repair work other than routine maintenance, should be carried out by an authorised dealer.

STORAGE

A little time spent on your mower after use will ensure many years of reliable mowing. To access the underside of the cutter deck, ensure the spark plug lead is disconnected, then lift the front wheels by lowering the handle until it rests on the ground. Do not tip the mower onto its side, as this will flood the air filter with oil.

AFTER EACH USE

- Remove any grass pulp from the underside of the cutter deck using a non-metallic instrument such as a piece of wood. Take care not to damage the paintwork.
- Examine the cutter blade for any damage. A damaged blade may upset the balance of your mower and cause excessive vibration, if in doubt refer to your dealer.
- The upper handle can be removed and folded down to reduce the amount of storage space required. Take care not to trap any of the operating cables when removing or refitting the handle.
- Store the mower in a clean, dry area well away from any naked flames, sparks or heat source.

LONG TERM - If you are not using your mower for more than 28 days.

- Give the machine a thorough clean, paying particular attention to the underside of the cutter deck.
- Lubricate all moving parts.
- At the end of the season, empty the fuel tank either by running the mower out of fuel or tip the machine backwards and onto the back right wheel to drain the fuel into a suitable container. Drain the carburettor by loosening the drain screw, retighten the drain screw.

Guarantee

GGP UK Limited undertakes to provide a full guarantee against defective materials or workmanship for two years from the date of purchase subject to the mower receiving an annual service.

If the machine is used for commercial purposes; i.e. for hire; or by contractors, caravan sites or similar users, this guarantee period shall be 90 days.

If any part or parts are found to be defective within the guarantee period, GGP UK Limited, via their authorised dealer, will effect the repair or replacement at no charge to the owner providing that the fault is reported direct to the dealer. All repairs must be carried out by an authorised Mountfield dealer. **Delivery and collection of the machine is the owner's responsibility and not covered under the terms of this guarantee.**

This guarantee is not transferable. Proof of purchase will be required in the event of a claim.

This guarantee does not apply to the routine replacement of parts that are subject to normal wear and tear – or to normal service and maintenance parts. This guarantee does not cover faults caused by neglect or misuse.

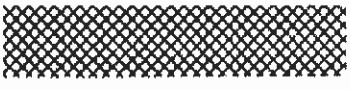

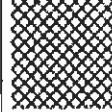
The engine manufacturer guarantees the engine fitted to this machine.

This guarantee is in addition to, and does not detract from, the contractual rights of the owner under statute or common law.

On delivery of your new Mountfield mower, we suggest that you complete the box to the right.

The information for your machine is on the serial number label, which is fixed on the cutter deck at the base of the handles. You will be asked for these details if you have any problems or require spare parts.

Please keep your receipt, proof of purchase will be required in the event of a claim.

	
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