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Model: WRC11524CL

INTRODUCTION

This manual provides essential information for the safe and efficient operation, maintenance, and troubleshooting of your Swisher Classic Predator 11.5 HP 24 in. Walk Behind Rough Cut Mower. Please read this manual thoroughly before operating the machine to ensure proper use and to prevent injury or damage.

SAFETY INFORMATION

Always prioritize safety when operating the rough cut mower. Wear appropriate personal protective equipment, including eye protection, hearing protection, and sturdy footwear. Ensure the work area is clear of bystanders and debris. Familiarize yourself with all controls and safety features before starting the engine.

- **Operator Presence Control:** The mower is equipped with an operator presence blade engagement and drive control system. The engine and blade will stop if the operator releases the controls.
- **Safety Deflectors:** Front safety deflectors and a wire shield are installed to protect against flying debris. Regularly inspect these for damage.
- **Proposition 65 Warning:** This product may expose you to chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer and birth defects or other reproductive harm. For more information, go to www.P65Warnings.ca.gov.

SETUP AND ASSEMBLY

Upon receiving your Swisher Rough Cut Mower, ensure all components are present and undamaged. Some assembly may be required, typically involving the handlebar and minor attachments. Refer to the detailed assembly instructions provided in the packaging for specific steps.

- **Handlebar Adjustment:** The handlebar height is adjustable to provide comfortable operation for various users. Adjust it to a suitable height before operation.
- **Initial Fluid Checks:** Before the first use, check the engine oil level and fill the fuel tank with fresh gasoline. Consult the engine manual for specific oil and fuel requirements.



Figure 1: Overall view of the Swisher Classic Predator 24 inch Walk Behind Rough Cut Mower.

OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

The Swisher Classic Predator is designed for clearing dense undergrowth, tall grass, and saplings up to 1.5 inches in diameter. Its robust design and powerful engine make it suitable for challenging terrain.

Engine Start-up

1. Ensure the fuel tank is adequately filled and the engine oil level is correct.
2. Set the choke and throttle according to the engine manufacturer's recommendations for starting.
3. Engage the operator presence control.
4. Pull the recoil start handle firmly until the engine starts.
5. Once started, gradually disengage the choke and adjust the throttle to the desired operating speed.



Figure 2: Close-up view of the Briggs & Stratton 11.5 HP (344cc) recoil start engine.

Driving and Cutting

This mower features a 4-speed self-propelled transmission with neutral and reverse gears, allowing for precise control over varying terrain and cutting conditions.

- **Gear Selection:** Use the gear selection lever, conveniently located on the operator's control panel, to choose between 4 forward speeds, neutral, and reverse.
- **Cutting Height:** The cutting height can be adjusted from 3 inches to 4.75 inches to suit the vegetation being cleared.
- **Terrain Navigation:** The large pneumatic chevron tread tires provide excellent traction and stability on rough and uneven ground.



Figure 3: Detail of the 4-speed transmission lever with R-N-1-2-3-4 settings.



Figure 4: Close-up of the large pneumatic chevron tread tire, designed for superior traction.

Video 1: Demonstration of the Swisher Walk Behind Rough Cut Mower in operation, showcasing its ability to clear dense vegetation.

Regular maintenance is crucial for the longevity and optimal performance of your Swisher Rough Cut Mower. Always disconnect the spark plug wire before performing any maintenance to prevent accidental starting.

- **Engine Maintenance:** Follow the engine manufacturer's guidelines for oil changes, air filter cleaning/replacement, and spark plug inspection.
- **Blade Inspection:** Regularly inspect the single fixed hardened steel rough cut blade for sharpness and damage. Replace or sharpen as needed.
- **General Inspection:** Periodically check all nuts, bolts, and fasteners for tightness. Ensure control cables are properly adjusted and free from kinks or damage.
- **Component Protection:** When operating in dense brush, ensure all critical components, especially fluid ports and lines, are secure and protected to prevent accidental dislodgement or damage.

TROUBLESHOOTING

This section provides solutions to common operational issues. For problems not listed here, or for complex repairs, contact authorized service personnel.

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Engine fails to start	No fuel, stale fuel, spark plug issue, choke setting incorrect, operator presence control not engaged.	Check fuel level and quality. Inspect spark plug. Adjust choke. Ensure operator presence control is fully engaged.
Mower not self-propelling	Drive belt loose or broken, transmission issue, control cable maladjustment.	Inspect drive belt. Check transmission fluid (if applicable). Adjust or replace control cables.
Poor cutting performance	Dull or damaged blade, incorrect cutting height, engine speed too low.	Sharpen or replace blade. Adjust cutting height. Increase engine RPM.

SPECIFICATIONS

Feature	Detail
Brand	Swisher
Model Number	WRC11524CL
Engine	11.5 HP (344cc) Briggs & Stratton Recoil Start
Cutting Width	24 Inches
Cutting Height Range	3 - 4.75 Inches (4 positions)
Transmission	4-Speed with Reverse
Tires	Large Pneumatic Chevron Tread
Item Weight	252 Pounds
Country of Origin	USA

WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

For detailed warranty information, please refer to the warranty card included with your product or visit the official Swisher website. Keep your purchase receipt as proof of purchase for warranty claims.

For technical assistance, replacement parts, or further inquiries, please contact Swisher customer support. You can also find additional resources, including a downloadable user manual, on the Swisher website or through the provided [User Manual \(PDF\)](#) link.

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