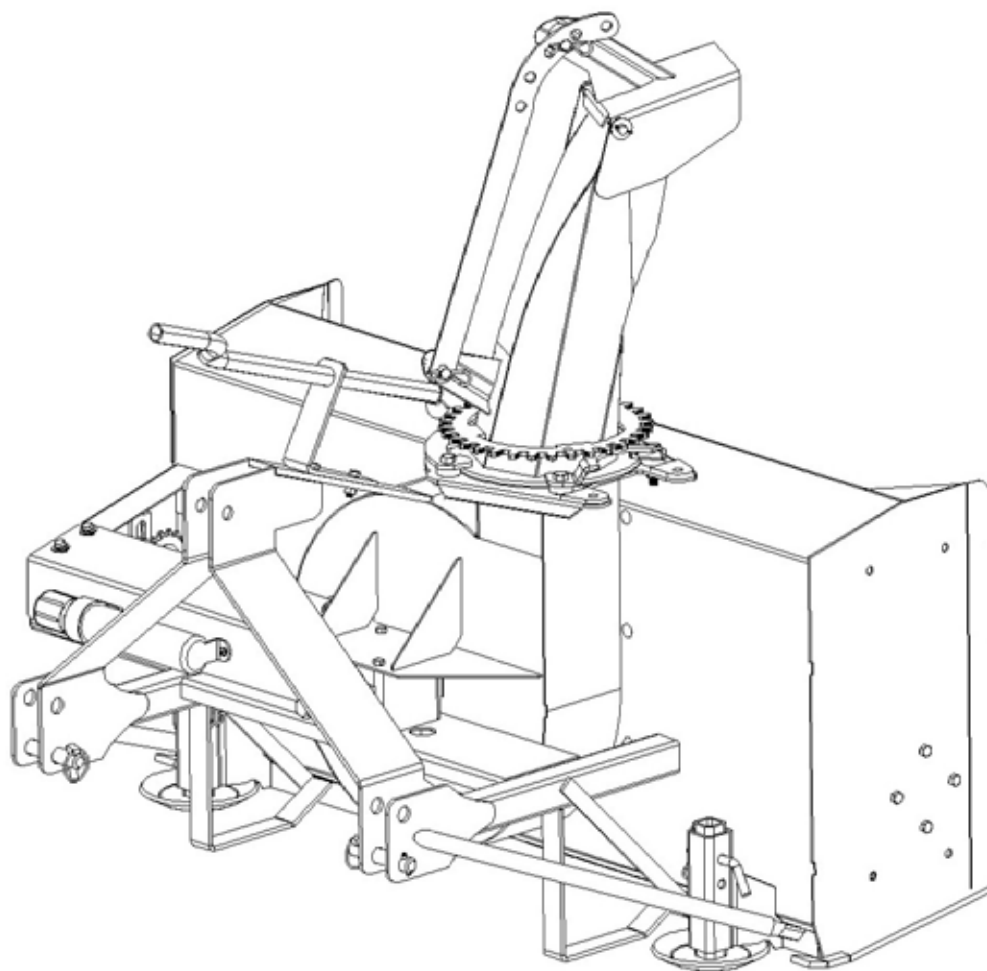




## 68-72 Meteor Snowblower Operator's / Parts Manual



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This warranty does not cover **Rental/Commercial or Industrial** use of the equipment. This equipment is rated as agricultural.

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Warranty is null and void unless the Warranty Registration form has been completed and on file at

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For your Record

**Purchase Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Model #** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Type of Equipment -----**

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- *Equipment was properly assembled as directed by manufacturer*
- *Equipment was tested for functionality and operates properly*
- *Purchaser was instructed in safe and proper operating procedures*
- *Warranty was explained to purchaser*
- *Purchaser was given the operators manual*

***Retailer***

**Signature -----**

**Company -----**

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- *Received operator's manual*
- *Clearly understands conditions of warranty*
- *Received instructions of safe and proper operation of equipment*

***Purchaser***

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**Available phone number -----**

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## Safety

**Take Note!** This safety symbol is found throughout this manual to call your attention to instructions involving yourself and others working around the machine.

- **Failure to follow these instructions can result in injury or death**



This symbol means

**-- Attention!**  
**-- Become Alert!**  
**-- Your Safety is involved!**

Signal words are used in this manual.

**Caution:** Indicates a potential hazardous situation that may result in injury.

**Warning:** Indicates a hazardous situation that could result in serious injury or death.

**Danger:** Indicates a hazardous situation that needs to be avoided. It is you the operator that needs to be aware of these dangers.

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**Safety -- It's in your interest.**



### **Safety Guidelines**

Safety of operation is one of our main concerns, however it is up to the operator to practice caution.

To avoid personal injury, study the following precautions and insist that those working with you follow them.

The Meteor Snowblower has only 2 shields, one shield is the PTO drive shield and the other is a shield for the power hood turner if used. **Do not use the blower with the auger drive cover removed as this is part of the blower frame.**

Replace any decals that may be missing or not readable. Location of decals are indicated elsewhere in this manual.

Do not use this machine while under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

Review the safety instructions with all users annually.

This equipment should not be operated by those unfamiliar with the operation of the Meteor Blower. **Do not allow persons to operate this machine until they have read this manual and/or were instructed by a qualified person,**

Do not use this machine to push snow as this can result in the auger being broken or bent.



Please be careful with the extra weight on the back to the tractor. It may be necessary to add weights on the front of the tractor to keep it balanced properly.



When changing shearbolts or removing ice or snow from the machine **Please stop the engine and remove the key from the tractor!** This will reduce the possibility of the blower being started and causing personal injury.



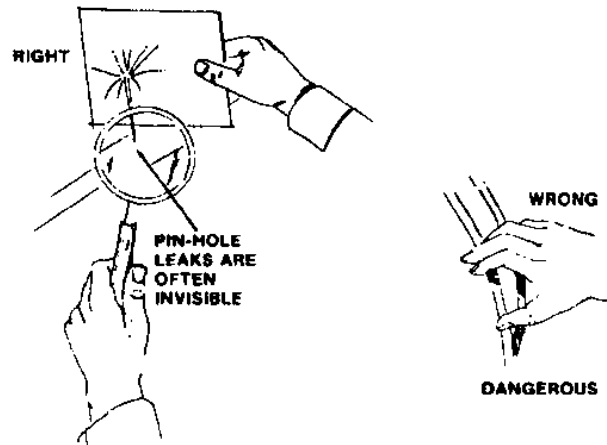
## Hydraulic System Safety

Hydraulic systems do their work under very high pressure, in excess of 138 bar (2000 PSI). Hydraulic fluid can be hot enough to burn exposed skin.

A pinhole in a hydraulic line under pressure can cause an invisible stream of fluid to be ejected from the line. **This stream can penetrate clothing, heavy gloves and skin!**

To check for suspected leaks, use a piece of wood or cardboard and run it along the hose to detect the leak. **Do not use your hand or fingers!**

Below is an example of how to check for leaks.



Detecting pinhole leaks in a hydraulic system

If the skin is penetrated the person will only feel a slight stinging sensation and may not think it serious. Several hours later, however the wound begins to throb and severe pain begins. By the time a doctor is seen it is often too late, and the person loses a finger or the entire arm.

**Seek medical attention immediately if you suspect that the skin has been penetrated!**

### When Working around hydraulic equipment

Relieve line pressure before removing hydraulic components

#### Always wear

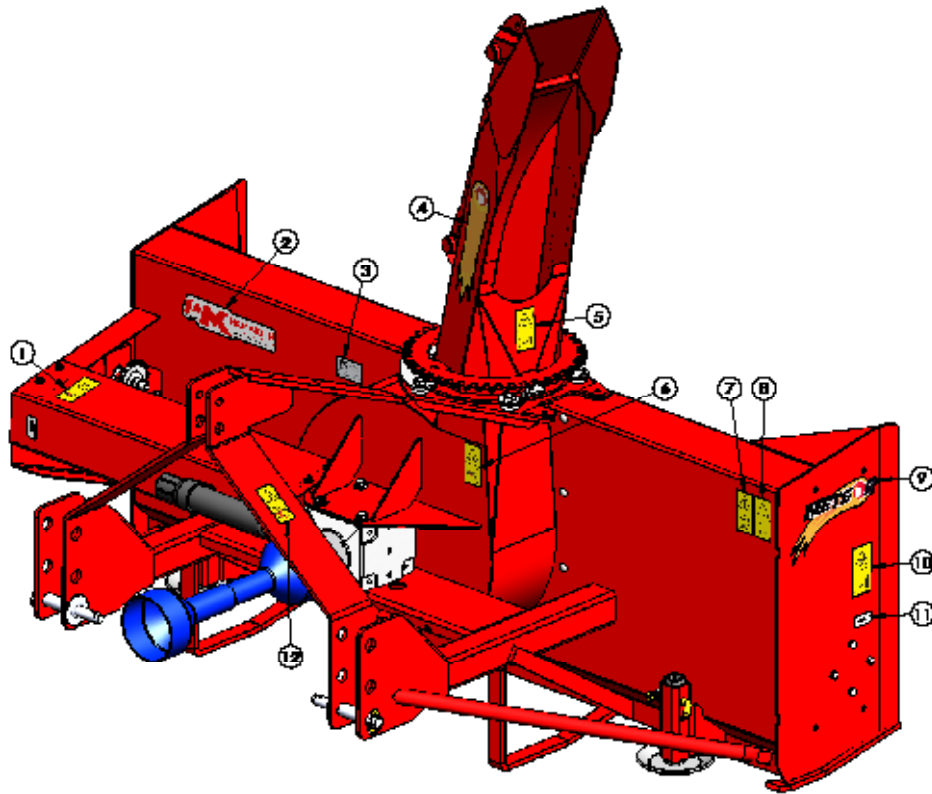
- Safety Glasses
- Long sleeves
- Gloves
- Use proper tools.













## Sign Off Form

M K Martin Enterprise Inc. follows the general Safety Standards specified by the American Society of Agricultural Engineers (ASAE) and the Occupational Health and Safety Administration (OSHA). Anyone who will be operating and/or maintaining the equipment must read and clearly understand ALL Safety Operating and Maintenance instructions presented in this manual. Do not operate or allow anyone else to operate this equipment until such information has been reviewed. Annually review this information before the season start-up. Make these reviews of SAFETY and OPERATION annually as a standard practice for all your equipment. We feel that an untrained operator is unqualified to operate this machine. A sign-off sheet is provided for your record keeping to show that all personnel who will be working with the equipment have read and understood the information in the operator's manual and have been instructed in the operation of the equipment.

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## Meteor Snowblower Decal Location 68-72



	1- 212 Do not open or remove safety shields while engine is running. 1 piece		7- 226 Shut off engine and remove key before performing maintenance or repair work. 1 piece
	2- MK logo decal Made in Canada small. 1 piece		8- F9 Read operators manual. 1- piece
	3- Serial number plate. 1 piece		9- Meteor small decal. 2 pieces
	4- Meteor chute decal. 2 pieces		10- 236 Stay clear of rotating auger. 2 pieces
	5- 224 Keep a safe distance from this machine. 1 piece		11- Grease gun decal. Lubrication points. 3 pieces
	6- 220 Do not open or remove safety shields while engine is running. 1 piece		12- 207 Stay clear of draft link lifting range while operating rockshaft controls. 1 piece

## 68-72 Meteor Snowblower Assembly Instructions

1. 2 pc 1/2" Hood Bearing
2. 2 pc 1/2" Wavewasher (*Thin*)
3. 2 pc 1/2" SAE Washer
4. 2 pc 1/2x2 UNF Bolt
5. 2 pc 1/2 UNF Nut & Lockwasher
6. 1 pc 2 hole Chute Clamp
7. 1 Sheet Assembly Instruction

### Upon Receiving the Meteor Snowblower

The blower is shipped in a packaged state

These Blower are packaged without hood turner device

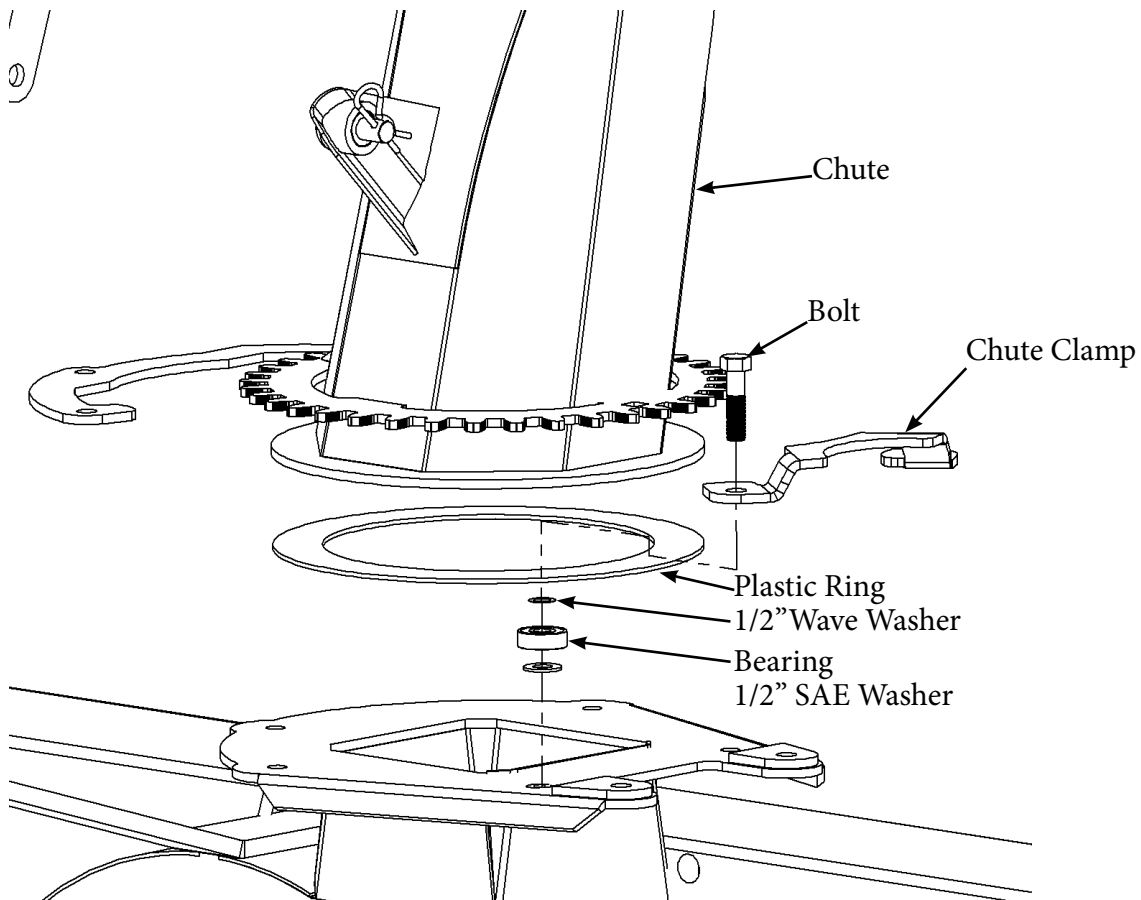
Carefully remove the chute and PTO shaft from the area of the auger and set them aside. Locate the bag or package of small components.

Remove the ties that hold the Plastic ring on the blower and place the base of the chute on top of the plastic ring. (Note: *Plastic Ring can be lightly coated with grease at this time.*)

Take two 1/2 bolts and drop them down through the chute clamp holes, turn the clamp upside down while holding the bolts in the holes. Place a 1/2 wave washer on each bolt, then a 1/2 bearing and finish with a 1/2" SAE washer. Turn the clamp right side up with the washers and the bearings on the bolts.

Carefully insert the bolts into the mounting holes and secure with lockwasher and nuts.

Install the PTO with the shear bolt yoke at the gearbox. *This will provide more space to change the shear bolt*



## 68- 72 Meteor® Snowblower

This Blower is ideal for small tractors 35 HP Cat #1 3PH.

### Attaching the Meteor® Blower for the first time.

Set the blower on a level surface and back the tractor up to it. Place the lower 3PH arms of the tractor between the lower hitch plates on the blower and insert the hitch pins that came with the blower, secure these with the Lynch Pins. Next swing the top link into place and adjust the length so the top link pin can be inserted. You will have to supply the top link pin. With the top link set at this length the blower will be flat or parallel to the ground.

### Do not fasten the PTO shaft to the tractor.

1. Slowly lift the blower until the gearbox shaft is at the same height as the PTO output on the tractor.
2. Push (or collapse the telescopic part of the PTO completely). If you cannot collapse it far enough to get it on the tractor then it has to be shortened.
3. Measure the amount that the shaft is too long. Remove it from the blower and pull it apart.
4. Take a hacksaw and cut the full measurement from each end, cut both the plastic tube and the metal core.
5. Use a file to remove the burrs from the cut parts, wipe any filings from the surfaces and slide the shaft together to be sure that it slides freely.
6. Make sure the plastic shield is free to rotate on the shaft before installing on the machine.
7. Reinstall the PTO on the blower and fasten it to the tractor pushing the spring-loaded pin in and sliding the yoke onto the tractor spline until the pin snaps into place.
8. Next lift the 3PH arms to the highest point, determine the overlap on the PTO shaft. It should be at least 2" if it is too short then the PTO will jam rather than collapse. This will put severe strain on the shaft and gearbox.



9. It may come apart and this will allow a spinning PTO to become an uncontrolled weapon and could severely injure or kill someone!
10. After it has been determined that the PTO is OK and will not jam or come apart, make sure any bystanders are well away from the machine.
11. Lower the blower to ground level, engage the PTO and slowly start the blower. Make sure that everything is turning freely.
12. Slowly increase the speed until you have reached 540 RPM on the PTO. This is the speed that this blower was designed for. If it turns faster the fan could be going dangerously fast. If it turns slower it will not perform very well as the snow will not get blown very far.

**Snowblower performance will vary greatly due to ambient temperature and type of snow.**

## Operating the Meteor® Snowblower

This blower is on the back of the tractor facing toward the rear. While blowing snow the tractor has to be backed into the snow.



Stay in the seat of the tractor all the time that the blower is running.



Make sure the area is clear of people while blowing snow.



Do not direct discharged snow toward people, cars or buildings as stones or bits of ice can go a long distance.

When you get to the place that you want clear of snow, lower the blower to the ground and turn the chute to discharge the snow in the direction you want the snow to go. Engage the PTO and slowly bring the blower up to operating speed. After the blower is running use reverse gear and start backing up. The chute can be rotated from the tractor seat while blowing snow.

If your drive is paved then you may need to lengthen the top 3PH link to tilt the blower ahead so it will scrape the hard surface better.

If your drive is gravel then you may want to shorten the top 3PH link to tilt the blower back so it will not dig into the loose gravel. In colder climates where the bare ground is frozen during most of the winter the blower can be adjusted to scrape the snow off the frozen drive after freeze-up.

In areas where the gravel is not frozen most of the time we have optional skid shoes available to raise the blower a few inches above the gravel.



This blower is designed to blow snow, but will blow loose gravel if care is not taken.



After the job is finished: **Disengage the PTO to stop the blower** before driving away or getting off the tractor.

The auger is protected with a safety shear bolt that will shear if the auger becomes jammed.

The fan is also protected with a shear bolt in the PTO shaft universal joint if the fan becomes jammed.



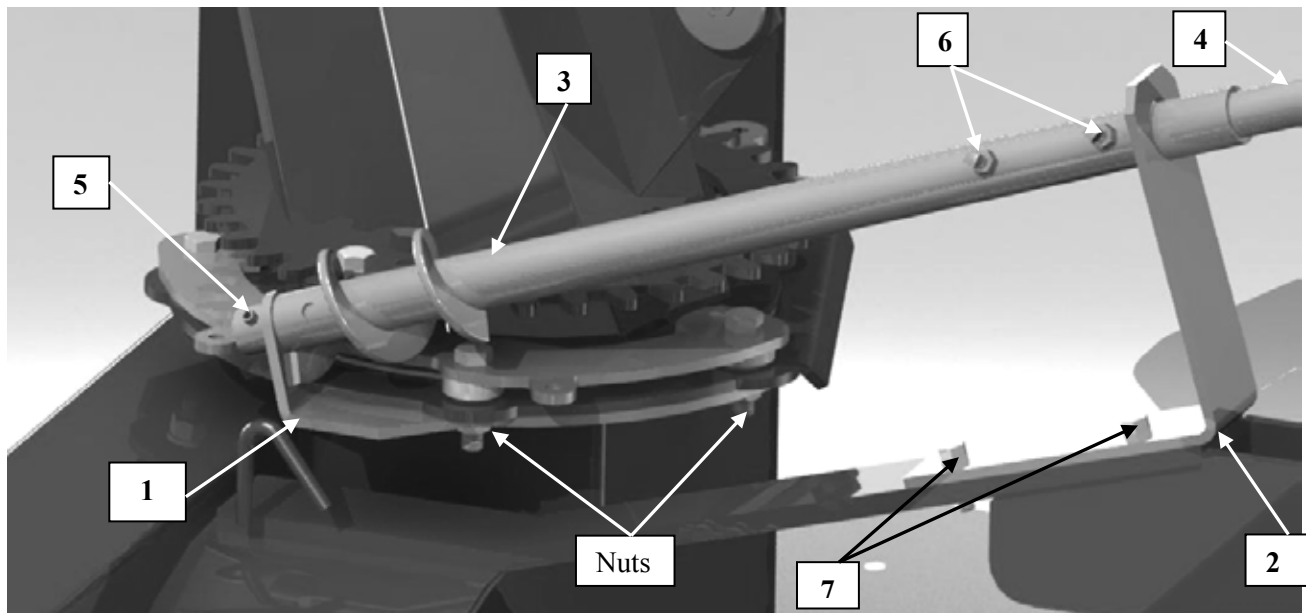
**When replacing the shear bolts STOP the engine before attempting to replace them!**

There is a hydraulic hood turner available that couples into the tractor hydraulic remotes if your tractor is so equipped. This will allow you to rotate the hood without reaching back to the blower especially if you have a cab on your tractor.

## Installing the Hand Crank

The crank package consists of

1. Tail bracket
2. Upper bracket
3. Worm Gear
4. Crank
5. Retainer Pin
6. Set Screws
7. Bolts



First remove the 2 nuts (as shown), and insert The crank tail bracket [1] and reinstall the nuts and lockwasher.

Insert retainer pin [5] through the tail bracket [1] into bottom end of the worm gear [3] and insert bolt, next slide the top bracket [2] into place and secure with bolts [7].

Slide crank [4] into tube as shown and secure with the set-screws [6], you should be able to reach it from the tractor seat.



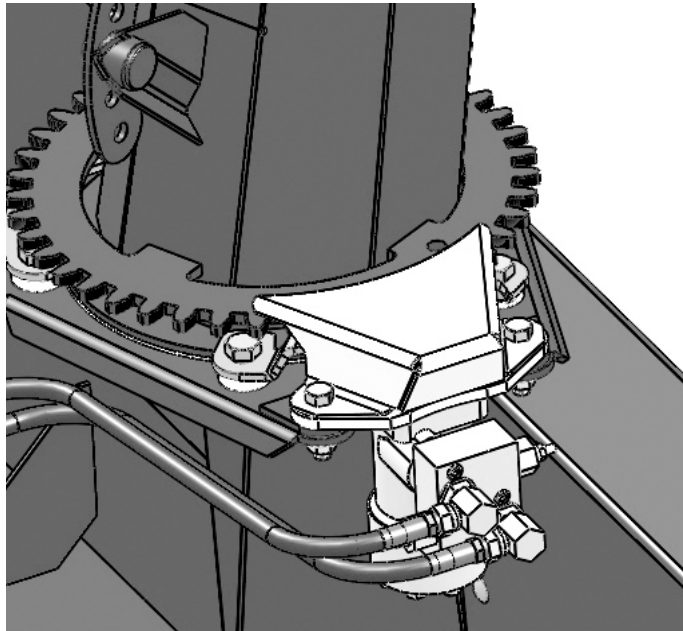
**Please note!! when the blower is raised, the crank will be closer to the tractor and could damage the cab or cause injury to the operator!**

## Motor Hydraulic Rotator Installation

The Hydraulic Chute Rotator uses a hydraulic motor, controlled by the tractor hydraulics to rotate the chute. The kit includes a safety shield, 2 pc 1/2-20 UNF bolts, hydraulic fittings, hoses and tractor couplings. When installing the hydraulic elbows, turn them in “**no more than 4 rounds**” then tighten the jam-nut to secure the elbow in the direction that you want the hoses to go *as shown*.

The relief valves are factory preset at 900 PSI.

Route the hoses and tie them to the top “A” frame support, away from moving parts, Ensure that the hoses do not get too tight or rub on the frame when the blower is raised or lowered.



First set the motor with the bracket on top of the Chute Plate and then place the shield on top of the motor bracket and secure with 1/2-20 UNF bolts

Please ensure that the gear does not jam or bind during the rotation of the chute. The bolt holes are slightly oversize, allowing you to adjust the clearance somewhat. You should be able to move the chute back and forth slightly.



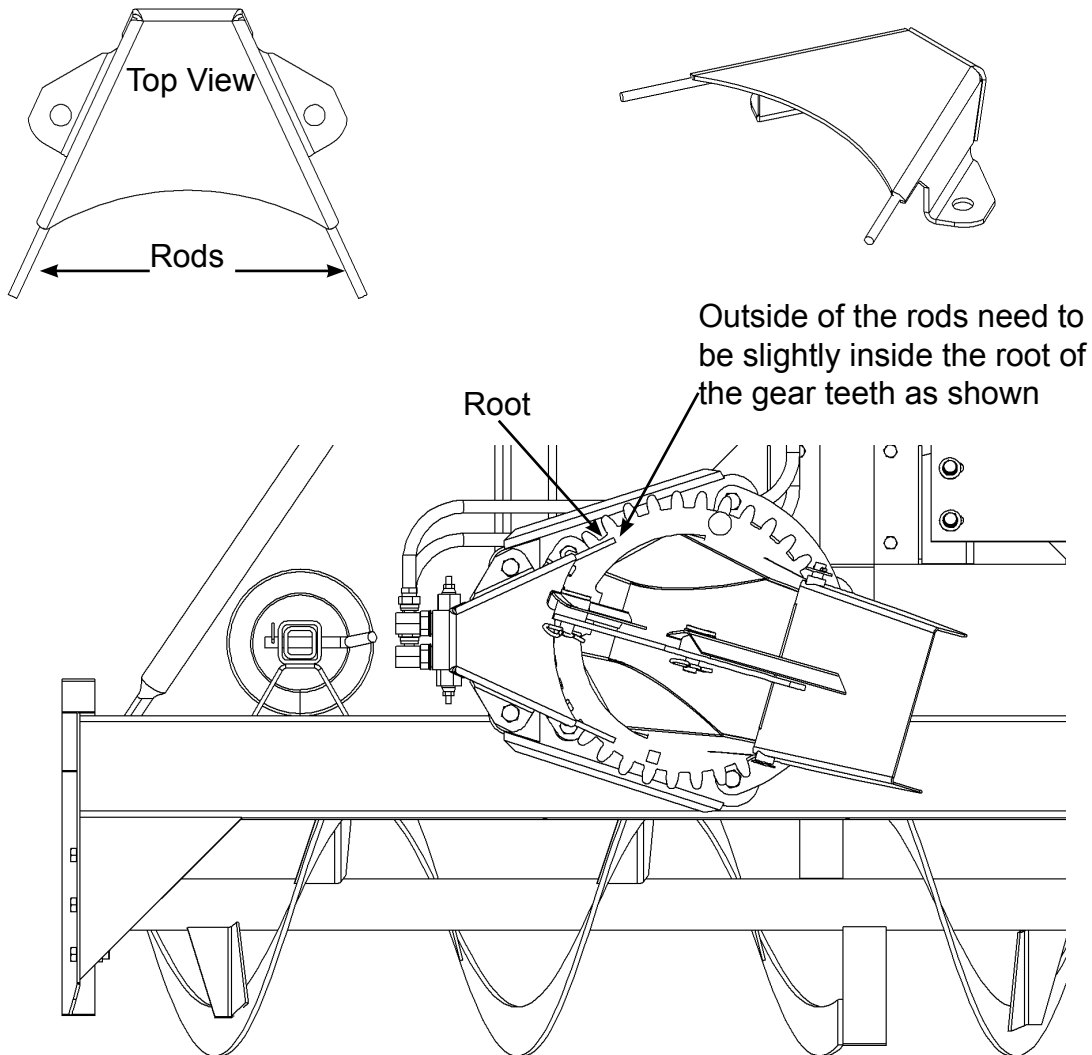
## Snowblower Hydraulic Rotator

### Installing the Hydraulic Chute Rotator Safety Shield with Hose Guide

The Hydraulic Chute Rotator has rods that act as guides to guide the Deflector Hydraulic Hose (if used) to the outside of the shield.

All Shields are manufactured with the Rods straight.

They may need to be bent in or out for smaller or larger blowers.



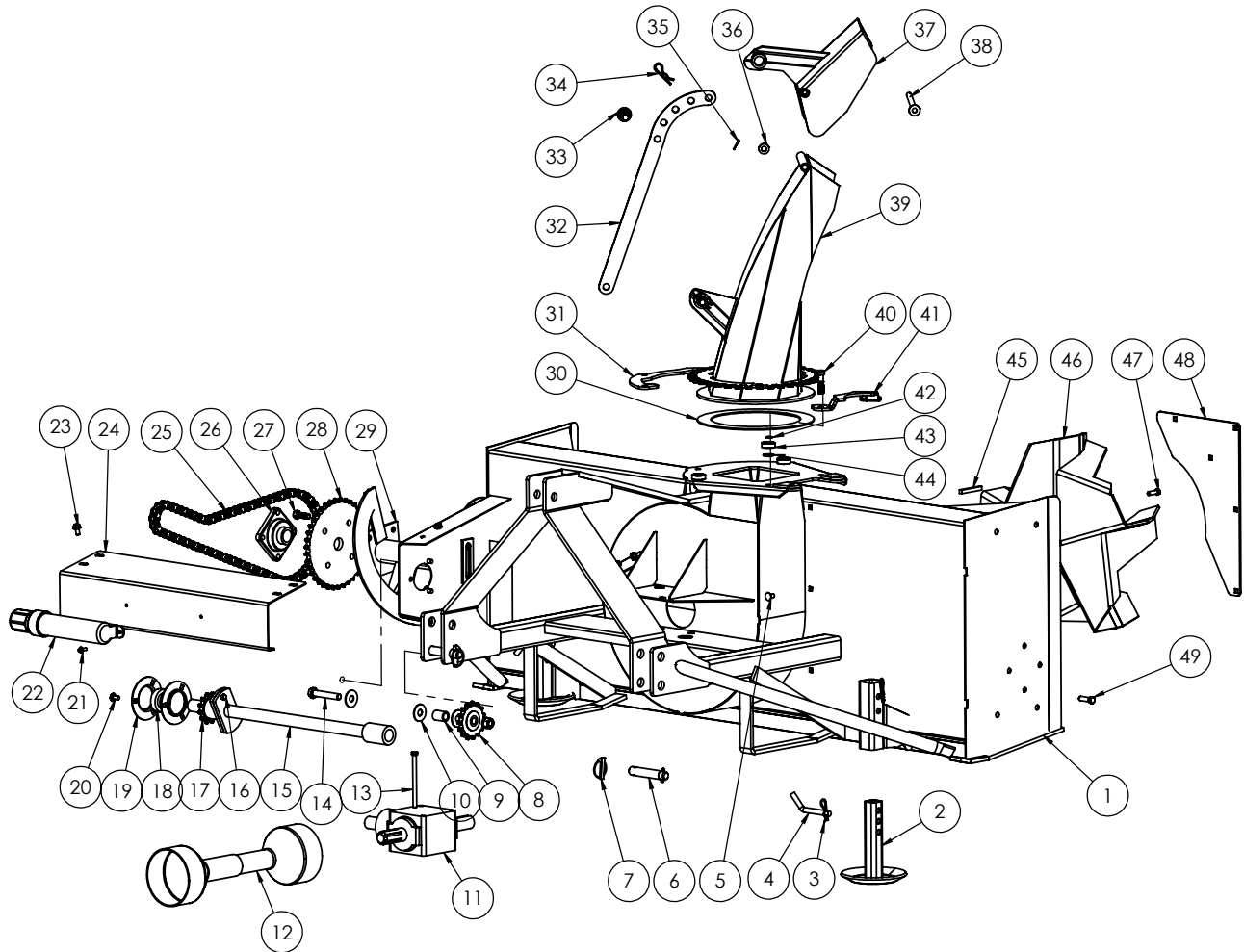
To bend the rod, you can use a short piece of 3/8 pipe for a lever, or an adjustable wrench to bend the rod.

Do not use a hammer as it has less control of the bend.

Keep the height of the rod the same, only bend it in or out.

After installation carefully rotate the chute to ensure that there is no interference or binding.

## 68-72 Meteor Snowblower



Item #	68 Part #	72 Part #	Description	Qty
1	23900	23901	Main Body	1
2	21569	21569	Small Skid Shoe	2
3	OL	OL	Hair Pin 1/8"	2
4	OL	OL	1/2" Bent Pin	2
5	OL	OL	Carriage Bolt 3/8x3/4 c/w ln	5
6	519-752096	519-752096	Hitch Pin	2
7	OL	OL	Lynch Pin	2
8	519-872029	519-872029	Idler Sprocket	1
9	31102	31102	Idler Spacer	1
10	OL	OL	5/8 Flatwasher	3
11	519-68118608	519-68118608	Gearbox	1
12	519-681187	519-681187	PTO	1
13	OL	OL	Bolt 3/8x5 c/w lw, n	4
14	OL	OL	Bolt 5/8x3 1/2 c/w lw, n	1
15	31203	33191	Auger Drive Shaft	1
16	OL	OL	Shearbolt 1/4x1 1/4 #2 c/w ln	1
17	519-683025	519-683025	Shear Sprocket	1

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Item #	68 Part #	72 Part #	Description	Qty
18	519-751170	519-751170	Bearing	1
19	519-871174	519-871174	Flangette	2
20	OL	OL	Bolt 3/8x1 c/w lw, n	3
21	OL	OL	RH 1/4x1 Bolt c/w In	2
22	DJA70111	DJA70111	Manual Tube	1
23	OL	OL	Bolt 3/8x1 c/w fw, lw	4
24	31206	33191	Cross Shaft Shield	1
25	519-681026	519-681026	Auger Drive Chain #60 58 1/2"	1
26	519-751169	519-751169	Auger Bearing	1
27	OL	OL	Bolt 1/2x1 1/2 c/w lw, n	4
28	519-871165	519-871165	Auger Sprocket	1
29	31201	33195	Auger	1
30	519-68116107	519-68116107	Anti Friction Ring	1
31	10728	10728	3 Hole Chute Clamp	1
32	10680	10680	Deflector Adjuster Bar	1
33	21773	21773	Deflector Adjuster Bar Pin	2
34	OL	OL	Hairpin 5/32	2
35	OL	OL	Cotter Pin 1/8x1	1
36	OL	OL	Flatwasher 1/2"	1
37	10692	10692	Deflector	1
38	20848	20848	Deflector Hinge Pin	1
39	10690	10690	Chute	1
40	OL	OL	Bolt 1/2-20 UNF x2 c/w lw, n	5
41	10729	10729	2 Hole Chute Clamp	1
42	519-511702	519-511702	Wave Washer (thin)	5
43	519-510710	519-510710	Bearing	5
44	OL	OL	SAE Washer 1/2"	5
45	519-68106208	519-68106208	Fan Key	1
46	34574	34574	Fan	1
47	OL	OL	Bolt 3/8x1 1/2 #5 c/w lw	1
48	519-20853	519-20853	Fan Plate	1
49	OL	OL	Bolt 7/16x1 1/2 c/w lw, n	8

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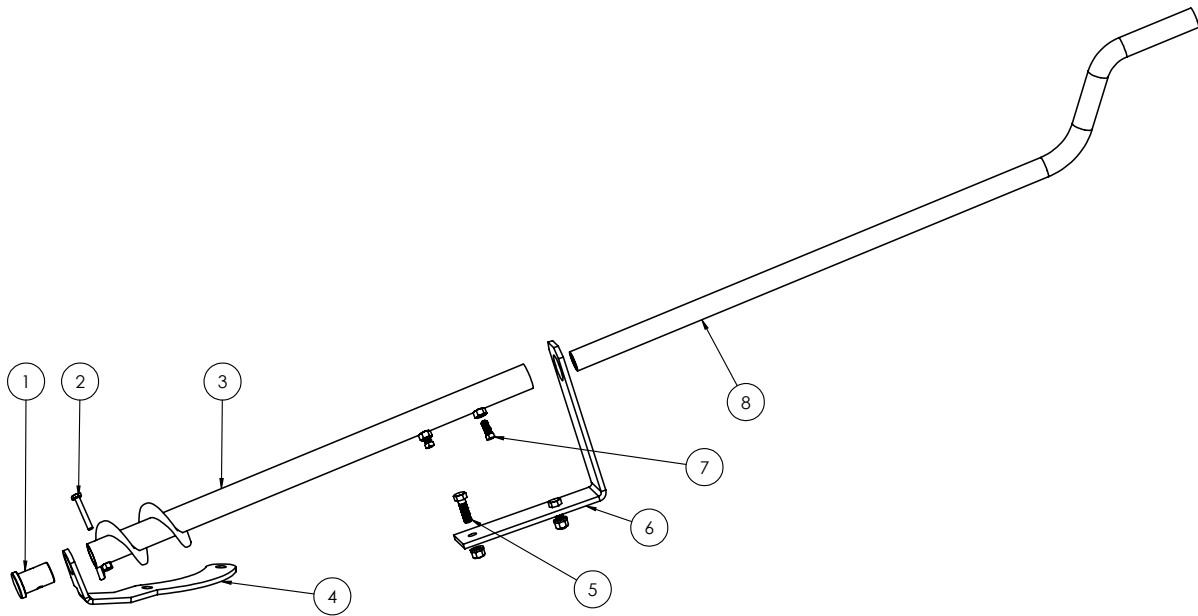
**fw -- Flatwasher**

**lw -- Lockwasher**

**In -- Locknut**

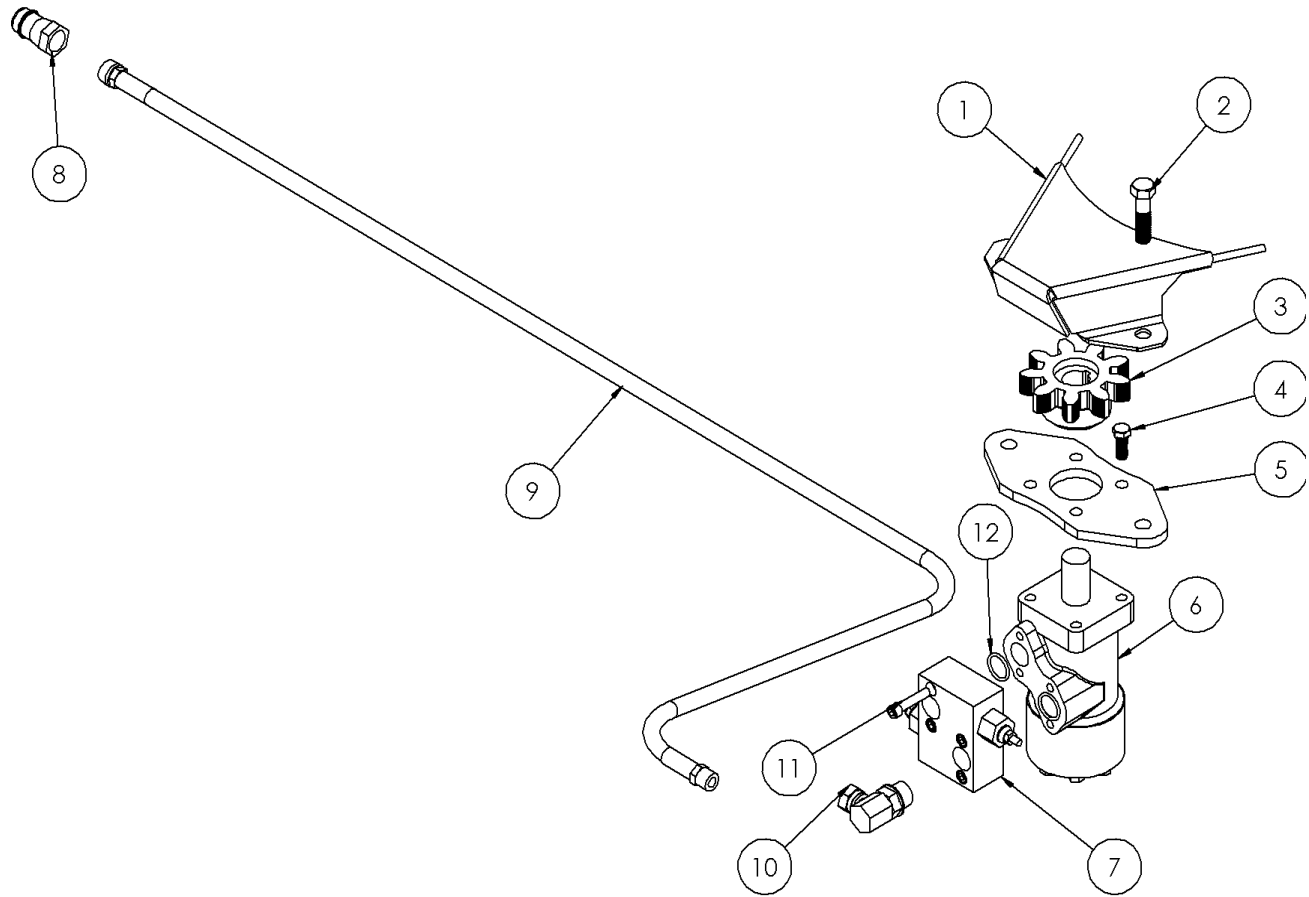
**n -- Nut**

## 68-72 Manual Chute Rotator



Item #	Part #	Description	Qty
1	34969	Retainer Pin	1
2	OL	Bolt 1/4 x 1 1/2 c/w 2-Way locknut	1
3	31228	Crank Worm	1
4	31222	Tail Bracket	1
5	OL	3/8x1 1/4 bolt c/w lw, n	2
6	31221	Upper Bracket	1
7	OL	5/16x3/4 sq h Setscrew	2
8	31225	Crank	1

## Hydraulic Chute Rotator Parts

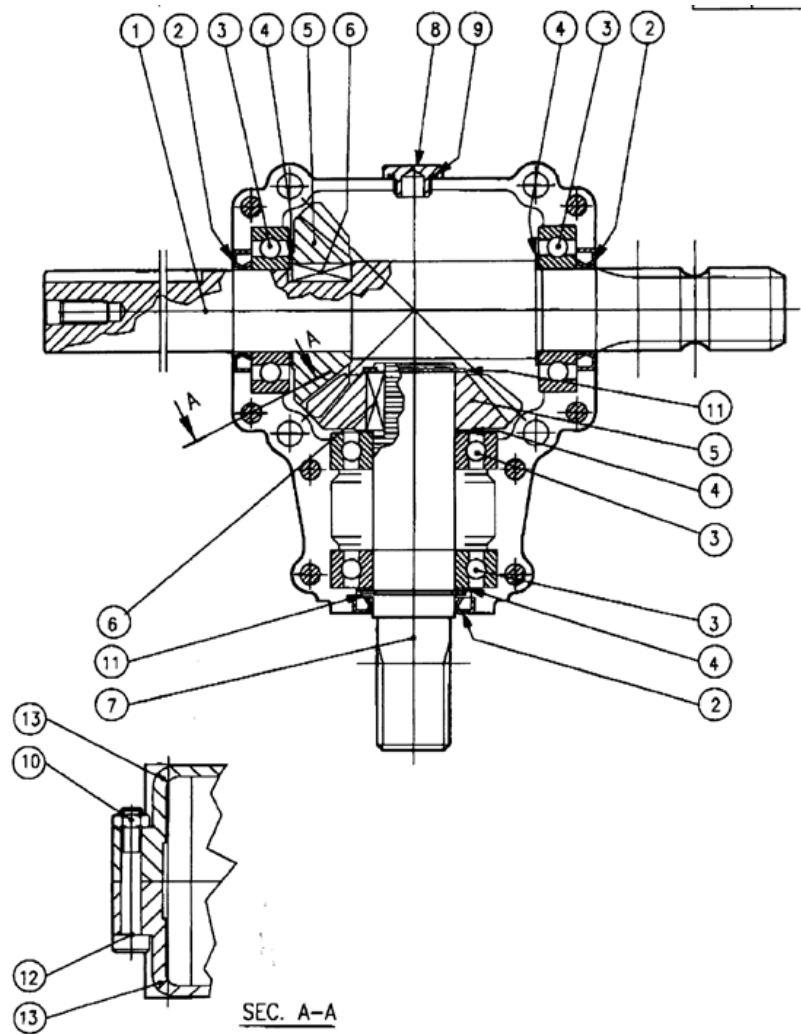


Item #	Part #	Description	Qty
1	23931	Shield	1
2	Bolt 1/2-20x2 c/w lw, n	OL*	2
3	519-511706	Small Gear	1
4	Bolt 3/8x1 c/w lw	OL*	4
5	519-511703	Motor Bracket	1
6	519-511704	Motor	1
7	519-511705	Crossover Relief Valve	1
8	S71-4	Tractor Adapter	2
9	23895	Hydraulic Hose	2
10	519-9515-10-6	Hydraulic Elbow	2
11	Socket Head Cap Screw 5/16x1 1/2	OL*	4
12	(O Ring 3/32x.75id	OL	2

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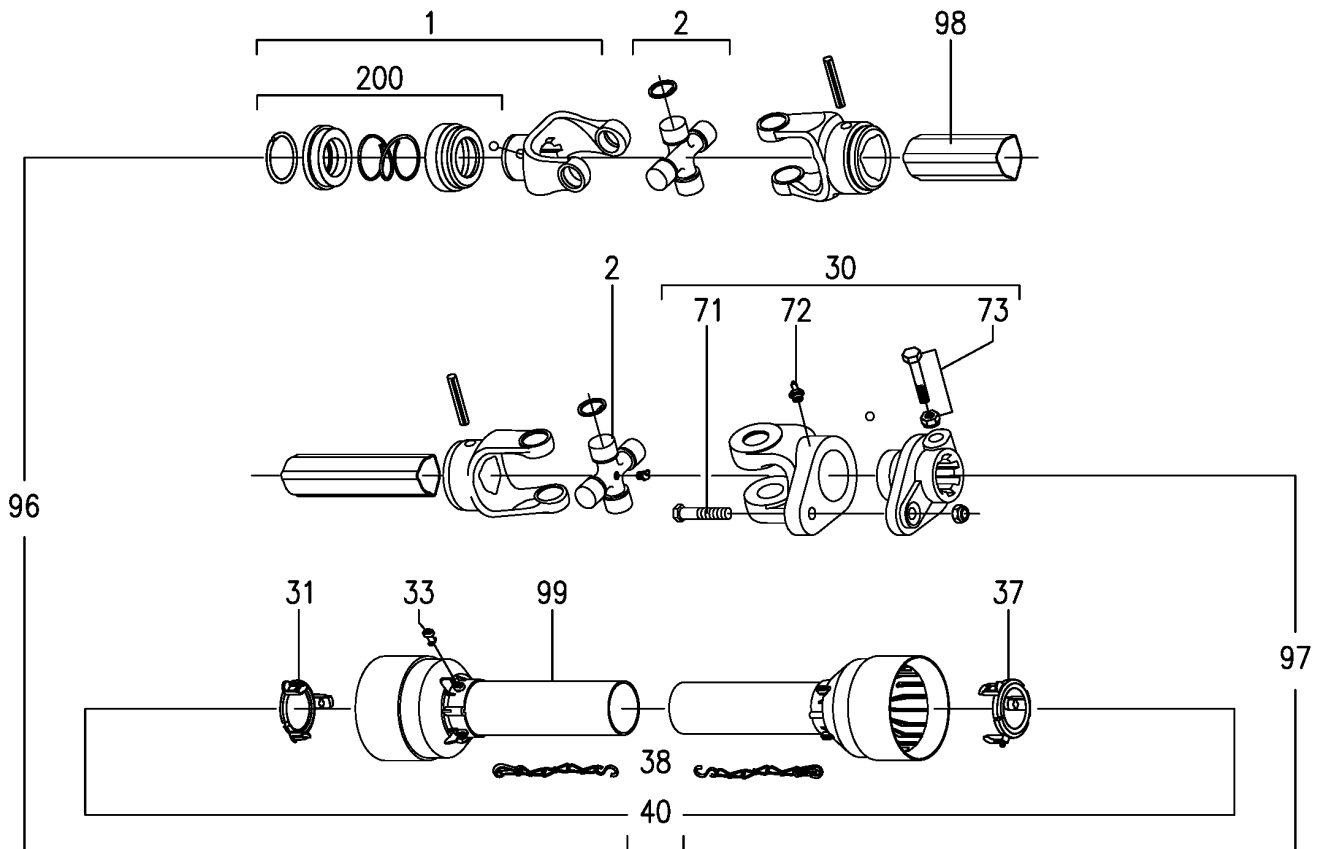
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## T 281 J 68 Meteor Gearbox



Item#	Part #	Qty	Description
1	519-02814208	1	Output shaft 1 3/8" Z6
2	519-87300028	3	Oil Seal 35x52x7
3	519-80100870	4	Ball Bearing 6207 35x52x17
4	519-02597500	4	Shim Kit 35x3x48
5	519-02595020	2	Crown Gear Z18 M5
6	519-84100232	2	Key 10x8x25
7	519-02812212	1	Input Shaft ASA DP 16/32 Z19
8	519-02817100	1	3/8" DS Plug
9	519-87600636	1	O-Ring 3068
10	519-82100382	8	Hex Nut M8 UNI 5588 (8.8)
11	519-85100005	2	Snap Ring 35 UNI 7435
12	519-81201174	8	M8x55 Socket head cap screw
13	519-12810300	2	Half Casing

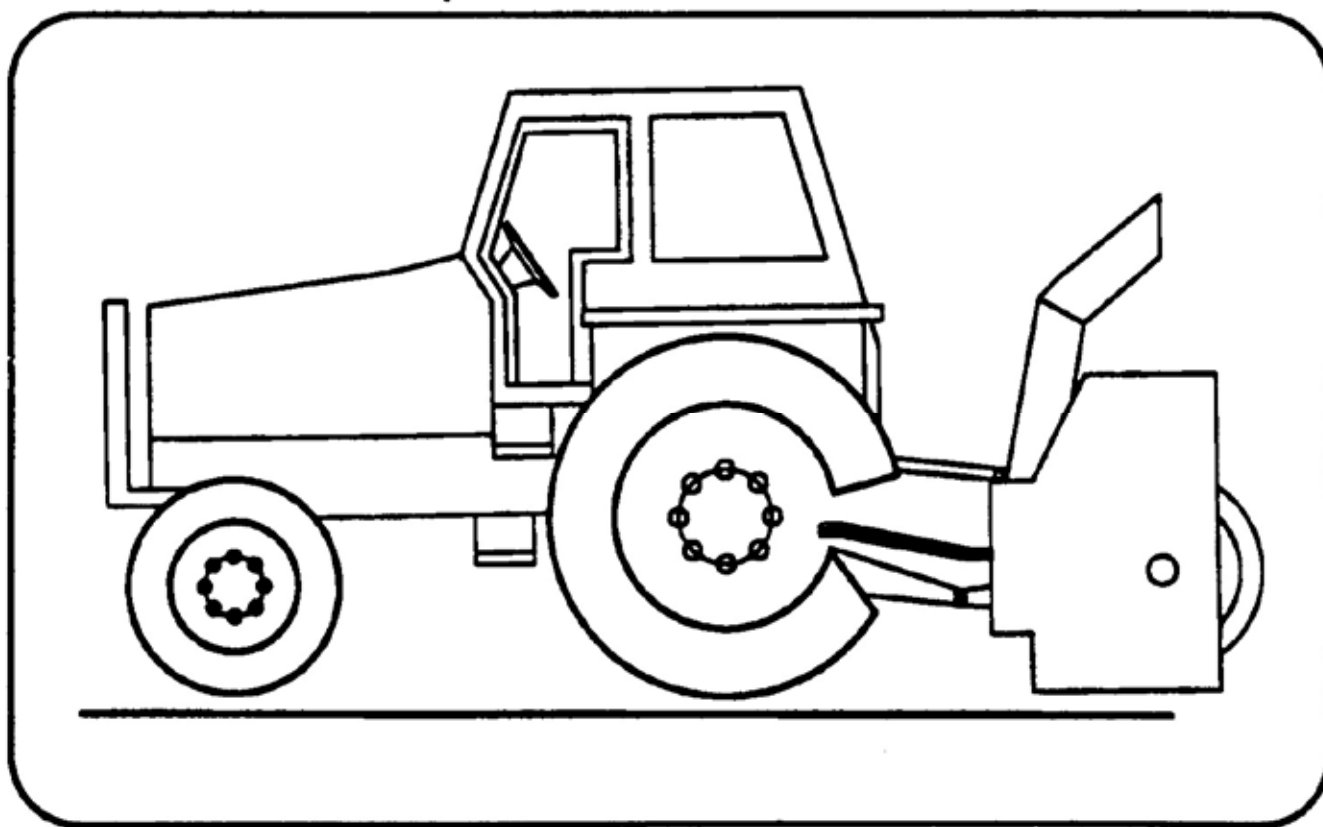
## Comer T40 PTO (68-72 Meteor)



Item #	Description	Part #	Qty
1	Complete Collar Yoke	141.024.430.1	1
2	Cross Journal Assy	180.014.130	2
30	Complete Shear Yoke	143.240.011.1	1
31	Guard Retaining collar for Outer Tube	8180.014.233	1
33	Special Bolt	8180.014.240	6
38	Safety Chains	180.016.790	2
40	Complete Guard with Instruction Manual	142.240.293.7421	1
71	Bolt & Nut M8x50 cl 8.8	165.000.571	1
72	Grease Fitting	190.000.020	1
73	Bolt & Nut M12x1.25x70 cl 8.8	165.000.525	2
200	Collar Kit for 1 3/8 Yoke	165.000.628	1
98	Danger Label for Outer Tube	190.000.216	1
99	Danger Label for Outer Guard Tube	190.000.215	1
100	Instruction Manual	190.000.371	1



## PTO Installation Instructions for Snowblower





## PTO Installation Instructions for Snowblower For Better PTO Shaft and Gearbox Operation

A proper initial installation will give you years of satisfactory service on your equipment. Please read carefully, following instructions which have been specially made to help you and make you satisfied with your purchase.

**Warning!** Unfortunately, snowblowers will be faced with forgotten or hidden objects under the snow, such as: chain, tires, stones, pieces of wood, etc. In spite of all our efforts, machines are not built to resist all those conditions.

### Danger: Too big tractors

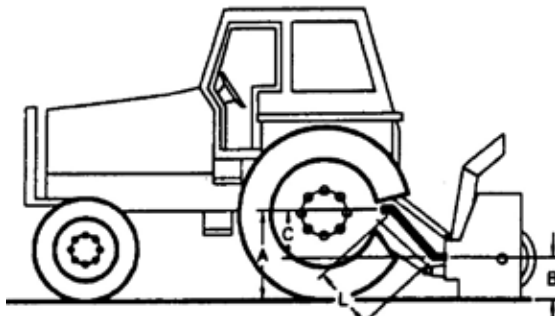
It is dangerous to use a tractor that is too big or too powerful. The tractor will always be able to overload the blower, even if the machine is already at maximum capacity. Tractor being very high, too large angles at PTO universal joints will result, and the life of the universal joints will be shortened dramatically.

### P T O Shaft angles

PTO shafts are made to transmit power with angle at universal joints. However these angles should be kept to a minimum. Larger angles shorten the life of PTO. Take for example a snowblower sold for a tractor horse-power of 60-75 HP which would be attached to a 60HP tractor operating at maximum capacity of (60HP continuous).

HP	PTO angles	Estimated life in hours
60@540 RPM	5°	450 hours
	10°	195 hours
	15°	90 hours
	20°	40 hours
	25°	20 hours

### How to determine PTO angle



A =PTO height at tractor

B= PTO height at blower

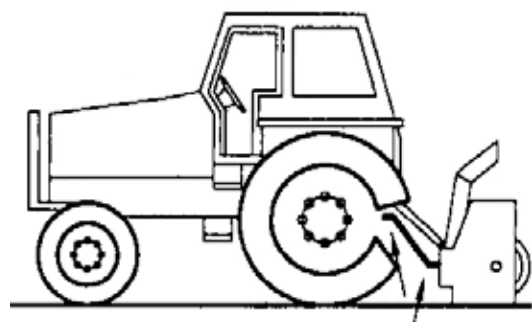
C= A-B

L = Cross center distance in working position

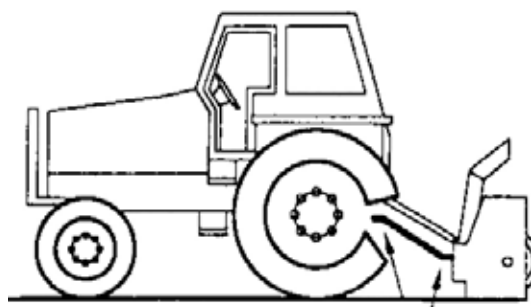
- 1) Lower blower on ground
- 2) Measure A,B and L
- 3) Subtract B from A ( $A-B=C$ )
- 4) Divide L by C ( $L/C=F$ )
- 5) Compare F Factor in the table below to find PTO angle. (Interpolate if necessary)

F Factor	Angle
6	10°
3.75	15°
2.75	20°
2.15	25°
1.75	30°

Previous examples clearly demonstrate that universal joint angle is directly related with life of the PTO. In order to reduce angle, it is necessary to increase the distance between snowblower and tractor.



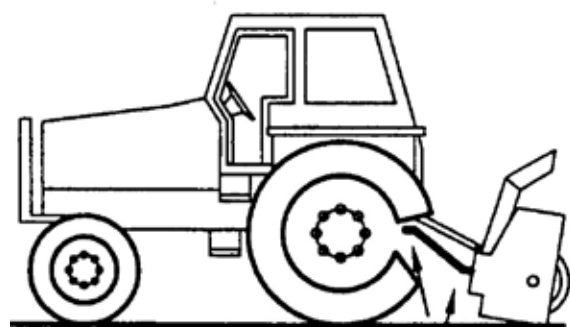
**Too Large Angles at PTO Joints  
To Avoid**



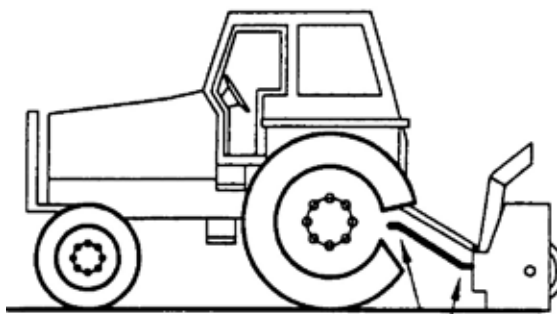
**Reasonable Angles at PTO Joints  
Acceptable**

If it is impossible to increase the distance between snowblower and tractor, in order to maintain a reasonable angle at the PTO, it is recommended to use a larger size PTO that is a greater capacity PTO. (please refer to your dealer for more details).

For snowblowers of 100HP, an additional gearbox is also available that can be mounted on the existing snowblower gearbox, which increases the input shaft height, reducing the angle at PTO joints. This Gearbox has an input speed of 1000RPM which greatly increases PTO capacity.



**Non-Equal Angles at PTO Joints  
To Avoid**



**Equal Angles At PTO Joints  
Recommended**

### **Angles at each end of PTO**

A popular habit is to change snowblower angle in order to obtain a better scraping effect. This practice can become harmful to the PTO if the angle is unequal at each end, There will be fan speed variation (as the fan speeds up and slow down twice per revolution) as well as a drastic increase of loading on the cross and bearings. **To avoid** it is recommended to keep tractor PTO and snowblower input shaft always parallel.

## **Shear Bolts**

Shear bolts are built to break under shock loads on the fan or auger. However under certain circumstances this security is not adequate. Example: a sudden high impact shock on the fan may, in some cases break the fan shaft without breaking the shear bolt.

If the shear bolt breaks, make sure to always replace it with the same grade of bolt (grade 5 for PTO series **20-40-50-60**, and grade 8 for PTO series **80**) it is necessary to always maintain this bolt very tight in order to keep the efficiency of the shearing mechanism.

**Warning:** The gearbox shafts are made with special alloy steel. However they are case hardened to increase capacity to shock load. These shafts cannot be broken under normal loads. However undesirable objects may enter the fan and either bend or break the gearbox shaft. It is understood that the gearbox cannot be built to resist every possible overload and consequently, gearbox fan shafts will not be replaced under warranty. Therefore the user of the snowblower must be very careful.

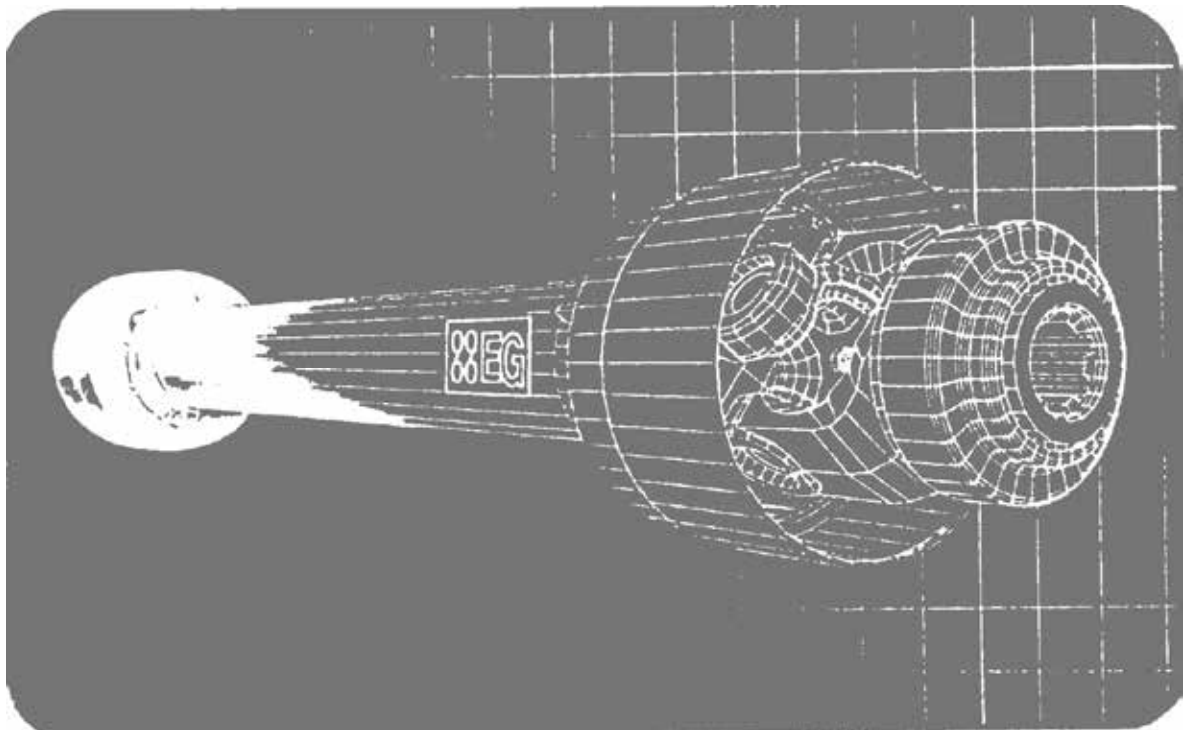
## **Maximum length of PTO shaft**


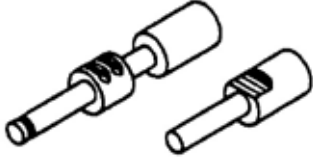
**Warning:** Telescopic tubes of PTO should overlap a minimum length to meet ideal conditions for transmitting power.

Following table could be used as a guide to find maximum permissible length of PTO.







PTO Description	Over-all length Closed	Over-all length Opened Max	Telescopic tube overlap
<b>T20-056P</b>	<b>29 3/4"</b>	<b>41"</b>	<b>5"</b>
<b>T40-056P</b>	<b>30 1/2"</b>	<b>40 1/2"</b>	<b>6"</b>
<b>T50-071P</b>	<b>36 1/2"</b>	<b>51 1/4"</b>	<b>7"</b>
<b>T60-071P</b>	<b>37 3/4"</b>	<b>51 1/4"</b>	<b>7"</b>
<b>T80-066P</b>	<b>36"</b>	<b>47 1/4"</b>	<b>7"</b>
<b>T80-076P</b>	<b>40 1/2"</b>	<b>53"</b>	<b>8"</b>
<b>T90-071P</b>	<b>39"</b>	<b>51"</b>	<b>8"</b>

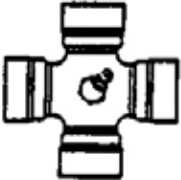

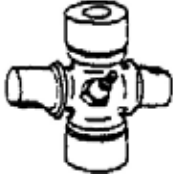
## Effective PTO Drive Shaft Maintenance






	<b>Avoidable Damage</b>	<b>Possible Causes</b>	<b>Corrective Actions</b>
<b>Quick-disconnect yoke</b> 	Quick-disconnect pin tight or completely seized Quick-disconnect pin damaged (broken or bent) Quick-disconnect pin damaged in locking position 	Quick-disconnect pin dirty (insufficient maintenance)  Quick-disconnect pin defective (forced into place, incorrect handling.  Excessive shaft length  Axial load too high	Clean, oil and follow service instruction Replace Quick-disconnect pin Shorten shaft length (cut both telescopic tubes as well as shield, remove burrs) Replace Quick-disconnect pin Clean and grease telescopic tubes. Replace both tubes if necessary

Note: newer PTO shafts may have a locking collar. (Damages Causes and corrective actions will still be similar.

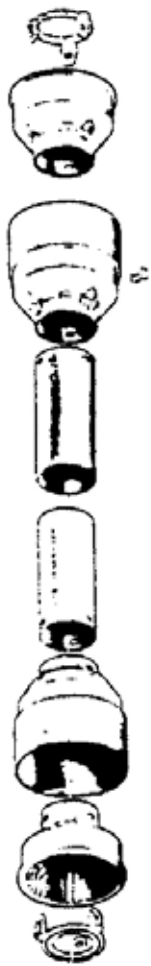

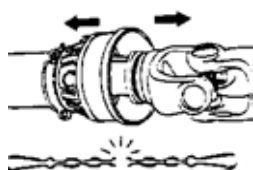
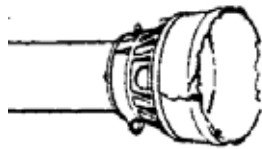
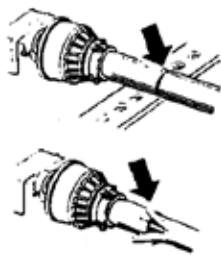
	<b>Avoidable Damage</b>	<b>Possible Causes</b>	<b>Corrective Actions</b>
<b>Yoke</b>   	<b>Deformed Yoke</b>   	Excessive shaft length   Axial load too high   Excessive working angle and torque	Shorten shaft length (cut both telescopic tubes as well as shield, remove burrs) Replace defective yokes  Clean and grease telescopic tubes. Replace both tubes if necessary Replace defective yokes  Verify compatibility between shaft and working conditions (torque vs. angle)  Disengage tractor PTO during lifting or lowering the implement. Change to a larger PTO size
	<b>Distorted Yoke</b> 	Overload caused by high starting and peak torque	Engage PTO more carefully  Use appropriate safety device Replace defective yoke
	<b>Worn or pounded Yoke</b> 	Excessive working angle	Avoid excessive angle Replace defective yokes

	<b>Avoidable Damages</b>	<b>Possible Causes</b>	<b>Corrective Actions</b>
Cross Kit  	Cross Arms broken  	Extreme torque peak or shock load  Axial loads too large	Use appropriate safety device Change to a larger PTO size  Shorten PTO shaft Replace defective cross bearings
	Bearing caps turning in their cross journal  Overheated bearing caps	Excessive continuous torque and/or excessive working angle  Inadequate greasing	Verify compatibility between shaft and working conditions  Carefully follow greasing instructions  Replace defective cross bearings
	Accelerated wear of cross kit  	Excessive continuous torque and/or excessive working angle  Inadequate greasing	Verify compatibility between shaft and working conditions  Carefully follow greasing instructions  Replace defective cross bearings

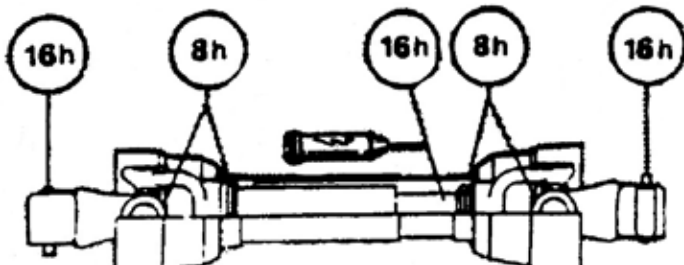
**Note: Cross bearings must be greased every 8 working hours**

	<b>Avoidable Damages</b>	<b>Possible Causes</b>	<b>Corrective Actions</b>
Telescopic tube  	Telescopic tube failure or twisting  	Excessive torque or shock load  Short tube engagement (overlap)	Use appropriate safety device Change to a larger PTO size  Replace the PTO drive shaft with one of adequate length Replace defective tubes
	Accelerated wear of telescopic tubes  	Extreme load when sliding  Short tube engagement  Inadequate greasing Conditions (sand etc)	Change to a PTO with coated tube  Replace the PTO drive shaft with one having proper length  Carefully follow greasing instructions  Replace defective tubes

**Note: Telescopic tubes must be cleaned and greased every 16 working hours**

	Avoidable Damages	Possible Causes	Corrective Actions
Shield 	Excessive wear of shield bearings 	Insufficient lubrication  Incorrect chain mounting  Shield interfering with implement	Follow lubrication instructions Mount chain to allow maximum angularity Avoid shield contact with machine or tractor Replace shield bearings
	Chain failure 	Shield interfering with implement  Incorrect chain mounting	Avoid shield contact with machine or tractor  Mount chain to allow for maximum angularity  Replace defective parts
	Guard cone damaged 	Guard cone in contact with implement or tractor  Excessive angularity	Eliminate interference between guard cone and any part of implement or tractor Avoid excessive angles  Replace damaged guard cone
	Guard tubes damaged (deformed and split at one side) 	Guards are in contact with tractor or implement  Guard tube overlap too short or no overlap with PTO tube extended	Eliminate interference between guard cone and any part of implement or tractor  Replace damaged tubes Adjust guard tube length with longer tubes

**Note:** Shield bearing must be greased every 8 working hours



## Bolt Torque

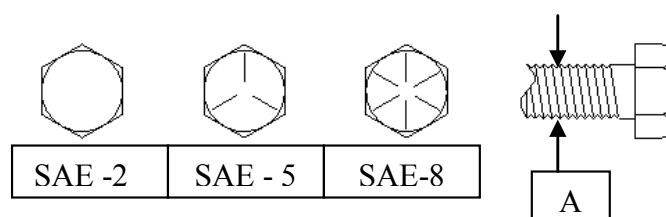
As used on this equipment

Bolt torque table shown below gives torque values for the various bolts used.  
 This chart is for non-lubricated threads.  
 Replace with the same strength bolt.

Torque Specifications. Torque values are identified by their head markings

Diameter	SAE 2		SAE 5		SAE 8	
"A"	Lb-ft	N.m	Lb-ft	N.m	Lb-ft	N.m
1/4	6	(8)	9	(12)	12	(17)
5/16	10	(13)	19	(25)	27	(36)
3/8	20	(27)	33	(45)	45	(63)
7/16	30	(41)	53	(72)	75	(100)
1/2	45	(61)	80	(110)	115	(155)
5/8	95	(128)	160	(215)	220	(305)
3/4	165	(225)	290	(390)	400	(540)
1	225	(345)	630	(850)	970	(1320)

Allen head cap screws are similar to SAE 8 quality.



These torques are for a reference only. Not all these sizes and grades are necessarily used in this machine. Bolts that are used as a pivot or hinge have to be used with a locknut, therefore only tighten enough to secure the bolt and still allowing the part to rotate freely.



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### Maintenance

- PTO Shearbolt – M 8x50 - 8.8
- Auger Shearbolt – ¼ x 1” Gr #2
- Auger Drive Chain Tightener – tighten chain allowing ¼” sag in the bottom span of chain (between drive and driven sprocket).

### Lubrication

- Gearbox- check oil level every **50** hours. Fill to oil level plug (middle of gearbox) with SAE 90 gear oil. SAE 80W90 gear oil may also be used.
- Auger and Shear Sprocket Bearing – grease sparingly every **50** hours. (By using too much grease you will push the seals off the bearing).
- PTO Shaft – grease every **10** hours. Pull apart and apply grease to the sliding members. Grease the yoke bearings at this time as well.
- Discharge chute mount – occasionally squirt oil on the plastic ring (this may extend the life of the plastic ring and will operate smoother).
- Auger Chain – apply oil on a regular basis especially after using the snowblower.

### Storing the Meteor Snowblower in the off season

- At the end of the season lubricate the Bearings, PTO shaft, Discharge chute mount and Auger chain before storing it.

### Notes

Part numbers – Abbreviations

O/L – obtain locally

N --- Nut

LW- Lockwasher

- All fasteners are Grade #2 unless otherwise specified.
- Customer supplies hydraulic cylinders.







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