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MODEL: TIA-1001

1. Introduction

This manual provides essential information for the safe and effective operation, assembly, and maintenance of your BILT HARD Electric Dethatcher Scarifier. This 2-in-1 machine is designed to improve lawn health by removing thatch and aerating the soil, allowing better penetration of air, water, and nutrients to the grass roots.

2. Important Safety Information

Always adhere to the following safety guidelines to prevent injury or damage to the equipment:

- **Read the entire manual:** Familiarize yourself with all instructions and warnings before operating the machine.
- **Wear appropriate safety gear:** Always use eye protection, hearing protection, sturdy footwear, and gloves during operation.
- **Keep bystanders clear:** Ensure children, pets, and other individuals are at a safe distance (at least 50 feet) from the working area.
- **Inspect the work area:** Remove any objects such as rocks, sticks, wires, or debris that could be thrown by the machine.
- **Electrical safety:** Use only an extension cord suitable for outdoor use and rated for the machine's amperage. Do not operate in wet conditions. Always disconnect power before performing maintenance or clearing blockages.
- **Maintain control:** Operate the machine with both hands on the handle. Do not overreach.
- **Proper storage:** Store the machine in a dry, secure location, out of reach of children.

3. Product Components and Features

The BILT HARD Electric Dethatcher Scarifier is equipped with several features designed for efficient lawn maintenance:



Figure 3.1: Overview of the BILT HARD Electric Dethatcher Scarifier with both dethatching and scarifying rollers.

- **12 Amp Copper Motor:** Provides powerful and consistent performance for dethatching and scarifying.
- **13-inch Working Width:** Allows for efficient coverage of lawn areas.
- **2-in-1 Functionality:** Easily switch between dethatching (spring steel tines) and scarifying (blades) rollers.
- **4-Position Depth Adjustment:** Customize the working depth for various lawn conditions.
- **8-Gallon Thatch Bag:** Collects removed thatch for a cleaner work area.
- **Foldable Handle Rod:** Facilitates compact storage and transport.
- **Durable Construction:** Features a reinforced shell and flat-free wheels for stability and maneuverability.

Foldable Handle Rod Convenient Storage



Figure 3.2: Detailed view of the Raking Roller (dethatcher) with 20 spring steel tines and the Scarifying Roller with 16 blades.

MORE DETAILS



EASY TO CONTROL

Enhanced Stability &
Maneuverability

8 GAL THATCH BAG

Less Emptying, More efficiency



REINFORCED SHELL

Built for Toughness

FOLDABLE HANDLE ROD

The Space-Saving Solution for
Compact Storage



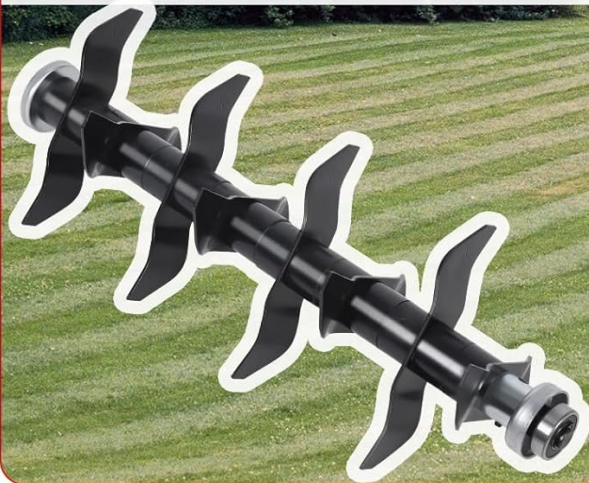
Figure 3.3: Illustration of the 4-position depth adjustment mechanism, indicating different settings for dethatching and scarifying.

4. Setup and Assembly

Follow these steps to assemble your dethatcher scarifier:

1. **Unpack Components:** Carefully remove all parts from the packaging. Verify all components are present according to the packing list.
2. **Handle Assembly:** Attach the lower and upper handle rods. Secure them using the provided quick-lock knobs. Ensure all electrical cables are properly routed and secured to prevent damage during operation. Pay attention to any wire clips or guides to prevent snagging.
3. **Roller Installation:** Determine whether you will use the dethatching roller or the scarifying roller. Refer to the machine's instructions for specific roller exchange procedures. Ensure the chosen roller is securely fastened.
4. **Thatch Bag Attachment:** Mount the 8-gallon thatch bag onto the designated hooks or slots at the rear of the machine. Ensure it is securely attached to prevent detachment during use.
5. **Depth Adjustment:** Before operation, set the desired working depth using the 4-position adjustment lever. Start with a higher setting for initial passes and adjust as needed.

Scarifying Roller Cutting the Grassroots



Dethatcher Roller Efficiently Picking Up Thatch



Figure 4.1: The foldable handle rod allows for convenient, compact storage of the unit.

5. Operating Instructions

Proper operation ensures effective results and prolongs the life of your machine:

1. **Pre-Operation Check:** Inspect the machine for any loose parts, damage, or obstructions. Ensure the power cord is in good condition and properly connected.
2. **Select Roller:** Choose between the dethatching roller (for light thatch removal) or the scarifying roller (for deeper aeration and heavy thatch).
3. **Adjust Depth:** Use the 4-position lever to set the appropriate working depth. For dethatching, typical settings range from -0.6 inches to 0.16 inches. For scarifying, settings range from -0.47 inches to 0.16 inches. Begin with a shallower setting and increase if necessary.
4. **Start the Machine:** Connect the power cord to a suitable outdoor extension cord and then to a grounded outlet. Press and hold the safety button, then pull the bail switch lever towards the handle to start the motor.
5. **Operate:** Push the machine forward at a steady, moderate pace. Overlapping passes slightly will ensure complete coverage. Avoid operating on slopes that are too steep.
6. **Empty Thatch Bag:** The 8-gallon thatch bag will fill quickly, especially during initial use on heavily thatched

lawns. Empty the bag frequently to maintain optimal performance and prevent clogging. Alternatively, you can operate without the bag and rake up the thatch afterward.

7. **Stop the Machine:** Release the bail switch lever to stop the motor. Disconnect the power cord from the outlet after use.



Figure 5.1: The scarifying roller cuts into the grassroots for aeration, while the dethatcher roller efficiently picks up surface thatch.

6. Maintenance

Regular maintenance ensures longevity and optimal performance:

- **Disconnect Power:** Always unplug the machine from the power source before performing any maintenance or cleaning.
- **Clean the Unit:** After each use, clean the housing, rollers, and thatch bag. Remove any grass clippings, dirt, or debris. Use a damp cloth; do not use water jets or harsh chemicals.
- **Inspect Rollers:** Regularly check the dethatching tines and scarifying blades for wear or damage. Replace worn or bent tines/blades to maintain effectiveness.
- **Check Fasteners:** Ensure all nuts, bolts, and screws are tight. Tighten any loose fasteners.
- **Store Properly:** Fold the handle rod for compact storage. Store the machine in a dry, well-ventilated area, protected from direct sunlight and moisture.

7. Troubleshooting

Refer to this section for common issues and their solutions:

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Machine does not start	No power supply; Safety switch not engaged; Damaged power cord/switch.	Check power outlet and extension cord. Ensure safety button is pressed and bail switch is pulled. Inspect power cord for damage. If the power switch mechanism feels loose or broken, contact customer support.
Poor dethatching/scarifying performance	Incorrect depth setting; Worn rollers; Thatch bag full.	Adjust depth to a lower setting. Inspect rollers and replace if worn. Empty thatch bag frequently.
Machine vibrates excessively	Bent or damaged roller; Loose fasteners.	Inspect rollers for damage and replace if necessary. Check and tighten all fasteners.
Thatch bag fills too quickly	High volume of thatch; Small bag capacity.	This is normal for heavily thatched lawns. Empty the bag more frequently or operate without the bag and rake up thatch manually after use.

8. Specifications

Feature	Specification
Brand	BILT HARD
Model Number	TIA-1001
Power Source	Electric
Motor	12 Amp Copper Motor
Raking/Cutting Width	13 inches (33 Centimeters)
Thatch Bag Capacity	8 Gallons (1 bushel)
Depth Adjustment	4 Positions (Scarifying: -0.47" to 0.16"; Dethatching: -0.6" to 0.16")
Item Weight	25.8 Pounds
Product Dimensions	40 x 20 x 40 inches (assembled)
Material	Alloy Steel
Color	Blue

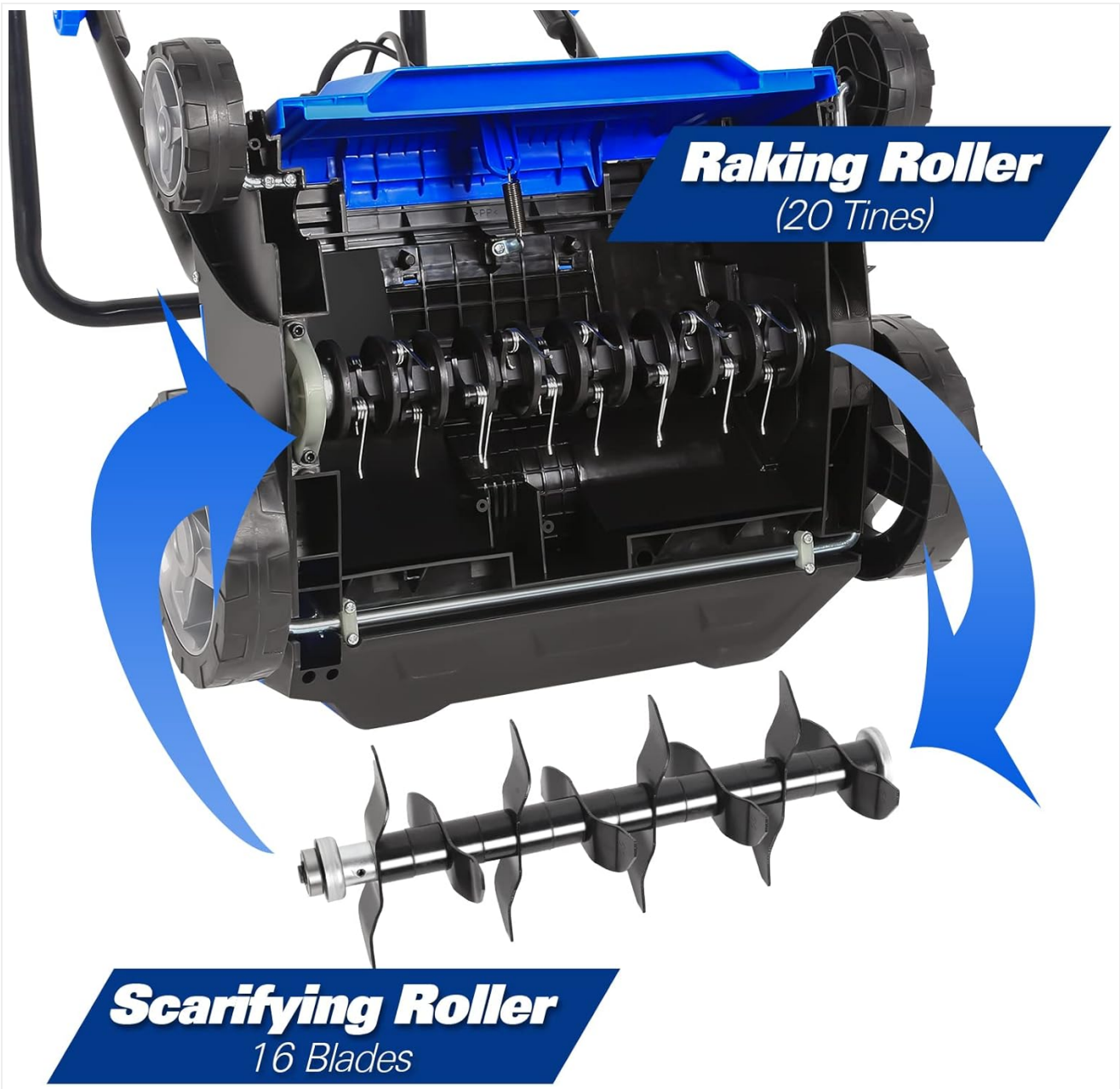


Figure 8.1: Detailed dimensions and weight of the BILT HARD Electric Dethatcher Scarifier.

9. Warranty and Support

For warranty information, technical support, or replacement parts, please contact BILT HARD customer service. Keep your purchase receipt and model number (TIA-1001) readily available when contacting support. Contact information can typically be found on the BILT HARD official website or through your retailer.