

SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

 **WARNING!** Some dust created by power sanding, sawing, grinding, drilling and other construction activities contains chemicals known to the state of California to cause cancer, birth defects or other reproductive harm. Some examples of these chemicals are:

- Lead from lead-based paints,
- Crystalline silica from bricks and cement and other masonry products, and
- Arsenic and chromium from chemically-treated lumber.

Your risk from these exposures varies, depending on how often you do this type of work. To reduce your exposure to these chemical:

- Work in a well ventilated area,
- Work with approved safety equipment, such as those dust masks that are specially designed to filter out microscopic particles.

READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS

 **WARNING:** When using electric lawn mowers, basic safety precautions should always be followed to reduce the risk of fire, electric shock, and personal injury, including the following:

 **WARNING:** Risk of injury could occur if the lawn mower is operated without the catcher assembly attached.

WARNING: The use of any other accessory or attachment might increase the risk of injury

 **CAUTION: For battery-operated lawn mowers use only identical replacement batteries. When re-ordering specify the battery type and manufacturer model number. Devices for retaining extension cords are also available.**

FOR ALL LAWN MOWERS

- 1) Avoid Dangerous Environment - Don't use lawn mowers in damp or wet locations.
- 2) Don't Use In Rain.
- 3) Keep Children Away - All visitors should be kept a safe distance from work area.

- 4) Dress Properly - Do not wear loose clothing or jewelry. They can be caught in moving parts. Use of rubber gloves and footwear is recommended when working outdoors.
- 5) Use Safety Glasses - Always use face or dust mask if operation is dusty.
- 6) Use Right Appliance - Do not use lawn mower for any job except that for which it is intended.
- 7) Don't Force Lawn Mower - It will do the job better and safer at the rate for which it was designed.
- 8) Don't Overreach - Keep proper footing and balance at all times.
- 9) Stay Alert - Watch what you are doing. Use common sense. Do not operate lawn mower when you are tired.
- 10) Store Idle Lawn Mower Indoors - When not in use, lawn mower should be stored in an indoor dry and locked-up place - out of reach of children.
- 11) Maintain Lawn Mower With Care - Keep cutting edges sharp and clean for best and safest performance. Follow instructions for lubricating and changing accessories. Inspect lawn mower cord periodically and if damaged, have it repaired by an authorized service facility. Inspect extension cords periodically and replace if damaged. Keep handles dry, clean, and free from oil and grease.
- 12) Keep guards in place and in working order.
- 13) Keep blades sharp.
- 14) Keep hands and feet away from cutting deck.
- 15) Objects struck by the lawn mower blade can cause severe injuries to persons. The cutting area should always be carefully examined and cleared of all objects prior to each mowing.
- 16) If lawn mower strikes a foreign object, follow these steps:
 - i) Stop lawn mower. Release the switch.
 - ii) Inspect for damage.
 - iii) Repair any damage before restarting and operating the lawn mower.
- 17) Use identical replacement blades only.