

## [User Manual]

Please read and follow the installation and operating instructions provided.

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IMPORTANT:

YOUR SMUCKER WEED WIPER COMES WITH A 2 YEAR MANUFACTURES WARRANTY. PLEASE SAVE YOUR RECEIPT FOR PROOF OF PURCHASE. CONTACT THE DEALER THAT YOU PURCHASES YOUR WIPER FORM WITH ANY WARRANTY ISSUES.

#### **INTRODUCTION**

Congratulations on your purchase of a Smucker Super Sponge® Weed Wiper!

The Super Sponge® is a lightweight, durable, herbicide applicator. Our sponges are designed to apply the maximum amount of product to the target weeds without any drift. The sponge applicators are made of industrial-strength, crusted sponge that stay saturated with chemical to wipe directly onto weeds. Our sponge weed wiper and top crop kits are applicators. Smucker Manufacturing makes no guarantee of any and all chemical use through the sponge application. Please read all chemical labeling concerning the weed wiper instructions.

The Super Sponge® has proven to be a quick and efficient way to wipe out weeds in your crops in many independent studies and we are confident you will be pleased with the results. We value our customers, and we would appreciate any input or comments you may have regarding your new Super Sponge® wiper.

You can visit our **smuckermfg.net** website page for reference to all weed wiper parts and diagrams. If you still have questions, give us a call and we can even help you locate your closest Smucker dealer.

Also, visit <u>www.smuckermfg.net</u> or ask your dealer about the other product lines we offer. We offer premium products at an affordable price. Take a look at our Foam Markers, Calf Warmers, and VisionWorks camera systems for farm equipment on our website.

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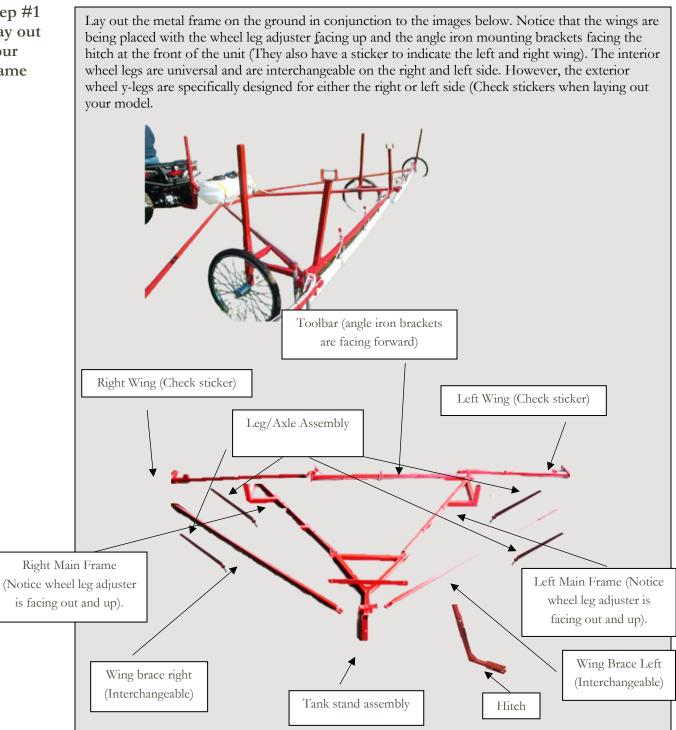


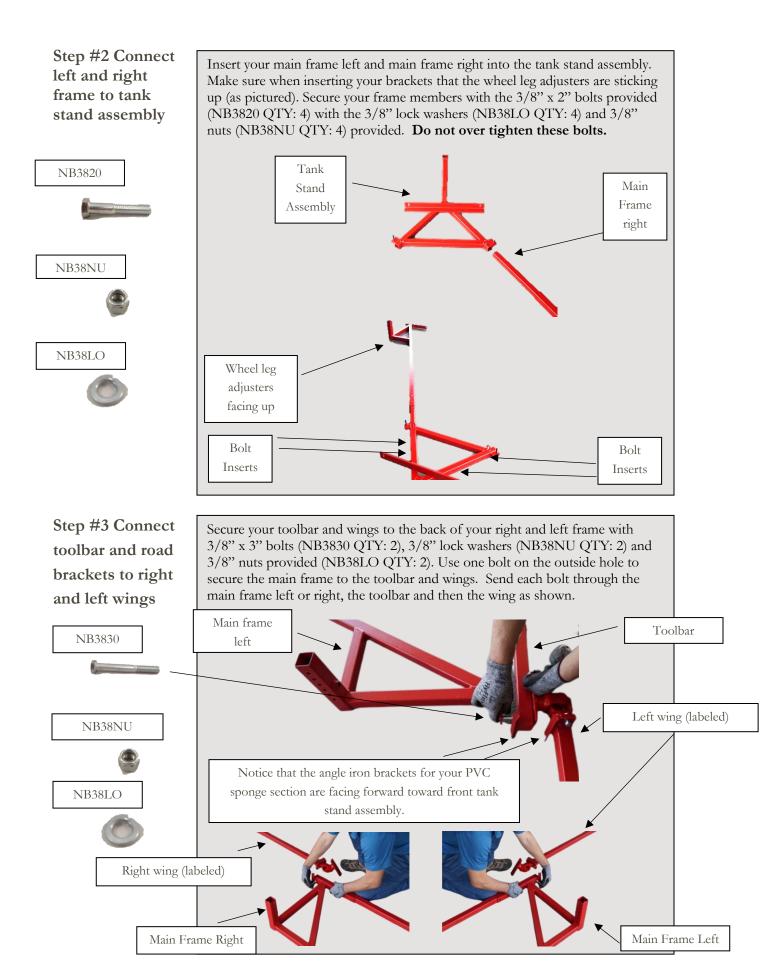
## Installation Instructions

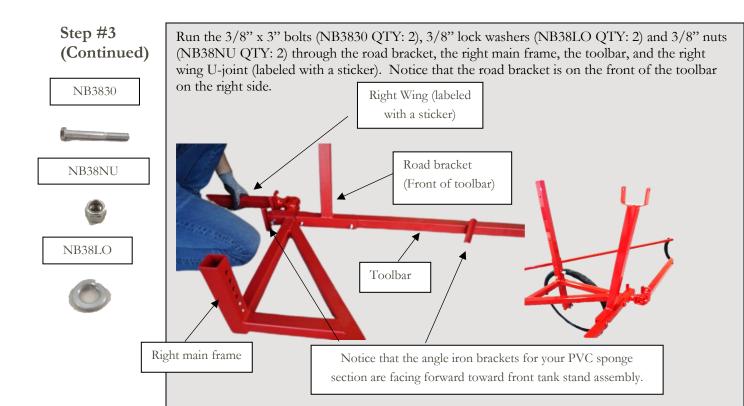
Thank you for purchasing a Pull-Type Weed Wiper. Please follow these directions carefully. We recommend assembling this unit with two people. You should expect a 1-1 ½ hour assembly time.

### Please refer to your, "Part Pull Sheet" when installing your Weed Wiper.

Step #1 Lay out your frame

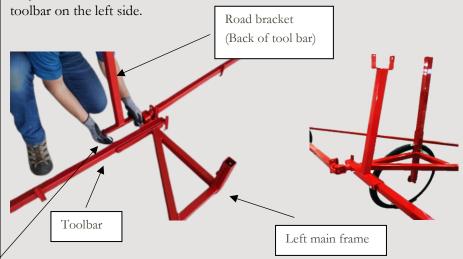






Before tightening, make sure your welded mounting brackets and the wing brace bracket slot are facing forward towards your hitch. Additionally, the wheel bracket should be facing up. Checking these things will ensure you have attached the correct wing to the right side of your assembly.

Next, run the 3/8" x 3" bolts (NB3830 QTY: 2), 3/8" lock washers (NB38LO QTY: 2) and 3/8" nuts (NB38NU QTY: 2) and spacers (NB38FP QTY: 1-3 on the inside hole only with welded spacers) through the road bracket, the left wing U-joint holes and washers (NB38FP), the tool bar, and the left main frame. Notice that the road bracket is now attached to the back of the



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After checking these steps, secure all bolts with two 9/16" wrenches. **Do not over tighten.** 

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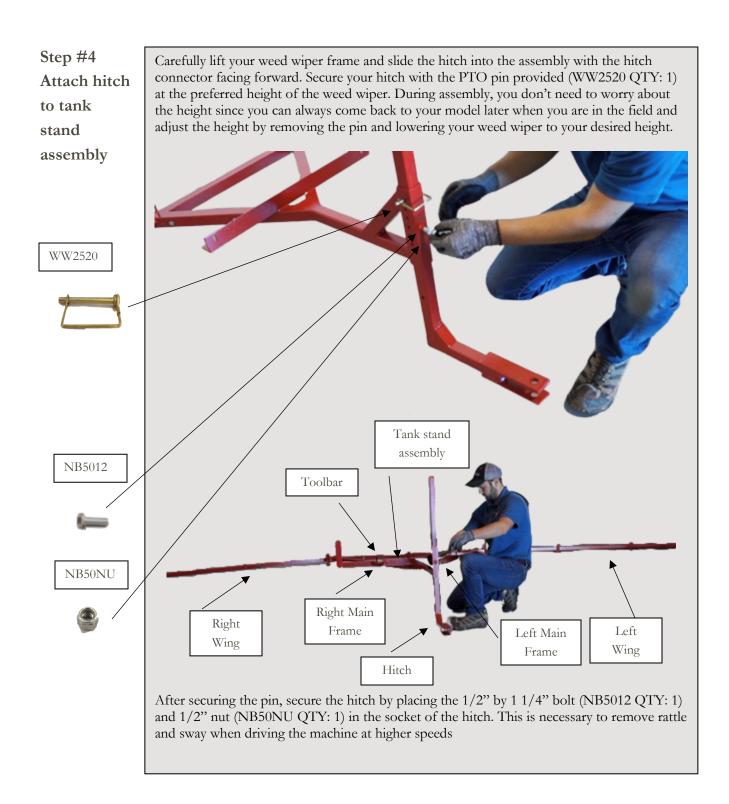
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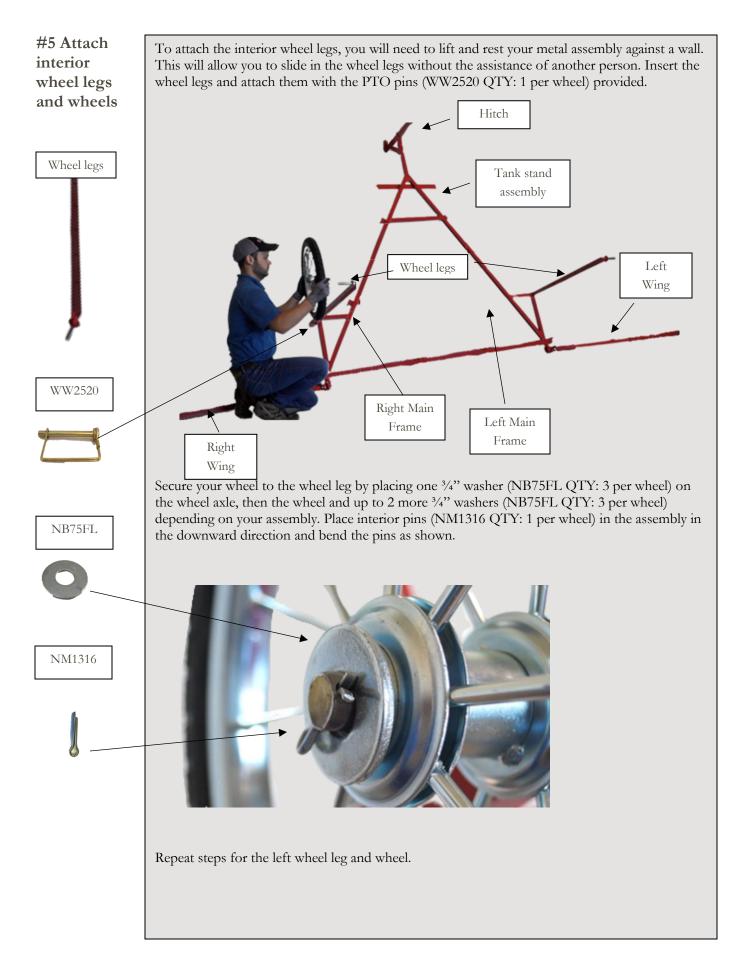
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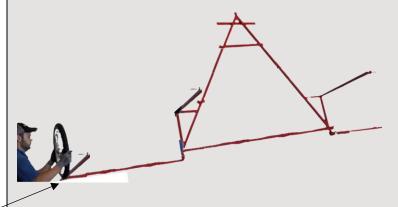
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Step #6 Attach exterior wheel legs and wheels

To attach the interior wheel legs, you will need to lift and rest your metal assembly against a wall. This will allow you to slide in the wheel legs without the assistance of another person. Insert the wheel legs and attach them with the PTO pins (WW2520 QTY: 1 per wheel) provided.

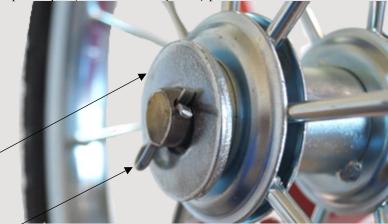


WW2520



Again, you will place one 3/4" washer (NB75FL QTY: 3 per wheel), the wheel and up to two more washers (NB75FL QTY: 3 per wheel) on the axle before securing it with the exterior snap lock pin (WWNM1316 QTY: 1) pointed in the downward direction.

Repeat steps for the right exterior wheel leg and then you can pull the assembly off the wall and stand it up, so the wheels are on the ground. Secure all wheel legs by placing the 1/2" by 1 1/4" bolt (NB5012 QTY: 1 per wheel) and 1/2" nut (NB50NU QTY: 1 per wheel) in the socket of the main frames and the wings. This is necessary to remove rattle and sway when



driving the machine at higher speeds.

NB75FL



WWNM1316

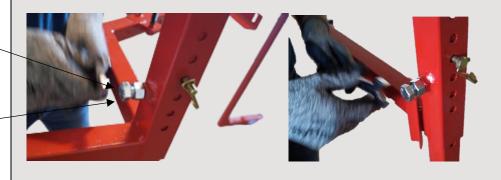


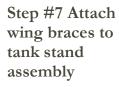
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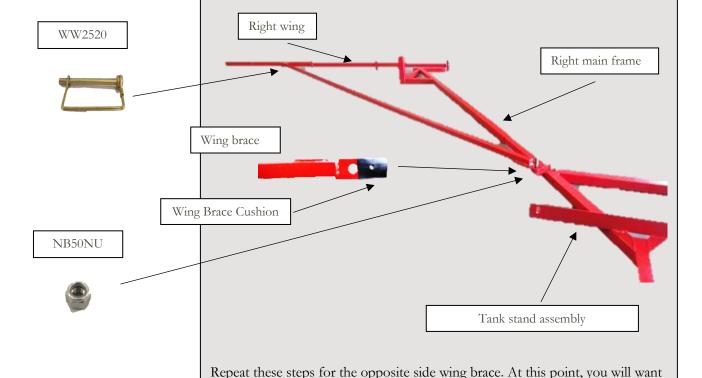
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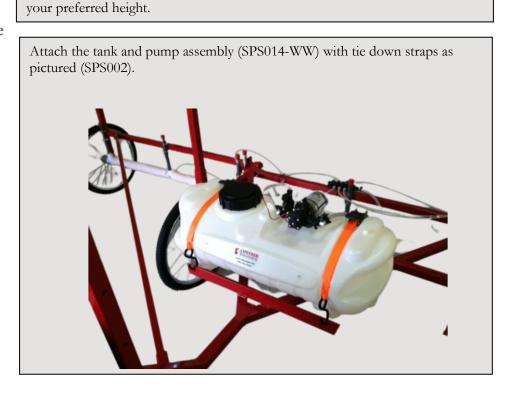




Attach your wing brace to the tank stand wing brace bracket by placing a wing brace cushion (WW2534 QTY: 2 per wing brace) over the wing brace and then hand tighten the 1/2" nut (NB50NU QTY: 2 per wing brace stacked on top of each other). Then, attach the other side of your wing brace to the wing side wing brace bracket by placing a brace cushion over the wing brace and then use a PTO pin (WW2520 QTY: 1 per wing brace) to secure it to the wing.



Step #8 Attach the tank



to make sure that all nuts and bolts are secured but not over tightened, and you can adjust the height of your weed wiper by adjusting the wing legs and hitch to

Step #9 Saturate your sponges

Get your sponges wet with a garden hose and then squeeze out excess water. This step will make it a lot easier to move the sponges during assembly.

Step #10 Secure triser to your toolbar

Secure one PVC t-riser (WW2346-TC) to the angle irons on the toolbar with two clamps (CL0016). Moving forward it will be easiest to work from left to right, when facing your toolbar angle irons, as shown in the photos below.

Make sure the blue line is facing forward in the wiping direction.

CL0016

Left

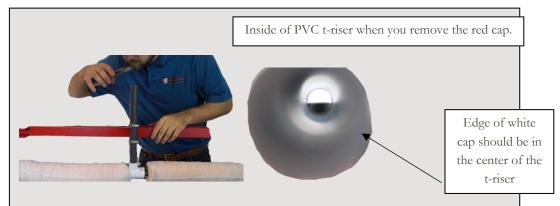
Work from left to right.

Step #11 Connecting the sponge section to the t-riser Use a mallet hammer to attach a 30" sponge section (WWTC30) to the PVC triser (WW2346-TC) you just clamped in and **make sure the blue lines shown** below are lined up. This will ensure that the precision drilled holes on the PVC are angled in the one o'clock position in the wiping direction.

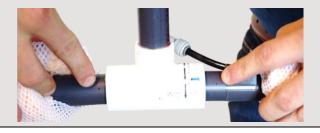


Hammer the sponge white caps into the t-risers until the edge of the white cap reaches the center of the t-riser. Remove the red cap after hammering and shine a flashlight through the riser to make sure your cap has reached the center of the t-riser as shown below.

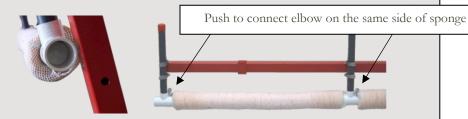
(Step # 11 Continued)



**IMPORTANT: DO NOT** glue your sponge sections into your PVC t-risers. You can pull back your sponges to confirm that the precision drilled holes are pointing in the same direction as shown below.



Step #12 Secure the rest of your t-risers and sponges Working from left to right, repeat steps #10 and #11 until you run out of sponges and t-risers. This unit will have **three separate sponge booms that are not connected continuously by t-risers** (5 t-risers 4 sponges in the center and 5 risers and four sponges on each wing). Please note that it is okay to end your boom with a t-riser since there is no chemical flow through the t-risers. Make sure all push to connect elbows are facing the same direction.



Additionally, make sure that you clamp each t-riser at the same height to ensure that your sponge boom is level. After finishing these steps, make sure you stretch your sponge out over the t-risers so that your boom is almost entirely covered by your sponges.

Notice the trisers are attached in the same spot to ensure a level sponge boom.

Stretch sponges out over the t-risers



Step #13 Mounting your manifold & plumbing your unit

Your kit comes with two manifold system (WWTCM6P QTY: 2) which connects to the spot sprayer tank pump. Mount the manifold systems (WWTCM6P QTY: 2) in a secure position equal distance apart along your boom as pictured, with the zip ties provided (NY108H QTY: 30). If you do not mount to the center of your boom frame, the tubing included in this kit will not reach all your sponges.

The black rectangles above are the positions of the manifolds. Notice that there is even spacing between the manifolds on the weed wiper boom. Use the zip ties provided to secure the manifolds to your boom.

To Pump

Step #14 Plumbing your weed wiper

Run two equal cuts of the 3/8" vinyl tubing needed from your pump on your tank to each of the manifolds and use the 9/16" (CL0916) clamp to secure the tubing. As you run the vinyl tubing out to your check valve on your manifolds, coil up the tubing when necessary and secure the tubing with the 9/16" clamp.



The manifold included has quick connectors to supply product to each of the 30" sponge section (in this case there are two 6 port valves). Measure your longest line and cut your WW1215 roll in equal lengths, to plumb from your manifold to your individual sponge sections. It is extremely important that each sponge assembly is supplied with the same length of tubing to ensure equal chemical flow.



Coil your excess tubing around your boom. Secure with zip ties

Simply push the tubing into the quick connectors on both your sponge section, and your manifold (as shown above). Any extra tubing can be coiled up and zip tied down to the boom. Do not over tighten the zip ties and pinch the tubing.

Note the manifold in the pictures is a 4-port, you have two 6-port manifolds.



To remove the tubing hold down the grey ring around push to connect, while pulling out the tubing.

Step #15 Check valve & filter assembly

Tee-Jet Quick Connect

WW5CVA

From Tank

Cleanable Filter

Check Valve

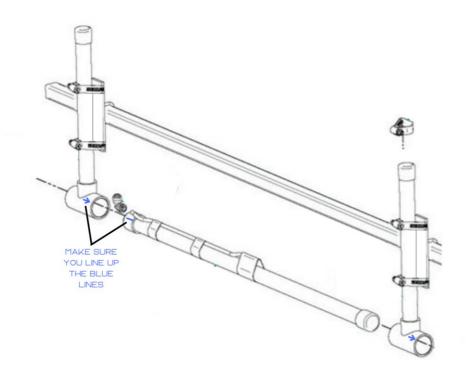
To Weed Wiper

## This assembly comes pre-installed to the inlet side of the manifold.

Make sure that you have a way to turn the pump on and off. You will not be running the pump continuously while using your weed wiper. When the pump is on, chemical will be pumped into the PVC, then through small holes saturating the sponges. This pump fed system will ensure quick filling and instant shut off since the system in pressurized.

#### Maintenance/Winterization

We recommend routinely checking your cleanable filter. The holes feeding the sponges are very small, they can plug easily without a functioning filter. When you **WINTERIZE** your wiper, remove your tee-jet quick connect and blow shop air toward the sponges to remove any residual liquids.



Step #16 Using the weed wiper with your sprayer & installing electrical wire harness

Install the wire harness (SPS117) according to the instructions included with the wire harness. Then, mount the switch in a position that can be reached by the operator.

When the pump is on, the chemical will be pumped into the PVC, through small holes, and into the sponge. This pump fed system will ensure quick filling of the sponges and instant shut off when switch is turned off.

## Operating Instructions

The Weed Wiper is a very effective contact herbicide applicator. Non-selective herbicides can be applied to weeds growing above crops. Proper set-up, adjustment, operation, and maintenance are essential to assure effective weed control while protecting the crop from herbicide damage.

#### Before you start

- 1. Before you start using your sponge weed wiper in the field, get the sponges wet with a garden hose. When sponges are dry, they are hard and do not absorb chemical evenly.
- 2. Next, we recommend that you run water through your tank to check your sponges for even feeding. Before filling the tank with chemicals, put water in your tank and turn on the pump until you see the sponges dripping. Watch for even dripping throughout the full length of the boom. Unlike a conventional sprayer, you cannot see plugged nozzles on a wiper during operation. Always check for uniform feeding before heading out into the field.
- 3. Once even feeding is attained, drain your product tank by removing the 3/8" supply tubing from the check valve assembly. Run your pump tell the tank is empty. Squeeze the excess water from the sponges and fill the tank with chemical solution. Turn on your pump until you see the sponges fully saturated (almost dripping), which typically will only take a few seconds. Once your sponges are saturated, you are ready to go weed wiping!

#### Mixing instructions

The most common product to use in a wiper is Glyphosate. The manufacturing label recommends a 33% mix rate, however, please follow **your** label for mix rates in a wiping applicator/contact herbicide applicator. It is important to remember that the ratio of herbicide to water can vary depending on the weeds to be controlled, the time of year, and the temperature. Contact your chemical field representative or extension service for the best herbicide mix rates and proper surfactants to kill the weeds you are trying to control.

If you are trying to control Glyphosate resistance weeds, you may want to consider using Paraquat. The label, in most states for controlling Palmer Amaranth, is listed at a 50% mix rate.

#### Field adjustments

Adjust the height of the sponges to a level just above crop to contact as much of the weed as possible, without wiping the crop.

Turn on the master on/off switch only when you believe that you need more chemical, the sponges should fill within a few second. Begin wiping at 5-7 MPH. Try to maintain a proper level of product in the sponges without dripping. While you are learning the timing for turning the pump on and off, it's usually better to set the wiper too wet and have a little dripping, rather than have it set too dry and have poor weed kill.

### Folding wings for road or trailer position

To transform the 15' model into road position, rotate the leg axels at the end of the wings. The wings will then trail directly behind the inside wheels. Fold back wing braces and let them rest on the wings between the leg axels. You may need to loosen the nuts where the wing brace attached to the front of the frame to allow enough slack to rest the braces on the wings.



# Maintenance Requirements

## Common sponge maintenance

The protective netting over the sponge is easy to replace. Therefore, we recommend that you check your sponges often for wear and tear.

If you need your netting replaced, ask us for part number (WW2302). If you need your sponge replaced, ask us for part number (WW2301).

### Storage maintenance

Do not store the system over the off-season with chemical in the lines. A film will form on the tubing and can plug the small feedholes within the sponge. Avoid this by flushing your system thoroughly with water at the end of the season. We recommend using a garden hose to rinse the bulk material out of the sponges after every use.

Check and clean the filter within the check valve assembly as needed. At the end of the season, store your weed wiper in a dry place, **out of direct sunlight**.