

# GT242, GT262, and GT275 Lawn and Garden Tractors



## TECHNICAL MANUAL



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This technical manual is written for an experienced technician and contains sections that are specifically for this product. It is a part of a total product support program.










The manual is organized so that all the information on a particular system is kept together. The order of grouping is as follows:

- Table of Contents
- General Diagnostic Information
- Specifications
- Electrical Wiring Harness Legend
- Component Location
- System Schematic
- Wiring Harness
- Troubleshooting Chart
- Theory of Operation
- Diagnostics
- Tests & Adjustments
- Repair

*NOTE: Depending on the particular section or system being covered, not all of the above groups may be used.*

Each section will be identified with a symbol rather than a number. The groups and pages within a section will be consecutively numbered.

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<b>Specifications and Information</b>	
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## **RECOGNIZE SAFETY INFORMATION**



This is the safety-alert symbol. When you see this symbol on your machine or in this manual, be alert to the potential for personal injury.

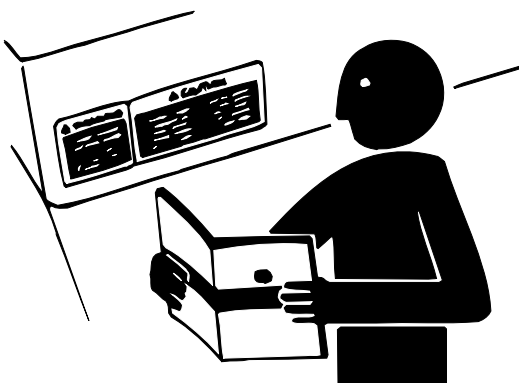
Follow recommended precautions and safe servicing practices.

### **Understand Signal Words**

A signal word—**DANGER**, **WARNING**, or **CAUTION**—is used with the safety-alert symbol. **DANGER** identifies the most serious hazards.

**DANGER** or **WARNING** safety signs are located near specific hazards. General precautions are listed on **CAUTION** safety signs. **CAUTION** also calls attention to safety messages in this manual.

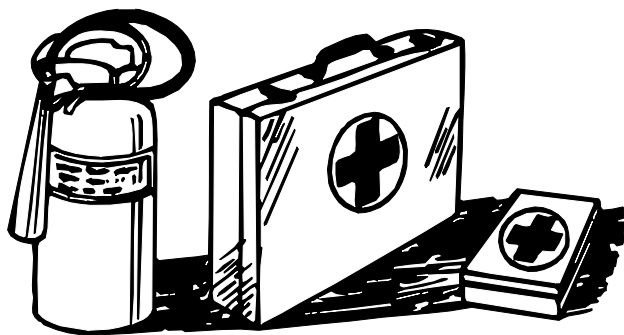
## **REPLACE SAFETY SIGNS**



Replace missing or damaged safety signs. See the machine operator's manual for correct safety sign placement.

## **HANDLE FLUIDS SAFELY-AVOID FIRES**

### **Be Prepared For Emergencies**



When you work around fuel, do not smoke or work near heaters or other fire hazards.

Store flammable fluids away from fire hazards. Do not incinerate or puncture pressurized containers.

Make sure machine is clean of trash, grease, and debris.

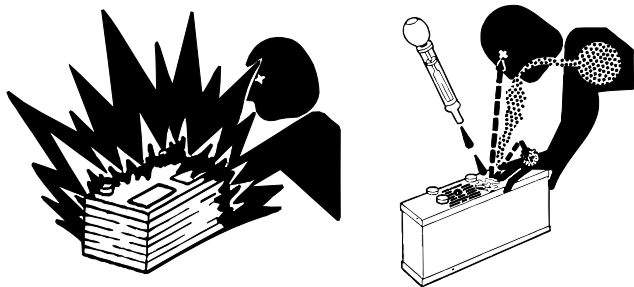
Do not store oily rags; they can ignite and burn spontaneously.

Be prepared if a fire starts.

Keep a first aid kit and fire extinguisher handy.

Keep emergency numbers for doctors, ambulance service, hospital, and fire department near your telephone.

## USE CARE IN HANDLING AND SERVICING BATTERIES



### Prevent Battery Explosions

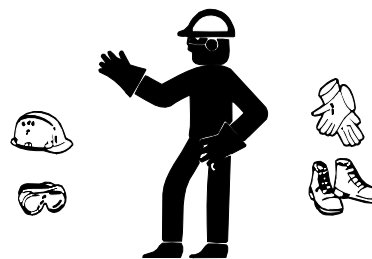
- Keep sparks, lighted matches, and open flame away from the top of battery. Battery gas can explode.
- Never check battery charge by placing a metal object across the posts. Use a volt-meter or hydrometer.
- Do not charge a frozen battery; it may explode. Warm battery to 16°C (60°F).

### Prevent Acid Burns

- Sulfuric acid in battery electrolyte is poisonous. It is strong enough to burn skin, eat holes in clothing, and cause blindness if splashed into eyes.
- **Avoid acid burns by:**
  1. Filling batteries in a well-ventilated area.
  2. Wearing eye protection and rubber gloves.
  3. Avoiding breathing fumes when electrolyte is added.
  4. Avoiding spilling or dripping electrolyte.
  5. Use proper jump start procedure.
- **If you spill acid on yourself:**
  1. Flush your skin with water.
  2. Apply baking soda or lime to help neutralize the acid.
  3. Flush your eyes with water for 10–15 minutes.
  4. Get medical attention immediately.
- **If acid is swallowed:**
  1. Drink large amounts of water or milk.
  2. Then drink milk of magnesia, beaten eggs, or vegetable oil.
  3. Get medical attention immediately.

## USE SAFE SERVICE PROCEDURES

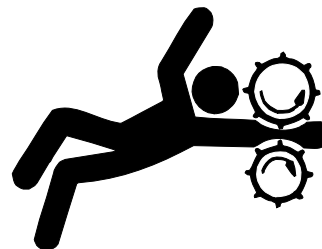
### Wear Protective Clothing



Wear close fitting clothing and safety equipment appropriate to the job.

Prolonged exposure to loud noise can cause impairment or loss of hearing. Wear a suitable hearing protective device such as earmuffs or earplugs to protect against objectionable or uncomfortable loud noises. Operating equipment safely requires the full attention of the operator. Do not wear radio or music headphones while operating machine.

### Service Machines Safely



Tie long hair behind your head. Do not wear a necktie, scarf, loose clothing, or necklace when you work near machine tools or moving parts. If these items were to get caught, severe injury could result. Remove rings and other jewelry to prevent electrical shorts and entanglement in moving parts.

### Use Proper Tools

Use tools appropriate to the work. Makeshift tools and procedures can create safety hazards. Use power tools only to loosen threaded parts and fasteners. For loosening and tightening hardware, use the correct size tools. **DO NOT** use U.S. measurement tools on metric fasteners. Avoid bodily injury caused by slipping wrenches. Use only service parts meeting John Deere specifications.



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