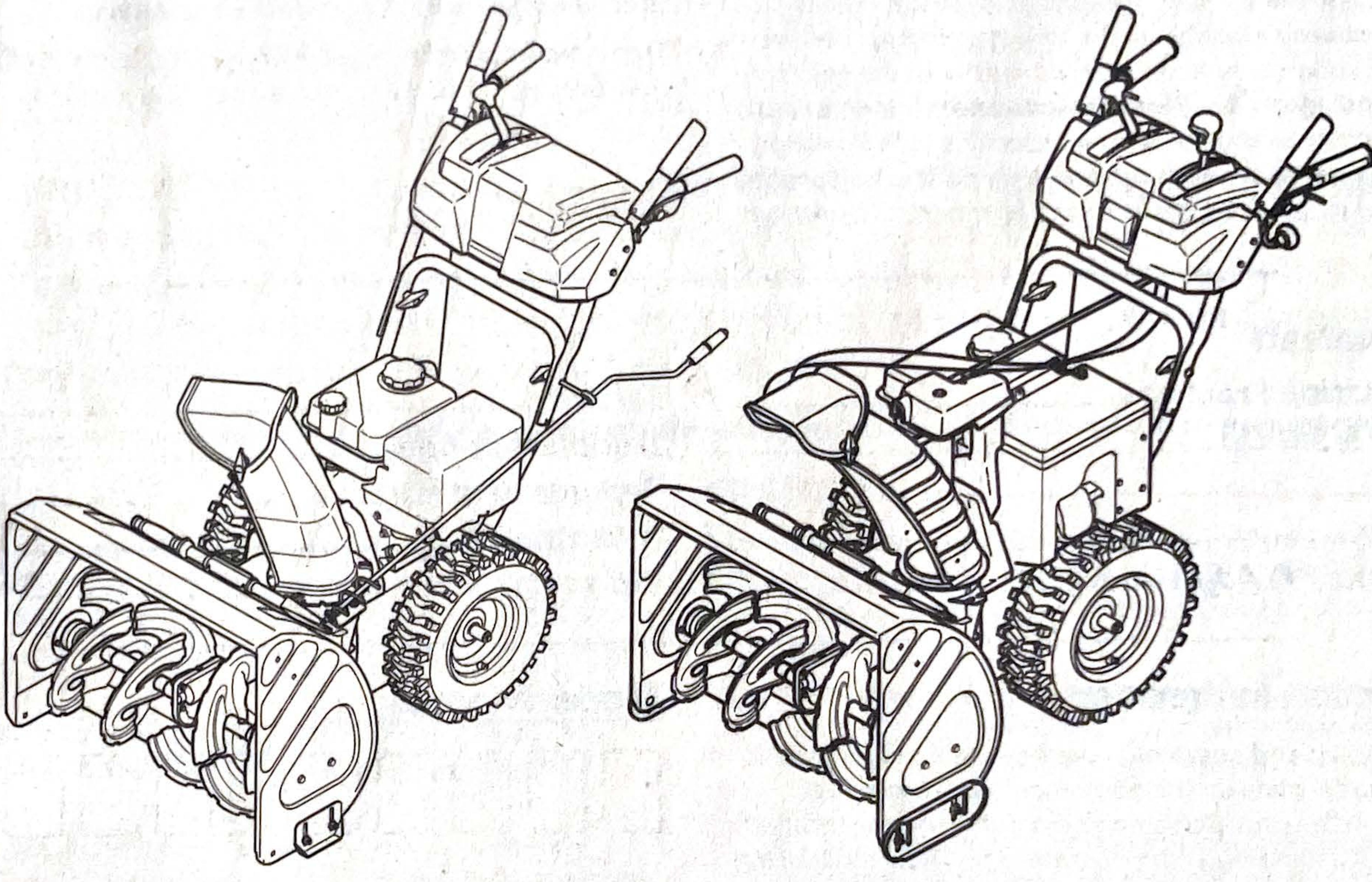


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OPERATOR'S MANUAL



**Two-Stage Snow Thrower — Storm 2410, 2420, 2620, 2625,
2840, 2890, & 3090**

⚠ WARNING

**READ AND FOLLOW ALL SAFETY RULES AND INSTRUCTIONS IN THIS MANUAL
BEFORE ATTEMPTING TO OPERATE THIS MACHINE.
FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THESE INSTRUCTIONS MAY RESULT IN PERSONAL INJURY.**

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Important Safe Operation Practices

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When you see this symbol. **HEED ITS WARNING!**

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2. Be familiar with all controls and their proper operation. Know how to stop the machine and disengage them quickly.
3. Never allow children under 14 years of age to operate this machine. Children 14 and over should read and understand the instructions and safe operation practices in this manual and on the machine and be trained and supervised by an adult.
4. Never allow adults to operate this machine without proper instruction.
5. Thrown objects can cause serious personal injury. Plan your snow-throwing pattern to avoid discharge of material toward roads, bystanders and the like.
6. Keep bystanders, pets and children at least 75 feet from the machine while it is in operation. Stop machine if anyone enters the area.
7. Exercise caution to avoid slipping or falling, especially when operating in reverse.

Preparation

Thoroughly inspect the area where the equipment is to be used. Remove all doormats, newspapers, sleds, boards, wires and other foreign objects, which could be tripped over or thrown by the auger/impeller.

1. Always wear safety glasses or eye shields during operation and while performing an adjustment or repair to protect your eyes. Thrown objects which ricochet can cause serious injury to the eyes.
2. Do not operate without wearing adequate winter outer garments. Do not wear jewelry, long scarves or other loose clothing, which could become entangled in moving parts. Wear footwear which will improve footing on slippery surfaces.
3. Use a grounded three-wire extension cord and receptacle for all machines with electric start engines.
4. Adjust auger housing height to clear gravel or crushed rock surfaces.
5. Disengage all control levers before starting the engine.
6. Never attempt to make any adjustments while engine is running, except where specifically recommended in the operator's manual.
7. Let engine and machine adjust to outdoor temperature before starting to clear snow.

Safe Handling of Gasoline

To avoid personal injury or property damage use extreme care in handling gasoline. Gasoline is extremely flammable and the vapors are explosive. Serious personal injury can occur when gasoline is spilled on yourself or your clothes which can ignite. Wash your skin and change clothes immediately.

- a. Use only an approved gasoline container.
- b. Extinguish all cigarettes, cigars, pipes and other sources of ignition.
- c. Never fuel machine indoors.
- d. Never remove gas cap or add fuel while the engine is hot or running.
- e. Allow engine to cool at least two minutes before refueling.
- f. Never over fill fuel tank. Fill tank to no more than $\frac{1}{2}$ inch below bottom of filler neck to provide space for fuel expansion.
- g. Replace gasoline cap and tighten securely.
- h. If gasoline is spilled, wipe it off the engine and equipment. Move machine to another area. Wait 5 minutes before starting the engine.
- i. Never store the machine or fuel container inside where there is an open flame, spark or pilot light (e.g. furnace, water heater, space heater, clothes dryer etc.).
- j. Allow machine to cool at least 5 minutes before storing.
- k. Never fill containers inside a vehicle or on a truck or trailer bed with a plastic liner. Always place containers on the ground away from your vehicle before filling.
- l. If possible, remove gas-powered equipment from the truck or trailer and refuel it on the ground. If this is not possible, then refuel such equipment on a trailer with a portable container, rather than from a gasoline dispenser nozzle.
- m. Keep the nozzle in contact with the rim of the fuel tank or container opening at all times until fueling is complete. Do not use a nozzle lock-open device.

Operation

1. Do not put hands or feet near rotating parts, in the auger/impeller housing or chute assembly. Contact with the rotating parts can amputate hands and feet.
2. The auger/impeller control lever is a safety device. Never bypass its operation. Doing so makes the machine unsafe and may cause personal injury.
3. The control levers must operate easily in both directions and automatically return to the disengaged position when released.
4. Never operate with a missing or damaged chute assembly. Keep all safety devices in place and working.

5. Never run an engine indoors or in a poorly ventilated area. Engine exhaust contains carbon monoxide, an odorless and deadly gas.
6. Do not operate machine while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
7. Muffler and engine become hot and can cause a burn. Do not touch. Keep children away.
8. Exercise extreme caution when operating on or crossing gravel surfaces. Stay alert for hidden hazards or traffic.
9. Exercise caution when changing direction and while operating on slopes. Do not operate on steep slopes.
10. Plan your snow-throwing pattern to avoid discharge towards windows, walls, cars etc. Thus, avoiding possible property damage or personal injury caused by a ricochet.
11. Never direct discharge at children, bystanders and pets or allow anyone in front of the machine.
12. Do not overload machine capacity by attempting to clear snow at too fast of a rate.
13. Never operate this machine without good visibility or light. Always be sure of your footing and keep a firm hold on the handles. Walk, never run.
14. Disengage power to the auger/impeller when transporting or not in use.
15. Never operate machine at high transport speeds on slippery surfaces. Look down and behind and use care when backing up.
16. If the machine should start to vibrate abnormally, stop the engine, disconnect the spark plug wire and ground it against the engine. Inspect thoroughly for damage. Repair any damage before starting and operating.
17. Disengage all control levers and stop engine before you leave the operating position (behind the handles). Wait until the auger/impeller comes to a complete stop before unclogging the chute assembly, making any adjustments, or inspections.
18. Never put your hand in the discharge or collector openings. Always use the clean-out tool provided to unclog the discharge opening. Do not unclog chute assembly while engine is running. Shut off engine and remain behind handles until all moving parts have stopped before unclogging.
19. Use only attachments and accessories approved by the manufacturer (e.g. wheel weights, tire chains, cabs etc.).
20. When starting engine, pull cord slowly until resistance is felt, then pull rapidly. Rapid retraction of starter cord (kickback) will pull hand and arm toward engine faster than you can let go. Broken bones, fractures, bruises or sprains could result.
21. If situations occur which are not covered in this manual, use care and good judgment. Contact Customer Support for assistance and the name of your nearest servicing dealer.

Clearing a Clogged Discharge Chute

Hand contact with the rotating impeller inside the discharge chute is the most common cause of injury associated with snow throwers. Never use your hand to clean out the discharge chute.

To clear the chute:

1. SHUT THE ENGINE OFF!
2. Wait 10 seconds to be sure the impeller blades have stopped rotating.
3. Always use a clean-out tool, not your hands.

Maintenance & Storage

1. Never tamper with safety devices. Check their proper operation regularly. Refer to the maintenance and adjustment sections of this manual.
2. Before cleaning, repairing, or inspecting machine disengage all control levers and stop the engine. Wait until the auger/impeller come to a complete stop. Disconnect the spark plug wire and ground against the engine to prevent unintended starting.
3. Check bolts and screws for proper tightness at frequent intervals to keep the machine in safe working condition. Also, visually inspect machine for any damage.
4. Do not change the engine governor setting or over-speed the engine. The governor controls the maximum safe operating speed of the engine.
5. Snow thrower shave plates and skid shoes are subject to wear and damage. For your safety protection, frequently check all components and replace with original equipment manufacturer's (OEM) parts only. "Use of parts which do not meet the original equipment specifications may lead to improper performance and compromise safety!"
6. Check control levers periodically to verify they engage and disengage properly and adjust, if necessary. Refer to the adjustment section in this operator's manual for instructions.
7. Maintain or replace safety and instruction labels, as necessary.
8. Observe proper disposal laws and regulations for gas, oil, etc. to protect the environment.
9. Prior to storing, run machine a few minutes to clear snow from machine and prevent freeze up of auger/impeller.
10. Never store the machine or fuel container inside where there is an open flame, spark or pilot light such as a water heater, furnace, clothes dryer etc.
11. Always refer to the operator's manual for proper instructions on off-season storage.
12. Check fuel line, tank, cap, and fittings frequently for cracks or leaks. Replace if necessary.
13. Do not crank engine with spark plug removed.

14. According to the Consumer Products Safety Commission (CPSC) and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), this product has an *Average Useful Life* of seven (7) years, or 60 hours of operation. At the end of the *Average Useful Life* have the machine inspected annually by an authorized service dealer to ensure that all mechanical and safety systems are working properly and not worn excessively. Failure to do so can result in accidents, injuries or death.

Do not modify engine

To avoid serious injury or death, do not modify engine in any way. Tampering with the governor setting can lead to a runaway engine and cause it to operate at unsafe speeds. Never tamper with factory setting of engine governor.

Notice Regarding Emissions

Engines which are certified to comply with California and federal EPA emission regulations for SORE (Small Off Road Equipment) are certified to operate on regular unleaded gasoline, and may include the following emission control systems: Engine Modification (EM), Oxidizing Catalyst (OC), Secondary Air Injection (SAI) and Three Way Catalyst (TWC) if so equipped.

Spark Arrestor



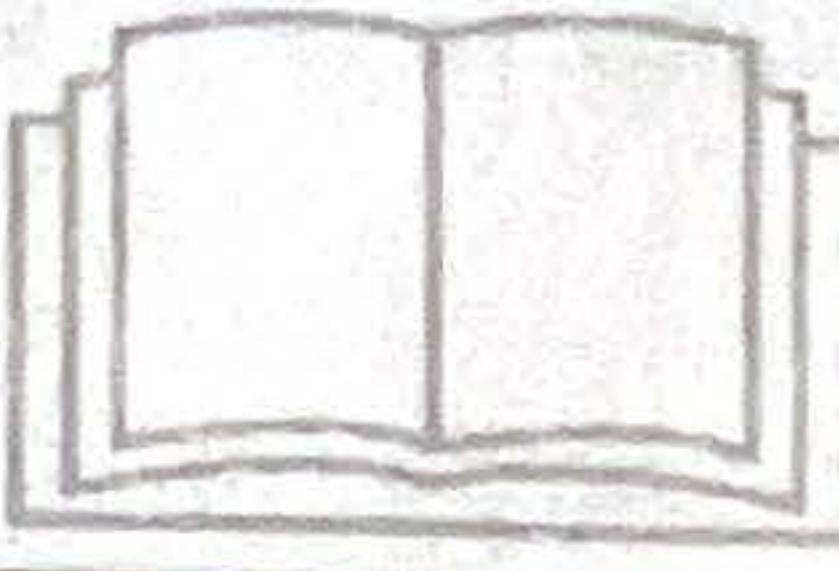
WARNING! This machine is equipped with an internal combustion engine and should not be used on or near any unimproved forest-covered, brush covered or grass-covered land unless the engine's exhaust system is equipped with a spark arrestor meeting applicable local or state laws (if any).

If a spark arrestor is used, it should be maintained in effective working order by the operator. In the State of California the above is required by law (Section 4442 of the California Public Resources Code). Other states may have similar laws. Federal laws apply on federal lands.

A spark arrestor for the muffler is available through your nearest engine authorized service dealer or contact the service department, P.O. Box 361131 Cleveland, Ohio 44136-0019.

Safety Symbols

This page depicts and describes safety symbols that may appear on this product. Read, understand, and follow all instructions on the machine before attempting to assemble and operate.

Symbol	Description
	READ THE OPERATOR'S MANUAL(S) Read, understand, and follow all instructions in the manual(s) before attempting to assemble and operate
	WARNING— ROTATING BLADES Keep hands out of inlet and discharge openings while machine is running. There are rotating blades inside
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	WARNING— ROTATING AUGER Do not put hands or feet near rotating parts, in the auger/impeller housing or chute assembly. Contact with the rotating parts can amputate hands and feet.
	WARNING—THROWN OBJECTS This machine may pick up and throw objects which can cause serious personal injury.
	WARNING—GASOLINE IS FLAMMABLE Allow the engine to cool at least two minutes before refueling.
	WARNING— CARBON MONOXIDE Never run an engine indoors or in a poorly ventilated area. Engine exhaust contains carbon monoxide, an odorless and deadly gas.
	WARNING— ELECTRICAL SHOCK Do not use the engine's electric starter in the rain
	WARNING— HOT SURFACE Engine parts, especially the muffler, become extremely hot during operation. Allow engine and muffler to cool before touching.

WARNING! Your Responsibility—Restrict the use of this power machine to persons who read, understand and follow the warnings and instructions in this manual and on the machine.

SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS!

Assembly & Set-Up

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Contents of Carton

- One Snow Thrower
 - Two Replacement Auger Shear Pins
 - One Chute Assembly
 - One Snow Thrower Operator's Manual
 - One Product Registration Card
 - One Chute Control Rodt
 - One Engine Manual
- † If Equipped

Assembly

Handle (All Models)

1. Place the shift lever in the Forward-6 position.
2. Observe the lower rear area of the snow thrower to be sure both cables are aligned with roller guides before pivoting the handle upward. See Figure 3-1.

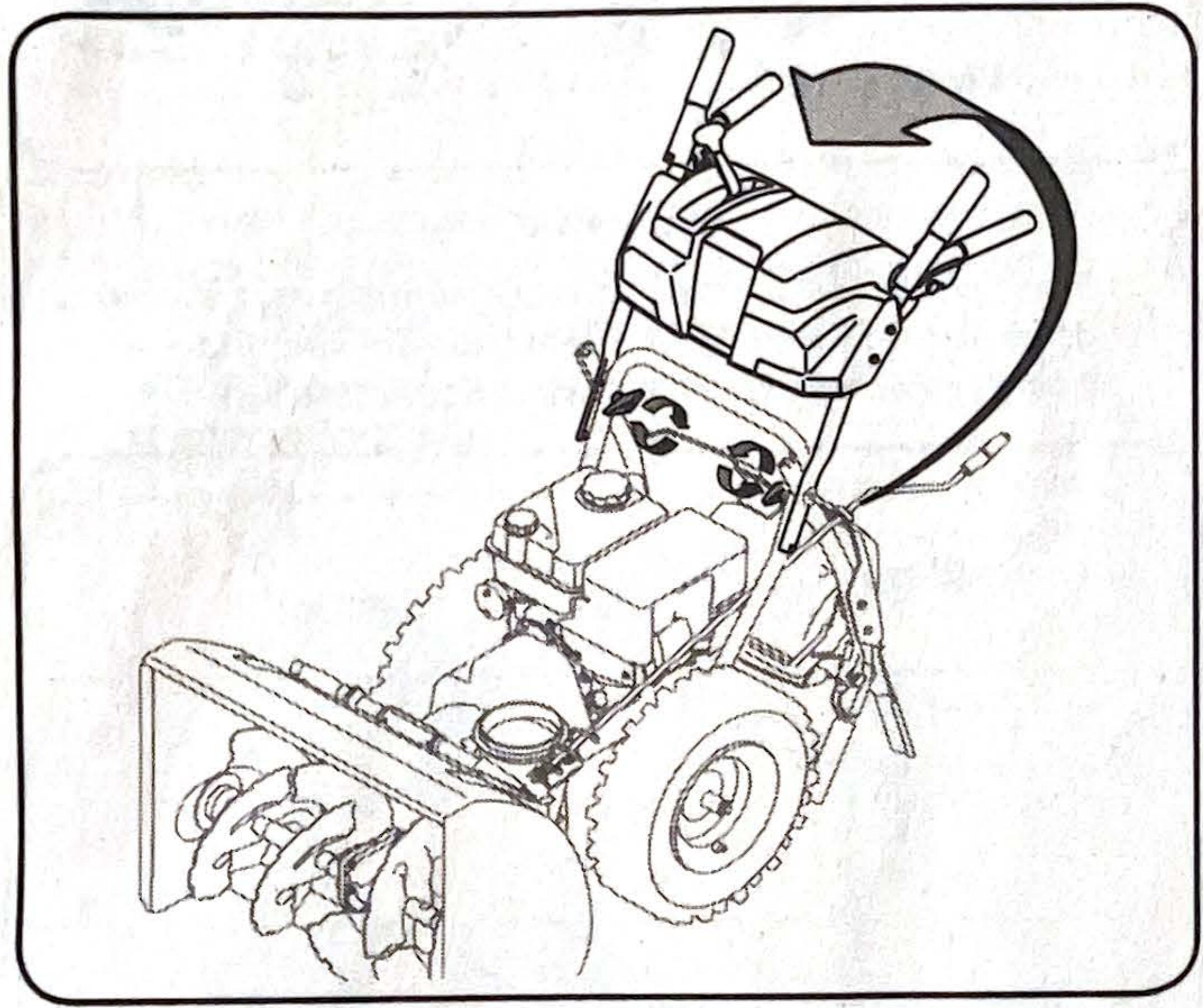


Figure 3-1

NOTE: Make certain the cables are seated properly in the roller guides. See Figure 3-2.

3. Secure the handle by tightening the plastic knob located on both the left and right sides of the handle. Remove and discard any rubber bands, if present. They are for packaging purposes only.

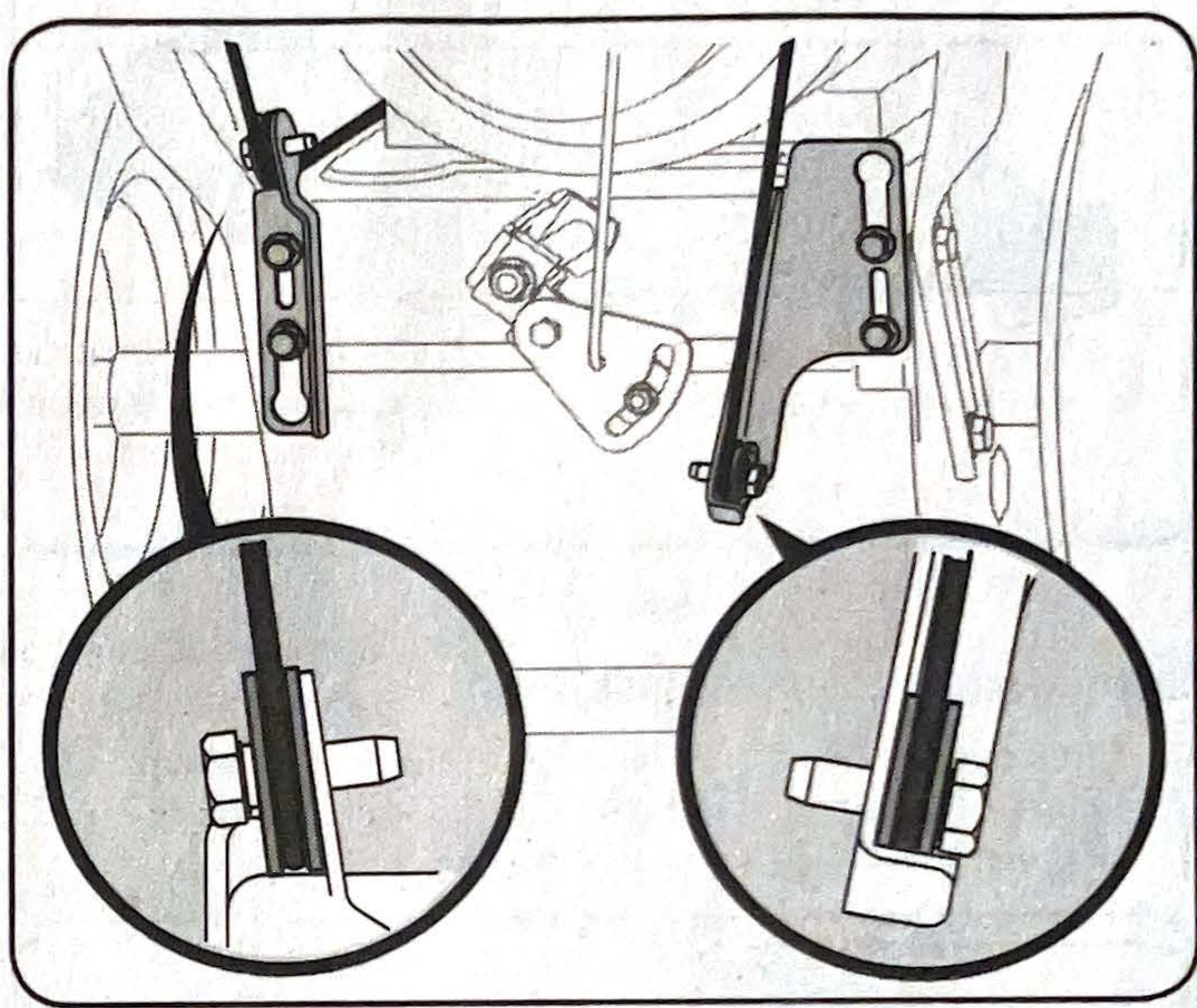


Figure 3-2

Chute Assembly (Model 2410)

1. Position the chute assembly over the base. See Figure 3-3.

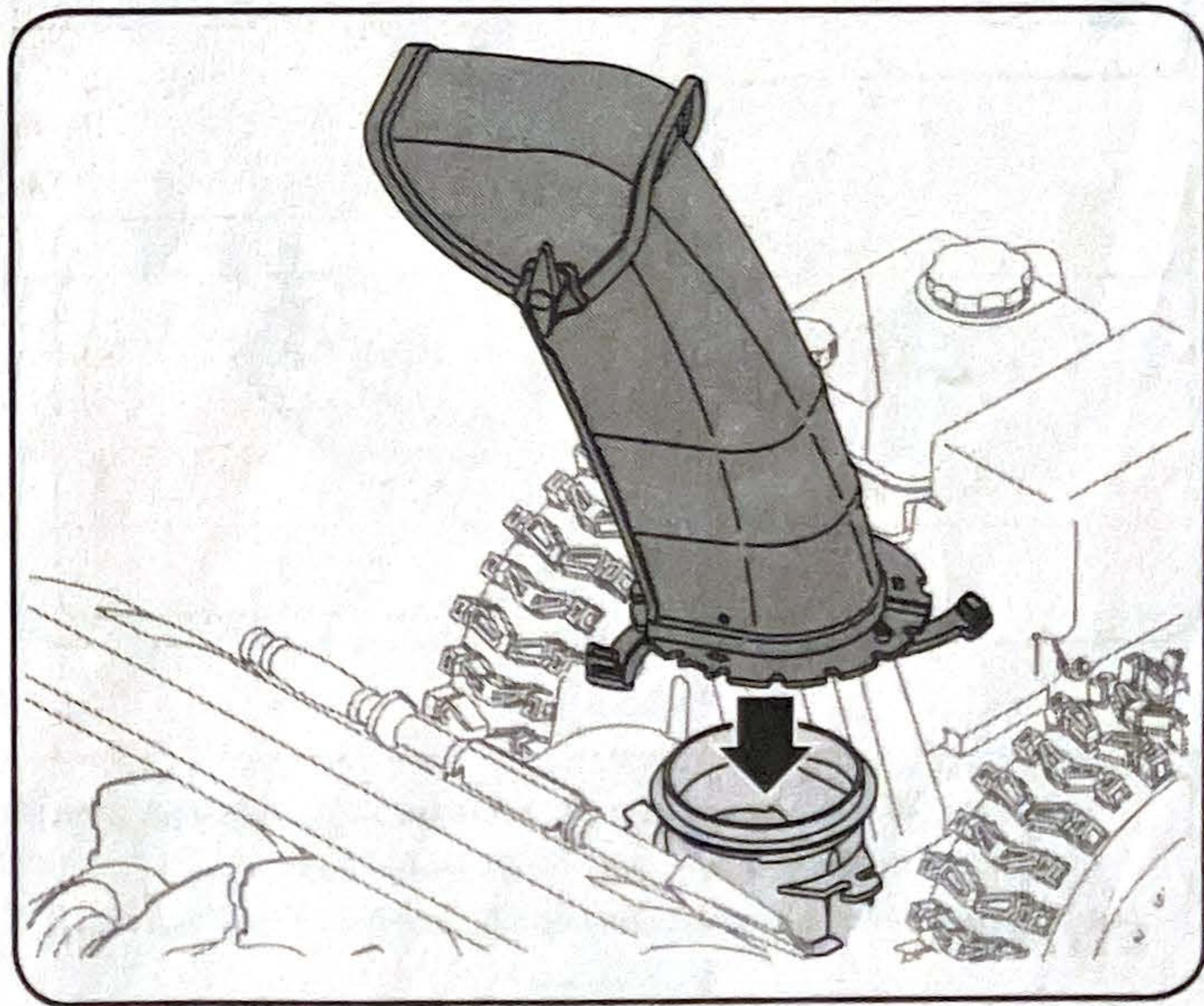


Figure 3-3

Auger Control

AUGER CONTROL



The auger control is located on the left handle. Squeeze the control grip against the handle to engage the augers and start snow throwing action. Release to stop.

Drive Control / Auger Clutch Lock (If so equipped)

DRIVE CONTROL



The drive control is located on the right handle. Squeeze the control grip against the handle to engage the wheel drive. Release to stop.

On select models, the drive control also locks the auger control so that you can operate the chute directional control without interrupting the snow throwing process. If the auger control is engaged simultaneously with the drive control, the operator can release the auger control (on the left handle) and the augers will remain engaged. Release both controls to stop the augers and wheel drive.

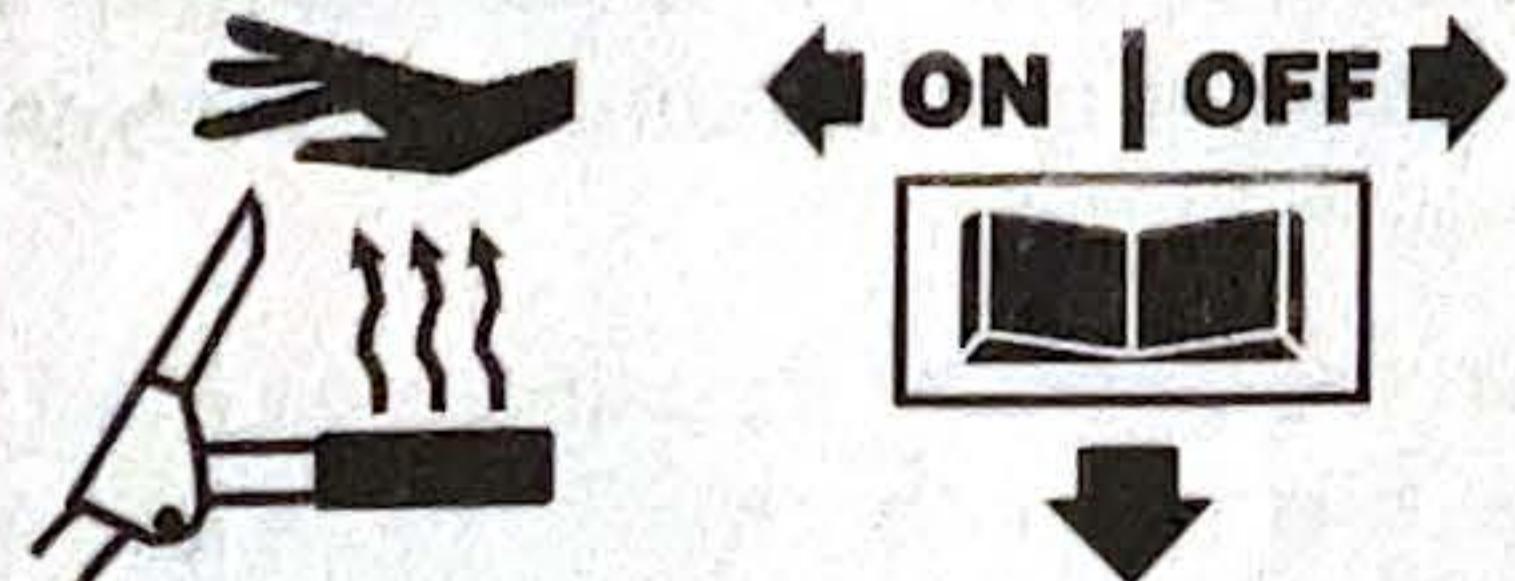
NOTE: Always release the drive control before changing speeds. Failure to do so will result in increased wear on your machine's drive system.

Heated Grips (If so equipped)



CAUTION: It is recommended that you wear gloves when using the heated grip. If the heated grip becomes too hot, turn it off.

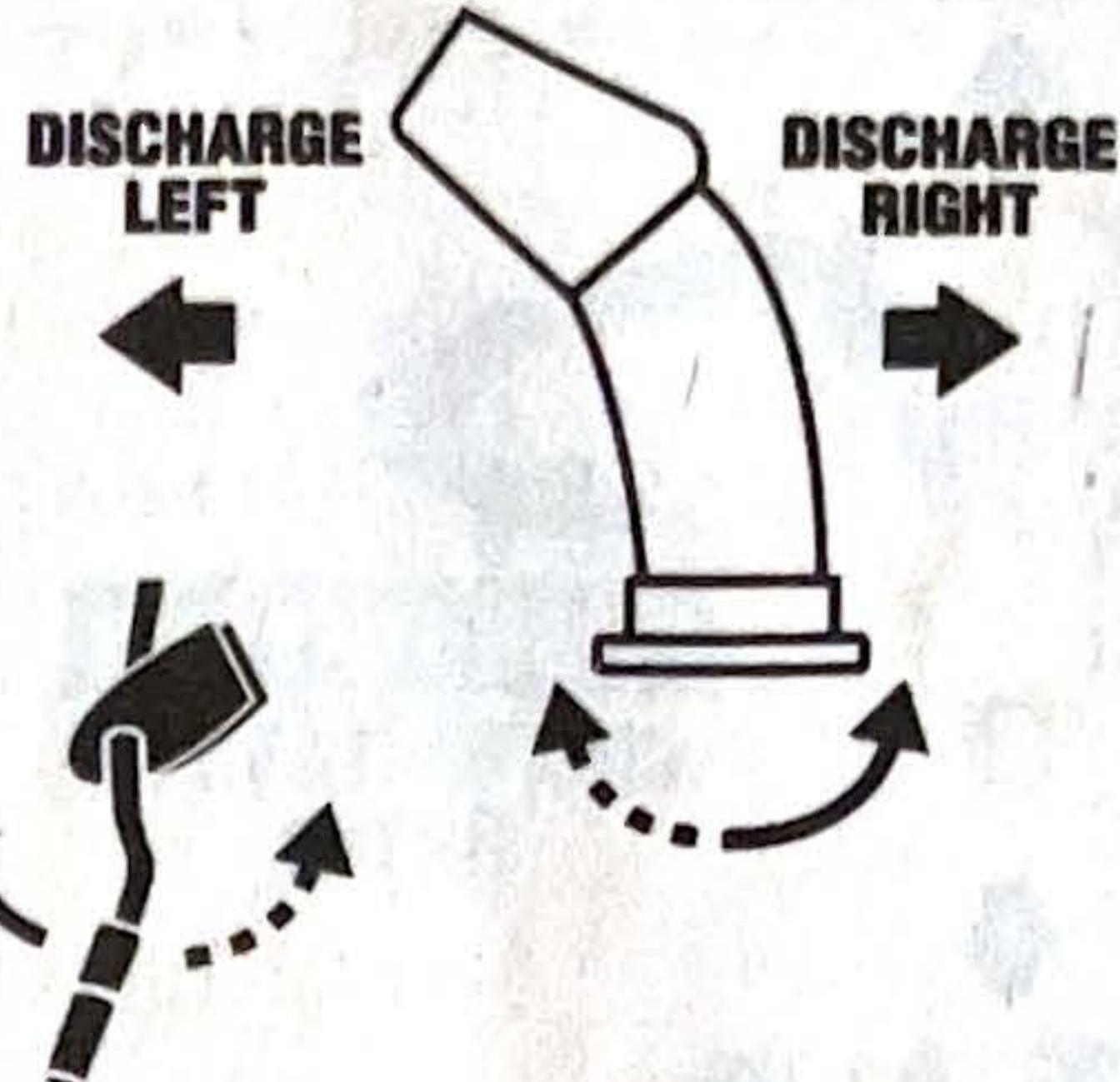
HEATED HANDLE GRIPS



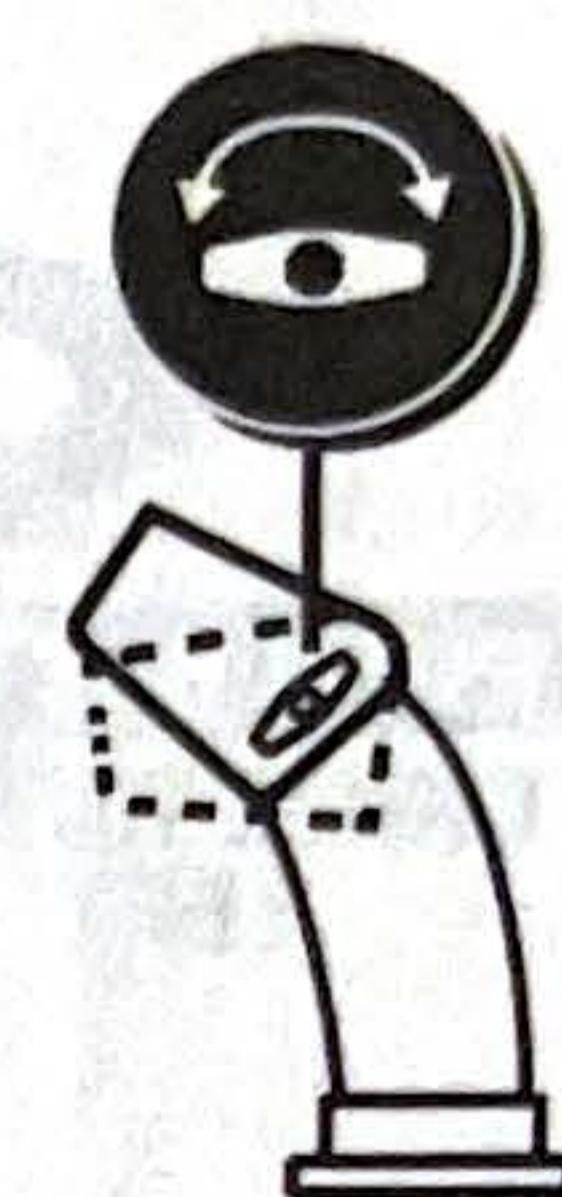
To activate the heated grips, move the switch found on the rear of the dash panel into the ON position. To turn off the heated grips, move the switch found on the rear of the dash panel to the OFF position.

Standard Chute Directional Control (If so equipped)

CHUTE DIRECTIONAL CONTROL



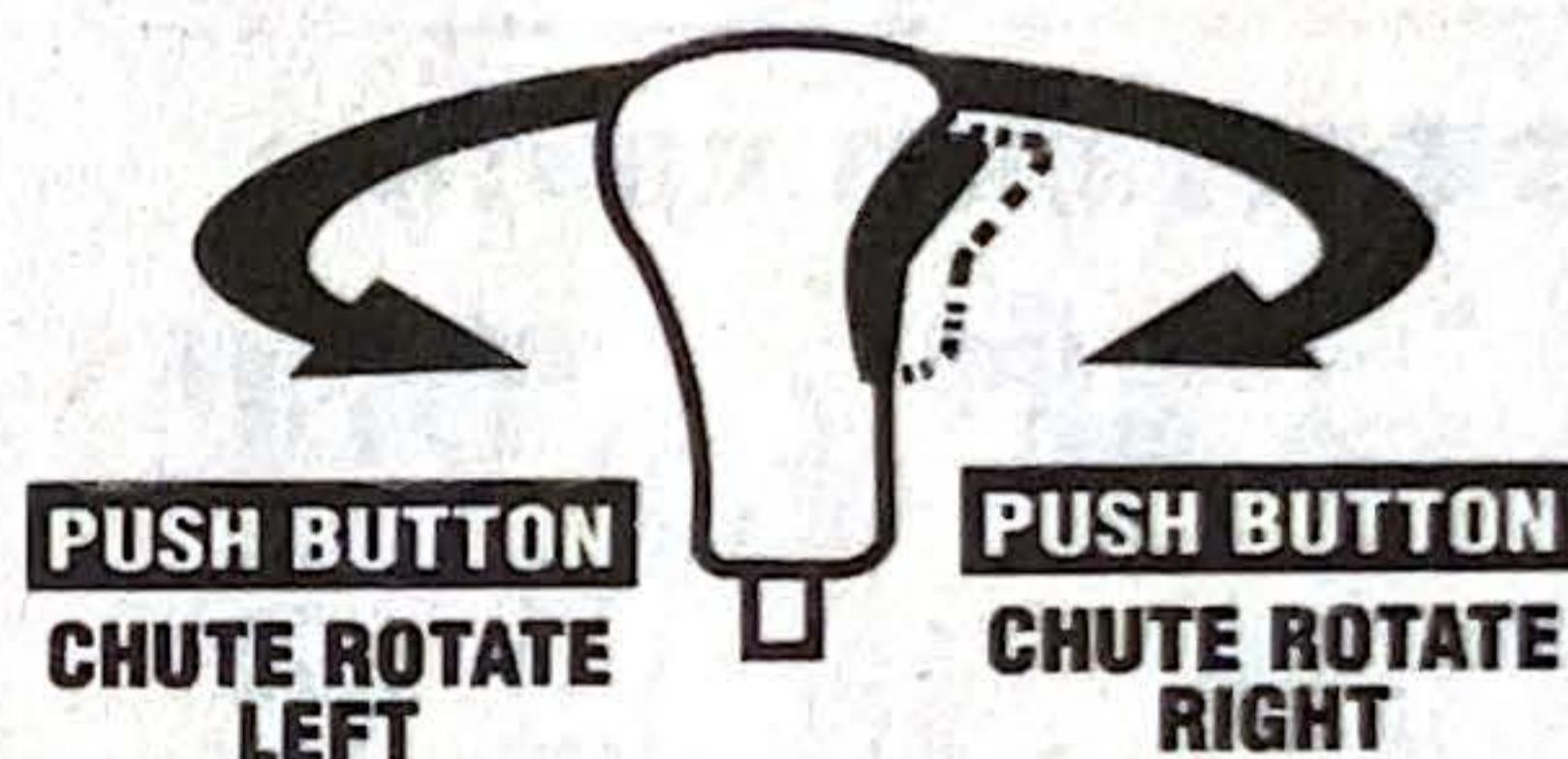
ADJUSTABLE CHUTE TILT



The chute directional control is located on left side of the snow thrower. To change the direction in which snow is thrown, rotate chute directional control.

2-Way Chute Directional Control (If so equipped)

CHUTE DIRECTIONAL CONTROL



ADJUSTABLE CHUTE TILT



The 2-way chute directional control is located on the left side of the dash panel.

- To change the direction in which snow is thrown, squeeze the button on the joy-stick and pivot the joy-stick to the right or to the left.

Starting and Stopping the Engine

Refer to the Engine Operator's Manual packed with your snow thrower for instructions on starting and stopping the engine.

To Engage Drive

1. With the throttle control in the Fast (rabbit) position, move shift lever into one of the six forward (F) positions or two reverse (R) positions. Select a speed appropriate for the snow conditions and a pace you're comfortable with.
2. Squeeze the drive control against the handle the snow thrower will move. Release it and drive motion will stop.

To Engage Augers

To engage the augers and start throwing snow, squeeze the auger control against the left handle. Release to stop the augers.

To Steer (Models equipped with steering trigger controls)

With the drive control engaged, squeeze the right steering trigger control to turn right. Squeeze the left steering trigger control to turn left.

Heated Grips (If so equipped)



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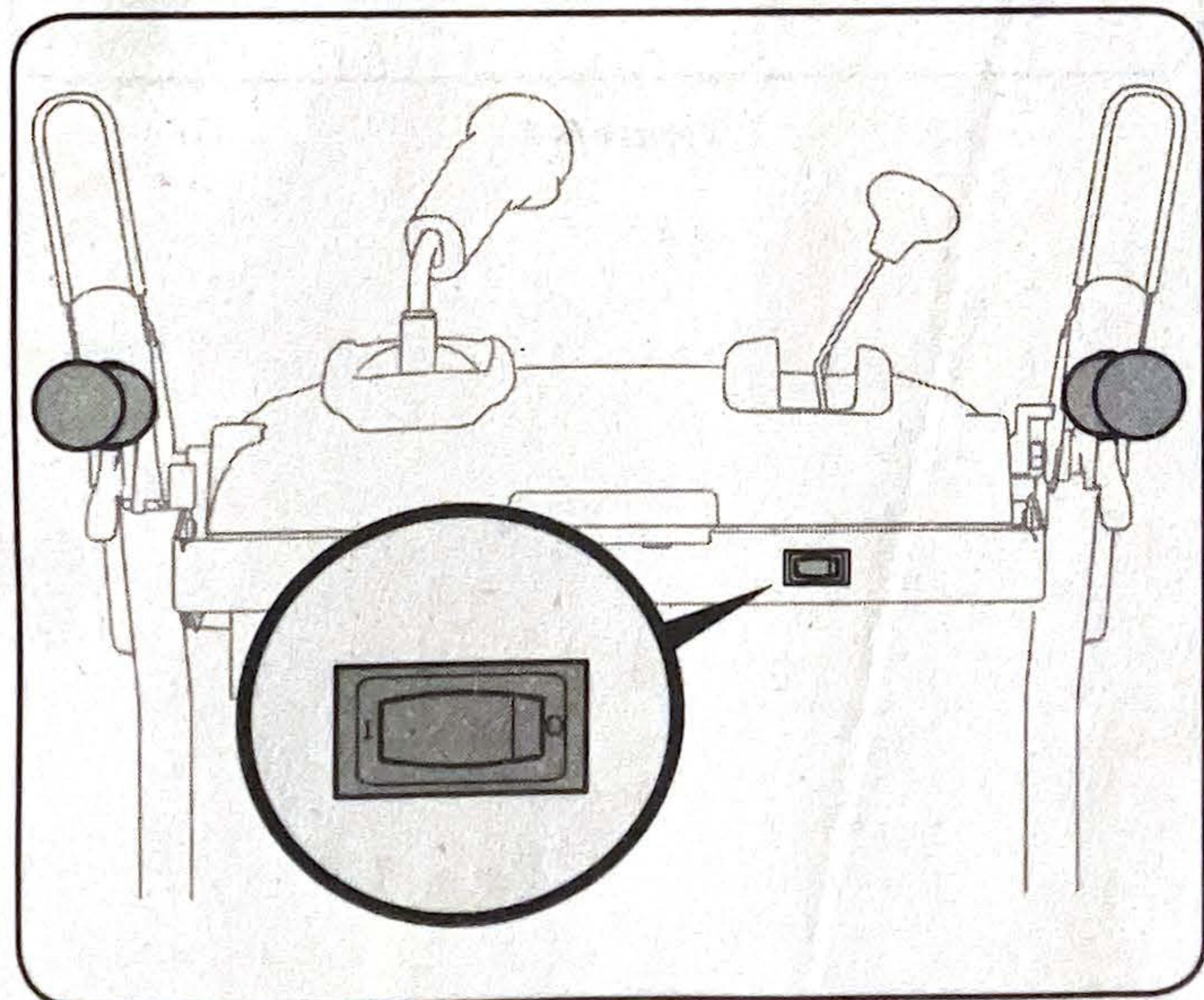


Figure 5-1

Replacing Shear Pins

The augers are secured to the spiral shaft with shear pins and bow-tie cotter pins. If the auger should strike a foreign object or ice jam, the snow thrower is designed so that the pins may shear. If the augers will not turn, check to see if the pins have sheared. See Figure 5-2.

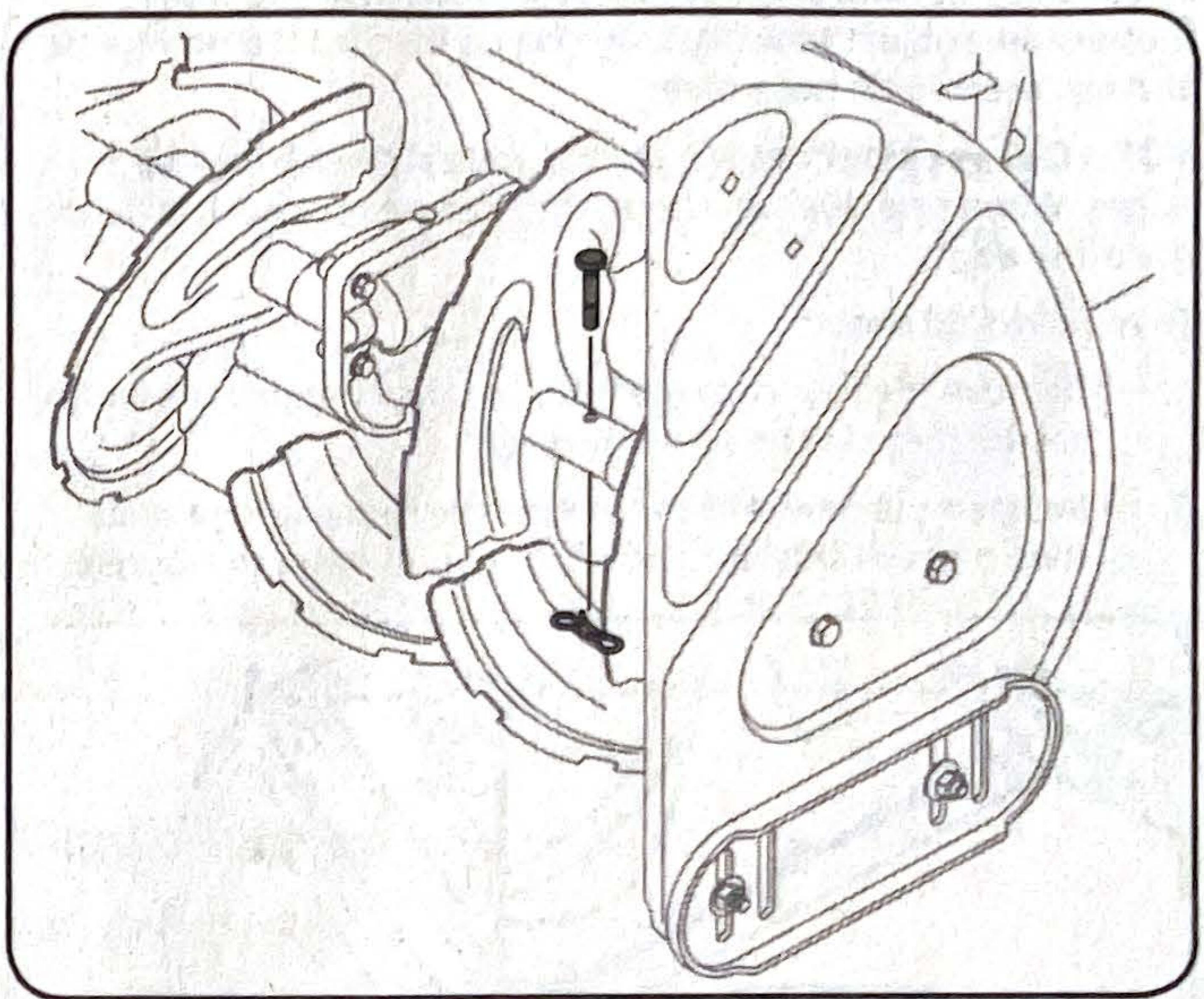


Figure 5-2



CAUTION: NEVER replace the auger shear pins with anything other than OEM Part No. 738-04124A replacement shear pins. Any damage to the auger gearbox or other components as a result of failing to do so will NOT be covered by your snow thrower's warranty.



WARNING! Always turn off the snow thrower's engine and remove the key prior to replacing shear pins.

Troubleshooting

Problem	Cause	Remedy
Engine fails to start	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Choke not in CHOKE position. 2. Spark plug wire disconnected. 3. Fuel tank empty or stale fuel. 4. Engine not primed. 5. Faulty spark plug. 6. Key not in ignition on engine. 7. Extension cord not connected (when using electric start button, on models so equipped). 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Move choke to CHOKE position. 2. Connect wire to spark plug. 3. Fill tank with clean, fresh gasoline. 4. Prime engine as instructed in the Operation section. 5. Clean, adjust gap, or replace. 6. Insert key fully into the switch. 7. Connect one end of the extension cord to the electric starter outlet and the other end to a three-prong 120-volt, grounded, AC outlet.
Engine running erratically/inconsistent RPM (hunting or surging)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Engine running on CHOKE. 2. Stale fuel. 3. Water or dirt in fuel system. 4. Carburetor out of adjustment. 5. Engine over-governed. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Move choke lever to RUN position. 2. Fill tank with clean, fresh gasoline. 3. Drain fuel tank. Refill with fresh fuel. 4. Contact an authorized Service Center. 5. Contact an authorized Service Center.
Engine overheats	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Carburetor not adjusted properly. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Contact an authorized Service Center.
Excessive vibration	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Loose parts or damaged auger. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Stop engine immediately and disconnect spark plug wire. Tighten all bolts and nuts. If vibration continues, have unit serviced by an authorized Service Center.
Loss of power	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Spark plug wire loose. 2. Gas cap vent hole plugged. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Connect and tighten spark plug wire. 2. Remove ice and snow from gas cap. Be certain vent hole is clear.
Unit fails to propel itself	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Drive control cable in need of adjustment. 2. Drive belt loose or damaged. 3. Friction wheel worn. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Adjust drive control cable. Refer to Maintenance & Adjustments section. 2. Contact an authorized Service Center. 3. Contact an authorized Service Center.
Unit fails to discharge snow	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Chute assembly clogged. 2. Foreign object lodged in auger. 3. Auger control cable in need of adjustment. 4. Auger belt loose or damaged. 5. Shear pin(s) sheared. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Stop engine immediately and disconnect spark plug wire. Clean chute assembly and inside of auger housing with clean-out tool or a stick. 2. Stop engine immediately and disconnect spark plug wire. Remove object from auger with clean-out tool or a stick. 3. Refer to Auger Control Test. 4. Refer to Maintenance & Adjustments section. 5. Replace with new shear pin(s).
Chute fails to easily rotate 180 degrees	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Chute assembled incorrectly. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Disassemble chute control and reassemble as directed in the Assembly section.

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5. Keep the area of operation clear of all persons, particularly small children and pets. Stop machine if anyone enters the area.

Preparation

1. Thoroughly inspect the area where the equipment is to be used. Remove all stones, sticks, wire and other foreign objects which could be tripped over and cause personal injury.
2. Wear sturdy, rough-soled work shoes and close fitting slacks and shirts: Loose fitting clothes or jewelry can be caught in the moving parts. Never operate the machine in bare feet or sandals.
3. Disengage clutch levers and shift (if equipped) into neutral ("N") before starting the engine.

4. Never leave the engine running while unattended.
5. Never attempt to make any adjustments while the engine is running, except where specifically recommended in the operator's manual.

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To avoid personal injury or property damage, use extreme care in handling gasoline. Gasoline is extremely flammable and the vapors are explosive. Serious personal injury can occur when gasoline is spilled on yourself and/or your clothes which can ignite. Wash your skin and change clothes immediately.

1. When adding fuel, turn engine OFF and let engine cool at least 2 minutes before removing the gas cap.
2. Fill fuel tank outdoors or in well ventilated area.
3. Use only an approved gasoline container.
4. Never fill containers inside a vehicle or on a truck or trailer bed with a plastic liner. Always place containers on the ground away from your vehicle before filling.
5. If possible, remove gas-powered equipment from the truck or trailer and refuel it on the ground. If this is not possible, then refuel such equipment on a trailer with a portable container, rather than from a gasoline dispenser nozzle.
6. Keep the nozzle in contact with the rim of the fuel tank or container opening at all times until fueling is complete. Do not use a nozzle lock-open device.

Oil & Fuel Specifications

IMPORTANT: The engine is shipped without gasoline in the engine. See the following instructions for adding gasoline.

IMPORTANT: Some engines are shipped with oil already in the engine, others without oil already in the engine. It is very important to check the oil level before operating the engine and to add oil if necessary. Running the engine with insufficient oil can cause serious engine damage and void the engine warranty.

Oil Recommendations

Before starting engine, fill with motor oil, capacity is 600 ml/20 oz. Refer to the viscosity chart (Figure 3-1) for oil recommendations. Do not over-fill. Use a 4-stroke, or an equivalent high detergent, premium quality motor oil certified to meet or exceed U.S. automobile manufacturer's requirements for service classification of a minimum level SJ (higher letter ratings are acceptable such as SL and SM grades).

Motor oil will display this designation on the container.

NOTE: Do not use non-detergent oil or 2-stroke engine oil. It could shorten the engine's service life.

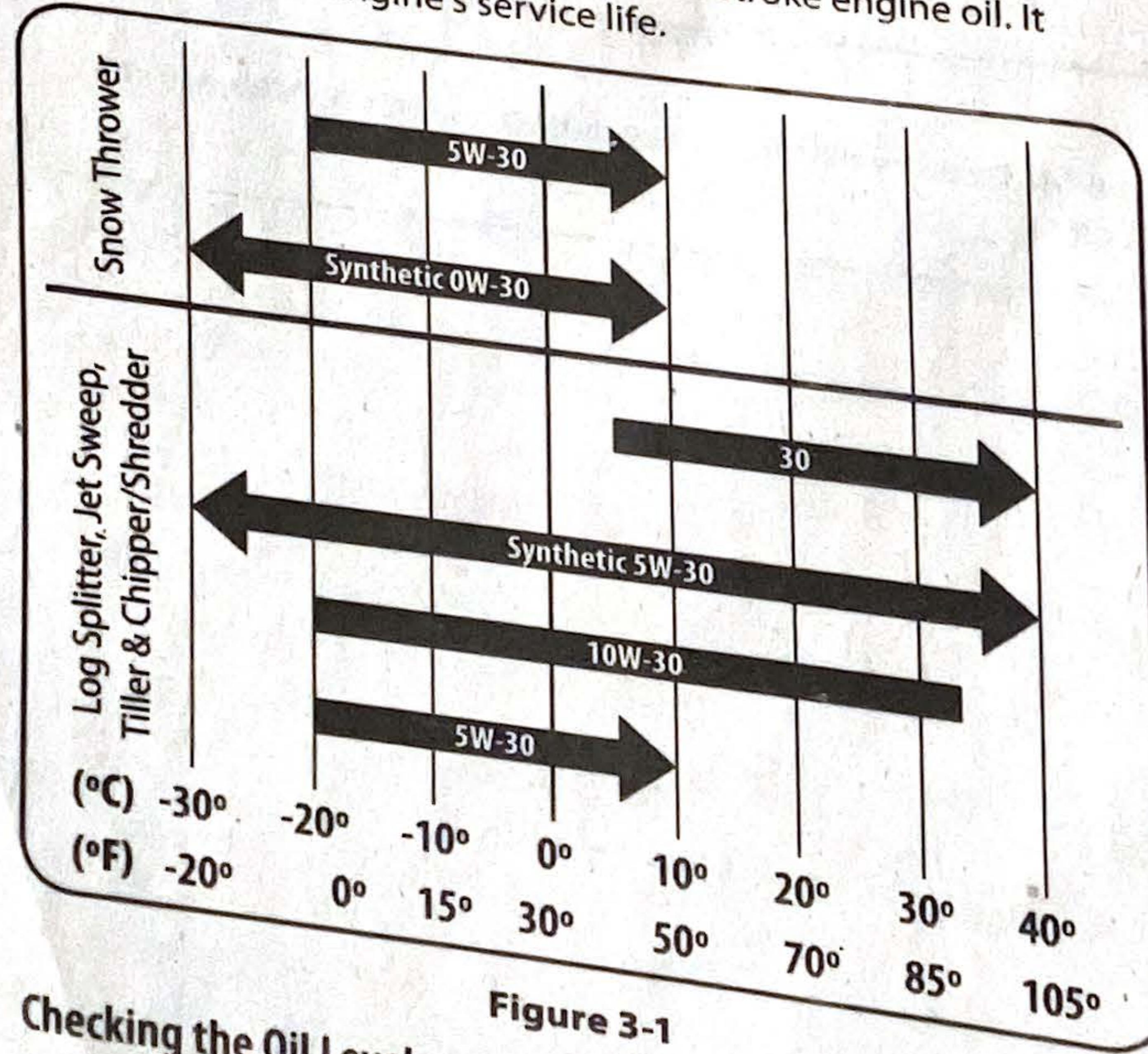


Figure 3-1

Checking the Oil Level

Some engines will have a quarter-turn oil fill/dipstick cap, others may have a threaded oil fill/dipstick cap. Follow the instructions next that apply to your engine model.

Checking Oil Level on Engines with Quarter-Turn Oil Fill Caps

NOTE: Be sure to check the oil while on a level surface with the engine stopped.

To avoid engine damage, it is important to:

- Check oil level before each use and every 5 operating hours when engine is warm. Check oil level more frequently during engine break-in.
 - Keep oil level between "H" and "L" marks on dipstick. See Figure 3-2.
 - Be sure oil fill cap/plug is tightened securely when checking.
1. Remove the oil filler cap/dipstick and wipe the dipstick clean. See Figure 3-2.
 2. Insert the cap/dipstick into the oil filler neck, and tighten the cap until seated.
 3. Remove the oil filler cap/dipstick. If the level is low, slowly add oil until oil level registers between high (H) and low (L), Figure 3-2.
 4. Replace and tighten cap/dipstick firmly before starting engine.

NOTE: Do not overfill. Overfilling with oil may cause smoking, hard starting, or spark plug fouling.

NOTE: DO NOT allow oil level to fall below the "L" mark on the dipstick. Doing so may result in equipment malfunctions or damage.

NOTE: To change the oil on your engine, see the Maintenance Section of this manual.

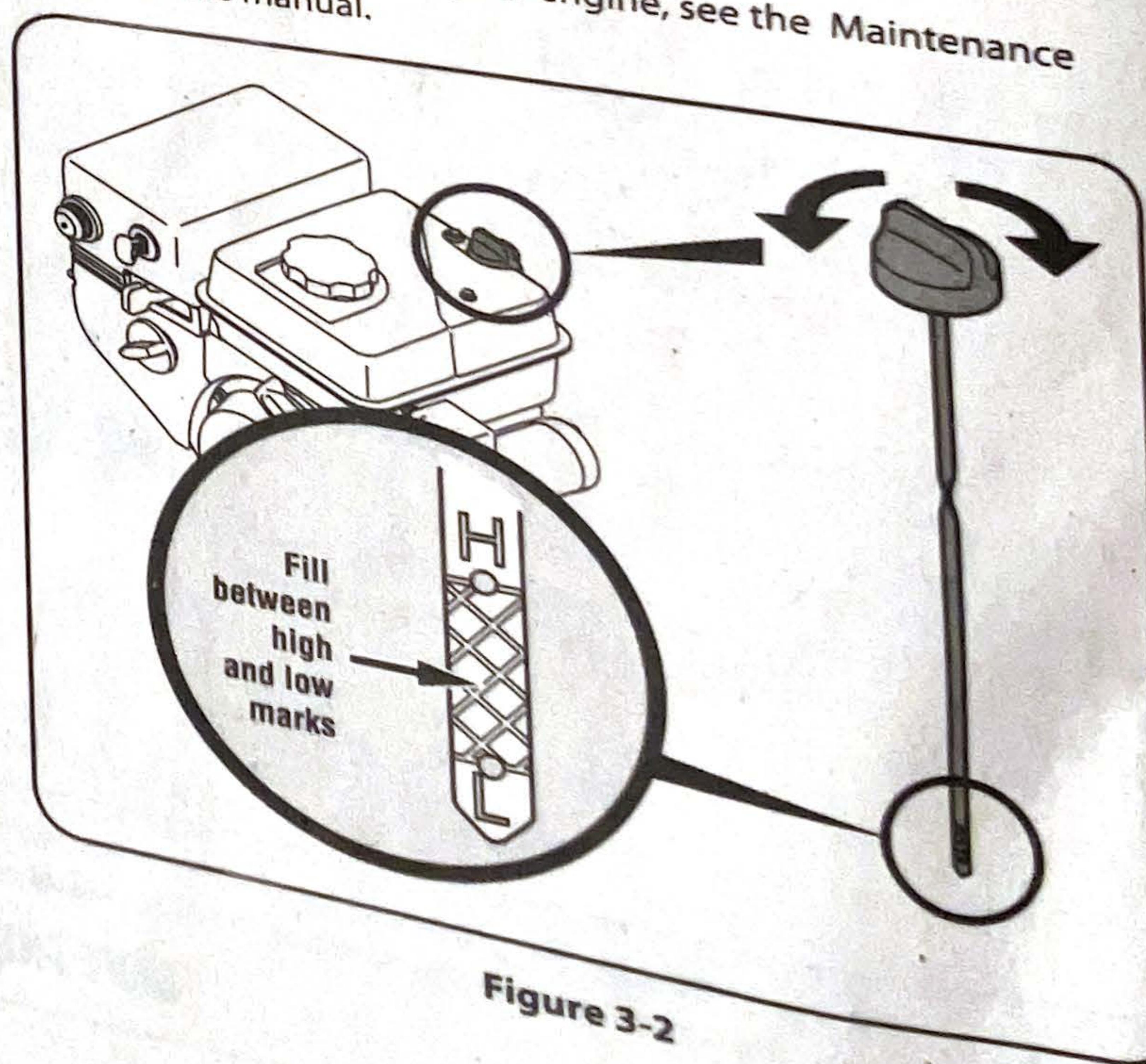


Figure 3-2

Maintenance

Maintenance Schedule

	First 5 Hours	Each Use or Every 5 Hrs.	Every Season or 25 Hours	Every Season or 50 Hours	Every Season or 100 Hours	Service Dates
Check Engine Oil Level		✓				
Change Engine Oil	✓			✓		
Check Air Cleaner (If so equipped)		✓				
Service Air Cleaner (If so equipped)					✓	
Check Spark Plug			✓			
Replace Spark Plug					✓	
Clean Engine Shroud (If so equipped)		✓				
Clean around muffler		✓				
Replace Fuel Filter (If equipped)					✓	

Periodic inspection and adjustment of the engine is essential if high level performance is to be maintained. Regular maintenance will also ensure a long service life. The required service intervals and the kind of maintenance to be performed are described in the table above. Follow the hourly or calendar intervals, whichever occur first. More frequent service is required when operating in adverse conditions.



WARNING! Shut off the engine before performing any maintenance. To prevent accidental start-up, disconnect the spark plug boot.

NOTE: If engine must be tipped to transport equipment or to inspect or remove grass, keep spark plug side of engine up. Transporting or tipping engine spark plug down may cause smoking, hard starting, spark plug fouling, or oil saturation of air cleaner.



WARNING! If the engine has been running, the muffler will be very hot. Be careful not to touch the muffler.

Oil Recommendations

Refer to the viscosity chart (Figure 6-1) for oil recommendations. Do not over-fill. Use a 4-stroke, or an equivalent high detergent, premium quality motor oil certified to meet or exceed U.S. automobile manufacturer's requirements for service classification of a minimum level SF or SG (higher letter ratings are acceptable such as SJ, SL and SM grades). Motor oil will display this designation on the container.

NOTE: Do not use non-detergent oil or 2-stroke engine oil. It could shorten the engine's service life.

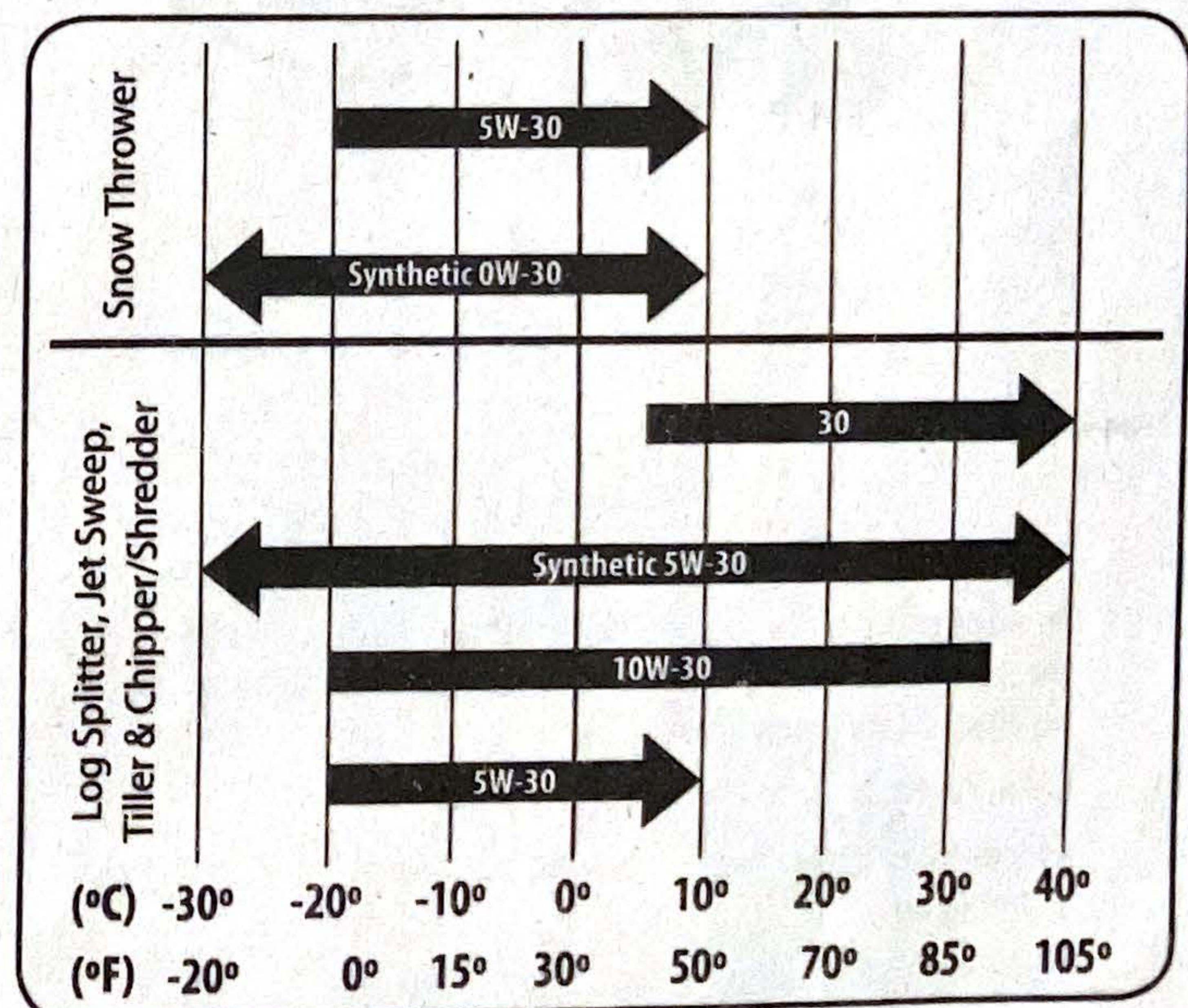


Figure 6-1