

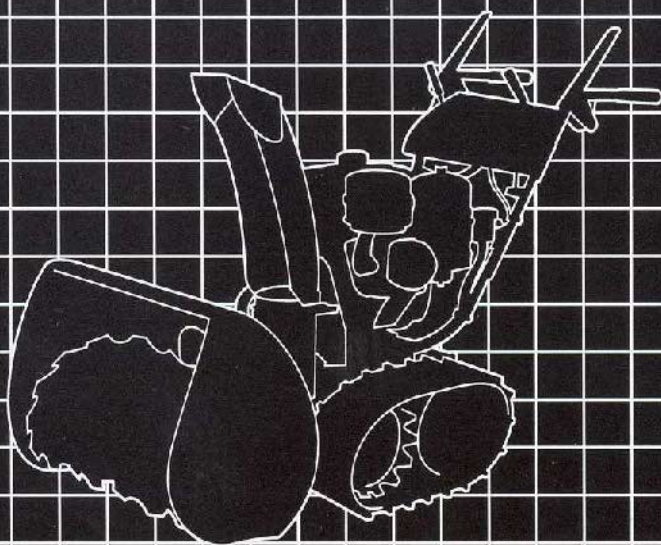
**HONDA**

**Power**

**Equipment**

# Owner's Manual **SNOWBLOWER**

**HS624·HS724·HS828·HS928·HS1132**





## **WARNING:**



The engine exhaust from this product contains chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer, birth defects, or other reproductive harm.

Keep this owner's manual handy, so you can refer to it any time. This owner's manual is considered a permanent part of the snowblower and should remain with the snowblower if resold.

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# INTRODUCTION

Congratulations on your selection of a Honda snowblower. We are certain you will be pleased with your purchase of one of the finest snowblowers on the market.

We want to help you get the best results from your new snowblower and to operate it safely. This manual contains the information on how to do that; please read it carefully.

As you read this manual, you will find information preceded by a **NOTICE** symbol. That information is intended to help you avoid damage to your snowblower, other property, or the environment.

We suggest you read the warranty policy to fully understand its coverage and your responsibilities of ownership. The warranty policy is a separate document that should have been given to you by your dealer.

When your snowblower needs scheduled maintenance, keep in mind that your Honda servicing dealer is specially trained in servicing Honda snowblowers. Your Honda servicing dealer is dedicated to your satisfaction and will be pleased to answer your questions and concerns.

Best Wishes,  
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# INTRODUCTION

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## A FEW WORDS ABOUT SAFETY

Your safety and the safety of others are very important. And using this snowblower safely is an important responsibility.

To help you make informed decisions about safety, we have provided operating procedures and other information on labels and in this manual. This information alerts you to potential hazards that could hurt you or others.

Of course, it is not practical or possible to warn you about all the hazards associated with operating or maintaining a snowblower. You must use your own good judgment.

You will find important safety information in a variety of forms, including:

- **Safety Labels** — on the snowblower.
- **Safety Messages** — preceded by a safety alert symbol  and one of three signal words: DANGER, WARNING, or CAUTION.

These signal words mean:

 **DANGER**

You **WILL** be KILLED or SERIOUSLY HURT if you don't follow instructions.

 **WARNING**

You **CAN** be KILLED or SERIOUSLY HURT if you don't follow instructions.

 **CAUTION**

You **CAN** be HURT if you don't follow instructions.

- **Safety Headings** — such as *IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION*.
- **Safety Section** — such as *SNOWBLOWER SAFETY*.
- **Instructions** — how to use this snowblower correctly and safely.

This entire book is filled with important safety information — please read it carefully.

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# SNOWBLOWER SAFETY

## IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION

Honda snowblowers are designed to clear snow from driveways and walkways. Other uses can result in injury to the operator or damage to the snowblower and other property.

Most accidents with snowblowers can be prevented if you follow all instructions in this manual and on the snowblower. The most common hazards, according accident statistics, are discussed below, along with the best way to protect yourself and others.

### **Avoid Rotating Auger**

The snowblower auger can cause serious cuts and even amputate fingers, hands, toes, or feet. Keep away from the auger whenever the engine is running. If you need to work around the snowblower to clear snow for any reason, always shut off the engine. If the snow discharge chute becomes clogged, stop the engine and disconnect the spark plug cap. Use the snow clearing bar or a wooden stick to remove the obstruction. Never put your hand into the snow discharge chute while the engine is running; serious personal injury could result.

### **Clear Operation Area**

The snowblower can throw rocks and other objects with enough force to cause serious injury. Before operating the snowblower, carefully inspect the area and remove all stones, sticks, bones, nails, pieces of wire, and other loose objects. Never use the snowblower to clear snow from a gravel road or driveway, as rocks may be picked up and ejected. They may cause injury to bystanders.

# **SNOWBLOWER SAFETY**

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## **Keep Shields in Place**

Guards and shields are designed to protect you from being hit by thrown objects and to keep you from touching hot engine parts and moving components. For your safety and the safety of others, keep all shields in place when the engine is running.

Adjust the snow discharge chute to avoid hitting the operator, bystanders, windows, and other objects with ejected snow. Stay clear of the snow discharge chute while the engine is running.

Children and pets must be kept away from the area of operation to avoid injury from flying debris and contact with the snowblower.

## **Refuel with Care**

Gasoline is extremely flammable, and gasoline vapor can explode. Allow the engine to cool if the snowblower has been in operation. Refuel only outdoors in a well-ventilated area with the engine OFF. Never fill the fuel tank beyond the maximum fill mark. Never smoke near gasoline, and keep other flames and sparks away. Always store gasoline in an approved container.

## **Turn Engine OFF When Not Operating the Snowblower**

If you need to leave the snowblower for any reason, even just to inspect the area ahead, always turn the engine off.

## **Operation on Slopes**

To avoid overturning, be careful when changing the direction of the snowblower while operating it on a slope. Do not use the snowblower to remove snow from roofs. The snowblower may overturn on steep slopes if left unattended causing injury to the operator or bystanders.



## **Operating Conditions**

Do not use the snowblower when visibility is poor. Under conditions of poor visibility, there is a greater risk of striking an obstacle or causing injury. Adjust the snow discharge chute to avoid hitting passing bystanders or vehicles. Stay clear of the snow discharge chute while the engine is running.

## **Operating Near Roads**

Always watch for vehicle traffic when operating the snowblower near roads and driveways. Never operate the snowblower on public roads.

## **Operator Responsibility**

Know how to stop the snowblower quickly in case of emergency. Understand the use of all snowblower controls.

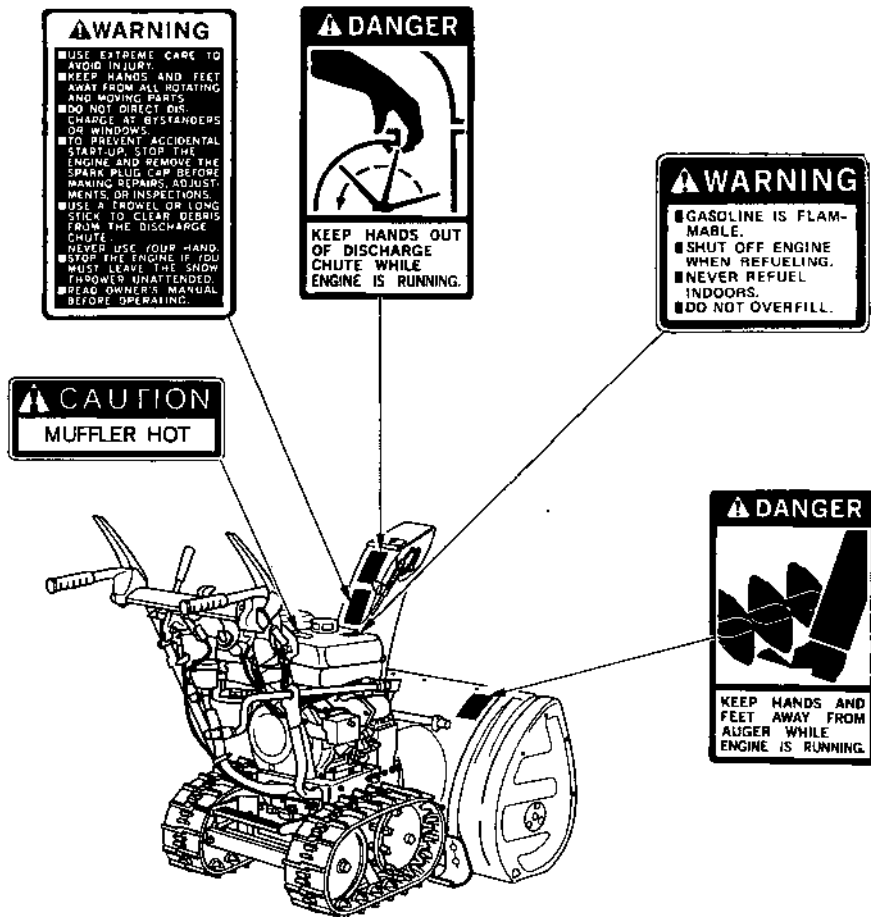
Never permit anyone to operate the snowblower without proper instruction. Do not let children operate the snowblower. If people or pets suddenly appear in front of the snowblower while it is in operation, immediately release the auger and drive clutch levers to stop the snowblower and avoid possible injury from rotating auger blades.

While operating the snowblower, hold the handle firmly, and walk, don't run. Wear suitable winter boots that resist slipping.

# SNOWBLOWER SAFETY

## SAFETY LABEL LOCATIONS

These labels warn you of potential hazards that can cause serious injury. Read them carefully. If a label comes off or becomes hard to read, contact your Honda snowblower dealer for a replacement.

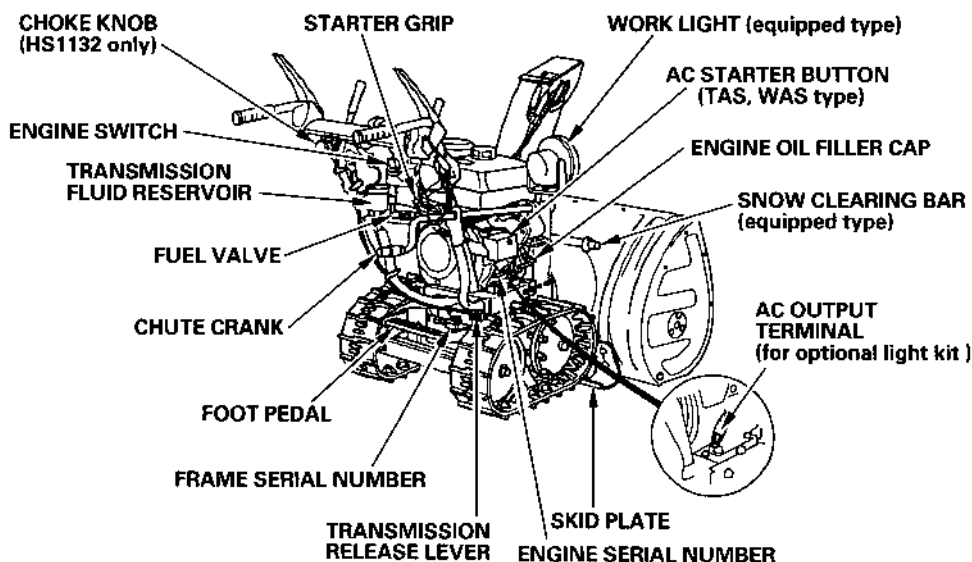
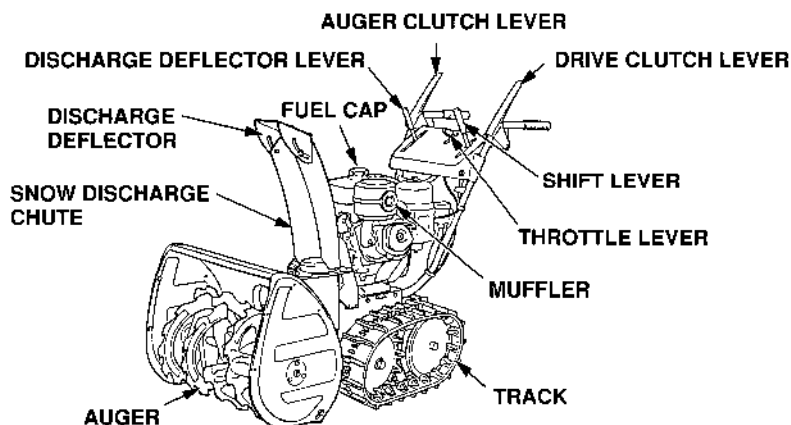


# CONTROLS & FEATURES

## COMPONENT & CONTROL LOCATIONS

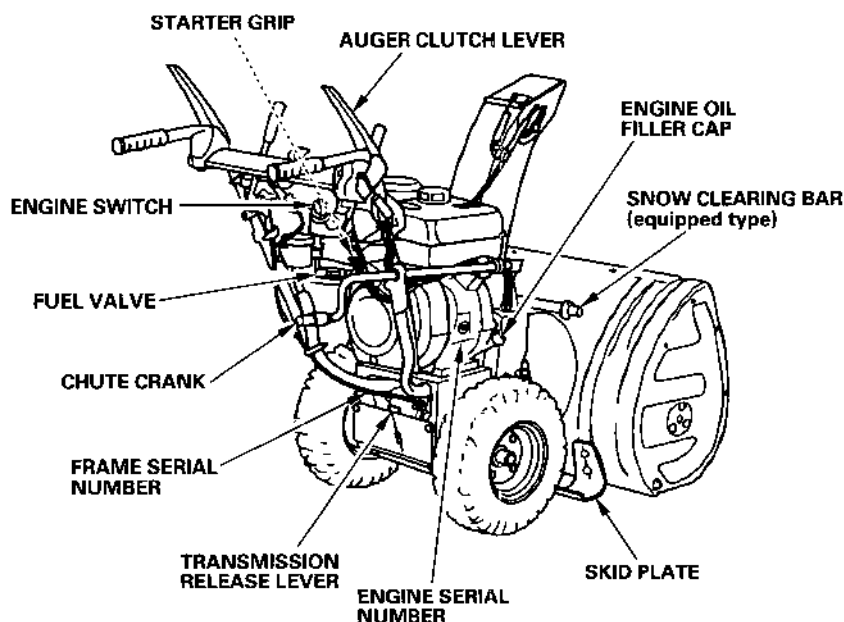
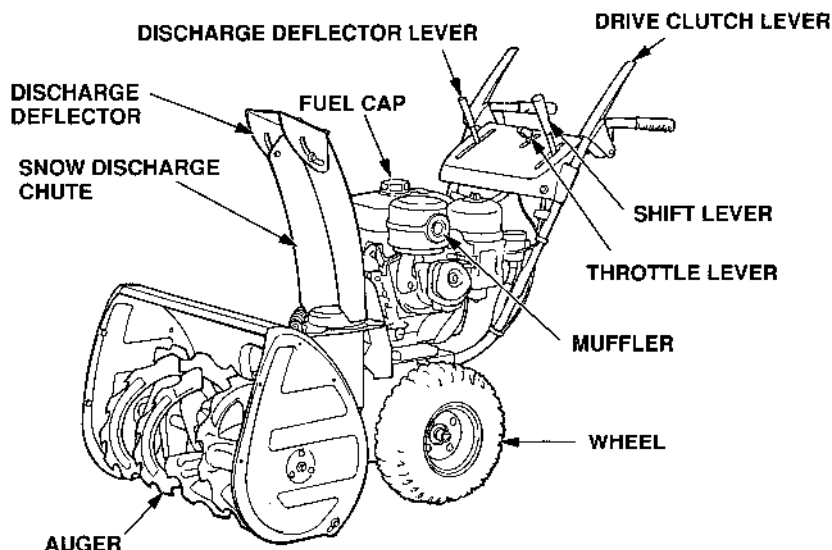
Use the two illustrations on these pages to locate and identify the most frequently used controls.

### Track Type



# CONTROLS & FEATURES

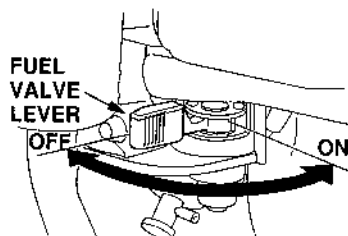
## Wheel Type



## CONTROLS

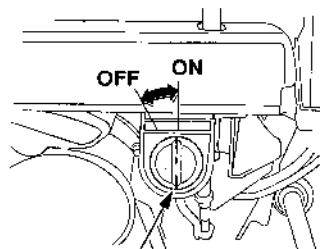
### Fuel Valve Lever

The fuel valve opens and closes the fuel line leading from the fuel tank to the carburetor. Make sure that the fuel valve is positioned exactly at either the ON or OFF position. When the snowblower is not in use, always leave the fuel valve in the OFF position to reduce the possibility of fuel leakage.



### Engine Switch

The engine switch controls the ignition system. The key (if equipped) can only be inserted and removed when turned to OFF.

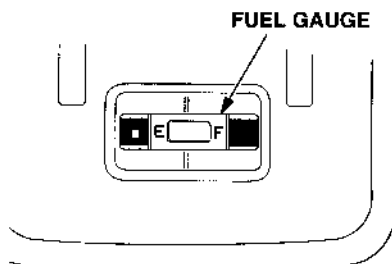


OFF – Stops the engine.

ON – Running position, and for starting with the recoil starter.

### Fuel Gauge (equipped type)

The fuel gauge indicates the amount of fuel in the tank. When the fuel gauge needle enters the "E" range, refill the tank as soon as possible.



# CONTROLS & FEATURES

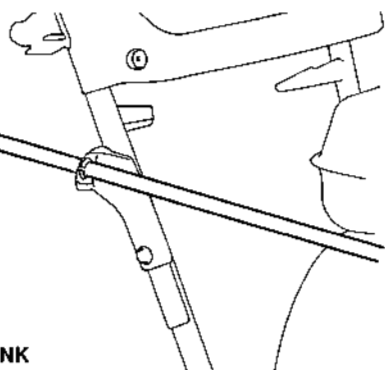
## Chute Crank

Use the chute crank to turn the snow discharge chute right or left.

To throw snow to the left

To throw snow to the right

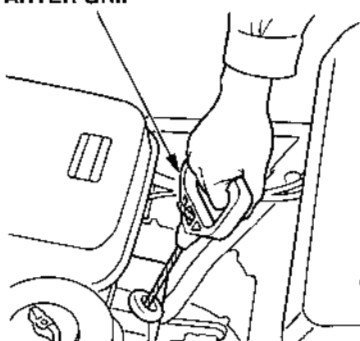
CHUTE CRANK



## Starter Grip

Pull this grip to start the engine. See page 24 for starting procedures.

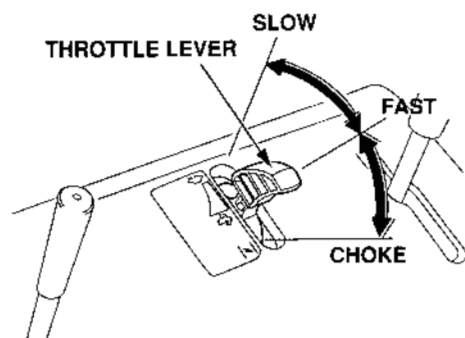
STARTER GRIP



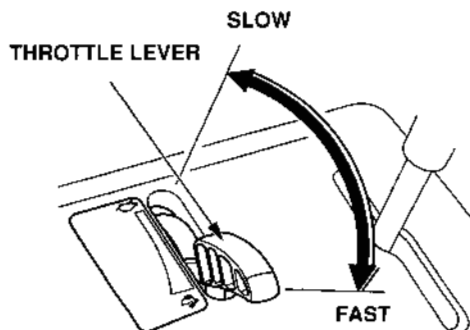
## Throttle Lever

The throttle lever controls engine speed from SLOW to FAST. It will stay in any designated position. For the HS624, HS724, HS828 and HS928 models, set the lever to CHOKE when the engine is cold.

HS624/HS724/HS828/HS928:



HS1132:

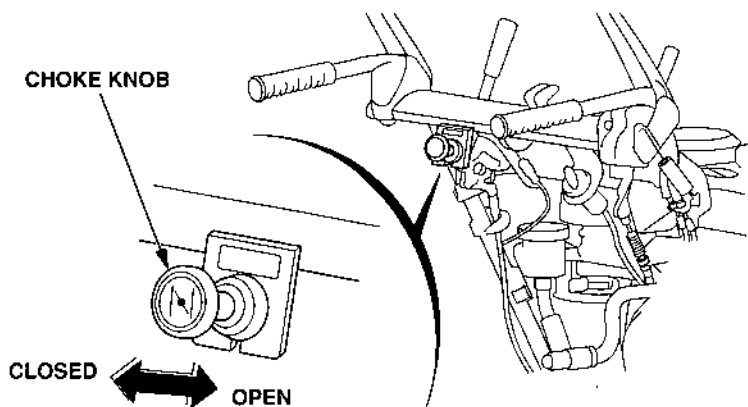


### Choke Knob (HS1132 Only)

The choke knob opens and closes the choke valve in the carburetor.

The CLOSED position enriches the fuel mixture for starting a cold engine.

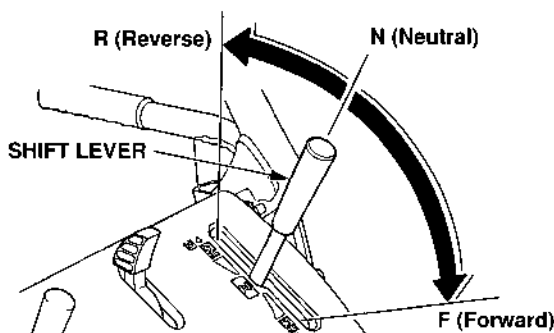
The OPEN position provides the correct fuel mixture for operation after starting, and for restarting a warm engine.



### Shift Lever

The shift lever selects F (FORWARD), N (NEUTRAL), or R (REVERSE).

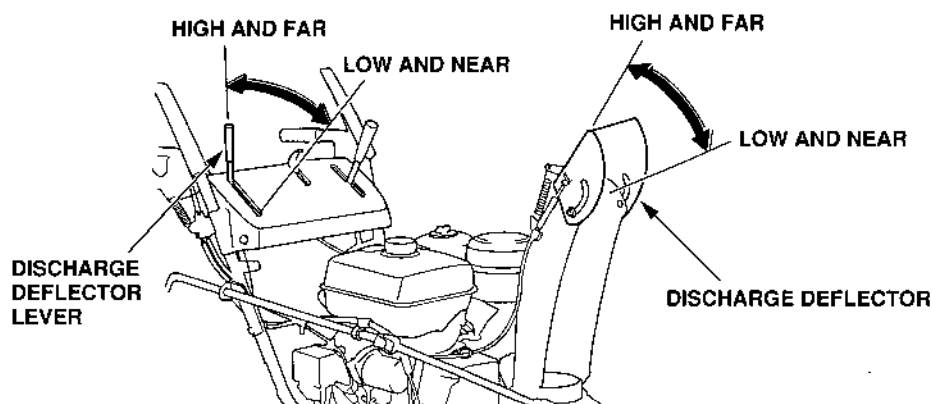
The shift lever also controls the transmission drive ratio; moving the lever farther from NEUTRAL increases drive speed. While clearing snow, use the shift lever to control drive speed, so you can leave the throttle lever in the FAST position for best snow-clearing performance.



# CONTROLS & FEATURES

## Discharge Deflector Lever

The discharge deflector lever controls the snow discharge angle.



## Foot Pedal (track type only)

Use the pedal for adjusting the height and angle of the machine in relation to the tracks.

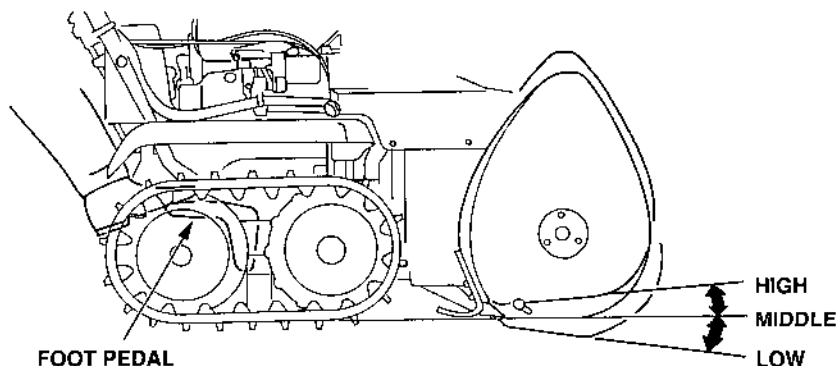
Hold the handles and step on the pedal.

Raise or lower the machine to the desired position and release the pedal.

LOW – Smooth, ice-covered surfaces only.

MIDDLE – Normal use

HIGH – Deep snow or for transporting the snowblower.





# CONTROLS & FEATURES

## Drive Clutch Lever and Auger Clutch Lever

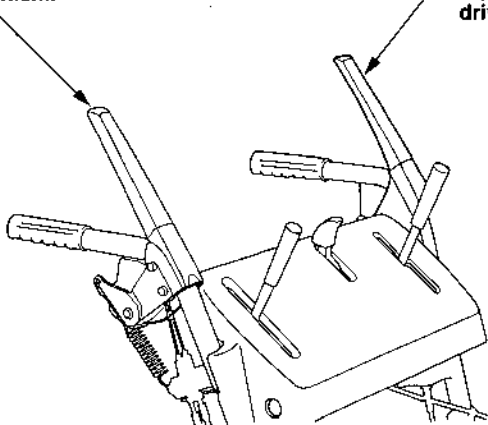
Use these controls to engage the snow blowing mechanism and/or the drive mechanism.

### AUGER CLUTCH LEVER

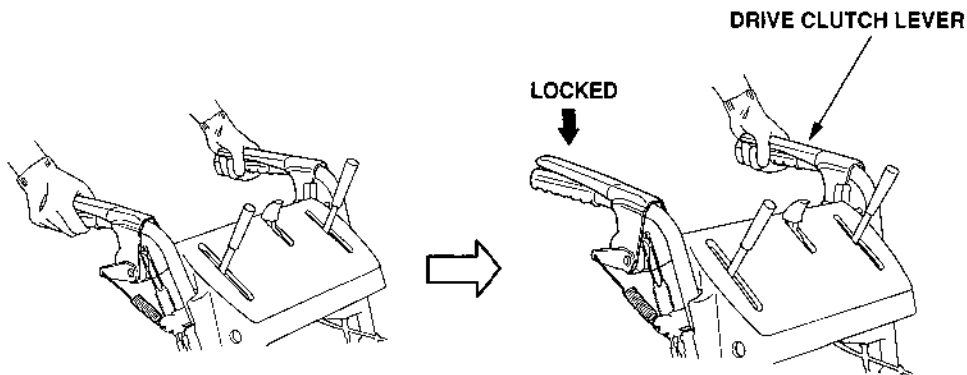
Squeeze to engage the snow blowing mechanism.

### DRIVE CLUTCH LEVER

Squeeze to engage the drive transmission.



When both levers are squeezed, the drive clutch lever locks the auger clutch lever down. Releasing the drive clutch lever then unlocks and releases the auger clutch lever.



Both levers squeezed

The auger clutch lever remains locked down as long as one hand continues to squeeze the drive clutch lever.

# CONTROLS & FEATURES

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## Transmission Release Lever

The transmission release lever has two positions **RELEASED** and **ENGAGED**. Set the lever in the **ENGAGED** position for self-propelled operation. Set it in the **RELEASED** position when pushing the snowblower with the engine stopped.

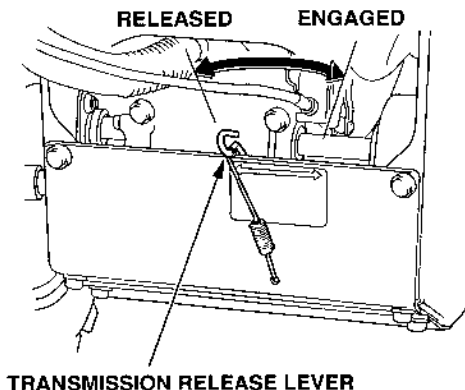
### NOTICE

*Operating the transmission release lever while the engine is running can damage the transmission.*

1. Stop the engine.
2. Set the shift lever in the "N" (Neutral) position.
3. Set the lever in the **ENGAGED** or **RELEASED** position.

### NOTICE

*Pushing or towing the snowblower with the transmission release control in the engaged position will damage the hydrostatic transmission.*

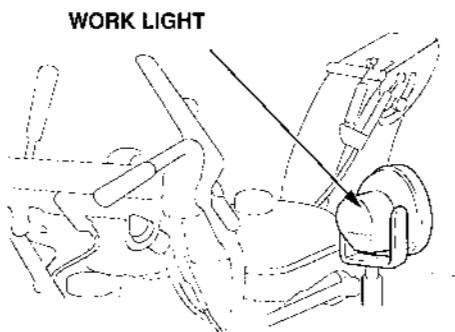


## FEATURES

### Work Light

HS1132	Standard
HS724, HS928	Optional Kit

The light comes ON while the engine is running, and it goes OFF when the engine stops. The light does not come ON when the engine switch is turned ON unless the engine is started. The light can be adjusted up or down.

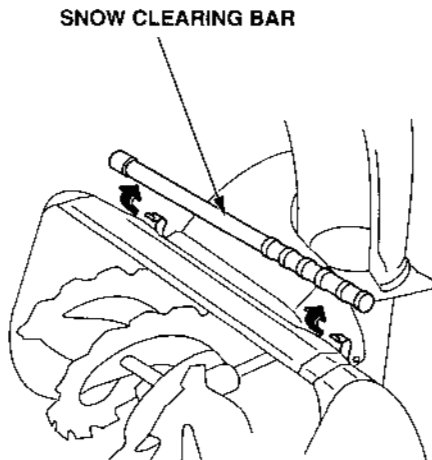


### Snow Clearing Bar (equipped type)

If the snow discharge chute or snow blowing mechanism becomes restricted, stop the engine and use this bar to remove the obstruction.

After clearing the obstruction, wipe the bar clean, and store it in the holders.

Before removing any restriction, be sure to stop the engine, and make sure that all rotating parts have come to a complete stop. Remove the spark plug cap from the spark plug.



# BEFORE OPERATION

## ARE YOU READY TO GET STARTED?

Your safety is your responsibility. A little time spent in preparation will significantly reduce your risk of injury.

### Knowledge

Read and understand this manual. Know what the controls do and how to operate them.

Familiarize yourself with the snowblower and its operation before you begin using it. Know how to quickly shut off the snowblower in case of an emergency.

## IS YOUR SNOWBLOWER READY TO GO?

For your safety, and to maximize the service life of your equipment, it is very important to take a few moments before you operate the snowblower to check its condition. Be sure to take care of any problem you find, or have your servicing dealer correct it, before you operate the snowblower.

### **WARNING**

Improperly maintaining this snowblower, or failing to correct a problem before operation, could cause a malfunction in which you could be seriously injured.

Always perform a preoperation inspection before each operation, and correct any problem.

Before beginning your preoperation checks, be sure the snowblower is on a level surface and the engine switch is in the OFF position.

### Check the General Condition of the Snowblower:

- Look around and underneath the snowblower for signs of oil or gasoline leaks.
- Check the auger house and the discharge chute for accumulation of packed snow or ice. Clean the auger housing and discharge chute before starting the snowblower.
- Look for signs of damage.
- Check each control for proper operation.
- Check the auger and blower for loose or broken bolts. If broken, replace them with new ones (page 49).
- Check the skid shoes and scraper bar for wear. Replace them if necessary (page 50).
- Check that all nuts, bolts, screws are tightened.

### Check the Engine

- Check the oil level (page 40).
- Check the fuel level (page 38). Starting with a full tank will help to eliminate or reduce operating interruptions for refueling.
- Check the hydrostatic fluid level in the reservoir (page 43). Use only HONDA HYDROSTATIC FLUID.

# **BEFORE OPERATION**

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## **CHECK YOUR WORK AREA**

For your safety and the safety of others, always inspect the area before operating the snowblower.

### **Objects**

Anything which can be picked up by the augers and thrown is a potential hazard to you and others. Look for things like stones, sticks, bones, nails, and wire, and remove them from the work area.

### **People and Pets**

People and animals near the work area can move into your snowblowers path or into a position where they could be struck by thrown objects. Clear the area of people, especially children and pets. Their safety is your responsibility.

### **Work Area**

Check the condition of the snow. Adjust your snowblower ground speed (not engine speed) and snowblowing swath accordingly.

Check the skid shoes for proper adjustment. Adjust the skid shoes to obtain the auger ground clearance for the type of surface the snowblower will be operated over (page 51).

# OPERATION

## SNOWBLOWING PRECAUTIONS

Before operating the snowblower for the first time, please review both the *SNOWBLOWER SAFETY* chapter (page 5) and the *BEFORE OPERATION* chapter (page 18).

Even if you have operated other snowblowers, take time to become familiar with how this snowblower works, and practice in a safe area until you build up your skills.

Never tamper with, or alter any of the controls or safety devices on the snowblower.

For your safety, avoid starting or operating the engine in an enclosed area such as a garage. Your snowblower's exhaust contains poisonous carbon monoxide gas which can collect rapidly in an enclosed area and cause illness or death.

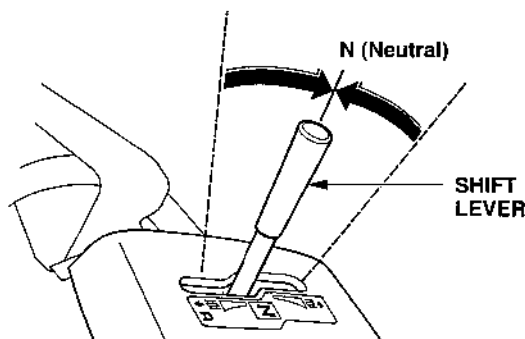
### **⚠ WARNING**

Carbon monoxide gas is toxic. Breathing it can cause unconsciousness and even kill you.

Avoid any enclosed areas or activities that expose you to carbon monoxide.

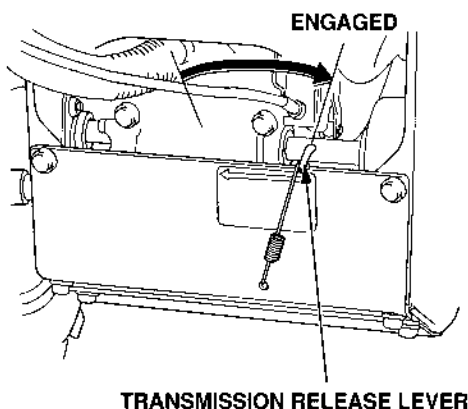
## STARTING THE ENGINE

1. Move the shift lever to "N" (Neutral) position.

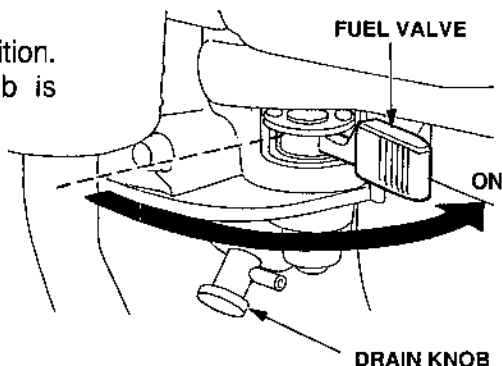


## OPERATION

2. Set the transmission release lever in the ENGAGED position (page 16).



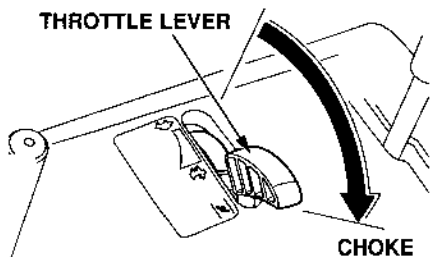
3. Turn the fuel valve to the ON position. Be sure that the drain knob is tightened securely.



4. In cold weather and when the engine is cold, follow the procedures below.

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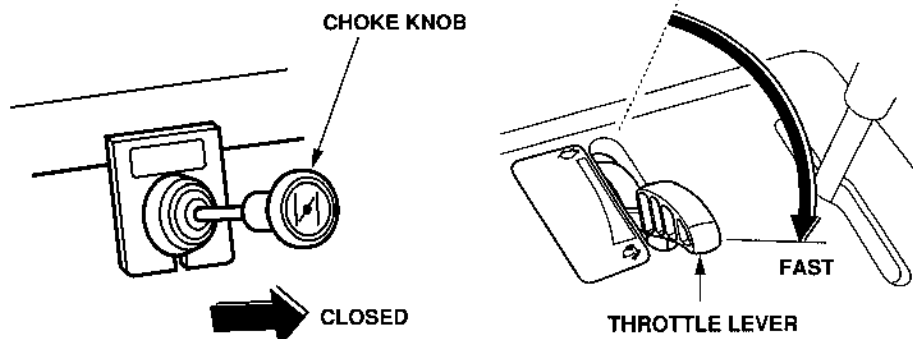
Move the throttle lever to the CHOKE position.





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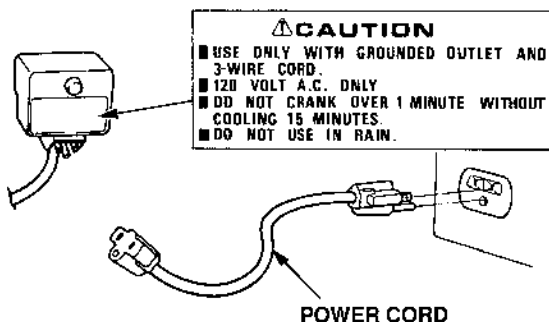
Pull the choke knob to the CLOSED position and move the throttle lever to the FAST position.



5. Start the engine.

## Electric-start Models (TAS, WAS type):

- a. Connect your power cord to the switch box and the male end of the power cord to a properly grounded 120 volt ac outlet.



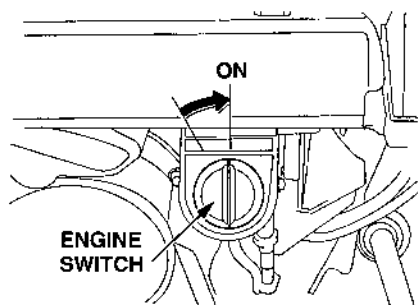
To minimize the possibility of potentially dangerous electrical shocks, always use a 3-conductor power cord with a power rating of no less than 15 amps. Also, be sure that the outlet you are using is properly grounded.

Do not connect and disconnect the power cord with wet hands.

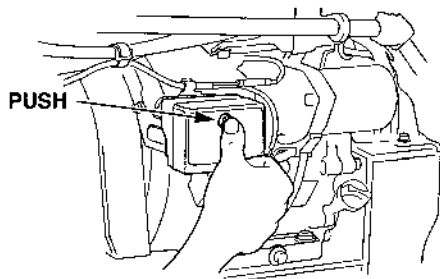
Be sure to hold the plug when disconnecting the power cord from the electrical outlet or switch box. Do not disconnect by pulling on the power cord.

## OPERATION

- b. Turn the engine switch to the ON position.



- c. Push the starter button until the engine starts. After the engine starts, disconnect the power cord from the electrical outlet, and then from the switch box.

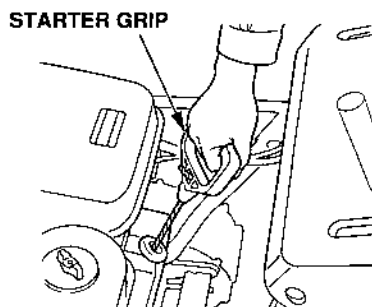


### NOTICE

*Do not operate the starter for more than 1 minute. If the engine fails to start, release the button and allow the starter to cool for 15 minutes before operating it again.*

### Manual Starting only

- a. Pull the starter grip lightly until you feel resistance, then pull briskly.
- b. Return the starter grip gently to the engine.



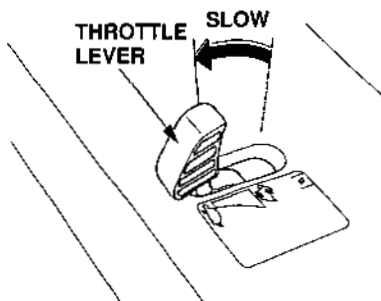
### NOTICE

- Do not allow the starter grip to snap back against the engine. Return it gently to prevent damage to the starter.*
- Do not pull the starter grip while the engine is running. The starter could be damaged.*

3. Let the engine warm up for several minutes.

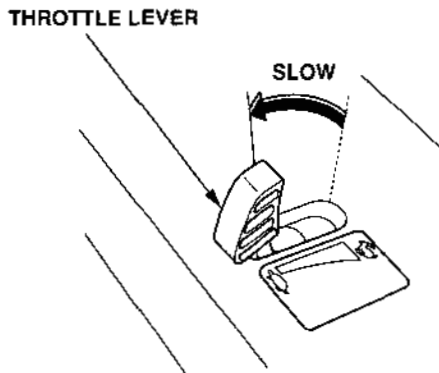
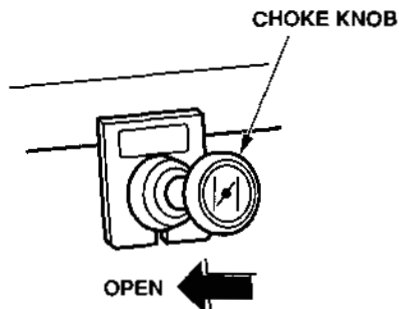
## HS624/HS724/HS828/HS928:

If the throttle lever has been moved to the CHOKE position, gradually move the throttle lever to the SLOW position as the engine warms up.



## HS1132:

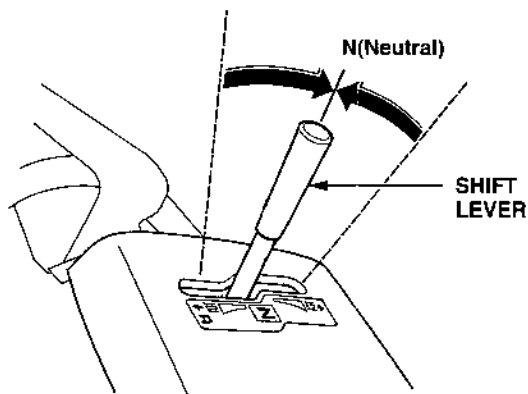
If the choke knob has been pulled to the CLOSED position to start the engine, gradually push it to the OPEN position as the engine warms up. Move the throttle lever to the SLOW position.



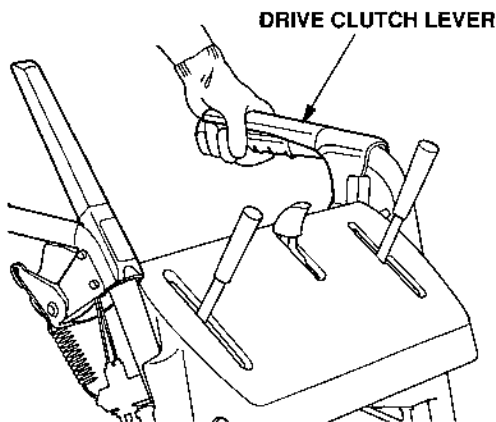
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4. While warming the engine up, also warm the transmission as follows:

- a. Check that the shift lever is in the "N" (Neutral) position.

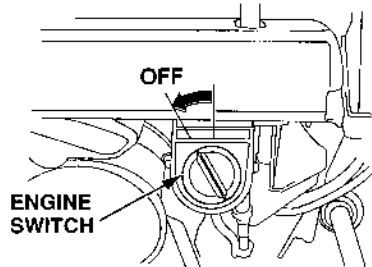


- b. Squeeze the drive clutch lever for about 30 seconds to warm up the transmission fluid.

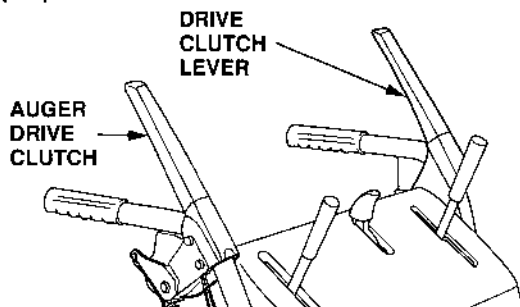


## STOPPING THE ENGINE

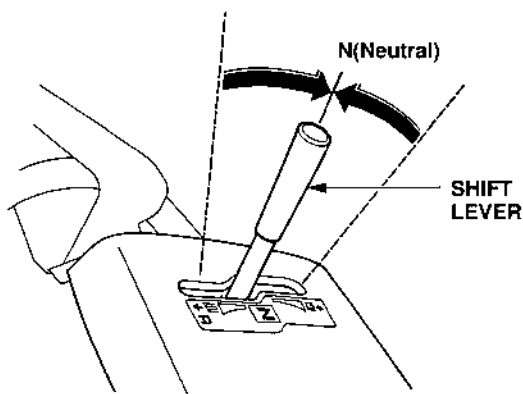
To stop the engine in an emergency, simply turn the engine switch to the OFF position. Under normal conditions, use the following procedure.



1. Release the auger and drive clutch levers. The drive and snow blowing mechanism will stop operation.



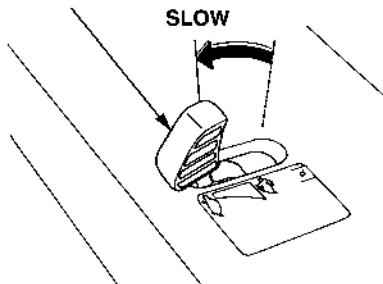
2. Move the shift lever to "N" (Neutral) position.



3. Turn the throttle lever to the SLOW position.

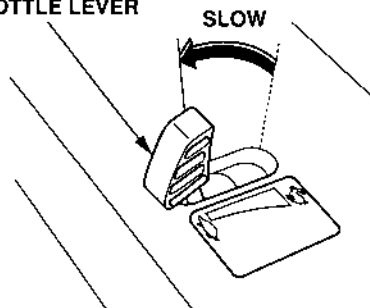
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THROTTLE LEVER



HS1132

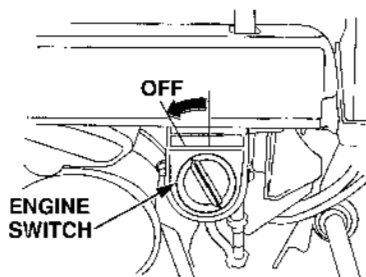
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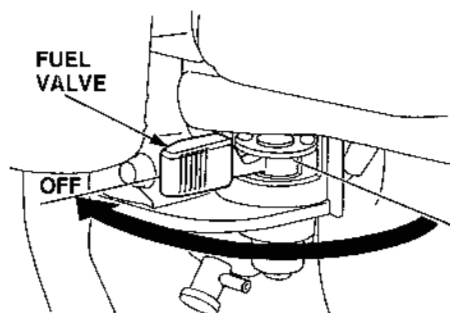
## OPERATION

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4. Turn the engine switch to the OFF position.



5. Turn the fuel valve to the OFF position.

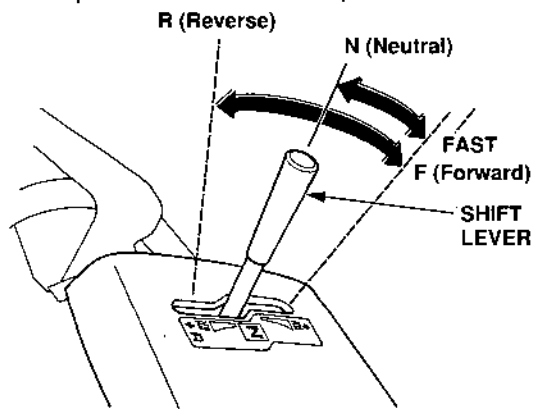


## CLEARING SNOW

1. Move the throttle lever to the FAST position for normal operation.

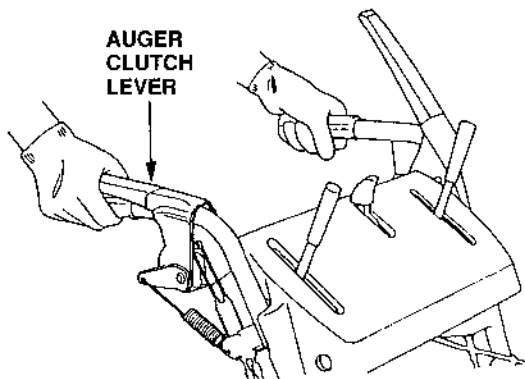
2. Release the auger clutch lever, and move the shift lever to select the desired drive speed.

Low speed is recommended for removing deep or hardpacked snow.



3. Set the foot pedal to the correct position (page 14, track type only).
4. Adjust the throwing direction by using the chute crank and the discharge deflector lever (page 12 and 14).
5. Squeeze the auger clutch lever.

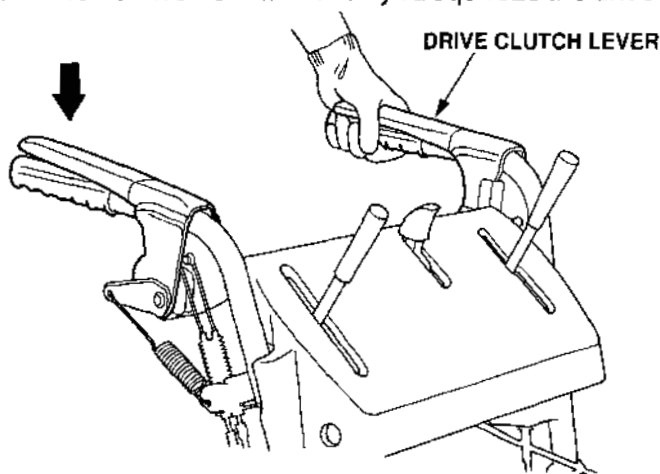
The machine will clear snow when you squeeze the auger clutch lever.



## OPERATION

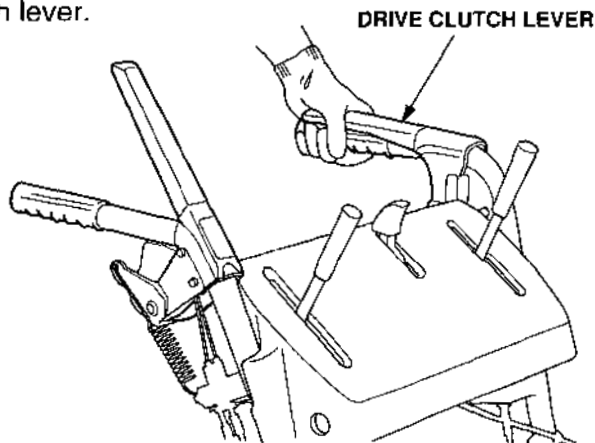
6. Squeeze the drive clutch lever to self-propel the snowblower.

If the transmission release lever (page 22) is in the **ENGAGED** position, and the shift lever (page 29) is in the **FORWARD (F)** position, the hydrostatic drive will propel the snowblower forward when you squeeze the drive clutch lever.



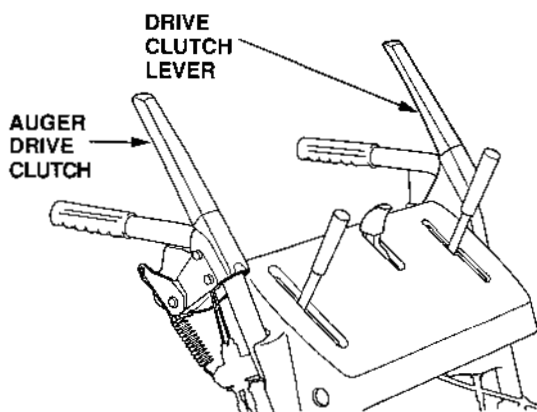
When both levers are squeezed, the drive clutch lever locks the auger clutch lever down. This frees your right hand to operate the other snowblower controls. Releasing the drive clutch lever unlocks and releases the auger clutch lever.

To move from one place to another, or to change direction, use the drive clutch lever only. Release both the drive clutch lever and auger clutch lever, and then squeeze the drive clutch lever.





7. Release the clutch levers to stop clearing or moving.



# OPERATION

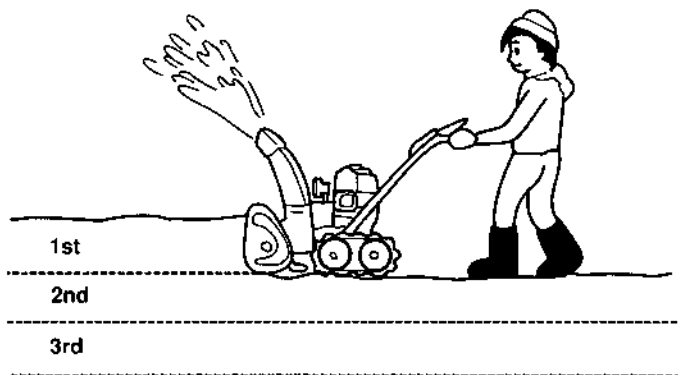
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## SNOW-CLEARING TIPS

For best efficiency, clear snow before it melts, refreezes and hardens. Do not reduce engine speed while clearing snow.

Operating tips for clearing hard or deep snow:

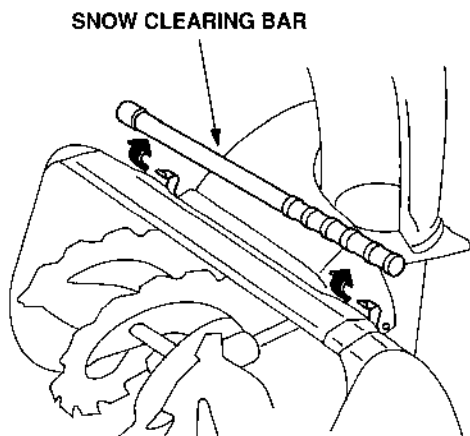
- Reduce forward speed. If that is not sufficient, use the shift lever to clear snow with a back and forth motion.
- Clear a narrower swath. Make several passes with the auger overlapping the cleared areas.
- If the snow is deeper than the height of the auger, remove it in several steps, as shown below, or install the drift-breaker kit (optional part) that is available from authorized Honda snowblower dealers.



## REMOVING OBSTRUCTIONS

If the snow discharge chute or snow blowing mechanism becomes restricted, review clearing snow information (page 32) to reduce the possibility of reoccurring obstructions.

1. Before removing the obstruction, be sure to stop the engine, and make sure that all rotating parts have come to a complete stop. Remove the spark plug cap from the spark plug.
2. Remove the snow clearing bar (if equipped), or use a wooden stick to clear the obstruction.
3. After clearing, wipe the bar clean, and store it in the holders.



# SERVICING YOUR HONDA SNOWBLOWER

## THE IMPORTANCE OF MAINTENANCE

Good maintenance is essential for safe, economical, and trouble-free operation. It will also help reduce air pollution.

To help you properly care for your snowblower, the following pages include a maintenance schedule, routine inspection procedures, and simple maintenance procedures using basic hand tools. Other service tasks that are more difficult, or require special tools, are best handled by professionals and are normally performed by a Honda technician or other qualified mechanic.

The maintenance schedule applies to normal operating conditions. If you operate your snowblower under unusual conditions, consult your servicing dealer for recommendations applicable to your individual needs and use. Remember that your servicing dealer knows your snowblower best and is fully equipped to maintain and repair it.

### **WARNING**

Improper maintenance, or failure to correct a problem before operation, can cause a malfunction in which you can be seriously hurt or killed.

Always follow the inspection and maintenance recommendations and schedules in this owner's manual.

To ensure the best quality and reliability, use only new, genuine Honda parts or their equivalents for repair and replacement.

Maintenance, replacement, or repair of the emission control devices and systems may be performed by any engine repair establishment or individual, using parts that are "certified" to EPA standards.

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## MAINTENANCE SAFETY

Some of the most important safety precautions follow. However, we cannot warn you of every conceivable hazard that can arise in performing maintenance. Only you can decide whether or not you should perform a given task.

### **WARNING**

Failure to properly follow maintenance instructions and precautions can cause you to be seriously hurt or killed.

Always follow the procedures and precautions in the owner's manual.

## Safety Precautions

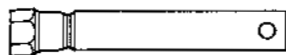
- Make sure the engine is off before you begin any maintenance or repairs. This will eliminate several potential hazards:
  - **Carbon monoxide poisoning from engine exhaust.**  
Be sure there is adequate ventilation whenever you operate the engine.
  - **Burns from hot parts.**  
Let the engine and exhaust system cool before touching.
  - **Injury from moving parts.**  
Do not run the engine unless instructed to do so.
- Read the instructions before you begin, and make sure you have the tools and skills required.
- To reduce the possibility of fire or explosion, be careful when working around gasoline. Use only a nonflammable solvent, not gasoline, to clean parts. Keep cigarettes, sparks, and flames away from all fuel-related parts.

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## TOOL KIT

The tools necessary for performing some of the periodic maintenance, simple adjustments and repairs are supplied in the tool kit.

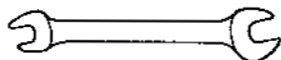
Spare shear bolts and nuts are also located in the tool kit.



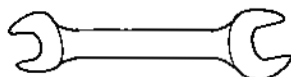
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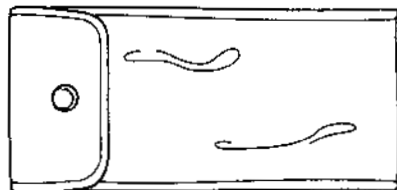
**WRENCH HANDLE**



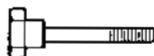
**10 x 14mm WRENCH**



**12 x 14mm WRENCH (HS624/HS724/HS828/HS928)  
12 x 17mm WRENCH (HS1132)**



**TOOL BAG**



**BLOWER SHEAR BOLT**



**6mm SELF LOCK NUT**



**AUGER SHEAR BOLT(3)**



**6mm HEX NUT(3)**

# SERVICING YOUR HONDA SNOWBLOWER

## MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE

Item	Action	EACH USE	FIRST 20 HRS OPERATION	Every Year		EVERY 5 YEARS OR 300 HRS	Page
				BEFORE OPERATION	BEFORE STORAGE		
• Engine oil	check level	O					40
	change		O	O(1)			41
Transmission oil	check level	O		O(2)			43
• Spark plug	check - adjust			O(1)	O		45
	replace					O	
Auger skid shoes and scraper	check-adjust	O		O(1)			50
Track	adjust	O		O(1)			47
Tires	check	O		O			48
Auger and blower shear bolts	check			O			49
Bolts, nuts, fasteners	check			O			19
• Sediment cup	clean				O		55
Grease	apply grease				O		52
Chute guide control cable	check-adjust			O(1)(2)			Shop manual
• Fuel tank and carburetor	drain				O		55
Auger clutch cable	check-adjust			O(1)(2)			Shop manual
Drive clutch cable	check-adjust			O(1)(2)			Shop manual
• Idle speed	check-adjust					O(2)	Shop manual
Throttle cable	check-adjust			O(1)(2)			Shop manual
• Fuel filter	check					O(2)	Shop manual
• Fuel line	replace	Every 2 years (2)					Shop manual
• Valve clearance	check-adjust					O(2)	Shop manual
• Combustion chamber	clean	After every 500hrs (2)					Shop manual

### • Emission related items

- (1) Service every 10 hours or daily when used under extremely harsh conditions, or used commercially.
- (2) These items should only be serviced by an authorized Honda servicing snowblower dealer unless you are mechanically proficient and have the proper tools.

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## REFUELING

### Fuel tank capacities:

HS624 / HS724 : 0.92 US gal (3.5 ℓ, 0.77 Imp gal)

HS828 / HS928 : 1.59 US gal (6.0 ℓ, 1.32 Imp gal)

HS1132 : 1.72 US gal (6.5 ℓ, 1.43 Imp gal)

With the engine stopped, remove the fuel tank cap and check the fuel level. Refill the tank if the fuel level is low. Do not fill above the base of the filler neck.

### **WARNING**

Gasoline is highly flammable and explosive. You can be burned or seriously injured when handling fuel.

- Stop the engine and keep heat, sparks, and flame away.
- Handle fuel only outdoors.
- Wipe up spills immediately.

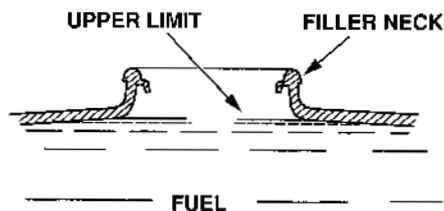
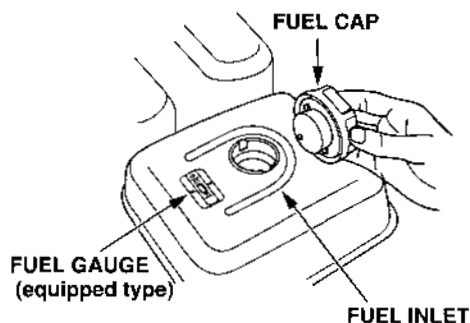
Refuel in a well-ventilated area before starting the engine. If the engine has been running, allow it to cool. Refuel carefully to avoid spilling fuel. Do not fill the fuel tank above the fuel strainer shoulder. After refueling, tighten the fuel tank cap securely.

Never refuel the engine inside a building where gasoline fumes may reach flames or sparks. Keep gasoline away from appliance pilot lights, barbecues, electric appliances, power tools, etc.



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Spilled fuel is not only a fire hazard, it causes environmental damage. Wipe up spills immediately.



## FUEL RECOMMENDATIONS

Use unleaded gasoline with a pump octane rating of 86 or higher.

These engines are certified to operate on unleaded gasoline. Unleaded gasoline produces fewer engine and spark plug deposits and extends exhaust system life.

Never use stale or contaminated gasoline or an oil/gasoline mixture. Avoid getting dirt or water in the fuel tank.

Occasionally you may hear a light "spark knock" or "pinging" (metallic rapping noise) while operating under heavy loads. This is no cause for concern.

If spark knock or pinging occurs at a steady engine speed, under normal load, change brands of gasoline. If spark knock or pinging persists, see an authorized Honda servicing dealer.

### NOTICE

*Running the engine with persistent spark knock or pinging can cause engine damage.*

Running the engine with persistent spark knock or pinging is misuse, and the *Distributor's Limited Warranty* does not cover parts damaged by abuse.

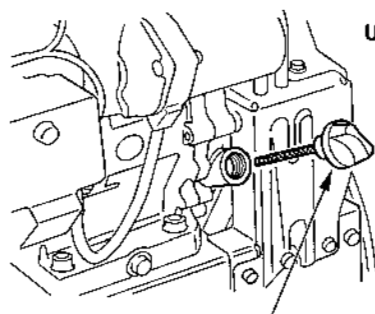
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## ENGINE OIL LEVEL CHECK

Check the engine oil level with the engine stopped and in a level position.

1. Remove the oil filler cap/dipstick and wipe it clean.
2. Insert and remove the dipstick without screwing it into the filler neck. Check the oil level shown on the dipstick.
3. If the oil level is low, fill to the edge of the oil filler hole with the recommended oil (page 42).
4. Reinstall the oil filler cap/dipstick.

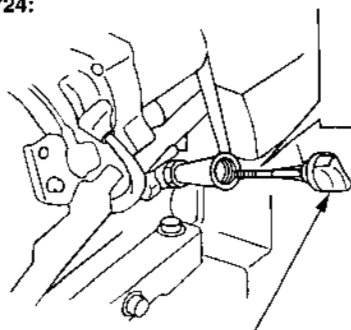
HS624/HS828/HS928/HS1132:



OIL FILLER CAP/DIPSTICK



HS724:

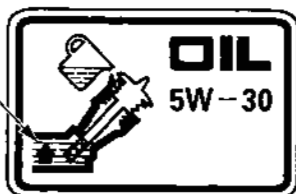


OIL FILLER CAP/DIPSTICK

UPPER LIMIT

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### NOTICE

*Running the engine with a low oil level can cause engine damage.*

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## ENGINE OIL CHANGE

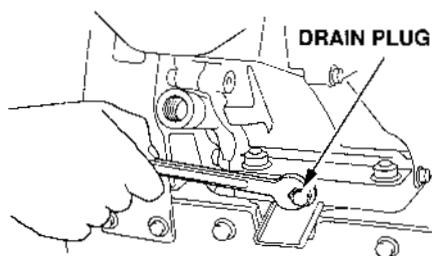
Drain the oil while the engine is still warm to assure rapid and complete draining.

1. Place the snowblower on a level surface. If your snowblower is the track type, use the foot pedal (page 14) to raise the engine.
2. Place a suitable container below the engine to catch the used oil, then remove the oil filler cap/dipstick and the drain plug.

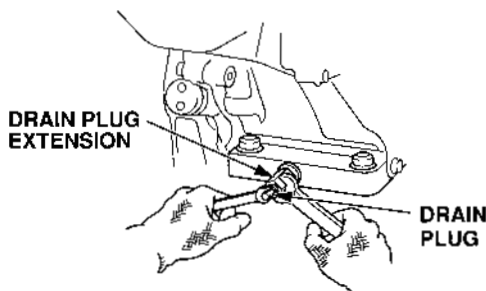
### HS1132 ONLY:

To avoid loosening the drain plug extension, hold it with a 14 mm wrench while loosening the drain plug with a 10 mm wrench.

HS624/HS724/HS828/HS928:



HS1132:



3. Allow the used oil to drain completely, then reinstall the drain plug, and tighten it securely.

### NOTICE

*Improper disposal of engine oil can be harmful to the environment. If you change your own oil, please dispose of used motor oil properly. Put it in a sealed container, and take it to a recycling center. Do not throw it in the trash, pour it on the ground, or down a drain.*

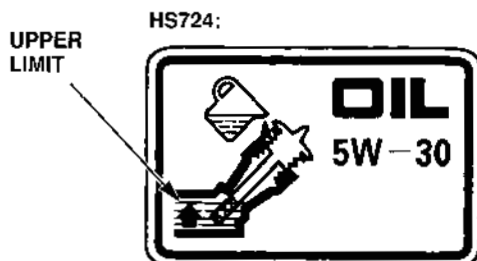
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4. With the engine in a level position, fill to the outer edge of the oil filler hole with the recommended oil (page 40).

Oil Capacity:

HS624/HS724: 0.63 US qt (0.60 ℓ, 0.53 Imp qt)

HS828/HS928/HS1132: 1.16 US qt (1.10 ℓ, 0.97 Imp qt)



## NOTICE

*Running the engine with a low oil level can cause engine damage.*

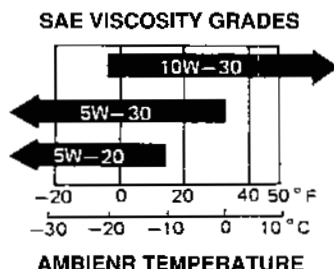
5. Screw in the oil filler cap/dipstick securely.

## ENGINE OIL RECOMMENDATIONS

Oil is a major factor affecting performance and service life. Use a 4-stroke automotive detergent oil.

SAE 5W-30 is recommended for general use. Other viscosities shown in the chart may be used when the average temperature in your area is within the indicated range.

The SAE oil viscosity and service classification are on the API label on the oil container. Honda recommends that you use API SERVICE category SJ oil.



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## HYDROSTATIC TRANSMISSION OIL

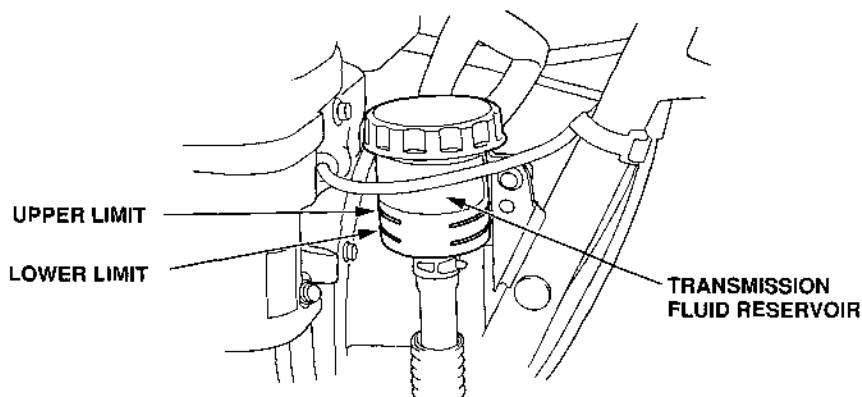
Check the hydrostatic fluid level in the reservoir.

Hydrostatic fluid expands and contracts with changes in temperature. The UPPER and LOWER limit marks on the reservoir are calibrated for room temperature fluid.

It is normal for the fluid level to rise above the UPPER limit mark when snowblower operation warms the transmission.

When checking the level of cold fluid, below room temperature, refer to the temperature chart for appropriate fluid levels (page 42).

At temperatures below  $-20^{\circ}\text{C}$  ( $-4^{\circ}\text{F}$ ), fluid may not be visible in the reservoir before operation, but should rise into the reservoir when the transmission warms up.



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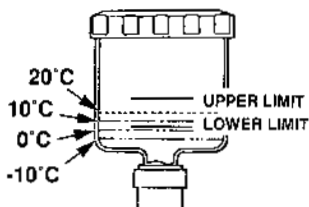
If the fluid level is low, add HONDA HYDROSTATIC FLUID.

## NOTICE

*The use of other hydrostatic fluids will reduce transmission performance and may damage the transmission. Use only HONDA HYDROSTATIC FLUID.*

1. Unscrew the reservoir cap and remove the seal. Be careful to prevent dirt, water, or snow from entering the reservoir.
2. Add HONDA HYDROSTATIC FLUID to bring the fluid level to the UPPER limit mark at room temperature, or to the appropriate level shown in the temperature chart. Do not overfill.
3. Reinstall the seal, and tighten the cap securely.

Temp	Oil level
20°C (68°F)	Between upper and lower limit marks (approx. 5 mm (0.20 in) above lower limit marks)
10°C (50°F)	Slightly above lower limit mark (approx. 2 mm (0.08 in) above lower limit mark)
0°C (32°F)	Slightly below lower limit mark (approx. 1 mm (0.04 in) below lower limit mark)
-10°C (14°F)	Between lower limit mark and bottom of reservoir (approx. 4 mm (0.16 in) below lower limit mark)



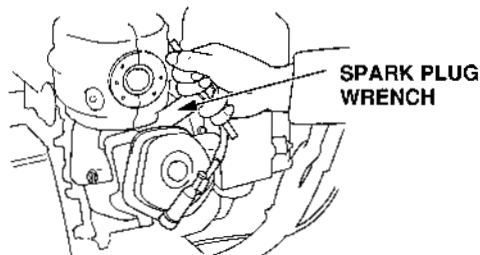
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## SPARK PLUG SERVICE

Recommended spark plug: BPR5ES (NGK)  
W16EPR-U (DENSO)

To ensure proper engine operation, the spark plug must be properly gapped and free of deposits. If the engine has been running, the muffler will be very hot. Be careful not to touch the muffler.

1. Remove the spark plug cap.
2. Clean any dirt from around the spark plug base.
3. Use the wrench supplied in the tool kit to remove the spark plug.
4. Inspect the spark plug. Replace it if the electrodes are worn or if the insulator is cracked or chipped. If it is to be reused, clean the electrode and insulator with a wire brush.

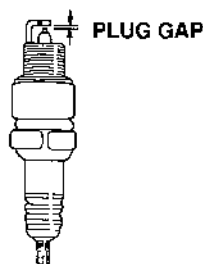


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5. Measure the plug gap with a feeler gauge. Correct as necessary by bending the side electrode.

The gap should be:  
0.028-0.031 in (0.70-0.80 mm)



6. Make sure that the spark plug washer is in good condition, and thread the spark plug in by hand to prevent cross-threading.
7. After the spark plug is seated, tighten with a spark plug wrench to compress the washer.

If installing a new spark plug, tighten 1/2 turn after the spark plug seats to compress the washer. If reinstalling a used spark plug, tighten 1/8 to 1/4 turn after the spark plug seats.

### NOTICE

- *Use only the recommended spark plugs or equivalent. Spark plugs which have an improper heat range may cause engine damage.*

### NOTICE

- *The spark plug must be securely tightened. An improperly tightened spark plug can become very hot and may damage the engine.*



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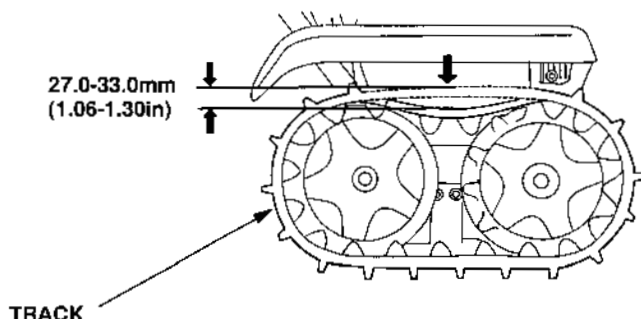
## TRACK ADJUSTMENT

Make sure the tracks are clean and dry before adjustment. The tracks cannot be correctly adjusted if packed with snow or debris, or coated with ice.

With the snowblower resting on its tracks, check track deflection by pressing down midway between the wheels with a force of 33 lb (15 kg).

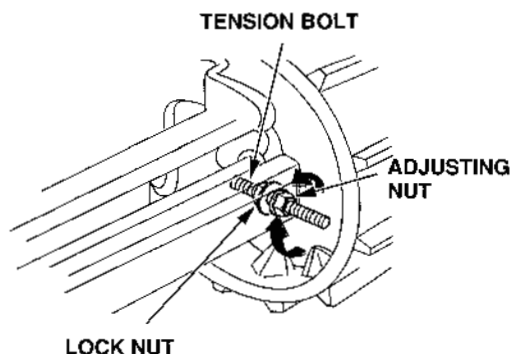
When correctly adjusted, track deflection should be:

1-11/16 – 1-5/16 in (27-33 mm)



## Adjusting Procedure

1. Loosen the left and right tension bolt lock nuts at the rear axle, and turn the adjusting nuts to correctly tension both tracks.
2. After adjustment, tighten the lock nuts securely.



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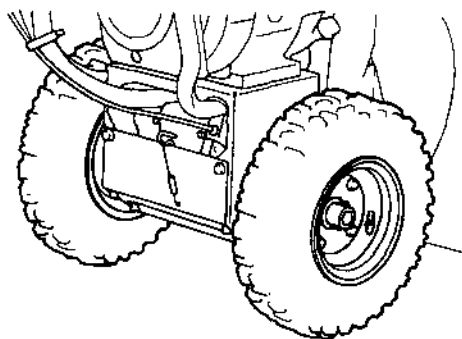
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## TIRE INSPECTION

- Check the side wall and tread surface of each tire for cracks, damage, or excessive wear.
- Check the tire pressure.

Tire pressure:

8.5 psi (59 kPa, 0.6 kgf/cm<sup>2</sup>)



### NOTICE

*Excessive inflation pressure can damage the tires. Do not inflate the tires beyond the recommended pressure.*

## AUGER AND BLOWER INSPECTION

Check the auger, auger housing, blower and shear bolts for signs of damage or other faults. If any of the shear bolts are broken, replace them with the ones furnished with the snowblower. Additional shear bolts and nuts are available from authorized Honda snowblower dealers.

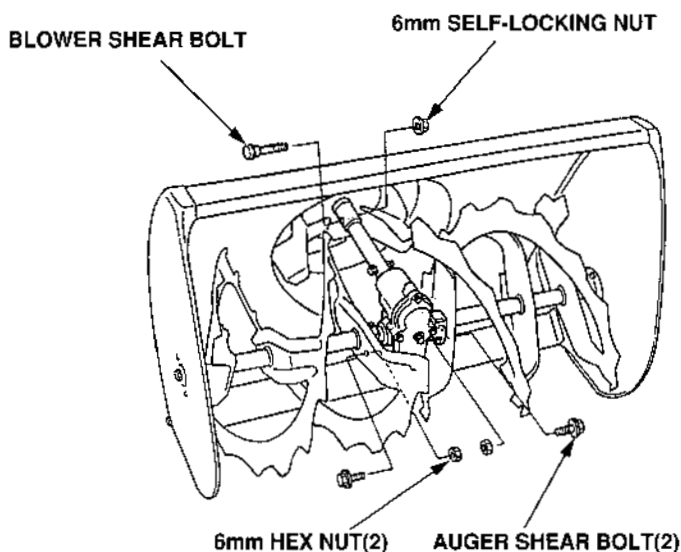
### NOTICE

*Shear bolts are designed to break under force that would otherwise damage auger and blower parts. Do not replace shear bolts with ordinary hardware bolts.*

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## SHEAR BOLT REPLACEMENT PROCEDURE

1. Place the snowblower on a firm, level surface.
2. Turn the engine switch OFF, and remove the cap from the spark plug.
3. Clean the auger and blower of snow, ice or any other foreign particles.
4. Check the entire snow clearing mechanism.
5. Replace any broken shear bolts. Tighten securely.



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## SKID SHOES AND SCRAPER

Turn the engine switch to the OFF position, and disconnect the spark plug cap, so the engine cannot be accidentally started while you are near the auger.

### Inspection

1. Raise the auger housing off the ground.

Track type: Step on the foot pedal (page 14), and raise the auger to the highest position.

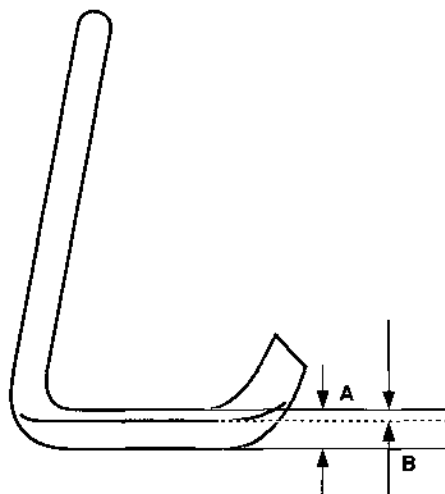
Wheel type: Place a block of wood under the scraper to support the auger.

2. Measure the thickness of the right and left skid shoes at their thinnest point.

Replace the skid shoes if they are worn to the specified service limit.

A=NEW thickness

B=WORN thickness



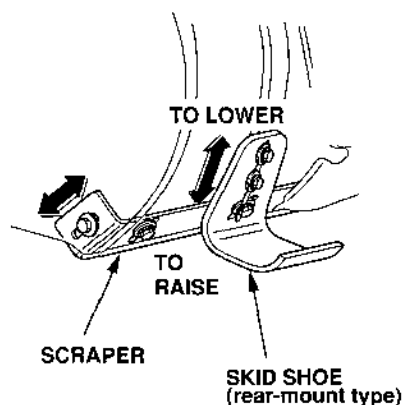
### SKID SHOE SERVICE LIMIT

Rear-mount type	3/32 in (2.5mm)
Side-mount type	1/16 in (1.5mm)

# SERVICING YOUR HONDA SNOWBLOWER

## Adjustment

1. Place the snowblower on a level surface. (For track-type snowblowers, step on the foot pedal, and set the auger in the middle position).
2. Loosen the skid shoe nuts, and adjust the skid shoes to obtain the auger ground clearance for snow conditions recommended below. Adjust the right and left skid shoes equally. Retighten the nuts securely.



## AUGER GROUND CLEARANCE RECOMMENDATIONS

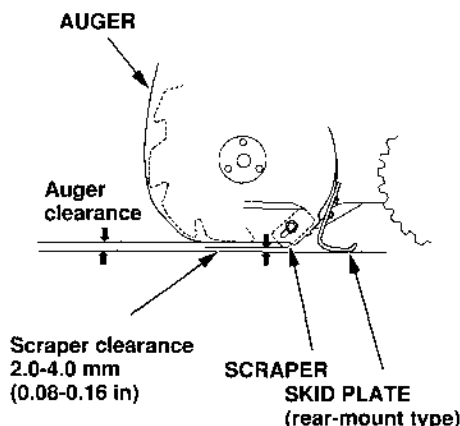
For ordinary snow conditions	5/32-5/16 in (4.0-8.0mm)
For smooth, ice-covered surfaces	3/32-3/16 in (2.0-5.0mm)
For rough or uneven surfaces	1-1-3/16 in (25.0-30.0mm)

### NOTICE

*Operation on rough or uneven surfaces with less than the recommended auger ground clearance can damage the snow blower.*

3. Loosen all the nuts holding the scraper, and adjust the scraper to the specified ground clearance. Retighten the nuts securely.
- ### SCRAPER GROUND CLEARANCE

3/32-5/32 in (2.0-4.0mm)



4. Inspect the scraper. Replace the scraper if it is excessively worn.

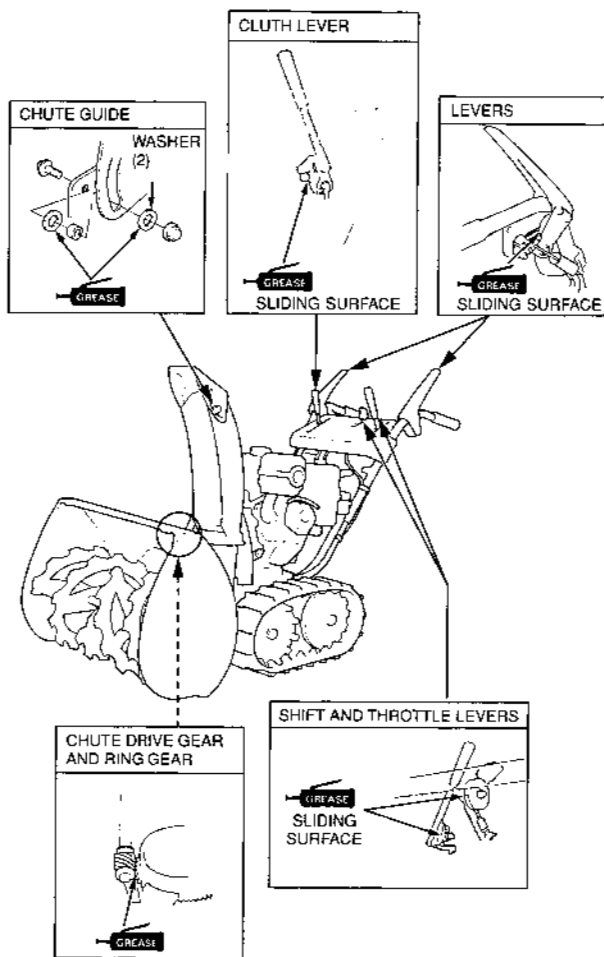
# STORAGE

## STORAGE PREPARATION

Proper storage preparation is essential for keeping your snowblower troublefree and looking good. The following steps will help to keep rust and corrosion from impairing your snowblower's function and appearance, and will make the engine easier to start when you use the snowblower again.

### Cleaning

1. Rinse the auger housing and wheels (or tracks) with a garden hose. Wipe the rest of the snowblower with a moist rag.
2. After the snowblower has dried, touch up any damaged paint.
3. Apply grease to the following areas for lubrication.



### Fuel

Gasoline will oxidize and deteriorate in storage. Old gasoline will cause hard starting, and it leaves gum deposits that clog the fuel system. If the gasoline in your snowblower deteriorates during storage, you may need to have the carburetor and other fuel system components serviced or replaced.

The length of time that gasoline can be left in your fuel tank and carburetor without causing functional problems will vary with such factors as gasoline blend, your storage temperatures, and whether the fuel tank is partially or completely filled. The air in a partially filled fuel tank promotes fuel deterioration. Very warm storage / temperatures accelerate fuel deterioration. Fuel deterioration problems may occur within a few months, or even less if the gasoline was not fresh when you filled the fuel tank.

The *Distributor's Limited Warranty* does not cover fuel system damage or engine performance problems resulting from neglected storage preparation.

You can extend fuel storage life by adding a fuel stabilizer that is formulated for that purpose, or you can avoid fuel deterioration problems by draining the fuel tank and carburetor.

## **STORAGE**

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### ***Adding a Fuel Stabilizer to Extend Fuel Storage Life***

When adding a fuel stabilizer, fill the fuel tank with fresh gasoline. If only partially filled, air in the tank will promote fuel deterioration during storage. If you keep a container of gasoline for refueling, be sure that it contains only fresh gasoline.

Add fuel stabilizer following the manufacturer's instructions.

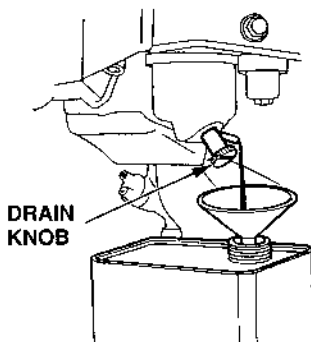
After adding a fuel stabilizer, run the engine outdoors for 10 minutes to be sure that treated gasoline has replaced the untreated gasoline in the carburetor.

Stop the engine, and move the fuel valve lever to the OFF position.



## Draining the Fuel Tank and Carburetor

1. Place an approved gasoline container below the carburetor, and use a funnel to avoid spilling fuel.
2. Loosen the carburetor drain knob, then move the fuel valve lever to the ON position. Drain the until the fuel tank is empty.



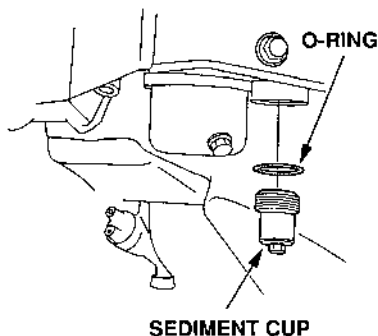
### **⚠ WARNING**

Gasoline is highly flammable and explosive.

You can be burned or seriously injured when handling fuel.

- Keep heat, sparks, and flame away.
- Handle fuel only outdoors.
- Wipe up spills immediately.

3. After draining, tighten the drain knob and turn the fuel valve OFF.
4. Remove the fuel sediment cup.
5. Empty the contents into a suitable container. Clean the fuel sediment cup.
6. Reinstall the sediment cup and O-ring and tighten securely.

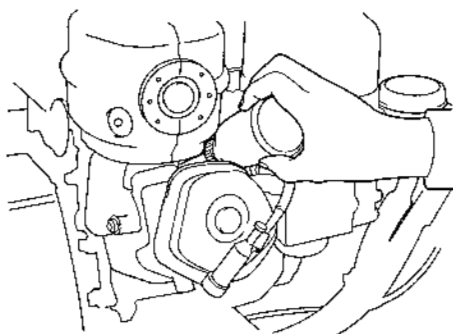


# STORAGE

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## Engine Oil

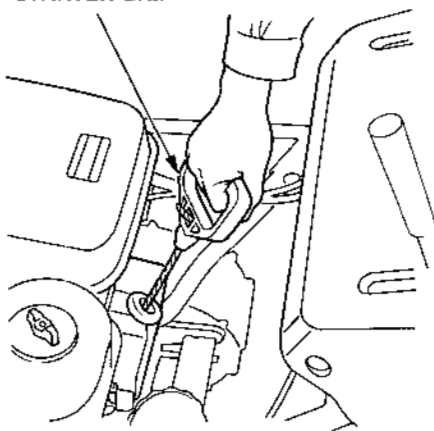
1. Change the engine oil (page 41).
2. Remove the spark plug (page 45).
3. Pour a tablespoon (5 ~ 10 cc) of clean engine oil into the cylinder.
4. Pull the starter rope slowly several times to distribute the oil.
5. Reinstall the spark plug.
6. Pull the starter grip until resistance is felt. This will close the valves and protect the engine from internal corrosion.



## Tires

Check tire air pressure (page 48).

**STARTER GRIP**



### STORAGE PRECAUTIONS

If your snowblower will be stored with gasoline in the fuel tank and carburetor, it is important to reduce the hazard of gasoline vapor ignition. Select a well-ventilated storage area away from any appliance that operates with a flame, such as a furnace, water heater, or clothes dryer. Also avoid any area with a spark-producing electric motor, or where power tools are operated.

If possible, avoid storage areas with high humidity, because that promotes rust and corrosion.

Unless all fuel has been drained from the fuel tank, leave the fuel valve in the OFF position to reduce the possibility of fuel leakage.

Place the snowblower on a level surface. Tilting can cause fuel or oil leakage.

With the engine and exhaust system cool, cover the snowblower to keep out dust. A hot engine and exhaust system can ignite or melt some materials. Do not use sheet plastic as a dust cover. A nonporous cover will trap moisture around the engine, promoting rust and corrosion.

### REMOVE FROM STORAGE

Check your snowblower as described in the *BEFORE OPERATION* chapter (page 18) of this manual.

If the fuel was drained during storage preparation, fill the tank with fresh gasoline. If you keep a container of gasoline for refueling, be sure that it contains only fresh gasoline. Gasoline oxidizes and deteriorates over time, causing hard starting.

If the cylinder was coated with oil during storage preparation, the engine may smoke briefly at startup. This is normal.

# TRANSPORTING

## BEFORE LOADING

1. Loading the snowblower on a trailer should be performed on a firm, level surface.
2. Use a loading ramp that is strong enough to support the combined weight of the snowblower and the operator:

Weight of snowblower : (Operating weight)

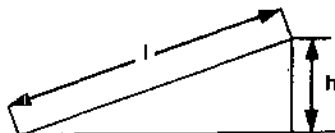
HS624	HS828	
TA: 185 lbs (84 kg) WA: 194 lbs (88 kg)	TA: 245 lbs (111 kg) WA: 220 lbs (100 kg)	TAS: 256 lbs (116 kg) WAS: 231 lbs (105 kg)

HS724	HS928	
TA: 207 lbs (94 kg) WA: 212 lbs (96 kg)	TA: 245 lbs (111 kg) WA: 225 lbs (102 kg)	TAS: 256 lbs (116 kg) WAS: 231 lbs (105 kg)

HS1132	
TA: 267 lbs (121 kg)	TAS: 273 lbs (124 kg)

3. The loading ramp must be long enough so that its slope is  $15^\circ$  or less:

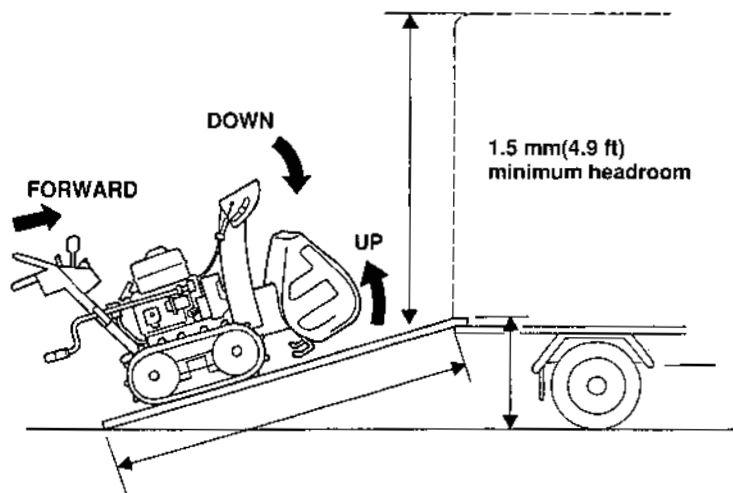
Length of Ramp(l)	8.2 ft (2.5 m)	9.8 ft (3.0 m)	11.5 ft (3.5 m)
Height (h)	1.6 ft (50 cm)	2.0 ft (60 cm)	2.3 ft (70 cm)



4. If the truck bed has a low roof or cover, with less than 4.9 ft (1.5 m) of headroom, lower the chute guide for better clearance, or remove the chute assembly.
5. Check that there is sufficient fuel in the tank. The engine may stall on the ramp if there is not enough fuel in the tank.

### LOADING

1. Step on the foot pedal, and raise the auger to the HIGH position (page 14).
2. Maneuver the snowblower into line with the loading ramp.
3. Run the snowblower slowly up the loading ramp. Be careful to avoid striking the chute or other parts of the machine.



4. After the snowblower is in the truck, stop the engine, and turn the fuel valve to the OFF position. This will prevent the possibility of carburetor flooding and will reduce the possibility of fuel leakage.
5. Tie the snowblower down with rope or straps, and block the treads. Keep the tie-down rope or straps away from controls and cables.

# TAKING CARE OF UNEXPECTED PROBLEMS

## ENGINE PROBLEMS

<b>Electric starter does not operate</b>	<b>Possible cause</b>	<b>Correction</b>
Check electrical outlet.	No electric current from outlet.	Try known good electrical outlet. Start engine by using the recoil starter.
Check power cord.	Defective power cord.	Try another power cord. Start engine by using the recoil starter.

<b>Starter operates, but engine will not start</b>	<b>Possible cause</b>	<b>Correction</b>
Check throttle position and choke.	Throttle not in proper position.	Throttle must be in FAST position, choke OFF for a hot start, choke ON for a cold start (page 23).
Check fuel delivery to engine.	Fuel valve is OFF.  Sediment cup obstructed.	Turn fuel valve to ON (page 22). Check for contaminants in sediment cup (page 55).
Check fuel condition.	Stale or old fuel.	Be sure tank has fresh fuel. Drain carburetor and sediment cup (page 55).
Check for spark.	Spark plug cap(s) off.  Improper electrode gap or deposits in the spark plug(s) gap.	Make sure caps are connected. Verify that spark plugs are free of deposits, and have proper gap (page 46).

## TAKING CARE OF UNEXPECTED PROBLEMS

Engine has low power	Possible cause	Correction
Check ground speed.	Fast ground speed when blowing wet, deep snow puts excessive load on engine.	Blow snow at slower ground speed.
Snowblowing cutting swath too large for snow conditions.	Wet, deep cuts excessive load on engine.	Reduce snowblowing swath.
Check auger housing.	Discharge chute restricted.	Clear discharge chute obstructions (page 17).
Check spark plugs	Spark plug caps not secure.  Improper electrode gap or deposits on gap.	Make sure spark plug caps are securely connected. Verify the spark plugs are free of deposits and have proper gap.
Check choke position.	Choke in wrong position or choke plate sticking.	Check choke plate movement.
Check fuel condition.	Stale or old fuel.	Be sure tank has fresh fuel. Drain carburetor and sediment cup (page 55).

# **TAKING CARE OF UNEXPECTED PROBLEMS**

## **DRIVE PROBLEMS**

<b>Engine runs, but snowblower doesn't move</b>	<b>Possible cause</b>	<b>Correction</b>
Check transmission release.	Lever is in the <b>RELEASED</b> position.	Move lever to the <b>ENGAGED</b> position (page 22).
Check hydrostatic transmission fluid level.	Fluid level is low.	Add hydrostatic transmission fluid to the proper level (page 44).
Check shift lever for position.	Shift lever is in "N" (neutral).	Move shift lever to forward or reverse (page 29).
Check drive clutch lever.	Drive clutch lever mechanism or cable not functioning properly.	See servicing Honda snowblower dealer.
Check drive belt.	Drive belt worn, broken or not on pulleys.	See servicing Honda snowblower dealer.



# TAKING CARE OF UNEXPECTED PROBLEMS

## SNOWBLOWER PROBLEMS

Won't blow snow	Possible cause	Correction
Check shear bolts.	Shear bolts broken.	Replace broken shear bolt(s) (page 49).
Check auger housing.	Discharge chute restricted.  Foreign object stopping auger from rotating.	Clear discharge chute of obstructions (page 17).  Remove foreign object.
Check drive belt and primary belt.	Belt worn, not on pulleys or not properly installed.	See servicing Honda snowblower dealer.

Snow not discharging properly	Possible cause	Correction
Check throttle position.	Auger spinning too slowly.	Keep throttle in FAST (page 12).
Check shear bolts.	Shear bolts broken.	Replace broken shear bolt(s) (page 49).
Check snowblower drive belt.	Belt worn, not on pulleys or not properly installed.	See servicing Honda snowblower dealer.
Check snow conditions.	Wet, deep snow is difficult to blow.	Reduce snowblowing swath (page 32).

## **TAKING CARE OF UNEXPECTED PROBLEMS**

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<b>Snow not discharging properly (cont.)</b>	<b>Possible cause</b>	<b>Correction</b>
Check ground speed.	snowblower moving too fast for snow conditions.	Use shift lever to reduce ground speed (page 29).

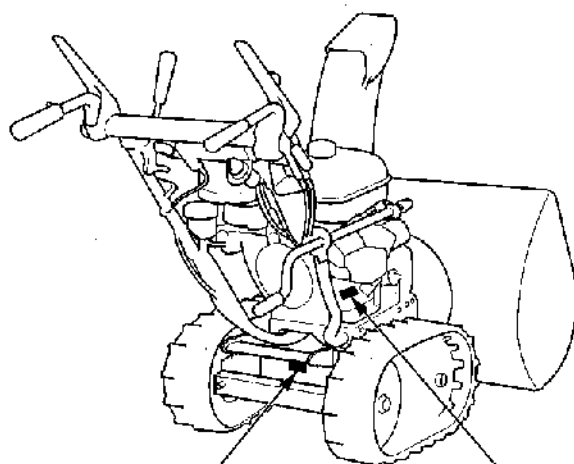
<b>Engine stalls when auger clutch lever is set to ON</b>	<b>Possible cause</b>	<b>Correction</b>
Check throttle position.	Engine running too slow.	Keep throttle in FAST when engaging auger clutch (page 12).
Check auger housing.	Discharge chute restricted.  Foreign object stopping auger from rotating.  Auger frozen by ice.	Clear discharge chute or auger housing of obstruction (page 17).

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## TECHNICAL INFORMATION

### Serial Number Locations

Record the engine and frame serial numbers in the spaces below. You will need these serial numbers when ordering parts, and when making technical or warranty inquiries (page 77).



FRAME SERIAL NUMBER

ENGINE SERIAL NUMBER

Engine serial number: \_\_\_\_\_

Frame serial number: \_\_\_\_\_

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### Carburetor Modification for High Altitude Operation

At high altitude, the standard carburetor air-fuel mixture will be too rich. Performance will decrease, and fuel consumption will increase. A very rich mixture will also foul the spark plug and cause hard starting. Operation at an altitude that differs from that at which this engine was certified, for extended periods of time, may increase emissions.

High altitude performance can be improved by a specific modifications to the carburetor. If you always operate your pump at altitudes above 5,000 feet (1,500 meters) have your servicing dealer perform this carburetor modification. This engine, when operated at high altitude with the carburetor modifications for high altitude use, will meet each emission standard throughout its useful life.

Even with carburetor modification, engine horsepower will decrease about 3.5% for each 1,000-foot (300-meter) increase in altitude. The effect of altitude on horsepower will be greater than this if no carburetor modification is made.

#### NOTICE

*When the carburetor has been modified for high altitude operation, the air-fuel mixture will be too lean for low altitude use. Operation at altitudes below 5,000 feet (1,500 meters) with a modified carburetor may cause the engine to overheat and result in serious engine damage. For use at low altitudes, have your servicing dealer return the carburetor to original factory specifications.*

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### Oxygenated Fuels

Some conventional gasolines are being blended with alcohol or an ether compound. These gasolines are collectively referred to as oxygenated fuels. To meet clean air standards, some areas of the United States and Canada use oxygenated fuels to help reduce emissions.

If you use an oxygenated fuel, be sure it is unleaded and meets the minimum octane rating requirement.

Before using an oxygenated fuel, try to confirm the fuel's contents. Some states/provinces require this information to be posted on the pump.

The following are the EPA-approved percentages of oxygenates:

**ETHANOL** — (ethyl or grain alcohol) 10% by volume  
You may use gasoline containing up to 10% ethanol by volume. Gasoline containing ethanol may be marketed under the name "Gasohol".

**MTBE** — (Methyl Tertiary Butyl Ether) 15% by volume  
You may use gasoline containing up to 15% MTBE by volume.

**METHANOL** — (methyl or wood alcohol) 5% by volume  
You may use gasoline containing up to 5% methanol by volume, as long as it also contains cosolvents and corrosion inhibitors to protect the fuel system.

Gasoline containing more than 5% methanol by volume may cause starting and/or performance problems. It may also damage metal, rubber, and plastic parts of your fuel system.

Fuel system damage or performance problems resulting from the use of an oxygenated fuel containing more than the percentages of oxygenates mentioned above are not covered under warranty.

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## **Emission Control System Information**

### ***Source of Emissions***

The combustion process produces carbon monoxide, oxides of nitrogen, and hydrocarbons. Control of hydrocarbons and oxides of nitrogen is very important because, under certain conditions, they react to form photochemical smog when subjected to sunlight. Carbon monoxide does not react in the same way, but it is toxic.

Honda uses lean carburetor settings and other systems to reduce the emissions of carbon monoxide, oxides of nitrogen, and hydrocarbons.

### ***The U.S. and California Clean Air Act***

EPA and California regulations require all manufacturers to furnish written instruction describing the operation and maintenance of emission control systems.

The following instructions and procedures must be followed in order to keep the Honda engine emissions within the emission standards.

### ***Tampering and Altering***

Tampering with or altering the emission control system may increase emissions beyond the legal limit. Among those acts that constitute tampering are:

- Removal or alteration of any part of intake, fuel, or exhaust system.
- Altering or defeating the governor linkage or speed-adjusting mechanism to cause the engine to operate outside its design parameters.

### ***Problems That May Affect Emissions***

If you are aware of any of the following symptoms, have your engine inspected and repaired by your authorized Honda servicing dealer.

- Hard starting or stalling after starting.
- Rough idle.
- Misfiring or backfiring under load.
- Afterburning (backfiring).
- Black exhaust smoke or high fuel consumption.

### **Replacement Parts**

The emission control systems on your new Honda engine were designed, built, and certified to conform with EPA and California emission regulations. We recommend the use genuine Honda parts whenever you have maintenance done. These original-design replacement parts are manufactured to the same standards as the original parts, so you can be confident of their performance. The use of replacement parts that are not of the original design and quality may impair the effectiveness of your emission control system.

A manufacturer of an aftermarket part assumes the responsibility that the part will not adversely affect emission performance. The manufacturer or rebuilder of the part must certify that use of the part will not result in a failure of the engine to comply with emission regulations.

### ***Maintenance***

Follow the Maintenance Schedule on page 37. Remember that this schedule is based on the assumption that your machine will be used for its designed purpose. Sustained high-load operation, will require more frequent service.

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### Air Index

An Air Index Information hang tag/label is applied to engines certified to an emission durability time period in accordance with the requirements of the California Air Resources Board.

The bar graph is intended to provide you, our customer, the ability to compare the emissions performance of available engines. The lower the Air Index, the less pollution.

The durability description is intended to provide you with information relating to the engine's emission durability period. The descriptive term indicates the useful-life period for the engine's emission control system. See your *Emission Control Warranty* for additional information.

Descriptive Term	Applicable to Emissions Durability Period
Moderate	50 hours (0 – 65 cc) 125 hours (greater than 65 cc)
Intermediate	125 hours (0 – 65 cc) 250 hours (greater than 65 cc)
Extended	300 hours (0 – 65 cc) 500 hours (greater than 65 cc)

The Air Index Information hang tag must remain on the snowblower until it is sold. Remove the hang tag before operating the snowblower.



# TECHNICAL & CONSUMER INFORMATION

## SPECIFICATIONS

### Frame

Model	HS624K1	
Type	TA	WA
Items		
Power equipment discription code	SZAJ	
Overall length	53.4 in (1,357 mm)	55.9 in (1,420 mm)
Overall width	24.4 in (620 mm)	
Overall height	38.2 in (970 mm)	41.0 in (1,042 mm)
Dry weight	176 lbs (80 kg)	185 lbs (84 kg)
Width of snow clearance	23.8 in (605 mm)	
Height of snow clearance	16.5 in (420 mm)	20.1 in (510 mm)
Snow throwing distance (varies with snow conditions)	Max. 39.4 ft (12 m)	
Clearing capacity	35 Ton/hour	37 Ton/hour
Continuous operating time	3.5 hours	

### Engine

Model	HONDA GX160K1
Maximum output	6HP at 4,000 rpm
Displacement	9.9 cu-in (163 cm <sup>3</sup> )
Bore × stroke	2.7 × 1.8 in (68 × 45 mm)
Starting method	Recoil starter
Ignition system	Transistorized magneto
Oil capacity	0.63 US qt (0.60 ℓ, 0.53 Imp qt)
Fuel tank capacity	0.92 US gal (3.5 ℓ, 0.77 Imp gal)
Spark plug	BPR5ES (NGK) W16EPR-U (DENSO)

### Tuneup

ITEM	SPECIFICATION	MAINTENANCE
Spark plug gap	0.028-0.031 in (0.70-0.80 mm)	Refer to page: 46
Valve clearance	IN: 0.15 ± 0.02 mm Ex: 0.20 ± 0.02 mm	See your authorized Honda dealer
Other specifications	No other adjustments needed.	

Specifications are subject to change without notice.

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## Frame

Model	HS724	
Type	TA	WA
Items		
Power equipment discription code	SZBE	
Overall length	53.4 in (1,357 mm)	55.9 in (1,420 mm)
Overall width	24.4 in (620 mm)	
Overall height	38.2 in (970 mm)	41.0 in (1,042 mm)
Dry weight	198 lbs (90 kg)	203 lbs (92 kg)
Width of snow clearance	23.8 in (605 mm)	
Height of snow clearance	16.5 in (420 mm)	20.1 in (510 mm)
Snow throwing distance (varies with snow conditions)	Max. 45.9 ft (14 m)	
Clearing capacity	42 Ton/hour	46 Ton/hour
Continuous operating time	2.5 hours	3.5 hours

## Engine

Model	HONDA GX200
Maximum output	7 HP at 3,600 rpm
Displacement	12.0 cu-in (196 cm <sup>3</sup> )
Bore × stroke	2.7 × 2.1 in (68 × 54 mm)
Starting method	Recoil starter
Ignition system	Transistorized magneto
Oil capacity	0.63 US qt (0.60 ℓ, 0.53 Imp qt)
Fuel tank capacity	0.92 US gal (3.5 ℓ, 0.77 Imp gal)
Spark plug	BPR5ES (NGK) W16EPR-U (DENSO)

## Tuneup

ITEM	SPECIFICATION	MAINTENANCE
Spark plug gap	0.028-0.031 in (0.70-0.80 mm)	Refer to page: 46
Valve clearance	IN: 0.15 ± 0.02 mm Ex: 0.20 ± 0.02 mm	See your authorized Honda dealer
Other specifications	No other adjustments needed.	

Specifications are subject to change without notice.

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## Frame

Model	HS828K1			
Items \ Type	TA	TAS	WA	WAS
Power equipment discription code	SZAK			
Overall length	56.0 in (1,422 mm)		55.1 in (1,400 mm)	
Overall width	28.5 in (725 mm)			
Overall height	40.2 in (1,022 mm)		41.0 in (1,042 mm)	
Dry weight	231 lbs (105 kg)	240 lbs (109 kg)	212 lbs (96 kg)	218 lbs (99 kg)
Width of snow clearance	28.0 in (710 mm)			
Height of snow clearance	20.1 in (510 mm)			
Snow throwing distance (varies with snow conditions)	Max. 49.2 ft (15 m)			
Clearing capacity	50 Ton/hour			
Continuous operating time	2.5 hours			

## Engine

Model	HONDA GX240K1
Maximum output	8 HP at 3,600 rpm
Displacement	14.8 cu-in (242 cm <sup>3</sup> )
Bore x stroke	2.9 x 2.3 in (73 x 58 mm)
Starting method	Recoil starter or AC electric starter
Ignition system	Transistorized magneto
Oil capacity	1.16 US qt (1.10 ℓ, 0.97 Imp qt)
Fuel tank capacity	1.59 US gal (6.0 ℓ, 1.32 Imp gal)
Spark plug	BPR5ES (NGK) W16EPR-U (DENSO)

## Tuneup

ITEM	SPECIFICATION	MAINTENANCE
Spark plug gap	0.028-0.031 in (0.70-0.80 mm)	Refer to page: 46
Valve clearance	IN: 0.15 ± 0.02 mm Ex: 0.20 ± 0.02 mm	See your authorized Honda dealer
Other specifications	No other adjustments needed.	

Specifications are subject to change without notice.

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## Frame

Model	HS928			
Items \ Type	TA	TAS	WA	WAS
Power equipment description code	SZAS			
Overall length	56.0 in (1,422 mm)		55.1 in (1,400 mm)	57.2 in (1,452 mm)
Overall width	28.5 in (725 mm)			
Overall height	40.2 in (1,022 mm)		41.0 in (1,042 mm)	
Dry weight	231 lbs	240 lbs	212 lbs	218 lbs
	(105 kg)	(109 kg)	(96 kg)	(99 kg)
Width of snow clearance	28.0 in (710 mm)			
Height of snow clearance	20.1 in (510 mm)			
Snow throwing distance (varies with snow conditions)	Max. 49.2 ft (15 m)			
Clearing capacity	50 Ton/hour			
Continuous operating time	2.5 hours			

## Engine

Model	HONDA GX270
Maximum output	9 HP at 3,600 rpm
Displacement	16.5 cu-in (270 cm <sup>3</sup> )
Bore × stroke	3.0 × 2.3 in (77 × 58 mm)
Starting method	Recoil starter or AC electric starter
Ignition system	Transistorized magneto
Oil capacity	1.16 US qt (1.10 ℓ, 0.97 Imp qt)
Fuel tank capacity	1.59 US gal (6.0 ℓ, 1.32 Imp gal)
Spark plug	BPR5ES (NGK) W16EPR-U (DENSO)

## Tuneup

ITEM	SPECIFICATION	MAINTENANCE
Spark plug gap	0.028-0.031 in (0.70-0.80 mm)	Refer to page: 46
Valve clearance	IN: 0.15 ± 0.02 mm Ex: 0.20 ± 0.02 mm	See your authorized Honda dealer
Other specifications	No other adjustments needed.	

Specifications are subject to change without notice.

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## Frame

Model		HS1132	
Items	Type	TA	WA
Power equipment discription code		SZBF	
Overall length		56.0 in (1,422 mm)	
Overall width		31.9 in (810 mm)	
Overall height		40.2 in (1,022 mm)	
Dry weight		254 lbs (115 kg)	260 lbs (118 kg)
Width of snow clearance		31.9 in (810 mm)	
Height of snow clearance		20.1 in (510 mm)	
Snow throwing distance (varies with snow conditions)		Max. 55.8 ft (17 m)	
Clearing capacity		65 Ton/hour	
Continuous operating time		2.5 hours	

## Engine

Model	HONDA GX340K1	
Maximum output	11 HP at 3,600 rpm	
Displacement	20.6 cu-in (337 cm <sup>3</sup> )	
Bore × stroke	3.9 × 2.5 in (82 × 64 mm)	
Starting method	Recoil starter	AC electric starter
Ignition system	Transistorized magneto	
Oil capacity	1.16 US qt (1.10 ℓ, 0.97 Imp qt)	
Fuel tank capacity	1.72 US gal (6.5 ℓ, 1.43 Imp gal)	
Spark plug	BPR5ES (NGK) W16EPR-U (DENSO)	

## Tuneup

ITEM	SPECIFICATION	MAINTENANCE
Spark plug gap	0.028-0.031 in (0.70-0.80 mm)	Refer to page: 46
Valve clearance	IN: 0.15 ± 0.02 mm Ex: 0.20 ± 0.02 mm	See your authorized Honda dealer
Other specifications	No other adjustments needed.	

Specifications are subject to change without notice.

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## CONSUMER INFORMATION

### **Honda Publications**

These publications will give you additional information for maintaining and repairing your snowblower. You may order them from your Honda snowblower dealer.

#### ***Shop Manual***

This manual covers complete maintenance and overhaul procedures. It is intended to be used by a skilled technician.

#### ***Parts Catalog***

This manual provides complete, illustrated parts lists.

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### Warranty Service Information

Honda Power Equipment dealership personnel are trained professionals. They should be able to answer any question you may have. If you encounter a problem that your dealer does not solve to your satisfaction, please discuss it with the dealership's management. The Service Manager or General Manager can help. Almost all problems are solved in this way.

If you are dissatisfied with the decision made by dealership's management, contact the Honda Power Equipment Customer Relations Office. You can write:

**American Honda Motor Co., Inc.**  
Power Equipment Division  
Customer Relations Office  
4900 Marconi Drive  
Alpharetta, Georgia 30005 – 8847

Or telephone: (770) 497 – 6400

When you write or call, please give us this information:

- Model and serial numbers (see page 65)
- Name of the dealer who sold the lawn tractor to you
- Name and address of the dealer who services your lawn tractor
- Date of purchase
- Your name, address, and telephone number
- A detailed description of the problem

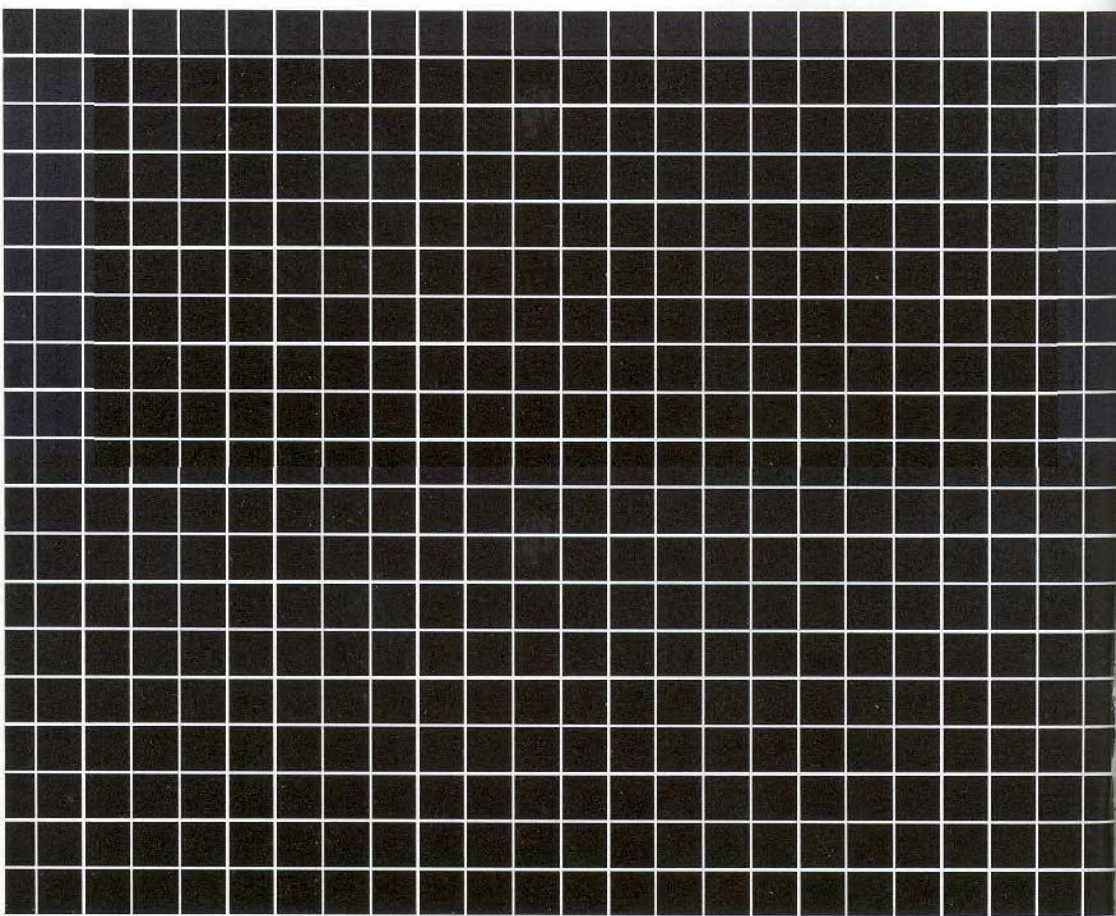
## QUICK REFERENCE INFORMATION

Fuel	Type	Unleaded gasoline with a pump octane rating of 86 or higher
	Capacity	HS624 / HS724 : 0.92 US gal (3.5 ℓ) HS828 / HS928 : 1.59 US gal (6.0 ℓ) HS1132 : 1.72 US gal (6.5 ℓ)
Engine Oil	Type	SAE 5 W – 30 API SJ for general use
	Capacity	HS624 / HS724 : 0.63 US qt (0.60 ℓ) HS828 / HS928 / HS1132 : 1.16 US qt (1.10 ℓ)
Spark Plug	Type	NGK: BPR5ES DENSO: W16EPRU
	Electrode Gap	0.028 ~ 0.031 in (0.7 ~ 0.8 mm)
Carburetor	Idle speed	1400 ± 150 rpm
Tires	Tire Pressure	8.5 psi (59kPa)
Maintenance	Before each use	Check engine oil level. Check tire air pressure. Check transmission oil. Auger skid shoes and scraper.
	First 20 hours	Change engine oil.
	Subsequent	See Maintenance Schedule (page 37)



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