ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS

Read the complete assembly instructions before starting the assembly.

You should have:
- one mower deck assembly
- two carrier arm assemblies
- two rear tire assemblies
- one ATV tongue assembly

A. ASSEMBLY OF MOWER WHEELS
1. Set the mower deck assembly on wood blocks so that it is suspended off the ground.

   Note: The operator controls are on the front of the deck. (Left and right are determined by looking in the direction of travel or by standing at the rear of the deck assembly looking forward.)

2. Install the rear tire assemblies on the carrier arm assemblies. Remove the hex nut and lock washer from the rear tire assembly and install the 5/8"x7-1/2" tire axle bolt through the hole in the carrier arm assembly. See figure 1. Secure assembly with the lock washer and hex nut provided on the rear tire assembly. The rear tires should be offset to the outside of the deck assembly on both sides. See figure 2.

3. Install the two carrier arm assemblies in the pivot arms, which are located on the mower deck assembly. Place the assembly so that the castered tires are on the front and the fixed tires are on the back. See figure 2. Secure with 1/2" x 3-1/2" hex head bolts and lock nuts provided on the pivot arms. Mount the height adjust screw on the deck assembly in the hole provided. Secure with the 1/2"x1" hex head bolt and lock nut provided on the height adjust screw.

   Note: Tighten 1/2" x 3-1/2" and 1/2" x 1” hex head bolts until just snug. This area needs to pivot when adjusting the height. Under tightening can result in excessive wear and flexing. Over tightening will make adjusting the cutting height very difficult.

B. INSTALLATION OF TONGUE ASSEMBLY
1. The tongue can be installed either on the left or right caster assembly depending on how the tow-behind mower will be towed. See figure 2. Secure the hitch pivot on the chosen caster assembly with the 1/2" x 3-1/2" hex head bolt, lock washer, and nut provided.

2. Install the tongue into the hitch pivot and secure by placing the provided 5/16” wire lock pins on each side of the hitch pivot.

   Note: To help prevent any unwanted pin removal caused by oncoming debris install the 5/16” wire lock pins with the wire lock section back from the direction of travel. See Figure 3.
Figure 1: Rear Tire Assembly Installation

Figure 2: Assembly of Carrier Arm Assy., Hitch Pivot, and Tongue
OPERATIONS AND ADJUSTMENTS

This safety alert symbol is used to indicate safety instructions. Follow these instructions to avoid personal injury and/or property damage. Read and follow all instructions in this manual and the attached engine manual.

Read all Owners Manuals before using equipment.

Know locations and functions of all controls before operating the mower.

A. TONGUE CONFIGURATIONS AND ADJUSTMENTS

Shut off the engine and allow the mower blades to come to a complete stop before adjusting the tongue.

The hitching system is designed so that the rough cut mower can be pulled directly behind a tow vehicle or offset to the left or right. See Figure 4.

Note: When pulling the mower directly behind, the hitch pivot should be fastened on the right carrier arm for maximum maneuverability. See Figure 2. When pulling the mower in the offset position the hitch pivot can be fastened on either the right or left carrier arm. See Figure 2.

The tongue is equipped with a screw pin shackle clevis to provide movement in all directions on rough uneven ground. To prevent loss of the screw pin due to vibration or debris, place the screw pin through the tow vehicle hitch and clevis and turn the screw pin until snug.
The tongue is designed to adjust from left to right within the hitch pivot. This allows the mowers position to be varied behind the tow vehicle. This is accomplished by pulling the 5/16” wire lock pins out and choosing two other hole locations on the tongue. See Figure 3.

Figure 4: Rough Cut Tow Behind Towing Suggestions

B. ADJUSTING CUTTING HEIGHT

⚠️ Shut off the engine and allow the mower blades to come to a complete stop before adjusting the cutting height.

Figure 5: Adjusting Rough Cut Mower Cutting Height
The cutting height can be adjusted in a range from 2.0" to 8.0". This is accomplished by turning the height adjust cranks on both sides of the mower. See Figure 5. Turn the cranks clockwise to raise the mower cutting height and counter-clockwise to lower the mower cutting height.

Adjust the mower as follows:
1. Pull the mower on to a smooth, level surface.
2. Adjust the mower evenly from side to side by measuring to the ground from the lower edge of the mower deck. The desired height will be the distance from the ground to the outside lower edge of the mower deck plus 1-5/16". The mower blade cutting edge is 1-5/16" above the outside lower edge of the mower deck.

Note: If the height adjust cranks do not turn easily, the pivot bolts holding the carrier arm assemblies and height adjust screw may be too tight. Loosen the pivot bolts slightly to allow easier pivoting. Care should be taken not to loosen too much or excess wear and flexing may occur. Greasing the threads may also allow greater ease in adjustment.

Note: After leveling mower deck, quick field adjustment can be completed by counting crank turns. Roughly 6 turns will equal 1" of vertical movement.

The adjustment crank may unturn due to vibration. This will allow the mower’s cutting height to change. The crank can be secured by folding it down between the adjustment nut tube and the upper pivot support. See Figure 6.

C. STARTING ENGINE

⚠️ Set Parking Brake on tow vehicle.

Attach mower tongue to tow vehicle.

⚠️ Do not start rough cut mower unless it is attached to the tow vehicle.

Set the choke to the desired position.
Set the throttle at approximately half throttle.

Start engine and allow engine to warm up.

Set engine speed at about half throttle and engage mower blades clutch handle. (The clutch handle is located at the front of the mower under the engine.)

**Note:** Some belt squealing may occur on engagement. This is normal for a manual clutch engagement design.

⚠️ If the mower’s engine dies while in use, remove the rough cut mower from the uncut area before attempting to engage the clutch. Inspect the blades for any obstructions that may prevent blade engagement. Failure to follow these instructions may result in premature belt failure or a fire.

Adjust engine speed to full throttle.

D. **SHUTTING OFF WING MOWER**

⚠️ Shift to neutral and set the parking brake before dismounting the tow vehicle.

Slow the engine speed down and disengage the clutch handle.

Allow engine to cool down for a short time before moving the ignition switch to the **off** position.

E. **MOWER OPERATION**

⚠️ Clean or replace any safety signs that are not readable or damaged.

⚠️ Remove all objects from the work area that might be picked up and thrown by the blades.

⚠️ Do not mow when children and others are around.

⚠️ Do not fill fuel tank while engine is running or hot.

⚠️ Keep all safety shields and deflectors in place during operation.

⚠️ Remove grass build up from under safety shields before each use. Do not remove safety shields while engine is running. Dry grass build up around belts and sheaves can cause fires.

⚠️ Shut off engine before disconnecting the mower from the tow vehicle or attempting to move the mower by hand.

⚠️ Never carry children or passengers.
Do not allow children to operate this machine.

Slow down and watch the ends of the mower when making turns so objects are not struck and/or run over.

Look down, to the sides, and behind before and while backing to avoid backing over something or someone. Care should also be taken while backing so that the mower does not jackknife and damage hitches.

Stop the mower blades on the mower if the tow vehicle becomes stuck or stops going forward because of loss of traction. Shut off the engine on the mower before attempting to push or pull the tow vehicle.

Listen to the rough cut mower engine while mowing. The engine should run free and not work too hard. Working the engine too hard will cause overheating and premature failure.

If the mower’s engine dies while in use, remove the rough cut mower from the uncut area before attempting to engage the clutch. Inspect the blades for any obstructions that may prevent blade engagement. Failure to follow these instructions may result in premature belt failure or a fire.

Do not allow material to build up on the air inlet to the engine cooling system. Special care should be taken to make sure the engine is getting enough inlet air. Do not allow the engine cooling fins under the shroud to be blocked. If air flow over the engine is restricted, the engine could overheat.

F. DRIVE BELT REMOVAL AND TENSION – Refer to Figure 7

Shut off engine and allow mower blades to stop turning before making any adjustments or repairs.

Remove the safety shields.

Loosen the nuts on the spring-loaded idler; adjust bolt until the belt can be slipped off the idler and drive sheaves.

Slip the belt down under the drive sheave and off the blade spindle sheaves.

Install the new belt and then adjust the tension as follows: See Figure 7. Take special care to make sure that the belt is placed between the brake stud and the idler pulley.

With the clutch engaged, adjust the nuts on the spring-loaded idler adjuster bolt until the length of the spring is between 2” and 2-1/8”. This is the initial belt break in spring length. When the belt is broken in after several hours of mowing, the running spring length should be between 2-1/4” and 2-3/8”. For maximum belt life, periodic checks every 3-4 hours should be done to make sure the spring length has not exceeded the recommended running length.
**Note:** Failure to periodically adjust the belt tension will result in severe belt wear and premature belt failure.

This model comes with a belt brake, which is a safety feature that stops the blades from turning after the clutch is disengaged. The only time the brake should be in contact with the belt is when the clutch is disengaged.

⚠️ **The brake stud must be adjusted.** If the brake stud is not adjusted correctly, the blades will still spin even though the clutch may be in the disengaged position. Always shut mower engine off before servicing.

To adjust the brake, place the clutch in the engaged position. Loosen the bolt on the top of the brake stud. Slide the brake stud in the slot until there is about 5/8" of clearance between the belt and the brake stud. Tighten the bolt at the top of the brake stud. To ensure that the brake works properly the spring length must be set correctly. With the clutch disengaged make sure the spring length is no more then 2-3/4". After the belt breaks in the clearance between the belt and the brake stud should be around 1/2". To prevent over-braking the brake clearance should be checked every 3-4 hours.

⚠️ **If brake stud is not set in correct position, under-braking or over-braking may occur.** If over-braking occurs, premature belt failure or a possible fire could occur due to excessive friction and overheating.

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**Figure 7:** Belt Pattern, Spring Adjustment, and Brake Adjustment
G. MOWER BLADE REMOVAL, BALANCING & INSTALLATION

⚠️ Sharp blades can cause bodily injury if not handled properly.

When removing the blade, it is recommended that a block of wood be placed between the blade and the underside of the mower deck. This will allow the removal of the blade without the need to hold the blade by hand.

⚠️ Always balance the mower blades each time they are sharpened.

Out of balance mower blades cause excess vibrations which lead to premature bearing failures, bolts coming loose, and overall deterioration of the wing mowers.

⚠️ Always properly tighten the blade bolts to the specified torque. Failure to do so can lead to unwanted loosening of the blade and damage to the blade holding saddle.

The Model MR55H uses the Kunz Engineering Part # (202141) blade bolt. This particular hex head bolt is a 3/4” – 16NF x 1-1/4” long, grade 5 and it’s proper torque is 300 ft-lbs.

To ease in the blade installation process, use the same block of wood and method used during the removal of the blades.

H. LUBRICATION

There are five lubrication points on the rough cut mower -- one spring-loaded idler pivot, two caster wheel pivots, and two blade spindles. Lubricate at approximately 10 hr. intervals or more often as required in dusty conditions. Lubricate the blade spindles 2-5 pumps every 50 hours. (The bearings have trash guard seals to hold the seals in place during lubrication.) Lubricate with a high grade of pressure gun grease.

**Note:** Do not over grease blade spindles. Blade spindles are initially greased at the factory. Greasing before 50 hrs. may cause bearing seal damage which will result in premature bearing failure.

I. STORAGE

If the mower is stored outside, the engine should be covered to prevent water from getting inside the engine during heavy rainstorms. See the Engine Manual for additional information.
## ACREASE ROUGH CUT MOWER SPECIFICATIONS

### Engine:
- **Model**: MR55H
- **Engine Make**: Honda
- **Engine Model**: GXV610
- **Cylinders**: 2
- **Cycles**: 4
- **Crankshaft**: Vertical
- **Engine HP**: 18
- **Bore**: 3.03"
- **Stroke**: 2.60"
- **Displacement**: 37.5 cubic inches
- **Oil Capacity**: 2.3 U.S. qt (with oil filter change)
- **Crankshaft Dia.**: 1.0"
- **Key Slot**: 1/4"
- **Crankshaft Length**: 3.11"
- **Threaded Hole in End of Crankshaft**: 7/16-20
- **Engine Mounting Bolts**: 3/8-16x1.50 Through Bolt
- **Starter**: Electric
- **Choke**: Manual

### Mower:
- **Fuel Tank**: 3-3/4 Gal.
- **Effective Cutting Width**: 57"
- **Deck Construction**: 10 ga. Welded steel
- **Cutting Height**: 2" to 8"
- **Height Adjustment**: 2 Cranks
- **Rear Wheels**: Two 15/600 x 6
- **Front Wheels**: Two 5.30/4.50 x 6
- **Blade Dia.**: 2-30"
- **Engine Speed, Blades Running**: 3600 RPM

### Clutch Type
- **Engagement Speed**: Manual

### Dimensions
- **Length**: 98"
- **Width**: 60"
- **Height**: 29"
- **Weight**: 580 lbs.

### Hitch
- **Hitch Type**: ATV Tongue

### Touch-Up Paint Color
- **Color**: Pewter Gray, Krylon #1606
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SAFETY SIGNS AND LOCATIONS

**WARNING**

**AVOID INJURY OR DEATH**

- Read and follow owner’s manual.
- Know location and function of all controls.
- Before starting engine, remove grass build-up from under safety shields.
- Before starting engine, attach machine to tow vehicle.
- Shut off engine before disconnecting machine from tow vehicle or attempting to move machine by hand.
- Do not fill fuel tank while engine is running or hot.
- If tow vehicle stops going forward, stop engine on towed mower before trying to push or pull tow vehicle.
- When making turns, slow down and watch ends of towed mower.
- Never carry children or passengers.
- Look down, to the sides, and behind before and while backing.
- Do not allow children to operate this machine.
- Do not mow when children and others are around.
- Remove all objects that may be thrown by blade.
- Keep safety shields and deflectors in place.
- Shut off engine while in transport.
- Before dismounting tow vehicle: shift to neutral, disengage power to tow vehicle mower, and set parking brake.
- Be sure blades, engine and moving parts are stopped before placing hands or feet near blade or performing service.

Clean or Replace Any Safety Signs That Are not Readable or Damaged

Replacement decals can be purchased from your local dealer or

Kunz Engineering Inc.
Mendota, IL 61342
(815) 539-6954
A. OPTIONAL WETLANDS KIT

The optional wetlands kit features an extra set of tires for added ground support in soft or water saturated areas. The following are applications and features that the wetlands kit works best in.

- Great for wetlands or marshy areas that stay wet all year around.
- Works well in combination with small personal amphibious vehicles or tracked ATVs.
- More than doubles the tire surface area in contact with the ground.
- Very easy to install bolt-on kit.
- Works on all existing and new rough cut mowers.
- The rough cut mower will not float with the wetlands kit installed. Water greater than 2-3” in depth should be avoided.
OPTIONAL EQUIPMENT

OPTIONAL ELECTRIC LIFT KIT

The optional electric lift kit consists of all of the mounting hardware, brackets, electric actuator and wiring with remote control panel.

- Great for constantly changing terrain and grass/brush heights.
- Allows for quick cutting height changes on the go from the seat of the tow vehicle.
- Raise up and over rocks and logs with ease.
- Heavy duty 1200 lb linear screw actuator made by Bear Linear.
- Works on all existing and new rough cut mowers.

Electric Lift Kit (Part # 003909)
OPTIONAL EQUIPMENT

OPTIONAL FLOATATION KIT

The optional floatation kit consists of one additional front and rear tire, mounting brackets and hardware.

- Great for mowing around ponds and on rough uneven ground where scalping would normally occur.
- Clamping style receiver allows for adjustments from side to side with both the front and rear tires.
- Pinned receivers make for quick kit removal when not needed.
- Works on all existing and new rough cut mowers.

Part numbers needed for standard manual lift rough cut models.

- Rear Floatation Kit (Part # 003907)
- Front Floatation Kit (Part # 003908)
- Cross Brace Tube (Part # 900110) (Purchase one brace for each front and rear kit)

Part numbers needed for rough cut models with the electric lift kit.

- Rear Floatation Kit (Part # 003907)
- Front Floatation Kit (Part # 003908)