

THE  
HOWARD

**ROTAVATOR**

*'Bantam'*

*Instruction Book and Spare Parts List*

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This Owner's Handbook has been written with the object of providing in the simplest possible manner a complete guide for the owner in the operation of the Rotavator "Bantam". Detailed instructions for the larger maintenance operations, especially those which may become necessary after long service, are not included in this publication, as such work should be entrusted to the Rotavator Dealer.



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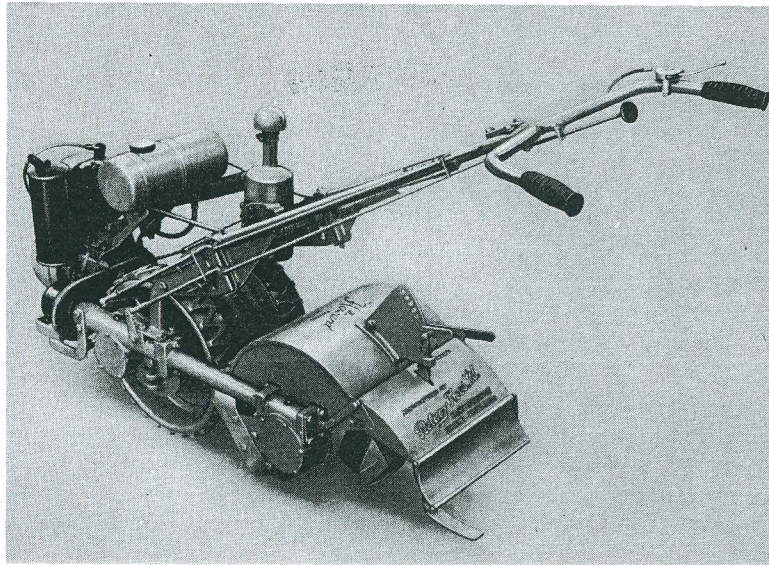
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# THE HOWARD ROTAVATOR 'Bantam'



## GENERAL DESCRIPTION

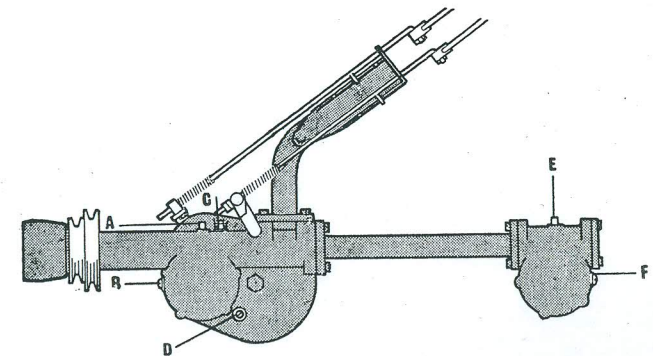
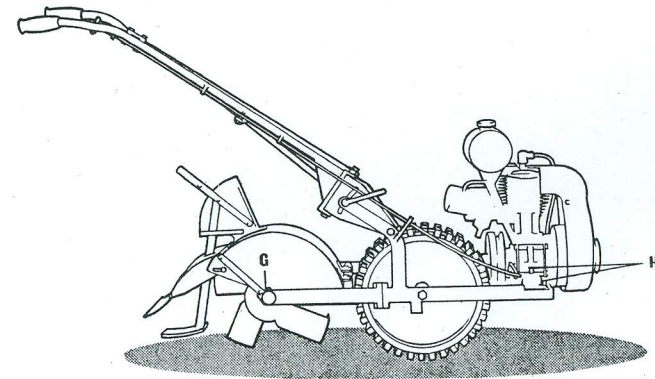
**ENGINE:** A separate Engine Instruction Book is provided with each machine.

**GEAR-BOX** (see Diagram 2): The primary drive from the engine is by V belt to high and low-ratio pulleys. The forward belt pulley gives high ratio, i.e. the fast speed, and the rear pulley gives the low ratio, i.e. the slower speed. The drive is then by worm shaft to the two-speed gear-box. Four travel speeds are thus provided.

**ROTOR** (see Diagram 3): The drive to the rotor is by worm gear with its separate control. The rotor has a cultivating width of 10", 12" or 14" with flanges carrying eight specially shaped hoe blades, four of which are right-hand and four left-hand.

**DIMENSIONS:** Overall length 5' 2"; overall width 1' 3"; Weight including Rotor 196 lbs. Working depth 5" on lay ground; 7" to 8" on worked garden soil. This is easily adjustable in  $\frac{1}{2}$ " stages.

## LUBRICATION FILLING AND OILING POINTS



- A Filler for Worm Drive Gear-box.
- B Oil level screw for Worm Drive Gear-box.
- C Filler for Change Speed Gear-box.
- D Oil level screw for Change Speed Gear-box.

- E Filler for Rotor Drive Worm Gear-box.
- F Oil level screw for Rotor Drive Worm Gear-box.
- G Rotor Axle Cap.
- H Engine Mounting Oil Cups (two on offside and two on near side).

All other moving parts as required. FOR ENGINE SEE ENGINE INSTRUCTION BOOK  
Use gear oil SAE 140. There are eight filling and oiling points:—

**1. MAIN GEAR-BOX** Plug A will be found on top of the worm gear-box and another C on top of the change-speed gear-box. Fill and maintain both boxes up to the level plugs provided B and D. Replace plug.

**2. ROTOR** Remove filler plug E on top of the rotor worm drive box and fill and maintain up to level plug provided F. Replace plug.



**3. ROTOR AXLE CAP** Remove screw plug G and fill with oil. Replace plug.

**4. ENGINE MOUNTING OIL CUPS** Maintain with oil the four engine mounting oil cups : two of each are on the main frame at either side of the engine. These are marked H on the Lubrication Chart.

**NOTE**—Check all filling and oiling points after every eight hours work.

IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT THE OIL IN THE GEAR-BOX AND IN THE ROTOR (plugs A C and E) SHOULD BE TOPPED UP AFTER EACH EIGHT HOURS WORK.

## ADJUSTMENTS

**ENGINE DRIVE BELT**—(Illus. No. B.47). A simple wing nut has been fitted to enable the tension of the engine drive belt to be adjusted. This is located on the right-hand side of the engine. Tension is applied by turning it in a clockwise direction.

**PULLEY BRAKE**—(Illus. No. B.48). To counteract the tendency of the pulley to creep when the engine is idling, a fibre block (Illus. No. B.44) maintains a slight pressure against the side of the driving pulley wheel. After gradual wear has taken place the block should be moved nearer to the pulley and elongated bolt holes have been provided to permit this. Clamp up securely after adjustment.

**CLUTCH**—The clutch control rod (Illus. No. B.11) is mounted between the handle bars. To engage pull upwards and to disengage push sharply downwards.

**GEAR CONTROL**—(See Diagram 2). The upper gear control rod (Illus. No. B.98) operates the travel-speed gear-box while the lower (Illus. No. B.99) operates the rotor gear. The neutral position of the travel-speed box is in the centre of the gear control gate. To select top gear push the gear control rod downwards and engage the pin in the appropriate slot in the gate. To select low gear pull the gear control rod upwards and engage the pin in the upper gate slot.

To engage the rotor drive gear push the lower control rod downwards until the selector pin engages in its appropriate slot in the gate. To adjust either of these gear control rods, the lower half is provided with a threaded end which enables the rods to be lengthened or shortened.

## OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

Ensure that the two gear-levers are both in the neutral position. Start the engine as explained in the separate Engine Instruction Handbook.

To commence work—having started the engine select the travel speed required for the particular job to be undertaken and then engage the rotor gear (see directions above) and engage the clutch by pulling the control rod upwards.

During the first twenty-four hours of work, the Bantam engine should be used for only light cultivation so that the engine may be properly run in on a light load.

Generally speaking, when operating on cultivated land the high-ratio pulley can be used, but the low-ratio pulley i.e. the rear one, should be always used for working virgin ground or when operating on particularly heavy soil. Never overload the engine by using high-ratio when the load is too heavy for the engine to carry with ease.

The high-ratio pulley should be used when the Bantam is being used as a grass mower, hedge clipper and for its other ancillary jobs.

If the operator wishes to work the machine from the side in order to avoid walking on the cultivated land, all that is necessary is to pull the handle to the side where he wishes to work, at the same time holding the machine steady with the other hand. This swings the handle bars to the side.

## ADVICE ON HANDLING

It will be found, when working hard ground, that the best results will be obtained by the user putting the machine into work in easy stages. At the first cutting of virgin ground 2" depth only should be attempted and then the required depth obtained by putting the rotavator blades in progressively deeper on each occasion.

To avoid an accumulation of soil choking the rotor and causing the use of unnecessary power, always keep the rear shield raised so that the blades will throw the soil clear.

On lumpy ground the operator should not try to counteract the jumping of the machine, but should merely hold the handle bars lightly. Until the operator is fully accustomed to using the machine the rotor should be put out of gear at the end of each row before the machine is turned round, but with experience users will be able to lift the machine and turn it round while the rotor is still revolving.

Examine the hoe blades daily. If any are bent out of line so that the back of the blade is rubbing hard on the soil, straighten them with the hooked bar provided with tool kit.

It is essential that the cutting edge only should touch the soil and the back have clearance. If the edge of the blade should wear thin, and tend to turn inwards, leaving a heavy shoulder rubbing on the ground, this can be rectified by placing the end of the setting bar behind the blade and tapping the edge into position with a hammer. The efficiency of the machine depends largely on the condition of the hoes. If the blades become bent through striking solid obstacles in the ground and are not straightened, they will take more power to drive, the quality of the work will be poor and the blades will wear quickly.

A keen look-out, therefore, should be kept for bent blades, which should be straightened as soon as they are noticed.

It sometimes happens that a stone is trapped between the blades and the shield. When this occurs, the rotor will automatically stop. The operator should then put the rotor out of gear, lift the machine by its handle bars and turn the rotor in reverse by pushing sharply on one of the blades with the foot.



## PREPARING THE MACHINE FOR USES OTHER THAN CULTIVATING

**TO REMOVE ROTOR**—The rotor unit may be quickly detached by undoing the two swivel bolts (Illus. No. B.50) on the drive shaft housing at the rear of the gear-box on the left-hand side of the machine and also the two swivel bolts (Illus. No. B27) on the main frame on the right-hand side of the machine (in both cases looking from the rear).

Care should be taken when removing the rotor unit that oil from the dog clutch chamber is not allowed to escape. This may be almost completely avoided if the machine is tilted upwards and the engine mounting allowed to rest on the ground.

## LIST OF PARTS

### for the Rotavator "Bantam"

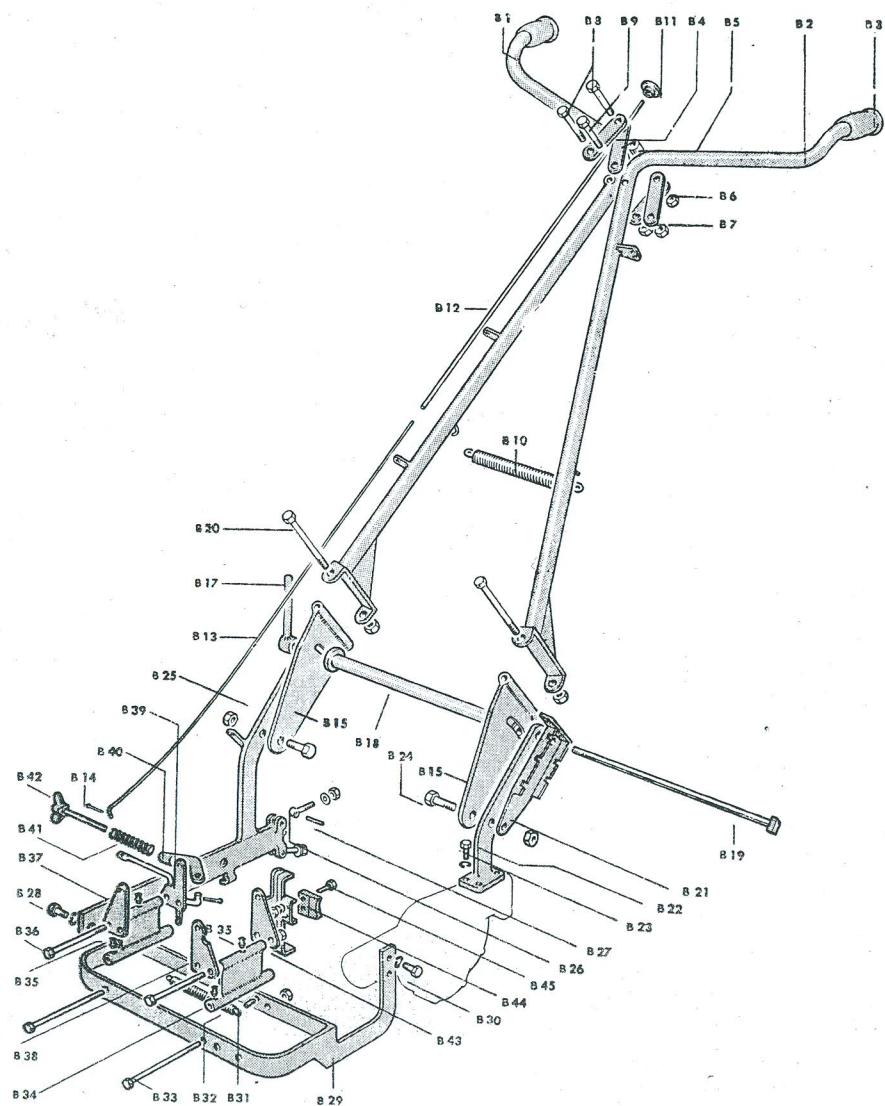
When ordering parts it is necessary to quote the number of the machine. This number is to be found at the base of the left-hand handlebar support. We cannot guarantee that correct replacements will be supplied unless this number is quoted.

All directions are given from left or right looking to the back of the cultivator.

| Illus. No. | Part No. | Description                               |
|------------|----------|---|
| B1         | B578     | Handlebar, Right Hand                     |
| B2         | B539     | " Left "                                  |
| B3         | 20557    | " Grip                                    |
| B4         | B525     | " Upper Toggle Link                       |
| B5         | B528     | " Toggle Spacer                           |
| B6         | B527     | " Lower Toggle Link                       |
| B7         | B526     | " Centre Toggle Link                      |
| B8         |          | 5/16" BSF x 2" long Hex Head Bolt         |
| B9         |          | 5/16" BSF x 1 1/2" " " " "                |
|            |          | Nuts 5/16" BSF                            |
| B10        | B422     | Handlebar Spring                          |
| B11        | B572     | Clutch Push Rod Knob                      |
| B12        | B573     | " " " Upper                               |
| B13        | B564     | " " " Lower                               |
| B14        |          | Split Pin 1/16" dia. x 1/2" long          |
| B15        | B492     | Handlebar Height Adjusting Plate          |
| B16        | B561     | Oilseal Housing Securing Pin              |
| B17        | B517     | Handlebar Clamping Lever.                 |
| B18        | B490     | " Spacing Tube                            |
| B19        | B491     | " Adj. Clamp Bolt, Nut 1/2" whit square   |
| B20        |          | Bolt 5/16" BSF x 4 3/4" long              |
|            |          | Locknut 5/16" BSF                         |
| B21        | B548     | Rotor & Travel Selector Quadrant          |
| B22        | B502     | Handlebar Support                         |
| B23        |          | 5/16" BSF x 3/4" long Setscrew            |
|            |          | Spring Washer 5/16" dia.                  |
| B24        |          | Bolt 7/16" BSF x 1"                       |
|            |          | Locknut 7/16" BSF                         |
| B25        | B489     | Front Side Frame                          |
| B26        | B513     | Captive Bolt                              |
|            |          | Nut 5/16" BSF                             |
|            |          | Flat Washer 5/16" dia.                    |
| B27        | B513/3   | Captive Bolt Pin short                    |
| B28        |          | Setscrew 5/16" BSF x 3/4"                 |
|            |          | Spring Washer 5/16" dia.                  |
| B29        | B488     | Engine Cradle 1/2" drilling               |
|            | B480     | " " 5/16" drilling                        |
| B30        |          | Setscrew 5/16" BSF x 3/4"                 |
|            |          | Spring Washer 5/16" dia.                  |
| B31        | B529     | Engine Cradle Tension Spring Pin          |
| B32        | B421     | " " " Spring                              |
| B33        | B623     | Pivot Hinge Bolt 5/16" long (A.C. Engine) |
|            |          | Locknut 5/16" BSF                         |



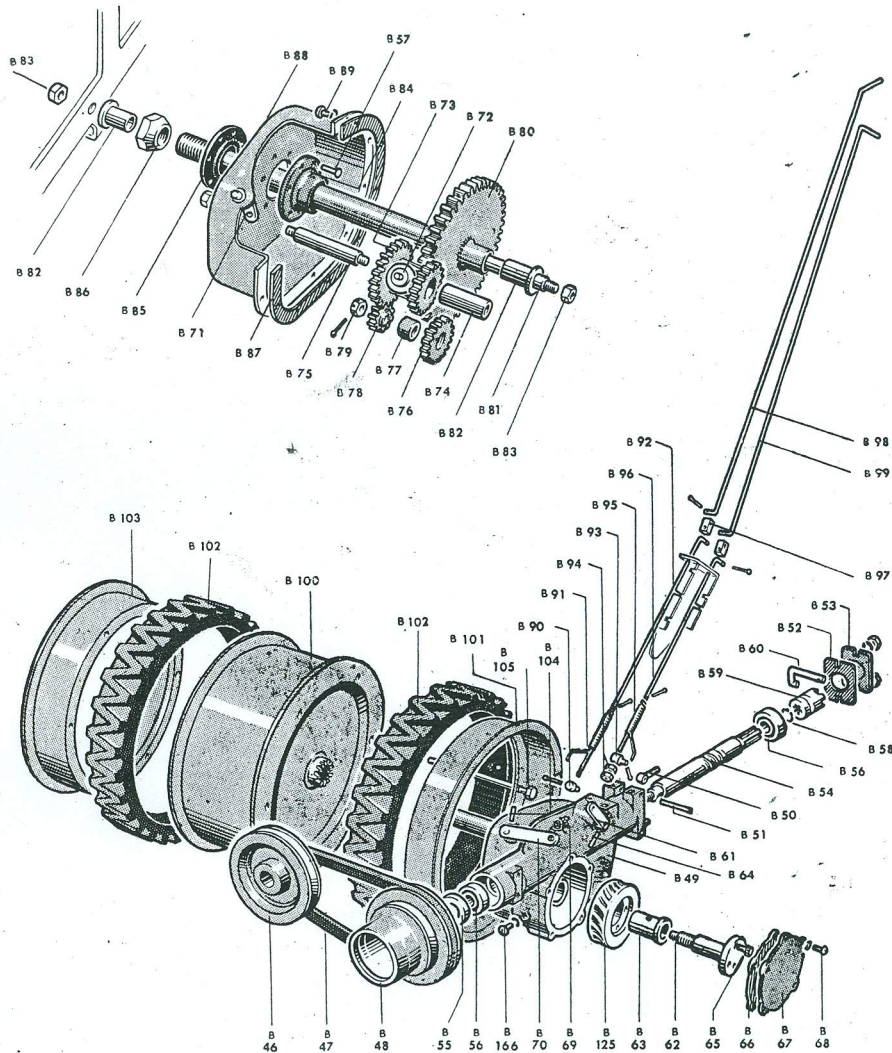
**DIAGRAM 1**



| Illus. No. | Part No. | Description                                  |
|------------|----------|--|
|            | B624     | Pivot Hinge Bolt 5/16" short (A.C. Engine)   |
|            | S/104/3  | Locknut 5/16" BSF                            |
| B34        | B484     | Engine Pivot Hinge 1/4" (Villiers Engine)    |
|            | B636     | " " " 5/16" (Villiers)                       |
|            | B896     | " " " R.H. (A.C. Engine)                     |
|            | B612     | " " " L.H. (A.C. Engine)                     |
| B35        |          | Flip-flap Oiler                              |
| B36        | B82/16   | Bolt 1/4" BSF x 2 3/4" long hex hd.          |
|            |          | Locknut 1/4" BSF                             |
|            | B624     | Pivot Hinge Bolt 5/16" (A.C. Engine)         |
|            | S/104/3  | Locknut 5/16" BSF                            |
|            | B626     | Pivot Hinge Bolt 5/16" (Villiers Engine)     |
|            | S/104/3  | Locknut 5/16" BSF                            |
| B37        | B500     | Engine Clamping Plate 1/4" (Villiers)        |
|            | B652     | " " " 5/16" (Villiers)                       |
|            |          | Shakeproof Washer 5/16" dia.                 |
| B38        | B500     | Engine Clamping Plate 1/4" (Villiers)        |
|            | B652     | " " " 5/16" (Villiers)                       |
| B39        | B580     | Clutch Fulcrum Bracket Assy. 1/4" (Villiers) |
|            | B654     | " " " 5/16" (Villiers)                       |
|            | B659     | " " " 1/4" (A.C. Engine)                     |
|            |          | Split Pin 5/16" dia. x 3/8" long             |
| B40        | B576     | Engine Clutch Positioning Lever              |
|            | B577     | " " " " " Spring                             |
| B41        | B469     | " " " " " Spring                             |
| B42        | B574     | " Lever Tension Bolt Assy. (Villiers)        |
| B43        | B478     | Brake Bracket 1/4" (Villiers)                |
|            | B653     | " " 5/16th" (Villiers)                       |
|            | B436     | " " (A.C. Engine)                            |
| B44        | B476     | Brake Block                                  |
| B45        |          | Bolt 3/16" BSF x 1"                          |
|            |          | Nut 3/16" BSF                                |
|            |          | Spring Washer 3/16"                          |
|            |          | Flat Washer 3/16" dia.                       |
| B46        | B472     | Engine Pulley (Villiers)                     |
|            | 20099    | " " (A.C. Engine)                            |
| B47        |          | " Vee Belt (Villiers)                        |
|            |          | " " (A.C. Engine)                            |
| B48        | B420     | Worm Shaft Pulley                            |
| B49        | B439     | " Drive Gear Box                             |
| B50        | B513     | Captive Bolt                                 |
|            |          | Nut 5/16" BSF                                |
|            |          | Flat Washer 5/16" dia.                       |
| B51        | B513/2   | Captive Bolt Hinge Pin Long                  |
| B52        | B462     | Worm Drive Housing Gasket                    |
| B53        | B494     | " " Box Spare End Cover                      |
| B54        | B444     | " " Shaft Front                              |
| B55        |          | " " " Gitseal 15608731                       |
| B56        |          | Bearing BRL 5/8"                             |
| B57        |          | Rivet 1/8" dia. x 1/2" long flat head copper |
| B58        |          | Circlips 5/8" dia. ext. type                 |
| B59        | B458     | Sliding Dog                                  |
| B60        | B465     | Rotor Dog Selector                           |
| B61        | B457     | " Selector Lever                             |
|            |          | Flat Washer 3/8" dia.                        |
| B62        | B440     | Gear Box Drive Shaft                         |
| B63        | B442     | Gear Box Drive Shaft Bush                    |
| B64        | B499     | Rotor Selector Arm Taper Pin                 |



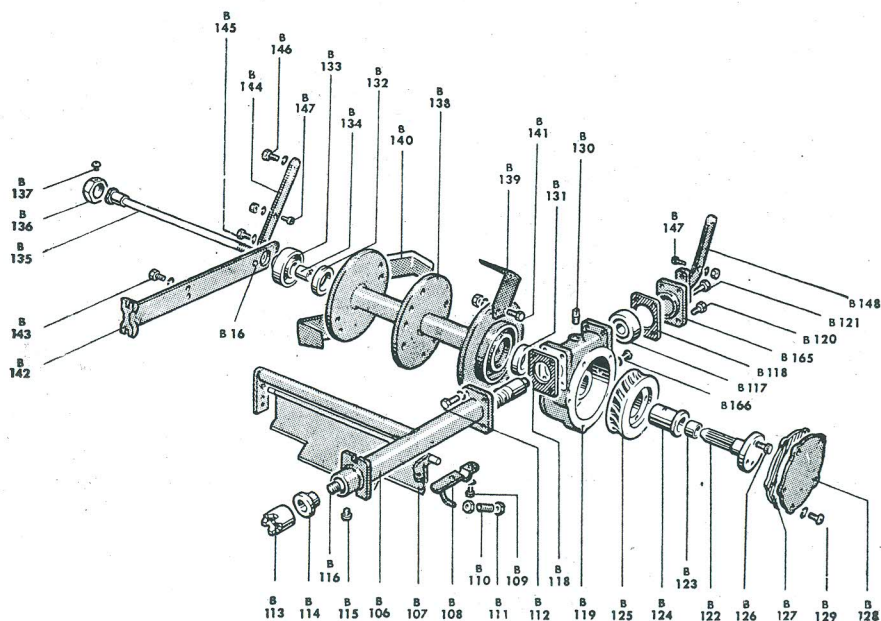
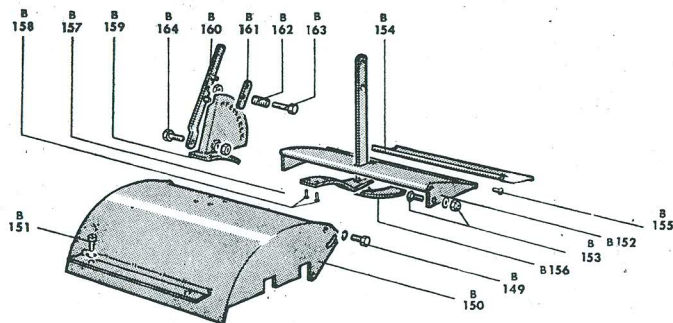
## DIAGRAM 2



| Illus. No. | Part No. | Description                                 |
|------------|----------|---|
| B65        | S/73/5   | Setscrew 5/16" BSF x 3/8" long drilled head |
| B66        | B461     | Worm Drive Gear Box Gasket                  |
| B67        | B512     | " " " " Cover                               |
| B68        |          | Setscrew 2BA x 3/8" long round head         |
|            |          | Spring Washer 3/16" dia.                    |
| B69        |          | Oil Plug 1/4" BSP                           |
| B70        | B555     | Travel Gear Leyer                           |
| B71        | B485     | " " Selector                                |
| B72        | B487     | " " " " Roller                              |
| B73        | B425     | Cluster Gear                                |
| B74        | B433     | " " Bush                                    |
| B75        | B441     | " " Shaft                                   |
|            |          | Nut 5/16" BSF                               |
| B76        | B434     | Drive Shaft High Gear                       |
| B77        | B437     | " " Gear Spacer                             |
| B78        | B435     | " " Low Gear                                |
| B79        |          | Nut 1/2" BSF Slotted                        |
|            |          | Split Pin 3/32" dia. x 1" long              |
| B80        | B560     | Bull Wheel Assy.                            |
| B81        | B445     | Road Wheel Axle                             |
| B82        | B446     | " " Bush                                    |
| B83        |          | Nut 1/2" BSF                                |
| B84        | B423     | Bull Wheel Bushing                          |
| B85        |          | Gear Box Gitseal 26213125 sp.               |
| B86        | B473     | Road Wheel Clamping Nut                     |
| B87        | B464     | Gear Box Gasket                             |
| B88        | B424     | Gear Box                                    |
| B89        |          | Setscrew 1/4" BSF x 3/8" cheese head        |
|            |          | " " 1/4" " " x 3/8" hex head                |
|            |          | Spring Washer 1/4" dia.                     |
| B90        | B587     | Travel Selector Eye Bolt                    |
| B91        | B552     | Split Pin 3/32" dia. x 1/2" long            |
| B92        | B546     | Travel Selector Spring                      |
| B93        | B549     | " " " " Rod                                 |
|            |          | Rotor Selector Eye Bolt                     |
|            |          | Split Pin 3/32" dia. x 1/2" long            |
| B94        |          | Locknut 1/4" BSF                            |
| B95        | B552     | Rotor Selector Spring                       |
| B96        | B547     | " " " " Rod                                 |
| B97        | B545     | " " & Travel Trunnion Block                 |
| B98        | B543     | Travel Hand Connecting Rod                  |
| B99        | B544     | Rotor " " " "                               |
|            |          | Split Pin 3/32" x 1/2" long                 |
| B100       |          | Road Wheel Drum                             |
| B101       | B635/4   | " " " " Loose Rim                           |
| B102       | B635/6   | Tyre  |
| B103       | B615     | Road Wheel Iron Rim                         |
| B635       |          | " " " " Assy.                               |
| B104       |          | Travel Selector Arm Pin                     |
| B105       |          | Setscrew 5/16" whit x 3/8" long hex head    |
|            |          | Nut 5/16" BSW                               |
|            |          | Spring Washer 5/16" dia.                    |
| B106       | B455     | Rotor Drive Shaft Housing (Villiers)        |
|            | B885     | " " " " (A.C. Engine)                       |
| B107       | B690     | Wheel Scraper Assy. (Bobbin Wheel Drum)     |
| B108       |          | Pivot Bracket                               |
| B109       |          | Setscrew and Washer                         |
| B110       |          | Pivot Bracket Spring                        |
| B111       |          | Locknut                                     |



### DIAGRAM 3



| Illus. No. | Part No.    | Description   |
|------------|-------------|---|
| B112       |             | Setscrew 5/16" BSF x 3/4" long hex head                   |
| B113       | B459        | Spring Washer 5/16" dia.                                  |
| B114       | B452        | Fixed Dog   |
| B115       |             | Rear Drive Shaft Bush                                     |
| B116       | B449        | Setscrew 2 BA x 1/4" long round head                      |
|            | B882        | Worm Drive Shaft Rear (Villiers)                          |
|            |             | " " " (A.C. Engine)                                       |
| B117       | BRL 5/8 ACD | Bearing LS7 ACD   |
| B118       | B463        | Drive Shaft Housing Gasket                                |
| B119       | B427        | Rotor Worm Drive Housing (Villiers)                       |
|            | B881        | " " " (A.C. Engine)                                       |
| B120       |             | Setscrews 5/16" BSF x 3/4" long hex head                  |
| B121       |             | " " " x 1" " " "  |
| B122/3     | B700        | Spring Washer 5/16" dia.                                  |
| B124       | B414        | Rotor Drive Shaft   |
| B125       | B453        | Rotor Worm Housing Bush                                   |
|            | B883        | Worm Wheel (Villiers Engine)                              |
|            |             | " " " (A.C. Engine)                                       |
| B126       |             | Setscrew 5/16" BSF x 3/8" long drilled head               |
| B127       | B461        | Rotor Worm Drive Housing Gasket (Villiers)                |
|            | B895        | " " " (A.C. Engine)                                       |
| B128       | B512        | Worm Drive Gear Box Cover (Villiers)                      |
|            | B884        | " " " (A.C. Engine)                                       |
| B129       |             | Setscrew 2 BA x 1/4" long + 3/16" sp. washer              |
| B130       |             | Oiling Plug 1/8" BSP                                      |
| B131       |             | Drive Shaft Gitseal 22515037/R4                           |
| B132       |             | Rotor Stub Axle Gitseal 13708725/R4                       |
| B133       | B415        | Rotor Stub Axle Housing                                   |
| B134       | B416        | " " " Bush  |
| B135       | B418        | " " " and draw Bar  |
| B136       | B417        | " " " Nut   |
| B137       |             | Setscrew 1/4" BSF x 3/16" long round head                 |
| B138       | B407        | Rotor Only  |
| B139       | B565        | Blade Right Hand  |
| B140       | B565        | Blade Left Hand   |
| B141       |             | Bolt 5/16" BSF x 3/4" hex head (thin head)                |
|            |             | Nut 5/16" BSF   |
|            |             | Spring Washer 5/16" dia.                                  |
| B142       | B466        | Rear Side Frame (Villiers Engine)                         |
|            | B891        | " " " (A.C. Engine)                                       |
| B143       |             | Setscrew 5/16" BSF x 3/8" long hex head and Spring Washer |
| B144       | B496        | Shield Side Support Right Hand                            |
| B145       |             | Setscrew 1/4" BSF x 1/2" long round head                  |
|            |             | Spring Washer 1/4" dia.                                   |
| B146       |             | Setscrew 5/16" x 3/4" long hex head                       |
|            |             | Spring Washer 5/16" dia.                                  |
| B147       |             | Setscrew 1/4" BSF x 1/2" long round head                  |
|            |             | Spring Washer 1/4" dia.                                   |
|            |             | Locknut 1/4" BSF  |
| B148       | B495        | Shield Side Support Left Hand (Villiers)                  |
|            | B887        | " " " (A.C. Engine)                                       |
| B149       |             | Setscrew 5/16" BSF x 3/4" long hex head                   |
|            |             | Spring Washer 5/16"                                       |
| B150       | B518        | Front Shield (Villiers Engine)                            |
|            | B889        | " " " (A.C. Engine)                                       |
| B151       |             | Setscrew 1/4" BSF x 1/2" long round head                  |
|            |             | Nut 1/4" BSF  |
|            |             | Spring Washer 1/4" dia.                                   |







# HANDBOOK

for the

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Mark 25C Engine  
Specification No. 138A

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MARK 25C ENGINE

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**THE HEART** of your Rotary Hoe is the Villiers Mark 25C Two-stroke Engine, and you will find it a very sound one. It is an example of British precision engineering at its best.

Villiers have specialised in the development and manufacture of two-stroke engines for more than 35 years. The reliability of these engines has been proved the world over.

The factory in Wolverhampton, England, where Villiers engines are made, is the largest self-contained plant in the world devoted to the making of small engines. In it are produced all the component parts, including magnetos and carburettors, from the castings and drop forgings through all stages of manufacture to the finished product. Rigid inspection and constant testing ensure that a very high standard of quality is maintained, which makes certain that your engine will withstand all the hard work you give it, providing the simple instructions for maintenance are observed. These instructions are contained in this Handbook, which you should read carefully.

The Villiers Service Department is at your disposal with advice and help in maintaining the maximum efficiency of the Engine of your Rotary Hoe.



## THE TWO STROKE PRINCIPLE

**THE TWO STROKES** from which the engine gets its name are the two strokes of the Piston in one complete revolution of the crankshaft, i.e. Piston ascending and Piston descending.

In these two cycles the induction, compression, ignition burning of the charge and exhaustion of the charge are affected.

In the wall of the cylinder are exhaust port, transfer port and inlet opening. As the Piston ascends and descends these ports are uncovered and covered in the following order:

### Piston Ascending

The bottom of the Piston uncovers the inlet port and because the crankcase is an air-tight compartment the ascending Piston creates a depression in the crankcase. The atmospheric pressure (14.17 lbs. per sq. inch) is effective upon the inlet port and fills the compartment in the crankcase with gas from the carburettor.

### Piston Descending

After the Piston has reached the top of its stroke it descends and compresses the gas in the crankcase. In

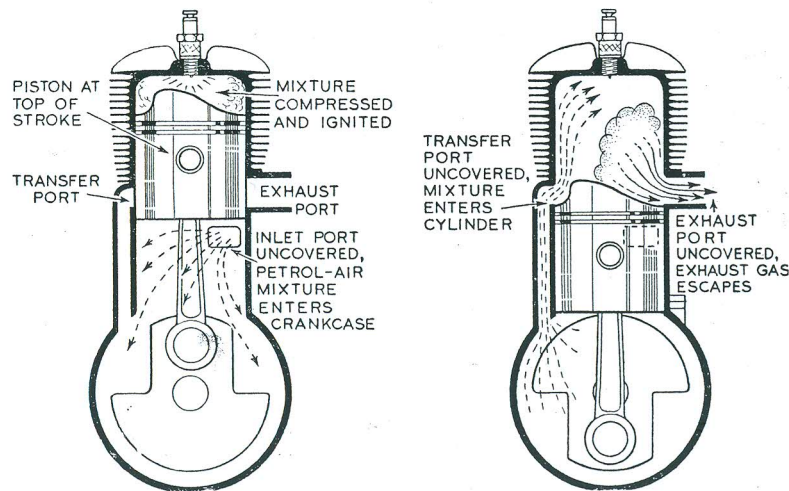


DIAGRAM SHOWING THE PRINCIPLE OF THE TWO STROKE ENGINE

descending, the Piston uncovers the exhaust port and, when nearing the bottom of the stroke the transfer port provides a passage for the compressed gas. The gas flows into the cylinder and is deflected by the specially shaped Piston, thus displacing any exhaust gas. The latter flows from the cylinder through the open exhaust port.

The necessary cycles for operation are achieved with only Piston, Connecting Rod and Crankshaft as the moving parts of the engine.

## OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

**FIXING.** The engine should be securely fixed and stand reasonably upright, otherwise lubrication and carburation will be adversely affected.

**BEFORE STARTING.** This engine is lubricated by petrol, which is a mixture of oil and petrol in the proportion of half a pint of lubricating oil to one gallon of petrol. The life and good service the engine will give depend almost entirely on the way it is lubricated, especially during the early stages of its life.

Patent Castrol XL Oil (S.A.E. 30) has been found to give good results and is recommended by us. It is advisable always to use one particular brand of oil and not to change from one to another.

The Villiers engine is as reliable as engineering skill can make it. The only constant attention which the owner is asked to give it is to ensure that the proper oil is thoroughly mixed with the petrol before putting into fuel tank. An oil measure is fitted to the tank filler cap, the required number of measures being stated on the cap.

**TO START — WHEN COLD.** When you have put petrol mixture in the fuel tank, turn on the tap. Then press tickler at side of carburettor until petrol is seen to drip. There is no need to allow fuel to run to waste.

Open the throttle control lever about one third of its full opening. The engine is now ready for starting.

Placing the plain end of the starting rope in the notch provided, wind the rope round the starter pulley in a clockwise direction. Give a brisk pull to rotate the engine, pulling the rope clear of the starting pulley.



**TO START — WHEN HOT.** The procedure is the same except that it should not be necessary to close the strangler or to flood the carburettor by pressing the tickler.

**FAILURE TO START.** Failure to start, after a reasonable number of trials, may be due to:

**Lack of Compression.** Compression should be felt when the engine is rotated at normal starting speeds with the throttle partly open.

**Faulty Fuel Supply.** Depress the tickler at the side of the carburettor body. If fuel is reaching the float chamber it will spurt out of the vent at the top of the tickler.

**Faulty Ignition.** Unscrew the sparking plug from the cylinder head and place it, with ignition cable attached, on a metal part of the engine. If the plug and ignition system are in order a spark will be visible at the plug points when the engine is rotated.

If there is no spark, try a new plug. Alternatively, check whether a spark occurs at the end of the ignition cable when this is held about one-eighth of an inch away from a clean metal part of the engine.

These preliminary tests will show whether or not more detailed examination is necessary.

**RUNNING IN.** With new engines, add a little extra oil to the fuel and set the carburettor needle adjustment a little on the rich side.

## MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS

**DECARBONISING.** Because the Villiers Two-stroke Engine is so simple a unit, decarbonising is quite straightforward. Note the following points:

When removing and replacing the cylinder, take care not to twist it round the piston. It should be pulled off or pushed on straight, so that the rings cannot catch in any of the ports and break.

Remove all carbon from inside the piston head as well as from the top of the piston and from the cylinder head. The ports in the cylinder—particularly the exhaust

port—should receive careful attention and should be kept clean. On no account must the size or shape of these ports be altered by filing.

Keep the piston ring grooves clear of carbon to leave the rings quite free. Piston rings should be bright round their surface which makes contact with the cylinder bore. If wear causes the joint gap to exceed 1/32" when in the cylinder, the piston ring should be replaced.

Carbon will form on the gudgeon pin at either side of the small end bush. This should be removed carefully, otherwise difficulty will be experienced in removing the pin from the piston. The small end bush and the piston bosses should be kept quite free from carbon. It is most important that silencer and exhaust pipe are kept quite clean internally. A heavy deposit of carbon will cause back pressure and loss of power and must therefore not be allowed to accumulate.

Take care to avoid air leaks.

Keep the connection between carburettor and induction pipe absolutely airtight. If, in dismantling a new engine, you have disturbed the original washers at the induction pipe joint and the cylinder base joint, you must fit new washers at these points.

**SPARKING PLUG.** For the Mark 25C Engine, we recommend the Lodge C3, 18mm. diameter thread.

Clean and reset the points .025" gap after each 100 hours' operation. Adjustment of the gap should be done by moving the points attached to the outer body of the plug. **Never bend the centre pin.**

Keep the outside of the plug insulation free from water and dirt. If you experience stiffness when screwing the plug in the cylinder head do not use force, but examine the thread for any particles of grit or carbon. These must be removed, otherwise the threads in the cylinder head may be damaged. It is a good plan to smear a little graphite grease on the plug threads before replacing.

**FUEL FILTER.** A filter gauze is fitted to the banjo bolt connecting the fuel pipe to the carburettor and a gauze is part of the fuel tap. These filters should be examined occasionally and cleaned by dipping in petrol.

**AIR FILTER.** Remove the Air Filter every 100 hours (more frequently under very dusty conditions), dismantle the



oil bath filters and drain away the old oil. Wash the filter and refill with oil to the level indicated on the container.

**CONTACT BREAKER.** Occasionally check the contact breaker points. They should be clean, and should open and close properly. When fully open, the gap should be between .012" and .016".

To reach the points, you must first take off the cowling (attached by three screws to the armature plate and by two screws to the cylinder head) and the starting pulley.

**MAGNETO TIMING.** The magneto is timed to give a spark when the piston is  $5/32$ " before top dead centre, with the points commencing to open. This timing is set when the engine is built, the flywheel is tightened on the shaft and the shaft is then rotated until the piston is at the top of the stroke. Two timing marks are then punched directly opposite each other—one on the boss at the back of the armature plate, the other on the flywheel rim (as close as possible to the armature plate). Timing must be checked whilst the cowling is removed.

**FLYWHEEL REMOVAL.** The cam operating the contact breaker is rivetted to the flywheel, which is driven by a taper on the crankshaft. If the magneto timing has to be altered, the flywheel must be released by unscrewing the centre nut with the box spanner provided in the tool kit. This nut has a right-hand thread and is imprisoned in the flywheel. It should be unscrewed until the flywheel is just free to revolve on the crankshaft.

With the piston in its correct position, rotate the flywheel round until the points begin to open, then tighten up the nut firmly and re-check the timing. (The nuts must be tightened up hard by hitting with a hammer on the end of the tommy bar).

The taper of the shaft and cam must be clean and dry; if any oil is on the surfaces it will be impossible to secure an effective drive.

It is important that the cowling and fan should be in position when the engine is running.

**CARBURETTOR — DISMANTLING.** The carburettor is a Type  $3/4$  "Lightweight" Pattern. The throttle position is controlled by a cable to which is attached a hand lever.

Release clip screw and detach the carburettor from engine. Unscrew the top ring, then pull out the throttle, taking care not to damage the taper needle. Turn the carburettor upside down, unscrew the bottom nut, remove the fibre washer, float cup and fibre washer. To reach the fuel needle you must remove the centrepiece. Before this can be done you must unscrew the compensating tubes. When the centrepiece has been removed, the fuel needle lever will swing to one side to allow the fuel needle to be lifted out.

**CARBURETTOR — ASSEMBLING.** Make sure that every part is clean.

Place the centrepiece in position with fibre washer under head. Make sure that the fuel needle and lever are in position, then screw in the compensating tubes.

Place the float on the centrepiece. Check the fuel level by measuring the gap between the float and the underside of the body. When the fuel needle is fully raised, this gap should be  $7/32$ ".

Place large fibre washer on flat cup seating, then position cup and small fibre washer, and finally bottom nut, taking care not to use too much force when tightening.

**ADJUSTMENT AND REMOVAL OF TAPER NEEDLE.** When the slotted screw in the centre at top of throttle is turned clockwise, the needle is lowered and the mixture weakened by a reduction in the size of the jet orifice. Turning the screw anti-clockwise will give a richer mixture.

Before removing the slotted screw to replace the needle, note how far the needle projects from the end of the throttle. To adjust, give half a turn at a time until the correct setting is found.

#### HINTS AND TIPS

Always mix the oil and petrol thoroughly before putting the mixture into the tank.

It is wise to filter your mixture through a fine wire gauze when putting the mixture into the tank.

Do not flood the carburettor when starting a warm engine.

**Stopping the Engine.** If the engine is not to be used for several days, stop it by turning off the fuel tap.



Do not experiment with cheap sparking plugs.

Only skilled mechanics should take driving shafts apart. Special tools are required for ensuring alignment when re-assembling. The makers have these facilities and are therefore able to undertake repairs at the lowest cost.

It is important that air leaks should be avoided at the following points:

- (i) Between inlet pipe and cylinder.
- (ii) Between inlet pipe and carburettor.
- (iii) Between cylinder base and crankcase.
- (iv) Between the two halves of the crankcase.

Avoid all sharp bends in the carburettor control cables.

Always quote the engine number when ordering spares or asking for advice. This number is stamped on the crankcase below the cylinder base, at rear of engine.

### IMPORTANT

1. When sending parts for replacement, repair, or as pattern, the name and address of the sender should always be securely attached, and full instructions explaining what is required should be sent separately by post. In no circumstances should instructions be enclosed with the parts, as they are liable to be lost or damaged in unpacking.

2. If an engine is sent for repair, it should be well packed in a strong box. Cardboard or sack is insufficient, and engines so packed are liable to get seriously damaged in transit. Packing cases are not returnable unless specially asked for by the owner at the time of sending to us.

3. All goods must be consigned to us carriage paid, addressed to "Service Dept." Goods returned by rail are consigned carriage paid.

4. In correspondence, always quote the engine number, stamped on the crankcase below the cylinder base.

5. As we are not the manufacturers of complete motor hoes or other machines, only the engine should be sent to us. If machines are forwarded, extra expense will be involved for dismantling the engine from the frame and refitting same.

6. We prefer to bench-test every repaired engine before returning it to its owner. It is, therefore, always advisable to send the engine complete with its magneto, sparking plug and carburettor.

7. When forwarding a flywheel magneto for overhaul, send the armature plate and the flywheel complete. These parts should in no circumstances be separated, as certain magnetic flux is lost thereby.

8. Always quote the magneto number and letter(s), if any, which are stamped on the face of the flywheel, when corresponding about your flywheel magneto.

9. Old or worn-out parts sent as patterns, which we consider obsolete, are not returned unless specially asked for by the owner at the time of sending them to us.

10. Any engines or parts sent to our Works for repair, not paid for within six months from the date of our estimate, will be offered for sale by us elsewhere to defray expenses.

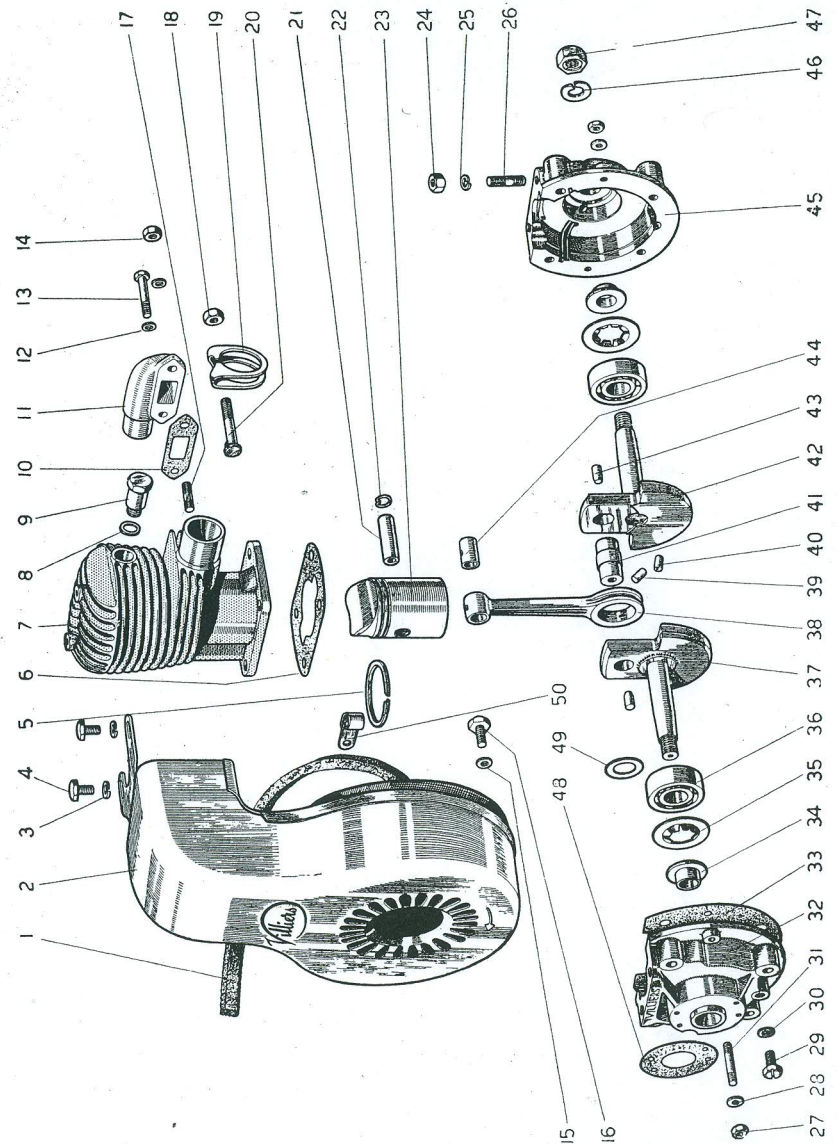


**ENGINE**

**Diagram No. 1**

| Illus. No. | Part No. | Description               |
|------------|----------|---------------------------|
| 1          | M.2051   | Cowl Felt Strip           |
| 2          | B.7047   | Cowl                      |
| 3          | E.1430   | Spring Washer ¼"          |
| 4          | EM.539   | Cowl Fixing Screw         |
| 5          | E.6928   | Piston Ring               |
| 6          | D.6963   | Cylinder Base Washer      |
| 7          | B.6850   | Cylinder                  |
| 8          | E.1238   | Joint Ring, Cylinder Plug |
| 9          | E.7008   | Plug, R.V. Hole           |
| 10         | E.6965   | Washer, Inlet Manifold    |
| 11         | D.7981   | Inlet Manifold            |
| 12         | E.1430   | Spring Washer ¼"          |
| 13         | E.7100   | Bolt for Manifold         |
| 14         | E.401    | Nut ¼"                    |
| 15         |          | As Illus. 3               |
| 16         |          | As Illus. 4               |
| 17         | E.6902   | Stud, Inlet Manifold      |
| 18         | E.364    | Nut 5/16"                 |
| 19         | E.1130   | Silencer Clip             |
| 20         | E.435    | Bolt for Clip             |
| 21         | E.5042   | Gudgeon Pin               |
| 22         | E.4047   | Circlip for Pin           |
| 23         | C.6954   | Piston (Alum)             |
| 24         | E.364    | Nut, Cylinder Stud        |
| 25         | E.1050   | Spring Washer 5/16"       |
| 26         | E.363    | Cylinder Base Stud        |
| 27         | E.401    | Nut ¼"                    |
| 28         | E.2924   | Plain Washer ¼"           |
| 29         | E.1962   | Crankcase Drain Screw     |
| 30         | E.1905   | Fibre Washer              |
| 31         | E.3392   | Crankcase Joint Stud      |
| 32         | B.6961   | Crankcase, Magneto Side   |
| 33         | D.6964   | Crankcase Joint Washer    |
| 34         | E.5109   | Gland Bush                |
| 35         | E.7013   | " " Spring                |
| 36         | MS.8     | Crankshaft Ball Bearing   |
| 37         | D.6958   | Driving Shaft             |
| 38         | D.2692   | Connecting Rod            |
| 39         | E.375    | Steel Roller              |
| 40         | E.1899   | Bronze Roller             |
| 41         | E.7579   | Crankpin o/s              |
| 42         | D.6958   | Driving Shaft             |
| 43         | E.5593   | Crankpin Plug             |
| 44         | E.1729   | Con Rod Bush              |
| 45         | B.6962   | Crankcase, Drive Side     |
| 46         | E.424    | Driving Shaft Washer      |
| 47         | E.422    | " " Nut                   |
| 48         | E.7698   | Magneto Joint Washer      |
| 49         | E.5039   | Bearing Sealing Washer    |
| 50         | M.1662   | H.T. Cable Clip           |

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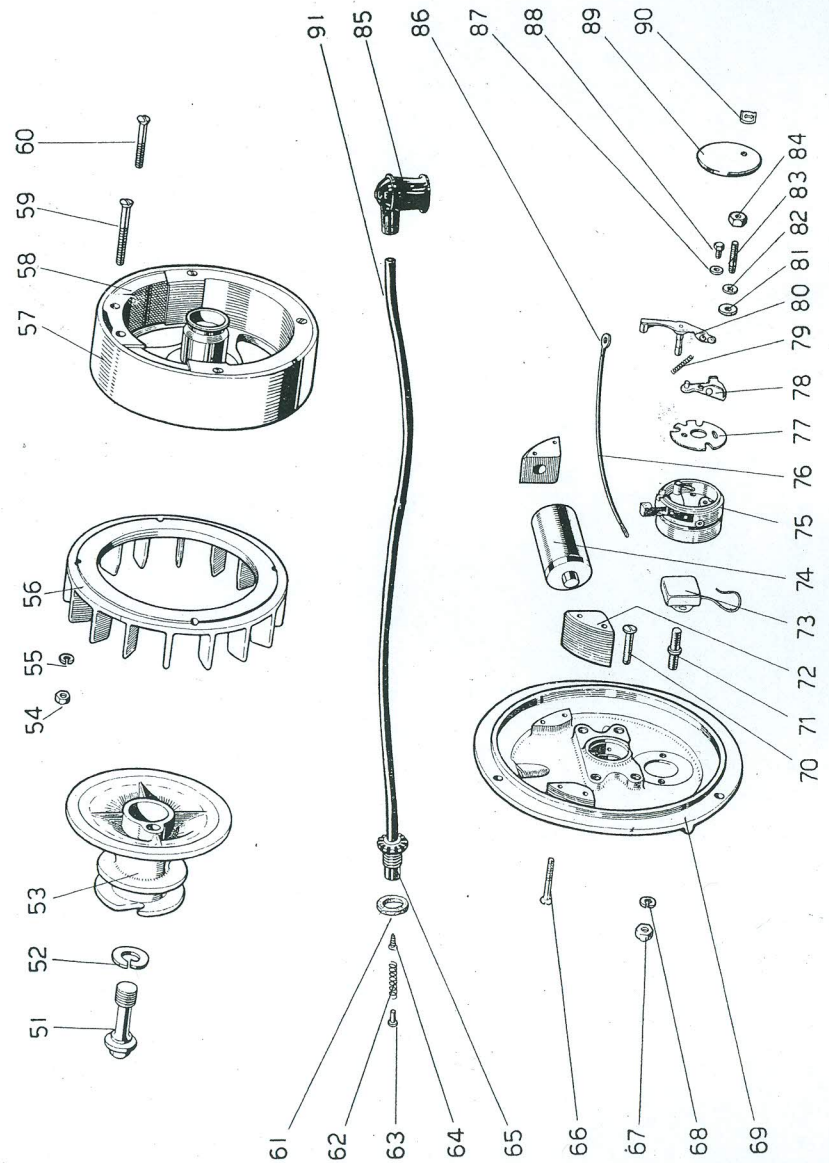
**MAGNETO**

**Diagram No. 2**

| Illus. No. | Part No.   | Description             |
|------------|------------|-------------------------|
| 51         | E.6753     | Bolt, Starting Pulley   |
| 52         | E.424      | Washer for Bolt         |
| 53         | CM.509     | Starting Pulley         |
| 54         | 1002 x 15  | Nut, Fan Screw          |
| 55         | 1002 x 13  | Spring Washer           |
| 56         | D.7048     | Fan                     |
| 57         | R.57       | Flywheel Assembly       |
| 58         | M.1507     | Magnet                  |
| 59         | M.1797     | Fan Screw               |
| 60         | 1002 x 9   | Pole Shoe Screw         |
| 61         | E.869      | Felt Washer             |
| 62         | 1010 x 11  | Terminal Spring         |
| 63         | 1046 x 13  | Pad                     |
| 64         | 491        | Wood Screw              |
| 65         | 1124 x 8   | H.T. Terminal           |
| 66         | M.1799     | Screw for Cheek         |
| 67         | 1002 x 15  | Nut 3/16"               |
| 68         | 1002 x 13  | Spring Washer 3/16"     |
| 69         | A.68       | Armature Plate Assembly |
| 70         | 1124 x 9   | Fixing Screw            |
| 71         | 1053 x 1   | Condenser Box Stud      |
| *72        |            | Armature Cheek          |
| 73         | M.1750     | Condenser               |
| 74         | M.1634     | Ignition Coil           |
| 75         | M.1872     | Condenser Box           |
| 76         | 482        | L.T. Lead               |
| 77         | M.1803     | Insulating Pad          |
| 78         | M.1873     | Point Bracket           |
| 79         | 1047 x 3   | Rocker Spring           |
| 80         | M.1714     | Rocker Arm              |
| 81         | M.1805     | Insulating Washer       |
| 82         | M.1802     | Brass Washer            |
| 83         | M.2042     | Cover Stud              |
| 84         | M.2043     | Nut for Stud            |
| 85         | M.4        | Plug Cover              |
| 86         | M.1291     | L.T. Shoe               |
| 87         | 1113 x 5   | Washer L.T. Screw       |
| 88         | 1006 x 3   | L.T. Screw              |
| 89         | M.1891/1   | Con Box Cover           |
| 90         | SNE/372/17 | Nut for Cover           |
| 91         | 494        | H.T. Lead with Terminal |

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**DIAGRAM No. 2**



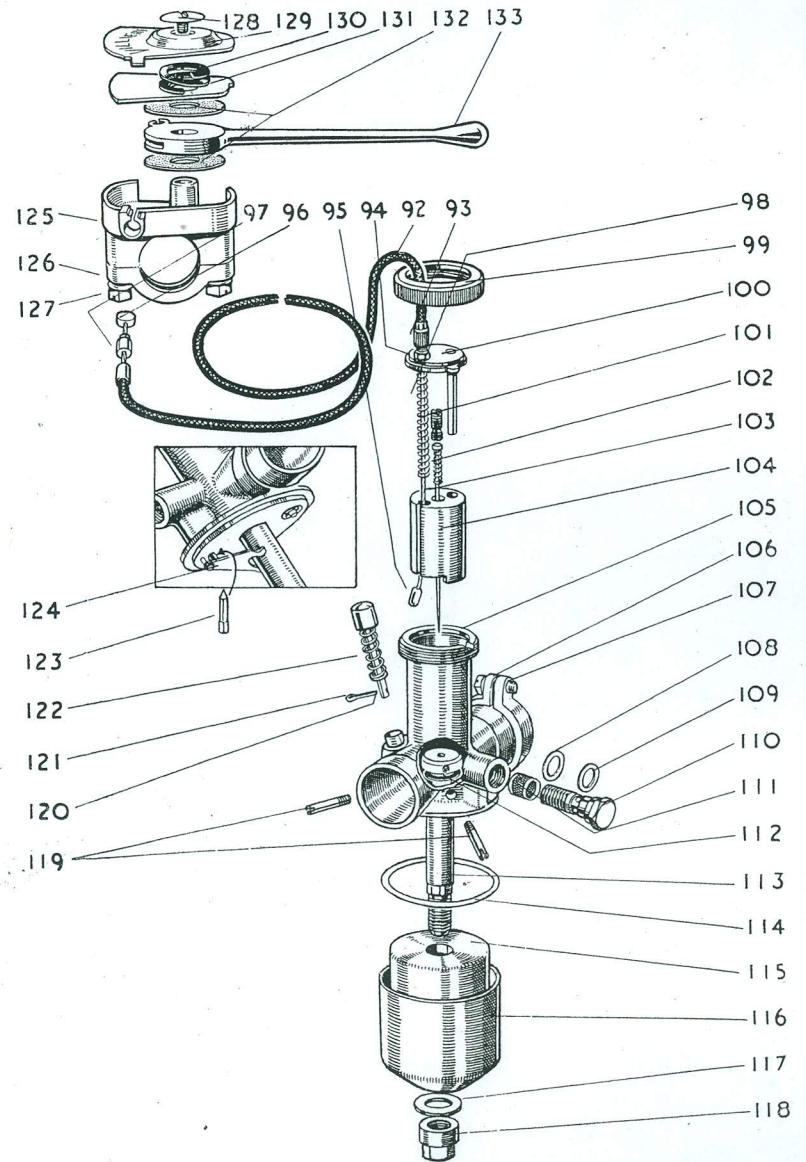


**CARBURETTOR TYPE 3/4**

**Diagram No. 3**

| Illus. No. | Part No.   | Description   |
|------------|------------|---|
| 92         | V.234B, EL | Control Cables, Inner and Outer with Adjuster and Locknut |
| 93         | V.105 x 1  | Cable Adjuster  |
| 94         | V.105 x 2  | Adjuster Locknut  |
| 95         | V.108 x 15 | Cable Nipple, Throttle End                                |
| 96         | V.123 x 4  | Cable Nipple, Control End                                 |
| 97         | V.108 x 4  | Cable Control Sleeve                                      |
| 98         | V.586      | Throttle Spring   |
| 99         | V.107 x 5  | Top Ring  |
| 100        | V.646      | Top Disc and Peg  |
| 101        | V.413      | Needle Adjuster   |
| 102        | V.107 x 1  | Taper Needle Spring                                       |
| 103        | V.625      | Taper Needle No. 3  |
| 104        | V.580      | Throttle  |
| 105        | V.648C     | Body  |
| 106        | V.107 x 15 | Body Clip   |
| 107        | V.107 x 16 | Body Clip Screw   |
| 108        | H.104 x 8  | Banjo Union Washer, Large Hole                            |
| 109        | V.383      | " " " Small Hole  |
| 110        | V.382      | " " Bolt  |
| 111        | V.404      | " " Gauze   |
| 112        | V.107 x 3  | Centrepiece Washer  |
| 113        | V.595      | and Jet   |
| 114        | V.107 x 2  | Cup Washer  |
| 115        | V.107 x 1  | Float   |
| 116        | V.146 x 6  | " Cup   |
| 117        | V.107 x 4  | Bottom Nut Washer   |
| 118        | V.581      | " "   |
| 119        | V.105 x 10 | Compensating Tube   |
| 120        | V.207      | Tickler   |
| 121        | V.111 x 2  | " Split Pin   |
| 122        | V.369      | " Spring  |
| 123        | V.355      | Fuel Needle   |
| 124        | V.257      | " Lever   |
| 125        | V.117 x 1  | Control Body  |
| 126        | V.117 x 3  | " Clip  |
| 127        | V.107 x 16 | " Screw   |
| 128        | V.117 x 5  | " Screw   |
| 129        | V.117 x 4  | " Top Plate   |
| 130        | V.117 x 8  | " Spring Washer   |
| 131        | V.117 x 6  | " Friction Plate  |
| 132        | V.117 x 7  | " Fibre Washer  |
| 133        | V.117 x 2  | " Lever   |

**DIAGRAM No. 3**

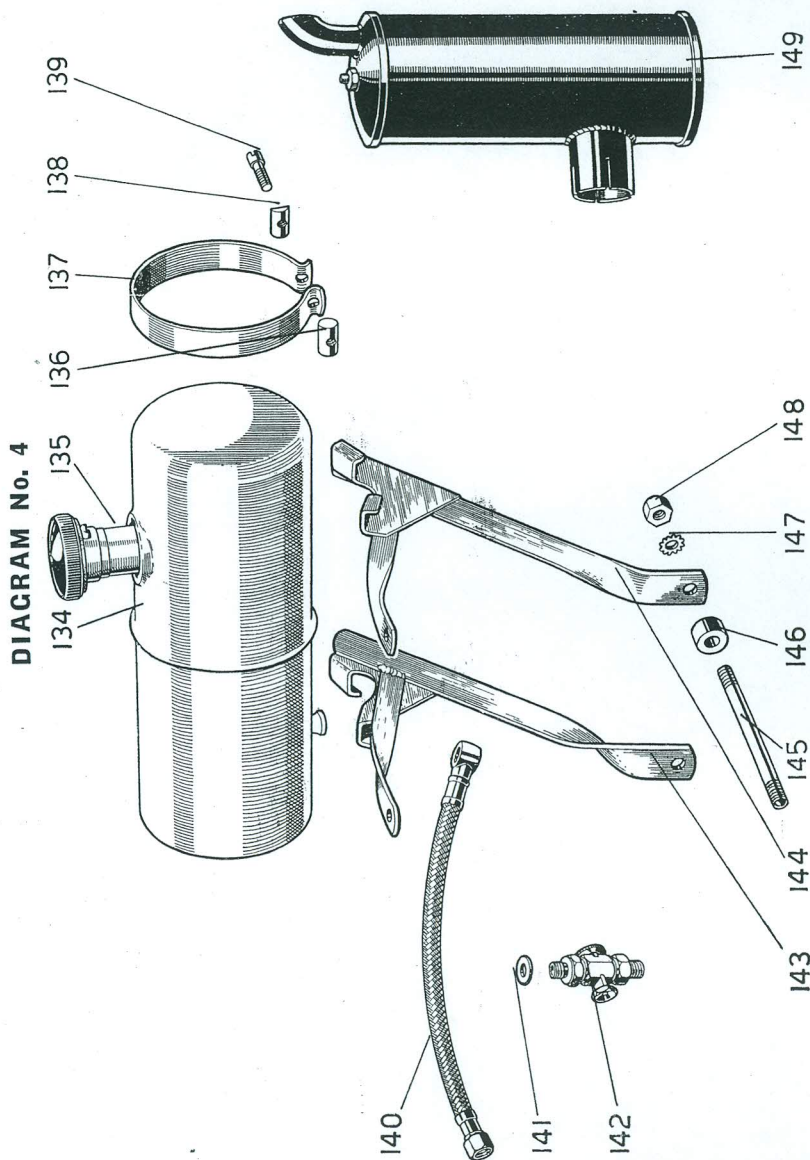




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Diagram No. 4

| Illus. No. | Part No.   | Description                |
|------------|------------|----------------------------|
| 134        | C.7460     | Fuel Tank                  |
| 135        | E.7602     | Cap with Measure           |
| 136        | EG.532     | Trunnion, Tapped Hole      |
| 137        | DG.513     | Tank Strap                 |
| 138        | EM.276     | Trunnion, Plain Hole       |
| 139        | E.781      | Screw for Strap            |
| 140        | EM.551     | Fuel Pipe                  |
| 141        | V.107 x 4  | Tap Washer                 |
| 142        | 5157       | Fuel Tap, Single Level     |
| 143        | C.7982     | Tank Bracket, Right Hand   |
| 144        | C.7612     | " " Left                   |
| 145        | E.1483     | Crankcase Stud, Long       |
| 145        | E.835      | " " Short                  |
| 146        | E.7615     | Distance Piece             |
| 147        | Shakeproof | Lockwasher $\frac{3}{8}$ " |
| 148        | E.834      | Nut for Crankcase Stud     |
| 149        | D.7616     | Silencer                   |





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