# Big Bee Rotary Cutter Owner's Manual



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# **SAFETY PRECAUTIONS**

Due to the type of performance for which this machine was designed, the operator should be very careful and practice all safety precautions during operation. Being of basic design throughout the farm equipment industry. Rotary cutters have fast moving blades that can throw objects that the operator runs over. It is possible to do serious injury to yourself or to others, if you fail to read and practice the foregoing safety rules. **ONLY EXPERIENCED** and trained operators with a thorough understanding of the purpose and capabilities of this machine should operate it.

- IMPORTANT! Read and become familiar with the instructions on the rotary cutter decals. These decals have been placed at various places on the machine to remind you to be cautious for your protection, as well as others.
- 2. Before operating the rotary cutter, carefully inspect the area on which the rotary cutter will be used. Be sure to remove all objects that might be thrown by the rotating blades. Also, note any gullies, ditches, or rough terrain when you are inspecting.
- 3. Check the machine frequently to be sure there are no loose bolts and that snap rings are in place.
- 4. Always use and maintain in place all PTO guards furnished with the rotary cutter, as well as the guards furnished with the tractor.
- 5. Disengage the PTO and shut off the tractor engine before leaving the tractor.
- 6. It is recommended that the tractor be equipped with a roll-bar and a seatbelt. This is the operators own responsibility for his/her safety.
- 7. It is noted that on tractors without "live" PTO, the centrifugal force of the rotating blades will tend to force the tractor in the direction of travel. This can result in an accident or injury if the operator does not reduce his speed before turning or allowing adequate distance between the tractor and turning point or obstacle. (Your dealer has free-wheel and over-running couplers to reduce the centrifugal force. The couplers serve as an added safety device.)
- 8. The blades and PTO shaft will continue to rotate for a short time after the tractor PTO power is shut off. Be sure all rotation has completely stopped before attempting to service the machine or approach it for any reason.

# **SAFETY PRECAUTIONS - CONTINUED**

- 9. Never position yourself under the machine for any reason. It could fall on you! Never manually feed the machine for any reason. Never put your hands or feet under the deck of the cutter without first being sure that the blades have ceased all movement and all power is shut off.
- 10. Chain guards should be added to the machine when it is used in areas where people, animals, or property may be hit or endangered by thrown objects. The rapidly rotating blades may strike and throw wire, sticks, loose rocks or trash with considerable force. Even with chain guards, it is recommended that the operator be sure to keep all persons and animals far enough away from the operating area to be completely clear of thrown objects.
- 11. Never allow riders on machine or tractor!
- 12. Transport machine at a safe speed.

# **ASSEMBLY AND SET-UP INSTRUCTIONS**

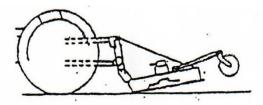
- A. Set up A-frame and position hitch pins in proper position. Be sure to use lock washers and tighten bolts securely. Attach flex chain brace to A-frame then fasten chain end on tailwheel adjustment bracket.
- B. Attach PTO shaft according to instructions/diagram attached to the PTO shaft.
- C. Check all bolts including gearbox mounting bolts, blade bolts and blade carrier bolts.
- D. Adjust the tailwheel bracket to level the rotary cutter or obtain desired cutting position.
- E. Lubricate gearbox, tailwheel hub, tailwheel spindle and PTO U-joints.
- F. Attach rotary cutter to the tractor.

# **OPERATION**

- 1. Check gearbox for lubricant.
- 2. Check all lubrication points on PTO shaft and tailwheel.
- 3. Be sure all bolts are tight and snap rings are in place.
- 4. Be sure the rotary cutter is properly mounted on the tractor.
- 5. Adjust and level rotary cutter for desired cutting height.

### ADJUSTING LEVEL OF CUTTER ON YOUR TRACTOR

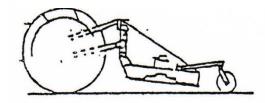
CUTTER TOO LOW IN FRONT



#### **INCORRECT**

The above position makes the blade too high causing skipping and uneven cutting. It also allows the blades to strike the ground causing the slip clutch to slip excessively and the blades to become worn.

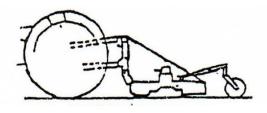
**CUTTER TOO LOW IN REAR** 



#### **INCORRECT**

The above position causes wear and tear on the tailwheel. The rear skirt drags allowing unnecessary debris to be collected under the rotary cutter.

**CUTTER IS LEVEL** 

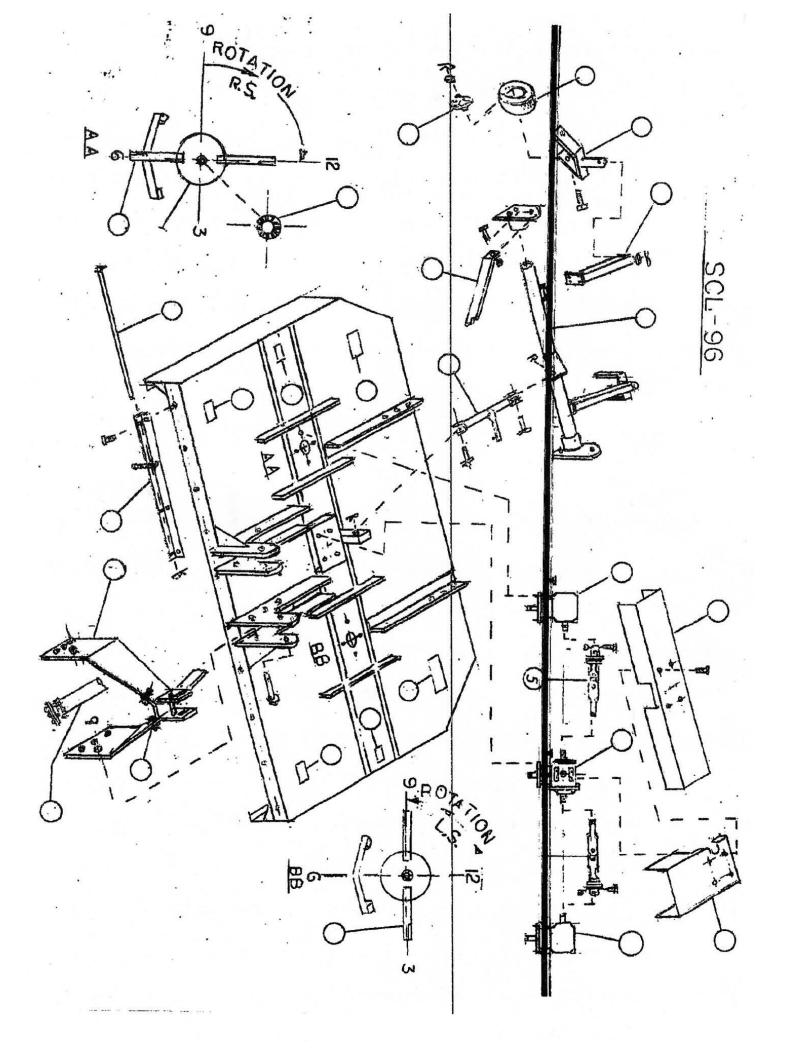


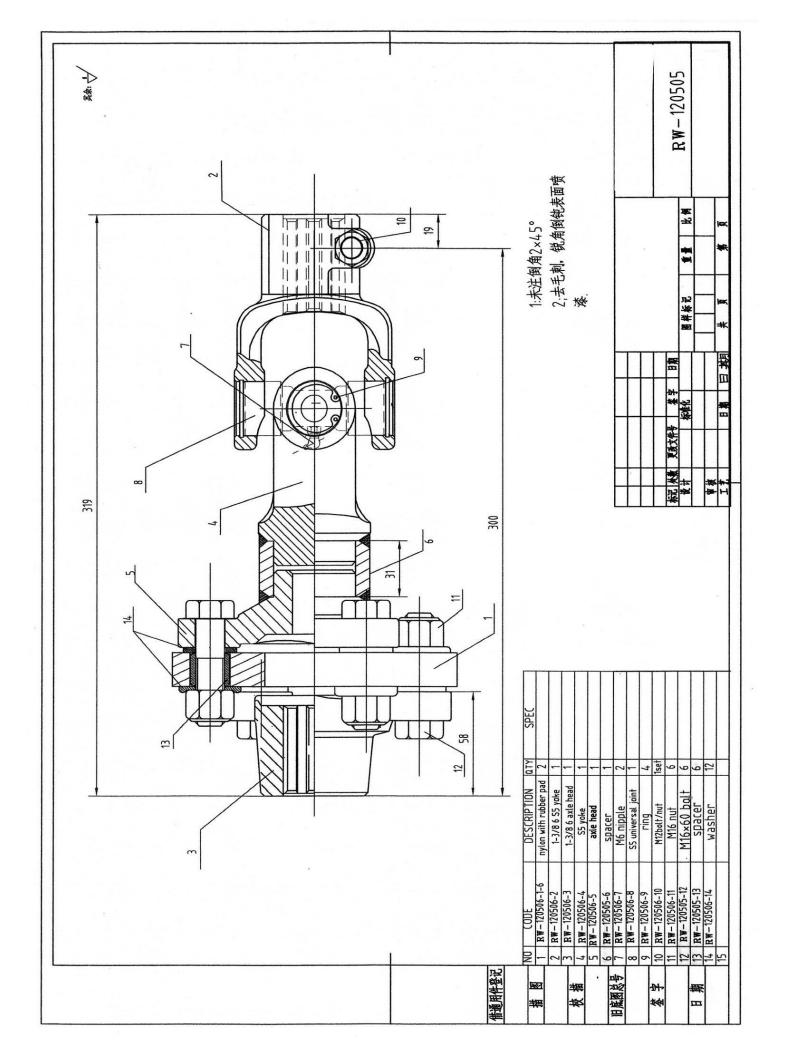
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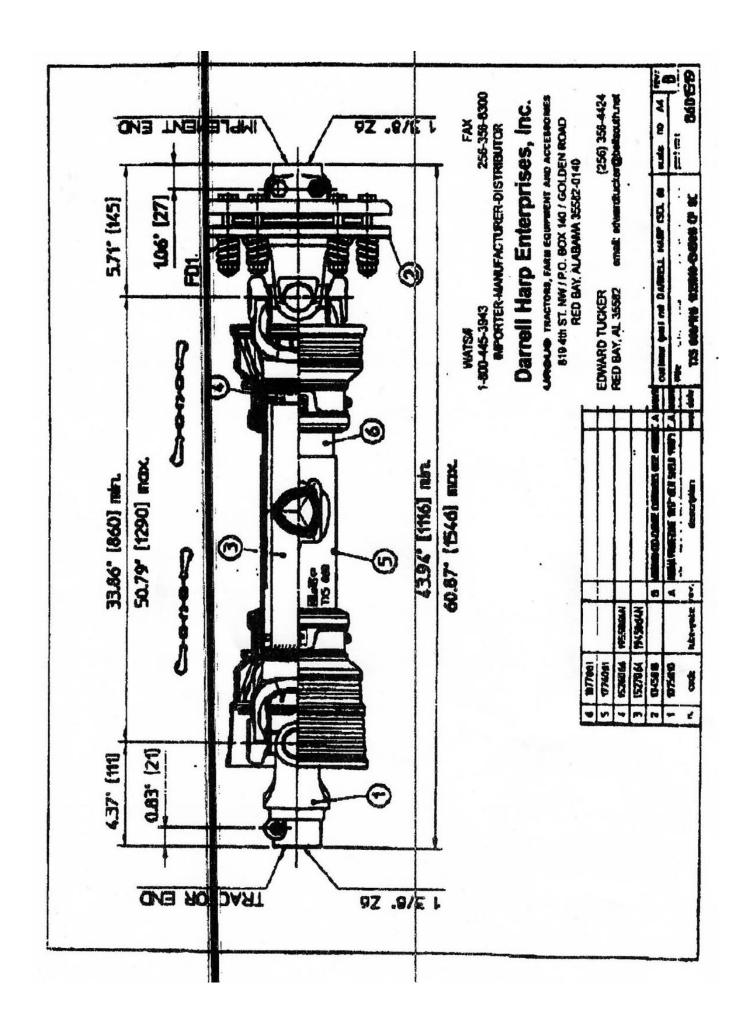
#### STARTING FOR THE FIRST TIME

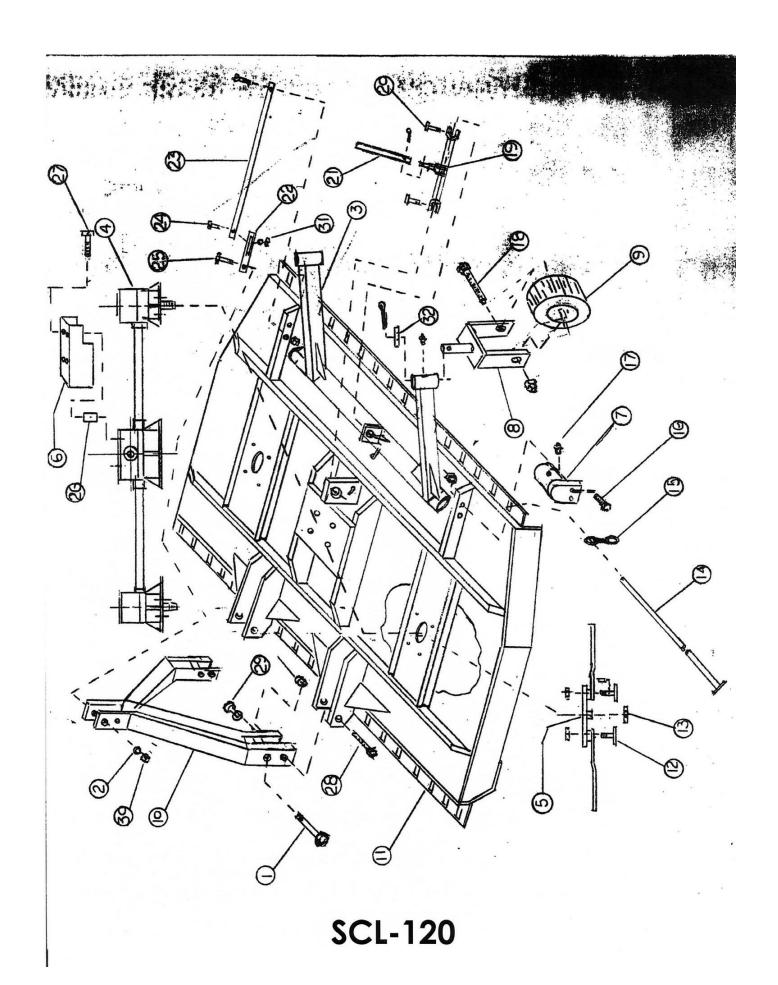
- 1. If everything is in place and the rotary cutter is properly connected to the tractor, start the tractor and raise the rotary cutter slowly. While watching the PTO shaft, raise and lower the rotary cutter until you have positioned the PTO shaft to the shortest telescoping point. This position will check the PTO shaft to make sure it is not too long. With the shaft positioned at its shortest length, the two telescoping shafts should lack two inches (2") meeting. Now, check the PTO shaft to be sure it is not too short.\*\* Position the rotary cutter so that the PTO shaft will be at its longest position. At this position, the two telescoping shafts should engage at least six inches (6"). Be sure the PTO clears the front of the cutter deck when the cutter is raised. If it does not clear, readjust the toplink on your tractor to correct this problem. You may want to set the stop on your hydraulic control lever so that the cutter will not accidentally be raised too high. Now, engage the PTO slowly. Let the rotary cutter run slowly for several seconds and gradually increase throttle to operating speed. Watch carefully for signs of excessive vibration or unusual noises. If any are noticed, disengage PTO, shut off tractor immediately, wait for all moving parts to stop completely and investigate cause. A new gearbox may be noisy at first, but usually a few hours of use will mesh the gears and create a guieter, smoother operation.
- 2. We suggest that you get the feel of your rotary cutter on open familiar ground. Remember that the centrifugal force of the rotary blades and carrier can keep pushing your forward even after you have disengaged your clutch, unless your tractor is equipped with live PTO or an overrunning coupler. Therefore, approach obstacles with caution.

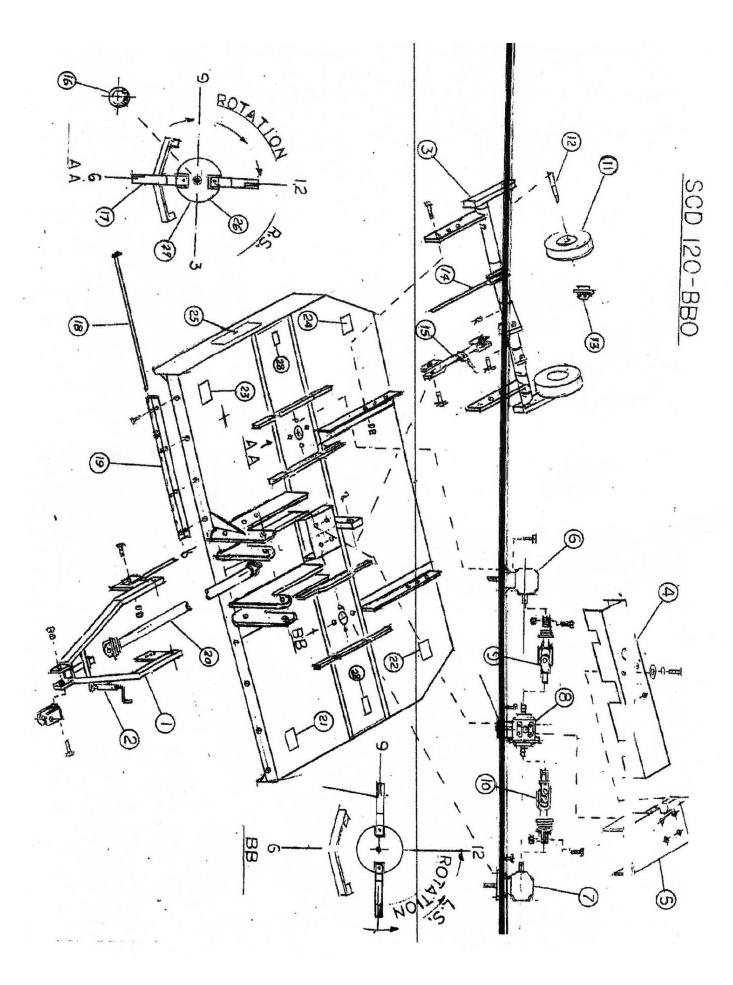
<sup>\*\*</sup> If it is determined that the PTO shaft is either too long or too short for your tractor, see your dealer for correct shaft lengths. This is not a frequent problem. However, the correct shaft lengths should be checked to avoid damage to the PTO shaft or other components.

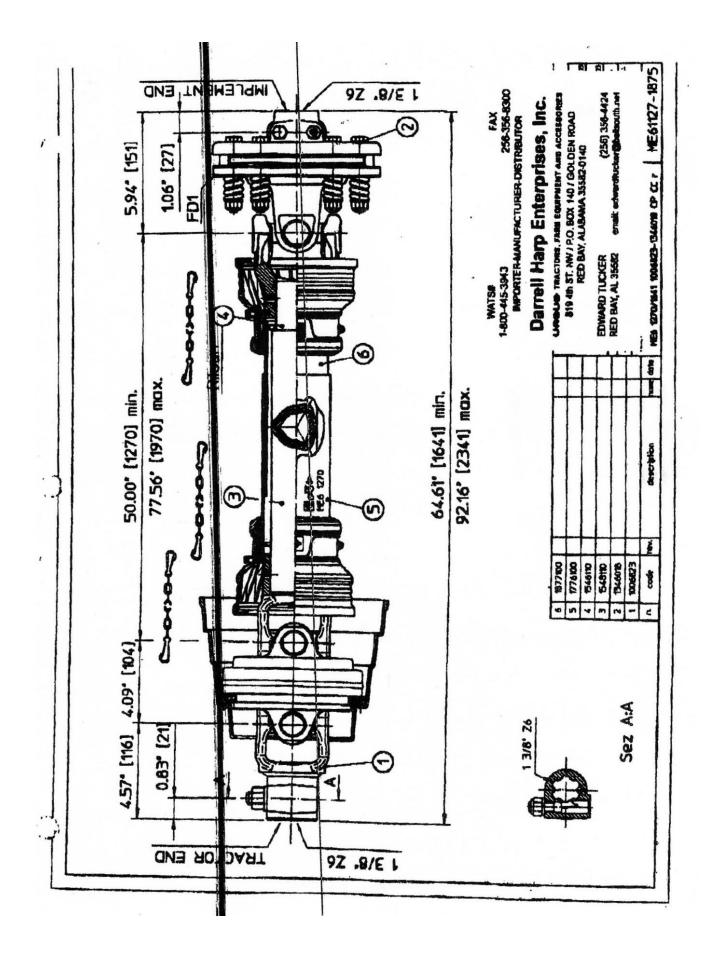


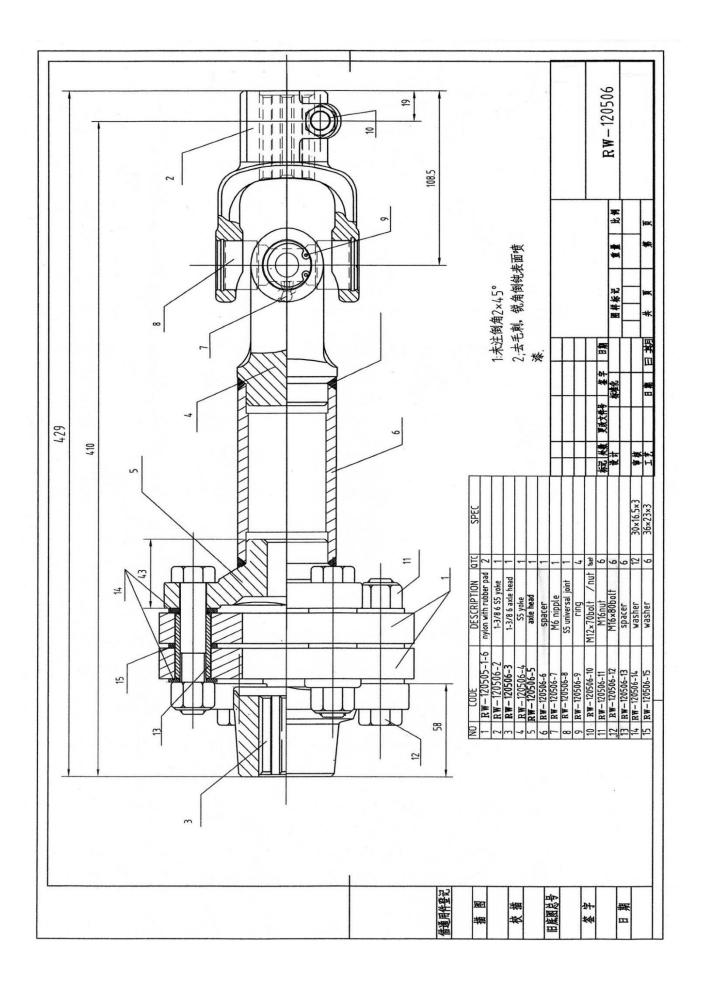


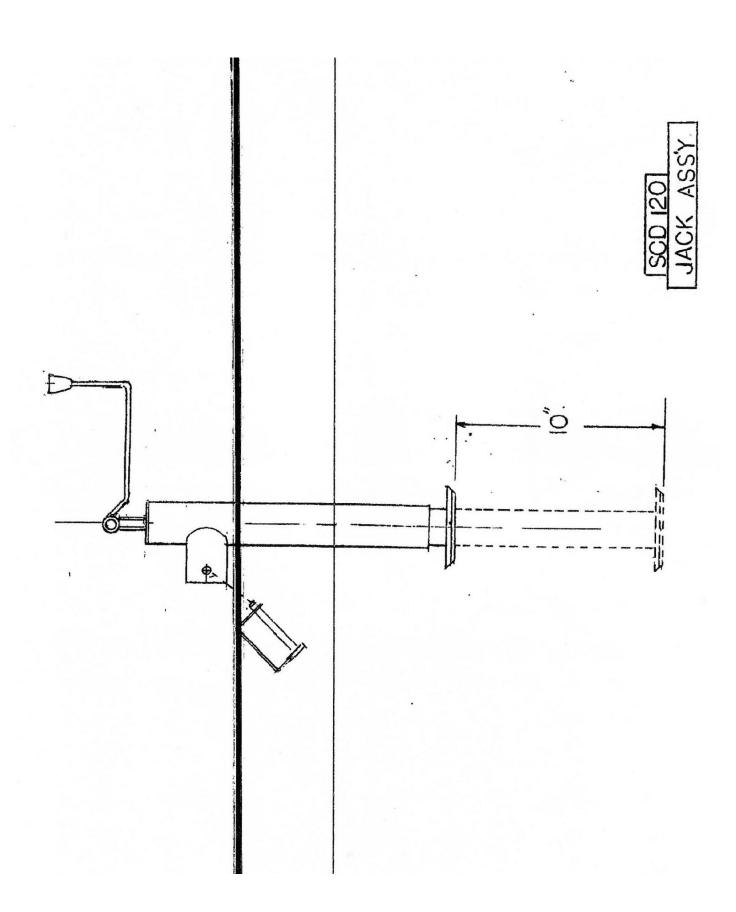


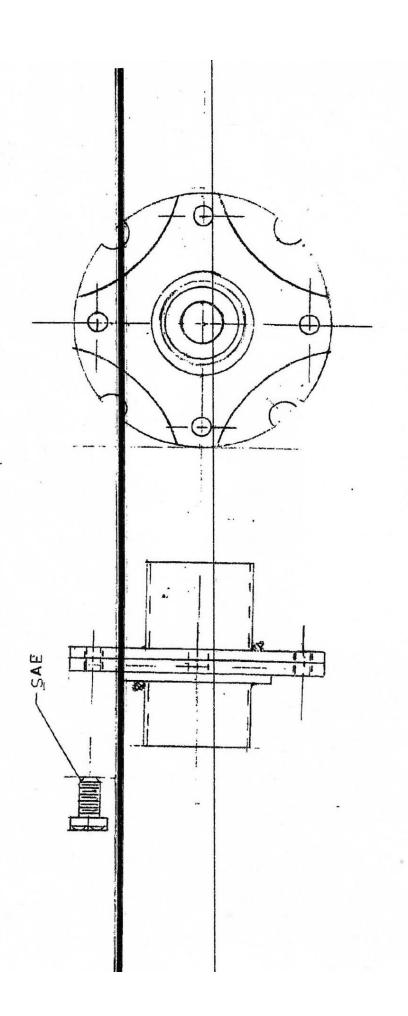




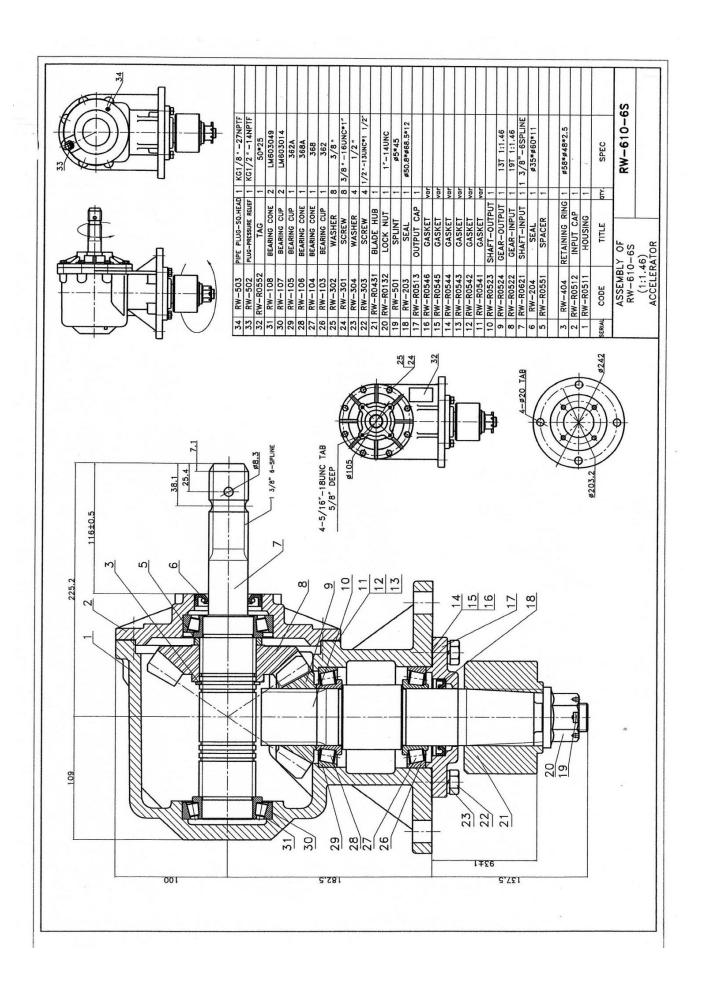


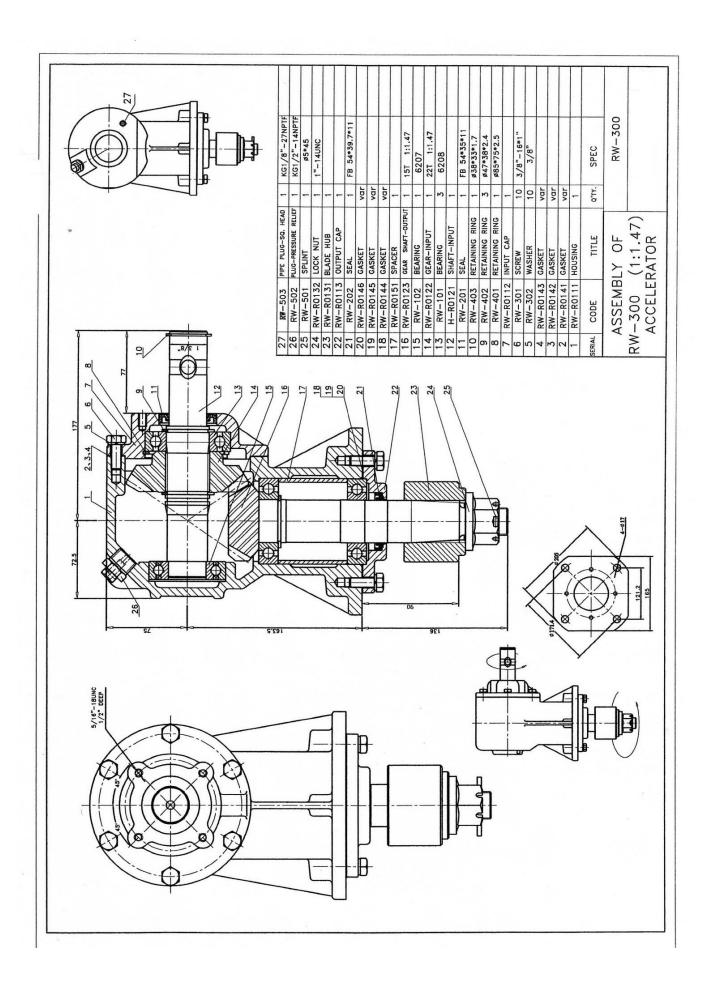






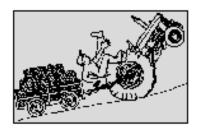
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# IT IS UP TO YOU

# **REMEMBER: SAFETY FIRST!!!**



#### BETTER TO BE "SAFE" THAN "SORRY"

Don't find out the hard way that careless actions can make you, your family, your friends, or an innocent by-stander the victim of an accident. Safety is an everyday need. Outfit yourself with a complete safety program.

#### READ YOUR OPERATOR'S MANUAL THOROUGHLY!!

Know how to operate your machine properly and safely. Always take the necessary safety precautions.



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# **GENERAL MAINTENANCE**

- 1. Tractor and rotary cutter must be shut off (disengaged from any power) before any acts of maintenance are performed.
- 2. Check oil level in gearbox periodically. Keep level up to check plug. Use SAE 90 or SAE 140 transmission oil. Use caution not to over fill.
- 3. Lubricate universal joint on PTO shaft every few hours of use. Keep PTO shaft free of dirt and foreign materials so that it will telescope freely to avoid damage to your tractor or rotary cutter.
- 4. Lubricate tailwheel.
- 5. Keep blades sharp. When replacing worn blades, be sure to replace in pairs to maintain rotary balance.
- 6. Keep all bolts tightened properly.

# **WARRANTY**

We warrant each new Big Bee Rotary Cutter against defect in material or workmanship for a period of 90 days or a reasonable period of time dependent upon the type of use of the machine.

In the event that it is necessary to replace or repair any part(s) during the warranty period, go to your dealer with the defective part(s) and they will assist you in obtaining the needed replacement and/or return the defective part(s) to:

DHE Warranty Division PO Box 140 819 4<sup>th</sup> Street NW Red Bay, AL 35582

Neither manufacturer or the dealer shall be held responsible for the loss of use of the machine, loss of time, inconvenience, commercial loss, or consequential damages.

In order for your Big Bee Rotary Cutter to be covered by our warranty policy, the equipment registration form on the back cover must be completed and returned within 10 days after the purchase date.

The warranty policy is not effective unless the equipment registration is recorded in our office.

# **OWNER REGISTRATION**

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