



# **Elec-Trak<sup>®</sup>**

## **Garden Tractor**

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#### Mowing Performance

The Elec-Trak mower is, as you know, convertible to either side or rear discharge. The rear discharge mower is best suited to regularly cut lawn, sweeper pickup of clippings and, of course, it offers major safety advantages with all discharge down and under the tractor. Some lawn conditions such as long, limp or wet grass and no sweeping are not well suited to the rear discharge kit due to the front baffle pushing over the grass immediately before the blades hit it.

The side discharge kit design is best suited to long limp or wet grass and leaving the clippings on the lawn. The large space between the mower front and the blades without baffling, and the rear baffle vacuum action for a second cutting, combined with the broad scattering of the discharge, give the cleanest appearance.

Each customer should be carefully introduced to the two options to best meet his own application. If any mowing appearance or safety concern problems develop later, the option for changeover should be explained to him.

An easy test for difference is to operate the tractor-rear discharge mower in reverse and observe the appearance. In this case the rear discharge is acting like the side discharge does in the forward direction and provides a good comparison before making a changeover.

#### Mower Alignment

If a uniform cut is not being obtained with the mower, some checks to be made include:

See that the blades are all in the same horizontal plane by comparing lineup at the ends. Rotate each blade by hand 180 degrees to test each end.

Check the front caster supports for uniform attachment to the housing. Slotted holes in the housing may permit a difference in assembly if not carefully checked.

Be sure the rear roller is assembled straight.

Be sure the mower is level by correct choice of spacers in front to correspond to holes in rear adjuster.

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