

Deck Adapter Kit Instruction Supplement for Zero Turn Mowers

Installing the Deck Adapter Kit, (DAK), or Chute Adapter Kit to your Zero Turn Mower, (ZTM), will require a modification to the instructions included in the DAK because they were written for a traditional Lawn Tractor.

The ZTM does not have a fender covering the rear wheel. The end of the discharge tube is normally secured to the rear fender, (see instruction photo #1 on page 7). Therefore a bracket will be needed to support the end of the discharge tube. The bracket can be as simple as a broomstick, zip tied or taped to the frame. The bracket must be long enough to extend past the rear tire and support the discharge tube, but should not stick out much further than needed. The bracket can support the tube from below or above and is secured to the bracket using one of the rope ratchets.



Tire sticks out past the fender/gas tank.



Fancy bracket installed to support discharge tube.

Few ZTM's require a longer discharge tube. The distance from the Deck Adapter to the rear of the ZTM is greater than the 60-inch discharge tube included in the Kit. You will need to purchase a Discharge Tube Extension.



Measure from rear of frame to rear of deck opening.



OE tube is too short and extension is needed.

Attaching the discharge tube extension. The discharge tube extension screws into the OE discharge tube included in the kit.

- The extension will need to be cut to the proper length for your application. Determine the length of extension you need. Keep in mind that the rear open end of the discharge tube where the leaf bag attaches should extend 10 inches past the rear of the mower. Allow 2 inches for overlap when assembling the tubes. It is better to cut the extension longer than needed.
- At the determined length, cut the plastic of the tube using a sharp knife. Pull the wire so it slides out of the section of tube you will be using about 2 inches, cut the wire close to the tube and it should slide back into the plastic, covering the sharp edge. To cut the wire in the tube you will need heavy-duty cutting pliers.
- You will now screw the 2 pieces together. At the end of both tubes that you will screw together, trim away any loose tubing, but do not expose the wire. Lubricate the first spiral of each tube, (dish soap works well); on one tube do the inside, the other the outside. Be sure your hands are clean and dry so you can get a good grip on the tubes. Line up the spirals and screw them together as much as one complete spiral. To test, gently try to pull the tubes apart without unscrewing.

Note: You may find it easier to attach the tubes together first, then hold them in position to determine the proper length.

Complete the installation of the DAK using the original instructions.