

# **Maintenance Tips for Your Mower**

By following the operating, maintenance, and safety instructions, you will prolong the life of your mower, maintain its maximum efficiency and promote safe operation. If additional information is needed or if you require trained mechanic service, contact an Authorized Exmark equipment dealer or distributor to provide prompt and efficient service in the field or at their service stations.

# • Frequently check all fuel hoses, clamps, and connections.

Some fuel system components are under pressure. Fuel hoses can be pulled, damaged, or disconnected if caught in bushes, tree branches, etc.

- Check that all hoses are in good working condition, connection points are secure, and clamps are in place.
- When replacing hoses and filters, use original factory routing and clamping.

## • Do NOT operate the machine if any of the following fuel system conditions exist:

- Fuel leakage around hoses.
- Fuel tank makes a hissing sound when the cap is loosened.
- Fuel tank is bulging or collapsing.

### Keep the mower clean from debris.

Accumulation of grass, leaves, excessive grease or oil, and other debris can become combustible and may result in a fire. After each use, remove debris from:

- Fuel tank
- Engine and muffler area
- Oil filter area
- Under belt shields

#### When replacing the oil and oil filter:

- Clean around the oil filter and mounting base.
- Apply a thin coating of oil on the surface of the rubber seal before installing. Carefully install the filter so contaminants or debris does not enter the engine.
- Tighten the filter to prevent leaks. Turn the filter clockwise until the rubber seal contacts the filter adapter, then tighten the filter an additional 1/2 to 3/4 turn.

#### • Before each use, check the condition of all electrical wires for damage.

Damaged wires may cause a fire. **Do Not** operate the mower if a wire is damaged. Replace or repair the damaged wire and secure.

#### • Only use Original Equipment Manufacturer's (OEM) replacement parts.

If replacing, ONLY use approved fuel hoses and fuel filters from the OEM. Using improper components can result in system failure, gasoline leakage, and possible fire.

- Keep all guards, shields and all safety devices in place and in safe working condition.
- Check and tighten all bolts, nuts, and screws frequently and replace any part that is worn or damaged. At every oil change, check the regulator grounding and exhaust header hardware for tightness.