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BF25A/BF30A Owner's Manual





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The engine exhaust from this product contains chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer, birth defects, or other reproductive harm.

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INTRODUCTION

Congratulations on your selection of a Honda outboard motor. We are certain you will be pleased with your purchase of one of the finest outboard motors on the market.

We want to help you get the best results from your new outboard motor and to operate it safely. This manual contains the information on how to do that; please read it carefully.

As you read this manual you will find information preceded by a

NOTICE symbol. That information is intended to help you avoid damage to your outboard motor, other property, or the environment.

We suggest you read the warranty policy to fully understand its coverage and your responsibilities of ownership. The warranty policy is a separate document that should have been given to you by your dealer.

When your outboard motor needs scheduled maintenance, keep in mind that your Honda marine dealer is specially trained in servicing Honda outboard motors. Your Honda marine dealer is dedicated to your satisfaction and will be pleased to answer your questions and concerns.

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INTRODUCTION


A FEW WORDS ABOUT SAFETY

Your safety and the safety of others are very important. And using this outboard motor safely is an important responsibility.

To help you make informed decisions about safety, we have provided operating procedures and other information on labels and in this manual. This information alerts you to potential hazards that could hurt you or others.

Of course, it is not practical or possible to warn you about all the hazards associated with operating or maintaining an outboard motor. You must use your own good judgment.

You will find important safety information in a variety of forms, including:

- **Safety Labels** — on the outboard motor.
- **Safety Messages** — preceded by a safety alert symbol  and one of three signal words, DANGER, WARNING, or CAUTION.

These signal words mean:

 **DANGER**

You **WILL** be **KILLED** or **SERIOUSLY HURT** if you don't follow instructions.

 **WARNING**

You **CAN** be **KILLED** or **SERIOUSLY HURT** if you don't follow instructions.

 **CAUTION**

You **CAN** be **HURT** if you don't follow instructions.

- **Safety Headings** — such as *IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION*.
- **Safety Section** — such as *OUTBOARD MOTOR SAFETY*.
- **Instructions** — how to use this outboard motor correctly and safely.

This entire book is filled with important safety information — please read it carefully.

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OUTBOARD MOTOR SAFETY

IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION

Honda BF25A and BF30A outboard motors are designed for use with boats that have a suitable manufacturer's power recommendation. Other uses can result in injury to the operator or damage to the outboard motor and other property.

Most accidents can be prevented if you follow all instructions in this manual and on the outboard motor. The most common hazards are discussed below, along with the best way to protect yourself and others.

Operator Responsibility

- It is the operator's responsibility to provide the necessary safeguards to protect people and property. Know how to stop the engine quickly in case of emergency. Understand the use of all controls.
- Stop the engine immediately if anyone falls overboard, and do not run the engine while the boat is near anyone in the water.
- Always stop the engine if you must leave the controls for any reason.
- Attach the emergency stop switch lanyard securely to the operator.
- Always wear a PFD (Personal Flotation Device) while on the boat.
- Familiarize yourself with all laws and regulations relating to boating and the use of outboard motors.
- Be sure that anyone who operates the outboard motor receives proper instruction.
- Be sure the outboard motor is properly mounted on the boat.
- Do not remove the engine cover while the engine is running.

OUTBOARD MOTOR SAFETY

Refuel With Care

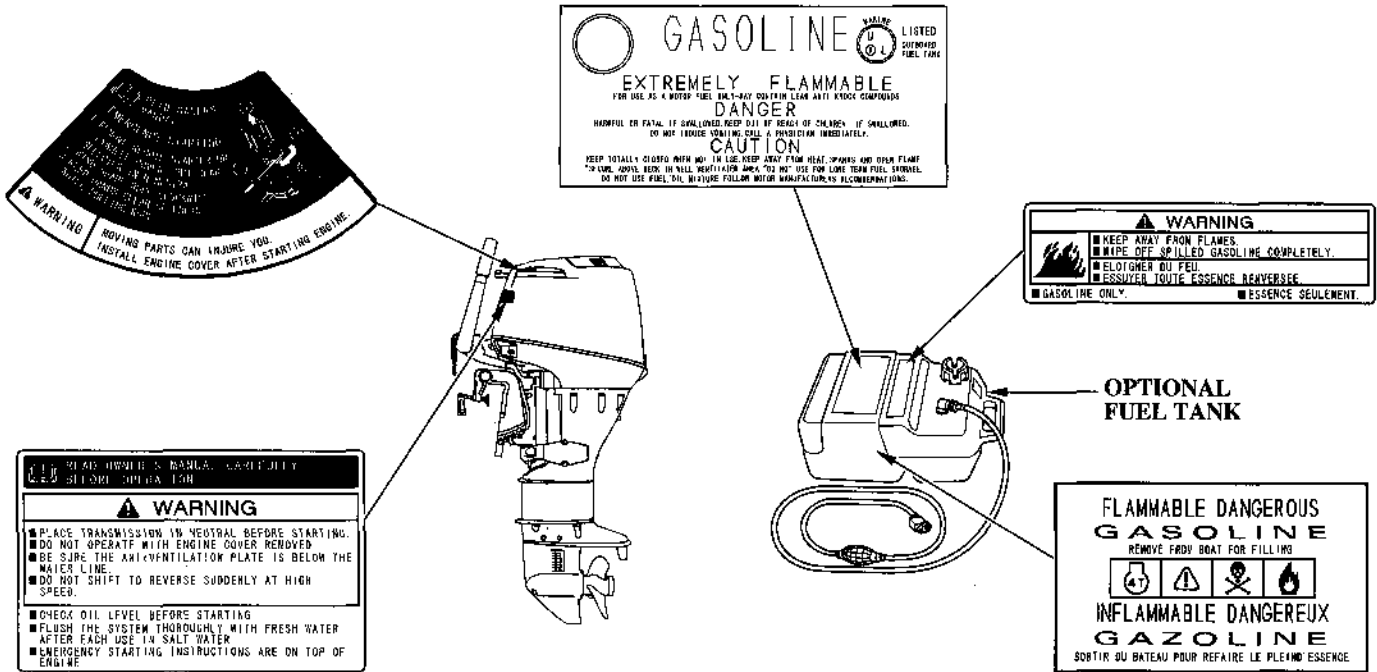
- Gasoline is extremely flammable, and gasoline vapor can explode. Refuel outdoors, in a well-ventilated area, with the engine stopped. Never smoke near gasoline, and keep other flames and sparks away.
- Remove any portable fuel tank from the boat for refueling. Keep the portable fuel tank away from the battery or other potential spark sources.
- Refuel carefully to avoid spilling fuel. Avoid overfilling the fuel tank.
- After refueling, tighten the filler cap securely. If any fuel is spilled, make sure the area is dry before starting the engine.

Carbon Monoxide Hazard

Exhaust gas contains poisonous carbon monoxide. Avoid inhalation of exhaust gas. Never run the engine in a closed garage or confined area.

OUTBOARD MOTOR SAFETY

SAFETY LABEL LOCATIONS



The labels shown here contain important safety information. Please read them carefully. These labels are considered permanent parts of your outboard motor. If a label comes off or becomes hard to read, contact an authorized Honda Marine servicing dealer for a replacement.

CONTROLS AND FEATURES

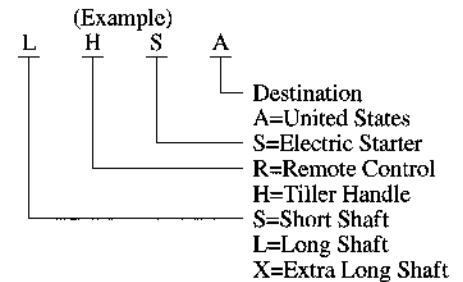
CONTROL AND FEATURE IDENTIFICATION CODES

Model	BF25A							BF30A				
Type	SHA	LHA	SHSA	LHSA	SRSA	LRSA	XRSA	SHA	LHA	LHSA	SRSA	LRSA
Shaft Length	S	L	S	L	S	L	X	S	L	L	S	L
Tiller Handle	H	H	H	H				H	H	H		
Remote Control					R	R	R				R	R
Electric Starter			S	S	S	S	S			S	S	S

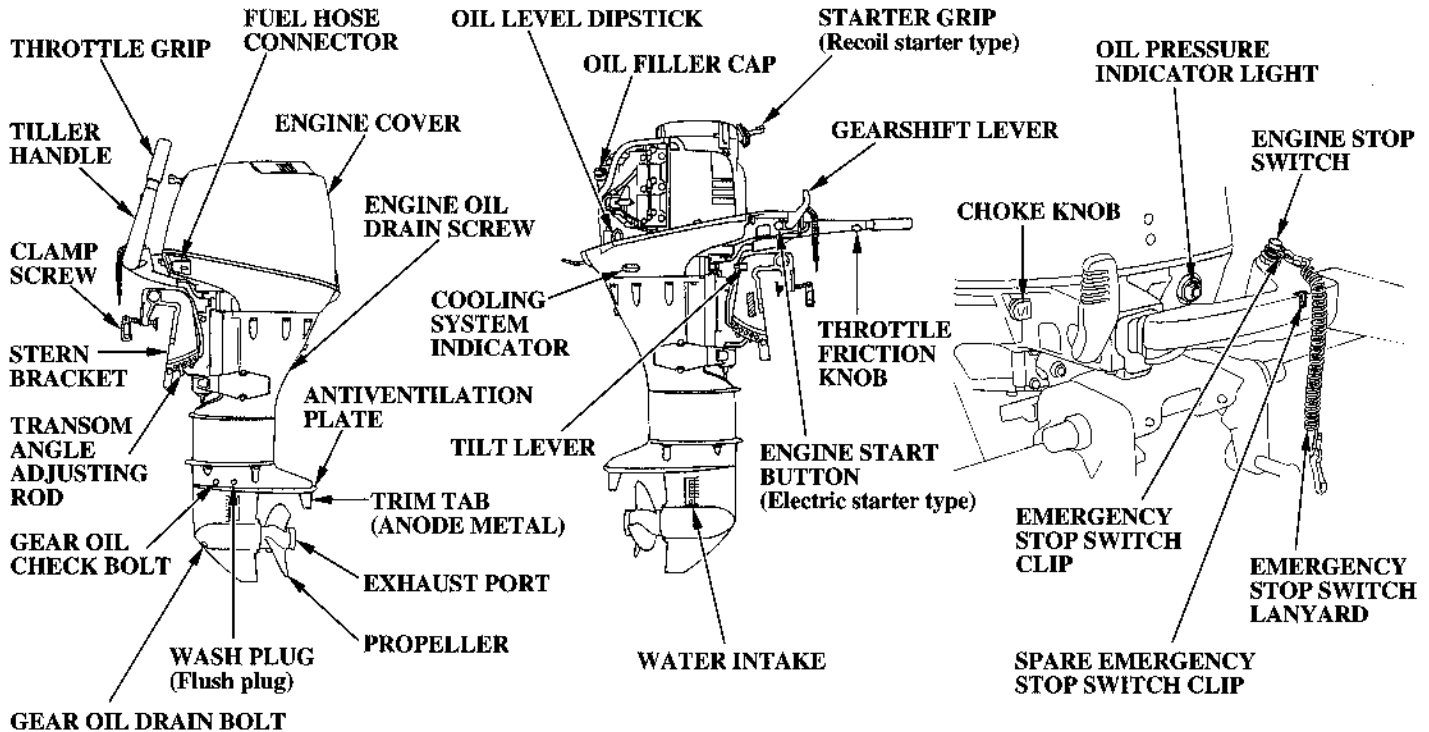
Refer to this chart for an explanation of the Type Codes used in this manual to identify control and feature applications.

BF25A/BF30A are provided with the following types according to the shaft length, control system, and start system.

- According to Shaft Length
S: Short Shaft
L: Long Shaft
X: Extra Long Shaft
- According to Control System
H: Tiller Handle Control
R: Remote Control

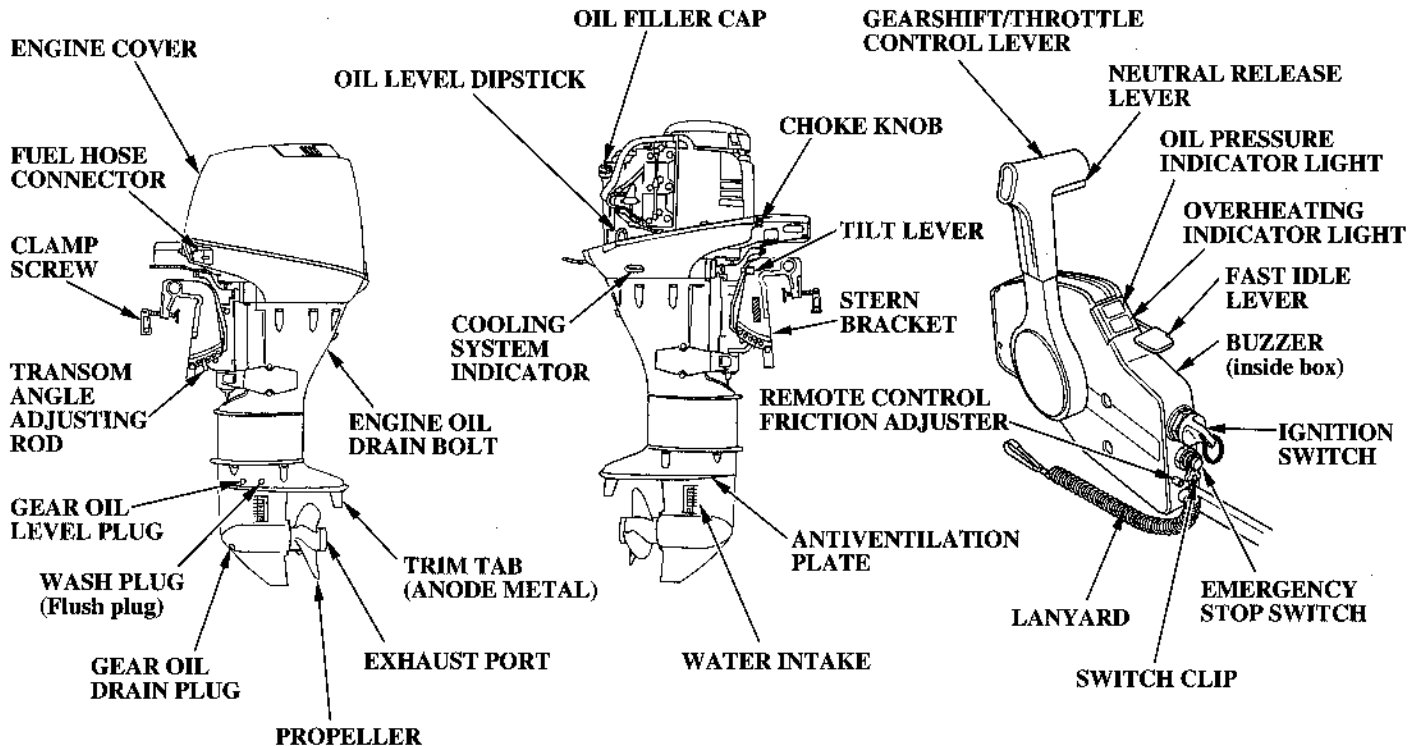


COMPONENT AND CONTROL LOCATIONS H Type (tiller handle)

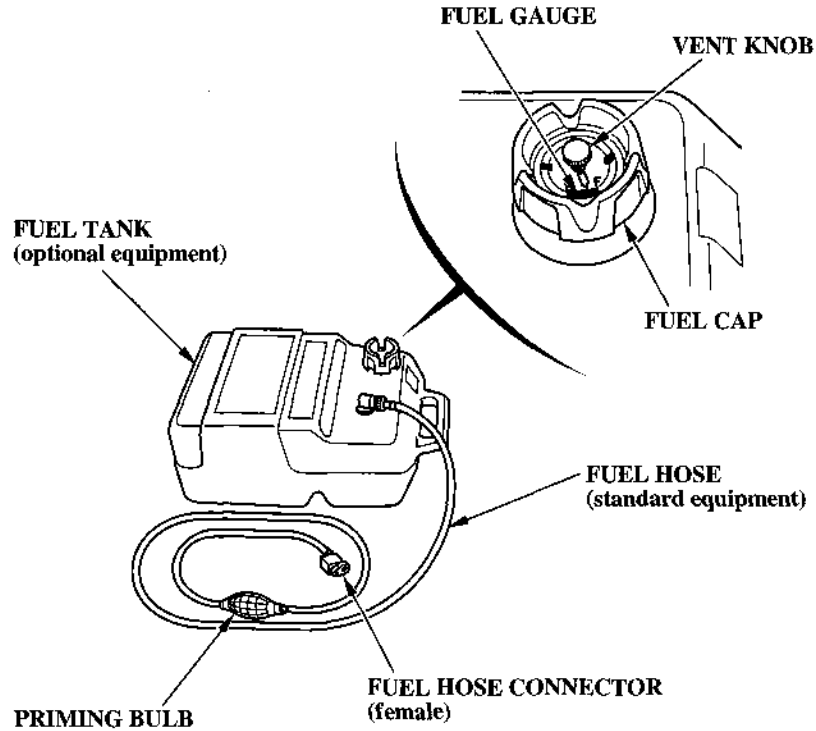


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R Type (remote control)



Fuel Tank (optional equipment)

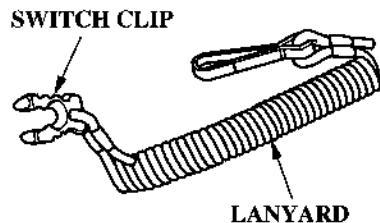
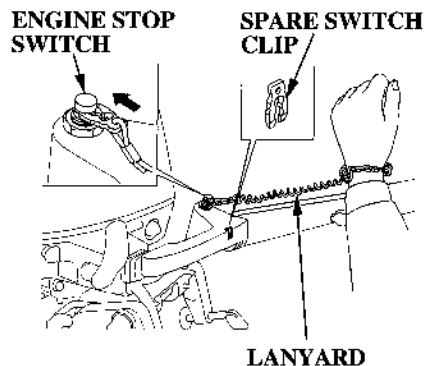


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CONTROLS

H Type (tiller handle)

Engine Stop Switch and Switch Clip



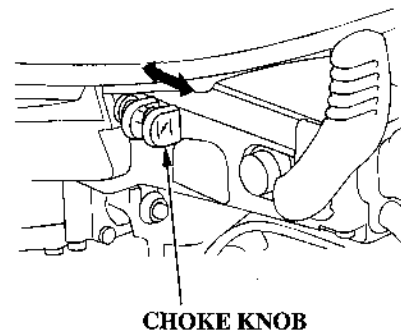
The engine stop switch has controls for normal engine stopping and emergency engine stopping.

The switch clip must be inserted in the engine stop switch in order for the engine to start and run. The lanyard should be attached to the operator's PFD (Personal Flotation Device) or worn around the wrist as shown.

When used as described, the engine stop switch and lanyard system stops the engine if the operator falls away from the controls.

A spare emergency stop switch clip is provided near the engine stop switch.

Choke Knob

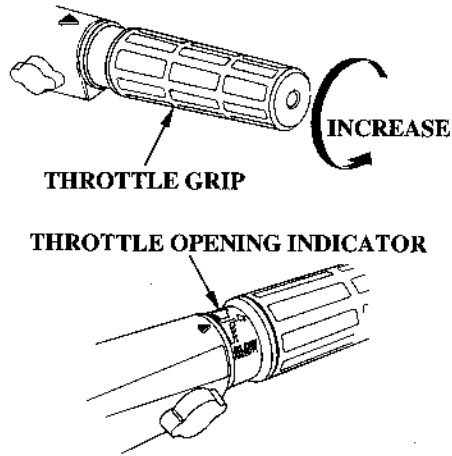


The choke knob opens and closes the choke valves in the carburetors.

The CLOSED position enriches the fuel mixture for starting a cold engine.

The OPEN position provides the correct fuel mixture for operation after starting, and for restarting a warm engine.

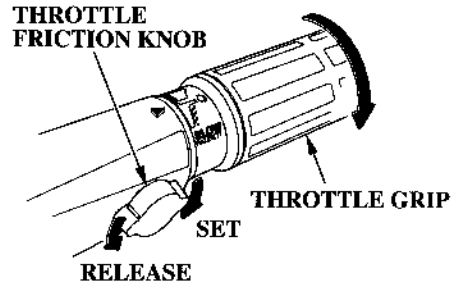
Throttle Grip



The throttle grip controls engine speed.

The curve on the grip shows throttle position and is helpful for setting the throttle correctly when starting (p. 37).

Throttle Friction Knob

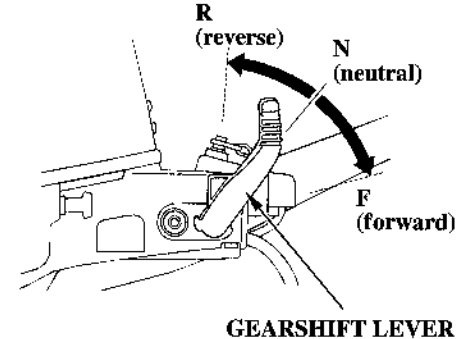


The throttle friction knob adjusts resistance to throttle grip rotation.

Turn the knob clockwise to increase friction for holding a throttle setting while cruising.

Turn the knob counterclockwise to decrease friction for easy throttle grip rotation.

Gearshift Lever



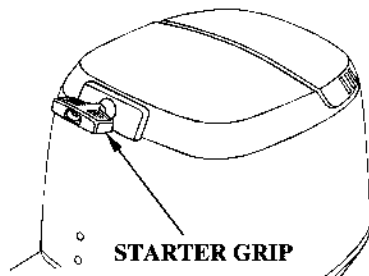
The gearshift lever is used to select F (forward), N (neutral), or R (reverse) gears.

The engine can be started with the gearshift lever in the N (neutral) position only.

If the gearshift lever is in the F (forward) or R (reverse) position, the recoil starter will not operate, and the electric starter button (applicable models) will not operate the starter motor.

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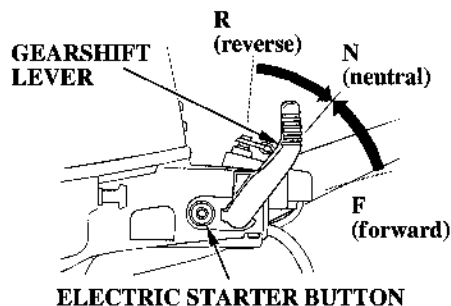
Recoil Starter Grip (models equipped with recoil starter)



Pull the starter grip to operate the recoil starter for starting the engine manually.

The recoil starter will operate only when the gearshift lever (p. 15) is in the N (neutral) position, and the clip is in the engine stop switch or the emergency stop switch.

Electric Starter Button (models equipped with electric starter)



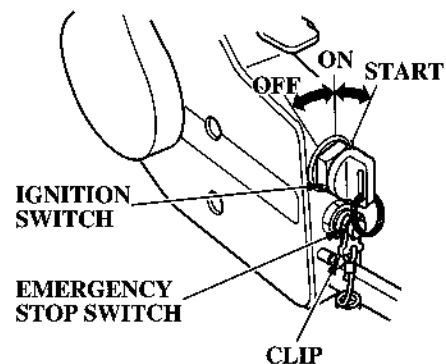
Press the starter button to operate the electric starter for starting the engine.

The electric starter button can be used to operate the starter motor only when the gearshift lever (p. 15) is in the N (neutral) position, and the clip is in the engine stop switch.

R Type (remote control)

For panel-mount or top-mount remote control information, refer to the instructions provided with the remote control equipment.

Ignition Switch (side-mount type)



The ignition switch controls the ignition system and starter motor.

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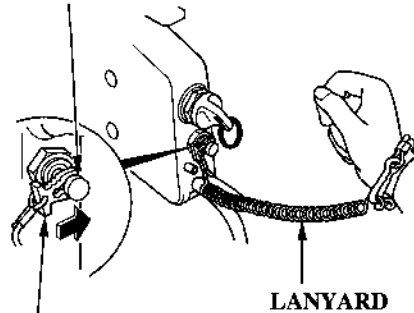
Turning the ignition switch key to the START position operates the starter motor. The key automatically returns to the ON position when released from the START position.

The ignition switch can be used to operate the starter motor only when the gearshift lever (p. 15) is in the N (neutral) position, and the switch clip is in the emergency stop switch.

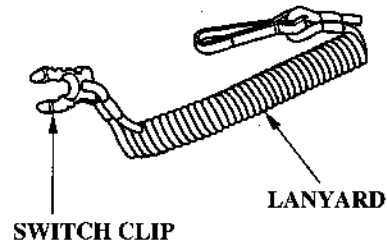
Turning the ignition switch to the OFF position stops the engine.

Switch Clip and Emergency Stop Switch (side-mount type)

EMERGENCY STOP SWITCH



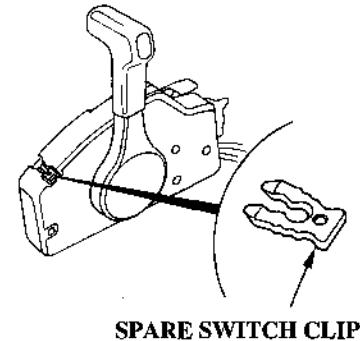
SWITCH CLIP



The switch clip must be inserted in the emergency stop switch in order for the engine to start and run. The lanyard must be attached to the operator's PFD (Personal Flotation Device) or worn around the wrist as shown.

When used as described, the emergency stop switch and lanyard system stops the engine if the operator falls away from the controls.

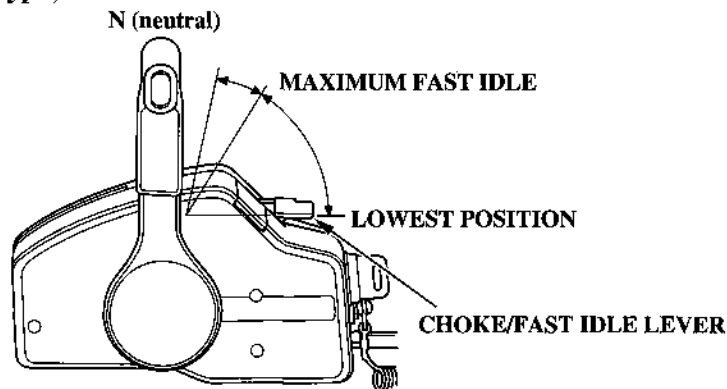
A spare switch clip is stored in a slot in the control housing.



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Choke/Fast Idle Lever

(side-mount type)



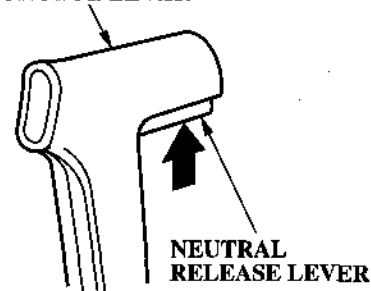
The choke/fast idle lever opens and closes the choke valves in the carburetors.

The **CHOKE** position enriches the fuel mixture for starting a cold engine. The raised lever positions also increase the **idle** speed to prevent stalling.

The **OPEN** position provides the correct fuel mixture for operation after starting, and for restarting a warm engine.

Gearshift/Throttle Control Lever (side-mount type)

GEARSHIFT/THROTTLE CONTROL LEVER



The control lever automatically locks itself in the N (neutral) position. To move the lever out of the N (neutral) position, you must squeeze the neutral release lever on the underside of the lever handle.

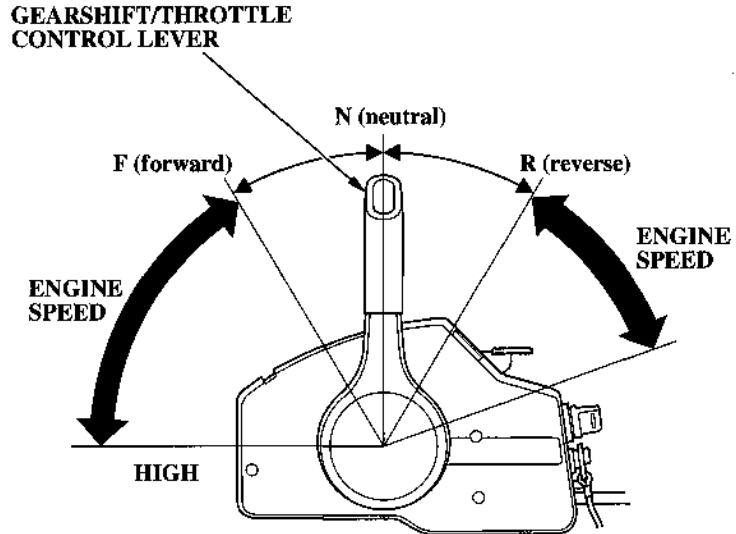
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The gearshift/throttle control lever controls engine speed and selects F (forward), N (neutral), or R (reverse) gears.

Moving the control lever 30° from N (neutral) selects the gear, and further movement increases engine speed.

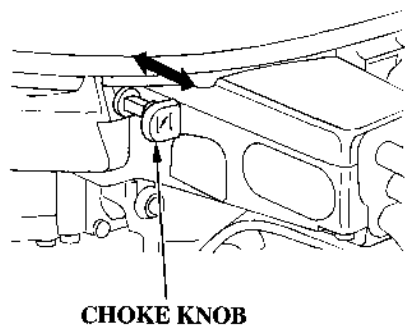
A friction adjuster near the base of the control lever adjusts the operating resistance of the control lever (p. 47).

Less friction allows easier control lever movement. More friction helps to hold a steady throttle setting while cruising.



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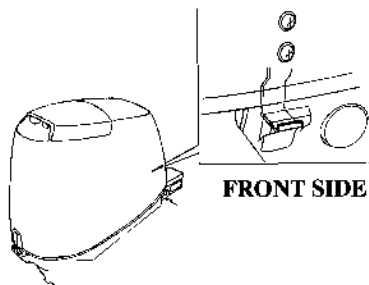
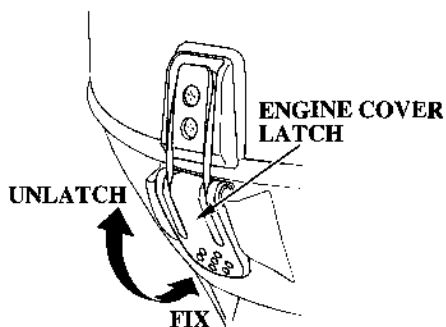
Manual Choke Knob



A manual choke knob is provided on the right side of the motor which can be used in the event the battery is discharged. Pull the manual choke knob, and a rich fuel mixture will be provided to the engine.

Common Controls

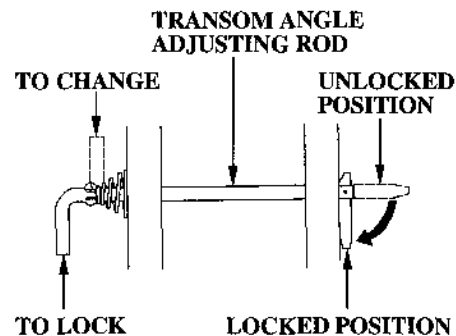
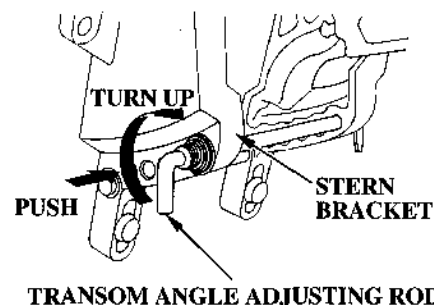
Engine Cover Latch



The engine cover latch fastens the engine cover to the outboard motor.

Transom Angle Adjusting Rod

The transom angle adjusting rod limits the tilt angle of the outboard motor when fully lowered.



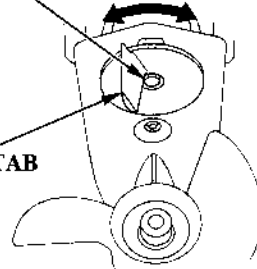
(SH/LH type)

Proper adjustment prevents the outboard motor from being trimmed too low (p. 49).

Trim Tab

TIGHTENING BOLT

TRIM TAB



The trim tab compensates for "torque steer," which is a reaction of the out board motor to propeller rotation.

If uncompensated, torque steer would make the outboard motor tend to turn to one side.

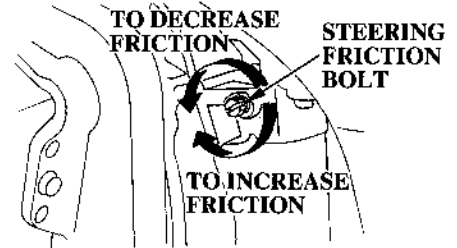
When the trim tab is correctly adjusted (p. 57), steering effort is equal in either direction.

Steering Friction Bolt

TO DECREASE
FRICTION

STEERING
FRICTION
BOLT

TO INCREASE
FRICTION

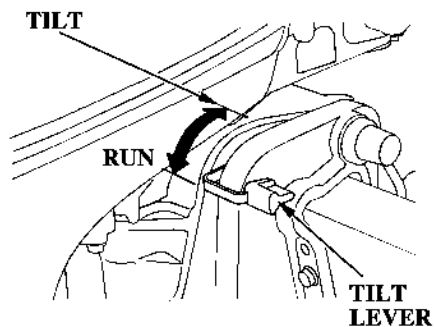


The steering friction bolt adjusts steering resistance.

Less friction allows the outboard motor to turn more easily. More friction helps to hold steady course while cruising or to prevent the outboard motor from swinging while trailering the boat.

CONTROLS AND FEATURES

Tilt Lever

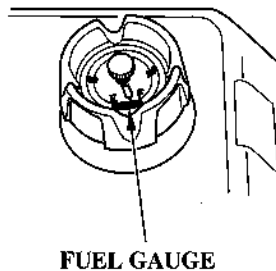


The tilt lever enables the outboard motor to be raised for shallow water operation, beaching, launching, or mooring.

To tilt, move the lever to the TILT position, then raise the outboard motor until the tilt mechanism engages at 30°, 45°, or 75° (p. 50).

INSTRUMENTS

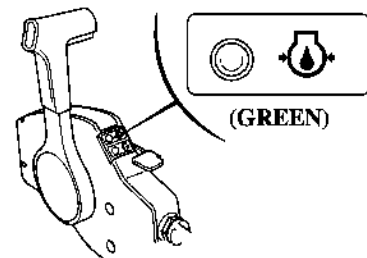
Fuel Gauge



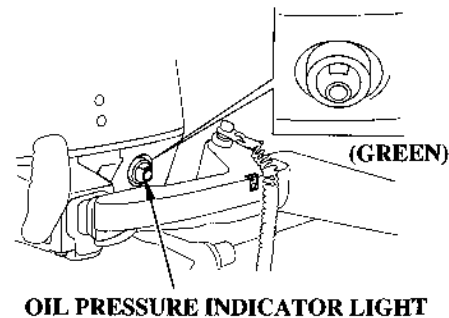
A fuel gauge is built into the cap of the portable fuel tank.

INDICATORS

Oil Pressure Indicator (R type)



(H type)



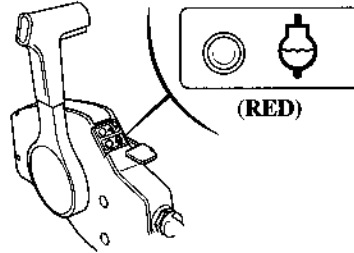
When the green light is lit, oil pressure is OK.

If oil pressure becomes low, the green light will go off, and the engine protection system will limit engine speed.

Remote controls are also equipped with a buzzer that sounds when the green light goes off.

Low oil pressure indicates that the engine oil level is low, or that there is a problem with the engine lubrication system.

Overheating Indicator (R type)

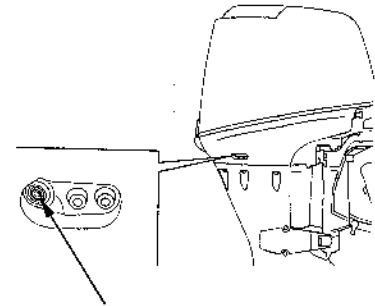


If the engine overheats, the red light will come on, and the engine protection system will limit engine speed.

Remote controls are also equipped with a buzzer that sounds when the red light comes on.

Engine overheating may be the result of clogged water intakes.

Cooling System Indicator



Water should flow from the cooling system indicator while the engine is running. This shows that water is circulating through the cooling system.

If water stops flowing while the engine is running, that indicates a cooling system problem, such as clogged water intakes, which will cause engine overheating.

CONTROLS AND FEATURES

OTHER FEATURES

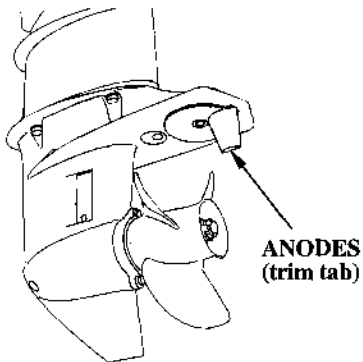
Overrev Limiter

The engine is equipped with an overrev limiter to prevent the possibility of mechanical damage from excessive engine speed.

The overrev limiter may be activated during operation, limiting engine speed, if the outboard motor is tilted excessively, or when propeller ventilation occurs during a sharp turn.

If the overrev limiter is activated, check the trim angle of the outboard motor.

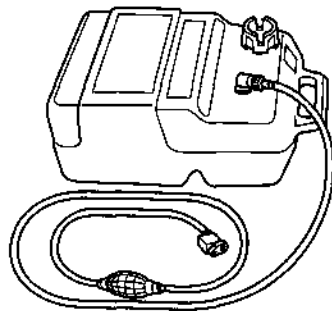
Anode



The anode is made of a sacrificial material that helps to protect the outboard motor from corrosion.

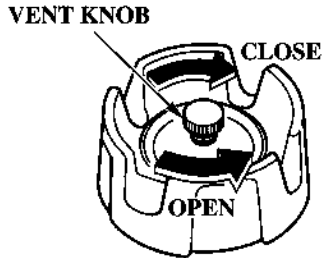
The trim tab functions as an anode.

Portable Fuel Tank



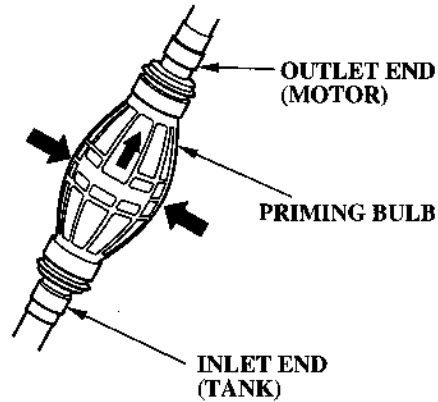
The portable fuel tank has a capacity of 6.6 US gal (25 l) and has a fuel gauge built into the cap.

Fuel Cap Vent Knob



The cap is provided with a vent knob to seal the portable fuel tank for carrying it to and from the boat. Open the vent knob 2 or 3 turns before starting the engine (p. 35).

Fuel Priming Bulb



A priming bulb is built into the fuel hose that connects the fuel tank to the outboard motor.

Before starting the engine, squeeze the priming bulb until it feels firm. This will ensure that fuel is supplied to the engine (p. 36).

INSTALLATION

Correct and secure installation is essential for safe boating and good performance. Follow the installation instructions provided in this manual.

POWER REQUIREMENTS

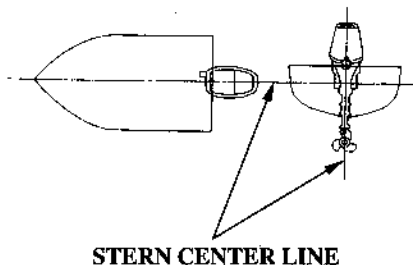
Before installation, check to be sure that the outboard motor does not exceed the recommended maximum horsepower for the boat on which it is to be installed. Refer to the boat's certification plate for recommended maximum horsepower. If the certification plate information is not available, contact the boat dealer or manufacturer.

For most applications, the outboard motor should have a horsepower rating which provides 80% of the maximum recommended horsepower for the boat.

BOAT TRANSOM REQUIREMENTS

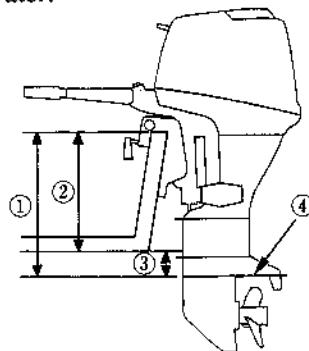
Honda BF25A and BF30A outboard motors can be installed on a boat transom having a thickness range of 1.3 – 2.2 inches (35 – 57 mm).

INSTALLATION POSITION



Install the outboard motor on the center of the boat transom.

The antiventilation plate of the outboard motor should be 0 – 2.0 inches below the bottom of the boat. With the boat in the water and loaded, the antiventilation plate should be about 3.9 inches below the surface of the water.



- ① MOTOR TRANSOM HEIGHT
- ② BOAT TRANSOM HEIGHT
- ③ 0 ~ 2 in (0 ~ 50 mm)
- ④ ANTIVENTILATION

Type:	Motor Transom Height
S:	17.0 in (431 mm)
L:	21.7 in (552 mm)
X:	24.9 in (632 mm)

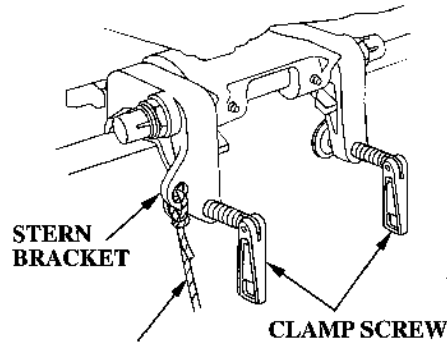
If the outboard motor is installed too low, the boat will squat and be hard to plane, it will tend to porpoise, and high-speed stability will be reduced.

If the outboard motor is installed too high, that will cause ventilation.

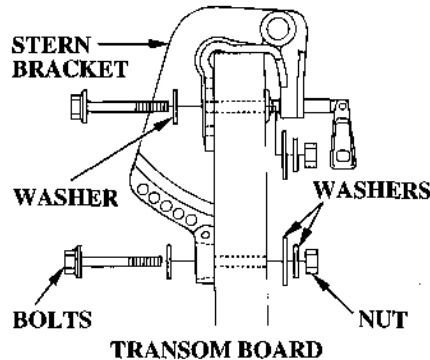
Optimum installation height varies with boat type and bottom shape. Contact the boat manufacturer for any special recommendations that are unique to a specific model of boat.

If the transom needs to be modified to accommodate the outboard motor, contact the boat manufacturer and follow their recommendations for corrective action.

ATTACHMENT



SAFETY ROPE



Attach the stern bracket to the boat transom by tightening the clamp screws.

Attach a rope from the boat to the hole in the stern bracket. This will help to prevent accidental loss of the outboard motor.

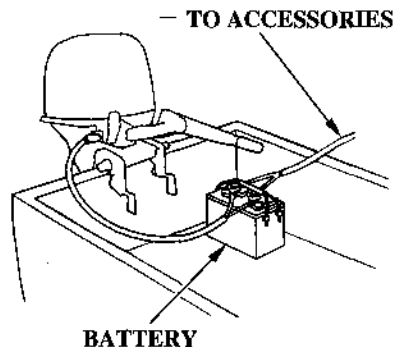
You may further secure the outboard motor by bolting the stern bracket to the boat transom. Use the optional mounting bolt and nut kit or other good quality stainless steel bolts, nuts, and washers. Apply silicone sealant to the bolt holes.

INSTALLATION

TRANSOM ANGLE ADJUSTMENT

Use the transom angle adjustment rod (p. 34) to adjust the angle of the outboard motor so the propeller is perpendicular to the surface of the water.

BATTERY CONNECTIONS



Honda BF25A and BF30A outboard motors produce a 12-volt, 6-ampere battery-charging current and are equipped for connection to a 12-volt battery. The battery-charging circuit is protected by a 15-ampere fuse located in the engine compartment.

The outboard motor's 12-volt output is intended for battery charging only. Lights and electrical accessories for the boat should be connected to the battery.

The battery should be kept in a corrosion-resistant battery box that is securely mounted in a location away from the fuel tank and protected from water and direct sunlight.

Types With Electric Starter

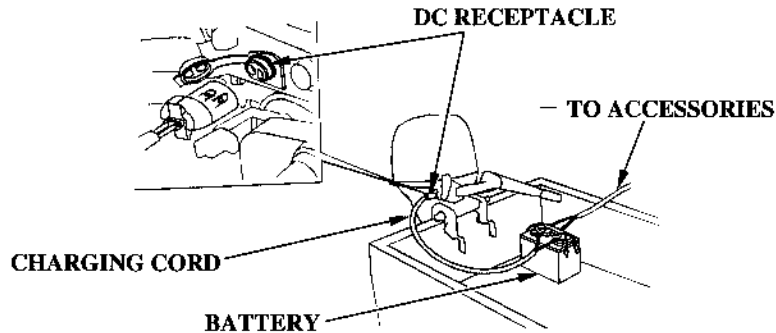
These types are equipped with battery cables. The positive (+) cable has a red band at the battery connector. The negative (-) cable has a black band at the battery connector.

For electric starter operation, use a 12-volt battery with an ampere-hour rating of at least 70 Ah.

Types Without Electric Starter

These types are equipped with a 12-volt dc battery-charging receptacle which can be wired to a 12-volt battery to power lights and electrical accessories for the boat.

Plug and Receptacle (models without electric starter)



To prepare the outboard motor for connection to a battery, pull the cover out of the DC receptacle, connect your battery charging wires to the receptacle. Attach the connected DC receptacle on the holder on the tiller arm.

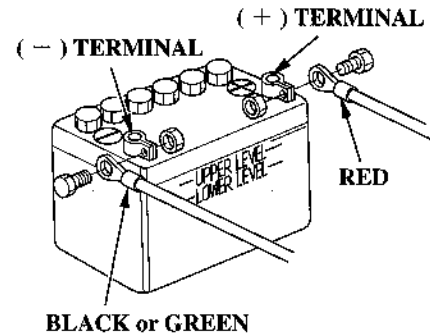
The receptacle is provided with a cover, which should be attached when the plug is removed, in order to keep the receptacle clean and dry.

Battery

Minimum Requirements

12V-70AH

Battery Terminals



Connect the positive (+) battery cable to the positive (+) battery terminal, then connect the negative (-) battery cable to the negative (-) battery terminal.

The negative (-) battery cable should always be removed from the battery when connecting or disconnecting the positive (+) battery cable, so tools cannot cause a short circuit if they touch a grounded part while being used on the positive (+) battery terminal fitting.

INSTALLATION

NOTICE

Be careful to avoid connecting the battery in reverse polarity, as that will damage the battery-charging system in the outboard motor.

ARE YOU READY TO GET UNDER WAY ?

Your safety is your responsibility. A little time spent in preparation will significantly reduce your risk of injury.

Knowledge

Read and understand this manual. Know what the controls do and how to operate them.

Familiarize yourself with the outboard motor and its operation before you get under way. Know what to do in case of emergencies.

Familiarize yourself with all laws and regulations relating to boating and the use of outboard motors.

Safety

Always wear a PFD (Personal Flotation Device) while on the boat.

Attach the emergency stop switch lanyard securely to your PFD or to your wrist.

IS YOUR OUTBOARD MOTOR 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 outboard motor to check its condition. Be sure to take care of any problem you find, or have your authorized Honda Marine dealer correct it, before you operate the outboard motor.

BEFORE OPERATION

▲ WARNING

Improperly maintaining this outboard motor, or failing to correct a problem before operation, could cause a malfunction in which you could be seriously injured.

Always perform a preoperation inspection before each operation, and correct any problem.

Before beginning your preoperation checks, be sure the ignition switch is in the OFF position.

BEFORE OPERATION

Safety Inspection

- Look around the outboard motor for signs of oil or gasoline leaks.
- If you are using the portable fuel tank, make sure it is in good condition and properly secured in the boat (p. 35).
- Check that the fuel hose is undamaged and properly connected (p. 35).
- Wipe up any spills before starting the engine.
- Check the stern bracket to be sure the outboard motor is securely installed.
- Check that all controls are operating properly.
- Replace any damaged parts.
- Check that all fasteners are in place and securely tightened.

Maintenance Inspection

- Check the engine oil level (p. 58). Running the engine with a low oil level can cause engine damage.
- Check to be sure the propeller is undamaged, and the castle nut is secured with the cotter pin (p. 70).
- Check that the anode is not excessively worn. The anode help to protect the outboard motor from corrosion.
- Make sure the tool kit and emergency starter rope are onboard (p. 54). Replace any missing items.
- Check the fuel level in the fuel tank (p. 65).
- Check that the battery fluid is between the upper and lower levels, and the battery leads are connected securely.

SAFE OPERATING PRECAUTIONS

To safely realize the full potential of this outboard motor, you need a complete understanding of its operation and a certain amount of practice with its controls.

Before operating the outboard motor for the first time, please review the *IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION* on page 7 and the chapter titled *BEFORE OPERATION*.

For your safety, avoid starting or operating the engine in an enclosed area. Your engine's exhaust contains poisonous carbon monoxide gas which can collect rapidly in an enclosed area and cause illness or death.

BREAK-IN PROCEDURE

Break-in period: 10 hours

Proper break-in operation allows the moving parts to wear in smoothly for best performance and long service life.

First 15 minutes:

Run the engine at trolling speed. Use the minimum throttle opening necessary to operate the boat at a safe trolling speed.

Next 45 minutes:

Run the engine up to a maximum of 2,000 to 3,000 rpm, which is about 10% to 30% of maximum throttle opening.

Next 60 minutes:

Run the engine up to a maximum of 4,000 to 5,000 rpm, which is about 50% to 80% of maximum throttle opening.

Short full-throttle bursts are OK, but do not operate the engine continuously at full throttle.

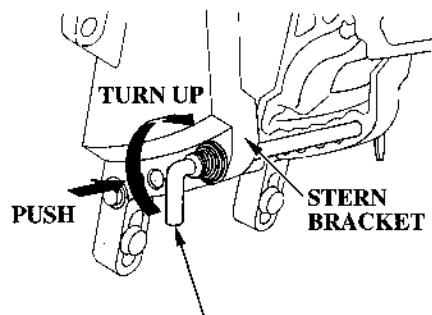
For boats that plane easily, bring the boat up on plane, and then reduce the throttle opening to the recommended rpm range.

Next 8 hours:

Do not run the engine at full throttle for more than 5 minutes at a time.

OPERATION

TRANSOM ANGLE ADJUSTMENT



TRANSOM ANGLE ADJUSTING ROD

TRANSOM ANGLE ADJUSTING ROD

TO CHANGE

UNLOCKED POSITION

TO LOCK

LOCKED POSITION

The transom angle adjusting rod limits the tilt angle of the outboard motor when fully lowered.

Proper adjustment prevents the outboard motor from being trimmed too low (p. 49).

To adjust, first tilt the outboard motor so it is not resting on the rod.

Push the rod in and turn the end of the rod up, so the latch will fall into line with the rod.

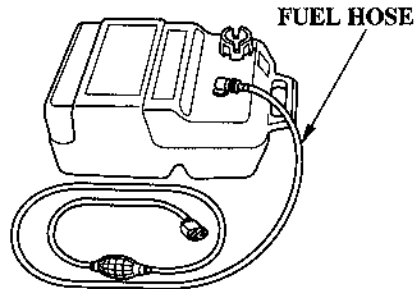
Remove the rod and reinsert it in the desired position.

Push the rod in and turn the end of the rod down, so the latch will fall to the locked position. Then release the rod.

NOTICE

Do not allow water to enter the idle exhaust port or the engine can be damaged.

PORTABLE FUEL TANK



Place the portable fuel tank in a well-ventilated location, away from direct sunlight, to reduce the possibility of a gasoline vapor explosion.

To ensure that the outboard motor will be able to draw fuel from the tank, place the tank within 6 feet of the outboard motor and not more than 3 feet below the fuel connector on the outboard motor.

Secure the portable fuel tank in the boat, so it won't move around and become damaged.

Before use, open the fuel tank vent by turning the vent knob at least 2 or 3 turns counterclockwise.

▲ WARNING

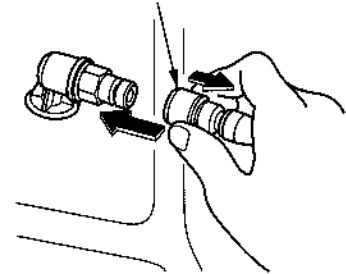
Gasoline is highly flammable and explosive.

You can be burned or seriously injured when handling fuel.

- Stop the engine and keep heat, sparks, and flame away.
- Handle fuel only outdoors.
- Wipe up spills immediately.

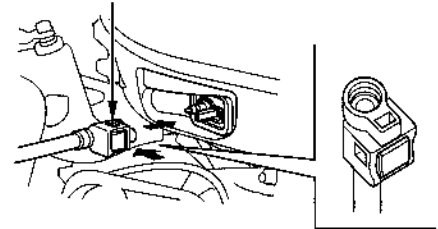
FUEL HOSE CONNECTIONS

FUEL HOSE CONNECTOR



(FUEL TANK SIDE)

FUEL HOSE CONNECTOR

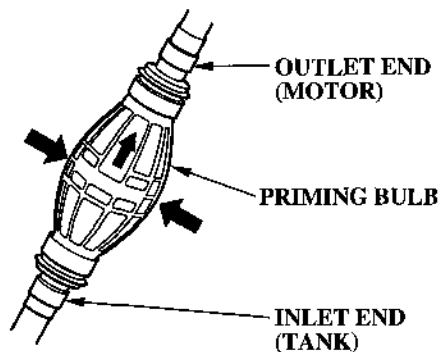


(OUTBOARD MOTOR SIDE)

Connect the fuel hose to the tank and the outboard motor, as shown. Be sure both connectors snap securely into place.

OPERATION

FUEL PRIMING



Hold the priming bulb with the outlet end higher than the inlet end. Squeeze the priming bulb several times, until it feels firm, indicating that fuel has reached the carburetor.

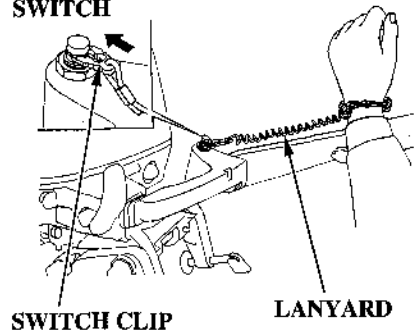
Check to be sure there are no fuel leaks before starting the engine.

Do not squeeze the priming bulb when the engine is running because that could flood the carburetors.

STARTING THE ENGINE

H Type (tiller handle)

ENGINE STOP SWITCH

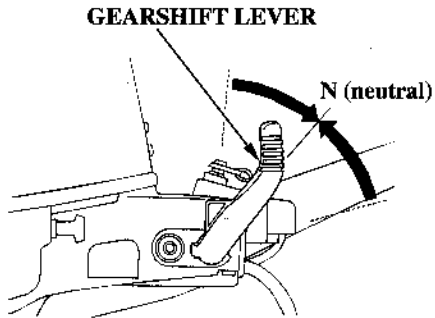


1. Put the emergency stop switch clip in the engine stop switch, and attach the lanyard to your PFD (Personal Flotation Device) or to your wrist, as shown.

The engine will not start or run, unless the clip is in the switch.

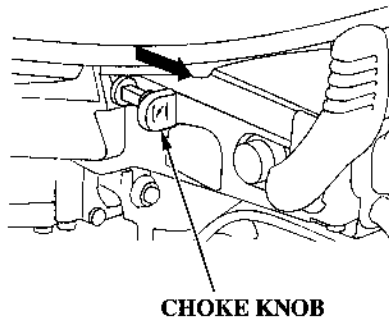
The emergency stop switch clip and lanyard system is a safety device that will stop the engine if you fall away from the controls while operating the boat.

Always attach the lanyard to your PFD, or to your wrist, before starting the engine.

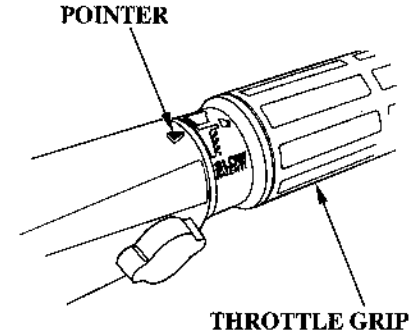


2. Check the position of the gearshift lever. It must be in the N (neutral) position for starting.

The engine will not start if the gearshift lever is in the F (forward) or R (reverse) position.

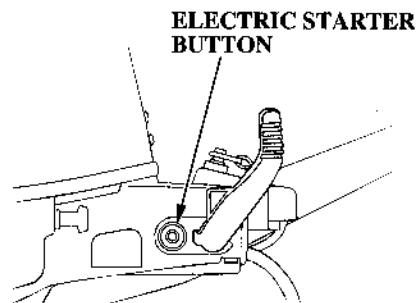
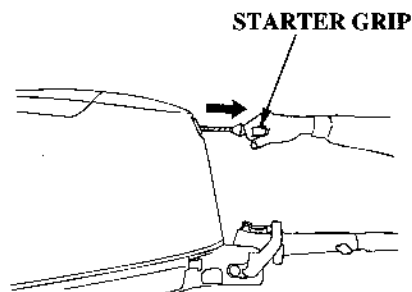


3. To start a cold engine, pull the choke knob to the CLOSED position. To restart a warm engine, leave the choke knob in the OPEN position.



4. Align the START position with the pointer for starting the engine.

OPERATION



5. Recoil starter

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

Return the starter grip gently.

Electric starter

(electric starter model)

Press the electric starter button and hold it there until the engine starts.

When the engine starts, release the button.

If the engine fails to start within 5 seconds, release the button, 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.*
- *Pushing the electric starter button while the engine is running can damage the starter motor and flywheel.*

6. If the choke knob was pulled to the CLOSED position to start the engine, gradually push it to the OPEN position as the engine warms up.

Also, as the engine warms up, the throttle grip can be turned to the SLOW position without stalling.

7. Before getting under way, allow the engine to warm up sufficiently to ensure good performance.

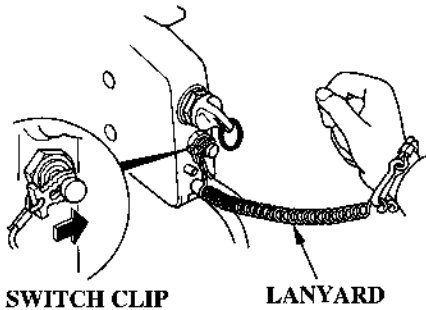
During the warm-up period, check the oil pressure indicator (p. 22) and cooling system indicator (p. 23).

If the indicators show any abnormal condition, immediately stop the engine and determine the cause of the problem. Refer to **TAKING CARE OF UNEXPECTED PROBLEMS**, p. 77.

R Type (remote control)

For panel-mount or top-mount remote control information, refer to the instructions provided with the remote control equipment.

Side-Mount Type

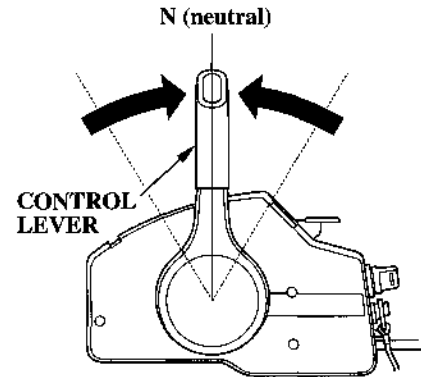


1. Put the emergency stop switch clip in the emergency stop switch, and attach the lanyard to your PFD (Personal Flotation Device) or to your wrist, as shown.

The engine will not start or run, unless the clip is in the switch.

The emergency stop switch clip and lanyard system is a safety device that will stop the engine if you fall away from the controls while operating the boat.

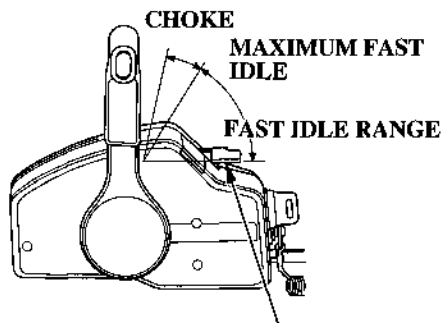
Always attach the lanyard to your PFD, or to your wrist, before starting the engine.



2. Set the control lever in the N (neutral) position.

The engine will not start if the F (forward) or R (reverse) gears are engaged.

OPERATION



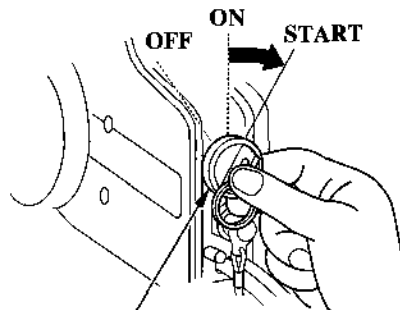
CHOKE/FAST IDLE LEVER

3. To start a cold engine, lift the choke/fast idle lever up fully.

To restart a warm engine, raise the choke/fast idle lever slightly.

Choke/fast idle lever cannot be raised unless the control lever is in the N (neutral) position.

The control lever cannot be moved away from the N (neutral) position unless the choke/fast idle lever is lowered.



IGNITION SWITCH KEY

4. Turn the ignition switch key to the START position and hold it there until the engine starts.

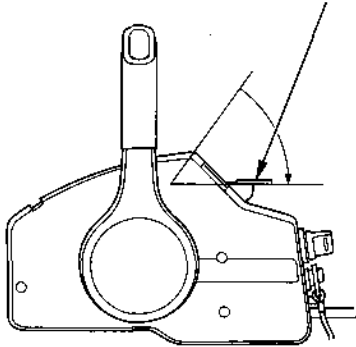
When the engine starts, release the key, allowing it to return to the ON position.

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.
- Turning the ignition switch key to the START position while the engine is running can damage the starter motor and flywheel.

CHOKE/FAST IDLE LEVER



5. If the choke/fast idle lever was used to start the engine, gradually lower the lever as the engine warms up.

When the choke/fast idle lever is fully lowered, the control lever can be moved away from the N (neutral) position.

6. Before getting under way, allow the engine to warm up sufficiently to ensure good performance.

Above 41°F (5°C), warm up the engine for 2 or 3 minutes.

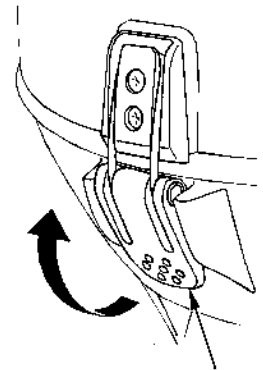
Below 41°F (5°C), warm up the engine for at least 10 minutes at 2,000 rpm.

During the warm-up period, check the oil pressure indicator (p. 22), overheating indicator (p. 22), and cooling system indicator (p. 23).

If the indicators show any abnormal condition, immediately stop the engine and determine the cause of the problem. Refer to *TAKING CARE OF UNEXPECTED PROBLEMS*, p. 77.

EMERGENCY STARTING

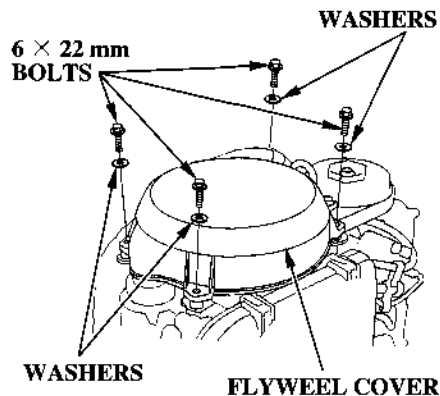
If the battery is discharged, or the starter motor and the recoil starter are inoperative, you can start the engine manually using the emergency starter rope supplied with the tool kit.



ENGINE COVER LATCHES

1. Unlatch and remove the engine cover.

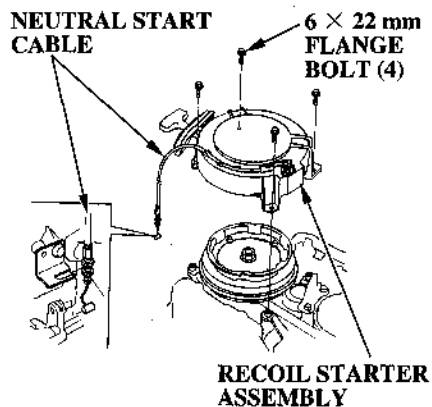
OPERATION



2. (Electric starter type)
Remove the four bolts and the four washers then remove the flywheel cover.

(Recoil starter type)

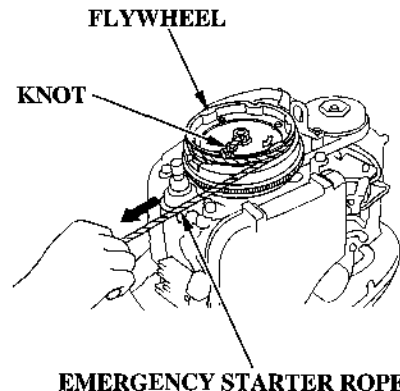
Move the shift lever to the F (forward) position. Loosen the neutral start cable lock nut and disconnect the neutral start cable. Unscrew the four bolts and remove the recoil starter assembly.



3. Set the controls the same as for normal starting (see pages 35 -- 40). Use the choke and fast idle controls if needed.

Turn the ignition switch key to the ON position.

4. Set the knotted end of the emergency starter rope in the notch in the flywheel. Wind the rope clockwise around the flywheel, as shown.



5. Pull the emergency starter rope slowly until resistance is felt, then pull briskly.

Keep away from moving parts while pulling the rope.

If necessary, rewind the rope and pull again. If the engine does not start after several attempts, refer to *TAKING CARE OF UNEXPECTED PROBLEMS*, p. 77.

6. If the choke and fast idle control(s) was used to start the engine, return the control(s) to the normal operating position as the engine warms up.

During the warm-up period, check the oil pressure indicator (p. 22), overheating indicator (p. 22), and cooling system indicator (p. 23).

7. Leave the recoil starter assembly off, but install the engine cover (p. 20), and lock it in place by latching the engine cover latch.

WARNING

Exposed moving parts can cause injury.

- Do not operate the outboard motor without the engine cover.
- Use extreme care when installing the engine cover.

8. If it was necessary to remove the emergency stop switch lanyard from your wrist to perform the emergency starting procedure, be sure the lanyard is attached to your wrist before operating the outboard motor.

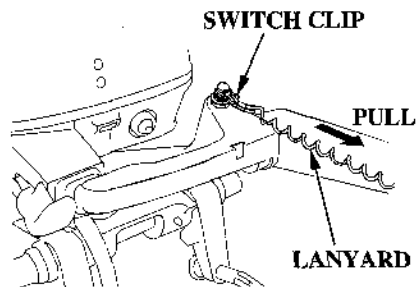
9. Have your closest authorized Honda marine dealer check your electrical system and correct the problem, so you can use the electric starter.

The recoil starter assembly (p. 42) should be reinstalled after the electric starter is working again. Install the recoil starter assembly with the engine stopped.

OPERATION

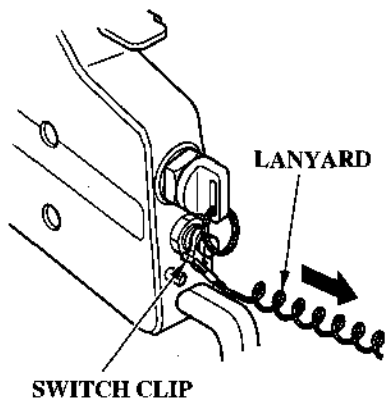
STOPPING THE ENGINE

Emergency Engine Stopping

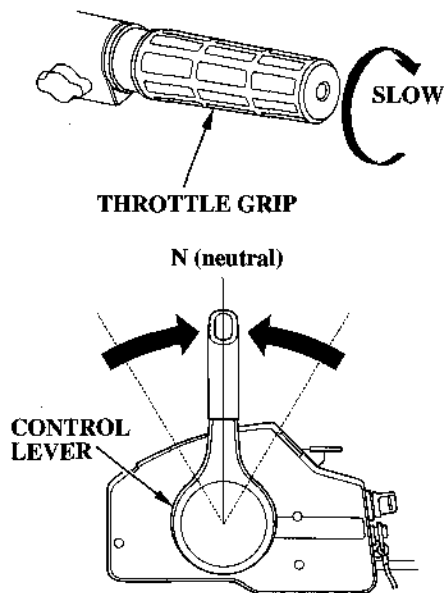


To stop the engine in an emergency, pull the clip out of the engine or emergency stop switch by pulling the lanyard.

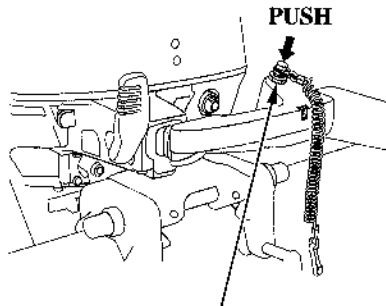
We suggest that you stop the engine this way occasionally to verify that the engine or emergency stop switch is operating properly.



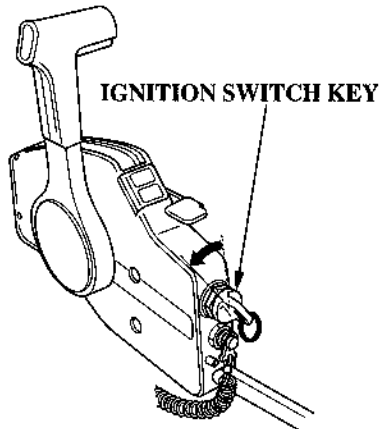
Normal Engine Stopping



1. Move the throttle grip to the slowest speed and control gears to N (neutral) position.



ENGINE STOP SWITCH

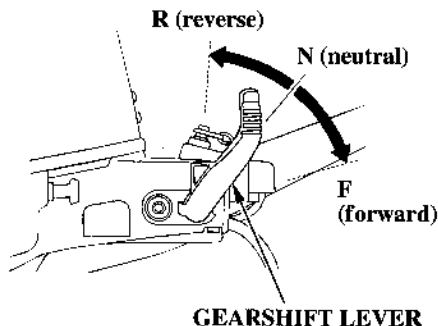
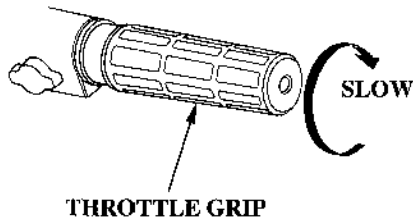


2. Turn the ignition switch key to the OFF position or press the engine stop switch until the engine stops.
3. When the boat is not in use, remove and store the ignition key and the emergency stop switch clip and lanyard.

OPERATION

GEARSHIFTING AND THROTTLE OPERATION

H Type (tiller handle)

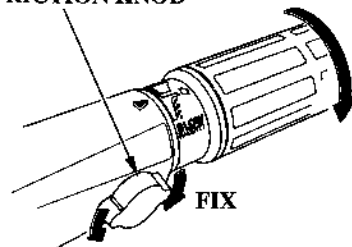


To shift gears, turn the throttle grip to the SLOW position, then move the gearshift lever to select F (forward), N (neutral) or R (reverse) gears.

The engine can be started with the gearshift lever in the N (neutral) position only.

The throttle grip can be turned to the FAST position only when the gearshift lever is in the F (forward) position.

THROTTLE FRICTION KNOB



Use the throttle friction knob to help hold a constant throttle setting while cruising.

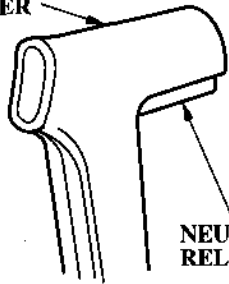
Turn the knob clockwise to increase throttle grip friction for holding a constant speed.

Turn the knob counterclockwise to decrease friction for easy grip rotation.

R Types (remote control)

Side-Mount Type

CONTROL
LEVER

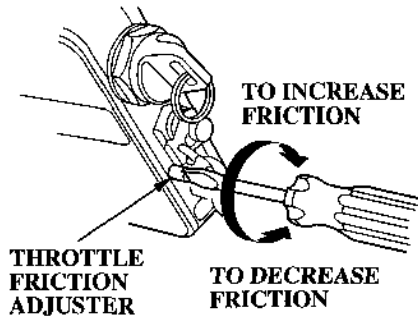
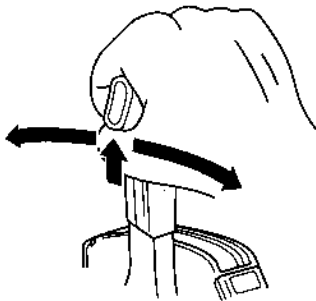


NEUTRAL
RELEASE LEVER

To shift gears, move the control lever to select F (forward), N (neutral) and R (reverse) gears.

The control lever cannot be moved from the N (neutral) position unless the neutral release lever is squeezed.

Moving the control lever beyond the gear selection range increases engine speed.

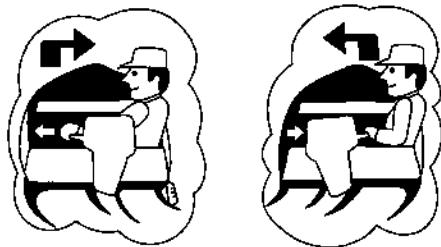


Adjust the throttle friction adjuster so the control lever will hold a constant throttle setting while cruising.

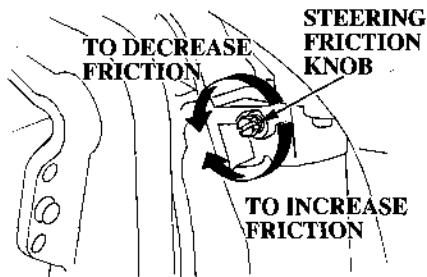
OPERATION

STEERING

H Type (tiller handle)



Steer by moving the tiller handle opposite the direction you want the boat to turn.



Use the steering friction lever to help hold a steady course while cruising.

Turn the knob clockwise to increase steering friction for holding a steady course.

Turn the knob counterclockwise to decrease friction for easy turning.

R Type (remote control)

Steer the boat in the same manner as an automobile.

CRUISING

Engine Speed

For best fuel economy, limit the throttle opening to 80%. Use the throttle friction control (p. 45) to help you hold a steady speed.

For rough water conditions or large waves, slow down to prevent the propeller from rising out of the water.

The engine is equipped with an overrev limiter to prevent the possibility of mechanical damage from excessive engine speed.

If, for example, the outboard motor is tilted excessively, or propeller ventilation occurs during a sharp turn, the engine may overrev, activating the overrev limiter.

If engine speed becomes unstable at high speed due to activation of the overrev limiter, reduce speed and check the trim angle of the outboard motor.

Trim

Install the outboard motor at the best trim angle for stable cruising and maximum power.

Trim angle too large: Incorrect causes boat to “squat”.

Trim angle too small: Incorrect causes boat to “plow”.

It is necessary to trim the angle of the outboard motor to compensate for changes in boat load, weight distribution, water conditions, or propeller selection.

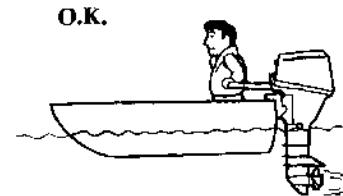
Under normal conditions, the boat will perform best when the antiventilation plate is level with the water.

When cruising into a high wind, trim the outboard motor down slightly to level the boat and improve stability. With a tail wind, trim the outboard motor up slightly.

NOTICE

Excessive trim/tilt angle during operation can cause propeller ventilation, overheating, and water pump damage.

Motor Angle (Cruising)



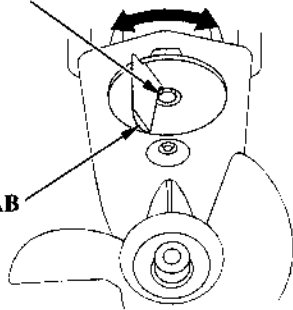
**CORRECT
GIVES MAXIMUM PERFORMANCE**

OPERATION

If steering effort is not equal in both directions, adjust the trim tab to compensate for "torque steer," which is the reaction of the outboard motor to propeller rotation.

**TIGHTENING
BOLT**

TRIM TAB

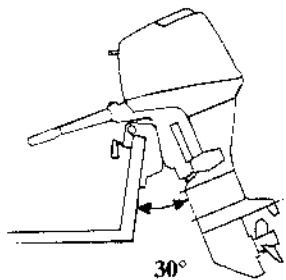
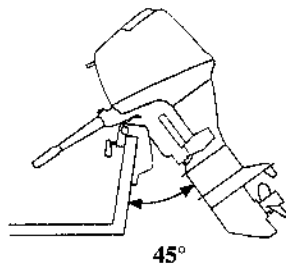


Adjust the trim tab with the engine stopped. Loosen the bolt above the trim tab, turn the trim tab, then tighten the bolt securely.

When the trim tab is correctly adjusted, steering effort will be equal in both directions.

SHALLOW WATER OPERATION

When operating in shallow water, tilt the outboard motor, using the tilt lever, so the propeller and gear case won't hit the bottom.



To tilt the outboard motor, move the tilt lever to the TILT position, then raise the outboard motor to the 30° or 45° position by pulling on the engine cover grip.

NOTICE

Do not use the tiller handle as a lever to raise the outboard motor. Applying excessive force to the tiller handle can damage it.

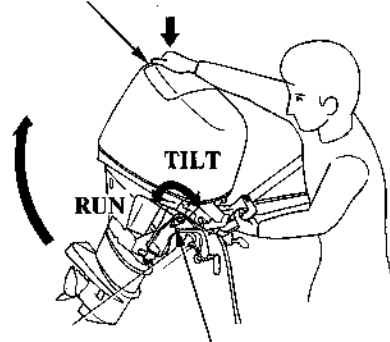
While the outboard motor is tilted, proceed at a low speed, and do not operate the outboard motor in reverse. The outboard motor will rise suddenly if operated in reverse.

Monitor water flow from the cooling system indicator (p. 23) to be sure the outboard motor is not tilted so high the water intake is out of the water.

NOTICE

An excessive tilt angle during operation can cause propeller ventilation, overheating, and water pump damage.

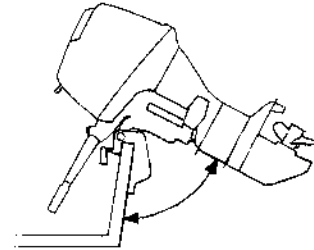
ENGINE COVER GRIP



TILT LEVER

To return the outboard motor to the normal operating position, move the tilt lever to the RUN position, raise the outboard motor slightly to disengage the tilt mechanism, then slowly lower the outboard motor.

MOORING, BEACHING, LAUNCHING



75° (when mooring)

To raise the outboard motor out of the water while the boat is moored, or for maximum clearance when beaching or launching, tilt the outboard motor to the 75° position.

Stop the engine before tilting the outboard motor. The 75° position is not an operating position.

Raise and lower the outboard motor as described on p. 50.

SERVICING YOUR OUTBOARD MOTOR

THE IMPORTANCE OF MAINTENANCE

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

▲ WARNING

Improperly maintaining this outboard motor, or failure to correct a problem before operation, can cause a malfunction in which you could be seriously hurt or killed.

Always follow the inspection and maintenance recommendations and schedules in this owner's manual.

To help you properly care for your outboard motor, 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 Honda technician or other qualified mechanic.

The maintenance schedule applies to normal operating conditions. If you operate your outboard motor under unusual conditions, consult an authorized Honda marine dealer for recommendations applicable to your individual needs and use.

Remember that your authorized Honda marine dealer knows your outboard motor best and is fully equipped to maintain and repair it.

To ensure the best quality and reliability, use only new, genuine Honda parts or their equivalents for repair and replacement.

Maintenance, replacement, or repair of the emission control devices and systems may be performed by any marine 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.

▲ WARNING

Failure to properly follow maintenance instructions and precautions can cause you to be seriously hurt or killed.

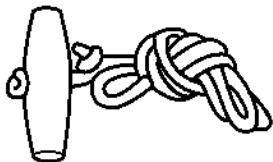
Always follow the procedures and precautions in the owner's manual.

Safety Precautions

- 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.
- Read the instructions before you begin, and make sure you have the tools and skills required.
- 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.
- Wear gloves when handling the propeller to protect your hands from sharp edges.

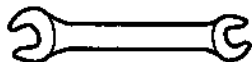
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TOOL KIT AND EMERGENCY STARTER ROPE

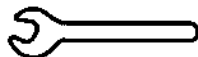


EMERGENCY STARTER ROPE

The following tools are supplied with the outboard motor for simple maintenance procedures and emergency repairs. An emergency starter rope is also supplied. Keep these items on the boat, so they will always be available if you need them.



10 × 12 mm WRENCH



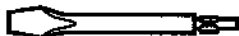
8 mm WRENCH



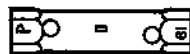
FLAT SCREWDRIVER



PHILLIPS SCREWDRIVER



OIL CHECK SCREWDRIVER



**18 × 19 mm
SOCKET
WRENCH**



PLIERS



SCREWDRIVER HANDLE



TOOL BAG

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MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE

REGULAR SERVICE PERIOD (3) Perform at every indicated month or operating hour interval, whichever comes first.		Each use	After use	First month or 20 hrs.	Every 6 months or 100 hrs.	Every year or 200 hrs.	Every 2 year or 400 hrs.
• Engine oil	Check level	<input type="radio"/>					
	Change			<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>		
• Gear case oil	Change			<input type="radio"/> (2)	<input type="radio"/> (2)		
• Engine oil filter	Replace					<input type="radio"/> (2)	
• Timing belt	Check-adjust					<input type="radio"/> (2)	
• Starter rope	Check				<input type="radio"/>		
• Carburetor linkage	Check-adjust			<input type="radio"/> (2)	<input type="radio"/> (2)		
• Idling speed	Check-adjust			<input type="radio"/> (2)	<input type="radio"/> (2)		
• Valve clearance	Check-adjust			<input type="radio"/> (2)		<input type="radio"/> (2)	
• Spark plug	Check-adjust				<input type="radio"/>		
	Replace					<input type="radio"/>	
• Propeller and Cotter pin	Check	<input type="radio"/>					
• Anode	Check	<input type="radio"/>					
• Lubrication	Grease			<input type="radio"/> (1)	<input type="radio"/> (1)		

• Emission related items.

- (1) Lubricate more frequently when used in salt water.
- (2) These items should be serviced by an authorized Honda marine dealer, unless you have the proper tools and are mechanically proficient. Refer to the Honda shop manual for service procedures.
- (3) For professional commercial use, log hours of operation to determine proper maintenance intervals.

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REGULAR SERVICE PERIOD (3) Perform at every indicated month or operating hour interval, whichever comes first.		Each use	After use	First month or 20 hrs.	Every 6 months or 100 hrs.	Every year or 200 hrs.	Every 2 year or 400 hrs.	
ITEM								
• Fuel tank and tank filter	Clean					○		
	Thermostat					○ (2)		
• Fuel filter	Check				○			
	Change						○	
• Fuel line	Check	○						
	Replace		Every 2 years (If necessary) (2)					
	Battery and cable connection	Check level-tightness		○	○			
	Bolts and Nuts	Check-tightness		○ (2)	○ (2)			
• Crankcase breather tube	Check					○ (2)		
	Cooling water passages	Clean		○ (4)				

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- (3) For professional commercial use, log hours of operation to determine proper maintenance intervals.
- (4) When operating in salt water, turbid or muddy water, the engine should be flushed with clean water after each use.

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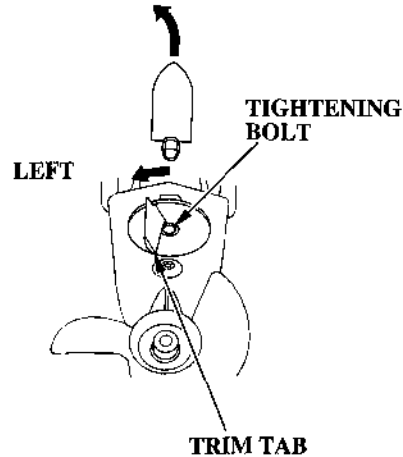
TRIM TAB ADJUSTMENT

The trim tab compensates for “torque steer” which is a reaction of the outboard motor to propeller rotation.

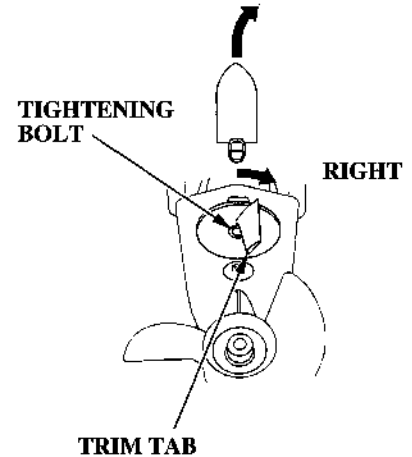
If uncompensated, torque steer would make the outboard motor tend to turn to one side.

When the trim tab is correctly adjusted, steering effort is equal in either direction.

If steering effort is unequal, loosen the trim tab bolt and adjust the angle of the trim tab. Retighten the trim tab bolt securely.



If less effort is required to make left turns, move the back of the trim tab left.

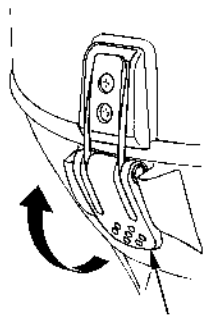


If less effort is required to make right turns, move the back of the trim tab right.

Adjust the trim tab in small increments, and retest steering effort with the boat evenly loaded and running at cruising speed.

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ENGINE COVER REMOVAL AND INSTALLATION



ENGINE COVER LATCH

The engine cover latch fastens the engine cover to the outboard motor.

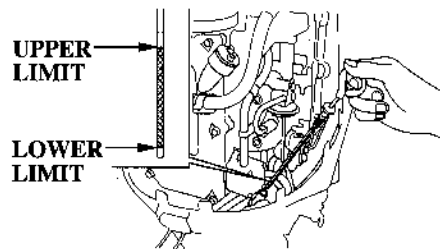
To remove the engine cover, unlatch the engine cover latch, then lift the engine cover off the outboard motor.

To install the engine cover, place the cover on the outboard motor, then latch the engine cover latch securely.

Engine Oil Level Check

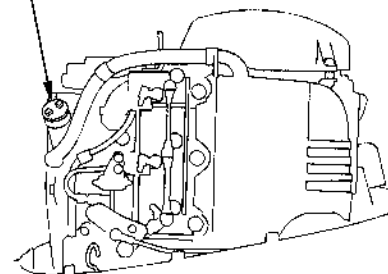
Check the engine oil level with the engine stopped and the outboard motor in the vertical position.

1. Unlatch and remove the engine cover.
2. Remove the dipstick and wipe it clean.



3. Insert the dipstick all the way in, then remove it and check the oil level shown on the dipstick.

OIL FILLER CAP



4. If the oil level is low, remove the oil filler cap, and add oil to reach the upper limit mark shown on the dipstick. Use the oil recommended on p. 60.

NOTICE

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

5. Install the oil filler cap and tighten it securely.
6. Install and lock the engine cover.

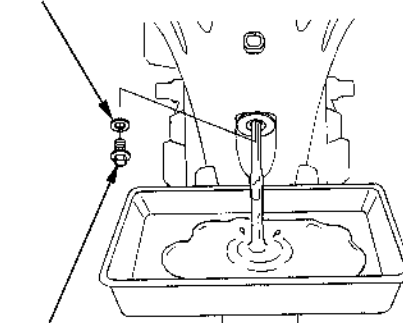
Engine Oil Change

An engine oil evacuation/filling device may be used to remove/add the engine oil.

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

1. Unlatch and remove the engine cover (p. 58).

SEALING WASHER



DRAIN BOLT

2. Remove the oil filler cap, and remove the engine oil drain bolt.
3. Allow the used oil to drain completely, then reinstall the engine oil drain bolt, and tighten it securely.

NOTICE

Improper disposal of engine oil can be harmful to the environment. If you change your own oil, please dispose of the used oil properly. Put it in a sealed container, and take it to a recycling center. Do not discard it in a trash bin or dump it on the ground.

4. With the outboard motor in a vertical position, fill to the upper limit mark on the dipstick (p. 58) with the recommended oil.

Engine oil refill capacity:

Without oil filter change:

1.7 US qt (1.6 ℓ , 1.4 Imp qt)

With oil filter change:

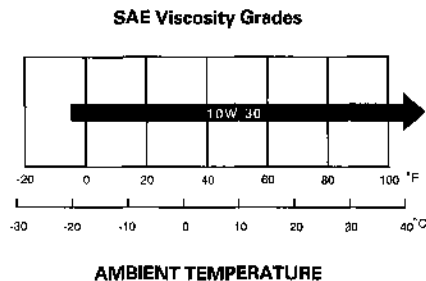
2.0 US qt (1.9 ℓ , 1.7 Imp qt)

5. Install the oil filler cap and tighten it securely.
6. Install and lock the engine cover.

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Engine Oil Recommendations

Oil is a major factor affecting performance and service life. Use 4-stroke automotive detergent oil.



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 recommended range.

The SAE oil viscosity and service classification are in the API label on the oil container. Honda recommends that you use API SERVICE category SG, or SH oil with the “starburst” certification mark displayed on the container.

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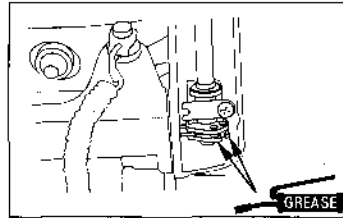
Lubrication Points

Wipe the outside of the engine with a cloth dipped in oil. Apply marine anticorrosion grease to the following parts: lubrication, then every 20 hours or a month after the date of purchase for initial 100 hours or 6 months.

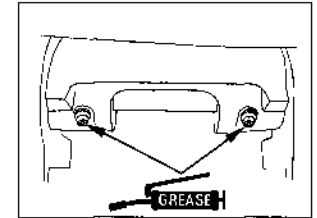
NOTICE

Apply anticorrosion oil to pivot surfaces where grease cannot penetrate.

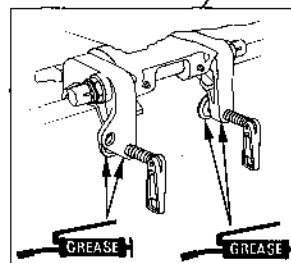
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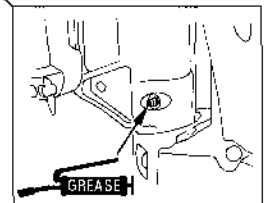
TILT SHAFT



CLAMP SCREWS

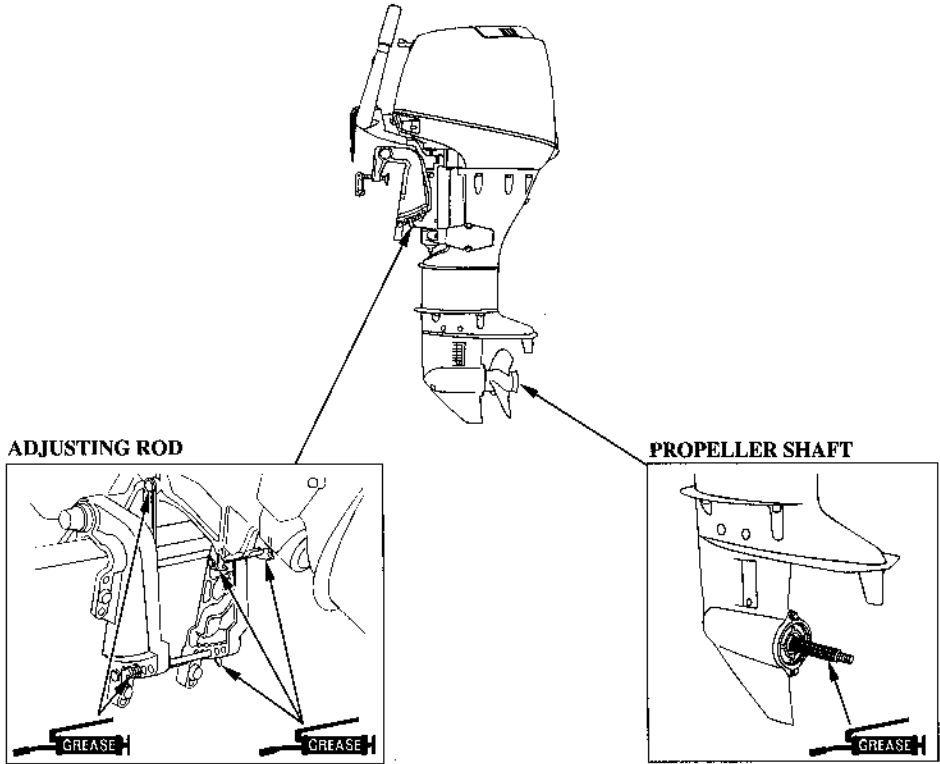


SWIVEL CASE



Apply Honda Marine Corrosion Inhibitor (or equivalent) to all areas under the engine cover except the belts.

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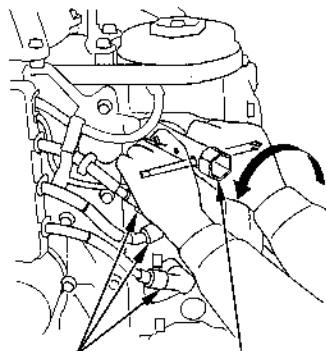
Spark Plug Service

RECOMMENDED SPARK PLUGS:
DR7EA (NGK)
X22ESR-U (DENSO)

NOTICE

Incorrect spark plugs can cause engine damage.

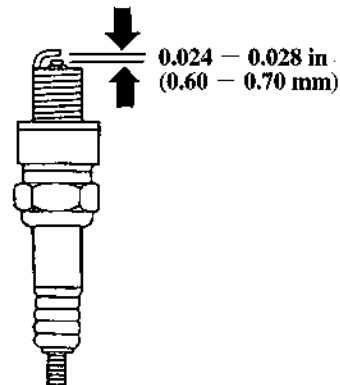
1. Unlatch and remove the engine cover (p. 58).
2. Disconnect the spark plug caps from the spark plugs.
3. Remove the spark plugs with a spark plug wrench and screwdriver supplied in the tool kit.



SPARK PLUG
CAPS

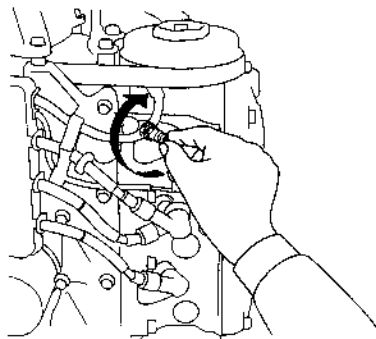
SPARK PLUG
WRENCH

4. Inspect the spark plugs. Replace them if the electrodes are worn, or if the insulators are cracked or chipped. Clean the spark plugs with a wire brush if you are going to reuse them.



5. Measure the spark plug electrode gap with a suitable gauge. The gap should be 0.024 - 0.028 inches (0.60 - 0.70 mm).

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6. Install the spark plugs carefully, by hand, to avoid cross-threading.

7. After each spark plug seats, tighten with a spark plug wrench supplied in the tool kit to compress the sealing washer.

If reinstalling used spark plugs, tighten 1/8 - 1/4 turn after the spark plugs seat.

If installing new spark plugs, tighten 1/2 turn after the spark plugs seat.

NOTICE

Loose spark plugs can overheat and damage the engine.

Overtightening the spark plugs can damage the threads in the cylinder head.

8. Attach the spark plug caps.
9. Install and lock the engine cover.

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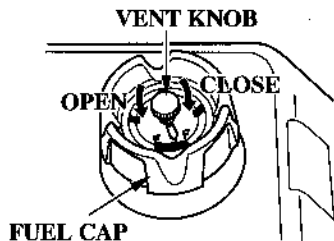
REFUELING

Portable Fuel Tank (optional equipment)

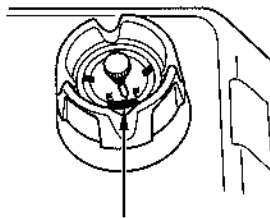
FUEL TANK CAPACITY:
6.61 US gal (25.0 ℓ , 5.50 Imp gal)

Check the fuel gauge and refill the tank when necessary.

Remove the fuel tank from the boat for refueling.

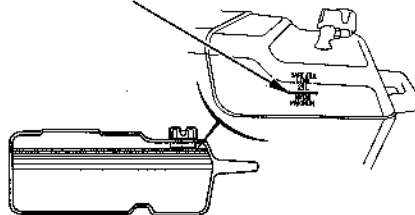


To refuel, turn the vent knob counterclockwise to the OPEN position, and unscrew the fuel tank cap.



FUEL GAUGE

SAFE FILL LEVEL



Refuel in a well-ventilated area. Fill the tank to the SAFE FILL LEVEL line.

After refueling, install the cap and tighten it securely. Turn the vent knob clockwise to the CLOSED position, and return the fuel tank to the boat.

⚠ WARNING

Gasoline is highly flammable and explosive.

You can be burned or seriously injured when handling fuel.

- Stop the engine and keep heat, sparks, and flame away.
- Handle fuel only outdoors.
- Wipe up spills immediately.

Never refill the fuel tank 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.

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FUEL RECOMMENDATIONS

Use unleaded gasoline with a pump octane rating of 86 or higher.

Your outboard motor is certified to operate on unleaded gasoline. Unleaded gasoline produces fewer engine and spark plug deposits and extends exhaust system life.

Never use stale or contaminated gasoline or an 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 Honda marine 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 misuse, and the *Distributor's Limited Warranty* does not cover parts damaged by misuse.

Fuel Pump Filter Inspection and Replacement

The fuel pump filter is located under the engine cover between the fuel coupling and the fuel pump.

Water or sediment accumulated in the filter can cause loss of power or hard starting. To prevent engine malfunction, inspect the filter and replace when necessary.

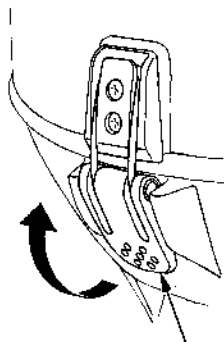
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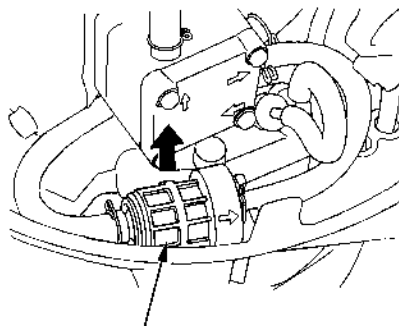
- Stop the engine and keep heat, sparks, and flame away.
- Handle fuel only outdoors.
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ENGINE COVER LATCHES

1. Unlatch and remove the engine cover for access to the fuel pump filter.



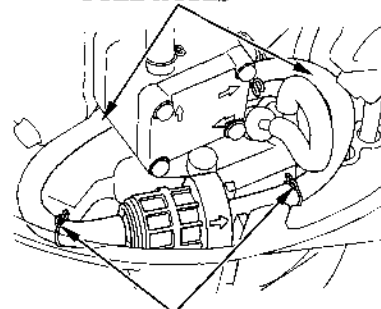
FUEL FILTER

2. Lift the fuel filter up from the engine under case.
3. Inspect the filter for water and/or sediment accumulation.

If the filter is OK, reinstall it. If water and/or sediment are present, replace the filter as described in the following steps. Always replace the filter at the scheduled replacement interval (p. 56).

4. Disconnect the fuel hose from the outboard motor, and place clamps on the fuel hoses on each side of the filter to prevent fuel leakage when the fuel hoses are disconnected.

FUEL HOSES

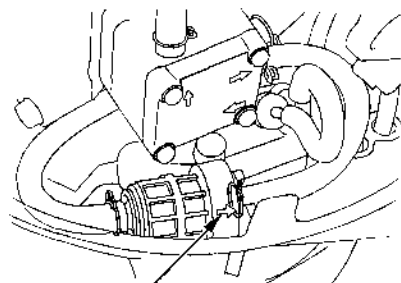


FUEL HOSE CLIPS

5. Remove the fuel tubes from the used filter, and discard the filter.

To ease tube removal, release the tube clips by squeezing the clip ends together with pliers while pulling off the tubes.

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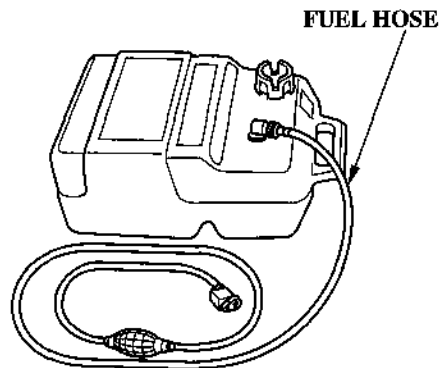


ARROW
(Fuel Flow Direction)

6. Install the new filter on the fuel hoses, with the fuel flow arrow pointing toward the fuel pump as shown. Fuel flow will be impeded if the filter is installed backward.
7. Remove the fuel tube clamps, and connect the fuel hose to the outboard motor. Check for leaks.
8. Install and lock the engine cover.

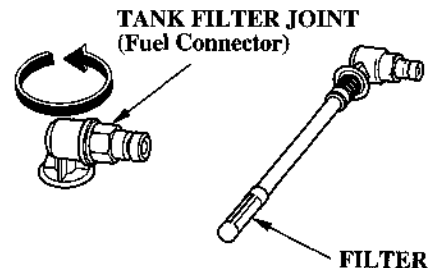
Portable Fuel Tank and Filter Cleaning

Fuel Tank



Empty the portable fuel tank into an approved gasoline container. Use a funnel to avoid spilling fuel. Rinse the fuel tank with nonflammable solvent to remove any accumulated sediment.

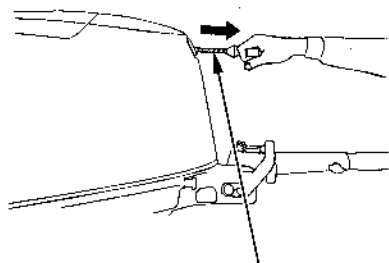
Fuel Tank Filter



1. Unscrew the fuel hose connector by turning it counterclockwise, then remove the fuel hose connector and fuel filter from the tank.
2. Clean the filter in nonflammable solvent. Inspect the fuel tank filter and the connector O-ring. Replace them if damaged.
3. Reinstall the filter and hose connector in the fuel tank. Tighten the hose connector securely.

SERVICING YOUR OUTBOARD MOTOR

Recoil Starter Rope Inspection

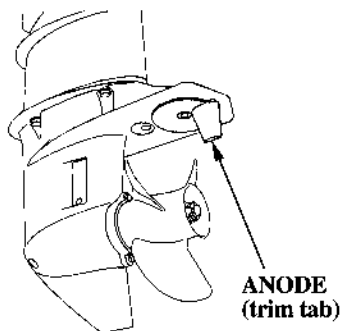


RECOIL STARTER ROPE

Inspect the recoil starter rope, and replace it if it becomes frayed.

Always keep the emergency starter rope on the boat in case the recoil starter rope fails.

Anode Replacement



The trim tab functions as an anode. It is made of a sacrificial material that helps to protect the outboard motor from corrosion.

Replace the anode when it has been reduced to about half its original size, or if it is crumbling.

NOTICE

Painting or coating the anode will defeat its purpose and will lead to rust and corrosion damage to the outboard motor. The anode must be exposed to the water in order to protect the outboard motor.

SERVICING YOUR OUTBOARD MOTOR

Propeller Replacement

Before replacing the propeller, remove the clip from the engine stop switch to prevent any possibility of the engine being started while you are working with the propeller.

The propeller blades may have sharp edges, so wear heavy gloves to protect your hands.

Removal

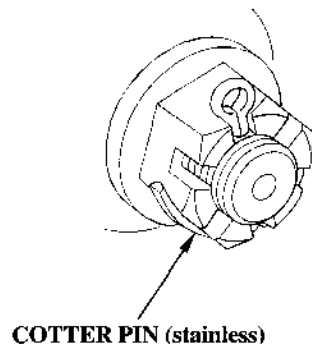
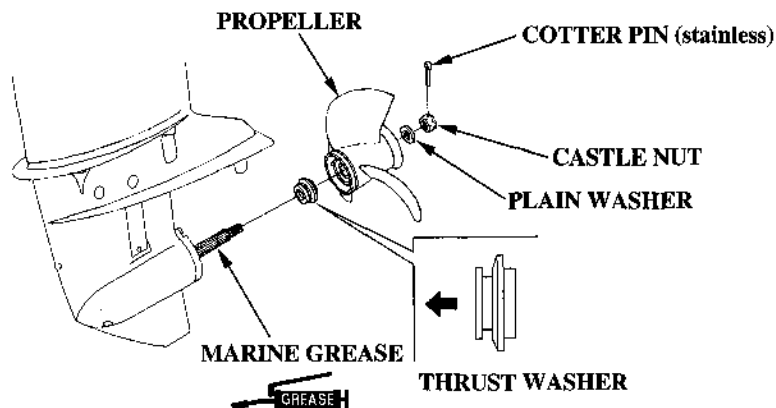
Remove the cotter pin, unscrew the castle nut, remove the washer, then remove the propeller and thrust washer.

Installation

Install the propeller in the reverse order of removal.

NOTICE

- Install the thrust washer with the grooved side toward the gear case.
- Use a genuine Honda cotter pin the pin ends as shown.



STORAGE PREPARATION

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

Cleaning and Flushing

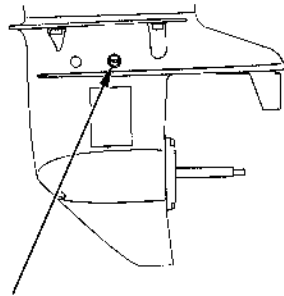
Thoroughly clean and flush the outboard motor with fresh water after operation in dirty water or salt water.

Touch up any damaged paint, and coat areas that may rust with Honda Corrosion Inhibitor, or equivalent. Lubricate controls with a silicone spray lubricant.

Cleaning

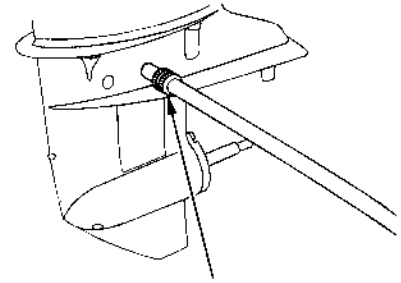
Wash the outside of the outboard motor with clean, fresh water to remove mud, salt, seaweed, etc.

Flushing With the Honda Garden Hose Adapter



WASH PLUG (flush plug)

1. Remove the wash plug and sealing washer from the WASH plug hole in the gear case. Be sure not to remove the oil level plug from the OIL LEVEL plug hole in the gear case.



GARDEN HOSE ADAPTER

▲ WARNING

Keep children and pets away from the area, and stay clear of all moving parts during this procedure.

2. Remove the sealing washer from the wash plug and install the sealing washer on the garden hose adapter.
3. Install the garden hose adapter into the WASH plug hole and connect a fresh water hose to the garden hose adapter.

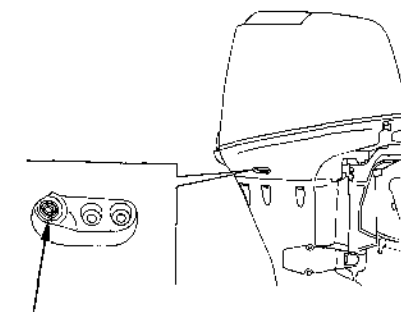
STORAGE

4. Move the gearshift lever or control lever to the N (neutral) position. Flush the outboard motor in the neutral position only.
5. Turn on the fresh water supply to the garden hose adapter.

NOTICE

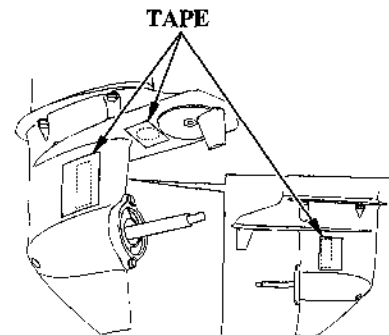
Running the outboard motor without sufficient cooling water will damage the water pump and overheat the engine.

Damage caused by running the outboard motor without sufficient cooling water is not covered by the *Distributor's Limited Warranty*.



COOLING SYSTEM INDICATOR

6. Start the engine. Monitor the cooling system indicator. Stop the engine if water does not come out of the cooling system indicator and check the fresh water supply. If the fresh water supply is insufficient it may be necessary to temporarily cover the three water intakes with duct tape.
7. Allow the engine to run at idle for at least 5 minutes to clean the inside of the motor.



8. Stop the motor and remove the garden hose adapter.
 9. Remove the sealing washer from the garden hose adapter and install the sealing washer on the wash plug.
- If tape was used to cover the three water intakes in step 6, remove the tape now.
10. Install the wash plug into the gear case securely.

Fuel

Gasoline will oxidize and deteriorate in storage. Old gasoline will cause hard starting, and it leaves gum deposits that clog the fuel system. If the gasoline in your fuel tank and carburetor deteriorates during 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 deterioration problems may occur within a few months, or even less if the gasoline was not fresh when you filled the fuel tank.

The *Distributor's Limited Warranty* does not cover fuel system damage or engine performance problems resulting from neglected storage preparation.

You can avoid fuel deterioration problems by draining the fuel tank and carburetors.

1. Disconnect the fuel hose from the outboard motor.
2. With the outboard motor in a vertical position, place an approved gasoline container below the fuel drain outlet, and use a funnel to avoid spilling fuel.

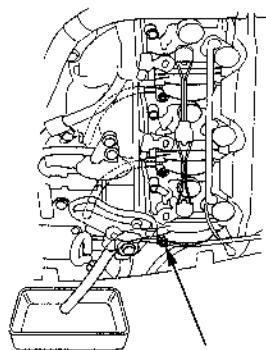
▲ WARNING

Gasoline is highly flammable and explosive.

You can be burned or seriously injured when handling fuel.

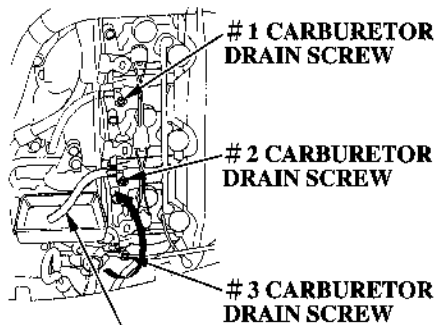
- Stop the engine and keep heat, sparks, and flame away.
- Handle fuel only outdoors.
- Wipe up spills immediately.

STORAGE



DRAIN SCREW

3. Pull the # 3 carburetor drain hose outside of the motor pan.
4. Loosen the drain screw of the # 3 carburetor and drain the carburetor. Catch the draining gasoline in an approved gasoline container.
5. Drain the # 1 and # 2 carburetors in the same manner using the # 3 carburetor drain hose.



**# 1 CARBURETOR
DRAIN SCREW**

**# 2 CARBURETOR
DRAIN SCREW**

**# 3 CARBURETOR
DRAIN SCREW**

DRAIN HOSE

6. After thoroughly draining the carburetors, tighten the drain screws securely.
7. Reinstall the drain hose back on the # 3 carburetor.

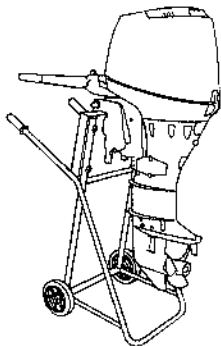
Engine Oil

1. Change the engine oil (p. 59).
2. Remove the spark plugs (p. 63), and remove the clip from the engine or emergency stop switch.
3. Pour a tablespoon (5 — 10 cm³) of clean engine oil into each cylinder.
4. Rotate the engine a few revolutions to distribute the oil in the cylinders.
5. Reinstall the spark plugs (p. 64).

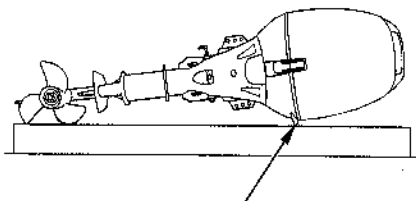
STORAGE PRECAUTIONS

Select a well-ventilated storage area. If possible, avoid storage areas with high humidity.

If storing a container of gasoline, such as the portable fuel tank (optional equipment), store it away from any appliance that operates with a flame, such as a furnace, water heater, or clothes dryer. Also avoid any area with a sparkproducing electric motor, or where power tools are operated.



If the outboard motor will be removed from the boat for storage, we recommend storing it vertically by mounting it on a stand.



CASE PROTECTORS

If it is necessary to store the outboard motor horizontally, drain the carburetors (p. 73), and drain the engine oil (p. 59), before removing the outboard motor from the boat.

Position the outboard motor with its carburetor side down, and cushion it with protective packing material.

Cover the outboard motor to keep out dust. Do not use sheet plastic as a dust cover. A nonporous cover will trap moisture, promoting rust and corrosion.

REMOVAL FROM STORAGE

Check your outboard motor as described in the *BEFORE OPERATION* chapter of this manual.

If the cylinders were coated with oil during storage preparation, the engine may smoke briefly at startup. This is normal.

TRANSPORTING

WITH OUTBOARD MOTOR INSTALLED ON BOAT

When trailering a boat with the outboard motor attached, leave the engine in the normal running position, if possible, and tighten the steering friction knob securely (p. 48).

If there is insufficient road clearance in the normal running position, then tilt the outboard motor and use a motor support bar, or remove the outboard motor from the boat. Refer to the manufacturer's instructions for using a motor support bar.



MOTOR SUPPORT BAR
(commercially available)

WITH OUTBOARD MOTOR REMOVED FROM BOAT

Secure the outboard motor in either the vertical or horizontal position shown on p. 75.

TAKING CARE OF UNEXPECTED PROBLEMS

ELECTRIC STARTER WILL NOT OPERATE	Possible Cause	Correction
1. Check battery.	Battery connections loose or corroded.	Clean and tighten battery connections.
	Battery discharged.	Recharge battery.
2. Check fuse.	Fuse burnt out.	Replace fuse (p. 82).
3. Use emergency starting procedure (p. 41), then take outboard motor to an authorized Honda Marine dealer, or refer to the shop manual.	Starter malfunction, switch malfunction, or electrical problem in the starting circuit.	Replace or repair faulty components as necessary.

TAKING CARE OF UNEXPECTED PROBLEMS

ENGINE WILL NOT START	Possible Cause	Correction
1. Check emergency stop switch clip.	Clip not inserted in stop switch.	Insert clip in stop switch.
2. Check control positions.	Gearshift lever or control lever not in neutral position.	Shift to neutral (p. 15).
	Choke OPEN (tiller-handle type).	Pull choke knob to CLOSED position, unless engine is warm (p. 14).
	Throttle grip not in START position (tiller-handle type).	Turn throttle grip to START position (p. 37).
	Choke and fast idle lever not raised (side-mount type).	Raise choke and fast idle lever, unless engine is warm (p. 40).

TAKING CARE OF UNEXPECTED PROBLEMS

ENGINE WILL NOT START (continued)	Possible Cause	Correction
3. Check fuel.	Out of fuel.	Refuel (p. 65).
	Fuel vent closed (portable fuel tank).	Open fuel tank vent (p. 25).
	Fuel hose not primed.	Squeeze priming bulb (p. 36).
	Fuel pump filter or fuel tank filter clogged.	Replace fuel filters (p. 66).
	Bad fuel; boat stored without treating or draining gasoline, or refueled with bad gasoline.	Drain fuel tank and carburetors (p. 73). Refill with fresh gasoline (p. 65).
4. Remove and inspect spark plugs.	Spark plugs faulty, fouled or improperly gapped.	Clean, gap or replace spark plugs (p. 63).
	Spark plugs wet with fuel (flooded engine).	Dry and reinstall spark plugs. Start engine with choke and throttle open.
5. Take outboard motor to an authorized Honda Marine dealer, or refer to the shop manual.	Carburetor malfunction, fuel pump failure, ignition malfunction, stuck valves, etc.	Replace or repair faulty components as necessary.

TAKING CARE OF UNEXPECTED PROBLEMS

HARD STARTING OR STALLS AFTER STARTING	Possible Cause	Correction
1. Check control positions.	Choke OPEN (tiller-handle type).	Pull choke knob to CLOSED position, unless engine is warm (p. 14).
	Throttle grip not in START position (tiller-handle type).	Turn throttle grip to START (p. 37).
	Choke and fast idle lever not raised (side-mount type).	Raise choke and fast idle lever, unless engine is warm (p. 40).
2. Check fuel.	Fuel vent closed (portable fuel tank).	Open fuel tank vent (p. 25).
	Fuel hose not primed. Fuel pump filter or fuel tank clogged.	Squeeze priming bulb (p. 36). Replace fuel filters (p. 66).
	Bad fuel; boat stored without treating or draining gasoline, or refueled with bad fuel.	Drain fuel tank and carburetors (p. 73). Refill with fresh gasoline (p. 65).

TAKING CARE OF UNEXPECTED PROBLEMS

HARD STARTING OR STALLS AFTER STARTING (continued)	Possible Cause	Correction
3. Remove and inspect spark plugs.	Spark plugs faulty, fouled or improperly gapped.	Clean, gap or replace spark plugs (p. 63).
4. Take outboard motor to an authorized Honda Marine dealer, or refer to the shop manual.	Carburetor malfunction, fuel pump failure, ignition malfunction, etc.	Replace or repair faulty components as necessary.

ENGINE OVERHEATS	Possible Cause	Correction
1. Check water intake screens.	Water intake screens clogged.	Clean water intake screens.
2. Take outboard motor to an authorized Honda Marine dealer, or refer to the shop manual.	Faulty thermostat or water pump.	Replace or repair faulty components as necessary.

TAKING CARE OF UNEXPECTED PROBLEMS

BATTERY WILL NOT CHARGE AND ELECTRIC STARTER WILL NOT OPERATE

The battery-charging circuit and the electric starter relay circuit are protected by the 15-ampere fuse. If the fuse burns out, the engine will not charge the battery, and the electric starter will not operate. The engine can be started using the recoil starter or the emergency starter rope.

The ignition switch is protected by the 15-ampere fuse. If the fuse burns out, the engine will not start or run.

Fuse Replacement

1. With the engine stopped, remove the engine cover.
2. Remove the fuse case lid.

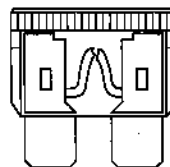
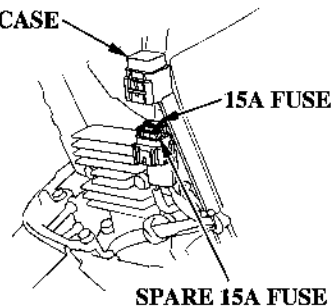
3. Remove and inspect the fuse. If a fuse is burnt out, install a replacement fuse of the specified rating. The outboard motor is supplied with spare fuse in the fuse holder.

DESIGNATED FUSE: 15A

NOTICE

Never use a fuse with a rating greater than specified. Serious damage to the electrical system could result.

FUSE CASE
LID



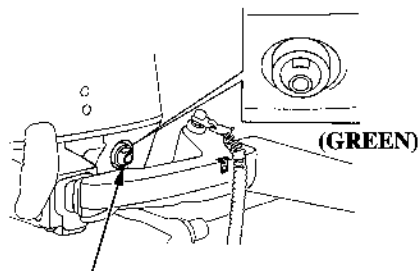
BLOWN FUSE

4. Reinstall the fuse case lid and the engine cover.

Before further operation, try to determine and correct the electrical problem that caused the fuse to burn out. An uncorrected electrical problem may cause the fuse to burn out again.

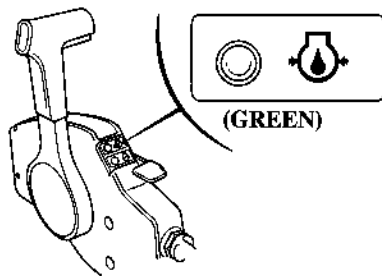
TAKING CARE OF UNEXPECTED PROBLEMS

OIL PRESSURE INDICATOR LIGHT GOES OFF AND ENGINE SPEED IS LIMITED



OIL PRESSURE INDICATOR LIGHT

(tiller handle type)



(remote control type)

If oil pressure becomes low, the green indicator light will go off, and the engine protection system will limit engine speed. If you are at cruising speed, engine speed will decrease gradually.

Remote-control types are equipped with a buzzer that sounds when the green indicator light goes off.

Low oil pressure may be the result of a low engine oil level, or there may be a problem with the engine lubrication system.

If the throttle is closed suddenly after full throttle operation, engine speed may drop below the specified idle rpm, and that could activate the engine protection system momentarily.

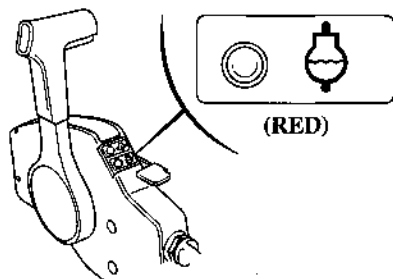
If low oil pressure activates the engine protection system, stop the engine, check the engine oil level (p. 58), and add oil if needed.

With the engine oil at the recommended level, restart the engine. If the lubrication system is OK, the green indicator light should come on within 30 seconds, and the engine will respond normally to throttle grip or control lever operation.

If the engine protection system remains activated after 30 seconds, return to the nearest boat landing, and have the outboard motor inspected by an authorized Honda marine dealer.

TAKING CARE OF UNEXPECTED PROBLEMS

OVERHEATING INDICATOR LIGHT COMES ON AND ENGINE SPEED IS LIMITED

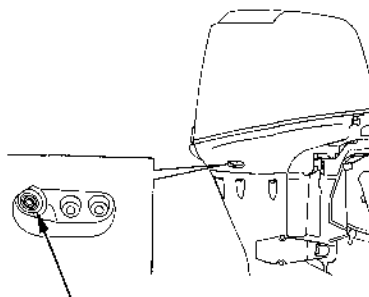


If the engine overheats, the red indicator light will come on, and the engine protection system will limit engine speed. If you are at cruising speed, engine speed will decrease gradually.

Remote-control types are equipped with a buzzer that sounds when the red indicator light comes on.

Engine overheating may be the result of clogged water intake screens, or there may be a problem with the cooling system thermostat or water pump.

If the engine is stopped after running at full throttle, and then restarted soon afterward, that could activate the engine protection system momentarily.



If overheating activates the engine protection system, idle the engine in neutral, and check the cooling system indicator.

If water is flowing from the cooling system indicator, continue idling for 30 seconds. If the cooling system is OK, the red indicator light should go off within 30 seconds, and the engine will respond normally to throttle grip or control lever operation.

If there is no water flowing from the cooling system indicator, stop the engine, and tilt the outboard motor to inspect the water intake screens. If clogged, clean the water intake screens, return the outboard motor to the running position, restart the engine, and check the cooling system indicator again.

If there is still no water flowing from the cooling system indicator, or if the engine protection system remains activated after 30 seconds, return to the nearest boat landing, and have the outboard motor inspected by an authorized Honda marine dealer.

TAKING CARE OF UNEXPECTED PROBLEMS

SUBMERGED MOTOR

A submerged outboard motor must be serviced immediately after it is recovered from the water in order to minimize corrosion.

If there is a Honda marine dealership nearby, take the motor to the dealer immediately. If you are far from a dealership, proceed as follows:

1. Remove the engine cover, and rinse the outboard motor with fresh water to remove salt water, sand, mud, etc.
2. Drain the carburetors as described on p. 73.

3. Change the engine oil as described on p. 59. If there was water in the engine crankcase, or if the used engine oil showed signs of water contamination, then a second engine oil change should be performed after running the engine for half an hour.

4. Remove the spark plugs (p. 63), and remove the clip from the emergency stop or engine switch.

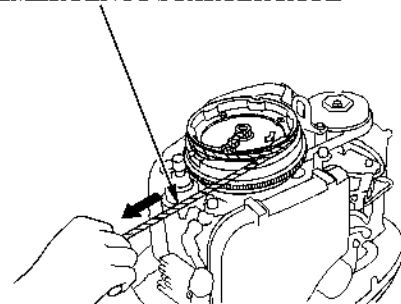
(Recoil starter type)

Pull the recoil starter grip, rotate the flywheel a few revolutions to completely expel any water from the cylinders.

(Electric starter type)

Remove the flywheel cover following the emergency starting procedure (p. 41) and pull the emergency starter rope, rotate the flywheel a few revolutions to completely expel any water from the cylinders.

EMERGENCY STARTER ROPE

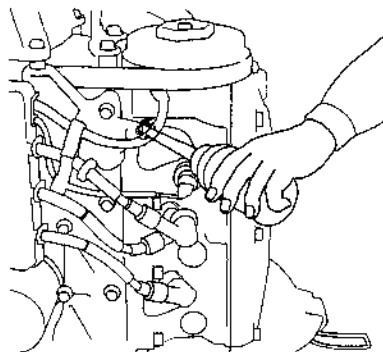


If the engine was running when it submerged, there may be mechanical damage, such as bent connecting rods. If the engine binds when cranked, do not attempt to run the engine until it has been repaired.

TAKING CARE OF UNEXPECTED PROBLEMS

NOTICE

When cranking the engine with an open ignition circuit (spark plugs removed from the ignition circuit), remove the clip from the emergency or engine stop switch to prevent possible damage to the ignition system.



5. Pour a teaspoon of engine oil into each spark plug hole, then pull the recoil starter grip several times to lubricate the inside of the cylinders.
6. Reinstall the spark plugs, and put the emergency stop switch clip into the switch.

7. Attempt to start the engine.

If the engine fails to start, remove the spark plugs, clean and dry them, then reinstall the spark plugs and attempt to start the engine again.

If the engine starts, and no mechanical damage is evident, continue to run the engine for a half hour or longer. Be sure the water level is at least two inches above the antiventilation plate to avoid overheating and water pump damage.

8. As soon as possible, take the outboard motor to an authorized Honda Marine dealer for inspection and service.

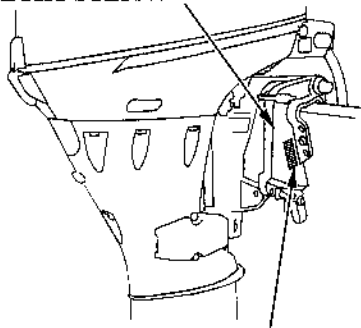
TECHNICAL AND CONSUMER INFORMATION

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Serial Number Locations

Record the product identification number and engine serial numbers in the space provided on this page. You will need these numbers when ordering parts, and when making technical or warranty inquiries (p. 98).

RIGHT STERN BRACKET

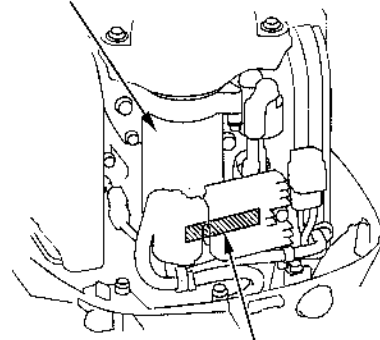


PRODUCT IDENTIFICATION NUMBER

The product identification number is stamped on a plate attached to the right stern bracket.

Product identification number:

STARTER MOTOR



ENGINE SERIAL NUMBER

The engine serial number is stamped on the cylinder block under the starter motor which is located in the front of the engine.

Engine serial number:

TECHNICAL AND CONSUMER INFORMATION

Carburetor Modification 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 plugs and cause hard starting.

High altitude performance can be improved by specific modifications to the carburetors. If you always operate your outboard motor at altitudes above 5,000 feet (1,500 meters), have an authorized Honda marine dealer perform this carburetor modification.

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

NOTICE

When the carburetors have been modified for high altitude operation, the air-fuel mixture will be too lean for low altitude use. Operation at altitudes below 5,000 feet (1,500 meters) with modified carburetors may cause the engine to overheat and result in serious engine damage. For use at low altitudes, have an authorized Honda Marine dealer return the carburetors to original factory specifications.

Battery

For complete information, refer to the battery manufacture's instructions.

Minimum Requirements

12V-70AH

TECHNICAL AND CONSUMER INFORMATION

Oxygenated Fuels

Some conventional gasolines are being blended with alcohol or an ether compound. These gasolines 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 an oxygenated fuel, be sure it is unleaded and meets the minimum octane rating requirement.

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-approved 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 warranty.

TECHNICAL AND CONSUMER INFORMATION

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.

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

The U.S. and California Clean Air Acts

EPA and California 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 Honda 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:

- Removal or alteration of any part of the intake, fuel, or exhaust systems.
- Alterations that would 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.

- Hard starting or stalling after starting.
- Rough idle.
- Misfiring or backfiring under load.
- Afterburning (backfiring).
- Black exhaust smoke or high fuel consumption.

Replacement Parts

The emission control systems on your Honda engine were designed, built, and certified to conform with EPA and California emission regulations. We recommend the use of genuine Honda 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 p. 55. Remember that this schedule is based on the assumption that your machine will be used for its designed purpose. Sustained high-load operation, or use in unusual conditions, will require more frequent service.

TECHNICAL AND CONSUMER INFORMATION

Star Label

A Star label was applied to this outboard motor in accordance with the requirements of the California Air Resources Board.

The Star Label means Cleaner Marine Engine

This engine has been certified as a:



The Symbol for Cleaner Marine Engines:

Cleaner Air and Water - for healthier lifestyle and environment.

Better Fuel Economy - burns up to 30 - 40 percent less gas and oil than conventional carbureted two-stroke engines, saving money and resources.

Longer Emission Warranty - protects consumer for worry free operation.

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One Star Low Emission

The one-star label identifies engines that meet the Air Resources Board's 2001 exhaust emission standards. Engines meeting these standards have 75% lower emissions than conventional carbureted two-stroke engines. These engines are equivalent to the U.S. EPA's 2006 standards for marine engines.



Two Stars Very Low Emission

The two-star label identifies engines that meet the Air Resources Board's 2004 exhaust emission standards. Engines meeting these standards have 20% lower emissions than One Star-Low-Emission engines.



Three Stars Ultra Low Emission

The three-star label identifies engines that meet the Air Resources Board's 2008 exhaust emission standards. Engines meeting these standards have 65% lower emissions than One Star-Low-Emission engines.

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TECHNICAL AND CONSUMER INFORMATION

Specifications

MODEL	BF25A			
Description Code	BAJS			
Type	SH	LH	SHS	LHS
Overall length	26.6 in (675 mm)			
Overall width	15.0 in (380 mm)			
Overall height	46.9 in (1,190 mm)	51.8 in (1,315 mm)	46.9 in (1,190 mm)	51.8 in (1,315 mm)
Transom height	17.0 in (431 mm)	21.7 in (552 mm)	17.0 in (431 mm)	21.7 in (552 mm)
Weight	147.7 lbs (67.0 kg)	152.1 lbs (69.0 kg)	154.3 lbs (70.0 kg)	158.7 lbs (72.0 kg)
Rated power	18.6 kW (25 HP)			
Full throttle range	5,000 – 6,000 rpm			
Engine type	4 stroke OHC in-line 3 cylinder, water-cooled			
Displacement	30.4 cu-in (499 cm ³)			
Spark plug gap	0.024 – 0.028 in (0.60 – 0.70 mm)			
Starter system	Recoil starter	Electric starter		
Ignition system	C.D.I			
Lubrication system	Trochoid pump pressure lubrication			
Specified oil	Engine: API standard (SG or SH) SAE 10W-30 Gear case: API standard (GL4/5) SAE 90 outboard gear oil			
Oil capacity	Engine: 1.7 US qt (1.6 ℓ, 1.4 Imp qt) Gear case: 0.29 US qt (0.27 ℓ, 0.24 Imp qt)			

CARB star label	VERY LOW EMISSION	
Cooling system	Water cooling with thermostat	
Exhaust system	Thru-hub	
Spark plugs	DR7EA (NGK) X22ESR-U (DENSO)	
Fuel pump	Diaphragm type fuel pump	
Fuel	Automotive unleaded gasoline (86 pump octane or higher)	
Tank capacity	6.61 US gal (25.0 ℓ, 5.50 Imp gal)	
Gear change	Forward-Neutral-Reverse (dog type)	
Steering angle	40° right and left	
Transom angle	5 stages (4°-8°-12°-16°-20°)	
Tilt angle	3 stages adjustment (30°, 45° and 75°)	

Tune Up

Spark plug gap	0.024 – 0.028 in (0.60 – 0.70 mm)	See page 63
Idle speed	900 ± 50 rpm	See shop manual
Valve clearance (cold)	Intake: 0.12 ± 0.02 mm Exhaust: 0.20 ± 0.02 mm	See shop manual
Other specifications	No other adjustment is needed	

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TECHNICAL AND CONSUMER INFORMATION

Specifications

MODEL	BF25A		
Description Code	BAJS		
Type	SRS	LRS	XRS
Overall length	25.2 in (640 mm)		
Overall width	14.8 in (375 mm)		
Overall height	46.9 in (1,190 mm)	51.8 in (1,315 mm)	54.9 in (1,395 mm)
Transom height	17.0 in (431 mm)	21.7 in (552 mm)	24.9 in (632 mm)
Weight	152.1 lbs (69.0 kg)	156.5 lbs (71.0 kg)	158.7 lbs (72.0 kg)
Rated power	18.6 kW (25 HP)		
Full throttle range	5,000–6,000 rpm		
Engine type	4 stroke OHC in-line 3 cylinder, water-cooled		
Displacement	30.4 cu-in (499 cm ³)		
Spark plug gap	0.024–0.028 in (0.60–0.70 mm)		
Starter system	Electric starter		
Ignition system	C.D.I		
Lubrication system	Trochoid pump pressure lubrication		
Specified oil	Engine: API standard (SG or SH) SAE 10W-30 Gear case: API standard (GL4/5) SAE 90 outboard gear oil		
Oil capacity	Engine: 1.7 US qt (1.6 ℓ, 1.4 Imp qt) Gear case: 0.29 US qt (0.27 ℓ, 0.24 Imp qt)		

CARB star label	VERY LOW EMISSION
Cooling system	Water cooling with thermostat
Exhaust system	Thru-hub
Spark plugs	DR7EA (NGK) X22ESR-U (DENSO)
Fuel pump	Diaphragm type fuel pump
Fuel	Automotive unleaded gasoline (86 pump octane or higher)
Tank capacity	6.61 US gal (25.0 ℓ, 5.50 Imp gal)
Gear change	Forward-Neutral-Reverse (dog type)
Steering angle	40° right and left
Transom angle	5 stages (4°-8°-12°-16°-20°)
Tilt angle	3 stages adjustment (30°, 45° and 75°)
Remote control steering system	Motor-mounted

Tune Up

Spark plug gap	0.024–0.028 in (0.60–0.70 mm)	See page 63
Idle speed	900 ± 50 rpm	See shop manual
Valve clearance (cold)	Intake: 0.12 ± 0.02 mm Exhaust: 0.20 ± 0.02 mm	See shop manual
Other specifications	No other adjustment is needed	

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TECHNICAL AND CONSUMER INFORMATION

Specifications

MODEL	BF30A		
Description Code	BAWS		
Type	SH	LH	LHS
Overall length	26.6 in (675 mm)		
Overall width	15.0 in (380 mm)		
Overall height	46.9 in (1,190 mm)	51.8 in (1,315 mm)	
Transom height	17.0 in (431 mm)	21.7 in (552 mm)	
Weight	147.7 lbs (67.0 kg)	152.1 lbs (69.0 kg)	158.7 lbs (72.0 kg)
Rated power	22.4 kW (30 HP)		
Full throttle range	5,700–6,200 rpm		
Engine type	4 stroke OHC in-line 3 cylinder, water-cooled		
Displacement	30.4 cu-in (499 cm ³)		
Spark plug gap	0.024–0.028 in (0.60–0.70 mm)		
Starter system	Recoil starter		Electric starter
Ignition system	C.D.I		
Lubrication system	Trochoid pump pressure lubrication		
Specified oil	Engine: API standard (SG or SH) SAE 10W-30 Gear case: API standard (GL4/5) SAE 90 outboard gear oil		
Oil capacity	Engine: 1.7 US qt (1.6 ℓ, 1.4 Imp qt) Gear case: 0.29 US qt (0.27 ℓ, 0.24 Imp qt)		

CARB star label	VERY LOW EMISSION	
Cooling system	Water cooling with thermostat	
Exhaust system	Thru-hub	
Spark plugs	DR7EA (NGK) X22ESR-U (DENSO)	
Fuel pump	Diaphragm type fuel pump	
Fuel	Automotive unleaded gasoline (86 pump octane or higher)	
Tank capacity	6.61 US gal (25.0 ℓ, 5.50 Imp gal)	
Gear change	Forward-Neutral-Reverse (dog type)	
Steering angle	40° right and left	
Transom angle	5 stages (4°-8°-12°-16°-20°)	
Tilt angle	3 stages adjustment (30°, 45° and 75°)	

Tune Up

Spark plug gap	0.024–0.028 in (0.60–0.70 mm)	See page 63
Idle speed	900 ± 50 rpm	See shop manual
Valve clearance (cold)	Intake: 0.12 ± 0.02 mm Exhaust: 0.20 ± 0.02 mm	See shop manual
Other specifications	No other adjustment is needed	

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Specifications

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Description Code	BAWS	
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Overall length	25.2 in (640 mm)	
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Overall height	46.9 in (1,190 mm)	51.8 in (1,315 mm)
Transom height	17.0 in (431 mm)	21.7 in (552 mm)
Weight	152.1 lbs (69.0 kg)	156.5 lbs (71.0 kg)
Rated power	22.4 kW (30 HP)	
Full throttle range	5,700 – 6,200 rpm	
Engine type	4 stroke OHC in-line 3 cylinder, water-cooled	
Displacement	30.4 cu-in (499 cm ³)	
Spark plug gap	0.024 – 0.028 in (0.60 – 0.70 mm)	
Starter system	Electric starter	
Ignition system	C.D.I	
Lubrication system	Trochoid pump pressure lubrication	
Specified oil	Engine: API standard (SG or SH) SAE 10W-30 Gear case: API standard (GL4/5) SAE 90 outboard gear oil	
Oil capacity	Engine: 1.7 US qt (1.6 l , 1.4 Imp qt) Gear case: 0.31 US qt (0.29 l , 0.26 Imp qt)	

CARB star label	VERY LOW EMISSION
Cooling system	Water cooling with thermostat
Exhaust system	Thru-hub
Spark plugs	DR7EA (NGK) X22ESR-U (DENSO)
Fuel pump	Diaphragm type fuel pump
Fuel	Automotive unleaded gasoline (86 pump octane or higher)
Tank capacity	6.61 US gal (25.0 l , 5.50 Imp gal)
Gear change	Forward-Neutral-Reverse (dog type)
Steering angle	40° right and left
Transom angle	5 stages (4°-8°-12°-16°-20°)
Tilt angle	3 stages adjustment (30°, 45° and 75°)
Remote control steering system	Motor-mounted

Tune Up

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Other specifications	No other adjustment is needed	

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CONSUMER INFORMATION

Honda Publications

These publications will give you additional information for maintaining and repairing your outboard motor. You may order them from your Honda marine dealer.

Shop Manual

This manual covers complete maintenance and overhaul procedures. It is intended to be used by a skilled technician.

Parts Catalog

This manual provides complete, illustrated parts lists.

Customer Service Information

Honda Marine dealership personnel are trained professionals. They should be able to answer any question you may have. If you encounter a problem that your dealer does not solve to your satisfaction, please discuss it with the dealership's management. The Service Manager or General Manager can help. Almost all problems are solved in this way.

If you are dissatisfied with the decision made by the dealership's management, contact the Honda Marine Customer Relations Office. You can write:

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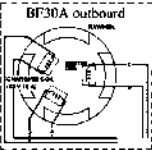
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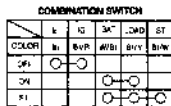
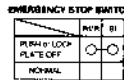
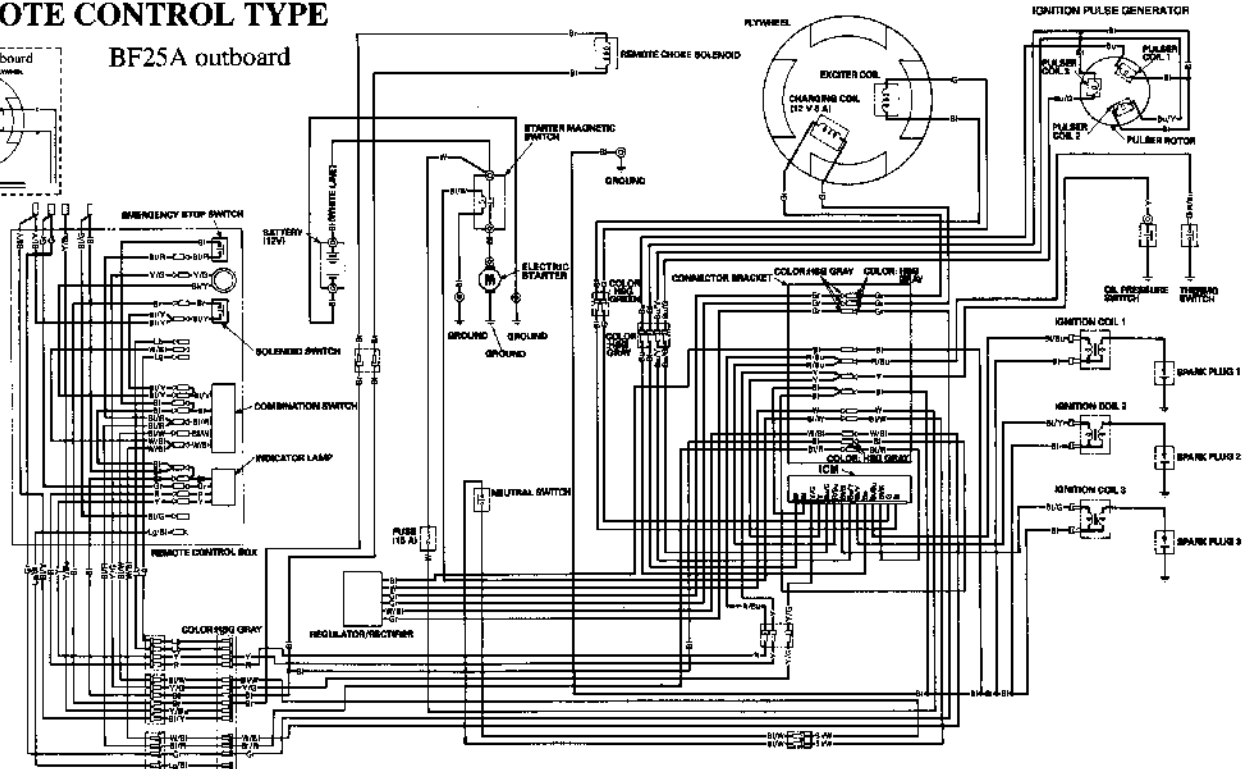
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WIRING DIAGRAM

REMOTE CONTROL TYPE



BF25A outboard



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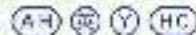
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