

SERVICE**BULLETIN**

SB #: 2009-7
DATE: MAY 2009
TO: ALL AUTHORIZED SIMPLICITY SERVICE DEALERS
SUBJECT: NEW HARDENED WASHER FOR BLADE BOLTS
MODELS: CITATION & COBALT SERIES ZERO-TURN RIDING MOWERS (SEE LIST BELOW)

CONDITIONS:

We have received reports of over-tightened blade bolts on some subject units listed below.


Brand	Model Number	Serial Number Range	Description
Simplicity	2690444	2000650450-2013044710	Citation Series ZTR, 21HP w/ 48" Deck
Simplicity	2690445	2000650450-2013044710	Citation Series ZTR, 23 HP w/ 52" Deck
Simplicity	2690479	2000650450-2013044710	Cobalt Series ZTR, 27HP w/ 61" Deck

POSSIBLE CAUSES:

After repeated blade engagements, torque forces on the blade can cause the bolt to overtighten and deform the washer.

INSPECTION / REPAIR ACTIONS:

If encountered, order three (3) p/n **5025477SM** Washer and three (3) p/n **5025320X14SM** Bolt. Remove the old washers and blade bolts. Install one new washer and one new blade bolt for each blade. Torque the blade bolts to 70 ft lbs (90 Nm).

⚠ WARNING	
	Avoid injury! Mower blades are sharp.
Always wear gloves when handling mower blades or working near blades.	

WARRANTY:

File for warranty reimbursement using e-Claim at www.ThePowerPortal.com. Use the values listed below when filling out the claim. The information in the "Brand" block indicates which tab the claim should be filed under. File only one unit per claim form.

Brand	Simplicity		
Failure Location Category	L&G-Deck/Att.	Cause of Failure	SB2009-7
Failure Location Code	H65	Work Performed	SB2009-7
Defect Code/Failure Mode	PM	Repair Parts Used	5025477SM Qty: 3
Control/Evaluation Number	SB2009-7		5025320x14 Qty: 3
Pick-Up & Delivery	N/A		
Total Hours (Tenths)	.5		

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