

Impeller Replacement Instructions

Briggs & Stratton XR950-PRO or 6.5HP Vanguard Cyclonic Engines

Customer Tools Required: (Fig. 1)

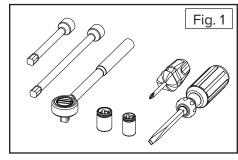
- A socket wrench (3/8 drive), with a 6-inch and 3-inch extension bar
- 3/4 inch socket
- 1/2 inch socket
- A small flat blade screwdriver (3/16 or 1/4 inch blade width)
- · A Phillips head screwdriver
- A wooden board, about 3 to 4 inches wide and about 2 feet long, or a 2 foot length of 2x4 lumber

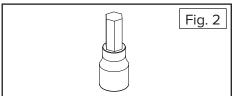
Tools Provided: (Fig. 2)

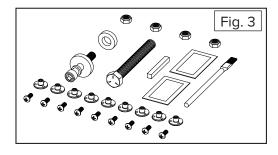
• 5/16 hex-bit socket

Parts Supplied: (Fig. 3)

- · Impeller bolt with lock washer and heavy washer
- 1/4 inch impeller spacer
- 1/2-10x 4-inch full threaded bolt (for use as an impeller puller, if needed)
- · Shaft key for engine
- Packet of anti-seize grease (for engine shaft) and applicator brush
- · Packet of thread locker
- · 4 nylon locknuts
- 9 special cover t-nuts and screws



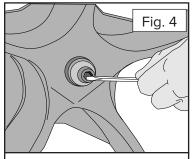




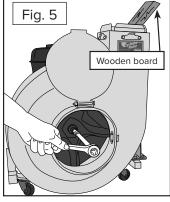
Disassemble the Blower Unit

Step 1. Remove the Impeller Bolt:

- ·Disconnect the spark plug wire on the engine.
- •Clean the impeller bolt hex socket thoroughly, using the small blade screwdriver. You must remove all dirt and debris so that the hex-bit socket seats all the way to the bottom of the bolt head. See Fig. 4.
- •Place the wooden board or 2x4 inside the blower chute to prevent impeller rotation.
- •Then, use the 5/16 hex-bit socket and extension bar to remove the impeller bolt by turing counterclockwise. See Fig 5.



Note: Thoroughly clean all debris from the impeller bolt hex socket before trying to remove the bolt.



TIP: Because the engine frame is on wheels, it is helpful to clamp one or two short lengths of 2x4 to your work bench so the frame does not roll around. This is especially helpful if you are doing a one-person job.



WARNING: Never use an L-shaped hex wrench to remove the impeller bolt. You will not get enough torque and risk stripping the bolt head. If you strip the bolt head, you will not be able to remove the engine.

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Step 2. Remove the Four Nylon Lock Nuts that Hold the Rear Cover on to the Engine **Mounting Plate:**

- First remove the 2x4 so you can rotate the impeller to reach the nuts.
- Next, use the 1/2 inch socket and both extension bars to reach and remove the lock nuts. See Fig. 6

Step 3. Remove the Blower Unit:

• Slide the Blower Unit (blower housing and impeller) away from the engine.

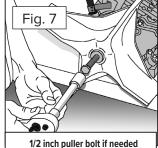
NOTE: If the impeller doesn't pull out easily by hand, thread the 1/2-10 x 4-inch bolt into the impeller hub and tighten it with a 3/4 socket. This will act as a puller to remove the impeller. See Fig. 7.

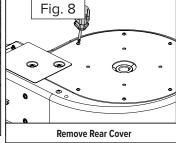
Fig. 6

Remove lock nuts

Step 4. Remove the Heat Sheild, Rear Cover and Old Impeller:

- Lay the blower housing on a flat surface with the rear cover facing up.
- Using a Phillips head screwdriver, remove the 9 special screws holding the rear cover (and heat shield if equipped) to the blower housing. See Fig. 8
- Remove the old impeller and the spacer which is located inside the impeller hub.

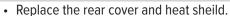




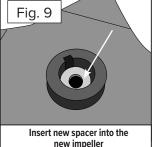
Reassemble the Blower Unit & Engine:

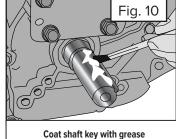
Step 1. Install the New Impeller:

- Place the new impeller into the blower housing with the flat side facing up.
- Important: Locate the aniti-seize grease packet and add a dab into the hub then insert the new 1/4 inch impeller spacer into the impeller hub. See Fig. 9.



 Now, loosely install the 9 new special screws with the thread locker provided. Then go around and tighten all 9 securely.

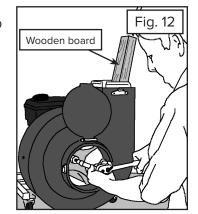




Step 2. Attach the Blower Unit to the Engine:

- Orient the engine shaft so the keyway is on top. Gently pull the starter cord to rotate the shaft into position.
- · Clean the keyway with an old toothbrush or clean rag to remove all dust or grit from the keyway. Then press the new shaft key into the keyway to seat it completely. You can tap it in with a soft object, such as a screwdriver handle, if needed. **Do not tap it in with a hammer!** If you nick the key it will not fit into the impeller hub.
- · Open the pack of anti-seize grease and squeeze it onto the applicator brush. Coat the shaft and key completely with the grease. See Fig. 10.
- · Reach through the front of the blower and grasp the impeller. Hold the impeller so that the steel hub passes through the rear cover. Orient the slot in the impeller hub with the engine shaft key. Then, push the impeller and engine together gently so the engine shaft slides into the impeller. See Fig. 11.
- Once the impeller sits on the engine shaft, line up the four threaded studs on the engine bracket with holes in the rear cover.
- Secure the rear cover to the engine bracket with the 4 new nylon lock nuts using the 1/2 inch socket and extensions. You will have to rotate the impeller to get to all four nuts. See Fig 6.

Fig. 11 Reach inside to push impeller onto the shaft



Step 3. Install the Impeller Bolt

- Place the wooden board back into the blower housing to prevent impeller rotation.
- · Assemble the new impeller bolt with the new lock washer and the new heavy washer into the impeller hub. Tighten firmly (approx. 40 ft. lbs. of torque) with socket wrench, extension bar and hex-bit socket. See Fig. 12.
- Then, reconnect the spark plug.