Installing Mower Deck on John Deere 175
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I changed the order of how I installed the mower deck slightly and it only took me 20 or so minutes to install.

What I did differently was to:

1) installed the lift assist and placed it under tension (I don't release then tension for removal either)

2) install the lift straps (both sides with clips removed and ends pointed to center of tractor).

The trick is to hold lift arm forward using a bungie cord clipped to lift arm and stretched to front of tractor (a rope would work too). After straps are installed release lift arm so the straps release and move up out of the way.

3) slide deck under tractor a little at a time carefully working the lift straps over the deck parts.

4) insert lift straps and retaining clips in lift straps (here again you may have to attach bungie to make this easy)

5) install rear deck support arms then front arms

6) install deck belt