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Information Bulletin

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Product Type: Ryan - JR Sod Cutter

Customer Issue: Belt walks off the engine pulley

Cause: Critical adjustment required

Action Required: Always refer to the Owner's Manual but here are some quick tips for proper belt adjustment.

- Loosen the engine bolts, the engine plate has slots and the engine will have to be shifted, to get the correct belt tension.
- Remove any belt debris build up from the engine pulley.
- Ensure the unit has an OEM belt installed. This is critical to maintain the proper strength and for minimum relaxation of the belt over time.
- For proper belt tension, the belt has to slip on the engine pulley.
 - If the belt is too tight, the unit will drive without engaging the Operator Presence Control lever.
 - If the belt is too loose, the belt will walk off the engine pulley.
- For proper pulley alignment, run a straight edge from the large pulley across to the engine pulley and tighten the engine bolts.

Brake band adjustment:

The Operator Presence Control lever has three positions –

1. The Forward position engages the belt idler for drive and the brake band should not be making contact with the belt. The brake band is typically humped up ¼" above the belt.
2. The Middle position or Neutral disengages the belt idler and the brake band will be making very little contact with the belt.
3. With the OPC lever pulled all the way back and held, the belt idler is disengaged and the brake band will be applying pressure to the belt.

Products Involved: All JR Sod Cutter models

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