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For Poulan Pro 42-inch Riding Lawn Mowers

PRODUCT OVERVIEW

The Poulan Pro 960730023 Soft-Sided Grass Bagger is designed to collect grass clippings and leaves during lawn mowing. It features a durable steel frame and rugged polypropylene construction, providing an efficient solution for maintaining a clean lawn. This bagger is specifically designed to fit Poulan Pro 42-inch riding lawn mowers and is also compatible with most Craftsman, Husqvarna, Poulan, Southern States, Weed Eater, Murray, Ryobi, Agway, and Ariens tractors manufactured from 2006 onwards. It is important to note that this grass bagger is not compatible with zero-turn mowers.



Image: The Poulan Pro 960730023 Soft-Sided Grass Bagger, featuring two black soft-sided collection bags and a hard plastic top cover. The unit is designed to attach to the rear of a riding lawn mower.

SETUP AND INSTALLATION

Follow these steps for proper installation of your grass bagger:

1. **Prepare the Mower:** Ensure your riding lawn mower is turned off, the engine is cool, and the spark plug wire is disconnected to prevent accidental starting.
2. **Attach Support Bar:** The bagger unit rests on shoulder bolts located at the back of your mower. If your mower does not have these bolts, they must be installed. A ratchet may be required for tightening these bolts securely.
3. **Position the Bagger:** Carefully place the grass bagger unit onto the installed shoulder bolts at the rear of the mower.

4. **Connect Chute:** Attach the collection chute from the mower deck to the bagger unit. Ensure the chute fits snugly and is secured in place. Some models may use rubber straps with metal hooks to hold the tubes in place.
5. **Verify Compatibility:** Confirm that the bagger is correctly aligned and securely attached to your 42-inch riding lawn mower. This model is not suitable for zero-turn mowers.

Note: The installation process is generally straightforward and may take approximately 15 minutes. Refer to your mower's specific manual for any additional attachment points or procedures.

OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

To effectively use your Poulan Pro Soft-Sided Grass Bagger:

1. **Mowing Preparation:** Before starting, ensure the grass bags are empty and properly seated within the bagger unit.
2. **Engage Mower Blades:** Start your riding lawn mower and engage the mower blades as per your mower's operating instructions.
3. **Monitor Bag Fill:** As you mow, grass clippings will be directed through the chute into the collection bags. The bag on the left typically fills first, then spills over into the right bag.
4. **Full Bag Indicator:** Some baggers include a "flow indicator" (often a small red wheel) designed to rotate when clippings are flowing and stop when the bags are full. However, this indicator may not always be reliable. It is recommended to periodically check the bags visually or by reaching back to feel their fullness. If grass is left behind the mower, it indicates the bags are full.
5. **Emptying Bags:** When the bags are full, disengage the mower blades, turn off the engine, and disconnect the spark plug wire. To access the bags, press the release latches on the bagger cover. Lift the cover to expose the bags. The soft-sided bins are designed for easy removal and emptying, often featuring an integrated hand strap at the bottom for shaking out contents.

MAINTENANCE

Regular maintenance ensures optimal performance and longevity of your grass bagger:

- **Cleaning After Use:** After each use, especially when collecting wet grass or leaves, clean the bagger unit. Simply hose off the entire unit. The soft-sided bins allow water to pass through, making it easy to wash out any trapped debris or dust.
- **Chute Cleaning:** If the bags become overly full or the flow indicator stops prematurely, the collection chute may be clogged. Disconnect the chute from both the mower deck and the bagger unit and clear any blockages.
- **Storage:** For storage, especially if space is limited (e.g., a shed with a narrow door), the collection tubes can be easily removed. This process typically takes about 30 seconds.
- **Inspect for Damage:** Periodically inspect the steel frame, polypropylene components, and soft-sided bags for any signs of wear, tears, or damage. Replace any damaged parts to maintain efficiency and safety.

TROUBLESHOOTING

- **Bags Not Filling Evenly:** It is common for one bag (typically the left) to fill before the other. This is due to the design of the collection system. Continue mowing until both bags are adequately full.
- **Clogging Issues:** If grass clippings are not reaching the bags or the mower leaves a trail of clippings, the chute or bags may be clogged.
 - Stop the mower, disengage blades, and disconnect the spark plug wire.
 - Check the chute for blockages and clear any accumulated grass.

- Ensure the bags are not overfilled and are properly positioned.
- **"Full Bag" Indicator Not Working:** The red flow indicator wheel may not always provide an accurate indication of bag fullness. Rely on visual inspection of the bags and observe if the mower is leaving clippings behind as primary indicators.
- **Missing Hardware:** If any mounting hardware (e.g., shoulder bolts, screws for straps) is missing upon arrival, contact customer service for assistance.

SPECIFICATIONS

- **Model Number:** 960730023
- **Compatibility:** Poulan Pro 42-inch Riding Lawn Mowers; also compatible with most Craftsman, Husqvarna, Poulan, Southern States, Weed Eater, Murray, Ryobi, Agway, and Ariens tractors (2006 and later). Not compatible with zero-turn mowers.
- **Construction:** Durable steel frame, rugged polypropylene, soft-sided bags.
- **Product Dimensions:** 3 x 1 x 2 inches *(Note: These dimensions may refer to packaging or a specific component. Please refer to product packaging for accurate overall dimensions.)*
- **Item Weight:** 19.9 pounds
- **Manufacturer:** Poulan

WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

Information regarding specific warranty terms for the Poulan Pro 960730023 Soft-Sided Grass Bagger is not available in this document. For detailed warranty information, please refer to the documentation included with your purchase or contact Poulan Pro customer service directly. For technical support or replacement parts, please reach out to the manufacturer's authorized service centers or visit the official Poulan Pro website.

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