



# SERVICE BULLETIN

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**Subject:** Throttle setting on Z Series Riders

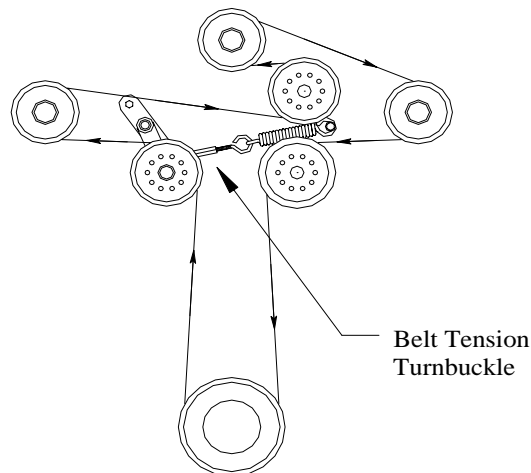
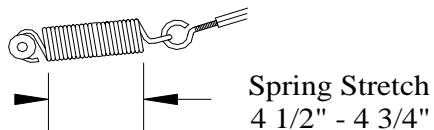
**Details:**

On 42, 48, 52" model Z's, you must open the throttle to 1/2 to 3/4 before engaging the PTO switch.

**Failure to adjust the throttle to this setting could result in premature belt failure.**

Deck drive belts should also be readjusted after 2-5 hours of use (due to the seating of belts into drive pulleys) on all new units.

Spring tension on the tensioning idler should be set at 4 1/2" to 4 3/4" of coil stretch.



To adjust the belt tension, remove the deck plate to expose the tensioner assy. By turning the turnbuckle clockwise, tension will be increased. Turning the turnbuckle counter-clockwise will decrease tension.

Thank you,  
Encore Service Department