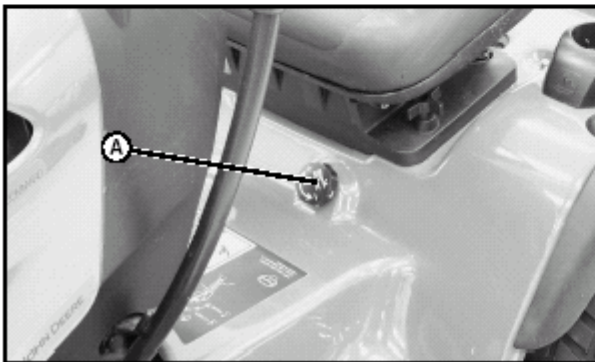


## Removing Mower

**CAUTION:** Avoid injury! Released spring tension in components can cause injury.  
Lock lift lever before removing mower.  
Make sure to grip drive belt tension rod tightly and release slowly.

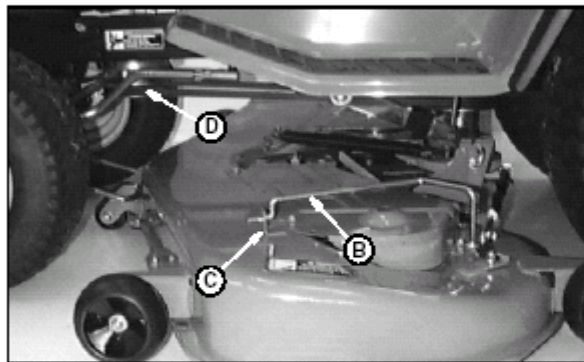
**NOTE:** Removing mower is easier if machine wheels are turned to one side.

1. Park machine safely. (See Parking Safely in the Safety section.)
2. Raise mower to transport (upper) position using lift lever.



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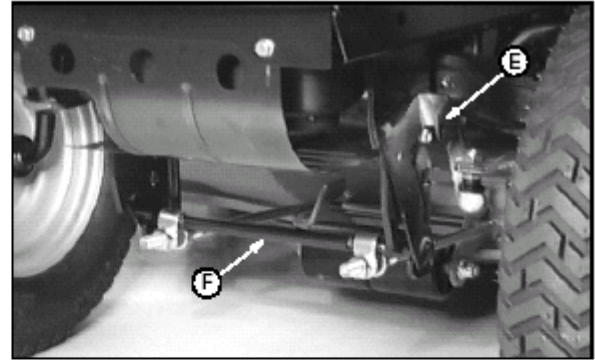
3. Set cutting height knob (A) to 25 mm (1 in.).
4. Put wood blocks under each side of mower.
5. Lower mower to mowing (lower) position, bring mower down onto blocks.



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**Picture Note:** 54-Inch Mower Shown

6. Release drive belt tension rod (B) from bracket (C).
7. Remove belt from engine drive sheave (D).



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8. Pull out and push down on lever (E) to release front lift rod assembly (F) and remove from front of mower.



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**Picture Note:** 54-Inch Mower Shown

9. Disconnect draft arms, one on each side, by pulling spring loaded J-pins (G) out.
10. Put mower lift lever in transport (upper) position.
11. Slide mower out from under machine.

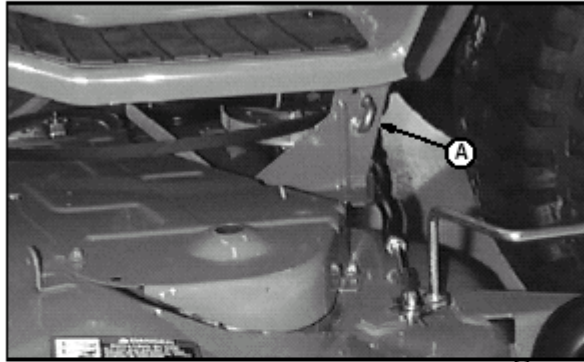
## Installing Mower

**CAUTION:** Avoid injury! Released spring tension in components can cause injury.  
Lock lift lever before removing mower.  
Make sure to grip drive belt tension rod tightly and release slowly.

**NOTE:** Installing mower is easier if machine wheels are turned to one side.

1. Park machine safely. (See Parking Safely in the Safety section.)
2. Raise mower lift lever to transport (upper) position.
3. Slide mower under machine and line up mower lift brackets with rear draft arms.

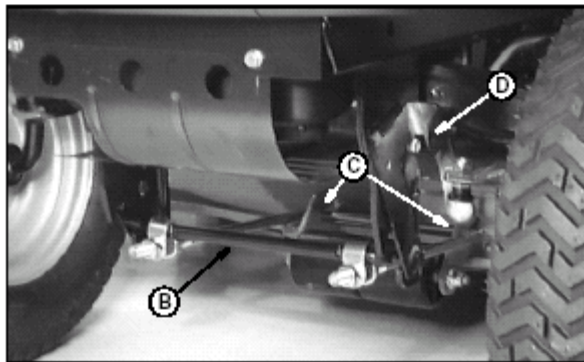
- Put wood blocks under each side of mower.
- Put mower lift lever in mowing (lower) position.



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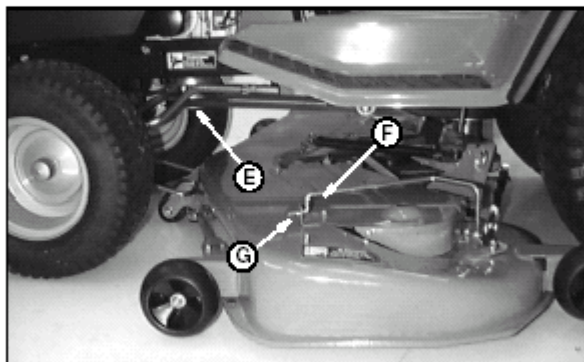
**Picture Note: 54-Inch Mower Shown**

- Install rear draft arms, one on each side of machine, to mower lift brackets with spring loaded J-pins (A).



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- Put front lift rod assembly (B) in slotted brackets (C) on mower and install front lift rod assembly to front of machine frame.
- Push up on lever (D) and lock into machine frame.



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**Picture Note: 54-Inch Mower Shown**

- Put mower drive belt (E) on engine drive sheave.
- Push drive belt tension rod (F) into bracket (G).

- Raise mower lift lever to transport (upper) position.
- Remove wood blocks from both sides of mower.
- Level mower.

## Replacing Mower Drive Belt



**CAUTION: Avoid injury! Before replacing mower drive belt:**

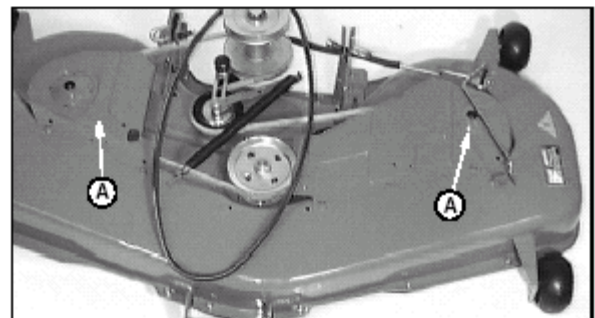
Stop engine.

Remove key.

Wait for all moving parts to stop.

Wear gloves when replacing belt.

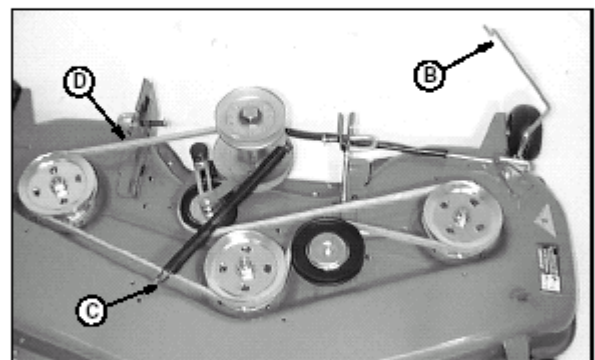
- Park machine safely. (See Parking Safely in the Safety section.)
- Remove mower.



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**Picture Note: 54-Inch Mower Shown**

- Remove three cap screws and belt shields (A).



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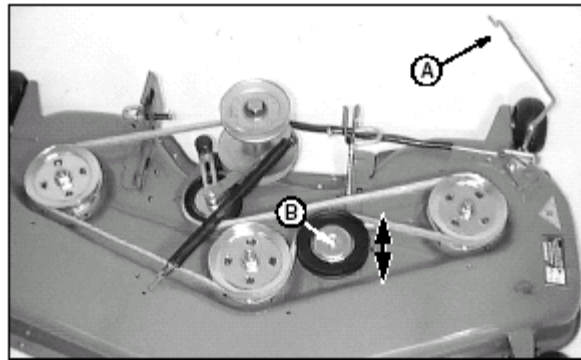
**Picture Note: 48-Inch Mower Shown**

- Put drive belt tension rod (B) in released position as shown and disconnect idler spring (C).
- Remove mower belt (D).

6. Clean upper mower and sheaves.
7. Inspect belt for wear or damage; replace as necessary.
8. Install belt (D) on mower as shown.
9. Connect idler spring (C).
10. Install two belt shields and fasten with three cap screws.
11. Install mower.

### Adjusting Mower Drive Belt Tension

1. Park machine safely. (See Parking Safely in the Safety section.)
2. Remove mower.
3. Remove three cap screws and belt shields.



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**Picture Note: 48-Inch Mower Shown**

4. Leave drive belt tension rod (A) in open position.
5. Loosen nut (B) on flat idler.
6. Slide flat idler forward or back to get desired belt tightness and tighten flat idler nut.
7. Install two belt shields and fasten with three cap screws.
8. Install mower.