

OPERATION MANUAL



WSHE/MSHE SERIES VIBRATORY TRUSS SCREED (GX340 11HP GASOLINE ENGINE)

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FUEL AND CHEMICAL EXPOSURE WARNINGS



**WARNING**

Gasoline engine exhaust and some of its constituents, and some dust created by power sanding, sawing, grinding, drilling and other construction activities contain chemicals know to cause cancer, birth defects and other reproductive harm.

Some examples of these chemicals are:

- Lead from lead-based paints
- Crystalline silica from bricks
- Cement and other masonry products
- 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 chemicals: **ALWAYS** work in a well-ventilated area, and work with approved safety equipment, such as dust masks that are specially designed to filter out microscopic particles.

SILICOSIS/RESPIRATORY WARNINGS

 **WARNING**



SILICOSIS WARNING

Grinding/cutting/drilling of masonry, concrete, metal and other materials with silica in their composition may give off dust or mists containing crystalline silica. Silica is a basic component of sand, quartz, brick clay, granite and numerous other minerals and rocks. Repeated and/or substantial inhalation of airborne crystalline silica can cause serious or fatal respiratory diseases, including silicosis. In addition, California and some other authorities have listed respirable crystalline silica as a substance known to cause cancer. When cutting such materials, always follow the respiratory precautions mentioned above.

 **WARNING**



RESPIRATORY HAZARDS

Grinding/cutting/drilling of masonry, concrete, metal and other materials can generate dust, mists and fumes containing chemicals known to cause serious or fatal injury or illness, such as respiratory disease, cancer, birth defects or other reproductive harm. If you are unfamiliar with the risks associated with the particular process and/or material being cut or the composition of the tool being used, review the material safety data sheet and/or consult your employer, the material manufacturer/supplier, governmental agencies such as OSHA and NIOSH and other sources on hazardous materials. California and some other authorities, for instance, have published lists of substances known to cause cancer, reproductive toxicity, or other harmful effects.

Control dust, mist and fumes at the source where possible. In this regard use good work practices and follow the recommendations of the manufacturers or suppliers, OSHA/NIOSH, and occupational and trade associations. Water should be used for dust suppression when wet cutting is feasible. When the hazards from inhalation of dust, mists and fumes cannot be eliminated, the operator and any bystanders should always wear a respirator approved by NIOSH/MSHA for the materials being used.

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TRAINING CHECKLIST

Training Checklist			
No,	Description	OK?	Date
1	Read operation manual completely		
2	Machine layout, location of components, checking of engine oil levels		
3	Fuel system, refueling procedure		
4	Operation of controls (machine not running)		
5	Emergency stop procedures		
6	Startup of machine, engine choke		
7	Alignment of blades		
8	Concrete finishing techniques		
9	Shutdown of machine		
10	Lifting of machine		
11	Assembly of truss sections		
12	Winch operation		
13	Cleanup procedures		
16	Machine transport and storage		

DAILY PRE-OPERATION CHECKLIST

Daily Pre-Operation Checklist		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
1	Engine oil level						
2	Bearing lubrication						
3	Condition of blades						
4	Blade alignment						
5	Drive shaft alignment						

SAFETY INFORMATION

Do not operate or service the equipment before reading the entire manual. Safety precautions should be followed at all times when operating this equipment. Failure to read and understand the safety messages and operating instructions could result in injury to yourself and others.



SAFETY MESSAGES

The four safety messages shown below will inform you about potential hazards that could injure you or others. The safety messages specifically address the level of exposure to the operator and are preceded by one of four words: **DANGER**, **WARNING**, **CAUTION** or **NOTICE**.

SAFETY SYMBOLS

 DANGER
Indicates a hazardous situation which, if not avoided, WILL result in DEATH or SERIOUS INJURY .
 WARNING
Indicates a hazardous situation which, if not avoided, COULD result in DEATH or SERIOUS INJURY .
 CAUTION
Indicates a hazardous situation which, if not avoided, COULD result in MINOR or MODERATE INJURY .
NOTICE
Addresses practices not related to personal injury.

Potential hazards associated with the operation of this equipment will be referenced with hazard symbols which may appear throughout this manual in conjunction with safety messages.

Symbol	Safety Hazard
	Lethal exhaust gas hazards
	Explosive fuel hazards
	Burn hazards
	Rotating parts hazards
	Pressurized fluid hazards
	Hydraulic fluid hazards

SAFETY INFORMATION

GENERAL SAFETY

⚠ CAUTION

- **NEVER** operate this equipment without proper protective clothing, shatterproof glasses, respiratory protection, hearing protection, steel-toed boots and other protective devices required by the job or city and state regulations.



- Avoid wearing jewelry or loose fitting clothes that may snag on the controls or moving parts as this can cause serious injury.

- **NEVER** operate this equipment when not feeling well due to fatigue, illness or when under medication.



- **NEVER** operate this equipment under the influence of drugs or alcohol.



- **ALWAYS** clear the work area of any debris, tools, etc. that would constitute a hazard while the equipment is in operation.

- No one other than the operator is to be in the working area when the equipment is in operation.

- **DO NOT** use the equipment for any purpose other than its intended purposes or applications.

NOTICE

- This equipment should only be operated by trained and qualified personnel 18 years of age and older.
- Whenever necessary, replace nameplate, operation and safety decals when they become difficult read.
- Manufacturer does not assume responsibility for any accident due to equipment modifications. Unauthorized equipment modification will void all warranties.
- **NEVER** use accessories or attachments that are not recommended by Multiquip for this equipment. Damage to the equipment and/or injury to user may result.
- **ALWAYS** know the location of the nearest fire extinguisher.
- **ALWAYS** know the location of the nearest first aid kit.
- **ALWAYS** know the location of the nearest phone or **keep a phone on the job site**. Also, know the phone numbers of the nearest **ambulance, doctor and fire department**. This information will be invaluable in the case of an emergency.

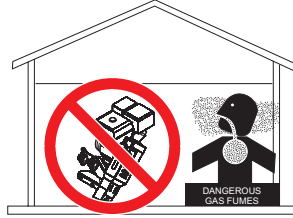


SAFETY INFORMATION

SCREED SAFETY

DANGER

- Engine fuel exhaust gases contain poisonous carbon monoxide. This gas is colorless and odorless, and can cause death if inhaled.
- The engine of this equipment requires an adequate free flow of cooling air. **NEVER** operate this equipment in any enclosed or narrow area where free flow of the air is restricted. If the air flow is restricted it will cause injury to people and property and serious damage to the equipment or engine.



- **NEVER** operate the equipment in an explosive atmosphere or near combustible materials. An explosion or fire could result causing severe **bodily harm or even death.**



WARNING

- If applicable, **NEVER** use your hand to find hydraulic leaks. Use a piece of wood or cardboard. Hydraulic fluid injected into the skin must be treated by a knowledgeable physician immediately or severe injury or death can occur.
- **ALWAYS** keep clear of rotating or moving parts while operating the screed.
- **NEVER** disconnect any **emergency or safety devices.** These devices are intended for operator safety. Disconnection of these devices can cause severe injury, bodily harm or even death. Disconnection of any of these devices will void all warranties.



CAUTION

- **NEVER** allow passengers or riders on the screed during operation.
- **NEVER** lubricate components or attempt service on a running machine.

NOTICE

- **ALWAYS** keep the machine in proper running condition.
- Fix damage to machine and replace any broken parts immediately.
- **ALWAYS** store equipment properly when it is not being used. Equipment should be stored in a clean, dry location out of the reach of children and unauthorized personnel.

ENGINE SAFETY

WARNING

- **DO NOT** place hands or fingers inside engine compartment when engine is running.
- **NEVER** operate the engine with heat shields or guards removed.
- Keep fingers, hands hair and clothing away from all moving parts to prevent injury.
- **DO NOT** remove the engine oil drain plug while the engine is hot. The possibility of hot oil exists which could cause severe scalding.



CAUTION

- **NEVER** touch the hot exhaust manifold, muffler or cylinder. Allow these parts to cool before servicing equipment.



NOTICE

- **NEVER** run engine without an air filter or with a dirty air filter. Severe engine damage may occur. Service air filter frequently to prevent engine malfunction.
- **NEVER** tamper with the factory settings of the engine or engine governor. Damage to the engine or equipment can result if operating in speed ranges above the maximum allowable.



SAFETY INFORMATION

FUEL SAFETY

DANGER

- **DO NOT** start the engine near spilled fuel or combustible fluids. Fuel is extremely flammable and its vapors can cause an explosion if ignited.
- **ALWAYS** refuel in a well-ventilated area, away from sparks and open flames.
- **ALWAYS** use extreme caution when working with **flammable** liquids.
- **DO NOT** fill the fuel tank while the engine is running or hot.
- **DO NOT** overfill tank, since spilled fuel could ignite if it comes into contact with hot engine parts or sparks from the ignition system.
- Store fuel in appropriate containers, in well-ventilated areas and away from sparks and flames.
- **NEVER** use fuel as a cleaning agent.
- **DO NOT** smoke around or near the equipment. Fire or explosion could result from fuel vapors or if fuel is spilled on a hot engine.



TRANSPORTING SAFETY

CAUTION

- **NEVER** allow any person or animal to stand underneath the equipment while lifting.
- **NEVER** lift or transport screed with personnel standing on the screed.
- Use proper heavy lifting procedures when lifting the screed.



NOTICE

- Machine can be transported on flatbed truck of proper weight capacity.
- The easiest way to lift the screed is to attach lifting hooks to the screed frame. Lifting hooks should be placed at equal distances from each end of the screed.

A strap or chain can be attached to these hooks, allowing a forklift or crane to lift the screed up onto and off of a slab of concrete. The strap or chain should have a minimum of 2,000 pounds (1,000 kg) lifting capacity and the lifting device must be capable of lifting at least this amount.

- Always make sure crane or lifting device has been properly secured to the lifting hooks on the equipment.
- **ALWAYS** shutdown engine before transporting.
- **NEVER** lift the equipment while the engine is running.
- Tighten fuel tank cap securely and close fuel cock to prevent fuel from spilling.
- Use adequate lifting cable (wire or rope) of sufficient strength.
- **DO NOT** lift machine to unnecessary heights.
- **ALWAYS** tie down equipment during transport by securing the equipment with rope.

TOWING SAFETY

CAUTION

- Check with your local county or state safety towing regulations, in addition to meeting **Department of Transportation (DOT) Safety Towing Regulations**, before towing your screed.
- In order to reduce the possibility of an accident while transporting the screed on public roads, **ALWAYS** make sure the trailer that supports the screed and the towing vehicle are mechanically sound and in good operating condition.
- **ALWAYS** shutdown engine before transporting
- Make sure the hitch and coupling of the towing vehicle are rated equal to, or greater than the trailer "gross vehicle weight rating."
- **ALWAYS** inspect the hitch and coupling for wear. **NEVER** tow a trailer with defective hitches, couplings, chains, etc.
- Check the tire air pressure on both towing vehicle and trailer. **Trailer tires should be inflated to 50 psi cold.** Also check the tire tread wear on both vehicles.



SAFETY INFORMATION

- **ALWAYS** make sure the trailer is equipped with a **safety chain**.
- **ALWAYS** properly attach trailer's safety chains to towing vehicle.
- **ALWAYS** make sure the vehicle and trailer directional, backup, brake and trailer lights are connected and working properly.
- DOT Requirements include the following:
 - Connect and test electric brake operation.
 - Secure portable power cables in cable tray with tie wraps.
- The maximum speed for highway towing is 55 MPH unless posted otherwise. Recommended off-road towing is not to exceed 15 MPH or less depending on type of terrain.
- Avoid sudden stops and starts. This can cause skidding, or jack-knifing. Smooth, gradual starts and stops will improve towing.
- Avoid sharp turns to prevent rolling.
- Trailer should be adjusted to a level position at all times when towing.
- Raise and lock trailer wheel stand in up position when towing.
- Place **chock blocks** underneath wheel to prevent rolling while parked.
- Place support blocks underneath the trailer's bumper to prevent tipping while parked.
- Use the trailer's swivel jack to adjust the trailer height to a level position while parked.

ENVIRONMENTAL SAFETY/DECOMMISSIONING

NOTICE

Decommissioning is a controlled process used to safely retire a piece of equipment that is no longer serviceable. If the equipment poses an unacceptable and unrepairable safety risk due to wear or damage or is no longer cost effective to maintain (beyond life-cycle reliability) and is to be decommissioned (demolition and dismantlement), be sure to follow rules below.

- **DO NOT** pour waste or oil directly onto the ground, down a drain or into any water source.

- Contact your country's Department of Public Works or recycling agency in your area and arrange for proper disposal of any electrical components, waste or oil associated with this equipment.



- When the life cycle of this equipment is over, it is recommended that the screed frame and all other metal parts be sent to a recycling center.

Metal recycling involves the collection of metal from discarded products and its transformation into raw materials to use in manufacturing a new product.

Recyclers and manufacturers alike promote the process of recycling metal. Using a metal recycling center promotes energy cost savings.

NOTICE

The gasoline engine used in this equipment has been designed to reduce harmful levels of carbon monoxide (CO), hydrocarbons (HC) and nitrogen oxides (NOx) contained in diesel exhaust emissions.

This engine has been certified to meet US EPA Evaporative emissions requirements in the installed configuration.

Attempting to modify or make adjustments to the engine emission system by unauthorized personnel without proper training could damage the equipment or create an unsafe condition.

Additionally, modifying the fuel system may adversely affect evaporative emissions, resulting in fines or other penalties.

Emission Control Label

The emission control label is an integral part of the emission system and is strictly controlled by regulations.

The label must remain with the engine for its entire life.

If a replacement emission label is needed, please contact your authorized Honda Engine Distributor.

SPECIFICATIONS (SCREED)

Table 1. Engine-Powered Screeds

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Recommended Slump	3 in. (76 mm)	
Max. Concrete Depth	8 in. (203 mm)	
Max. Screed Length	65 ft. (19.8 m)	
Engine-Powered – Truss Sections		
Model	Description	Weight lb. (kg)
MSHE25	2.5-foot (0.76 m) truss with eccentric shaft vibration	50 (23)
MSHE50	5-foot (1.5 m) truss with eccentric shaft vibration	95 (43)
MSHE75	7.5-foot (2.3 m) truss with eccentric shaft vibration	136 (62)
Engine-Powered – Truss Engine Options		
Model	Description	Weight lb. (kg)
MSHEKIT11H	11 hp engine kit	112 (51)
MSHE50KIT11H	11 hp engine kit installed on 5-foot truss section	207 (94)
Engine-Powered – Accessories		
Model	Description	Weight lb. (kg)
MSHEH	End handles (two each)	54 (27)
WSHW	Manual winches, set of two	42 (19)
WSHSPW(L)	Self-propelled winch (left side), includes 2.5-foot truss	105 (48)
WSHSPW(R)	Self-propelled winch (right side), includes 2.5-foot truss	105 (48)
WSHRBE	Reinforcement bracket, engine screed	6 (2.7)
WSKITAEBR	Adjustable end brackets, set of two, roller type	26 (12)
WSHEKITUJ	Invert/crown kit, for adjustments up to ¼ inch per foot	22 (10)
WSHEIC	Invert/crown kit, for adjustments in excess of ¼ inch per foot	98 (41)
36243	Truss screed 2-wheel dolly	50 (23)
46273-SK	Kit, turnbuckle-screed	10 (5.4)

SPECIFICATIONS (ENGINE)

Table 2. Engine Specifications	
Model	Honda GX340UT2QAP2
Type	Air-cooled, 4-stroke, single-cylinder, OHV, horizontal shaft, gasoline engine
Bore × Stroke	3.4 × 2.5 in. (88 × 64 mm)
Displacement	23.7 in. ³ (389 cc)
Max. Output	11.0 hp @ 3,600 rpm
Fuel Tank Capacity	Approx. 1.95 U.S. gallons (6.0 liters)
Fuel	Unleaded gasoline
Lube Oil Capacity	1.06 qt. (1.1 liters)
Oil Type	4-stroke API, SF or SG SAE 10W-30 general use
Speed Control Method	Centrifugal flyweight type
Cooling System	Forced air
Starting Method	Recoil start
Spark Plug Type	BPR6ES NGK
Spark Plug Gap	0.028–0.031 in. (0.70–0.80 mm)
Dimensions (L × W × H)	15.9 × 18.1 × 17.6 in. (406 × 460 × 448 mm)
Dry Net Weight	69.8 lb. (31.7 kg)

LIFTING AND TRANSPORTING

LIFTING THE SCREED

The following procedure and Figure 1 describe how to lift the vibratory screed.

WARNING

NEVER lift the screed to unnecessary heights.
ALWAYS make sure that no one is standing underneath the screed while it is being lifted.

1. Attach the U-shaped hanger and associated hardware to the top of each truss frame section as shown in Figure 1. Tighten the hanger securely so that it will not slip.

2. Utilize a spreader bar of proper length and lifting capacity. Secure lifting straps from both ends of the spreader bar to the attached lifting hangers.
3. Connect lifting cables from the spreader bar to the lifting hook of a crane or forklift. Ensure that the lifting hook and chain are of appropriate lifting capacity.
4. Use a crane or forklift to hoist the screed onto a flatbed truck for transporting or onto the form for screeding.

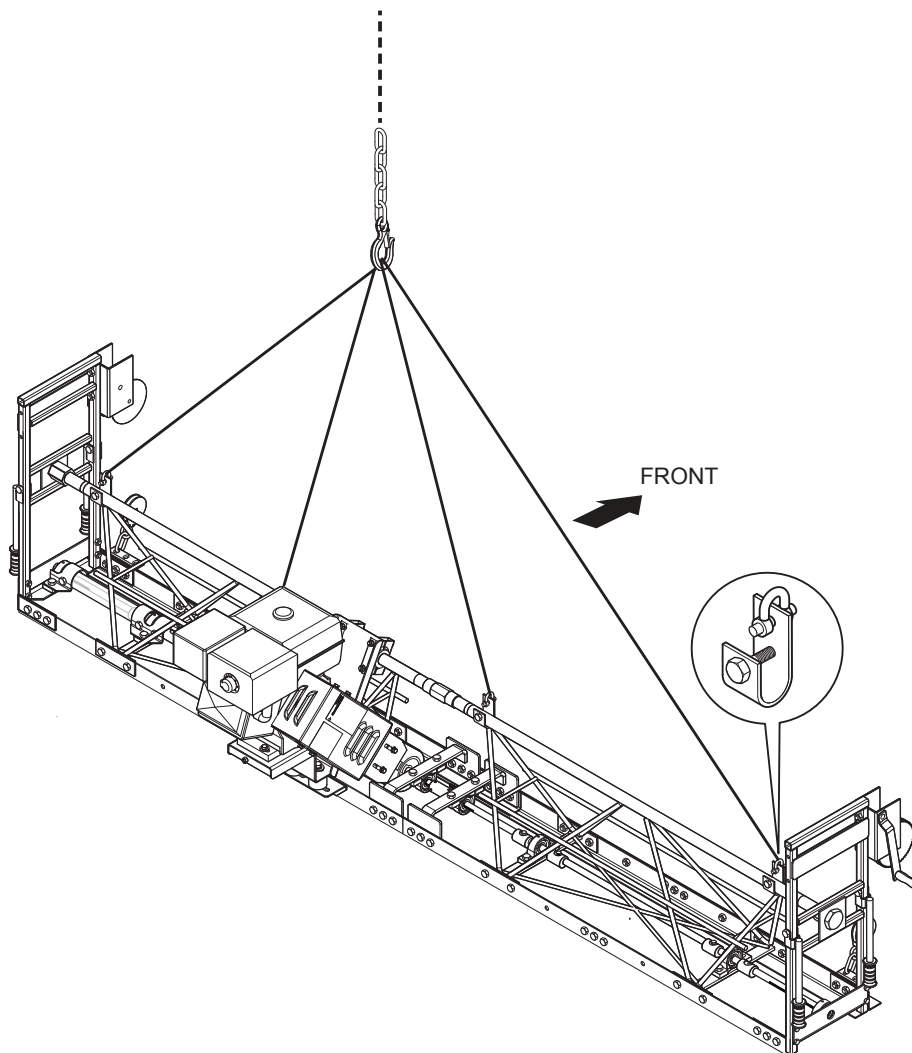
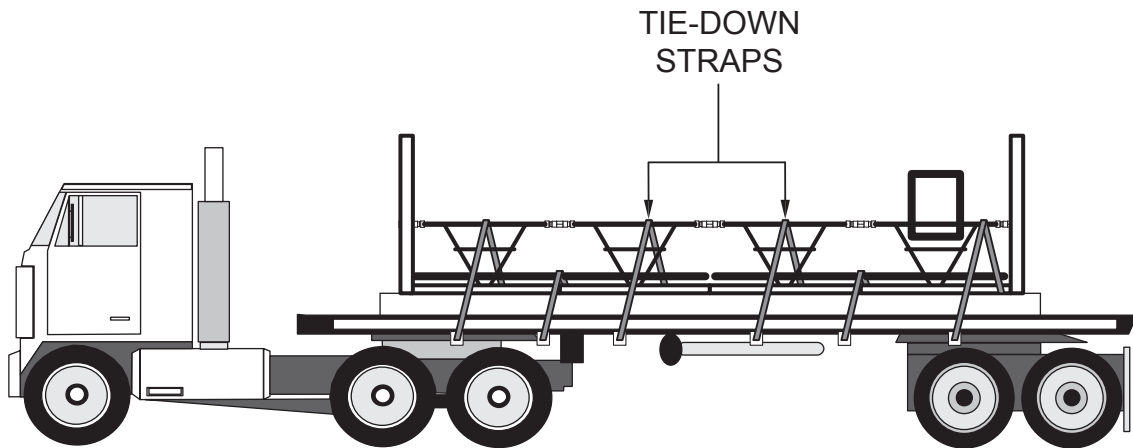


Figure 1. Lifting the Screed

LIFTING AND TRANSPORTING

TRANSPORTING THE SCREED

Place the screed on a flatbed truck during transportation as shown in Figure 2. Attach suitable tie-down straps to the screed to secure it to the truck. Route tie-down straps over truss frame sections as required.



TYPICAL TIE-DOWN APPLICATION

Figure 2. Screed Tie-Down Points

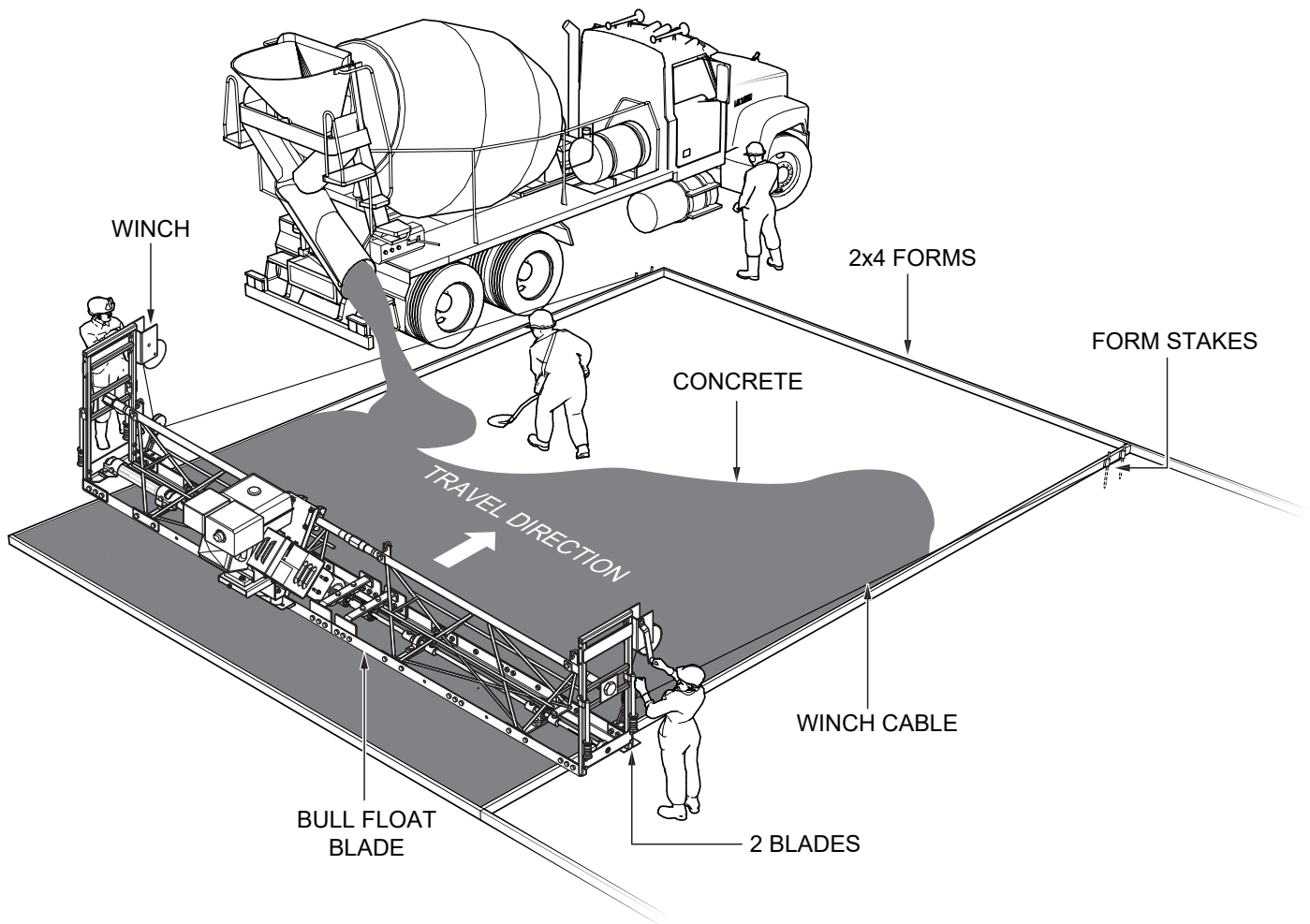


Figure 3. Vibratory Screenshot Application

GENERAL INFORMATION

Multiquip vibratory truss screeds are used for leveling pavement and industrial floors. They provide dependable performance on job after job. Its modular design allows the ability to configure the screed by adding or removing sections as needed. Figure 3 represents a typical vibratory screed application.

HEAVY-DUTY STEEL CONSTRUCTION

The Multiquip vibratory truss screed uses a triangular frame design (Figure 4), built to take the abuse of rough handling on a job site. Unlike the lightweight aluminum screed, the steel screed will hold its precise shape better on long pours and over a longer period of time. Additionally, the heavier steel screed will stay down on the forms and will not ride up during a pour. This vibratory screed weighs approximately 14 pounds per foot.

STEEL TRUSS DESIGN

The steel construction keeps the screed from riding up on stiff concrete mix designs.

The vibratory truss screed features top pipe manufactured from schedule 80 steel and features 16 TPI thread to provide fine grade control should crowns or inverts be required.

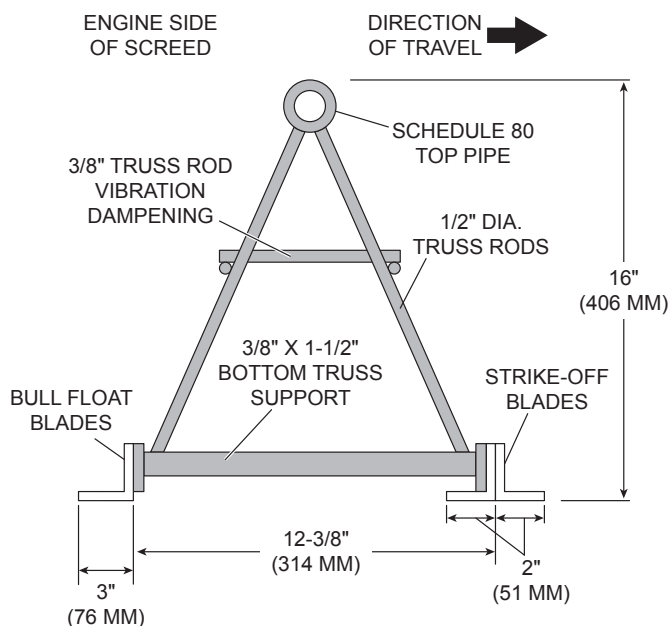


Figure 4. Screed Cross Section

THREE DIFFERENT LENGTHS

Multiquip vibratory screeds come in three lengths: 2-1/2 ft., 5 ft., and 7-1/2 ft. sections.

NOTICE

It is best to allow a minimum overhang past the forms (6" to 12" is ideal).

SCREED BLADES

The screed blades are constructed of 10-gauge galvanized steel for rust resistance and maximum durability. The front blades consist of two 1-1/2" high × 2" wide angles. This gives the screed blades 2-1/2 inches of concrete surcharge and 4 inches of screed surface. The rear (bull float) blade is a single blade 2-1/2" wide. A total of 7 inches of concrete surface contact is provided by the screed.

BOLT-ON BLADE DESIGN

The WSHE/MSHE vibratory truss screeds feature a bolt-on blade design to allow easy replacement of worn or damaged blades.

ENGINE-DRIVEN SCREED

The engine-driven screed has an eccentric shaft design that produces 8,000 vibration cycle nodes per minute. It is ideal for slab, bridge, and highway applications. The engine-driven screed is powered by an 11-horsepower Honda engine. Engine kits are available factory installed on 5-foot truss sections for reduced setup time at the job site.

Winch options include manual or self-propelled models. Self-propelled models are each mounted on a 2.5-foot section of the screed. Crowns/inverts may be obtained with optional kits.

ROTATING ECCENTRIC SHAFT (RES) VIBRATORY SCREED

The rotating eccentric shaft produces over 8,000 VPM. The shaft is built of 3/4" diameter, high-strength steel with 1-3/8" diameter dual eccentrics bolted on 30" centers. The shaft is supported by heavy-duty, solid-mounted pillow block bearings. The bearings are greaseable and provide long life and solid transmission of vibration through the lower frame and blades into the concrete.

GENERAL INFORMATION

PROPELLING THE SCREED

Several options are available for moving the screed during a pour.

1. **Manual Winches** — Heavy-duty, 2500 lb., 2-speed winches with 100 feet of 1/8" aircraft cable can be located on either end of the screed, or, with the addition of a pulley kit, both sides of the screed can be winched from one side.
2. **Hydraulic Winches** — By adding a pulley to the rotating eccentric shaft, power can be harnessed to drive a small Parker hydraulic pump. This pump provides power to an Eaton drive motor driving the winches located on either side of the screed. The speed of the winch is variable from 0 to 12 feet per minute.

INVERTS AND CROWNS

Multiquip vibratory screeds can be aligned to form inverts or crowns with the use of special invert/crown brackets, flex-joint or U-joint kits. Crowns of up to 1/4-inch per foot are considered normal. Most highway specifications call for 1/4-inch per foot or 2% crowns (0.25 inches per 12 inches).

SCREED LENGTH

The recommended maximum length is 65 feet. With lengths over 35 feet, the engine should be mounted on a center section of the screed. This increases efficiency and equalizes the load on the driveshaft.

SLAB THICKNESS

Like soil compaction, slab thickness is variable. Maximum slab thickness depends on the concrete mix, type of forms used, travel speed and other variables. The rule of thumb is: 8 to 9 inches for the RES type and up to 12 inches for the air screed.

RATE OF TRAVEL

The rate of travel for the screed varies. The men working the concrete should maintain a slight discharge of concrete in front of the screed. (**DO NOT** allow concrete to flow over the screed blades by more than 2-1/2".) As you move the screed forward, you should be getting a nice, creamy surface behind the bull float blade. Increase the travel speed until the surface deteriorates and then slow down slightly to achieve maximum travel speed.

COMMONLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

1. "How wide can I go with the vibratory screed?"

Recommended maximum length is 65 feet for both air- and engine-driven screeds. With lengths over 35 feet, the engine should be mounted on a center section of the screed. This increases efficiency and equalizes the load on the driveshaft.

2. "What is the maximum slab thickness I can expect to effectively consolidate?"

Like soil compaction, this is variable. It depends on the concrete mix, type of forms used, travel speed and other variables. The rule of thumb is: 8 to 9 inches for the RES type and up to 12 inches for the air screed.

3. "At what rate of travel should I work the screed?"

It varies. The men working the concrete should maintain a slight discharge of concrete in front of the screed. (Do not allow concrete to flow over the screed blades by more than 2-1/2".) As you move the screed forward, you should be getting a nice, creamy surface behind the bull float blade. Increase the travel speed until the surface deteriorates and then slow down slightly to achieve maximum travel speed.

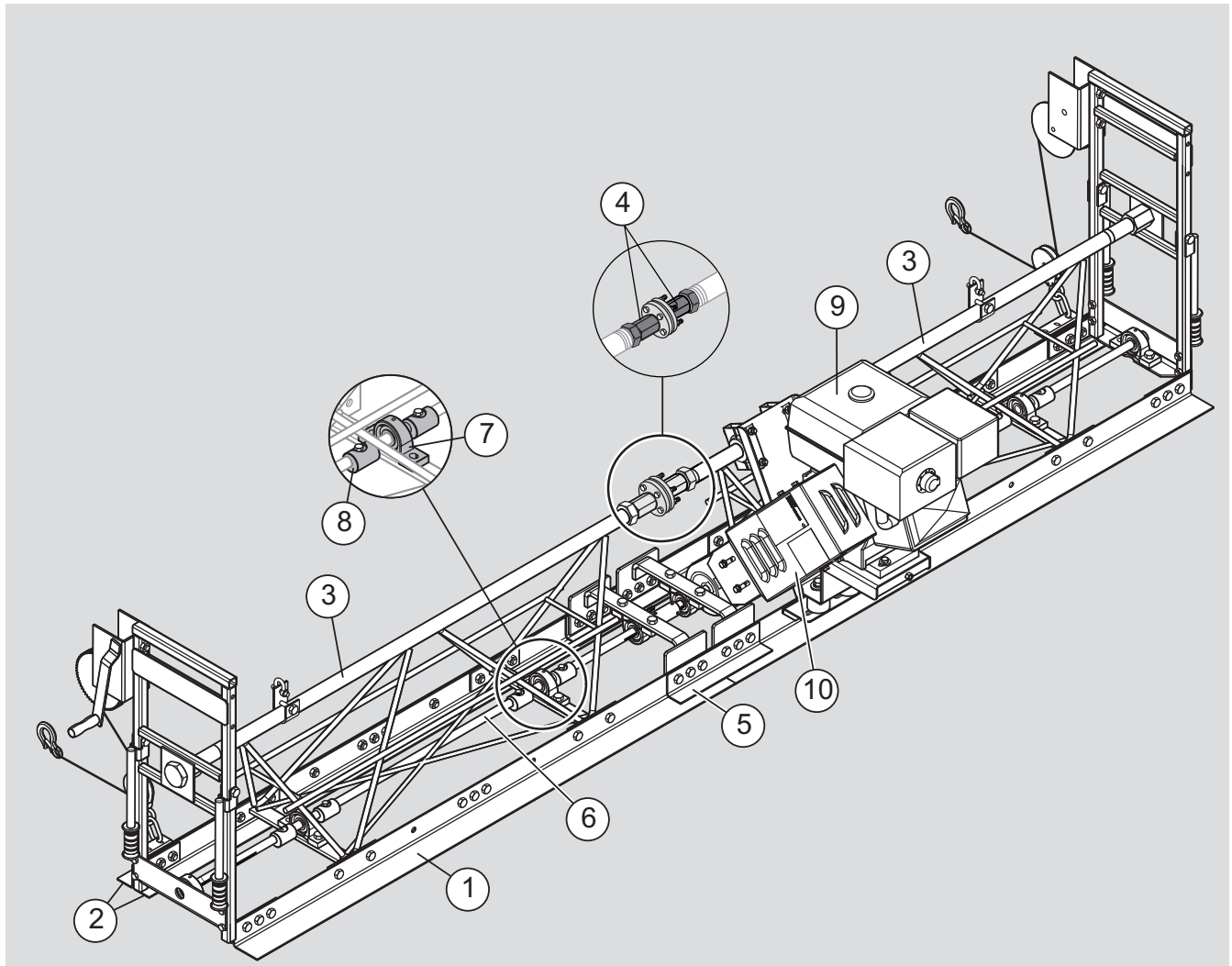


Figure 5. WSHE Components

Figure 5 and Figure 6 show the location of the basic components of a 10-foot WSHE/MSHE screed. The function of each component is described below.

1. **Rear (Bull Float) Blade** — 2-1/2" high × 3" wide blade, constructed of 10-gauge galvanized steel.
2. **Front Blades** — Two 2-1/2" high × 2" wide blades, constructed of 10-gauge galvanized steel.
3. **Truss Frame** — Available in three lengths: 2-1/2 ft., 5 ft., and 7-1/2 ft. (Two 5 ft. sections illustrated above.) Each frame section features a heavy-duty schedule 80 top pipe for structural integrity.
4. **Flange-Coupler** — Connects two truss sections together. Fine threads allow controlled adjustment for slight crown or invert configurations.
5. **Blade Connector** — Connects two blades together. Bolt-on blade design allows for easy replacement of worn or damaged blades.
6. **Rotating Eccentric Shaft** — Produces over 8,000 VPM, built of 3/4" diameter, high-strength steel.
7. **Pillow Block Bearings** — Support rotating shaft.
8. **Eccentric Weights** — Bolted onto rotating shaft to produce vibration.
9. **Engine** — Honda GX340 engine drives the rotating shaft.
10. **Belt Guard** — Covers the rotating V-belt to prevent operator injury.

COMPONENTS (SCREED)

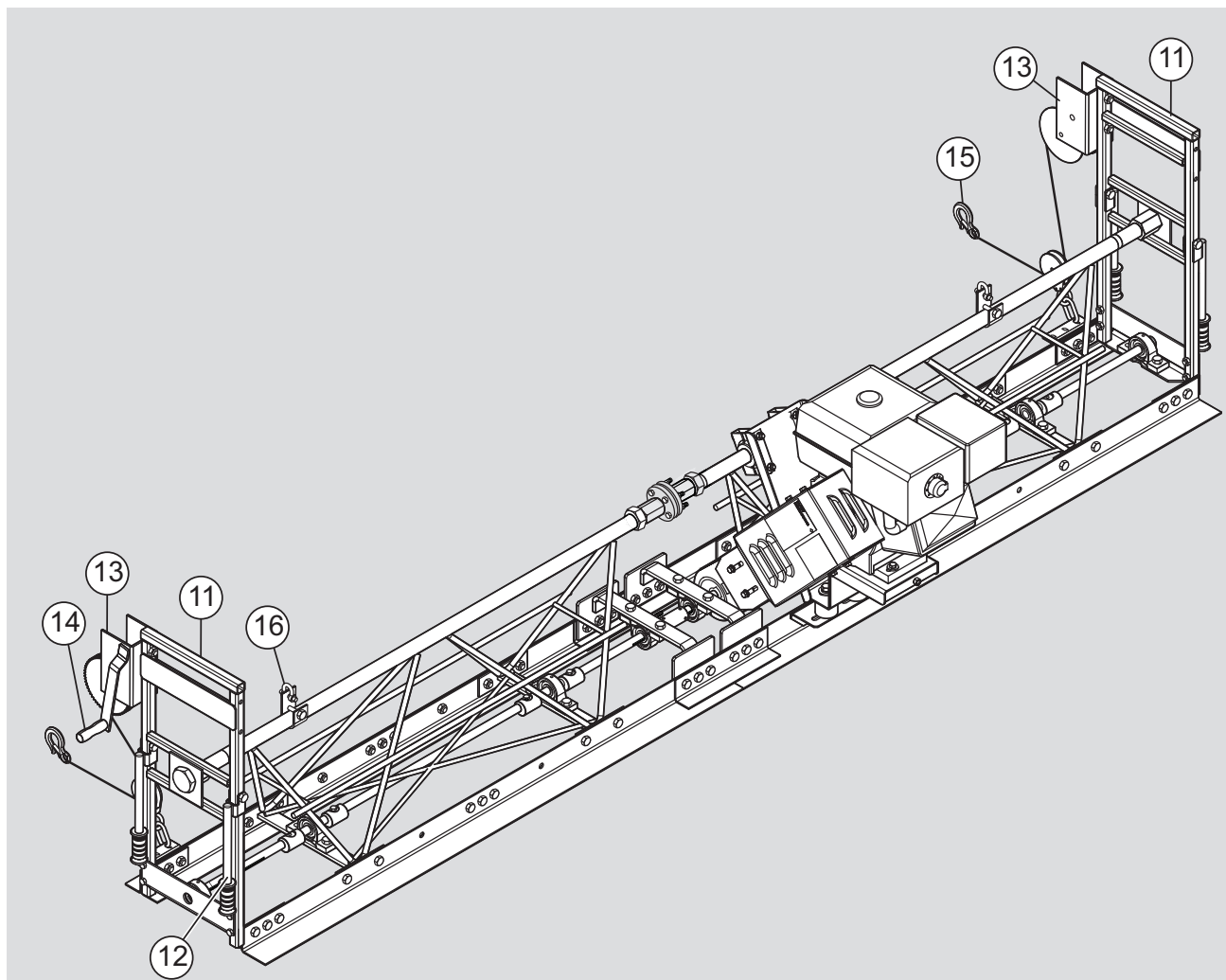


Figure 6. WSHE Components (Continued)

- 11. **End Handle Section** — Two end handle sections required for screed assembly.
- 12. **End Handle** — Allows lifting of screed onto and off of slab.
- 13. **Manual Winch** — Heavy-duty 2,500 lb., 2-speed winch with 100 feet of 1/8" aircraft cable located on one or both ends of the screed. Self-propelled hydraulic winch option minimizes labor and offers speeds from 0 to 12 feet per minute.
- 14. **Winch Handle** — Rotate handle to facilitate screed movement.
- 15. **Cable Hook** — Fastened to stationary point in line of screed travel.
- 16. **Lifting Hanger** — One hanger located on both ends of the screed.

COMPONENTS (ENGINE)

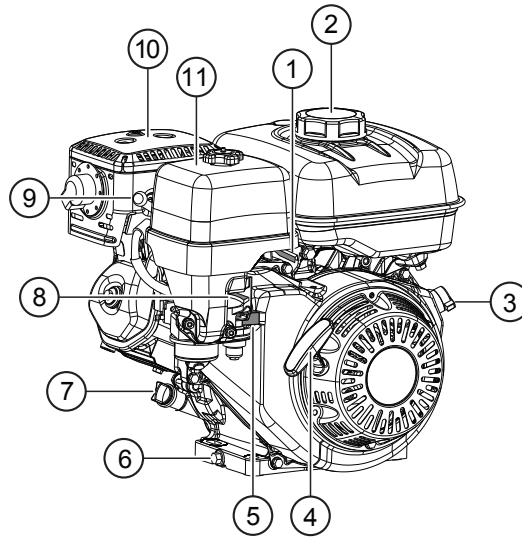


Figure 7. Engine Controls and Components

INITIAL SERVICING

The engine (Figure 7) must be checked for proper lubrication and filled with fuel prior to operation. Refer to the manufacturer's engine manual for instructions and details of operation and servicing.

1. **Throttle Lever** — Used to adjust engine RPM speed. This lever is connected to the throttle lever cable located on the handlebars. Reference throttle cable installation procedure in this manual.
2. **Fuel Filler Cap/Fuel Tank** — Remove this cap to add unleaded gasoline to the fuel tank. Make sure cap is tightened securely. **DO NOT** overfill. Reference Table 2 for fuel tank capacity. For additional information refer to the Honda engine owner's manual.

DANGER



Add fuel to the tank only when the engine is stopped and has had an opportunity to cool down. In the event of a fuel spill, **DO NOT** attempt to start the engine until the fuel residue has been completely wiped up and the area surrounding the engine is dry.

3. **Engine ON/OFF Switch** — **ON** position permits engine starting, **OFF** position stops engine operation.
4. **Recoil Starter (Pull Rope)** — Manual starting method. Pull the starter grip until resistance is felt, then pull briskly and smoothly.

5. **Fuel Valve Lever** — **OPEN** to let fuel flow, **CLOSE** to stop the flow of fuel.
6. **Oil Drain Plug** — Remove this plug to remove oil from the engine's crankcase.
7. **Dipstick/Oil Filler Cap** — Remove this cap to determine if the engine oil is low. Add oil through this filler port as recommended in Table 3.
8. **Choke Lever** — Used in the starting of a cold engine, or in cold weather conditions. The choke enriches the fuel mixture.
9. **Spark Plug** — Provides spark to the ignition system. Set spark plug gap according to engine manufacturer's instructions. Clean spark plug once a week.
10. **Muffler** — Reduces noise and emissions. **NEVER** touch when **hot!**
11. **Air Cleaner** — Prevents dirt and other debris from entering the fuel system. Remove wing nut on top of air filter canister to gain access to filter element.

NOTICE

Operating the engine without an air filter, with a damaged air filter, or with a filter in need of replacement will allow dirt to enter the engine, causing rapid engine wear.

Screed Inspection

1. Read all safety instructions at the beginning of the manual.
2. Clean the entire screed, removing dirt and concrete debris from the truss screed sections.
3. Make sure that all bolts are secure and will not vibrate loose.
4. Check for loose set screws on all shaft couplers.
5. Check jam nuts on top pipe to ensure that they are tight against the top pipe coupler.
6. Check the oil and fuel levels of the engine.
7. Check bearings for grease (bearings are pre-greased from the manufacturer).
8. Check winch cables to make sure that they will not become loose during the screed run.
9. Look over the forms to check for unevenness so that the screed will not hang up.

Engine Inspection

1. Clean the engine, removing dirt and dust, particularly the engine cooling air inlet, carburetor and air cleaner.
2. Check the air filter for dirt and dust. If the air filter is dirty, replace it with a new one as required.
3. Check carburetor for external dirt and dust. Clean with dry compressed air.
4. Check engine mounting hardware fastening nuts and bolts for tightness.

Engine Oil Check

1. To check the engine oil level, place the screed on secure, level ground with the engine stopped.
2. Remove the dipstick from the engine oil filler hole (Figure 8) and wipe it clean.

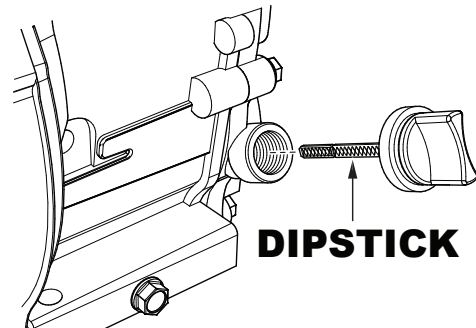


Figure 8. Engine Oil Dipstick Removal

3. Insert and remove the dipstick without screwing it into the filler neck. Check the oil level shown on the dipstick.
4. If the oil level is low (Figure 9), fill to the edge of the oil filler hole with the recommended oil type as listed in Table 3. Reference Table 2 for maximum engine oil capacity.

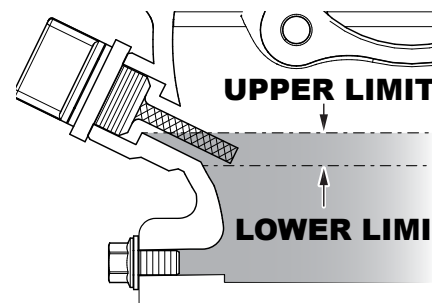


Figure 9. Engine Oil Dipstick (Oil Level)

Table 3. Oil Type		
Season	Temperature	Oil Type
Summer	25°C or Higher	SAE 10W-30
Spring/Fall	25°C–10°C	SAE 10W-30/20
Winter	0°C or Lower	SAE 10W-10

Fuel Check

DANGER



EXPLOSIVE FUEL!

Motor fuels are highly flammable and can be dangerous if mishandled. **DO NOT** smoke while refueling. **DO NOT** attempt to refuel the trowel if the engine is hot! or running.

1. Visually inspect to see if the fuel level is low. If fuel is low, replenish with unleaded fuel.
2. When refueling, be sure to use a strainer for filtration. **DO NOT** top off fuel. Wipe up any spilled fuel immediately.

Pillow Block Bearing Lubrication

1. Each truss section has a set of pillow block bearings (Figure 10) that will require lubrication. Always make sure that the bearings are lubricated before each use of the screed. See the maintenance section in this manual for bearing lubrication intervals.

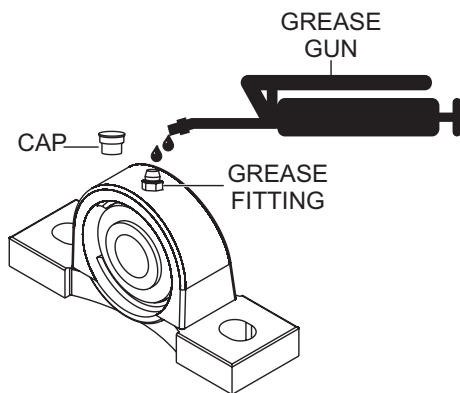


Figure 10. Bearing Lubrication

V-Belt Check

A worn or damaged V-belt (Figure 11) can adversely affect the performance of the screed (gas driven). If a V-belt is defective or worn simply replace the V-belt as outlined in the maintenance section of this manual.

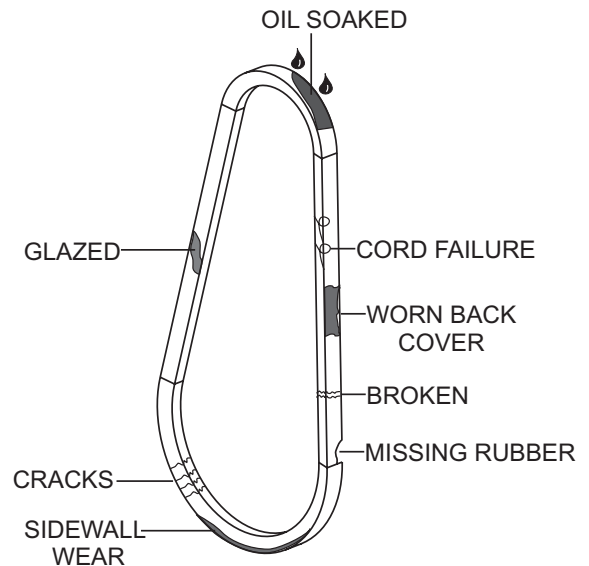


Figure 11. V-Belt Check

V-Belt Guard Check

Check for damage and loose or missing hardware.

Blade Check

Check for worn or damaged blades (Figure 12). Check to see if one blade is worn out while the others look new. Replace any worn blades.

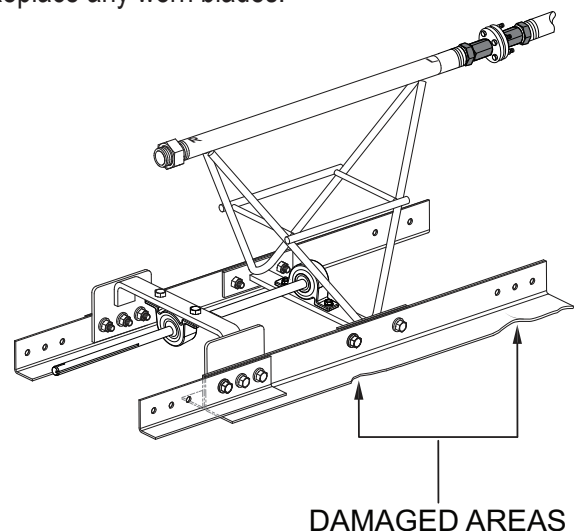


Figure 12. Blade Inspection

ASSEMBLY

ALWAYS assemble the screed on a flat surface that is free of debris and foreign objects. For best results place the screed on a flat platform during assembly. This will ensure flatness of the screed blades when assembly is complete.

Things to remember during and after assembly:

- **ALWAYS** make sure the eccentric drive shaft is properly aligned.
- Make sure eccentric weights are installed correctly. Reference Figure 34 for correct orientation.
- If eccentric weights are mismatched the screed will not vibrate properly.
- **DO NOT** overspeed. Engine speed must not exceed 3,600 rpm.
- **NEVER** let concrete build up on the front blade. This condition causes the screed to be stressed and makes turning of the winch handles difficult.
- **DO NOT** over-vibrate concrete.
- Turn the winch handles simultaneously to keep the screed even.

The illustrations referenced in this section describe how to assemble the vibratory screed. Listed below are the various assemblies that will have to be assembled.

■ End Handle Section

■ Engine Section

■ Truss Frame Section

■ Hand Winch Section

TRUSS SCREED FRAME ORIENTATION

Figure 13 shows how to determine the left, right, front and rear of a screed frame truss section.

The right side of the screed truss frame will be stamped with the letter “R” and the left side will be stamped with the letter “L”. In addition the front of the screed will have two screed blades attached to the truss frame, while the rear of the truss frame has only one bullfloat blade.

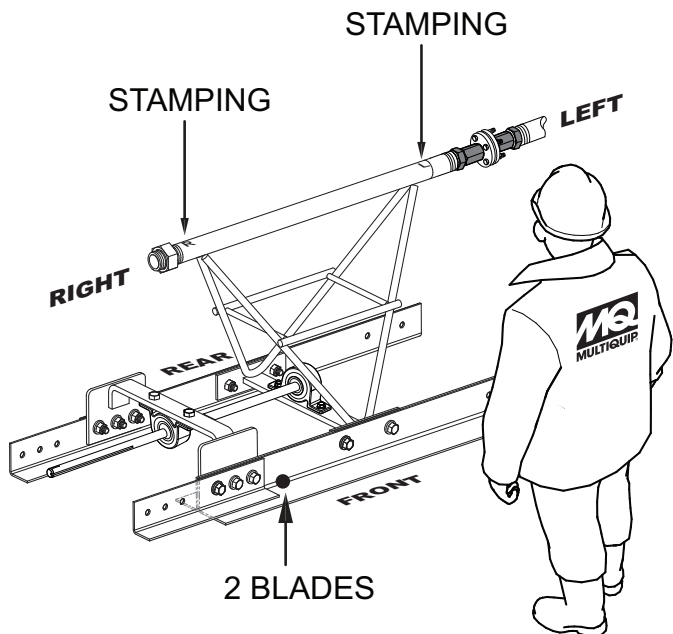


Figure 13. Screed Orientation

PLATFORM ASSEMBLY

Place all individual screed sections (Figure 14) to be assembled on level ground. If the ground is unlevel, use a 2" x 4" piece of wood under each section to be joined. The use of a level may be required.

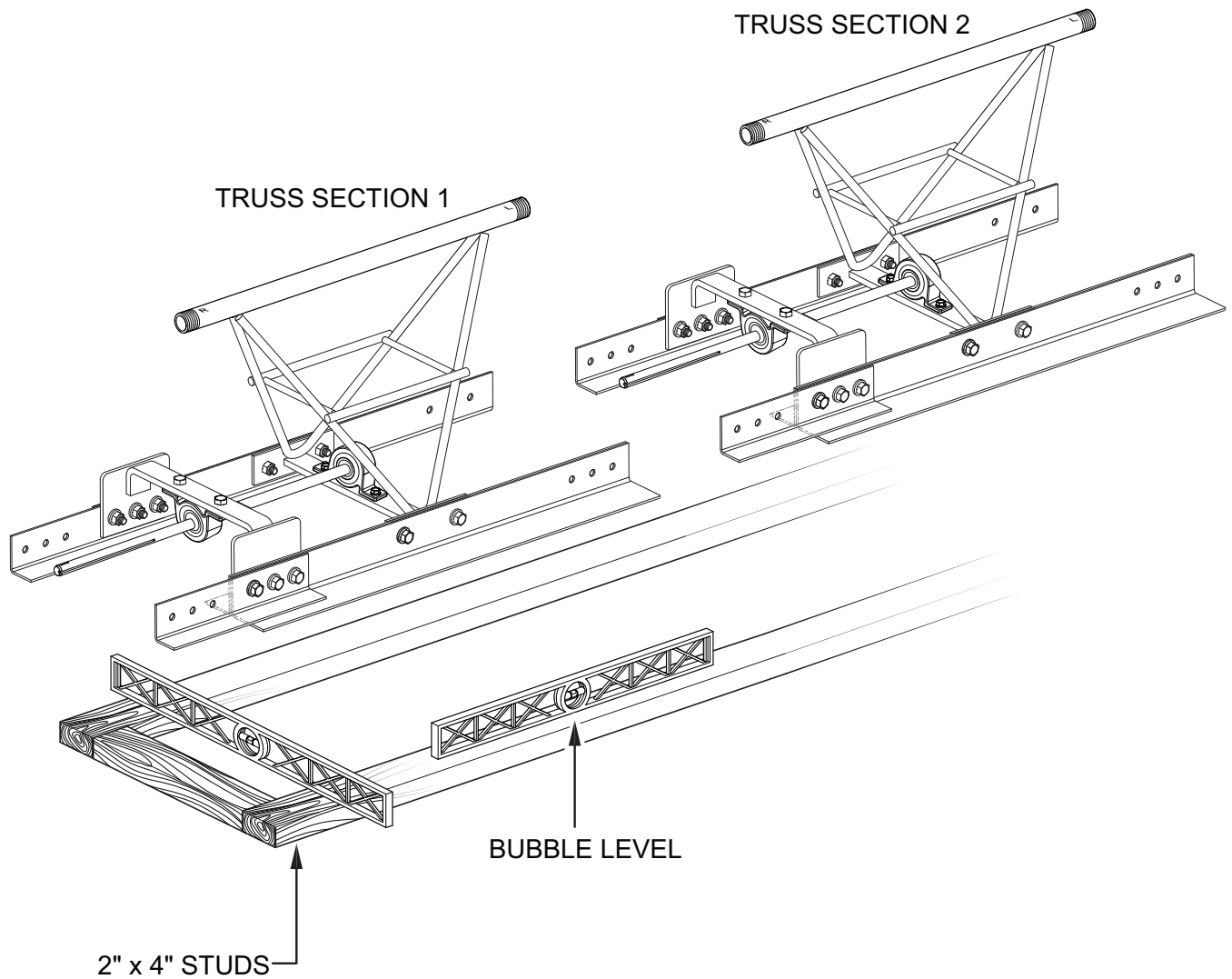


Figure 14. Assembly Platform

CONNECTING THE TRUSS FRAME SECTIONS

Connect the truss sections as defined by the following procedure.

1. Remove pre-installed mounting hardware from the ends of each screed section (blade connector). This hardware will be used for the attachment of the blade connector.
2. Screw jam nuts onto the top pipe as shown in Figure 15. Hand thread the top pipe **flange-coupler** about 3 turns onto the top pipe of the mating truss section.
3. Be sure to connect the drive shafts of each truss section by means of a drive shaft coupler. Reference the eccentric shaft section in this manual.
4. Reinstall blade connector mounting hardware and torque all bolts to 70 lbf·ft (95 N·m).
5. Pull each screed section together until the top flange-coupler connects at the top pipe. Each section is marked with an “L” for left-hand thread and an “R” for right-hand thread.
6. To prevent cross-threading, start the flange-coupler by hand.
7. While tightening the flange-coupler, the sections will pull together. As the sections come together, turn the flange-coupler only enough to make sure that the two screed blades in front and the bull float blade just make light contact.

CONNECTING THE ECCENTRIC SHAFT SECTIONS

1. Each truss section has an eccentric shaft. The shaft of one section must be connected to the adjoining truss section until the desired length of screed is achieved.
2. The connection of multiple eccentric shafts is achieved by the use of a drive shaft coupler.
3. Verify that the drive shaft coupler has already been installed on the free end of the drive shaft as shown in Figure 15.
4. If the coupler is not installed, please install the coupler. Refer to the parts manual for the coupler part number.
5. It may be necessary to loosen the set screws on the coupler so that the coupler will slide onto the adjoining drive shaft easily.
6. Insert the drive shaft from the adjoining truss frame into the free end of the coupler.
7. Once both shafts have been inserted and centered into the coupler, apply Loctite to the set screws and tighten the set screws to 30 lbf·ft (41 N·m).
8. Repeat the above steps for each section of screed that will be joined together.

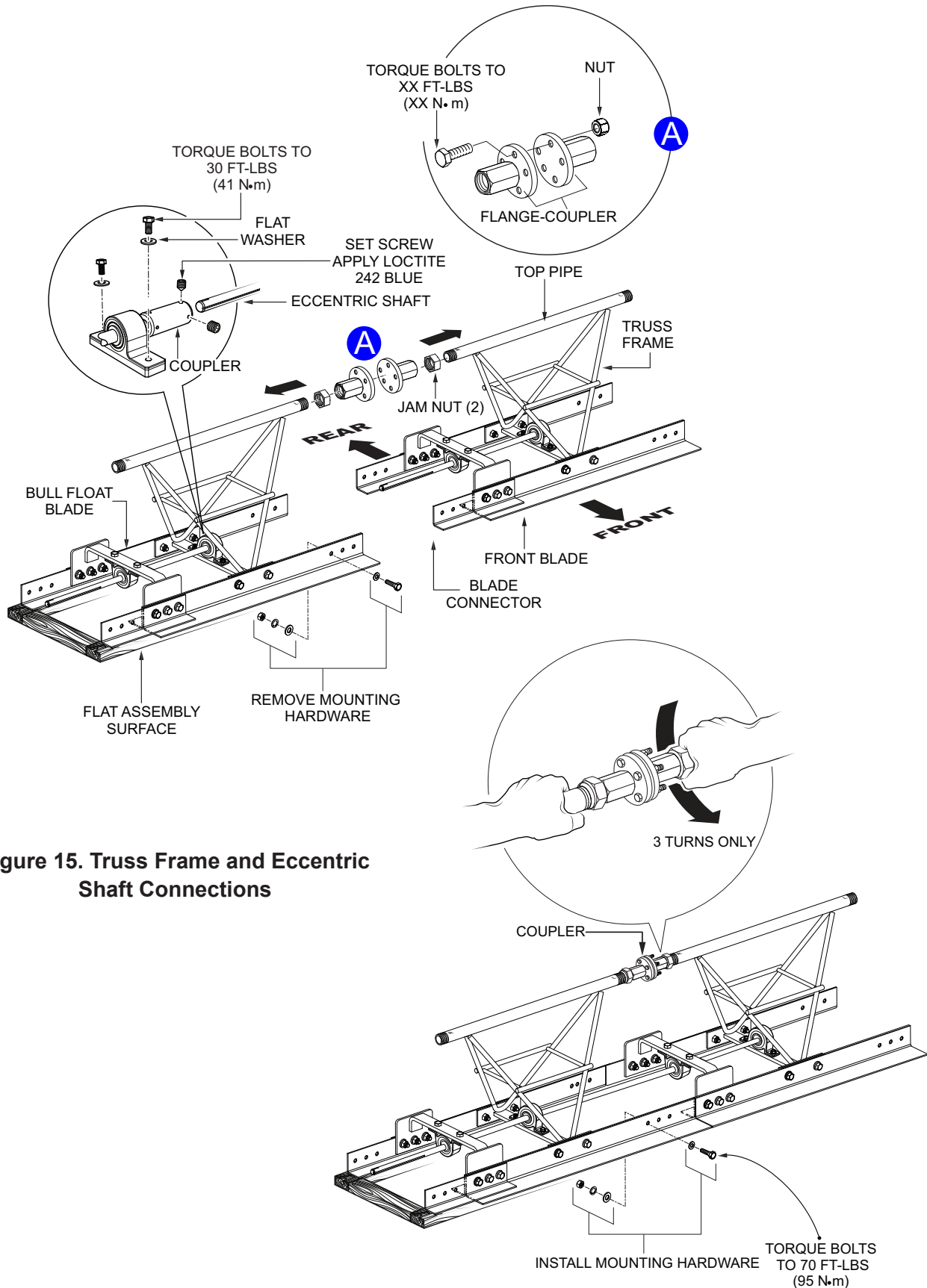


Figure 15. Truss Frame and Eccentric Shaft Connections

WINCH INSTALLATION

Screed travel is accomplished by the means of manually operated winches. There is one winch located on each end of the screed. The winch assembly should already be installed on the end handle frame section.

If the winch assembly is not installed on the end handle frame section, mount the winch as shown in Figure 16.

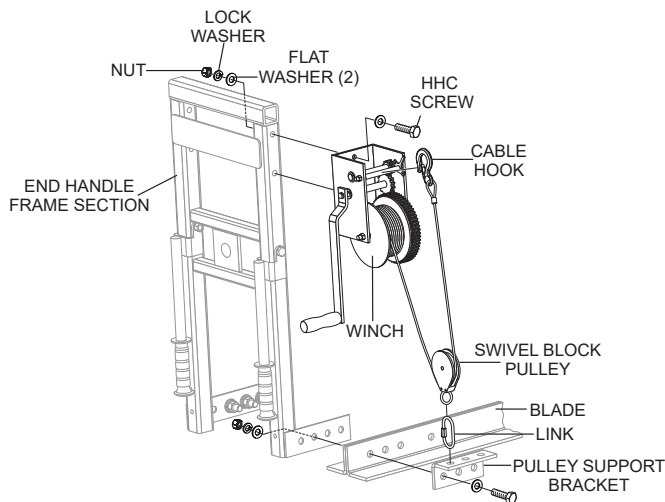


Figure 16. Winch Installation

ATTACHING FORM STAKES

Form stakes are required to secure the winch cables. To prevent injury it is very important to make sure the winch cables are properly attached to the form stakes.

Figure 17 illustrates the correct method of attaching the winch cables to the form stakes. If the winch cables are not attached to the form stakes correctly, the cables could snap loose causing **severe bodily harm** and damage to the equipment.

The following is the correct procedure for attaching the winch cable to the form stakes:

1. Insert a stake between the stake support strap and the form. Hammer the stake into the ground at least 2 feet (0.6 meters). Make sure the stake has been driven firmly into the ground and will not pull out when tension is applied.
2. Loop the hook end of the winch cable around the first stake from the end of the form as shown in Figure 17. Make sure you go underneath the form.

3. Continue pulling the winch cable and connect the hook portion of the winch cable to the second stake.

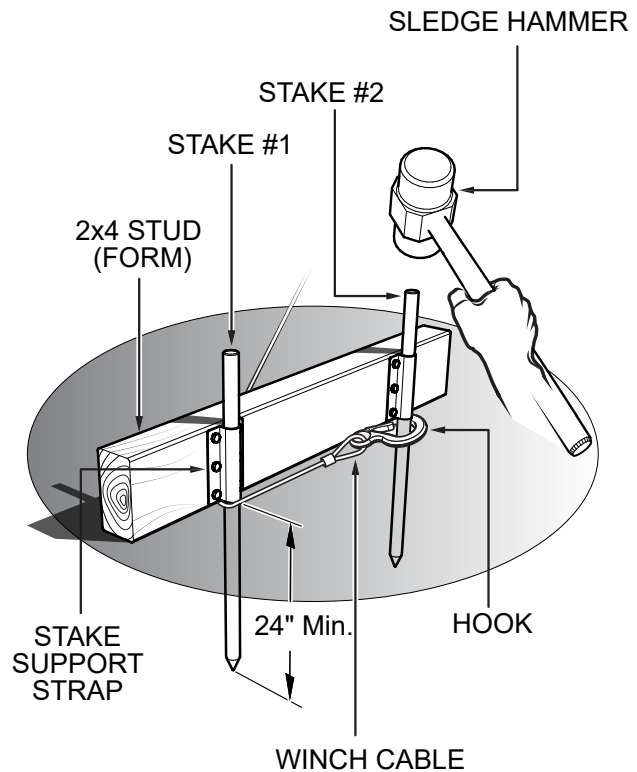


Figure 17. Attaching Winch Stakes

DANGER

WINCH STAKES

DO NOT hook winch cables to a stake driven directly into the ground. Stakes should be installed as shown in Figure 17. The stake can tilt and allow the winch cable under tension to snap and break free causing **severe bodily harm** and damage to equipment.

DANGER

WINCH CABLES

NEVER operate the screed with worn, frayed or damaged winch cables. Winch cables under tension may snap and break free causing **severe bodily harm** and damage to equipment.

CONNECTING THE END HANDLE AND ENGINE FRAME SECTIONS

1. The end handle and engine truss frame sections are pre-assembled. Simply connect one end of the engine truss frame as shown in Figure 18.
2. Thread the adapter onto the top pipe of the engine truss frame section.
3. Align the end handle section with the engine truss frame section. Use the blade connector to mate the two sections.
4. Insert a bolt and washer into the adapter and tighten securely.
5. Connect the free end of the engine truss frame to the adjoining truss frame by means of a flange-coupler and drive shaft coupler.

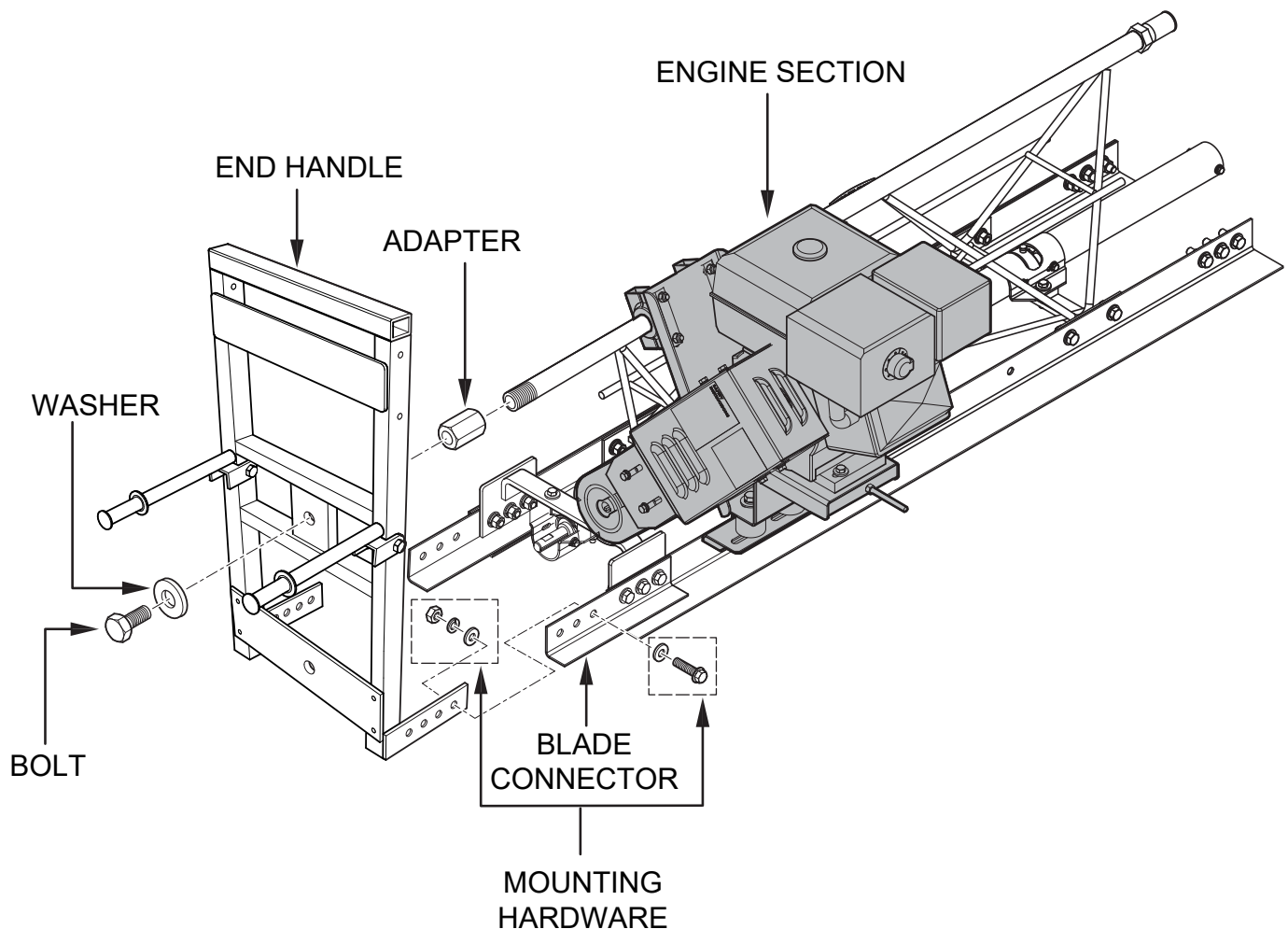


Figure 18. Mating End Handle and Engine Sections

BLADE ALIGNMENT

Once the entire screed length (end handles, truss frame sections and engine) has been assembled, final alignment of the blades can begin. Use the following procedure for blade alignment.

1. Place the screed ends on a flat wooden support. Reference Figure 19.
2. At approximately 1 inch (2.54 cm) out from the leading edge of the screed blade, drive a nail into the wooden support. The nail should be on the outside of the support.
3. Attach a piece of string to the nail by tying a knot around the nail.
4. Stretch the string line as tight as possible and connect it to the nail at the other end of the screed by tying a knot around the nail.
5. Make sure that the nail is contacting each support at the point of blade contact.
6. Use a short, flat piece of metal or wood as a gauge to compare the string to the bottom surface of the screed blade and bullfloat blades at the splice point.

The string should just make contact with the metal/wood gauge if the blades have been aligned properly. If the string does not make contact with the gauge, realignment is required.

7. The blades should be of equal height at each splice point. If the height of the blades is not even, turn the turnbuckle in a direction that achieves equal height for both blades at the splice point.
8. Once all the blades have been aligned correctly, tighten the jam nuts on the top pipe to prevent the turnbuckle from rotating during operation.
9. The screed is now ready for operation. Lift the screed onto the form.

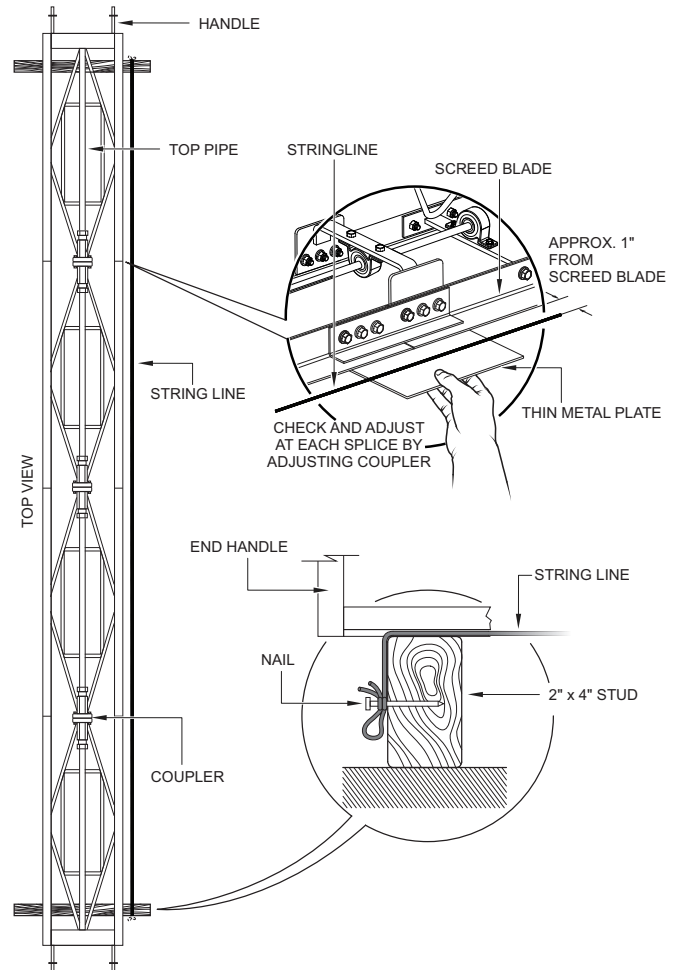


Figure 19. Blade Alignment

CAUTION



DO NOT attempt to operate this vibratory screed until the Safety Information, General Information, and Inspection sections of this manual have been **read and thoroughly understood**.

STARTING

1. Place the engine fuel lever in the **ON** position. (Figure 20).

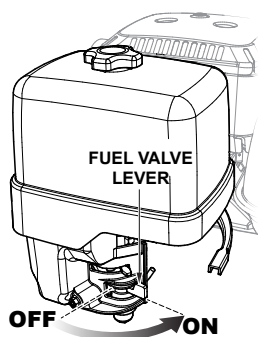


Figure 20. Engine Fuel Lever (ON Position)

2. Place the choke lever (Figure 21) in the **CLOSED** position if starting a cold engine.

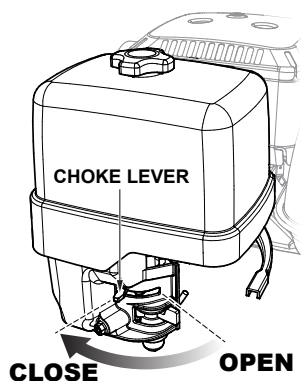


Figure 21. Engine Choke Lever (Closed)

NOTICE

The **CLOSED** position of the choke lever enriches the fuel mixture for starting a cold engine. The **OPEN** position provides the correct fuel mixture for normal operation after starting, and for restarting a warm engine.

3. Place the choke lever (Figure 22) in the **OPEN** position if starting a warm engine or the temperature is warm.

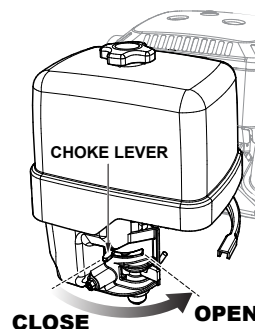


Figure 22. Engine Choke Lever (Open)

4. Move the throttle lever halfway between the **FAST** and **SLOW** position (Figure 23) for starting.

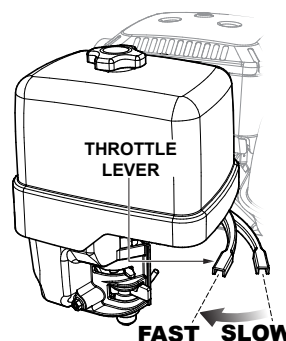


Figure 23. Throttle Lever

5. Place the engine ON/OFF switch (Figure 24) in the **ON** position.

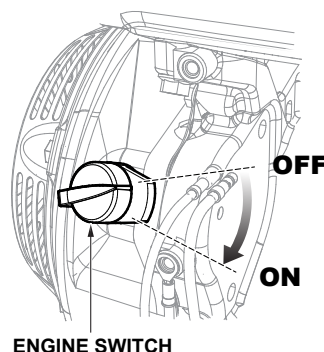


Figure 24. Engine ON/OFF Switch

6. Grasp the starter grip (Figure 25) and slowly pull it out. The resistance becomes the hardest at a certain position, corresponding to the compression point. Pull the starter grip briskly and smoothly for starting.

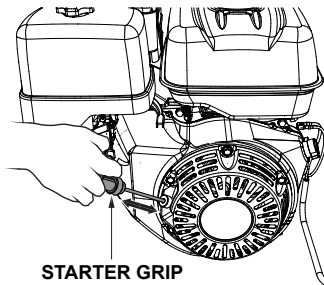


Figure 25. Starter Grip

7. Run the engine for several minutes and check for fuel leaks and noises that would associate with a loose guard or cover.
8. After the engine has warmed, place the choke lever in the **OPEN** position (Figure 26) before operating the screed.

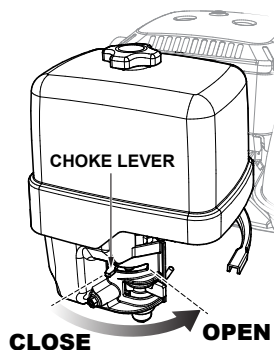


Figure 26. Engine Choke Lever (Open)

NOTICE

DO NOT pull the starter rope all the way to the end.
DO NOT release the starter rope after pulling. Allow it to rewind as soon as possible.

ENGINE-DRIVEN SCREED

1. Engage or turn the winch handles simultaneously to keep the screed even.

NOTICE

NEVER let concrete build up on the front blade. This causes the screed to be stressed and is strenuous on the operators controlling the manual winches. The concrete should not go above the bolts attaching the blades. If this happens, stop the screed and let the vibration do its job.

2. If the concrete is not being added at the appropriate rate, slow down the screed to compensate.
3. The speed that the screed should be operated at is determined by the slump of the concrete. Pay close attention to the aggregates, slump, and concrete modifying agents so that you can compensate for them.

NOTICE

REMINDER: DO NOT over-vibrate the concrete.

4. After completion of the pours, make sure to clean the screed immediately to prevent concrete from curing on the drive shaft and bearings.

STOPPING THE ENGINE

CAUTION

NEVER stop the engine suddenly while working at high speeds.

1. Place the throttle lever (Figure 23) in the slow position, and listen for the engine speed to decrease.
2. Let the engine idle for 3–5 minutes.
3. Place the Engine ON/OFF switch (Figure 24) in the **OFF** position.
4. Place the fuel valve lever (Figure 20) in the **OFF** position.

Table 4. Engine Maintenance Schedule

DESCRIPTION (3)	OPERATION	BEFORE EACH USE	FIRST MONTH OR 20 HOURS	EVERY 6 MONTHS OR 100 HOURS	EVERY YEAR OR 300 HOURS	EVERY 2 YEARS OR 500 HOURS
Engine Oil	Check	X				
	Change		X	X		
Engine Oil Filter	Replace	Every 200 Hours				
Air Cleaner	Check	X				
	Clean			X (1)		
	Change					X (*)
Spark Plugs	Check/Adjust			X		
	Replace				X	
Spark Arrester	Clean			X		
Fuel Filter	Replace				X (2)	
Fuel Tube	Check	Every 2 years (replace if necessary) (2)				

* - Replace the paper filter element only.

(1) Service more frequently when used in **DUSTY** areas.

(2) These items should be serviced by your service dealer, unless you have the proper tools and are mechanically proficient. Refer to the HONDA Shop Manual for service procedures.

(3) For commercial use, log hours of operation to determine proper maintenance intervals.

Table 5. Screenshot Maintenance Schedule

ITEM	OPERATION	DAILY	Periodic Maintenance Interval			
			Every 10 Hours	Every 40–50 Hours	Every 200–300 Hours	Every 2,000–2,500 Hours
V-Belt	Check/Replace	X				
Relube Bearings	Grease			X		
Blades	Check/Replace			X		
Winch Bushings	Lubricate		X		X	
Winch Cable	Check/Clean			X	X	
Eccentric Shaft	Check			X		X
Eccentric Shaft Weights	Checks/Replace			X		X
Truss Frame	Clean	X				X

General maintenance practices are crucial to the performance and longevity of your screed. This equipment requires routine cleaning, blade and trowel arm inspection, lubrication, and V-belt inspection for wear and damage. Reference Table 4 and Table 5 for scheduled engine and screed maintenance.

The following procedures, devoted to maintenance, can prevent serious screed damage or malfunctioning.

NOTICE

Reference the **HONDA** engine manual supplied with your trowel for more detailed engine maintenance and troubleshooting.

CAUTION



ALWAYS allow the engine to cool before servicing. **NEVER** attempt any maintenance work on a hot engine.

CAUTION

ALWAYS disconnect the spark plug wire from the spark plug and secure it away from the engine before performing maintenance or adjustments on the machine.

WARNING



Some maintenance operations may require the engine to be running. Ensure that the maintenance area is well ventilated. Gasoline engine exhaust contains poisonous carbon monoxide gas that can cause unconsciousness and may result in **DEATH**.

GENERAL CLEANLINESS

Clean the screed daily. Remove all dust and slurry buildup. If the screed is steam cleaned, ensure that lubrication is accomplished **AFTER** steam cleaning.

ENGINE CHECK

Check daily for any oil and/or fuel leakage, threaded nut and bolt tightness, and overall cleanliness.

Engine Air Cleaner

DANGER



DO NOT use gasoline or low flash point solvents for cleaning the air cleaner. The possibility exists of fire or explosion which can cause damage to the equipment and severe bodily harm or even **DEATH**!

CAUTION



Wear protective equipment such as approved safety glasses or face shields and dust masks or respirators when cleaning air filters with compressed air.

The engine is equipped with a replaceable, high-density paper air cleaner element. See Figure 27 for air cleaner components.

1. Remove the air cleaner cover and foam filter element.

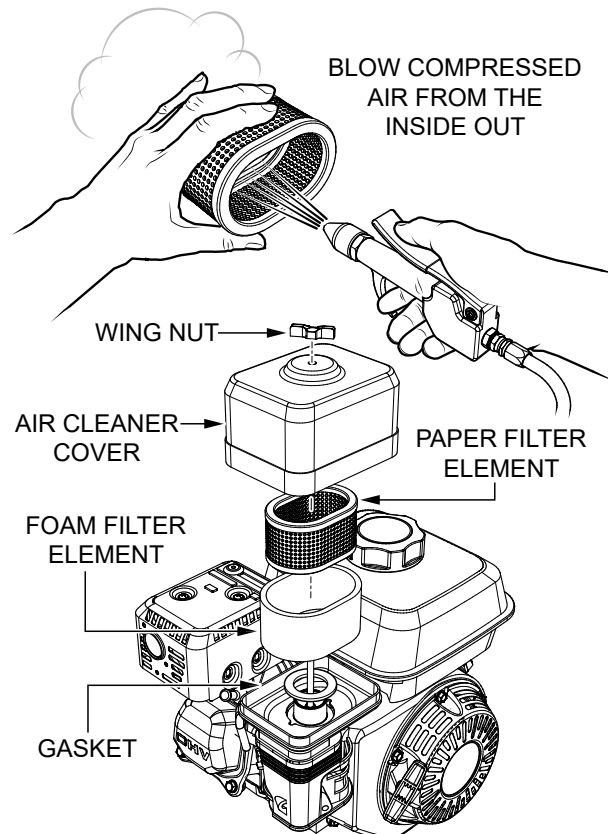


Figure 27. Engine Air Cleaner

2. Tap the paper filter element several times on a hard surface to remove dirt, or blow compressed air not exceeding 30 psi (207 kPa, 2.1 kgf/cm²) through the filter element from the inside out. **NEVER** brush off dirt. Brushing will force dirt into the fibers. Replace the paper filter element if it is excessively dirty.
3. Clean the foam element in warm, soapy water or nonflammable solvent. Rinse and dry thoroughly. Dip the element in clean engine oil and completely squeeze out the excess oil from the element before installing.

NOTICE

Operating the engine with loose or damaged air cleaner components could allow unfiltered air into the engine causing premature wear and failure.

ENGINE OIL

1. Drain the engine oil when the oil is warm as shown in Figure 28.
2. Remove the oil drain bolt and sealing washer and allow the oil to drain into a suitable container.
3. Replace engine oil with the recommended type oil as listed in Table 3. For engine oil capacity, see Table 2 (engine specifications). **DO NOT** overfill.
4. Reinstall the drain bolt with sealing washer and tighten securely.

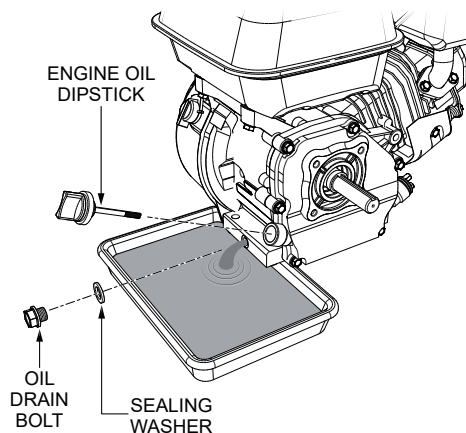


Figure 28. Draining Engine Oil

SPARK PLUG

NOTICE

NEVER use a spark plug of incorrect heat range.

1. Remove and clean the spark plug (Figure 29) with a wire brush if it is to be reused. Discard the spark plug if the insulator is cracked or chipped.
2. Using a feeler gauge adjust the spark plug gap to 0.028–0.031 inch (0.7–0.8 mm).
3. Thread the spark plug into the cylinder hole by hand to prevent cross-threading, then tighten securely.

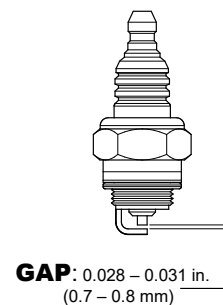


Figure 29. Spark Plug Gap

V-BELT

Visually examine the V-belt (Figure 30) and determine if it is full of tiny cracks, frayed, has pieces of rubber missing, is peeling, or is otherwise damaged.

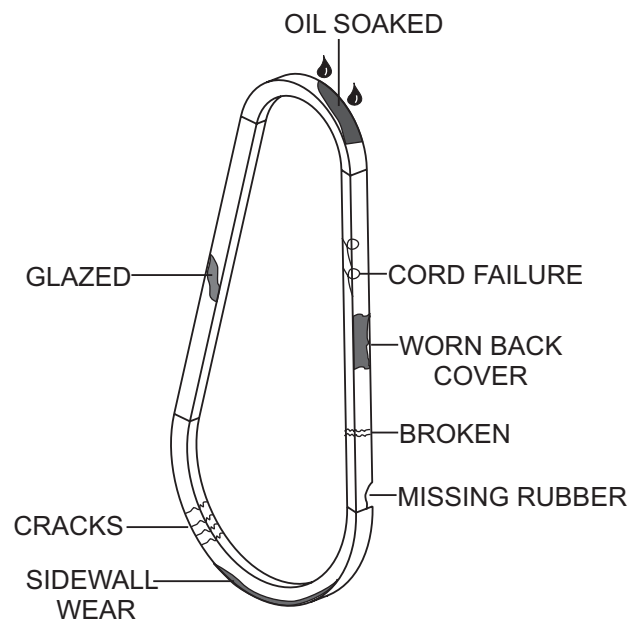


Figure 30. V-Belt Inspection

Also, examine the V-belt and determine if it is **oil soaked** or **“glazed”** (a hard shiny appearance on the sides of the belt). Either of these two conditions can cause the belt to run hot, which can weaken it and increase the danger of it breaking.

If the V-belt exhibits any of the above wear conditions replace the V-belt immediately.

SPARK ARRESTER CLEANING

Clean the spark arrester every 6 months or 100 hours.

1. Remove the 4 mm screws (3) from the exhaust deflector, then remove the deflector. See Figure 31.
2. Remove the 5 mm screws (4) from the muffler protector, then remove the muffler protector.
3. Remove the 4 mm screw from the spark arrester, then remove the spark arrester.

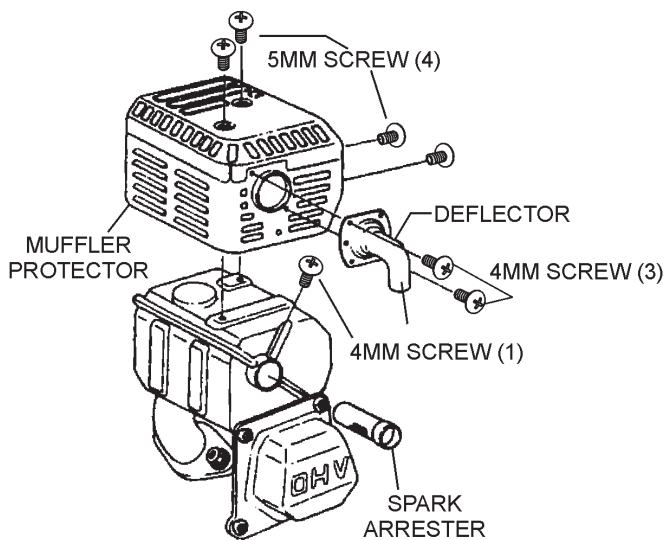


Figure 31. Spark Arrester Removal

4. Carefully remove carbon deposits from the spark arrester screen (Figure 32) with a wire brush.

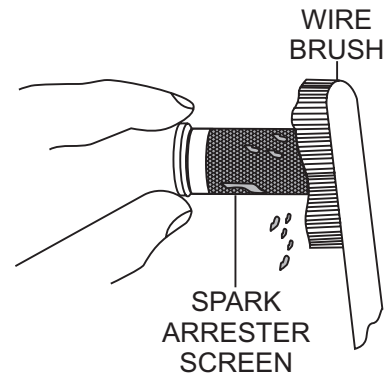


Figure 32. Cleaning The Spark Arrester

5. If the spark arrester is damaged and has breaks or holes, replace it with a new one.
6. Reinstall the spark arrester and muffler protector in reverse order of disassembly.

PILLOW BLOCK BEARING LUBRICATION

Each truss section has a set of pillow block bearings (Figure 33) that will require lubrication. Lubricate the grease fitting for each bearing every 40 hours of operation using any grade lithium-based grease.

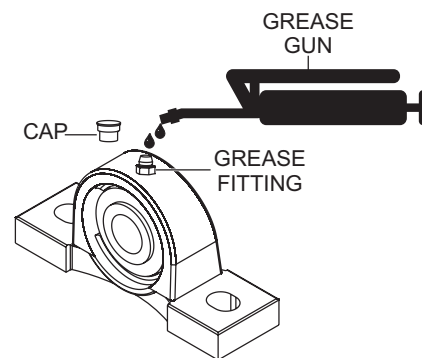


Figure 33. Bearing Maintenance

NOTICE

Failure to keep bearings lubricated (greased) will cause rotation of the eccentric drive shaft to stiffen. To prevent contamination of the bearing, always insert the protective cap onto the bearing grease fitting.

ECCENTRIC SHAFT WEIGHTS ORIENTATION

Orientation of the eccentric shaft weights (Figure 34) must be aligned so that the fat side of the weight is in line (parallel) with the drive shaft key way.

For proper vibration of the shaft, all eccentric weights must be aligned identically.

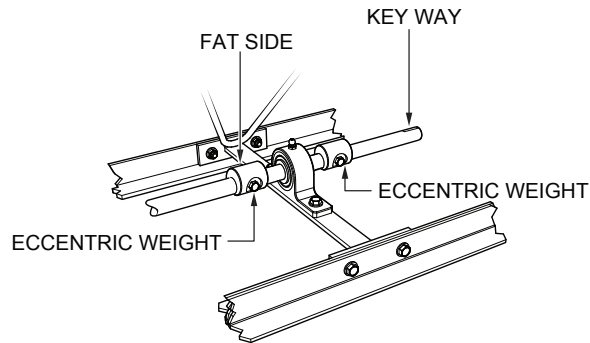


Figure 34. Eccentric Shaft Weight Orientation

LONG-TERM STORAGE

For storage of the screed for over 30 days, the following is recommended:

- Drain the fuel tank completely, or add STA-BIL to the fuel.
- Run the engine until the fuel is completely consumed.
- Completely drain used oil from the engine crankcase and fill with fresh clean oil, then follow the procedures as described in the engine manual for engine storage.
- Clean the entire screed.
- Store the unit covered with a plastic sheet in a dust-free location out of direct sunlight.
- All disposals must be in accordance with federal, state and local regulations.



TROUBLESHOOTING

Troubleshooting (Engine)		
Symptom	Possible Problem	Solution
Difficult to start, fuel is available, but no spark at spark plug.	Spark plug bridging?	Check gap, insulation or replace spark plug.
	Carbon deposit on spark plug?	Clean or replace spark plug.
	Short circuit due to deficient spark plug insulation?	Check spark plug insulation, replace if worn.
	Improper spark plug gap?	Set to proper gap.
	Fuel reaching carburetor?	Check fuel line.
	Water in fuel tank?	Flush or replace fuel tank.
	Fuel filter clogged?	Replace fuel filter.
	Stuck carburetor?	Check float mechanism.
	Spark plug is red?	Check transistor ignition unit.
	Spark plug is bluish white?	If insufficient compression, repair or replace engine. If injected air leaking, correct leak. If carburetor jets clogged, clean carburetor.
	No spark present at tip of spark plug?	Check transistor ignition unit is broken, and replace defective unit. Check if voltage cord cracked or broken and replace. Check if spark plug if fouled and replace.
	No oil?	Add oil as required.
Difficult to start, fuel is available, and spark is present at the spark plug.	Oil pressure alarm lamp blinks upon starting? (if applicable)	Check automatic shutdown circuit, "oil sensor". (if applicable)
	ON/OFF switch is shorted?	Check switch wiring, replace switch.
	Ignition coil defective?	Replace ignition coil.
	Improper spark gap, points dirty?	Set correct spark gap and clean points.
	Condenser insulation worn or short circuiting?	Replace condenser.
Difficult to start, fuel is available, spark is present and compression is normal.	Spark plug wire broken or short circuiting?	Replace defective spark plug wiring.
	Wrong fuel type?	Flush fuel system, and replace with correct type of fuel.
	Water or dust in fuel system?	Flush fuel system.
	Air cleaner dirty?	Clean or replace air cleaner.
Difficult to start, fuel is available, spark is present and compression is low.	Choke open?	Close choke.
	Suction/exhaust valve stuck or protruded?	Reseat valves.
	Piston ring and/or cylinder worn?	Replace piston rings and/or piston.
	Cylinder head and/or spark plug not tightened properly?	Torque cylinder head bolts and spark plug.
No fuel present at carburetor.	Head gasket and/or spark plug gasket damaged?	Replace head and spark plug gaskets.
	No fuel in fuel tank?	Fill with correct type of fuel.
	Fuel cock does not open properly?	Apply lubricant to loosen fuel cock lever, replace if necessary.
	Fuel filter/lines clogged?	Replace fuel filter.
	Fuel tank cap breather hole clogged?	Clean or replace fuel tank cap.
	Air in fuel line?	Bleed fuel line.

TROUBLESHOOTING

Troubleshooting (Engine) - continued		
Symptom	Possible Problem	Solution
Weak in power, compression is proper and does not misfire.	Air cleaner dirty?	Clean or replace air cleaner.
	Improper level in carburetor?	Check float adjustment, rebuild carburetor.
	Defective spark plug?	Clean or replace spark plug.
	Improper spark plug?	Set to proper gap.
Weak in power, compression is proper but misfires.	Water in fuel system?	Flush fuel system and replace with correct type of fuel.
	Dirty spark plug?	Clean or replace spark plug.
	Ignition coil defective?	Replace ignition coil.
Engine overheats.	Spark plug heat value incorrect?	Replace with correct type of spark plug.
	Wrong type of fuel?	Replace with correct type of fuel.
	Cooling fins dirty?	Clean cooling fins.
	Intake air restricted?	Clear intake of dirt and debris. Replace air cleaner elements as necessary.
	Oil level too low or too high?	Adjust oil to proper level.
Rotational speed fluctuates.	Governor adjusted incorrectly?	Adjust governor.
	Governor spring defective?	Replace governor spring.
	Fuel flow restricted?	Check entire fuel system for leaks or clogs.
Recoil starter malfunctions. (if applicable)	Recoil mechanism clogged with dust and dirt?	Clean recoil assembly with soap and water.
	Spiral spring loose?	Replace spiral spring.
Starter malfunctions.	Loose, damaged wiring?	Ensure tight, clean connections on battery and starter.
	Battery insufficiently charged?	Recharge or replace battery.
	Starter damaged or internally shorted?	Replace starter.
Burns too much fuel.	Over-accumulation of exhaust products?	Check and clean valves. Check muffler and replace if necessary.
	Wrong spark plug?	Replace spark plug with manufacturer's suggested type.
Exhaust color is continuously "white".	Lubricating oil is wrong viscosity?	Replace lubricating oil with correct viscosity.
	Worn rings?	Replace rings.
Exhaust color is continuously "black".	Air cleaner clogged?	Clean or replace air cleaner.
	Choke valve set to incorrect position?	Adjust choke valve to correct position.
	Carburetor defective, seal on carburetor broken?	Replace carburetor or seal.
	Poor carburetor adjustment, engine runs too rich?	Adjust carburetor.
Will not start, no power with ON/OFF switch in "ON" position.	ON/OFF switch not activated ON?	Turn on ON/OFF Switch.
	ON/OFF switch/wiring defective?	Replace ON/OFF switch. Check wiring.
	Centrifugal stop switch not activated ON?	Turn on centrifugal stop switch.
	Centrifugal stop switch/wiring defective?	Replace centrifugal stop switch. Check wiring.

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