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Model: 40-inch

INTRODUCTION

The Suchtale 40-inch Tow Behind Dethatcher is an outdoor lawn tool designed to remove thatch from lawns. It features 20 heat-treated spring steel tines that effectively loosen and lift matted grass, promoting healthier lawn growth. This manual provides essential information for the safe assembly, operation, and maintenance of your dethatcher.



Image: The Suchtale 40-inch Tow Behind Dethatcher, ready for use.

SAFETY INFORMATION

Always prioritize safety during the assembly and use of this dethatcher to prevent injuries. Read all instructions carefully before operation.

- Wear appropriate safety gear, including gloves and eye protection, during assembly and operation.
- Ensure all fasteners are securely tightened before each use.
- Keep children and pets away from the work area.
- Operate the dethatcher on level ground whenever possible.
- Do not operate the dethatcher at excessive speeds.
- Disconnect the dethatcher from the towing vehicle before performing any adjustments or maintenance.

PACKAGE CONTENTS

Verify that all components are present before beginning assembly. If any parts are missing or damaged, contact customer support.

- Dethatcher Frame
- 20 Spring Steel Tines
- Wheels with Bearings
- Transport Handle
- Hitch Pin
- Hardware (bolts, nuts, washers)
- Instruction Manual



Image: Detailed view of the dethatcher's spring steel tines, adjustable handle, and wheel with bearings.

SETUP AND ASSEMBLY

Assembly of the Suchtale 40-inch Tow Behind Dethatcher requires careful attention to detail. Follow the pictorial instructions provided in the included manual. An assembly video is also available for visual guidance.

Assembly Steps:

1. Unpack all components and lay them out to ensure all parts are present.
2. Assemble the main frame according to the diagrams. Ensure all bolt holes align correctly.

3. Attach the wheels to the axle, ensuring the bearings are properly seated.
4. Install the 20 spring steel tines into their designated slots. These tines are designed to be rust-proof and replaceable.
5. Attach the transport handle, which allows for easy raising and lowering of the tines.
6. Secure the hitch pin mechanism for attachment to an ATV or riding lawn mower.

Video: Step-by-step guide on how to install the 40-inch Tow Behind Dethatcher.

Video: New version assembly instructions for the Suchtale Dethatcher.



Image: Diagram illustrating the dimensions and operational modes (working and walking) of the dethatcher.

OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

The dethatcher is designed for easy operation with a hitch pin, allowing quick attachment to ATVs or riding lawn mowers. The 20 independently flexing tines work to effectively remove thatch.

Operation Guidelines:

1. **Attachment:** Connect the dethatcher to your towing vehicle using the provided hitch pin. Ensure a secure connection.
2. **Tine Engagement:** Use the transport handle to lower the tines into the working position. The tines should make contact with the ground to effectively remove thatch.
3. **Adding Weight:** For increased thatch removal, especially in heavily matted areas, add up to 70 lbs of additional weight to the ballast platform. Common items like concrete blocks can be used.
4. **Dethatching Process:** Drive your towing vehicle at a consistent, moderate speed across the lawn. Overlap passes slightly to ensure complete coverage.
5. **Optimal Timing:** The best time to dethatch is typically in the fall, as this allows water and nutrients to reach grass roots in preparation for spring growth.
6. **Transport Mode:** When moving the dethatcher between work areas or for storage, raise the tines using the transport handle to prevent damage.



***Suitable for any rider
or tractor***

And most any ZTR or ATV

Image: The dethatcher in operation, towed behind a riding lawn mower.



***Added up to 70 pounds
of additional weight***

40-Inch Tine Tow Dethatcher

Image: The dethatcher with additional weight on its platform to enhance tine penetration.



Image: Visual comparison of a lawn before and after dethatching, demonstrating effectiveness.

Video: A brief demonstration of the Suchtale 40-inch Tow Behind Dethatcher in action.

MAINTENANCE

Regular maintenance ensures the longevity and optimal performance of your dethatcher.

- **Cleaning:** After each use, clean the working parts, especially the tines, to remove any soil, grass residue, or debris. This prevents rust and maintains tine flexibility.
- **Inspection:** Periodically inspect all bolts, nuts, and connections for tightness. Tighten any loose fasteners.
- **Tine Replacement:** The spring steel tines are replaceable. If any tines become bent or damaged beyond repair, replace them promptly to maintain dethatching effectiveness.
- **Storage:** Store the dethatcher in a dry, covered area to protect it from the elements when not in use. Raise the tines to the transport position during storage.

TROUBLESHOOTING

This section addresses common issues you might encounter with your dethatcher.

- **Difficulty with Assembly:** If assembly instructions seem unclear, review the provided assembly videos. Ensure all components are oriented correctly, as some parts may appear similar but have specific alignments. Do not fully tighten all screws until the entire section is assembled to allow for minor adjustments.
- **Tines Not Engaging Ground:** Verify that the transport handle is fully in the working (lowered) position. If the tines still do not make sufficient contact, consider adding additional weight to the ballast platform to increase penetration.
- **Loose Springs/Tines:** Ensure the spring tines are firmly fixed in their brackets. If springs become loose, re-secure them according to assembly instructions.
- **Uneven Dethatching:** Check for bent or missing tines and replace as necessary. Ensure the dethatcher is level when towed. Adjust the hitch height if your towing vehicle's hitch is significantly higher or lower than the dethatcher's hitch point.



Image: Comparison of key dethatcher features, highlighting robust design elements.

SPECIFICATIONS

Feature	Detail
Model	40-inch Tow Behind Dethatcher

Tine Count	20 Spring Steel Tines (2 rows of 10)
Ballast Platform Capacity	Up to 70 lbs
Hitch Type	Pin-style hitch
Package Dimensions	40 x 9.5 x 4.75 inches
Item Weight	32.8 pounds
Manufacturer	Suchtale

WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

Suchtale is committed to customer satisfaction. If you encounter any issues or have questions regarding your 40-inch Tow Behind Dethatcher, please contact the manufacturer directly.

For support, refer to the contact information provided with your purchase or visit the official Suchtale website. Our team is available to provide comprehensive answers and assistance.