

## **STARTING THE ENGINE**

BEFORE STARTING, ALWAYS RELEASE THE BLADE CONTROL LEVER AND DRIVE CLUTCH LEVER, SO THE BLADE WILL NOT TURN AND THE MOWER WILL NOT MOVE FORWARD, WHEN YOU OPERATE THE STARTER.

1. TURN THE FUEL VALVE TO THE ON POSITION.
2. MOVE THE THROTTLE LEVER TO THE PROPER STARTING POSITION.

**COLD ENGINE:**

MOVE THE THROTTLE LEVER TO THE CHOKE POSITION.

**WARM ENGINE:**

MOVE THE THROTTLE LEVER TO THE FAST POSITION.

### **OPERATION:**

PLACE YOUR FOOT ON THE MOWER DECK STEP. PULL THE STARTER GRIP LIGHTLY TILL YOU FEEL A RESISTANCE THEN PULL BRISKLY. RETURN THE STARTER GRIP GENTLY.

IF THE CHOKE WAS USED IN THE STARTING, MOVE THE THROTTLE LEVER AWAY FROM THE CHOKE POSITION AS SOON AS THE ENGINE WARMS UP ENOUGH TO RUN SMOOTHLY WITH OUT THE USE OF THE CHOKE. SET THE THROTTLE LEVER AT FAST TO MOW OR SLOW TO IDLE.

**ALWAYS MOW WITH THE THROTTLE LEVER IN THE FAST POSITION. WHEN YOU NEED TO EMPTY THE GRASS BAG OR LEAVE THE MOWER FOR ANY REASON, MOVE THE THROTTLE LEVER TO THE STOP POSITION.**

### **BLADE CONTROL LEVER:**

TO START BLADE ROTATION, PRESS THE BUTTON ON THE TOP OF THE BLADE CONTROL LEVER, THEN PRESS THE LEVER FORWARD QUICKLY AND HOLD IT AGAINST THE HANDLEBAR.

RELEASE THE BLADE CONTROL LEVER TO STOP THE BLADES. OPERATE THE BLADE CONTROL LEVER WITH A QUICK AND COMPLETE MOTION, SO THE BLADE CONTROL IS ALWAYS EITHER FULLY ENGAGED OR STOPPED. THIS WILL HELP TO PREVENT THE ENGINE FROM STALLING, AND IT WILL ALSO EXTEND THE SERVICE LIFE OF THE BLADE CONTROL MECHANISM. ALWAYS RELEASE THE BLADE CONTROL LEVER BEFORE STARTING THE ENGINE TO PREVENT THE BLADES FROM TURNING.

### **SHIFT LEVER:**

USE THE SHIFT LEVER TO SELECT THE FORWARD SPEED YOU WISH TO MOW AT. DO NOT USE THE THROTTLE LEVER TO ADJUST YOUR FORWARD SPEED. THE THROTTLE LEVER MUST REMAIN IN THE FAST POSITION FOR GOOD MOWING PERFORMANCE. OTHERWISE CUT QUALITY SUFFERS.

**STOPPING THE ENGINE:**

1. RELEASE THE DRIVE CLUTCH LEVER AND THE BLADE CONTROL LEVER.
2. MOVE THE THROTTLE LEVER TO THE STOP POSITION.
3. WHEN THE MOWER IS NOT IN USE, TURN THE FUEL VALVE TO THE OFF POSITION.