

WAC 296-307-22015 Riding rotary mowers. (1) The highest point(s) of all openings in the blade enclosure front must be a maximum of 1 1/4 inches above the lowest blade position.

(2) Opening(s) must not allow grass or debris to discharge directly toward the operator seated in normal operator position.

(3) There must be one of the following at all grass discharge openings:

(a) A minimum of 6 inches between the end of the discharge chute and the blade tip circle; or

(b) A rigid bar fastened across the discharge opening secured to prevent removal without the use of tools. The bottom of the bar must be no higher than the bottom edge of the blade enclosure.

(4) Mowers must have stops to prevent jackknifing or locking of the steering mechanism.

(5) The mower must have brakes.

(6) Hand-operated wheel drive disengaging controls must move opposite to the direction of vehicle motion in order to disengage the drive. Foot-operated wheel drive disengaging controls must be depressed to disengage the drive. Deadman controls, both hand and foot operated, may operate in any direction to disengage the drive.

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