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GROOMING MOWERS

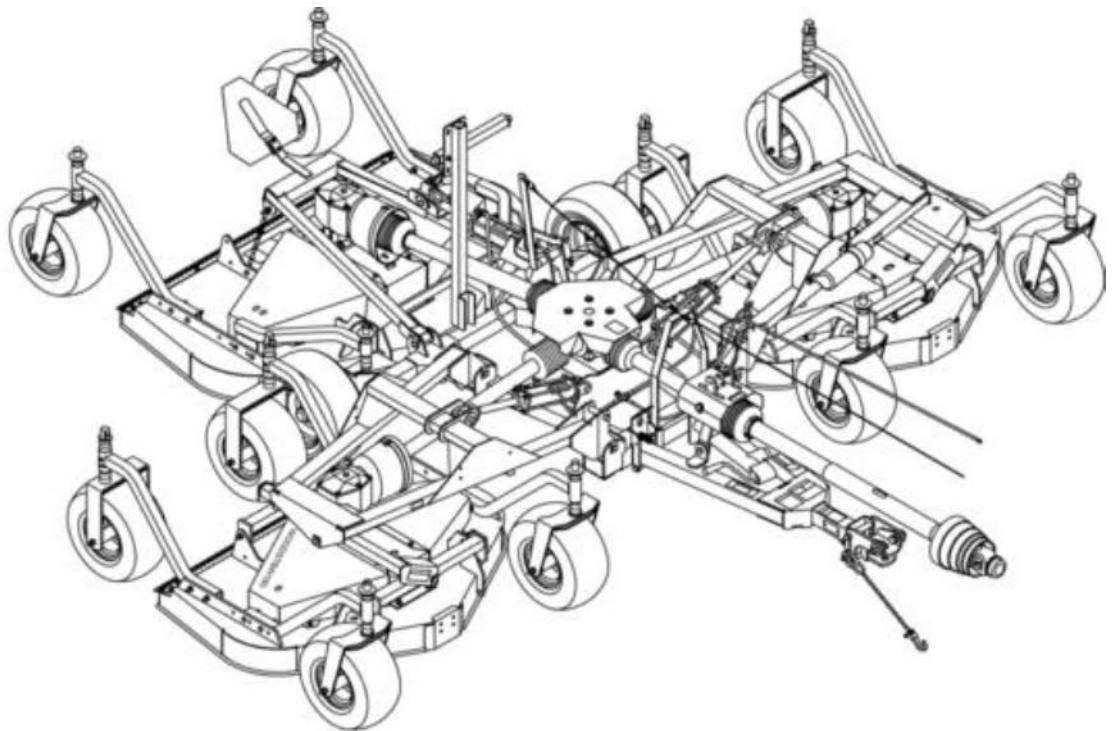
FM1012

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REAR DISCHARGE

Serial Number 1XFFM10XAB0000106 & Above



FRONTIER
EQUIPMENT™

TO THE DEALER:

Assembly and proper installation of this product is the responsibility of the Frontier dealer. Read manual instructions and safety rules. Make sure all items on the Dealer's Pre-Delivery and Delivery Check Lists in the Operator's Manual are completed before releasing equipment to the owner.

TO THE OWNER:

Read this manual before operating your Frontier equipment. The information presented will prepare you to do a better and safer job. Keep this manual handy for ready reference. Require all operators to read this manual carefully and become acquainted with all the adjustment and operating procedures before attempting to operate. Replacement manuals can be obtained from your selling dealer.

The equipment you have purchased has been carefully engineered and manufactured to provide dependable and satisfactory use. Like all mechanical products, it will require cleaning and upkeep. Lubricate the unit as specified. Observe all safety information in this manual and safety decals on the equipment.

For service, your authorized Frontier dealer has trained mechanics, genuine Frontier service parts, and the necessary tools and equipment to handle all your needs.

Use only genuine Frontier service parts. Substitute parts will void the warranty and may not meet standards required for safe and satisfactory operation. Record the model number and serial number of your equipment in the spaces provided:

Model: _____ **Date of Purchase:** _____

Serial Number: (see Safety Decal section for location) _____

Provide this information to your dealer to obtain correct repair parts.

Throughout this manual, the term **NOTICE** is used to indicate that failure to observe can cause damage to equipment. The terms **CAUTION**, **WARNING** and **DANGER** are used in conjunction with the Safety-Alert Symbol, (a triangle with an exclamation mark), to indicate the degree of hazard for items of personal safety.



This is the safety alert symbol. It is used to alert you to potential personal injury hazards. Obey all safety messages that follow this symbol to avoid possible injury or death.



Indicates a hazardous situation which, if not avoided, will result in death or serious injury.



Indicates a hazardous situation which, if not avoided, could result in death or serious injury.



Indicates a hazardous situation which, if not avoided, could result in minor or moderate injury.

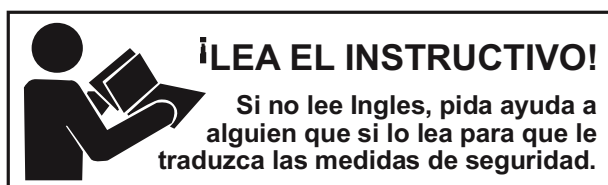
IMPORTANT
or **NOTICE**

Is used to address practices not related to personal injury.

NOTE Indicates helpful information.

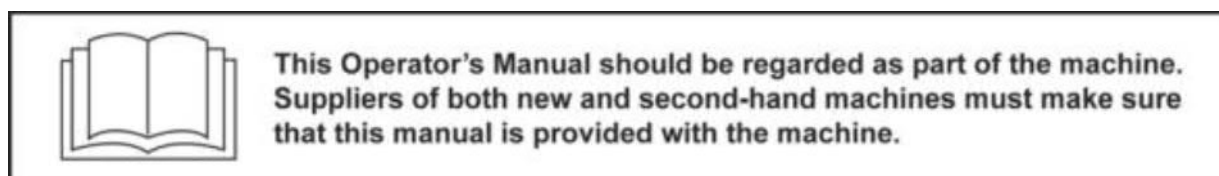
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SPECIFICATIONS

MODEL	FM1012	FM1015	FM1017
Cutting Width	12'	15'	17'
Cutting Height Range	1.0" - 5.0"	1.0" - 5.0"	1.0" - 5.0"
Shipping Weight (Approximately)	3,010 lbs.	3,300 lbs.	3,450 lbs.
Blade Speed (feet per minute)	18,000	18,000	18,000
Blade Spindles	7	9	9
Number of Blades	7	9	9
Universal Drive Series	(Input: ASAE Cat 4; Wing: ASAE Cat 3)		
Transport Wheels	20.5" x 8.0" - 10	20.5" x 8.0" - 10	20.5" x 8.0" - 10
Caster Wheels	15" x 6.00" - 6	18" x 9.50" - 8	18" x 9.50" - 8
Tractor PTO Speed	540 rpm	540 rpm	540 rpm
Recommended Minimum Tractor Horsepower	30 hp	35 hp	40 hp



GENERAL INFORMATION

WARNING

■ **Some illustrations in this manual show the mower with safety shields removed to provide a better view. The mower should never be operated with any safety shielding removed.**

The purpose of this manual is to assist you in operating and maintaining your Flex Wing Mower. Read it carefully. It furnishes information and instructions that will help you achieve years of dependable performance. These instructions have been compiled from extensive field experience and engineering data. Some information may be general in nature, due to unknown and varying operating conditions. However, through experi-

ence and these instructions, you should be able to develop procedures suitable to your particular situation.

The illustrations and data used in this manual were current at the time of printing. However, due to possible inline production changes, your machine may vary slightly in detail. We reserve the right to redesign and change the machines as may be necessary without notification.

Throughout this manual, references are made to right and left direction. These are determined by standing behind the tractor facing the direction of forward travel. Blade rotation is clockwise as viewed from the top of the mower.

NOTES



SAFETY RULES

ATTENTION! BECOME ALERT! YOUR SAFETY IS INVOLVED!



Safety is a primary concern in the design and manufacture of our products. Unfortunately, our efforts to provide safe equipment can be wiped out by an operator's single careless act.

In addition to the design and configuration of equipment, hazard control and accident prevention are dependent upon the awareness, concern, judgement, and proper training of personnel involved in the operation, transport, maintenance and storage of equipment.

It has been said "The best safety device is an informed, careful operator." We ask you to be that kind of operator.

TRAINING

- **Safety instructions are important! Read all attachment and power unit manuals; follow all safety rules and safety decal information. (Replacement manuals and safety decals are available from your dealer.) Failure to follow instructions or safety rules can result in serious injury or death.**
- **If you do not understand any part of this manual and need assistance, see your dealer.**
- **Know your controls and how to stop engine and attachment quickly in an emergency.**
- **Operators must be instructed in and be capable of the safe operation of the equipment, its attachments, and all controls. Do not allow anyone to operate this equipment without proper instructions.**
- **Keep hands and body away from pressurized lines. Use paper or cardboard, not hands or other body parts to check for leaks. Wear safety goggles. Hydraulic fluid under pressure can easily penetrate skin and will cause serious injury or death.**
- **Make sure that all operating and service personnel know that if hydraulic fluid penetrates skin, it must be surgically removed as soon as possible by a doctor familiar with this form of injury or gangrene, serious injury, or death will result. CONTACT A PHYSICIAN IMMEDIATELY IF FLUID ENTERS SKIN OR EYES. DO NOT DELAY.**
- **Never allow children or untrained persons to operate equipment.**

PREPARATION

- **Check that all hardware is properly installed. Always tighten to torque chart specifications unless instructed otherwise in this manual.**
- **Air in hydraulic systems can cause erratic operation and allows loads or equipment components to drop unexpectedly. When connecting equipment or hoses or performing any hydraulic maintenance, purge any air in hydraulic system by operating all hydraulic functions several times. Do this before putting into service or allowing anyone to approach the equipment.**
- **Make sure all hydraulic hoses, fittings, and valves are in good condition and not leaking before starting power unit or using equipment. Check and route hoses carefully to prevent damage. Hoses must not be twisted, bent sharply, kinked, frayed, pinched, or come into contact with any moving parts. Operate moveable components through full operational range to check clearances. Replace any damaged hoses immediately.**
- **Always wear relatively tight and belted clothing to avoid entanglement in moving parts. Wear sturdy, rough-soled work shoes and protective equipment for eyes, hair, hands, hearing, and head; and respirator or filter mask where appropriate.**
- **When attaching a pull-type unit to the tractor drawbar, always use a high-strength drawbar pin. The drawbar pin must have a device that will lock it into position. Secure safety chain to attachment and tractor.**
- **Make sure attachment is properly secured, adjusted, and in good operating condition.**
- **Make sure spring-activated locking pin or collar slides freely and is seated firmly in tractor PTO spline groove.**
- **If equipped with driveline guard tether chains, make sure they are attached to the tractor and equipment as shown in the pamphlet that accompanies the driveline. Replace if damaged or broken. Check that driveline guards rotate freely on driveline before putting equipment into service.**
- **Before starting the power unit, check all equipment driveline guards for damage. Replace any damaged guards. Make sure all guards rotate freely on all drivelines. If guards do not rotate freely on drivelines, repair and replace bearings before putting equipment into service.**

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- Power unit must be equipped with ROPS or ROPS cab and seat belt. Keep seat belt securely fastened. Falling off power unit can result in death from being run over or crushed. Keep foldable ROPS systems in “locked up” position at all times.
- Inspect chain shielding before each use. Replace if damaged.
- Remove accumulated debris from this equipment, power unit, and engine to avoid fire hazard.
- Make sure all safety decals are installed. Replace if damaged. (See Safety Decals section for location.)
- Make sure shields and guards are properly installed and in good condition. Replace if damaged.
- A minimum 20% of tractor and equipment weight must be on the tractor front wheels when attachments are in transport position. Without this weight, tractor could tip over, causing personal injury or death. The weight may be attained with front wheel weights, ballast in tires or front tractor weights. Weigh the tractor and equipment. Do not estimate.
- Inspect and clear area of stones, branches, or other hard objects that might be thrown, causing injury or damage.
- Never attach the mower release rope to the operator, the operator's clothing, or the tractor seat.
- Make test turns, both left and right. Check that both the hydraulic hose and the mower transport lock release rope do not become taut or caught on any parts of the tractor or mower.

TRANSPORTATION

- The maximum transport speed for towed and semi-mounted machines is 20 mph (32 km/h). Regardless of the maximum speed capability of the towing tractor, do not exceed the implement's maximum transport speed. Doing so could result in:
 - Loss of control of the implement and tractor
 - Reduced or no ability to stop during braking
 - Implement tire failure
 - Damage to the implement or its components.
- Use additional caution and reduce speed when under adverse surface conditions, turning, or on inclines.
- Do not operate PTO during transport.

- Never tow this implement with a motor vehicle.

OPERATION

- Only engage power when equipment is at ground operating level. Always disengage power when equipment is raised off the ground.
- Do not allow bystanders in the area when operating, attaching, removing, assembling, or servicing equipment.
- Never walk, stand, or place yourself or others under a raised wing or in the path of a lowering wing. Hydraulic system leak-down, hydraulic system failures, mechanical failures, or movement of control levers can cause wings to drop unexpectedly and cause severe injury or death.
- Full chain shielding must be installed when operating in populated areas or other areas where thrown objects could injure people or damage property.
 - If this machine is not equipped with full chain shielding, operation must be stopped when anyone comes within 300 feet (92 m).
 - This shielding is designed to reduce the risk of thrown objects. The mower deck and protective devices cannot prevent all objects from escaping the blade enclosure in every mowing condition. It is possible for objects to ricochet and escape, traveling as much as 300 feet (92 m).
- Never direct discharge toward people, animals, or property.
- Do not operate or transport equipment while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
- Operate only in daylight or good artificial light.
- Keep hands, feet, hair, and clothing away from equipment while engine is running. Stay clear of all moving parts.
- Always comply with all state and local lighting and marking requirements.
- Never allow riders on power unit or attachment.
- Power unit must be equipped with ROPS or ROPS cab and seat belt. Keep seat belt securely fastened. Falling off power unit can result in death from being run over or crushed. Keep foldable ROPS systems in “locked up” position at all times.

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- Always sit in power unit seat when operating controls or starting engine. Securely fasten seat belt, place transmission in neutral, engage brake, and ensure all other controls are disengaged before starting power unit engine.
- Operate tractor PTO at 540 RPM. Do not exceed.
- Do not operate mowers on terrain that raises mowers beyond 25 degrees. Exceeding this design limit will result in U-joint “knocking noise” and potential driveline failure and could cause driveline to pull apart.
- Before raising or lowering wings, front hitch/lift and rear wheel/lift cylinders must be fully extended and all four cylinder locks installed. This prevents rotor and bearing support damage that can result from ground contact.
- Look down and to the rear and make sure area is clear before operating in reverse.
- Do not operate or transport on steep slopes.
- Do not stop, start, or change directions suddenly on slopes.
- Use extreme care and reduce ground speed on slopes and rough terrain.
- Watch for hidden hazards on the terrain during operation.
- Stop power unit and implement immediately upon striking an obstruction. Dismount power unit, using proper procedure. Inspect and repair any damage before resuming operation.
- Always connect safety chain from equipment to towing vehicle when transporting.

MAINTENANCE

- Before dismounting power unit or performing any service or maintenance, follow these steps: disengage power to equipment, lower the 3-point hitch and all raised components to the ground, operate valve levers to release any hydraulic pressure, set parking brake, stop engine, remove key, and unfasten seat belt.
- Before working underneath, carefully read Operator’s Manual instructions, disconnect driveline, raise mower, securely block up all corners with jackstands, and check stability. Secure blocking prevents equipment from dropping due to hydraulic leak down, hydraulic system failures, or mechanical component failures.

- Do not modify or alter or permit anyone else to modify or alter the equipment or any of its components in any way.
- Your dealer can supply original equipment hydraulic accessories and repair parts. Substitute parts may not meet original equipment specifications and may be dangerous.
- To prevent contamination, clean and then cover hose ends, fittings, and motor ports with tape.
- Always wear relatively tight and belted clothing to avoid entanglement in moving parts. Wear sturdy, rough-soled work shoes and protective equipment for eyes, hair, hands, hearing, and head; and respirator or filter mask where appropriate.
- Do not allow bystanders in the area when operating, attaching, removing, assembling, or servicing equipment.
- Make sure attachment is properly secured, adjusted, and in good operating condition.
- Keep all persons away from operator control area while performing adjustments, service, or maintenance.
- Frequently check blades. They should be sharp, free of nicks and cracks, and securely fastened.
- Do not handle blades with bare hands. Careless or improper handling may result in serious injury.
- Your dealer can supply genuine replacement blades. Substitute blades may not meet original equipment specifications and may be dangerous.
- Tighten all bolts, nuts and screws to torque chart specifications. Check that all cotter pins are installed securely to ensure equipment is in a safe condition before putting unit into service.
- Make sure all safety decals are installed. Replace if damaged. (See Safety Decals section for location.)
- Make sure shields and guards are properly installed and in good condition. Replace if damaged.
- Do not disconnect hydraulic lines until engine is stopped, power unit is properly secured, equipment and all components are lowered to the ground, and system pressure is released by operating all valve control levers.

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- When lubricating telescoping PTO drives, keep fingers out of shield access slots to prevent injury.
- Wear gloves when installing belt. Be careful to prevent fingers from being caught between belt and pulley.
- Use care when installing or removing belt from spring-loaded idler. Springs store energy when

extended and, if released suddenly, can cause personal injury.

STORAGE

- Block equipment securely for storage.
- Keep children and bystanders away from storage area.



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