

Instruction Sheet

Kit Number: 71514400

60" MULCH KIT



WARNING: FAILURE TO FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS could result in personal injury and/or damage to unit.
Read, understand, and follow all safety practices in Operator's Manual before beginning.

Package Contents

Check the contents of your kit for the parts listed below. Also see Figure 1.

Item Description	Qty	AriensCo P/N
1 Center Baffle	1	04994251
2 Left Baffle	1	04994351
3 Right Baffle	1	04994451
4 21" Mulch Blade	3	05027400
5 3/8-16 x 3/4" Tapping Screw	1	07400129
6 5/16-18" Nylon Locking Flange Nut	9	06500809

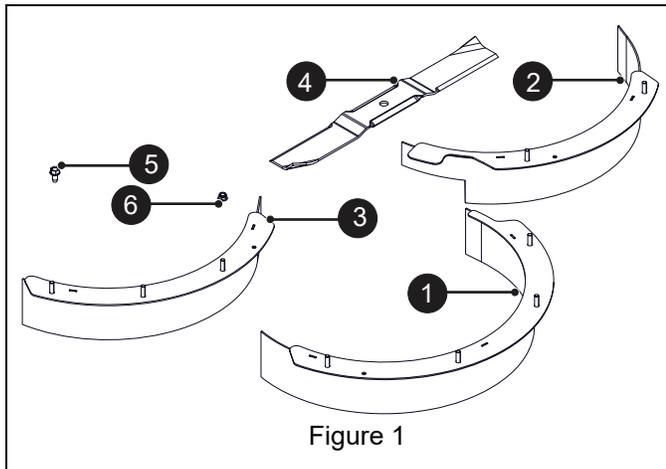


Figure 1

REMOVAL



CAUTION: AVOID INJURY! Use sturdy gloves or padding to protect hands when working with mower blades.
Rotation of one blade rotates the other blades.

1. Stop engine, remove key and engage parking brake.
2. Wait for all moving parts to stop and for hot parts to cool.
3. Disconnect spark plug wires.

4. Remove and retain 5/16" nylon locking hex nuts retaining discharge chute assembly. Remove discharge chute assembly. Retain all parts for operation without mulch kit. See Figure 2.

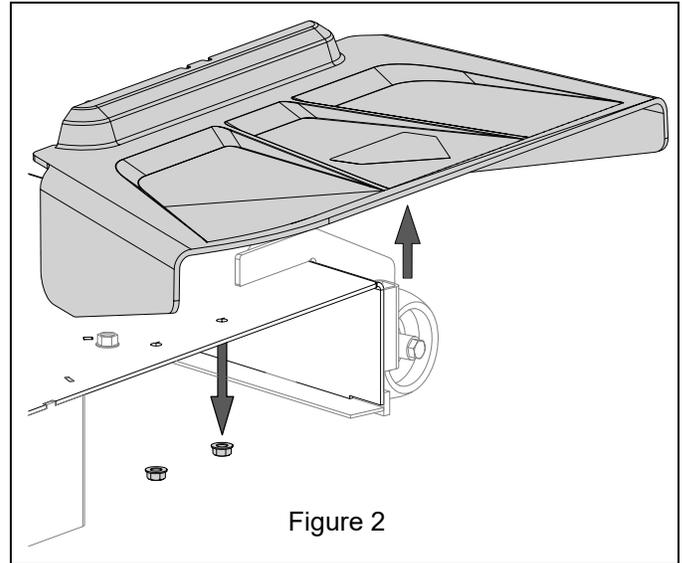


Figure 2

5. Remove two 5/16 x 3/4" round head square neck bolts and two 5/16" locking flange nuts retaining discharge baffle and remove baffle. Retain baffle and hardware for operation without mulch kit. See Figure 3.

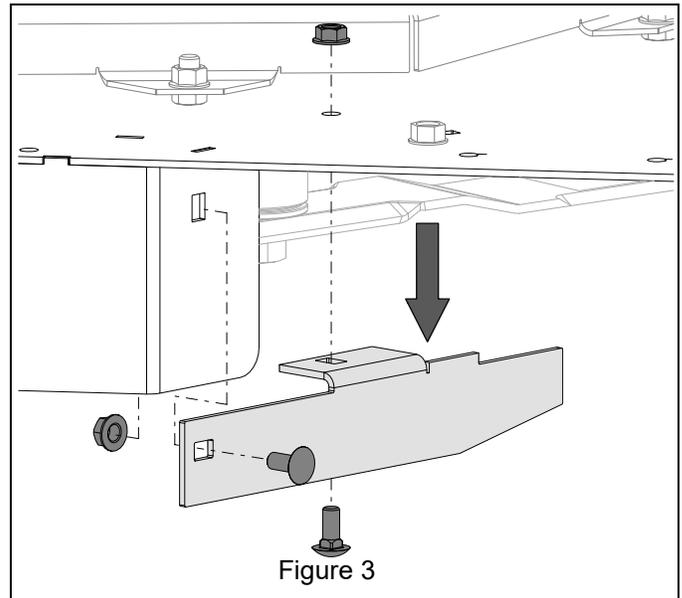
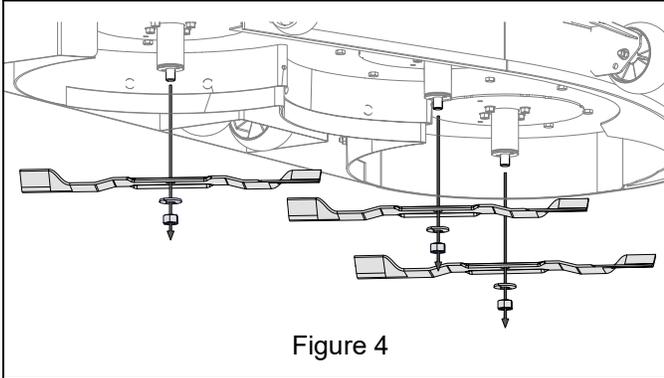
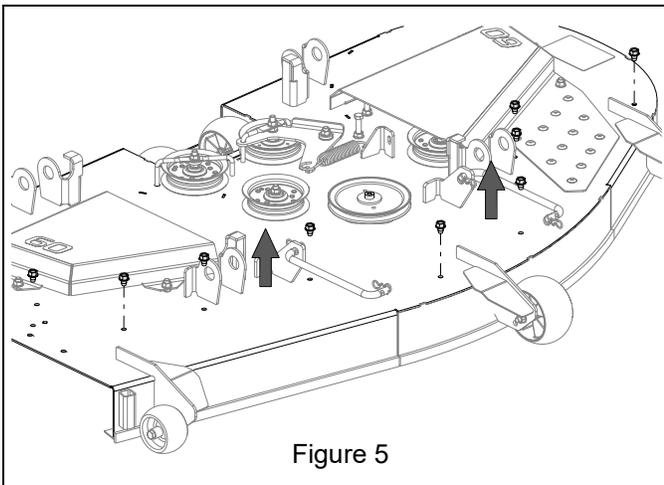


Figure 3

- Remove and retain three 5/8" hex nuts and bevel washers retaining mower blades and remove mower blades. Note bevel washer orientation for reinstallation. Retain hardware for reinstallation and blades for operation without mulch kit. See Figure 4.

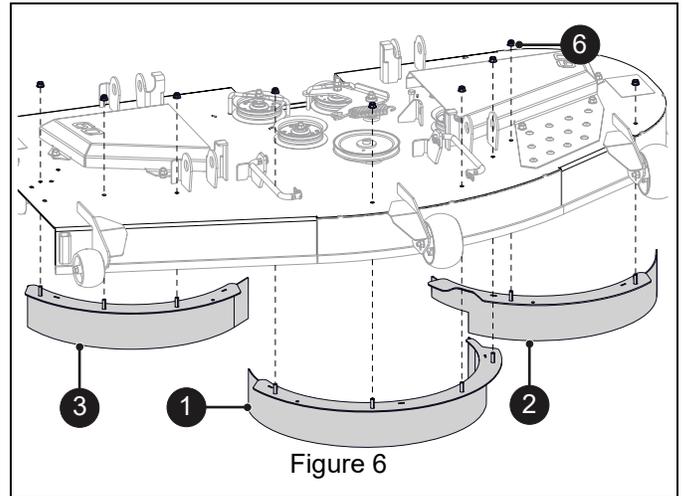


- Remove and retain nine 5/16 x 3/4" hex-head tapping screws from top of mower deck. Retain for operation without mulch kit. See Figure 5.

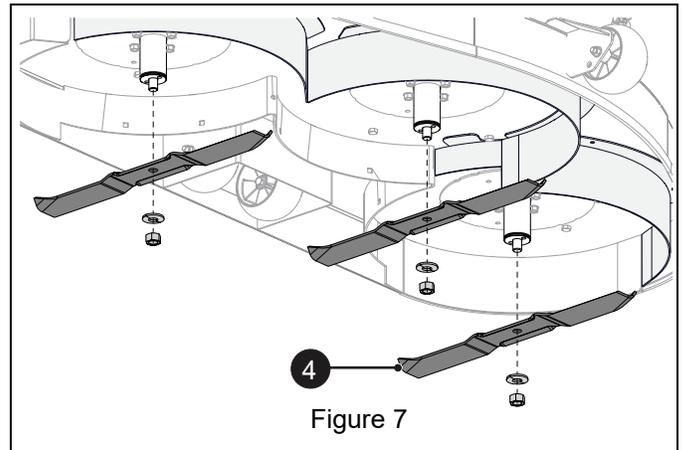


INSTALLATION

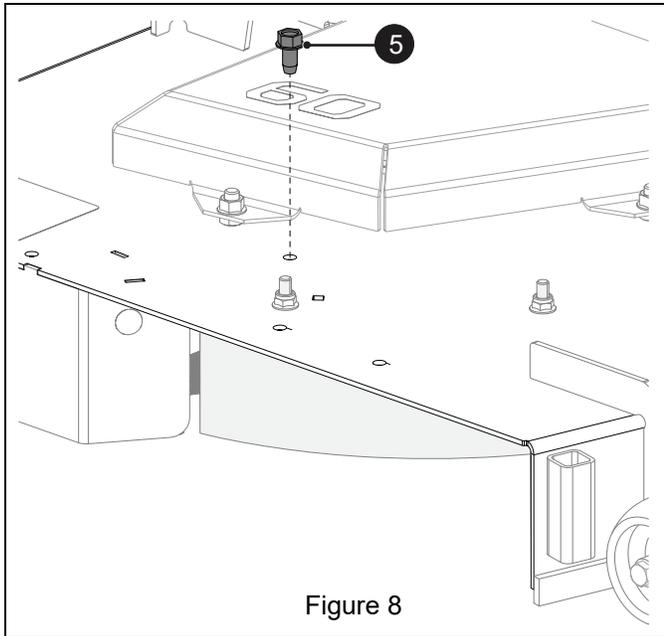
- Mount left baffle (item 2), right baffle (item 3) and center baffle (item 1) into mower deck and retain with nine 5/16" nylon locking flange nuts (item 6). See Figure 6.



- Mount three mulching blades (item 4) to spindles using three 5/8" hex nuts and three bevel washers removed earlier. Ensure that bevel washers are installed with cupped surface facing the blades. Torque to 136 – 163 N•m (100 – 120 lb-ft). See Figure 7.



3. Install 3/8 x 3/4" tapping screw (item 5) into hole on top of deck where discharge baffle was fastened. See Figure 8.



4. Reconnect spark plug wires.

MULCHING TIPS

1. Mow at full throttle and half speed.
2. Mow dry grass only.
3. Keep mower blades sharp.
4. Cut no more than 2.5 cm (1") at a time. For tall grass, mow at a higher cutting height, then make a second or third pass with the deck set to the desired cutting height.
5. Clean the underside of deck after each mowing.
6. DO NOT wash mower with high-pressure sprayer when cleaning deck or mower.