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Model: MJ403E

1. INTRODUCTION

Thank you for purchasing the Sun Joe MJ403E Mow Joe 17-Inch 13 Amp Electric Lawn Mower. This manual provides essential information for the safe and efficient operation, maintenance, and troubleshooting of your new electric lawn mower. Please read this manual thoroughly before operating the machine and keep it for future reference.

The Sun Joe MJ403E is designed for maintaining small to medium-sized lawns, offering a powerful 13 amp motor and a durable steel blade for precise cutting. Its electric design ensures fume-free operation and minimal maintenance.

2. SAFETY INFORMATION

Always follow basic safety precautions when using this electric lawn mower to reduce the risk of fire, electric shock, and personal injury.

General Safety Rules:

- Read and understand all instructions before operating the appliance.
- Keep children and bystanders away. Do not allow children to operate the mower.
- Wear appropriate personal protective equipment, including eye protection, hearing protection, and sturdy footwear.
- Inspect the area to be mowed and remove all objects that can be thrown by the blade.
- Do not operate the mower in wet conditions or rain.
- Always ensure proper footing and balance. Do not overreach.
- Never lift or carry the mower while the motor is running.

Electrical Safety:

- Use only a 14-gauge outdoor extension cord suitable for outdoor use.
- Ensure the extension cord is in good condition and free from damage.
- Do not abuse the cord. Never carry the mower by the cord or yank it to disconnect from the receptacle.
- Keep the extension cord away from the cutting blade.

Blade Safety:

- Disconnect the power cord before performing any maintenance, cleaning, or when clearing a clogged chute.
- The blade continues to rotate for a few seconds after the motor is switched off.

- Never place hands or feet near or under rotating parts.

3. PRODUCT OVERVIEW

Familiarize yourself with the main components of your Sun Joe MJ403E electric lawn mower.



Figure 3.1: The Sun Joe MJ403E Mow Joe 17-Inch 13 Amp Electric Lawn Mower with its attached grass bag. This image shows the overall design, including the handle, motor housing, wheels, and grass collection system.

Key Components:

- **13 Amp Motor:** Provides reliable power for efficient mowing.
- **Durable Steel Blade:** Delivers a precise 17-inch cutting path.
- **Push-Button Start:** For easy and immediate operation.

- **Safety Lock-Off Button:** Prevents accidental starting.
- **Eight-Position Manual Height Adjustment:** Allows for cutting heights up to 3 inches.
- **14.5 Gallon Grass Bag:** Collects clippings and detaches easily for disposal.



Figure 3.2: Underside view of the mower, highlighting the durable steel blade and cutting deck. This blade is designed for a 17-inch cutting width.



Figure 3.3: Close-up of the handle assembly, showing the push-button start and safety lock-off button for convenient and secure operation.



Figure 3.4: Detail of the eight-position manual height adjustment lever, allowing users to easily select the desired cutting depth.



Figure 3.5: View of the rear grass bag attachment area. The 14.5-gallon grass bag is designed for easy removal and reattachment.

4. SETUP

Before first use, some minor assembly is required.

Handle Assembly:

1. Unfold the upper and lower handles and align the holes.
2. Secure the handles using the provided knobs and bolts. Ensure they are tightened securely.

Grass Bag Attachment:

1. Lift the rear discharge flap.
2. Hook the grass bag onto the mower's frame, ensuring it is securely seated.

Connecting to Power:

1. Connect a 14-gauge outdoor extension cord to the mower's power inlet.
2. Ensure the connection is secure and the cord is routed away from the cutting path.

5. OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

Follow these steps for safe and effective operation of your lawn mower.

Starting the Mower:

1. Ensure the mower is on a flat, clear surface.
2. Press and hold the safety lock-off button.
3. While holding the safety button, squeeze the switch bar against the handle. The motor will start.
4. Release the safety lock-off button once the motor starts.

Adjusting Cutting Height:

1. Disconnect the mower from the power source.
2. Locate the height adjustment lever on the side of the mower.
3. Pull the lever outwards and move it to the desired position (1-8). Position 1 is the lowest cut, and Position 8 is the highest (up to 3 inches).
4. Ensure all wheels are set to the same height for an even cut.

Mowing Techniques:

- For best results, mow when the grass is dry.
- Overlap cutting swaths slightly to ensure complete coverage.
- Avoid mowing wet grass, as it can clog the mower and reduce cutting efficiency.
- Do not attempt to cut grass that is excessively tall in a single pass. Raise the cutting height and make multiple passes if necessary.



Figure 5.1: A user demonstrating the operation of the Sun Joe MJ403E electric lawn mower on a residential lawn, showcasing its maneuverability.

Emptying the Grass Bag:

1. Turn off the mower and disconnect it from the power source.
2. Lift the rear discharge flap.
3. Carefully unhook and remove the grass bag.
4. Empty the grass clippings into a compost pile or waste bin.
5. Reattach the grass bag securely before resuming operation.

6. MAINTENANCE

Regular maintenance ensures the longevity and optimal performance of your Sun Joe MJ403E lawn mower.

Cleaning the Mower:

- Always disconnect the power cord before cleaning.
- Use a dry cloth or soft brush to clean the exterior of the mower.
- Remove grass clippings and debris from the cutting deck and around the blade after each use.
- Do not use water or any liquid cleaners directly on the motor or electrical components.

Blade Inspection and Care:

- Regularly inspect the steel blade for sharpness and damage. A dull blade can tear grass, leading to an unhealthy lawn.
- If the blade is dull or damaged, it should be sharpened or replaced by a qualified service technician.
- Ensure the blade is balanced after sharpening to prevent vibration.

Storage:

- Clean the mower thoroughly before storing.
- Store the mower in a dry, covered area, away from direct sunlight and moisture.
- The compact design and removable grass bag allow for convenient storage in a shed or garage.
- Coil the extension cord neatly and store it with the mower.

7. TROUBLESHOOTING

This section addresses common issues you might encounter with your Sun Joe MJ403E lawn mower.

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Mower does not start	No power supply Safety lock-off not engaged Switch bar not squeezed	Check power outlet and extension cord Ensure safety lock-off button is pressed before squeezing switch bar Squeeze switch bar fully against the handle
Uneven cut	Blade dull or damaged Wheels set to different heights Mowing wet grass	Have blade sharpened or replaced Ensure all wheels are set to the same cutting height Mow only when grass is dry

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Excessive vibration	Loose blade Damaged or unbalanced blade	Tighten blade bolt Replace damaged blade; ensure blade is balanced after sharpening
Motor stops during operation	Overload Power interruption	Reduce load (e.g., raise cutting height) Check extension cord connection; allow motor to cool if overheated

8. SPECIFICATIONS

Detailed technical specifications for the Sun Joe MJ403E Mow Joe Electric Lawn Mower.

Specification	Value
Brand	Snow Joe
Model Number	MJ403E
Power Source	Corded Electric
Motor	13 Amp
Cutting Width	17 Inches
Cutting Height Positions	8 (up to 3 inches)
Grass Bag Capacity	14.5 Gallons
Material	Alloy Steel (Blade)
Item Weight	31.5 Pounds
Package Dimensions	31.7 x 19.3 x 13 inches
Operation Mode	Manual

9. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

The Sun Joe MJ403E Mow Joe Electric Lawn Mower is backed by a full two-year warranty, covering defects in material and workmanship under normal use.

Customer Support:

For technical assistance, warranty claims, or to order replacement parts, please contact Snow Joe customer service. Refer to the contact information provided with your product packaging or visit the official Snow Joe website for the most up-to-date support details.

Please have your model number (MJ403E) and purchase date available when contacting support.

