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## HONDA SELF-PROPELLED WALK-BEHIND MOWER

Model HRM215HXA

1. 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.
  2. Turn the fuel valve to the ON position.
3. Move the throttle lever to the appropriate starting position:
  - Cold Engine - Move the throttle lever to the CHOKE position.
  - Warm Engine - Move the throttle lever to the FAST position.
4. Place your foot on the mower deck step. Pull the starter grip lightly until you feel resistance, then pull briskly. Return the starter grip gently.
5. If the CHOKE position was used during starting, move the throttle lever away from the CHOKE position as soon as the engine warms up enough to run smoothly without use of the choke. Set the throttle lever at FAST to mow or to SLOW to idle.

### OPERATING Throttle Lever

For best cut quality, always mow with the throttle lever in the FAST position. When the blade(s) rotates at the preset fast speed, it creates strong fan action that lifts and cuts grass more efficiently. Do not try to increase the preset engine speed: the blade could fracture and come apart. 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 top of the blade control lever, then push the lever forward quickly and hold it against the handlebar. Release the blade control lever to stop the blade(s). 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 stalling the engine, 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

### Drive Clutch Lever

You can control self-propelled speed with the drive clutch lever. The mower will move gradually faster as you push the drive clutch lever forward. If you push the lever all the way forward to the handlebar, the mower will move at the speed determined by the shift lever setting. When moving and using the drive clutch lever to change self-propelled speed, continue to fully hold the blade control lever against the handlebar. This will help to extend the service life of the blade control mechanism. For self-propelled mowing, press the button on top of the blade control lever, push the blade control lever forward, then push the drive clutch lever forward. The drive clutch lever can be used to hold the blade control lever against the handlebar. Always release the drive clutch lever before starting the engine. If the drive clutch is engaged, the mower will move forward when you operate the starter.

### Shift Lever

Use the shift lever to select the forward speed at which you wish to mow. 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. For maximum mowing performance, use the lower speed range for mowing and the higher speed range for transporting. With the shift lever all the way back and the drive clutch lever engaged, the mower will move slowly or not at all.

### STOPPING

1. Release the drive clutch lever and 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.

### SAFE MOWING PRACTICES

For your safety, keep all four wheels on the ground, and be careful to avoid losing your footing and your control of the mower. Keep a firm grip on the handlebar, and walk, never run, with the mower. Be very careful when mowing uneven or rough ground. If stuck, do not kick or shove the mower with your foot. Use the handlebar to control the mower.

### Slopes

Mow across slopes not up and down. Avoid steep slopes (more than 20 degrees), and be careful when changing direction. Mowing on a slope when the grass is damp or wet could cause you to slip, fall, and lose control of the mower.

### MOWING TIPS

Most grasses should be mowed when they have grown 1/2 to 1 inch above their recommended height. More frequent mowing is required for mulching than for bagging. For best results, you may need to mow the lawn twice a week during the growing season.

### OPERATING TIPS

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**Blade speed** - The blade speed must spin very fast to cut properly. Always use the FAST throttle setting, and keep the engine running at maximum rpm. If engine speed drops, it could mean the engine is being overloaded by the blade trying to cut too much grass. Mow a narrower swath, move the mower slower, or raise the cutting height.

**Dry grass** - If the ground is too dry, mowing will stir up a lot of dust. Besides being unpleasant to work in, too much dust will clog the carburetor air filter. If dust is a problem, water your lawn the day before mowing. Mow when the grass is dry to the touch, but the soil is still moist.

**Wet grass** - When equipped with a grass bag, your mower can be used to pick-up fallen leaves for disposal. If using the mower to bag large amounts of fallen leaves, and not for mowing, set the cutting height adjustment levers so the front of the mower deck is one to two settings higher than the rear. If you want to mulch fallen leaves into your lawn, don't let the leaf cover get too deep before you begin. For best results, start mulching while grass still shows through the leaf cover. In places where fallen leaves completely cover the grass, remove the leaves by raking, or install a grass bag, so your mower can pick them up for disposal.

**Clogged mower deck** - Before clearing a clogged mower deck, stop the engine and turn the fuel valve to the OFF position. With the spark plug cap disconnected, tilt the mower so the carburetor side is up. Clear a clogged deck with a stick not your hands. Please shake out bag and return the mower clean.

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