



MODEL #: 190808

## INSTRUCTION MANUAL



SMITH® SB65 Seed Spreader  
(190808)

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### **WARNING**

Read and fully understand manual  
before using this product.

Failure to follow instructions could  
result in death or serious injury.

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## IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

- Read and understand the entire instruction manual before using this spreader.
- Follow all instructions and precautions in the instruction manual when using this spreader.
- ▲ **WARNING: RISK OF PERSONAL INJURY DUE TO CONTACT WITH ROTATING COMPONENTS.**
- Keep hands and feet away from wheels, belts, and pulleys when spreader is in motion.
- Never modify or alter the spreader from original condition.
- Use only replacement parts from original manufacturer. Other replacement parts are not compatible with this spreader.

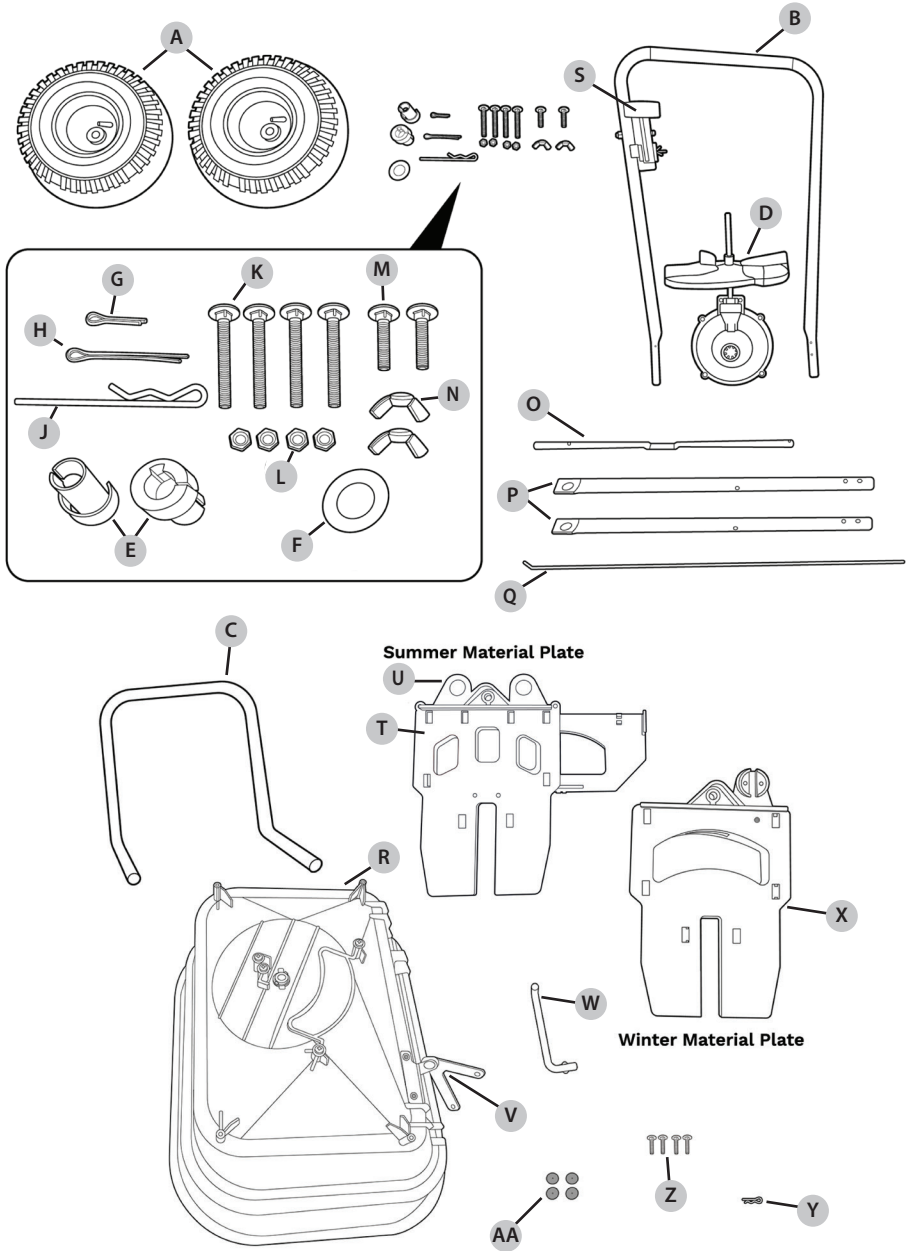
**SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS FOR FUTURE USE.**

## WHATS IN THE BOX - PARTS FOR ASSEMBLY

### SMITH® SB65 Spare Parts -

Item	Description
A	Pneumatic Wheel (X2)
B	Handle Bar
C	Stand
D	Gear Box and Impellor
E	Axle Bearing (X2)
F	Wheel Washer
G	Small Cotter Pin
H	Large Cotter Pin
J	Agitator
K	M6x60 Bolts (X4)
L	M6 Lock Nuts (X4)
M	M6 X35 Bolts
N	M6 Wing Nuts (X2)
O	Axle
P	Lower Frame (X2)
Q	Control Rod

**NOTICE:** Empty all contents of the box into a flat surface and count parts to make sure they are all there.

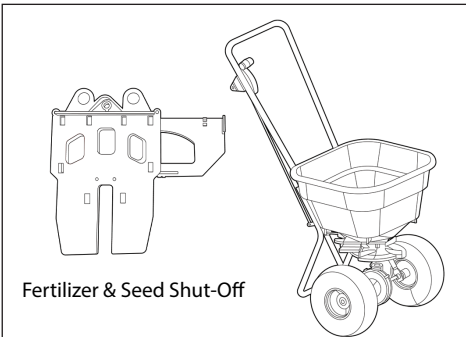


## ASSEMBLING YOUR SMITH® SB65

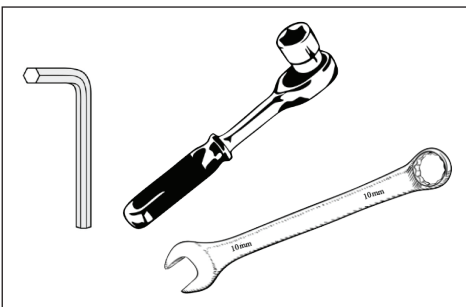
1. Before you start, decide what you would like to use your spreader for. If you are spreading salt, please use the orange colored Ice Melt & Salt shut-off pictured below.



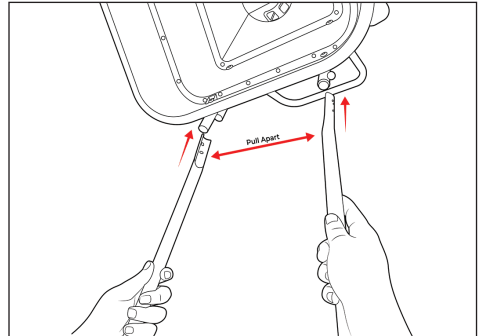
2. If you are using the spreader to apply fertilizer, please use the Summer Fertilizer shut-off with the three holes pictured below. If the wrong material plate is fixed to your spreader, please refer to the 'change your material plate' section of this manual.



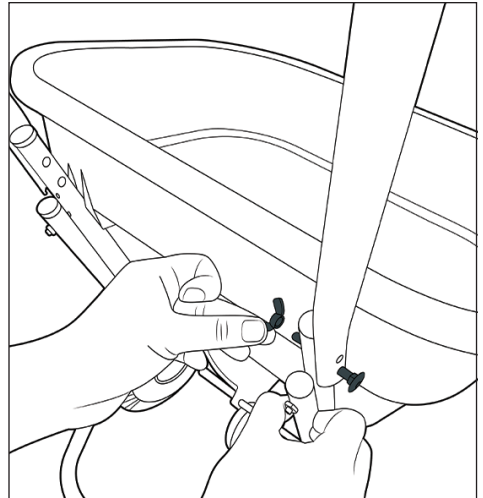
3. Tools you'll require to assemble your SMITH® SB65 are an Allen wrench (included in parts bag) two 10MM wrenches or a ratchet and 10MM socket.



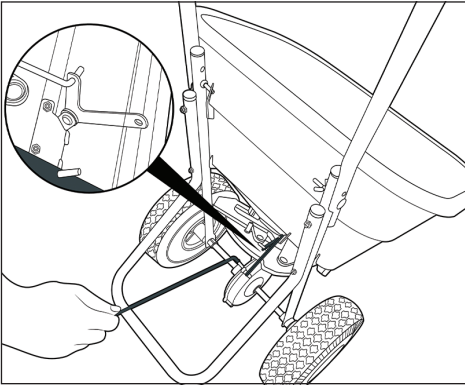
4. Align the holes at the bottom of the handle bar (B) with the holes at the top of the lower frame (P). You may need to pull the ends apart slightly to place in position.



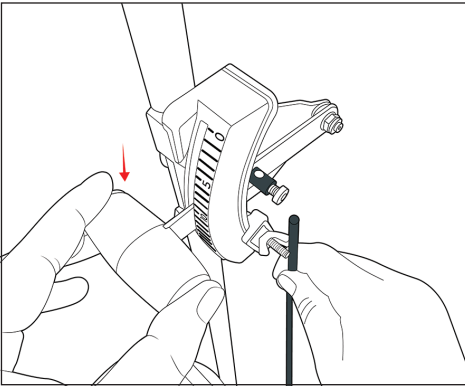
5. Thread the M6x35 bolt (M) through the hole of the handle bar (B) and lower frame (P). Use the M6 wingnut (N) to tighten. Repeat on both sides.



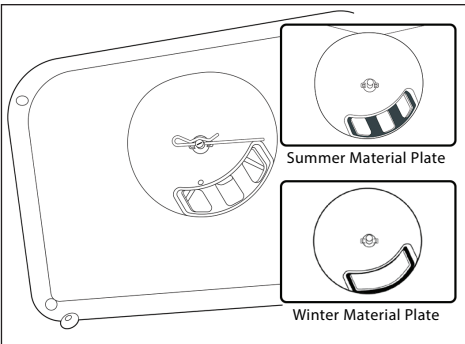
6. Protruding from the back of the hopper body (R) is a V-shaped metal (pivot bracket) (V). Clip the pivot bracket end of the control rod (Q) into the hole on the V-shaped metal.



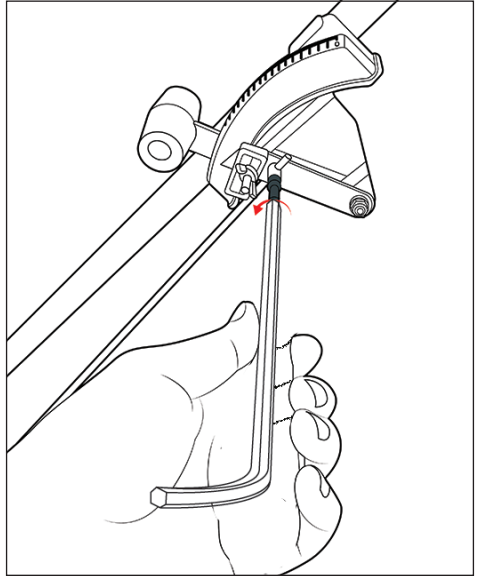
7. Feed the other end of the control rod (Q) through the hole at the back of the control lever. Make sure you push the lever all the way to the bottom.



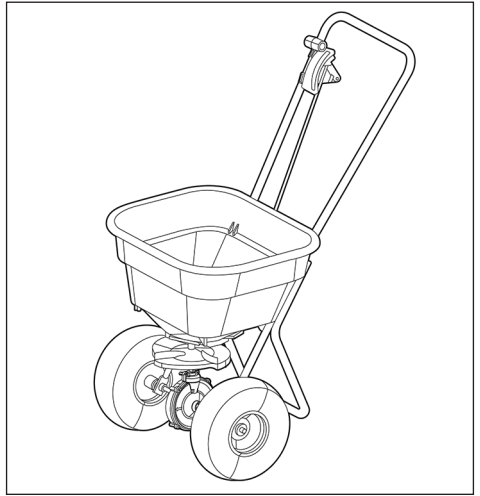
8. Before tightening the control rod. Make sure the application holes in the hopper are fully open and the control lever is set at 20.



9. Tighten the Hex Screw to secure the control rod (Q).

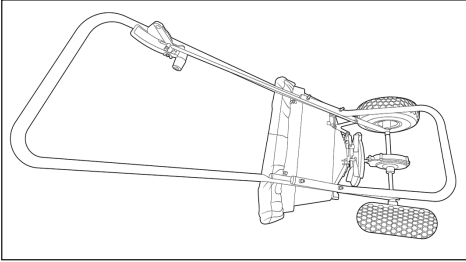


10. Your SMITH® SB65 is now complete.

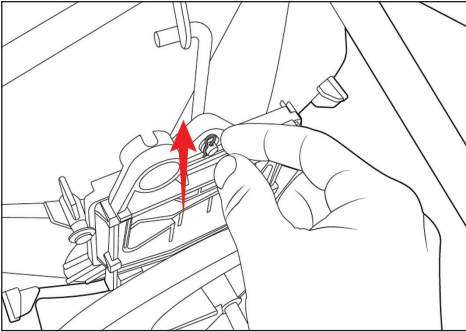


# HOW TO REPLACE SMITH® SB65 MATERIAL PLATES

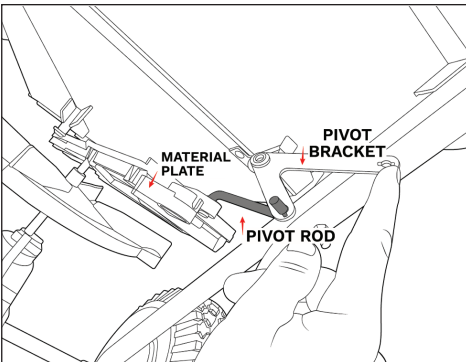
1. Place the finished unit onto a table so that the back of the spreader is easily accessible.



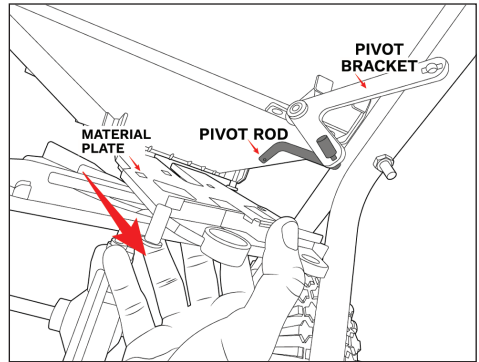
2. Locate the R-pin that helps hold the material plate in place on the underside of the material plate. Remove the R-pin.



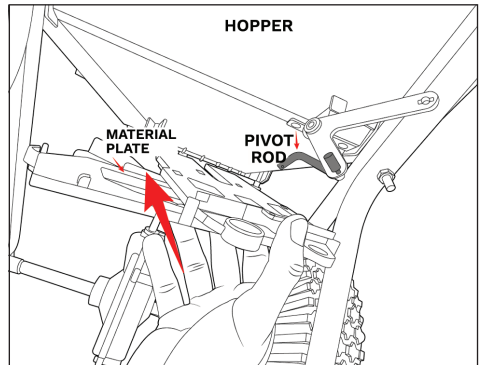
3. Push the top of the pivot bracket so the material plate is pushed back and the pivot rod is loosened.



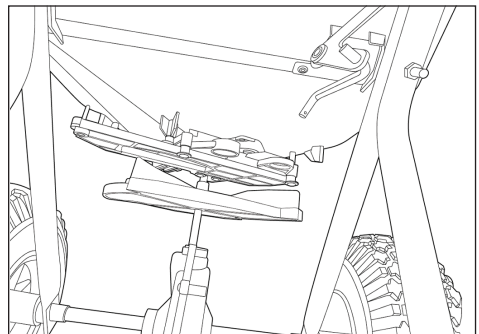
4. Remove the pivot rod by pushing the tip through the hole at the top of the material plate. When the pivot rod is removed, remove the material plate.



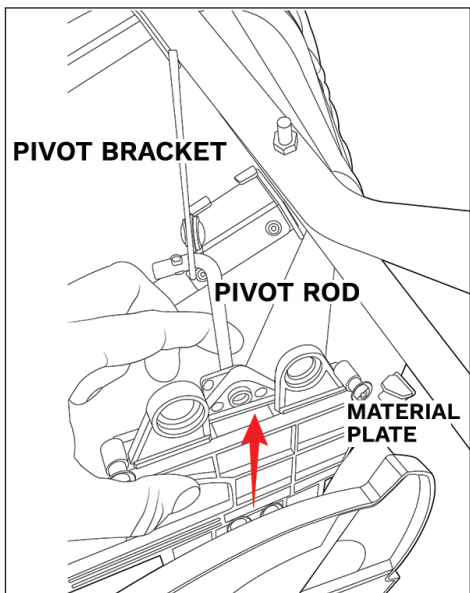
5. When you have removed the material plate you no longer wish to use, find the alternative material plate and push it into the grooves on the bottom of the hopper. (The Summer Material plate is pictured here).



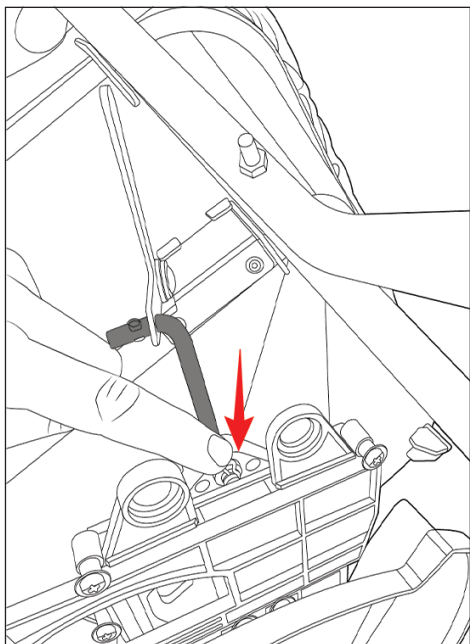
6. The material plate should be secure and sit level underneath the hopper. It should slide smoothly in and out of the grooves.



7. Pull the material plate out slightly to allow space to insert the pivot rod back into the pivot bracket and material plate.



8. Push the bottom end of the pivot rod into the hole at the top of the material plate and secure with the R-pin.



## HOW TO ADJUST THE SMITH® SB65 MATERIAL PLATES

The SMITH® SB65 includes both a Summer Fertilizer & Seed as well as an Ice Melt & Salt material plates. These plates are specifically engineered to control the material flow and application of the materials, ensuring the correct and even application as determined by the material being spread. The Slider Adjusters included on the Summer Fertilizer & Seed plate are used to balance the spread pattern by restricting the flow of material from the hopper on either side.

Different materials will spread differently, and these adjusters will help even your spread pattern. See the following page for details.



Left hand slider adjuster

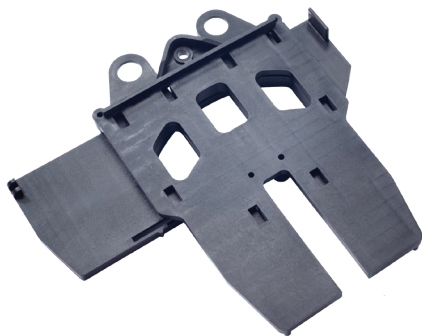


Right hand slider adjuster

**LHS** (*Left hand slider adjuster*) is recommended to be engaged when spreading large sized granular materials to provide a more uniform distribution on the left and right side of the spread pattern.

**RHS** (*Right hand slider adjuster*), is used with very light materials (e.g. grass seed). Engaging the RHS (*Right hand slider adjuster*) will help balance the spread pattern and application for light materials.

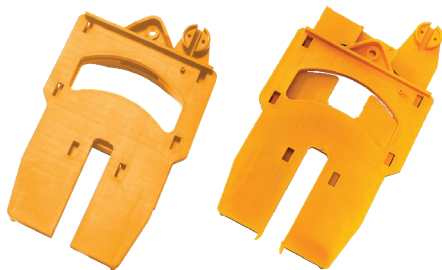
**▲ WARNING:** *The manufacturer cannot be held responsible for any variations in area application volumes, or spread width difference, due to possible variations in materials, application conditions at the time and different operator application techniques.*



Summer Fertilizer & Seed plate



**▲ WARNING:** Do not spread Fertilizer or Seed materials with the orange-colored single-hole Ice Melt & Salt material plate.



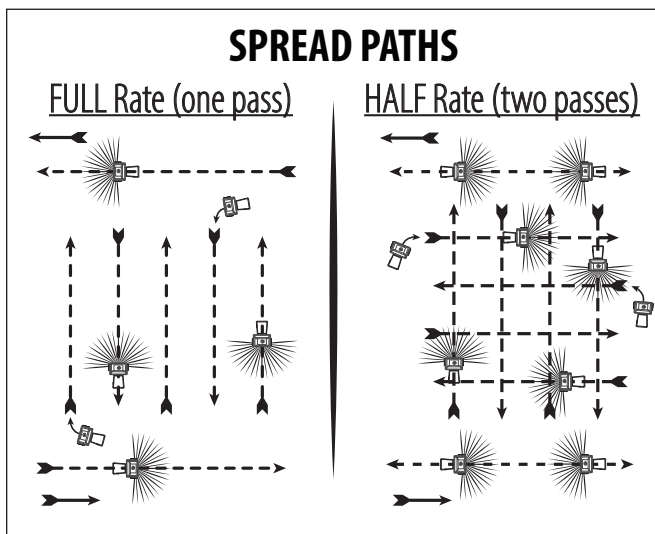
Ice Melt & Salt plate  
Sidewalk slider engaged for reduced spread width on right

## HOW TO USE THE SMITH® SB65

### Walking Patterns for the optimum application (For Fertilizer Only)

There are two methods of effective spreading, Full Rate (Single Pass over the area at the setting for the full amount) and Half Rate (Double pass over the area in a crossing pattern at 50% of the full amount - details below).

Make sure that you walk at a steady pace of 3mph holding the spreader stable, not tipping forward or back as this will affect your application.



#### Full Rate - one pass

Cover the area as shown making the next pass at the edge of your spread pattern or where the fertilizer thrown begins to feather.

#### HALF Rate - 2 passes

Use  $\frac{1}{2}$  the application rate (lbs. per 1,000) suggested on the back of your fertilizer bag. You cover the area using the cross path method.

Half rate is defined by reducing the pounds per thousand square feet by 50%. This does NOT correlate to a 50% reduction on the gauge indicator. Refer to the chart below for the proper half rate setting.













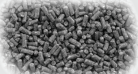







TWO SEASONS.  
ONE SPREADER.

















SLIDE-SYSTEM  
TECHNOLOGY  
SETTINGS



PRODUCT	SUMMER Shut-Off	SLIDER ADJUSTER SETTINGS
 POWDERED OR MICRO GRANULAR FERTILIZER		NO ADJUSTMENT OF EITHER SLIDER RECOMMENDED 
 MEDIUM GRANULAR FERTILIZER		NO ADJUSTMENT OF EITHER SLIDER RECOMMENDED 
 LARGE GRANULAR FERTILIZER		ADJUSTMENT OF THE LEFT SLIDER RECOMMENDED 6-7 CLICKS 
 GRASS SEED OR VERY LIGHT MATERIALS		ADJUSTMENT OF THE RIGHT SLIDER RECOMMENDED 3-4 CLICKS 
 PELLETTED MATERIALS		ADJUSTMENT OF THE LEFT SLIDER RECOMMENDED (SELECT CLOSED) 
 LARGE GRANULAR ICE MELTS		ADJUSTMENT OF THE LEFT SLIDER RECOMMENDED (SELECT CLOSED) 

**WINTER Shut-Off (Orange color)**

Please note this chart is a guide only. Due to variations in the spreading characteristics of materials, accurate calibration should be carried out by the operator for each different material being applied.

 SHARP/COARSE SAND		FULL OR REDUCED WIDTH SLIDER OPTION RECOMMENDED 
 FLOWABLE SAND / SOIL MIX		FULL SLIDER WIDTH USE RECOMMENDED 
 COARSE MARINE SALT		FULL OR REDUCED WIDTH SLIDER OPTION RECOMMENDED 
 ROCK SALT		FULL SLIDER WIDTH USE RECOMMENDED 
 GRIT MATERIALS		FULL SLIDER WIDTH USE RECOMMENDED 

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The Fountainhead Group, Inc. is not responsible for misapplication due to incorrect use or incorrect calibration of SMITH® Spreaders. For calibration information please refer to "How to Calibrate" section of the manual prior to initial use.



## Rate Setting Guide

Grams/SQ Meter	Lbs. Per 1,000SF	SMITH®	Scotts®	EarthWay®	LESCO®
10	2	9	3	13	5
15	3	10	3.5	14	6
20	4	12	4.5	16	8
25	5	13	5.5	17	9.5
30	6	13.5	6	18	10
35	7	14	7	19	10.5
40	8	15	8	20	11
45	9	16	9	22	13
50	10	20	10	23	14

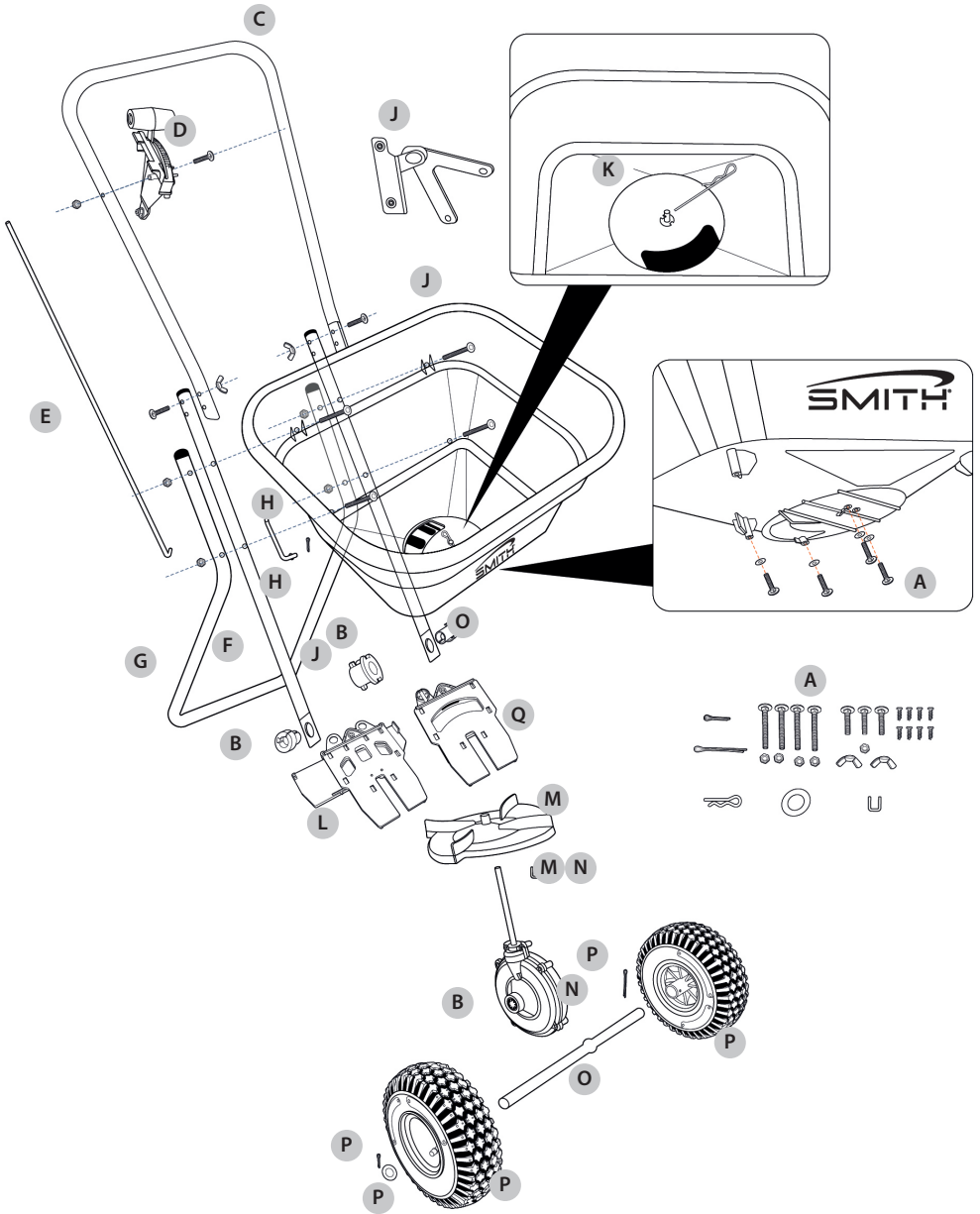
**NOTICE:** Review the coverage and weight of the bag to help determine the correct setting. For a 25 lb. bag that covers 5,000 Square Feet (SF), the calculation is  $25/5 = 5$  lbs. per 1,000 Square Feet, a setting of 13. HALF Rate would be 1/2 of the 5 lbs. rate (2.5 lbs.) or a Setting of 9

## SMITH® SB65 SPARE PARTS

Item	Part Number	Description
A	186281	Hardware Pack SB65, CRP028, SB-65
B	186282	Bushing Pack SB65, CRP029, SB-65
C	186283	Loop Handle, C1001, SB-65
D	186284	Assembled Control Unit + Bolt & Nut, CRP024, SB-65
E	186285	Upper Rod, C1006, SB-65
F	186286	Frame Leg, C1008, SB-65
G	186287	Back Support, C1010, SB-65
H	186288	Lower Rod + R-Pin, CRP025, SB-65
J	186289	Hopper Body with CM, CRP002, SB-65
K	186290	Agitator, C1013, SB-65
L	186291	Summer Plate, CRP9004, SB-65
M	186292	Impeller + U-Pin, CRP020, SB-65
N	186293	Gearbox + U-Pin, CRP021, SB-65
O	186294	Pneumatic Axle, C2003, SB-65
P	186295	Small Pneumatic Wheel, CRP046, SB-65
Q	186258	Winter Plate, C2001, 80/80ST/80SL/65

**NOTICE:** EXPLODED VIEW DRAWING ON NEXT PAGE.

# SMITH® SB65 SPARE PARTS MODEL



# **WARRANTY STATEMENT**

## **1-Year Limited Warranty**

This limited warranty gives you, the original product purchaser, specific legal rights. You may also have other rights, which vary from state to state.

The Fountainhead Group, Inc. (FGI) warrants to the original product purchaser, that each product will be free from defects in material and workmanship, under normal use and conditions, for a period of one (1) year from the date of purchase. FGI makes no other express warranties, and all implied warranties, including fitness and merchantability, are limited to one (1) year from the date of purchase.

If the product fails to function as intended, call our customer support hotline at +1-800-311-9903 or email [info@thefgi.com](mailto:info@thefgi.com). Within the warranty period, FGI will repair or replace any part found to be defective upon our examination. FGI reserves the right to require the return of the defective product with the proof of purchase to establish a claim under this warranty. The warranty period is not extended if we repair or replace the product. All shipping expenses will be covered by the customer.

This limited warranty does not cover any damage or defect resulting from transportation, storage, maintenance, improper use, negligence, accident, normal wear, alterations, or operation or any other activity or action which is not in accordance with the instruction manual. Any parts that are deemed wearable parts are not part of the limited warranty.

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