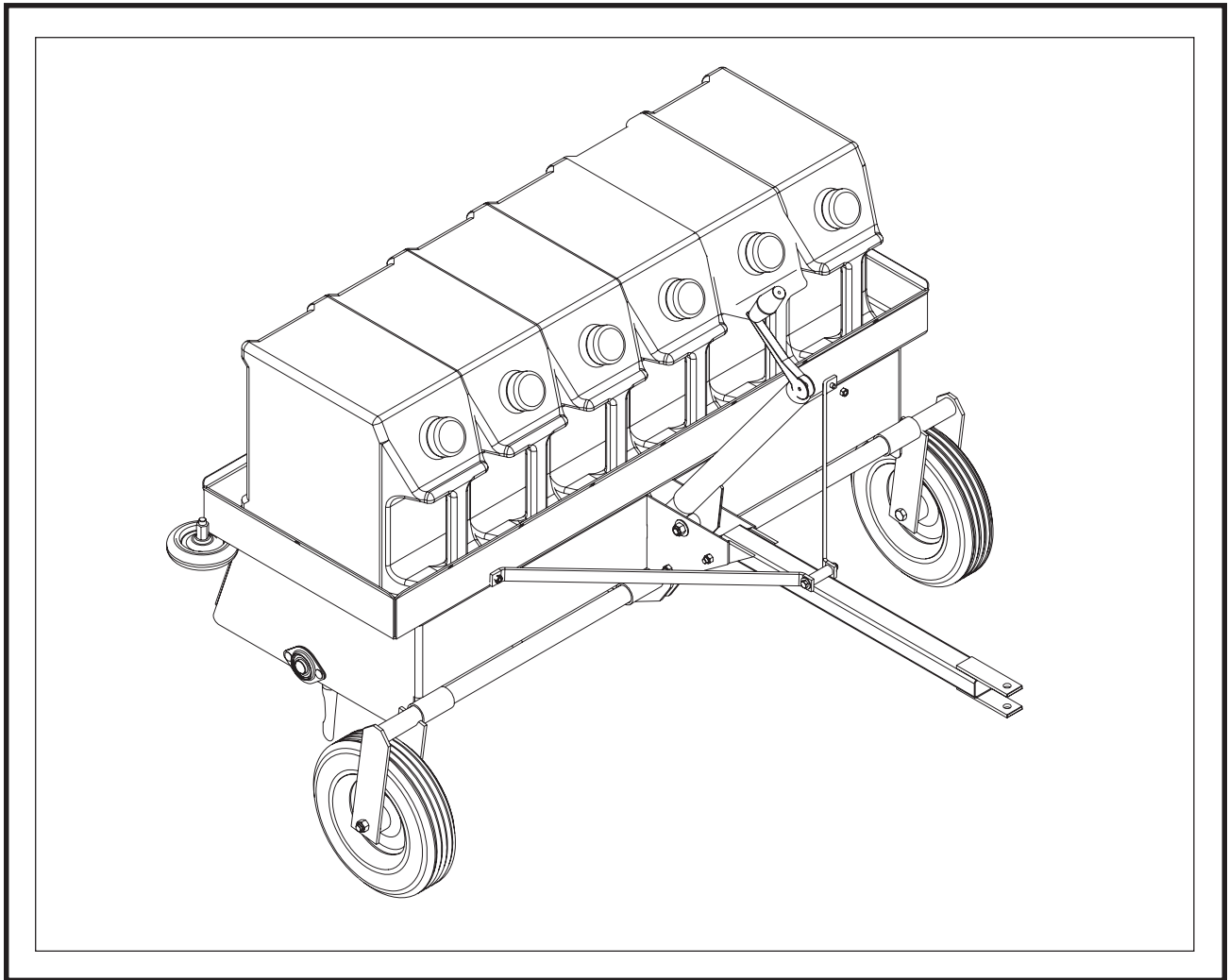




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# **Towable Aerator**

## **Operation & Parts Manual**

**Models:**  
**TA12 (48")**  
**TA10 (36")**



## ASSEMBLY

Congratulations! You have just purchased the BlueBird Towable Aerator - a precision-engineered product designed to provide maximum aeration performance and flexibility. Only a few simple steps are required to fully assemble the aerator. Please read these instructions before beginning assembly. Assembly by two people is recommended. If you have questions, please contact your BlueBird dealer or distributor.

### TOOLS REQUIRED:

2 each 3/4" wrenches  
 1 each 9/16" deep-well socket  
 1 each 9/16" wrench  
 2 each 1/2" wrenches

### PARTS INCLUDED:

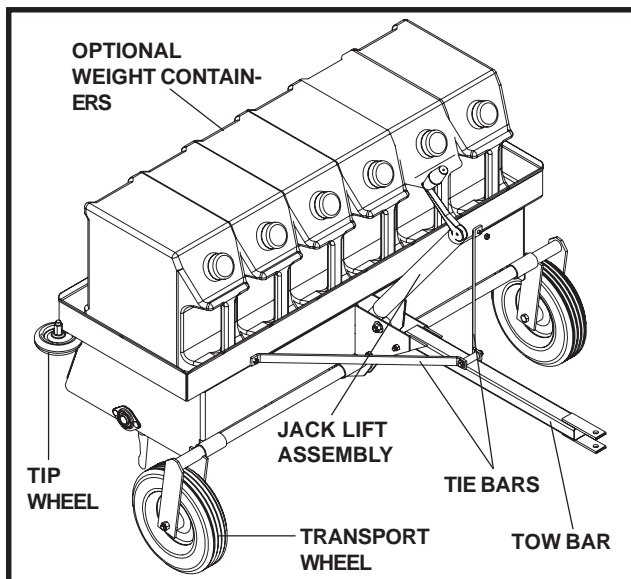
**Bolts:** 1 each 5/16-18 x 3  
 4 each 3/8-16 x 1, Gr. 5  
 1 each 1/2-13 x 3 1/2, Gr. 5  
 1 each 3/8-16 x 1 3/4, Gr. 5  
 2 each 5/16-18 x 1, carriage

**Nuts:** 3 each 5/16-18, nyloc  
 1 each 1/2-13, nyloc  
 5 each 3/8-16, nyloc

**Bushing:** 5/8" x 9/16"

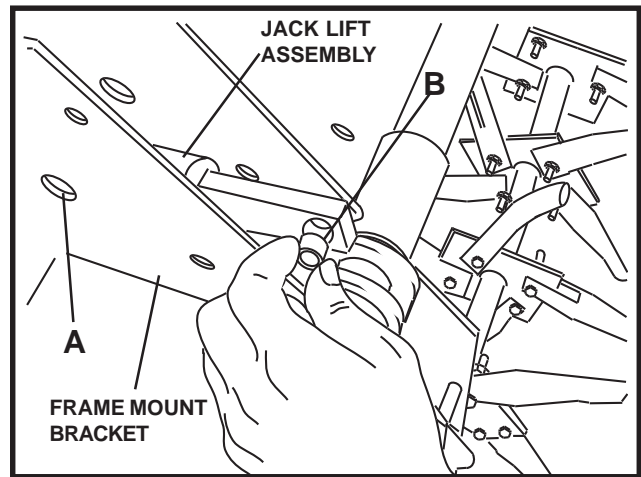
**Washers:** 2 each 1/2", flat  
 6 each 3/8", flat  
 2 each 5/16", flat

Tow bar (1)  
 Jack (1)  
 Tie bar (2) (used only on the TA12, 48" model)



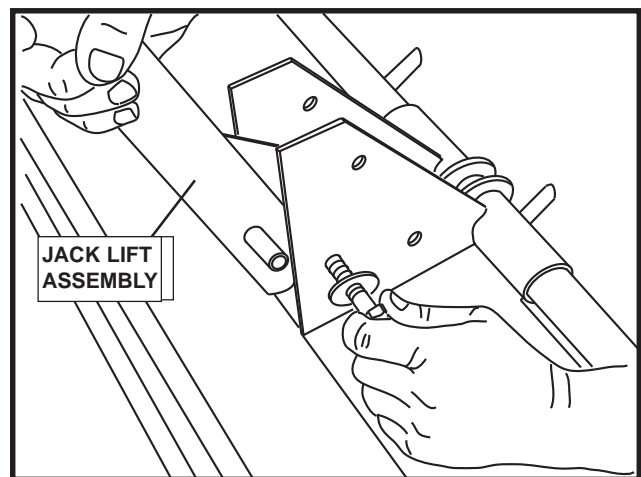
**FIGURE 1**

1. Check to see that all bolts, washers and nuts are included in the plastic bag. Check for any signs of damage that may have occurred during shipment.



**FIGURE 2**

2. Tip aerator onto its back edge and install jack lift assembly. Install 5/8" x 9/16" bushing in hole "B" near end of the jack assembly before inserting into frame mount. Slide lift jack assembly between the two frame mount brackets and align frame mount hole "A" with lift assembly hole. See Figure 2.

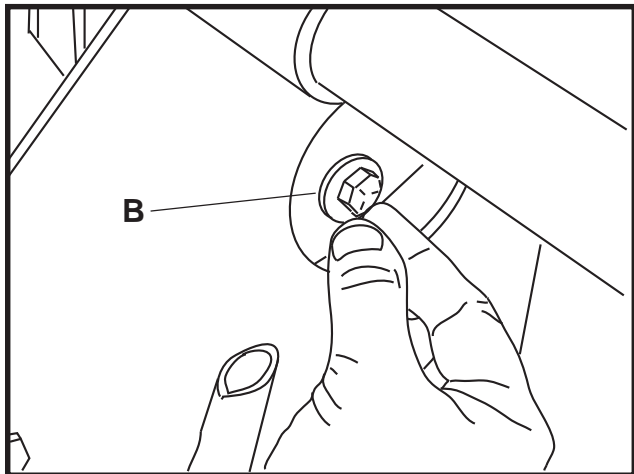


**FIGURE 3**

3. Install 1/2" x 3" bolt and washer through frame mount and jack assembly. Add 1/2" lock nut with washer and tighten. See Figure 3.

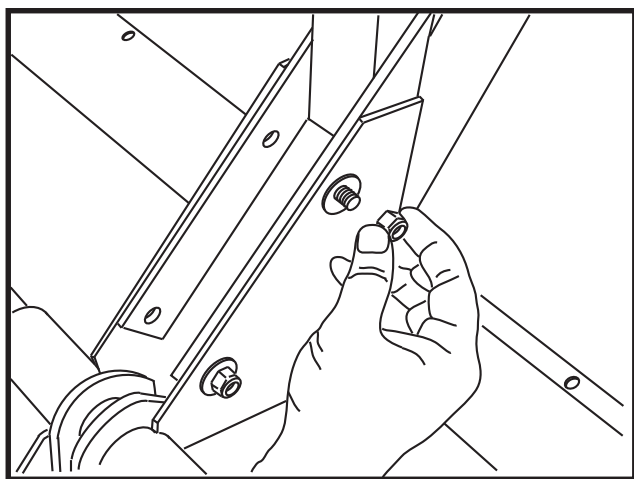
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- Align jack lift assembly hole "B" with clearance holes in frame and attach jack assembly to bracket on axle using 3/8" x 1 1/2" bolt and 3/8" washers and lock nut. See Figure 4.



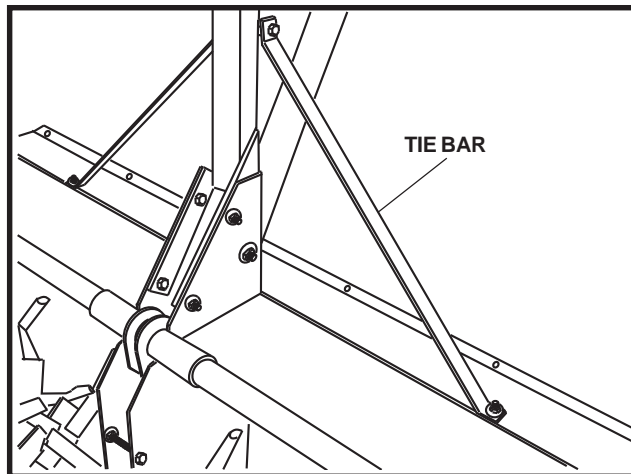
**FIGURE 4**

- Tighten the 1/2" bolt and 3/8" bolt securely. The 3/8" bolt will require the use of a 9/16" deep-well socket wrench to tighten.
- Install tow bar by sliding bracket into frame mount and aligning holes. See Figure 5.



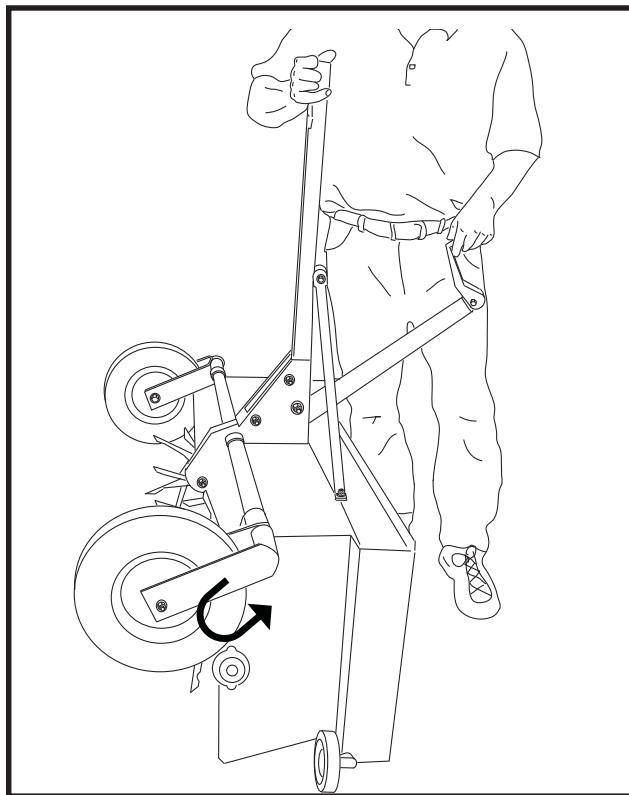
**FIGURE 5**

- Insert four 3/8" x 1" bolts, four washers placed on outside of frame and four 3/8" lock nuts. Tighten securely with socket wrench. See Figure 5.



**FIGURE 6**

- Attach the tie bars to the aerator bed and to the tow bar as seen in Figure 6. (48" model only.)



**FIGURE 7**

- Test the operation of jack lift assembly by raising transport wheels to highest position prior to tipping aerator into operating position. Lower transport wheels fully before tipping aerator.

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### CAUTION!

The wheels should be fully extended or fully retracted. **NEVER** operate with wheels partially retracted, damage to the jack could result.

9. Add a small amount of oil to the lift jack. See Figure 8. Oil should be added after every 25 hours of operation and after washing unit.

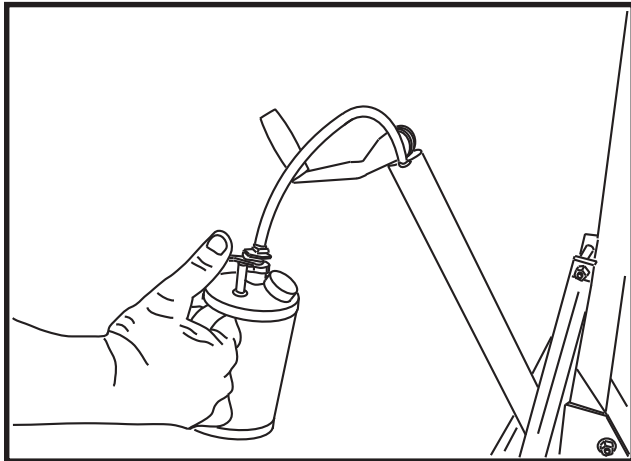


FIGURE 8

10. Before removing aerator from tractor and storing, lower the kick stand (48" model only).

**NOTE:** Park unit on a hard flat surface before lowering kick stand.

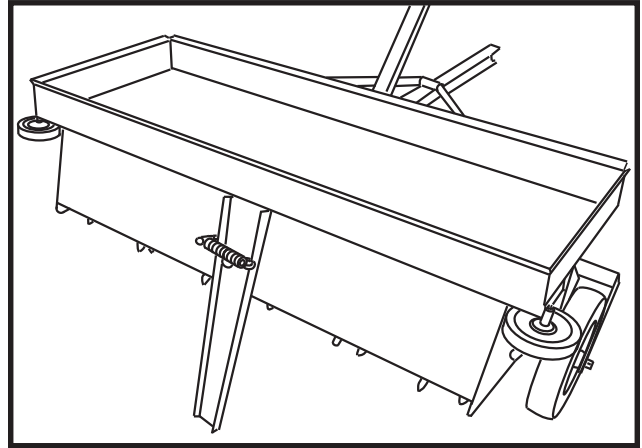


FIGURE 9



### WARNING!

Failure to lower kickstand before detaching unit from tractor may cause unit to tip backwards quickly, causing personal injury (48" unit only).



### CAUTION!

Always raise the kickstand before towing the unit. Towing with kickstand down will damage the unit (48" unit only).

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## OPERATION

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When replacing worn or damaged tines, use included washers and torque to 15 ft./lbs.

Weights may be added into pan to increase depth of ground penetration up to the limits shown in the specification section. Secure weights into the pan if used on rough ground or on angled surface.

Remove weights from pan before unhooking aerator from tractor.

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## SPECIFICATIONS

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### **36" MODEL:**

Maximum weight in pan - 300 lbs.

Empty weight: 190 lbs.

Minimum horsepower of towing vehicle - 16 H.P.

Check tine bolts - every 25 hours. (Torque to 15 ft/lbs.)

Lubricate wheels - every 100 hours.

Lubricate lift jack - every 25 hours.

Aerating pattern: 4 3/8" x 7"

### **48" MODEL:**

Maximum weight in pan - 375 lbs.

Empty weight: 222 lbs.

Minimum horsepower of towing vehicle - 18 H.P.

Check tine bolts - every 25 hours. (Torque to 15 ft/lbs.)

Lubricate wheels - every 100 hours.

Lubricate lift jack - every 25 hours.

Width: 58 1/2"

Length: 56 1/3"

Aerating pattern: 4 3/4" x 7"