

# OWNER' S MANUAL

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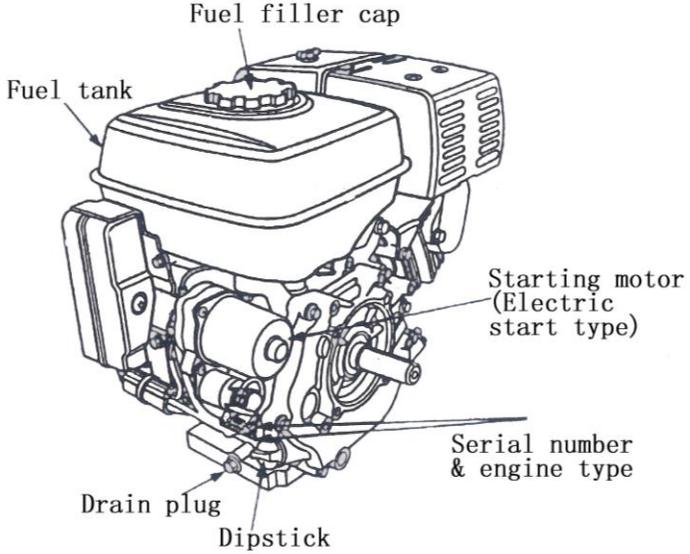
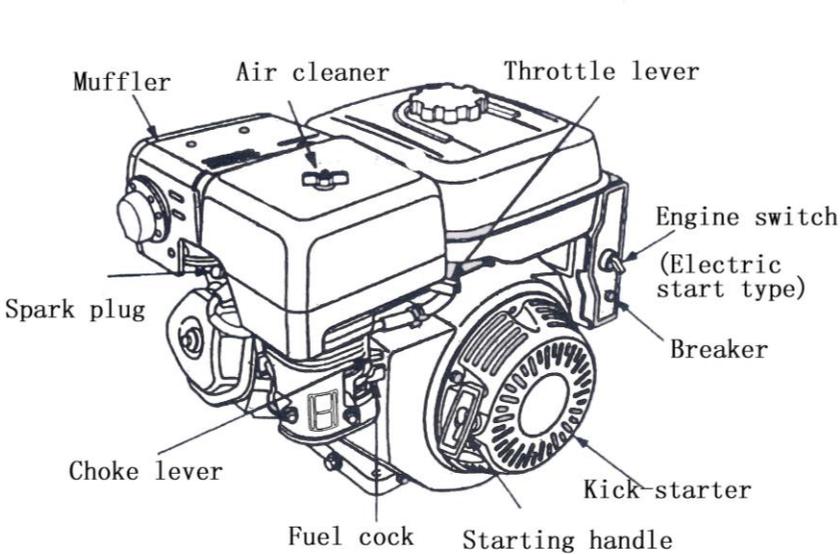
### SAFETY INFORMATION

1. Understand the operation of all controls and learn how to stop the engine quickly in case of emergency. Make sure the operator receives adequate instruction before operating the equipment.
2. Do not allow children to operate the engine. Keep children and pets away from the area of operation.
3. Your engine's exhaust contains poisonous carbon monoxide. Do not run the engine without adequate ventilation, and never run the engine indoors.
4. The engine and exhaust become very hot during operation. Keep the engine at least 1 meter (3 feet) away from buildings and other equipment during operation. Keep flammable materials away, and do not place anything on the engine while it is running.

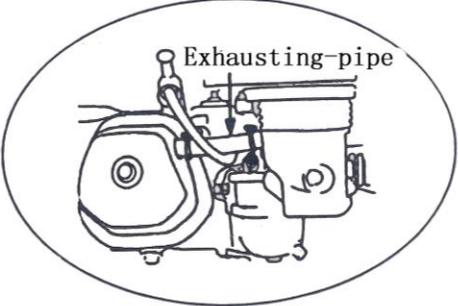
### SAFETY LABEL LOCATION

This label warns you of potential hazards that can cause serious injury. Read it carefully. If the label comes off or becomes hard to read, contact your dealer for replacement.

COMPONENT & CONTROL LOCATION



Inside ventilating type



## **BEFORE OPERATION CHECKS**

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### **IS YOUR ENGINE READY TO GO?**

For your safety, and to maximize the service life of your equipment, it is very important to take a few moments before you operate the engine to check its condition. Be sure to take care of any problem you find, or have your servicing dealer correct it, before you operate the engine.

Before beginning your preparation checks, be sure the engine is level and the engine switch is in the OFF position.

Always check the following items before you start the engine: **Check the General Condition of the Engine**

1. Look around and underneath the engine for signs of oil or gasoline leaks.
2. Remove any excessive dirt or debris, especially around the muffler and recoil starter.
3. Look for signs of damage.
4. Check that all shields and covers are in place, and all nuts, bolts, and screws are tightened.

### **Check the Engine**

1. Check the fuel level. Starting with a full tank will help to eliminate or reduce operating interruptions for refueling.

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2. Check the engine oil level. Running the engine with a low oil level can cause engine damage.

The Oil Alert<sup>s</sup> system (applicable types) will automatically stop the engine before the oil level falls below safe limits. However, to avoid the inconvenience of an unexpected shutdown, always check the engine oil level before startup.

3. Check the reduction case oil level on applicable types. Oil is essential to reduction case operation and long life.
4. Check the air filter element. A dirty air filter element will restrict air flow to the carburetor, reducing engine performance.
5. Check the equipment powered by this engine.

Review the instructions provided with the equipment powered by this engine for any precautions and procedures that should be followed before engine startup.

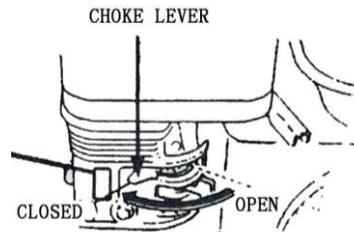
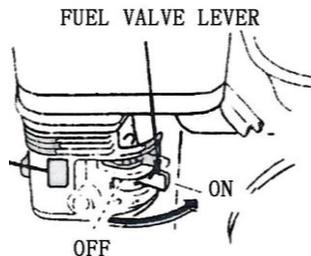
### SAFE OPERATING PRECAUTIONS

Before operating the engine for the first time, please review the *SAFETY INFORMATION* section and the *BEFORE OPERATION CHECKS*.

Review the instructions provided with the equipment powered by this engine for any safety precautions that should be observed with engine startup, shutdown or operation.

### STARTING THE ENGINE

1. Move the fuel valve lever to the ON position.
2. To start a cold engine, move the choke lever to the CLOSED position.



To restart a warm engine, leave the choke lever in the OPEN position.

Some engine applications use a remote-mounted choke control rather than the engine-mounted choke lever shown here. Refer to the instructions provided by the equipment manufacturer.

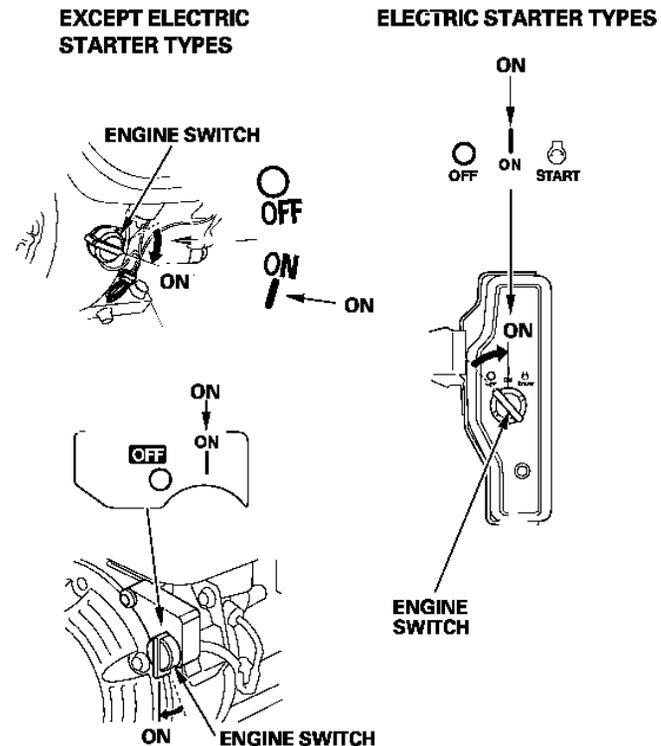
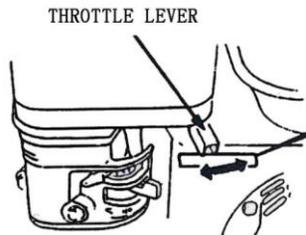
## OPERATION

3. Move the throttle lever away from the MIN. position, about 1/3 of the way toward the MAX. position.

Some engine applications use a remote-mounted throttle control rather than the engine-mounted throttle lever shown here. Refer to the instructions provided by the equipment manufacturer.

4. Turn the engine switch to the ON position.

5. Operate the starter.



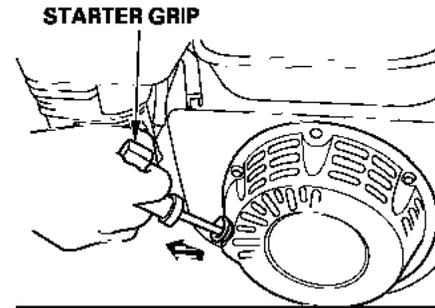
### RECOIL STARTER:

Pull the starter grip lightly until you feel resistance, then pull briskly.

Return the starter grip gently.

#### NOTICE

*Do not allow the starter grip to snap back against the engine. Return it gently to prevent damage to the starter.*



### ELECTRIC STARTER (applicable types):

Turn the key to the START position, and hold it there until the engine starts.

If the engine fails to start within 5 seconds, release the key, and wait at least 10 seconds before operating the starter again.

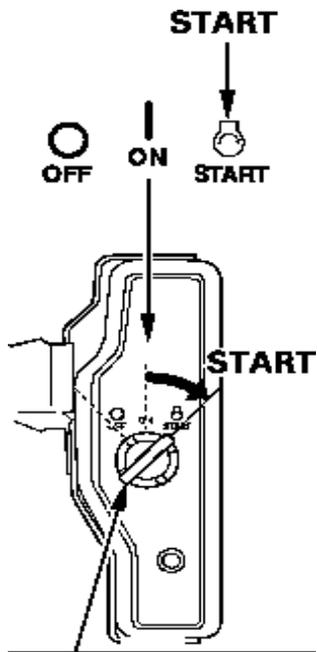
#### NOTICE

*Using the electric starter for more than 5 seconds at a time will overheat the starter motor and can damage it.*

## OPERATION

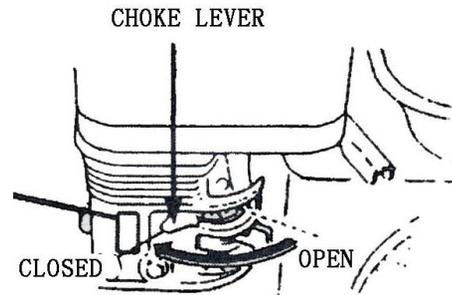
When the engine starts, release the key, allowing it to return to the ON position.

6. If the choke lever has been moved to the CLOSED position to start the engine, gradually move it to the OPEN position as the engine warms up.



**ENGINE SWITCH**

(Electrical Key Start Model—Option)



## SERVICING YOUR ENGINE/STOPPING THE ENGINE

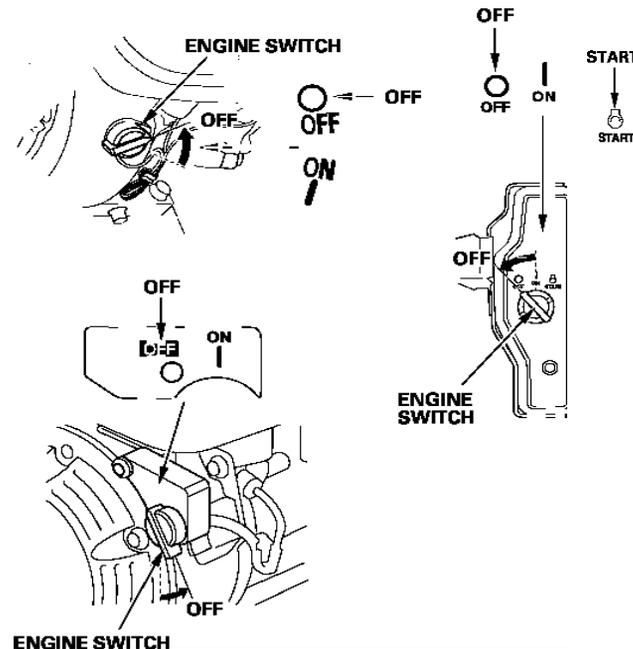
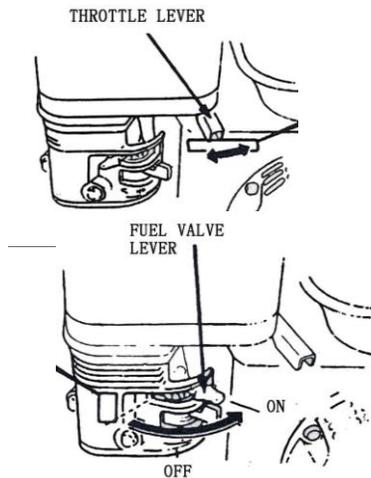
### STOP THE ENGINE

To stop the engine in an emergency, simply turn the engine switch to the OFF position. Under the normal conditions, follow the procedures as below. Refer to the instructions provided by the equipment manufacturer.

1. Move the throttle lever to the MIN. position.

Some engine applications use a remote-mounted throttle control rather than the engine-mounted throttle lever shown here.

2. Turn the engine switch to the OFF position.
3. Turn the fuel valve lever to the OFF position.



## SERVICE YOUR ENGINE/STOP THE ENGINE

### SERVICING YOUR ENGINE

#### THE IMPORTANCE OF MAINTENANCE

Good maintenance is essential for safe, economical and trouble-free operation. It will also help reduce pollution.

To help you properly care for your engine, the following pages include a maintenance schedule, routine inspection procedures, and simple maintenance procedures using basic hand tools. Other service tasks that are more difficult, or require special tools, are best handled by professionals and are normally performed by a technician or other qualified mechanic.

The maintenance schedule applies to normal operating conditions. If you operate your engine under severe conditions, such as sustained high-load or high-temperature operation, or use in unusually wet or dusty conditions, consult your servicing dealer for recommendations applicable to your individual needs and use.

Maintenance, replacement, or repair of the emission control devices and systems may be performed by any engine repair establishment or individual, using parts that are "certified" to EPA standards.

### MAINTENANCE SAFETY

Some of the most important safety precautions follow. However, we cannot warn you of every conceivable hazard that can arise in performing maintenance. Only you can decide whether or not you should perform a given task.

### SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

1. Make sure the engine is off before you begin any maintenance or repairs. This will eliminate several potential hazards:

- **Carbon monoxide poisoning from engine exhaust.**

Be sure there is adequate ventilation whenever you operate the engine.

- **Burns from hot parts.**

Let the engine and exhaust system cool before touching.

- **Injury from moving parts.**

Do not run the engine unless instructed to do so.

2. Read the instructions before you begin, and make sure you have the tools and skills required.

3. To reduce the possibility of fire or explosion, be careful when working around gasoline. Use only a nonflammable solvent, not gasoline, to clean parts. Keep cigarettes, sparks and flames away from all fuel related parts.

## MAINTENANCE

Remember that an authorized servicing dealer knows your engine best and is fully equipped to maintain and repair it. To ensure the best quality and reliability, use only new genuine parts or their equipments for repair and replacement.

### MAINTRNANCE SCHEDULE

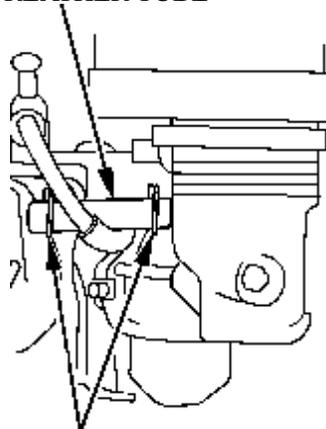
REGULAR SERVICE PERIOD (3) ITEM Performed at every indicated Month or operating hour interval, whichever comes fist		Before each use	Fist month or 20 Hrs.	Every 3 months or 50 Hrs.	Every 6 months or 100 Hrs.	Every year or 300 Hrs.
• Engine oil	Check level	○				
	Change		○		○	
• Air filter	Check	○				
	Clean			○ (1)		
	Replace					○*
• Spark plug	Check-aTust				○	
	Replace					○
Spark arrester	Clean				○	
• Idle speed	Check-aTust					○ (2)
• Valve clearance	Check-aTust					○ (2)
• Combustion chamber	Clean	After every 500Hrs. (2)				
• Fuel tank and filter	Clean				○ (2)	
• Fuel tube	Check	Every 2 years (Replace if necessary) (2)				

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1. Internal vent carburetor with dual element type only.
2. Cyclone type every 6 months or 150 hours.
3. Replace paper element type only.
4. Cyclone type every 2 years or 600 hours.
  - a. Service more frequently when used in dusty areas.
  - b. These items should be serviced by your servicing dealer, unless you have the proper tools and are mechanically proficient. Refer to shop manual for service procedures.
  - c. For commercial use, log hours of operation to determine proper maintenance intervals.

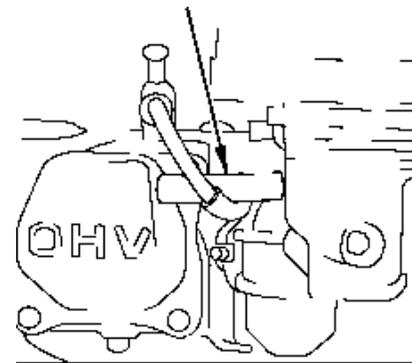
Failure to follow this maintenance schedule could result in non-warrantable failures.

**BREATHER TUBE**



**TUBE CLIP**

**BREATHER TUBE**



## MAINTENANCE

**NOTICE** *Fuel can damage paint and some types of plastic. Be careful not to spill fuel when filling your fuel tank. Damage caused by spilled fuel is not covered under the Distributor's Limited Warranty.*

Never use stale or contaminated gasoline or oil/gasoline mixture. Avoid getting dirt or water in the fuel tank.

Occasionally you may hear a light "spark knock" or "pinging" (metallic rapping noise) while operating under heavy loads. This is no cause for concern.

If spark knock or pinging occurs at a steady engine speed, under normal load, change brands of gasoline. If spark knock or pinging persists, see an authorized servicing dealer.

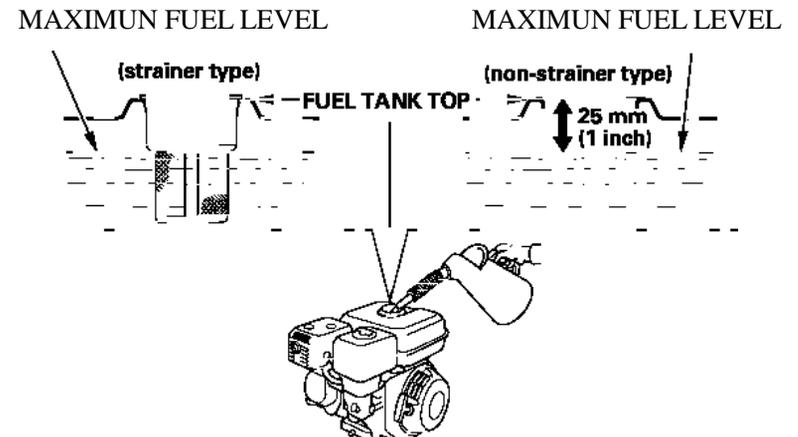
**NOTICE** *Running the engine with persistent spark knock or pinging can cause engine damage.*

*Running the engine with persistent spark knock or pinging is considered misuse, and the Distributor's Limited Warranty does not cover parts damaged by misuse.*

1. With the engine stopped and on a level surface, remove the fuel tank cap and check the fuel level.

Refill the tank if the fuel level is low.

2. Add fuel to the bottom of the fuel level limit of the fuel tank. Do not overfill. Wipe up spilled fuel before starting the engine.



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Refuel in a well-ventilated area before starting the engine. If the engine has been running, allow it to cool. Refuel carefully to avoid spilling fuel. Do not fill the fuel tank completely. Fill tank to approximately 25 mm (1 inch) below the top of the fuel tank to allow for fuel expansion. It may be necessary to lower the fuel level depending on operating conditions. After refueling, tighten the fuel tank cap securely.

Never refuel the engine inside a building where gasoline fumes may reach flames or sparks. Keep gasoline away from appliance pilot lights, barbecues, electric appliances, power tools, etc.

Spilled fuel is not only a fire hazard, it causes environmental damage. Wipe up spills immediately.

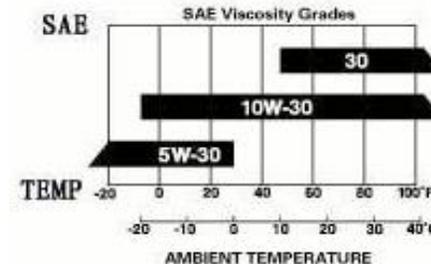
For information regarding oxygenated fuels.

### ENGINE OIL

Oil is a major factor affecting performance and service life. Use 4-stroke automotive detergent oil. Use 4-stroke motor oil that meets or exceeds the requirements for API service classification SJ, SL,

or equivalent. Always check the API service label on the oil container to be sure it includes the letters SJ, SL, or equivalent.

SAE 10W-30 is recommended for general use. Other viscosities shown in the chart may be used when the average temperature in your area is within the indicated range.

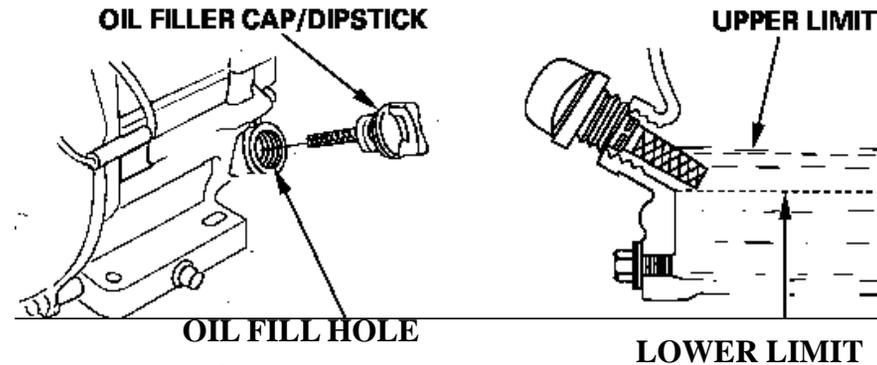


### Oil Level Check

Check the engine oil level with the engine stopped and in a level position.

1. Remove the oil filler cap/dipstick and wipe it clean.
2. Insert the oil filler cap/dipstick into the oil filler neck as shown, but do not screw it in, then remove it to check the oil level.
3. If the oil level is near or below the lower limit mark on the dipstick, fill with the recommended oil to the upper limit mark (bottom edge of the oil fill hole). Do not overfill.

4. Reinstall the oil filler cap/dipstick.



### NOTICE

*Running the engine with a low oil level can cause engine damage.*

The Oil Alert® system (applicable types) will automatically stop the engine before the oil level falls below the safe limit. However, to avoid the inconvenience of an unexpected shutdown, always check the engine oil level before startup.

### Oil Change

Drain the used oil when the engine is warm. Warm oil drains quickly and completely.

1. Place a suitable container below the engine to catch the used oil, then remove the oil filler cap/dipstick, oil drain plug and washer.
2. Allow the used oil to drain completely, then reinstall the oil drain plug and new washer, and tighten the oil drain plug securely.

## MAINTENANCE

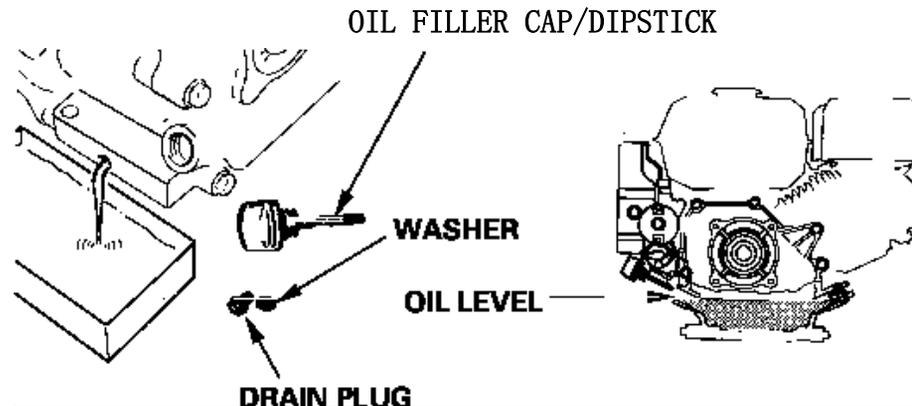
Please dispose of used motor oil in a manner that is compatible with the environment. We suggest you take used oil in a sealed container to your local recycling center or service station for reclamation. Do not throw it in the trash, pour it on the ground, or down a drain.

3. With the engine in a level position, fill to the upper limit mark (bottom edge of the oil fill hole) on the dipstick with the recommended oil.

**NOTICE** *Running the engine with a low oil level can cause engine damage.*

The Oil Alert® system (applicable types) will automatically stop the engine before the oil level falls below the safe limit. However, to avoid the inconvenience of an unexpected shutdown, fill to the upper limit, and check the oil level regularly.

4. Install the oil filler cap/dipstick and tighten securely.



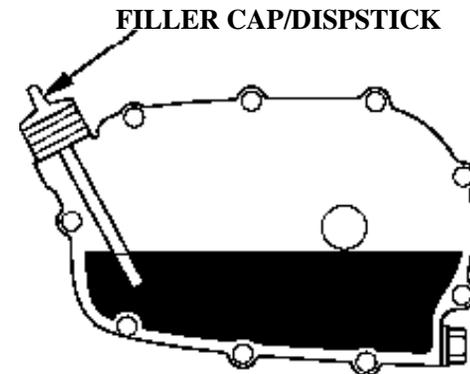
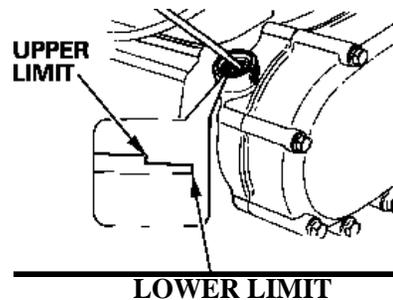
### Recommended Oil

Use the same oil that is recommended for the engine. Oil Level Check

Check the reduction case oil level with the engine stopped and in a level position.

Reduction Case With Centrifugal Clutch

1. Remove the oil filler cap/dipstick and wipe it clean.
2. Insert and remove the oil filler cap/dipstick without screwing it into the filler hole. Check the oil level shown on the oil filler cap/ dipstick.
3. If the oil level is low, add oil to reach the upper limit mark on the dipstick with the recommended oil.
4. Screw in the oil filler cap/dipstick and tighten securely.



### Oil Change

Drain the used oil while the engine is warm. Warm oil drains quickly and completely.

1. Place a suitable container below the reduction case to catch the used oil, then remove the oil filler cap/dipstick, the drain plug and washer.
2. Allow the used oil to drain completely, then reinstall the drain plug and a new washer, and tighten it securely.

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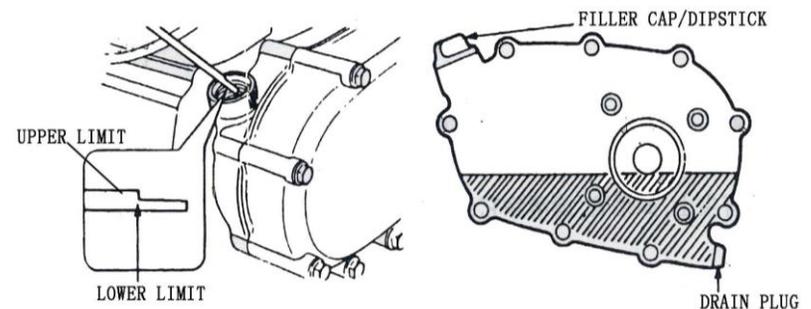
3. With the engine in a level position, fill to the upper limit mark on the dipstick with the recommended oil. To check the oil level, insert and remove the dipstick without screwing it into the filler hole.

Reduction case oil capacity:

0.50 Q (0.53 US qt, 0.44 Imp qt)

**NOTICE** *Running the engine with a low reduction case oil level can cause reduction case damage.*

4. Screw in the filler cap/dipstick securely.



### AIR CLEANER

A dirty air cleaner will restrict air flow to the carburetor, reducing engine performance. If you operate the engine in very dusty areas, clean the air filter more often than specified in the MAINTENANCESCHEDULE.

**NOTICE** Operating the engine without an air filter, or with a damaged air filter, will allow dirt to enter the engine, causing rapid engine wear. This type of damage is not covered by the Distributor's Limited Warranty.

### Inspection

Remove the air cleaner cover and inspect the filter elements. Clean or replace dirty filter elements. Always replace damaged filter elements. If equipped with an oil-bath air cleaner, also check the oil level.

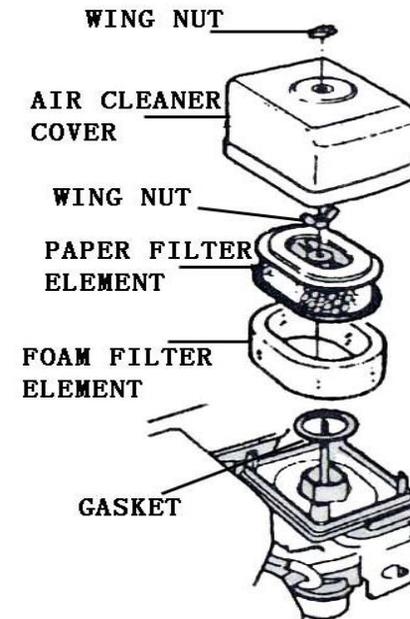
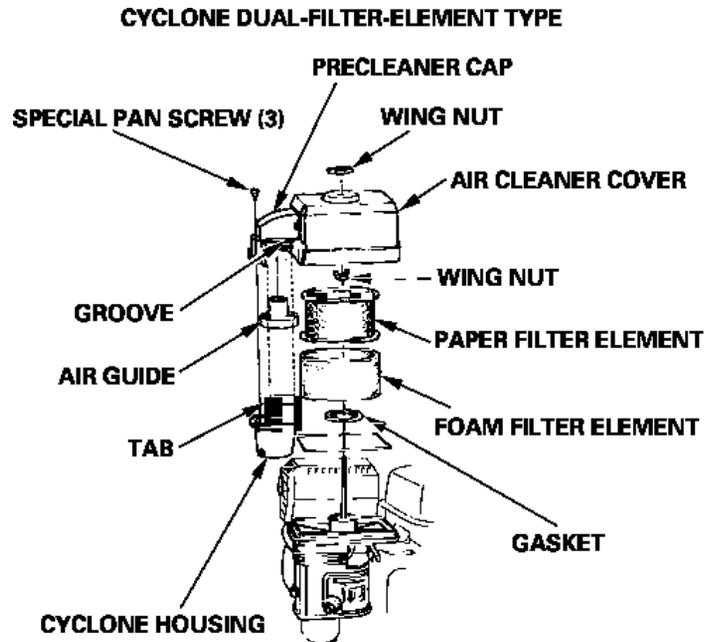
Refer to pages 11 - 12 for instructions that apply to the air cleaner and filter for your engine type.

### Cleaning Dual-Filter-Element Types

1. Remove the wing nut from the air cleaner cover, and remove the cover.
2. Remove the wing nut from the air filter, and remove the filter.
3. Remove the foam filter from the paper filter.

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4. Inspect both air filter elements, and replace them if they are damaged. Always replace the paper air filter element at the scheduled interval.



5. Clean the air filter elements if they are to be reused.

Paper air filter element: Tap the filter element several times on a hard surface to remove dirt, or blow compressed air [not exceeding 207 kPa (2.1 kgf/cm<sup>2</sup>, 30 psi)] through the filter element from the inside. Never try to brush off dirt; brushing will force dirt into the fibers.

Foam air filter element: Clean in warm soapy water, rinse, and allow to dry thoroughly. Or clean in nonflammable solvent and allow to dry. Dip the filter element in clean engine oil, then squeeze out all excess oil. The engine will smoke when started if too much oil is left in the foam.

6. CYCLONE TYPE ONLY: Remove the three pan-head screws from the precleaner cap, then remove the cyclone housing and air guide. Wash the parts with water, dry them thoroughly, and reassemble them.

Be sure to install the air guide as shown in the illustration.

7. Install the cyclone housing so the air intake tab fits into the groove in the precleaner cap. Wipe dirt from the inside of the air cleaner case and cover, using a moist rag. Be careful to prevent dirt from entering the air duct that leads to the carburetor.

8. Place the foam air filter element over the paper element, and reinstall the assembled air filter. Be sure the gasket is in place beneath the air filter. Tighten the air filter wing nut securely.

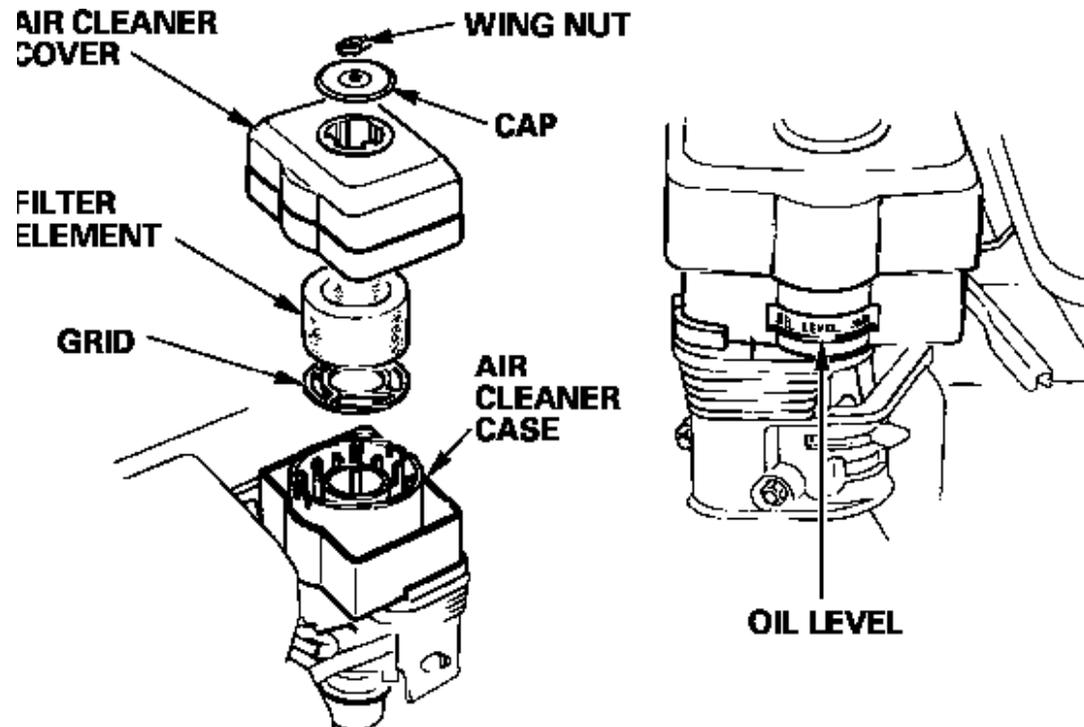
9. Install the air cleaner cover, and tighten the wing nut securely.

### **OIL-Bath Type**

1. Remove the wing nut, and remove the air cleaner cap and cover.
2. Remove the air filter element from the cover. Wash the cover and filter element in warm soapy water, rinse, and allow to dry thoroughly. Or clean in nonflammable solvent and allow to dry.
3. Dip the filter element in clean engine oil, then squeeze out all excess oil. The engine will smoke if too much oil is left in the foam.
4. Empty the used oil from the air cleaner case, wash out any accumulated dirt with nonflammable solvent, and dry the case.
5. Fill the air cleaner case to the OIL LEVEL mark with the same oil that is recommended for the engine.

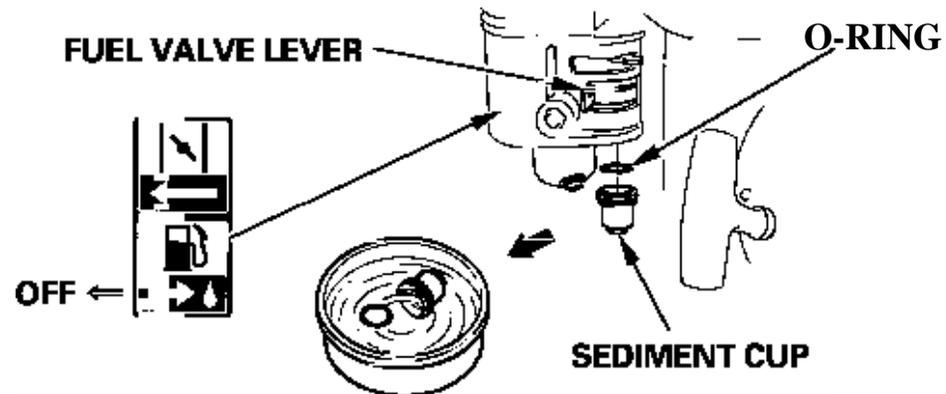
Oil capacity: 60 cm<sup>3</sup> (2.0 US oz, 2.1 Imp oz)

6. Reassemble the air cleaner, and tighten the wing nut



### SEDIMENT CUP Cleaning

1. Move the fuel valve to the OFF position, then remove the fuel sediment cup and O-ring.
2. Wash the sediment cup and O-ring in nonflammable solvent, and dry them thoroughly.
3. Place the O-ring in the fuel valve, and install the sediment cup. Tighten the sediment cup securely.
4. Move the fuel valve to the ON position, and check for leaks. Replace the O-ring if there is any leakage.



### SPARK PLUG

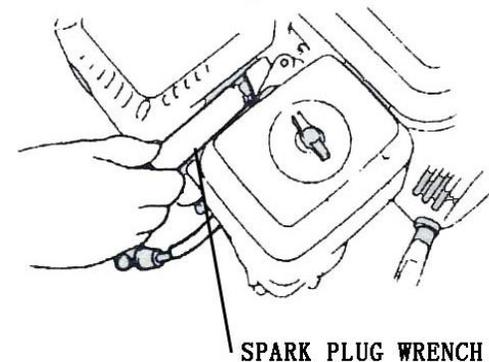
#### Recommended Spark Plugs: F7TC

The recommended spark plug is the correct heat range for normal engine operating temperatures.

**NOTICE** *An incorrect spark plug can cause engine damage.*

For good performance, the spark plug must be properly gapped and free of deposits.

1. Disconnect the spark plug cap, and remove any dirt from around the spark plug area.
2. Remove the spark plug with a 13/16-inch spark plug wrench.
3. Inspect the spark plug. Replace it if damaged, badly fouled, if the sealing washer is in poor



condition, or if the electrode is worn.

4. Measure the spark plug electrode gap with a wire-type feeler gauge. Correct the gap, if necessary, by carefully bending the side electrode. The gap should be: 0.70–0.80 mm (0.028–0.031 in)

5. Install the spark plug carefully, by hand, to avoid cross-threading.

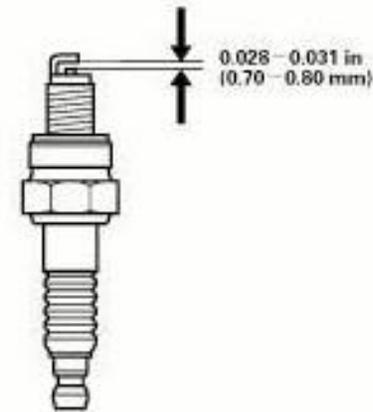
6. After the spark plug is seated, tighten with a 13/16-inch spark PLUG WRENCH TO AVOID CROSSTHREADING.

7. When installing a new spark plug, tighten 1/2 turn after the spark plug seats to compress the washer.

8. When reinstalling the original spark plug, tighten 1/8–1/4 turn after the spark plug to compress the washer.

**NOTICE** A loose spark *plug can overheat and damage the engine. Over tightening the spark plug can damage the threads in the cylinder head.*

9. Attach the spark plug cap to the spark plug.



### SPARK ARRESTER (applicable types)

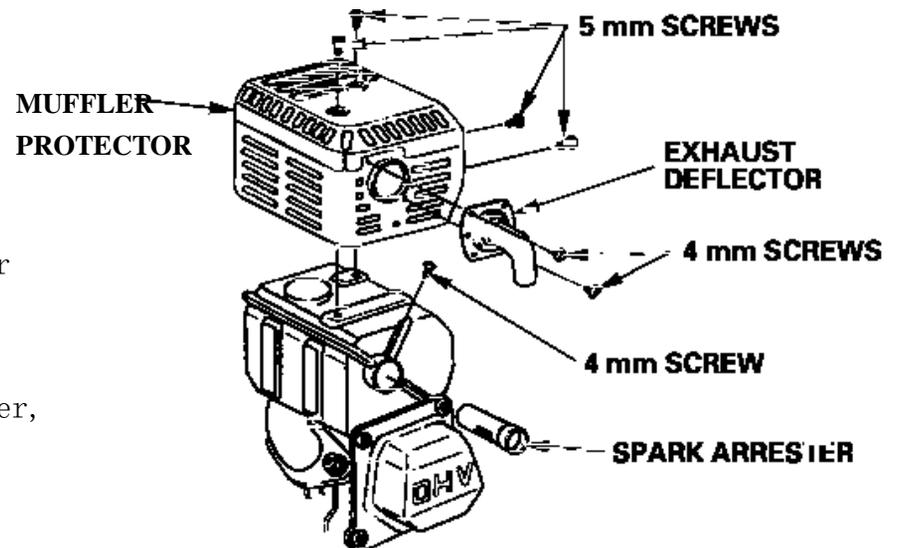
The spark arrester may be standard or an optional part, depending on the engine type. In some areas, it is illegal to operate an engine without a spark arrester. Check local laws and regulations. A spark arrester is available from authorized servicing dealers.

The spark arrester must be serviced every 100 hours to keep it functioning as designed.

If the engine has been running, the muffler will be hot. Allow it to cool before servicing the spark arrester.

#### Spark Arrester Removal

1. Remove the three 4 mm screws from the exhaust deflector, and remove the deflector (applicable types).
2. Remove the four 5 mm screws from the muffler protector and remove the muffler protector.
3. Remove the 4 mm screw from the spark arrester, and remove the spark arrester from the muffler.



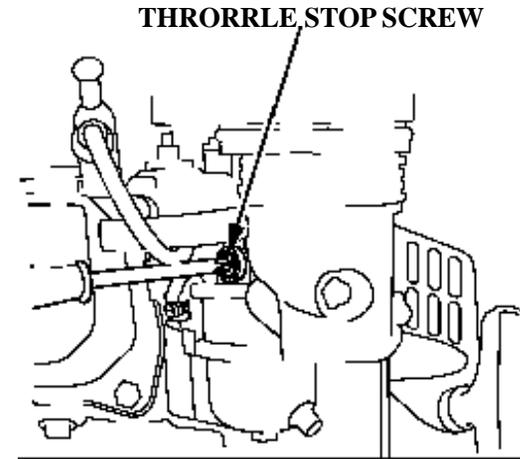
### Spark Arrester Cleaning & Inspection

1. Use a brush to remove carbon deposits from the spark arrester screen. Be careful not to damage the screen. Replace the spark arrester if it has breaks or holes.
2. Install the spark arrester, muffler protector, and exhaust deflector in the reverse order of removal.

### IDLE SPEED

#### ADTustment

1. Start the engine outdoors, and allow it to warm up to operating temperature.
2. Move the throttle lever to its minimum position.
3. Turn the throttle stop screw to obtain the standard idle speed.



## HELPFUL TIPS & SUGGESTIONS

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### Storage Preparation

Proper storage preparation is essential for keeping your engine trouble-free and looking good. The following steps will help to keep rust and corrosion from impairing your engine's function and appearance, and will make the engine easier to start when you use it again.

### Cleaning

If the engine has been running, allow it to cool for at least half an hour before cleaning. Clean all exterior surfaces, touch up any damaged paint, and coat other areas that may rust with a light film of oil.

**NOTICE** Using a garden hose or pressure washing equipment can force water into the air cleaner or muffler opening. Water in the air cleaner will soak the air filter, and water that passes through the air filter or muffler can enter the cylinder, causing damage.

### Fuel

Gasoline will oxidize and deteriorate in storage. Deteriorated gasoline will cause hard starting, and it leaves gum deposits that clog the fuel system. If the gasoline in your engine deteriorates during

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storage, you may need to have the carburetor, and other fuel system components, serviced or replaced. The length of time that gasoline can be left in your fuel tank and carburetor without causing functional problems will vary with such factors as gasoline blend, your storage temperatures, and whether the fuel tank is partially or completely filled. The air in a partially filled fuel tank promotes fuel deterioration. Very warm storage temperatures accelerate fuel deterioration. Fuel problems may occur within a few months, or even less if the gasoline was not fresh when you filled the fuel tank. Fuel system damage or engine performance problems resulting from neglected storage preparation are not covered under the *Distributor's Limited Warranty*.

You can extend fuel storage life by adding a gasoline stabilizer that is formulated for that purpose, or you can avoid fuel deterioration problems by draining the fuel tank and carburetor.

### **Adding a Gasoline Stabilizer to Extend Fuel Storage Life**

When adding a gasoline stabilizer, fill the fuel tank with fresh gasoline. If only partially filled, air in the tank will promote fuel deterioration during storage. If you keep a container of gasoline for refueling, be sure that it contains only fresh gasoline.

1. Add gasoline stabilizer following the manufacturer's instructions.
2. After adding a gasoline stabilizer, run the engine outdoors for 10 minutes to be sure that treated

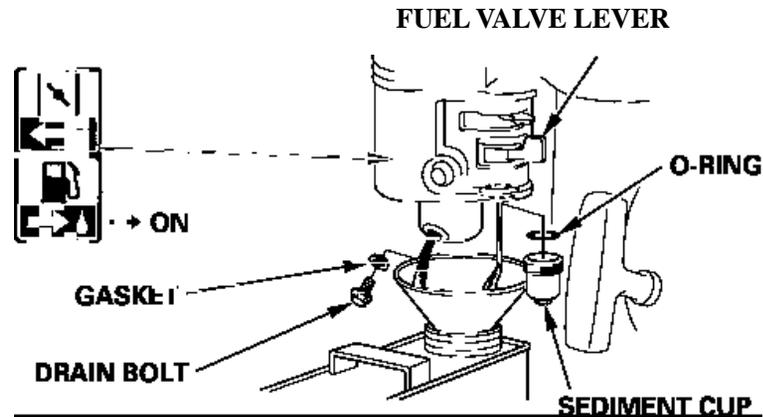
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gasoline has replaced the untreated gasoline in the carburetor.

3. Stop the engine.

### **Draining the Fuel Tank and Carburetor**

1. Place an approved gasoline container below the carburetor, and use a funnel to avoid spilling fuel.
2. Remove the carburetor drain bolt and gasket. Remove the sediment cup and O-ring, then move the fuel valve lever to the ON position.
3. After all the fuel has drained into the container, reinstall the drain bolt, gasket, sediment cup and O-ring. Tighten the drain bolt and sediment cup securely.



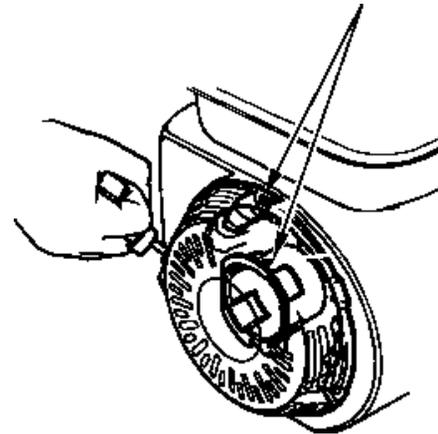
### Engine Oil

1. Change the engine oil.
2. Remove the spark plug.
3. Pour a tablespoon 5-10 cm<sup>3</sup> (5-10 cc) of clean engine oil into the cylinder.
4. Pull the starter rope several times to distribute the oil in the cylinder.
5. Reinstall the spark plug.

6. Pull the starter rope slowly until resistance is felt and the notch on the starter pulley aligns with the hole at the top of the recoil starter cover.

This will close the valves so moisture cannot enter the engine cylinder. Return the starter rope gently.

Align notch on pulley with hole at top of cover.



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### Storage Precautions

If your engine will be stored with gasoline in the fuel tank and carburetor, it is important to reduce the hazard of gasoline vapor ignition. Select a well-ventilated storage area away from any appliance that operates with a flame, such as a furnace, water heater, or clothes dryer. Also avoid any area with a spark-producing electric motor, or where power tools are operated.

If possible, avoid storage areas with high humidity, because that promotes rust and corrosion.

Keep the engine level in storage. Tilting can cause fuel or oil leakage.

With the engine and exhaust system cool, cover the engine to keep out dust. A hot engine and exhaust system can ignite or melt some materials. Do not use sheet plastic as a dust cover. A nonporous cover will trap moisture around the engine, promoting rust and corrosion.

If equipped with a battery for electric starter types, recharge the battery once a month while the engine is in storage.

This will help to extend the service life of the battery.

### Removal from Storage

Check your engine as described in the *BEFORE OPERATION CHECKS* section of this manual (see page 3).

If the fuel was drained during storage preparation, fill the tank with fresh gasoline. If you keep a container of gasoline for refueling, be sure it contains only fresh gasoline. Gasoline oxidizes and deteriorates over time, causing hard starting.

If the cylinder was coated with oil during storage preparation, the engine will smoke briefly at startup. This is normal.

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### TRANSPORTING

Keep the engine level when transporting to reduce the possibility of fuel leakage. Turn the fuel valve to the OFF position (see page 5 )

### TAKING CARE OF UNEXPECTED PROBLEMS

ENGINE WILLNOT START	Possible Cause	Correction
1. Electric starting (applicable types):	Battery discharged.	Recharge battery.
	Fuse burnt out.	Replace fuse (p. 15).
2. Check control positions.	Fuel valve OFF.	Move lever to ON position.
	Choke open.	Move lever to CLOSED position unless the engine is warm.
	Engine switch OFF.	Turn engine switch to ON position.
3. Check engine oil level.	Engine oil level low (Oil Aler models).	Fill with the recommended oil to the proper level(p. 9).
4. Check fuel.	Out of fuel.	Refuel (p. 8).
	Bad fuel; engine stored without treating or draining gasoline, or refueled with bad gasoline.	Drain fuel tank and carburetor (p. 14). Refuel with fresh gasoline (p. 8).
5. Remove and inspect spark plug.	Spark plug faulty, fouled, or	Gap or replace spark plug (p. 12).
	Spark plug wet with fuel (flooded engine).	Dry and reinstall spark plug. Start engine with throttle lever in MAX. position.

6. Take engine to an authorized servicing dealer, or refer to shop manual.	Fuel filter restricted, carburetor malfunction, ignition malfunction, valves stuck, etc.	Replace or repair fault components as necessary.
ENGINE LACKS POWER	Possible Cause	Correction
1. Check air filter.	Filter element(s) restricted.	Clean or replace filter element(s).
2. Check fuel.	Bad fuel; engine stored without treating or draining gasoline, or refueled with bad gasoline.	Drain fuel tank and carburetor. Refuel with fresh gasoline.
3. Take engine to an authorized servicing dealer, or refer to shop manual.	Fuel filter restricted, carburetor malfunction, ignition malfunction, valves stuck, etc.	Replace or repair fail components as necessary.

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### FUSE REPLACEMENT (applicable types)

The electric starter relay circuit and battery charging circuit are protected by a fuse. If the fuse burns out, the electric starter will not operate. The engine can be started manually if the fuse burns out, but running the engine will not charge the battery.

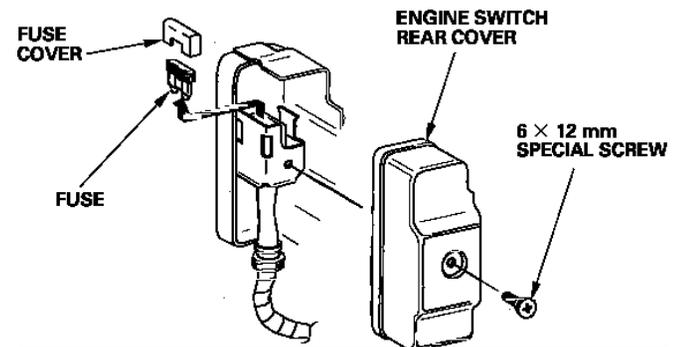
1. Remove the 6 X 12 mm screw from the rear cover of the engine switch box.
2. Remove the fuse cover, then pull out and inspect the fuse.

If the fuse is burnt out, discard the burnt-out fuse. Install a new fuse with the same rating as the one that was removed, and reinstall the cover.

If you have questions regarding the rating of the original fuse, contact your servicing engine dealer.

**NOTICE** *Never use a fuse with a rating greater than the one originally equipped with the engine. Serious damage to the electrical system or a fire could result.*

3. Reinstall the rear cover. Install the 6 X 12 mm screw and tighten it securely.



Frequent fuse failure usually indicates a short circuit or an overload in the electrical system. If the fuse burns out frequently, take the engine to a servicing dealer for repair.

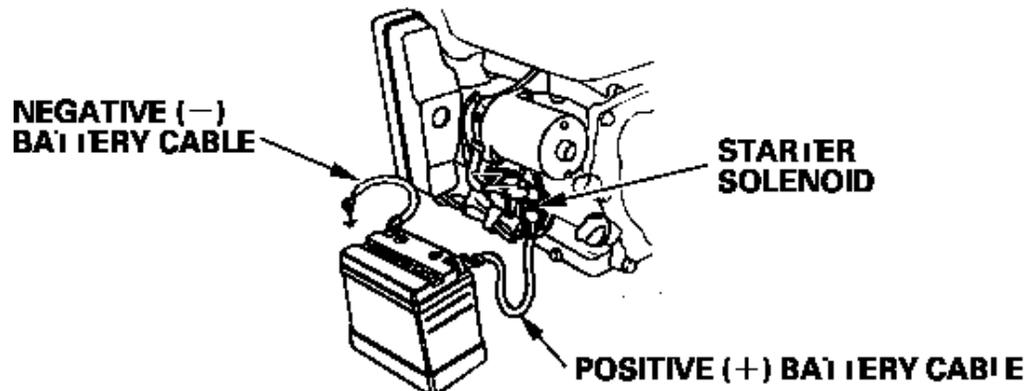
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### Battery Connections for Electric Starter (applicable types)

Use a 12-volt battery with an ampere-hour rating of at least **18 Ah**.

Be careful not to connect the battery in reverse polarity, as this will short circuit the battery charging system. Always connect the positive (+) battery cable to the battery terminal before connecting the negative (-) battery cable, so your tools cannot cause a short circuit if they touch a grounded part while tightening the positive (+) battery cable end.

1. Connect the battery positive (+) cable to the starter solenoid terminal as shown.
2. Connect the battery negative (-) cable to an engine mounting bolt, frame bolt, or other good engine ground connection.
3. Connect the battery positive (+) cable to the battery positive (+) terminal as shown.
4. Connect the battery negative (-) cable to the battery negative (-) terminal as shown.
5. Coat the terminals and cable ends with grease.

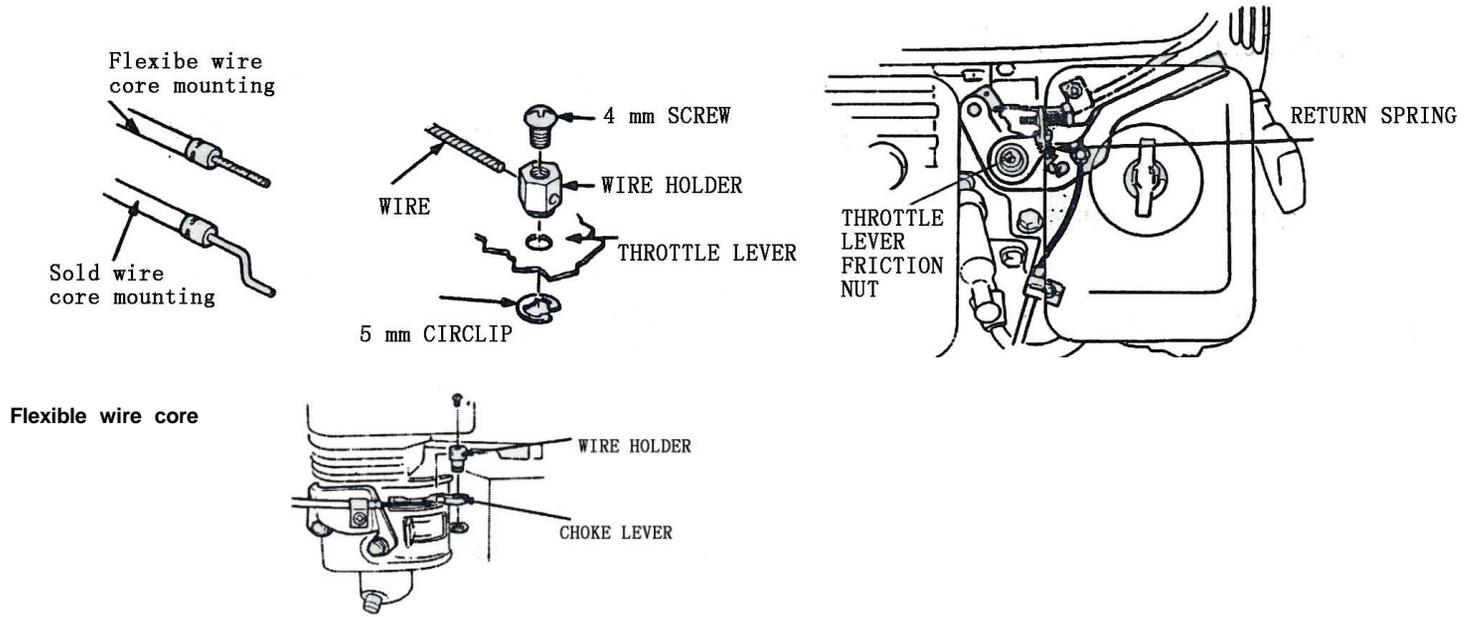


**Remote Control Linkage**

The throttle and choke control levers are provided with holes for optional cable attachment. The following illustrations show installation examples for a solid wire cable and for a flexible, braided wire cable. If using a flexible, braided wire cable, add a return spring as shown.

It is necessary to loosen the throttle lever friction nut when operating the throttle with a remote-mounted control.

**REMOTE THROTTLE LINKAGE**



### Carburetor Modifications for High Altitude Operation

At high altitude, the standard carburetor air-fuel mixture will be too rich. Performance will decrease, and fuel consumption will increase. A very rich mixture will also foul the spark plug and cause hard starting. Operation at an altitude that differs from that at which this engine was certified, for extended periods of time, may increase emissions.

High altitude performance can be improved by specific modifications to the carburetor. If you always operate your engine at altitudes above 1,500 meters (5,000 feet), have your servicing dealer perform this carburetor modification. This engine, when operated at high altitude with the carburetor modifications for high altitude use, will meet each emission standard throughout its useful life.

Even with carburetor modification, engine horsepower will decrease about 3.5% for each 300-meter (1,000-foot) increase in altitude. The effect of altitude on horsepower will be greater than this if no carburetor modification is made.

**NOTICE** When the carburetor has been modified for high altitude operation, the air fuel mixture will be too lean for low altitude use. Operation at altitudes below 1,500 meters (5,000 feet) with a modified carburetor may cause the engine to overheat and result in serious engine damage. For use at low altitudes, have your servicing dealer return the carburetor to original factory specifications.

### Oxygenated Fuels

Some conventional gasoline are being blended with alcohol or an ether compound. These gasoline are collectively referred to as oxygenated fuels. To meet clean air standards, some areas of the United States and Canada use oxygenated fuels to help reduce emissions.

If you use oxygenated fuel, be sure it is unleaded and meets the minimum octane rating requirements.

Before using an oxygenated fuel, try to confirm the fuel's contents. Some states/provinces require this information to be posted on the pump.

The following are the EPA approvedcc percentages of oxygenates:

- ETHANOL** \_\_\_\_\_ (ethyl or grain alcohol) 10% by volume  
You may use gasoline containing up to 10% ethanol by volume. Gasoline containing ethanol may be marketed under the name Gasohol.
- MTBE**----- (methyl tertiary butyl ether) 15% by volume You may use gasoline containing up to 15% MTBE by volume.
- METHANOL**---- (methyl or wood alcohol) 5% by volume You may use gasoline containing up to 5% methanol by volume as long as it also contains cosolvents and corrosion inhibitors to protect the fuel system. Gasoline containing more than 5% methanol by volume may cause starting and/or performance problems. It may also damage metal, rubber, and plastic parts of your fuel system.

If you notice any undesirable operating symptoms, try another service station or switch to another brand of gasoline.

Fuel system damage or performance problems resulting from the use of an oxygenated fuel containing more

than the percentages of oxygenates mentioned above are not covered under the *Distributor's Limited Warranty*.

### Emission Control System Information

#### Source of Emissions

The combustion process produces carbon monoxide, oxides of nitrogen, and hydrocarbons. Control of hydrocarbons and oxides of nitrogen is very important because, under certain conditions, they react to form photochemical smog when subjected to sunlight. Carbon monoxide does not react in the same way, but it is toxic.

utilizes lean carburetor settings and other systems to reduce the emissions of carbon monoxide, oxides of nitrogen, and hydrocarbons.

**The U.S., California Clean Air Acts and Environment Canada** EPA, California and Canadian regulations require all manufacturers to furnish written instructions describing the operation and maintenance of emission control systems.

The following instructions and procedures must be followed in order to keep the emissions from your engine within the emission standards.

#### Tampering and Altering

Tampering with or altering the emission control system may increase emissions beyond the legal limit. Among those acts that constitute tampering are:

1. Removal or alteration of any part of the intake, fuel, or exhaust systems.
2. Altering or defeating the governor linkage or speed-adjusting mechanism to cause the engine to operate outside its design parameters.

### **Problems That May Affect Emissions**

If you are aware of any of the following symptoms, have your engine inspected and repaired by your servicing dealer.

1. Hard starting or stalling after starting.
2. Rough idle.
3. Misfiring or backfiring under load
4. Afterburning (backfiring).
5. Black exhaust smoke or high fuel consumption.

### **Replacement Parts**

The emission control systems on your engine were designed, built, and certified to conform to EPA, California and Canadian emission regulations. We recommend the use of genuine parts whenever you have maintenance done. These original-design replacement parts are manufactured to the same standards as the original parts, so you can be confident of their performance. The use of replacement parts that are not of the original design and quality may impair the effectiveness of your emission control system.

A manufacturer of an aftermarket part assumes the responsibility that the part will not adversely affect emission performance. The manufacturer or rebuilder of the part must certify that use of the part will not result in a failure of the engine to comply with emission regulations.

### **Maintenance**

Follow the maintenance schedule on page 7. Remember that this schedule is based on the assumption that your machine will be used for its designed purpose. Sustained high-load or high-temperature operation, or use in unusually wet or dusty conditions, will require more frequent service.

### WARNING

1. To avoid severe burns or fire hazards, let the engine cool before transporting it or storing it indoors.
2. When transporting the engine, turn the fuel valve to the OFF position and keep the engine level to prevent fuel spillage. Fuel vapor or spilled fuel may ignite.

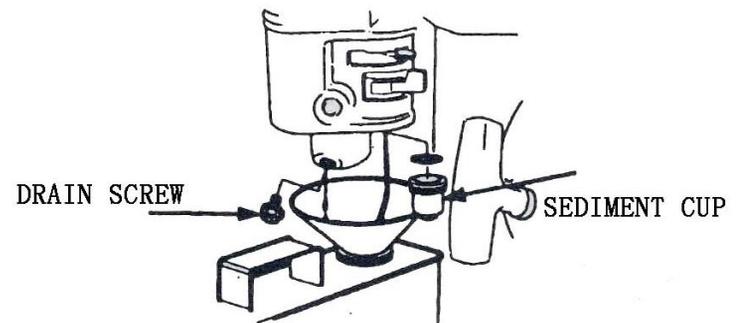
Before storing the unit for an extended period;

1. Be sure the storage area is free of excessive humidity and dust.
2. Drain the fuel...
  - a. With the fuel valve OFF, remove and empty the sediment cup.
  - b. Turn the fuel valve ON and drain the gasoline in the fuel tank into a suitable container.
  - c. Replace the sediment cup and tighten securely.
  - d. Drain the carburetor by loosening the drain screw. Drain the gasoline into a suitable container.

**WARNING** Gasoline is extremely flammable and is

explosive under certain conditions.

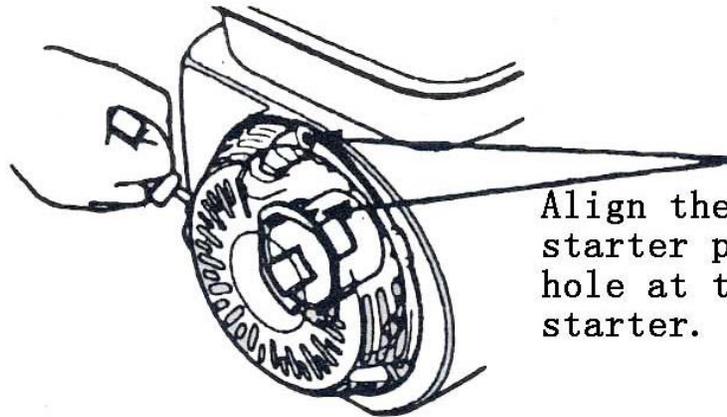
Do not smoke or allow flames or sparks in the area.



3. Change the engine oil.

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4. Remove the spark plug and pour about a tablespoon of clean engine oil into the cylinder. Crank the engine several revolutions to distribute the oil, then reinstall the spark plug.
5. Pull the starter rope slowly until resistance is felt. Continue pulling until the notch on the starter pulley aligns with the hole on the recoil starter (see illustration below). At this point, the intake and exhaust valves are closed, and this will help to protect the engine from internal corrosion.
6. QAE type: Remove the battery and store it in a cool, dry place. Recharge it once a month.
7. Cover the engine to keep out dust.



Align the arrow on the starter pulley with the hole at the top of recoil starter.

### Engine will not start, using recoil starter:

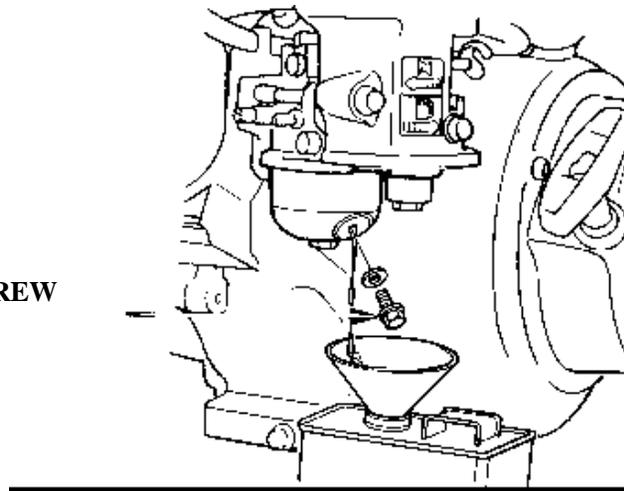
1. Is the engine switch ON?
2. Does the oil alert lamp flash when the starter is operated?
3. Is the fuel valve ON?
4. Is there fuel in the fuel tank?
5. Is gasoline reaching the carburetor?

To check, loosen the drain screw with the fuel valve on.

**WARNING** If any fuel is spilled, make sure the area is dry before testing the spark plug or starting the engine.

Fuel vapor or spilled fuel may ignite.

**DRAIN SCREW**



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6. Is there a spark at the spark plug?
  - a. Remove the spark plug cap. Clean any dirt from around the spark plug base, then remove the spark plug.
  - b. Install the spark plug in the plug cap.
  - c. Turn the engine switch on.
  - d. Grounding the side electrode to any engine ground, and pull the recoil starter to see if sparks jump across the gap.
  - e. If there is no spark, replace the plug.  
If OK, try to start the engine according to the instructions.
7. If the engine still does not start, take the engine to the dealer.

Engine will not start, using electric starter:

1. Are the battery cables securely connected and free of corrosion?
2. Is the battery fully charged?

**NOTE:** If the engine does not charge the battery, check the circuit breaker.

3. If the starter motor operates but the engine will not start, follow the troubleshooting procedures described under recoil starter operation.

## SPECIFICATIONS

Model	DT173F (E)	DT177F (E)	DT182F (E)	DT188F (E)	DT190F (E)
Items					
Type	4-stroke/air cooling/single cylinder/OHV horizontal shaft				
Displacement (cm <sup>3</sup> )	242	270	337	389	420
Max. Power output (HP/rmp)	8/3600	9/3600	11/3600	13/3600	15/3600
Max. Torque (N.m/rmp)	16.7/2500	19.1/2500	23.5/2500	26.5/2500	28/2500
Fuel Tank Capacity (L/Gal.)	6/1.59		6.5/1.72		
Oil Capacity (L/Gal.)	0.6/1.6		1.1/0.29		
Ignition Mode	Transistorized Magneto				
Starting Mode	Recoil Start				
Consumption (g/kw.h)	380		385		
L×W×H (mm)	490×440×520				
Dry weight (kg)	25		31		34

# WIRING DIAGRAM

