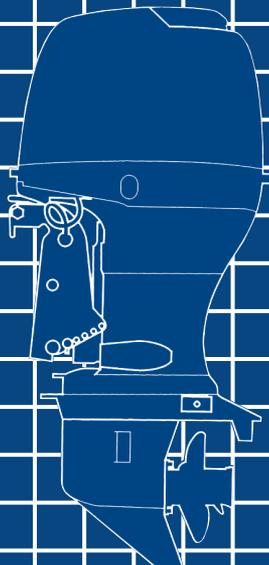


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BF75A•BF90A Owner's Manual





WARNING:



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

Keep this owner's manual handy, so you can refer to it at any time. This owner's manual is considered a permanent part of the outboard motor and should remain with the outboard motor if resold.

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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 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.

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:

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

The Honda BF75A/BF90A 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

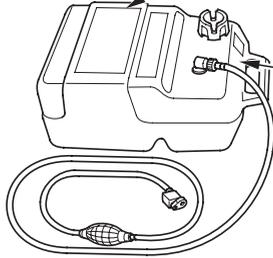
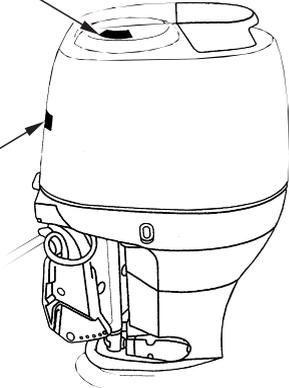
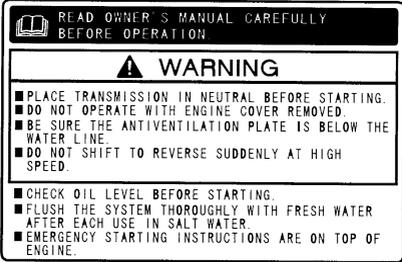
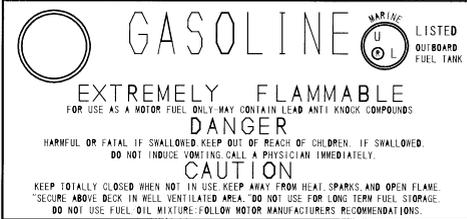
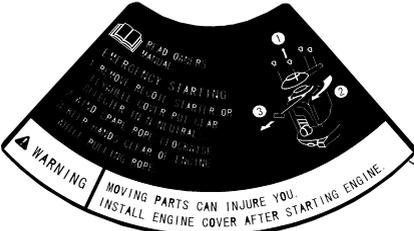
- Gasoline is extremely flammable, and gasoline vapor can explode. Refuel outdoors, in a well-ventilated area, with the engine stopped. Never smoke near gasoline, and keep other flames and sparks away.
- Remove any portable fuel tank from the boat for refueling. Keep the portable fuel tank away from 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



FUEL TANK (optional equipment)

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 dealer for a replacement.

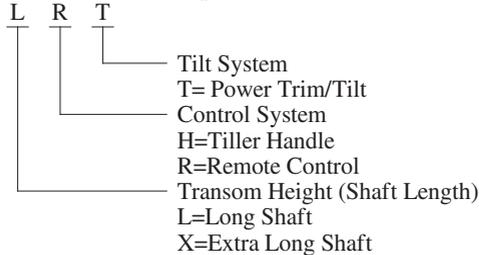
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CONTROL AND FEATURE IDENTIFICATION CODES

Model	BF75A		BF90A		
Type	LHT	LRT	LHT	LRT	XRT
Transom Height (Shaft Length)	L	●	●	●	
	X				●
Tiller Handle	●		●		
Remote Control		●		●	●
Power Trim/Tilt	●	●	●	●	●
Trim Meter (optional equipment)	●	●	●	●	●

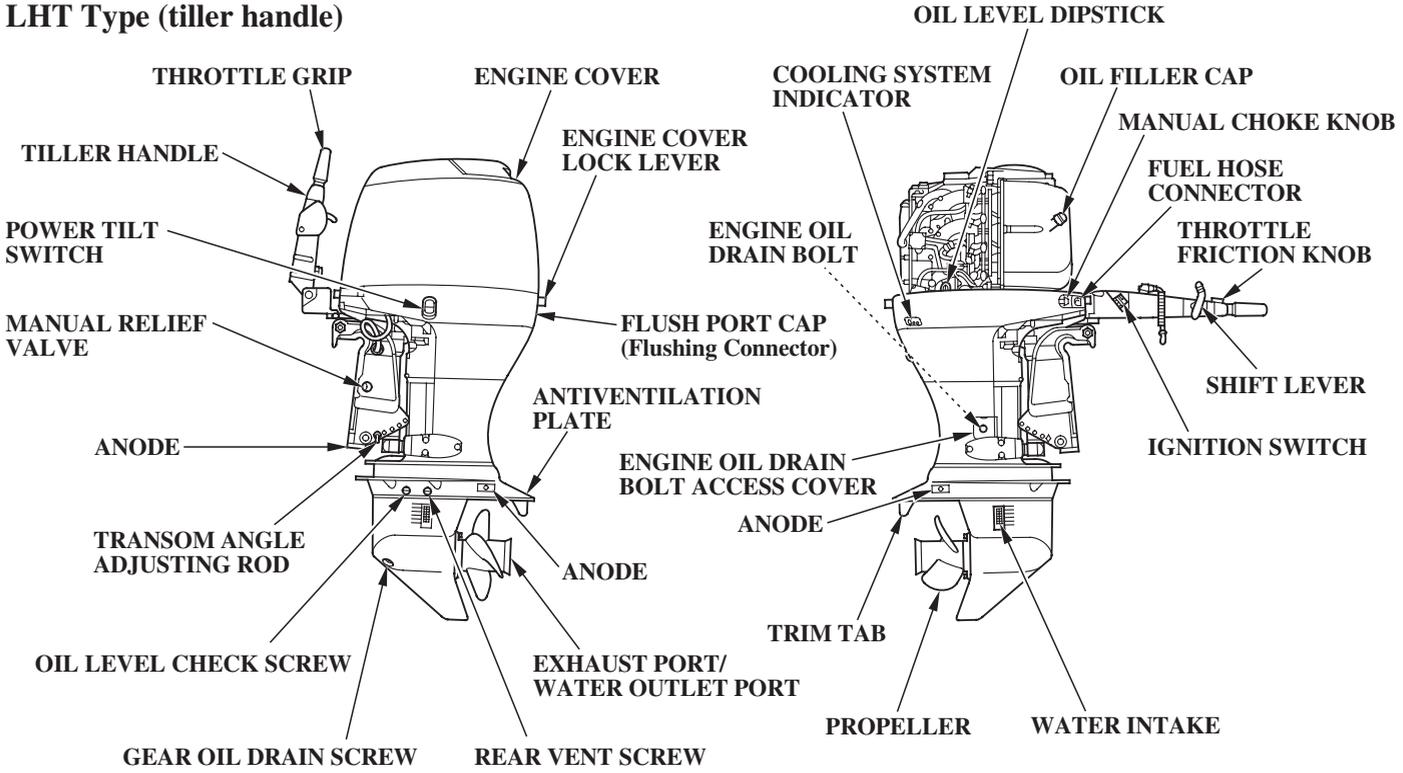
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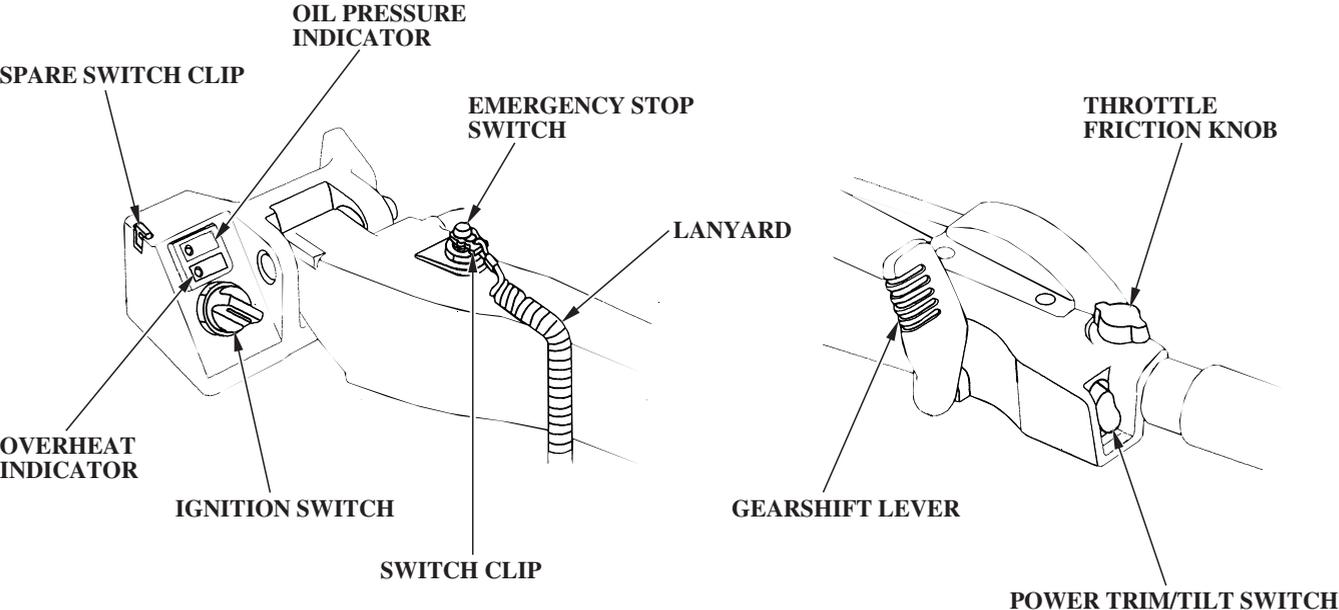


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COMPONENT AND CONTROL LOCATIONS LHT Type (tiller handle)

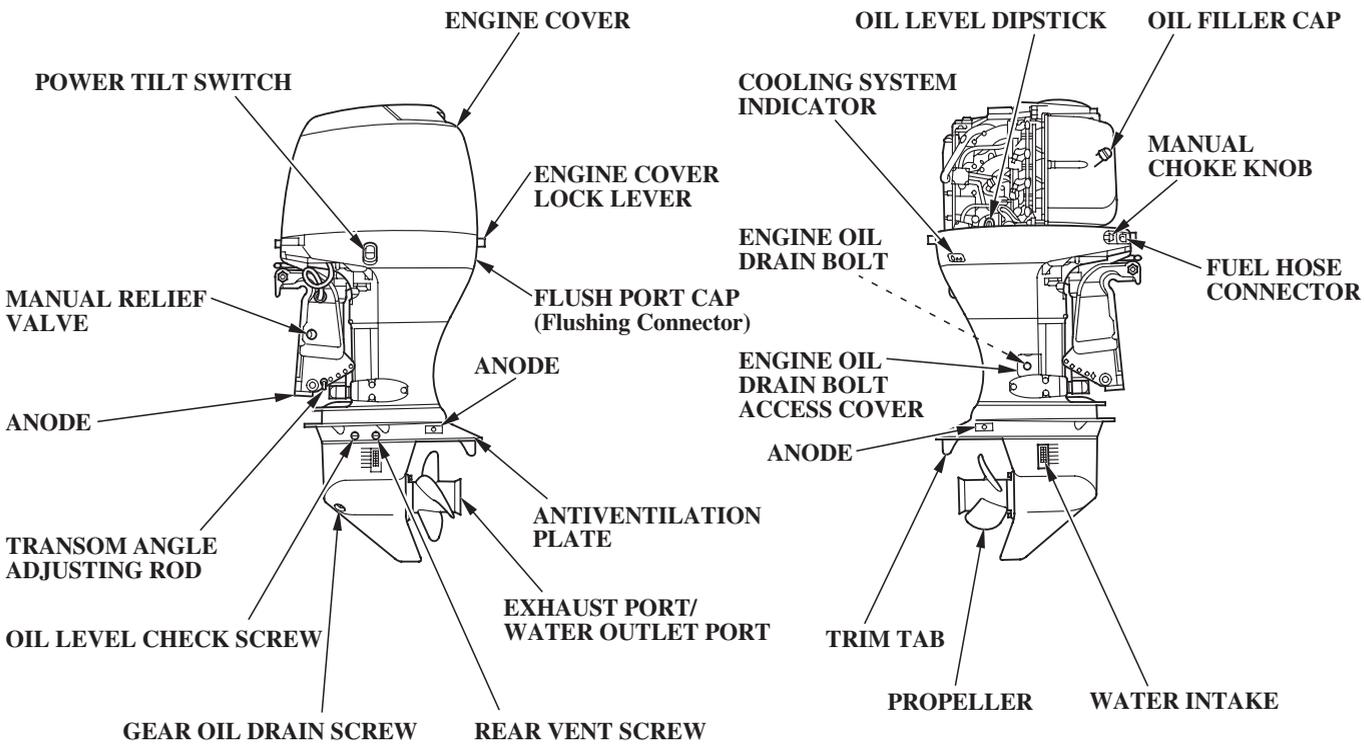


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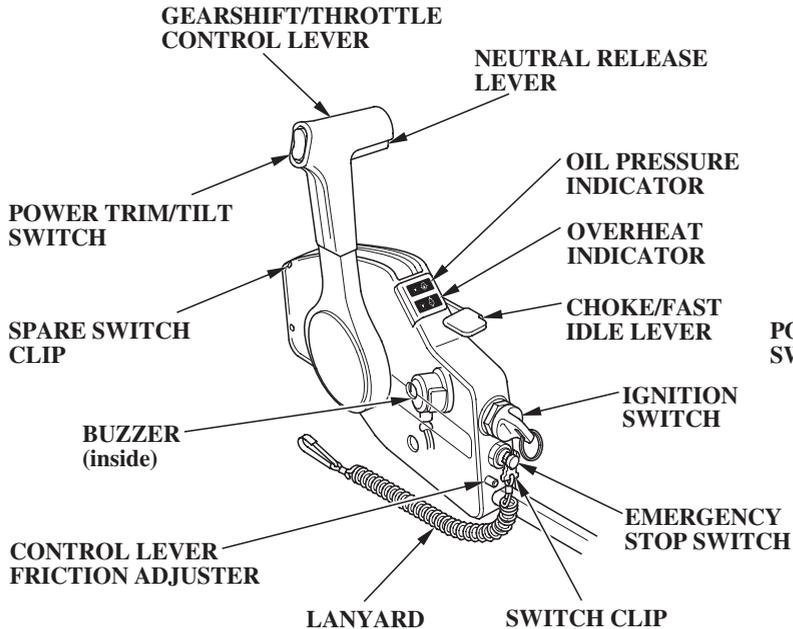
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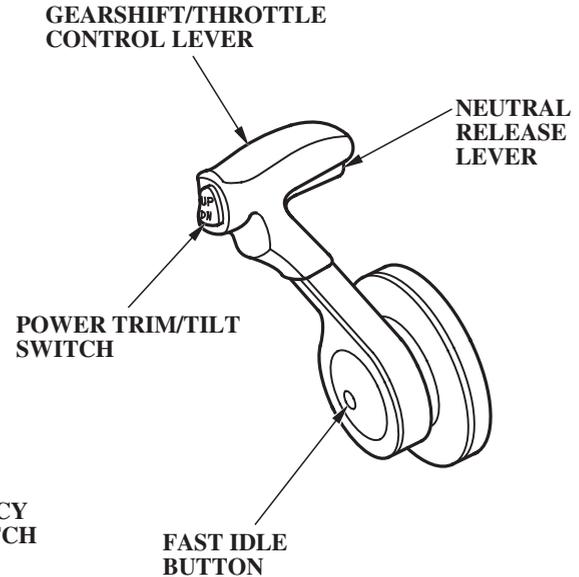
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Remote Controls (optional equipment)

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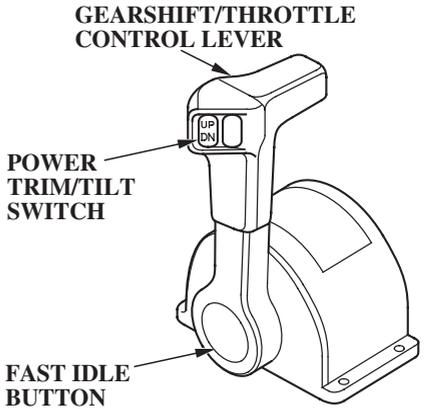


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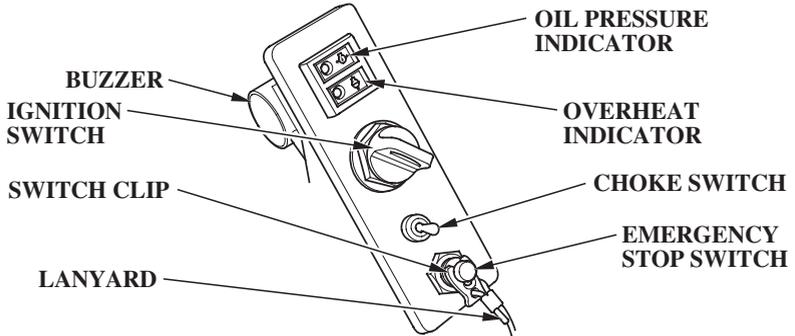


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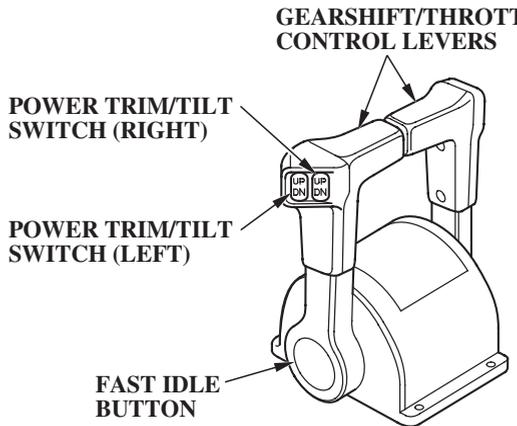
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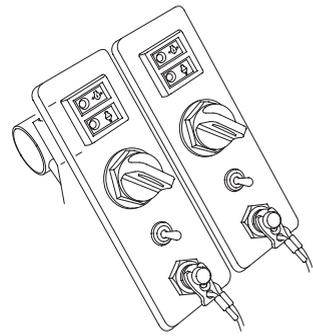
CONTROL PANEL
(for PANEL-MOUNT/TOP-MOUNT SINGLE type)



(DUAL TOP-MOUNT REMOTE CONTROL)

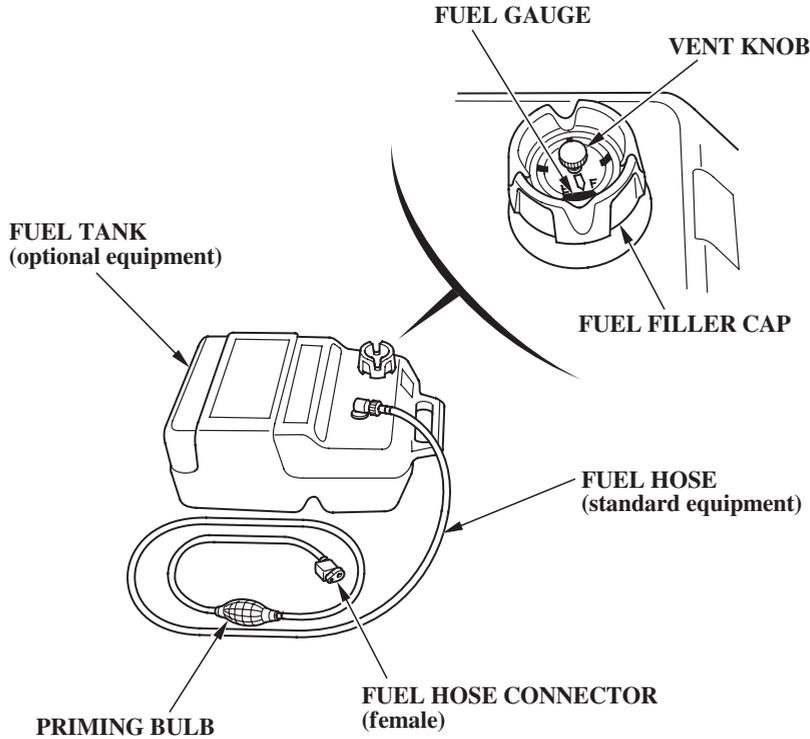


(for TOP-MOUNT DUAL type)

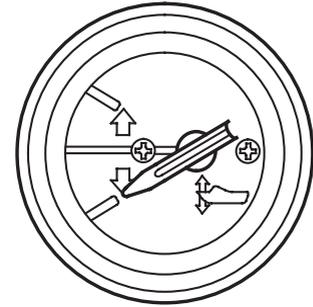


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Fuel Tank (optional equipment)



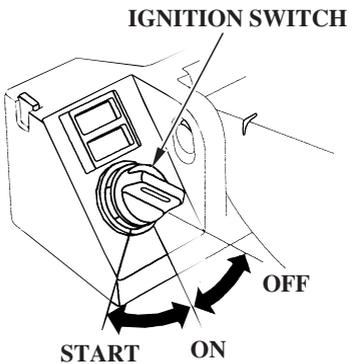
Trim Meter (optional equipment)



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LHT Type (tiller handle)

Ignition Switch



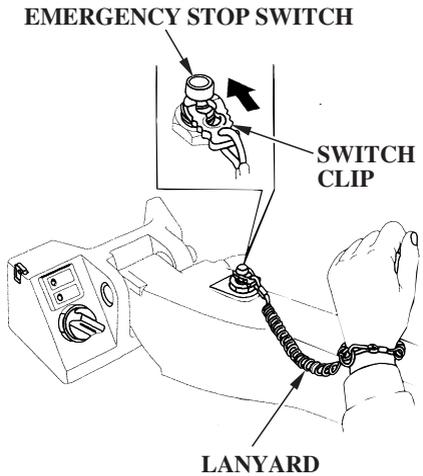
The ignition switch controls the ignition system and starter motor.

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 engine will not start unless the gearshift lever (p. 45) is in the N (neutral) position, and the emergency stop switch clip is in the emergency stop switch.

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

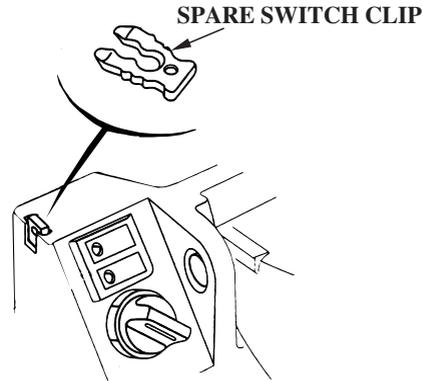
Switch Clip and Emergency Stop Switch



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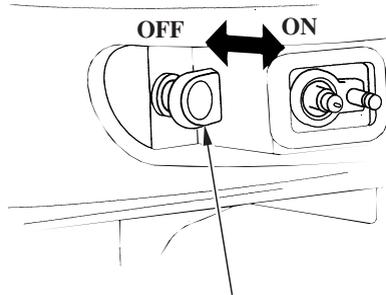
When used as described, the emergency stop switch and lanyard system stops the engine if the operator falls away from the controls.

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



CONTROLS AND FEATURES

Manual Choke Knob

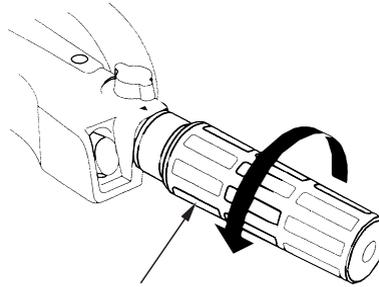


MANUAL CHOKE KNOB

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

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

Throttle Grip



THROTTLE GRIP

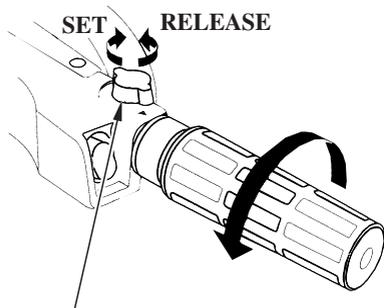
The throttle grip controls engine speed.

An index mark on the tiller arm shows throttle position and is helpful for setting the throttle correctly when starting (p. 45).

Throttle grip movement is limited when the gearshift lever is in the R (reverse) or N (neutral) position (p. 19).

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

Throttle Friction Knob

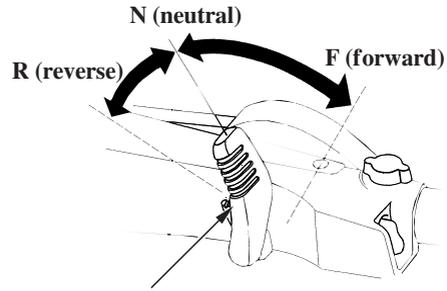


THROTTLE FRICTION KNOB

The throttle friction knob adjusts resistance to throttle grip rotation.

Less friction allows easier throttle grip rotation. More friction helps to hold a steady throttle setting while cruising.

Gearshift Lever



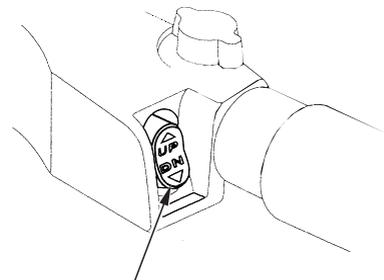
GEARSHIFT LEVER

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

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

The gearshift lever must be in the F (forward) position before the throttle grip can be turned to the FAST position.

Power Trim/Tilt Switch

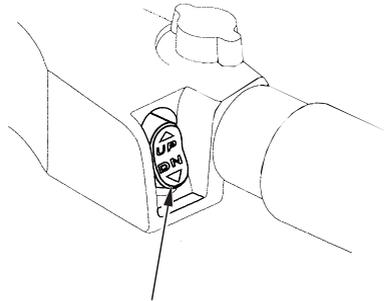


POWER TRIM/TILT SWITCH

The power trim/tilt switch is a rocker switch with UP and DN (down) positions for changing the angle of the outboard motor.

You can use the power trim/tilt switch anytime the ignition switch is ON, whether the boat is underway or stopped.

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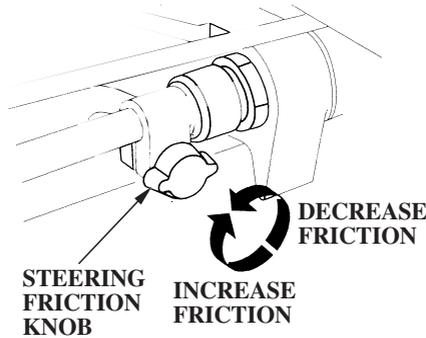


POWER TRIM/TILT SWITCH

Trim the outboard motor to obtain the best performance and stability (p. 64).

Tilt the outboard motor for shallow water operation, beaching, launching, or mooring.

Steering Friction Knob



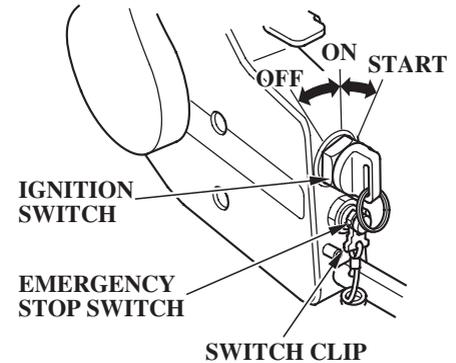
The steering friction knob adjusts steering resistance.

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.

LRT and XRT Types (remote control)

Side-Mount Type

Ignition Switch



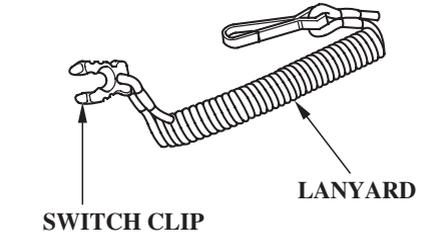
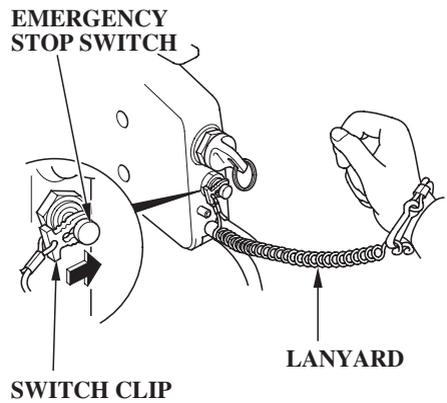
The ignition switch controls the ignition system and starter motor.

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 start the engine only when the control lever is in the N (neutral) position (p. 47), and the switch clip is in the emergency stop switch.

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

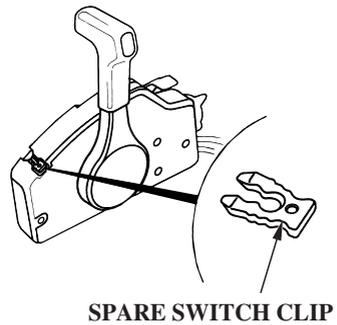
Switch Clip and Emergency Stop Switch



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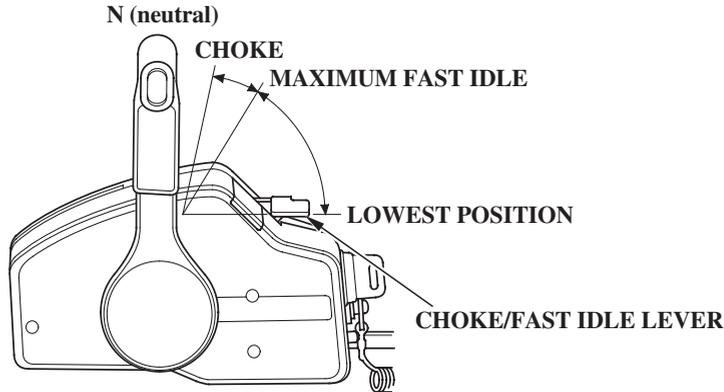
When used as described, the emergency stop switch and lanyard system stops the engine if the operator falls away from the controls.

A spare switch clip is stored in a slot in the control housing (optional equipment).



CONTROLS AND FEATURES

Choke/Fast Idle Lever



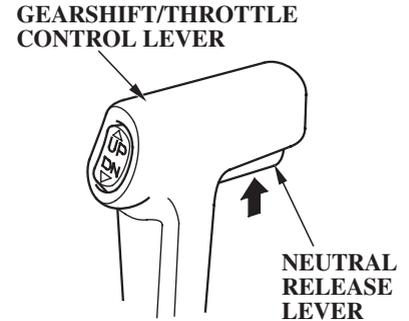
The choke/fast idle lever opens and closes the choke valves in the carburetors.

The lever will not move unless the gearshift/throttle control lever is in the N (neutral) position. The fast idle lever must be in its lowest position for you to move the gearshift/throttle control lever out of neutral.

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

Gearshift/Throttle Control Lever



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

It is necessary to pull up the neutral release lever to operate the control lever.

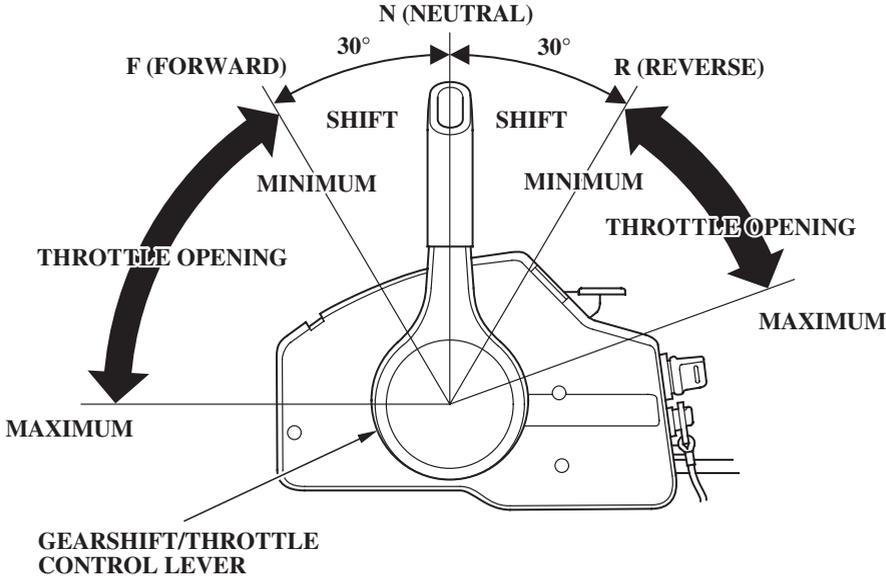
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Moving the control lever 30° from N (neutral) selects the gear, and further movement increases engine speed.

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.

A friction adjuster near the base of the control lever adjusts the operating resistance of the control lever. Refer to p. 62.

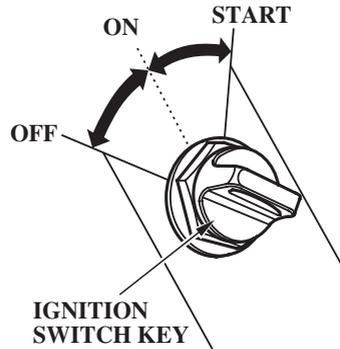
Less friction allows easier control lever movement. More friction helps to hold a steady throttle setting while cruising.



CONTROLS AND FEATURES

Panel-Mount Type

Ignition Switch



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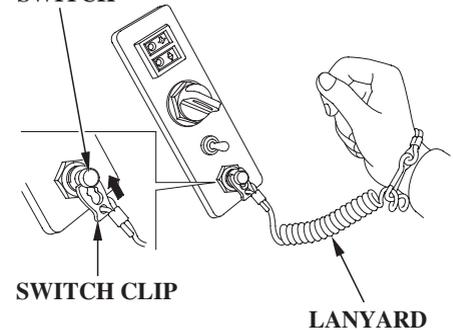
Turning the ignition switch key to the START position operates the starter motor. The key automatically returns to the ON position when released from the START position.

The ignition switch can be used to start the engine only when the control lever (p. 50) 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.

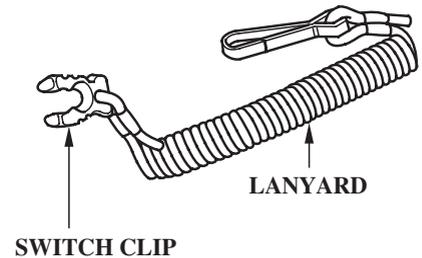
Switch Clip and Emergency Stop Switch

EMERGENCY STOP SWITCH



SWITCH CLIP

LANYARD



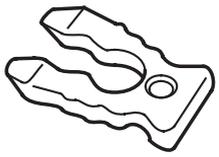
SWITCH CLIP

LANYARD

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.

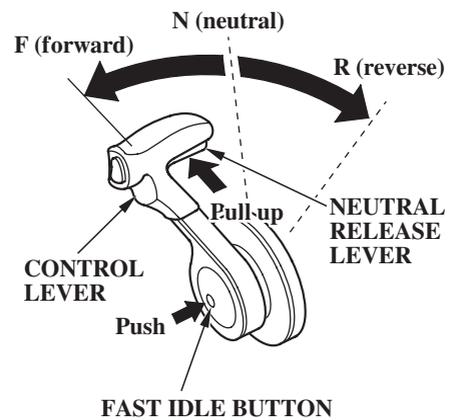
When used as described, the emergency stop switch and lanyard system stops the engine if the operator falls away from the controls.

A spare switch clip can be stored in the tool bag (optional equipment).



SPARE SWITCH CLIP

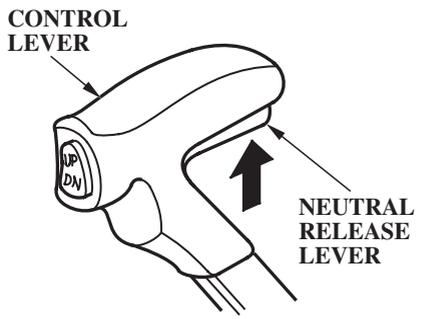
Fast Idle Button



By moving the control lever forward or reverse when the fast idle button is pushed in, the throttle opening will be increased without engaging the gears.

It is necessary to position the control lever in N (neutral) to push in the fast idle button.

Gearshift/Throttle Control Lever



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

It is necessary to pull up the neutral release lever to operate the control lever.

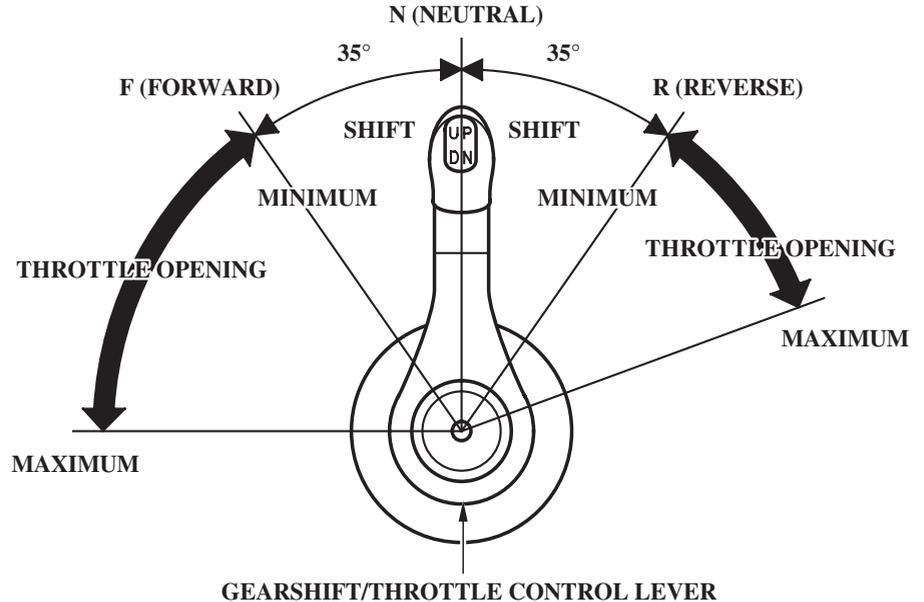
CONTROLS AND FEATURES

Moving the control lever 35° from N (neutral) selects the gear, and further movement increases engine speed.

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.

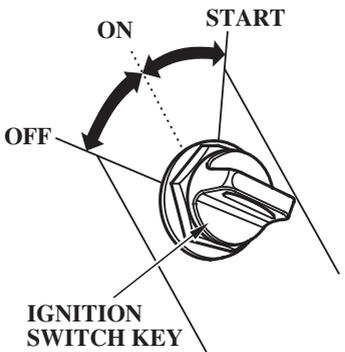
A friction adjuster near the base of the control lever adjusts the operating resistance of the control lever. Refer to p. 63.

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



Top-Mount Type

Ignition Switch



The ignition switch controls the ignition system and starter motor.

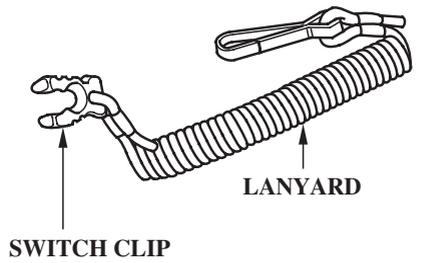
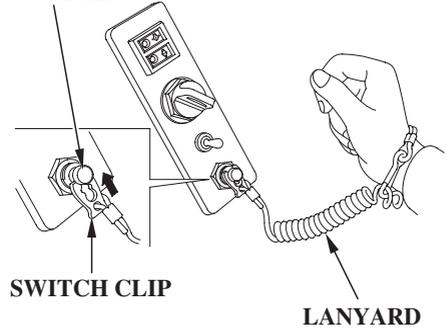
Turning the ignition switch key to the START position operates the starter motor. The key automatically returns to the ON position when released from the START position.

The ignition switch can be used to start the engine only when the control lever (p. 53) 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

EMERGENCY STOP SWITCH



CONTROLS AND FEATURES

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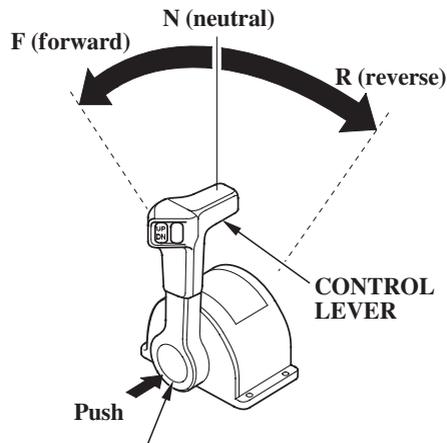
When used as described, the emergency stop switch and lanyard system stops the engine if the operator falls away from the controls.

A spare switch clip can be stored in the tool bag (optional equipment).



SPARE SWITCH CLIP

Fast Idle Button



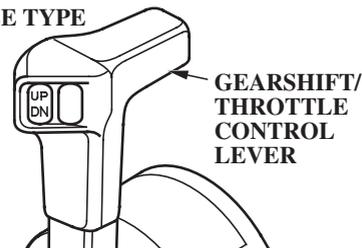
FAST IDLE BUTTON

By moving the control lever forward or reverse when the fast idle button is pushed in, the throttle opening will be increased without engaging the gears.

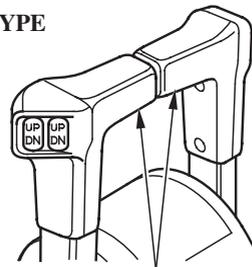
It is necessary to position the control lever in N (neutral) to push in the fast idle button.

Gearshift/Throttle Control Lever

SINGLE TYPE



DUAL TYPE



GEARSHIFT/THROTTLE CONTROL LEVERS

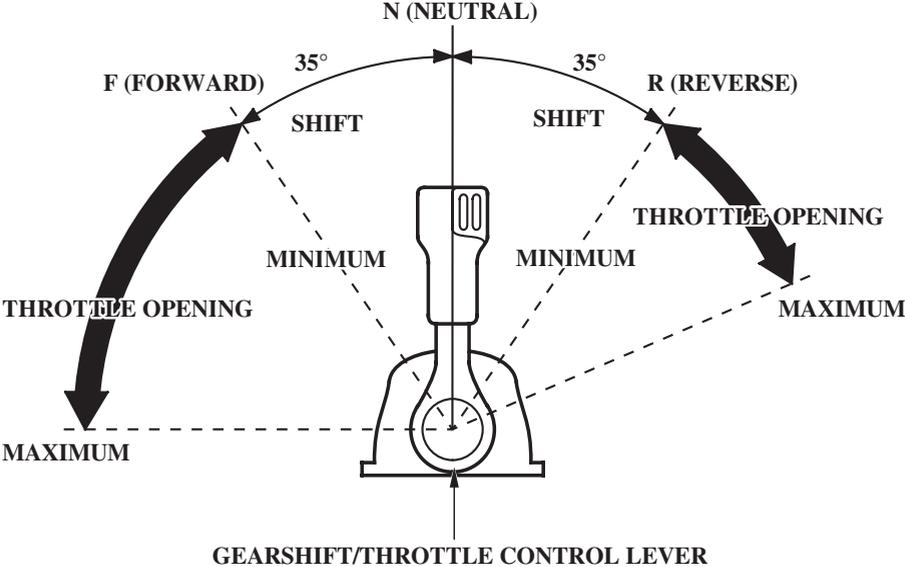
The gearshift/throttle control lever(s) controls engine speed and selects F (forward), N (neutral), or R (reverse) gears.

CONTROLS AND FEATURES

Moving the control lever 35° from N (neutral) selects the gear, and further movement increases engine speed.

A friction adjuster inside the control box adjusts the operating resistance of the control lever(s). Refer to p. 63 .

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

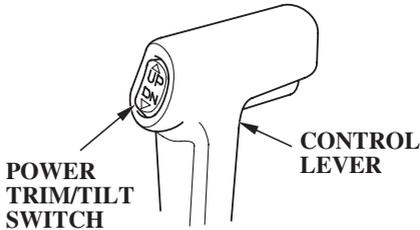


CONTROLS AND FEATURES

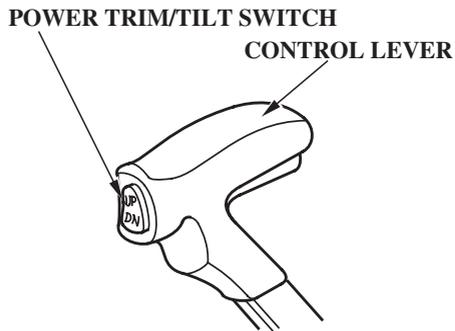
Common Controls

Power Trim/Tilt Switch

(side-mount type)



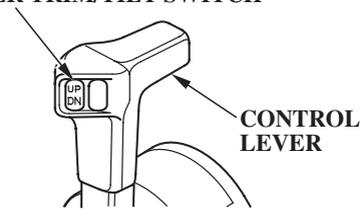
(panel-mount type)



(top-mount type)

SINGLE TYPE

POWER TRIM/TILT SWITCH

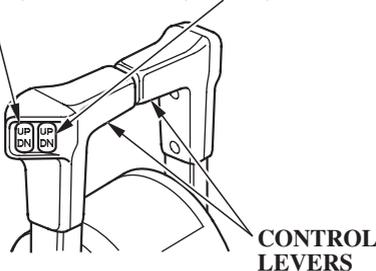


DUAL TYPE

POWER TRIM/TILT SWITCH

(LEFT)

(RIGHT)



The power trim/tilt switch is located on the control lever. It is a rocker switch with UP and DN (down) positions for changing the angle of the outboard motor.

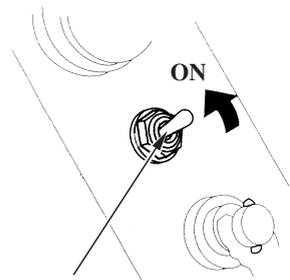
You can use the power trim/tilt switch anytime the ignition switch is ON, whether the boat is underway or stopped.

Trim the outboard motor to obtain the best performance and stability (p. 64).

Tilt the outboard motor for shallow water operation, beaching, launching, or mooring.

For dual mount outboards, tilt them up at the same time.

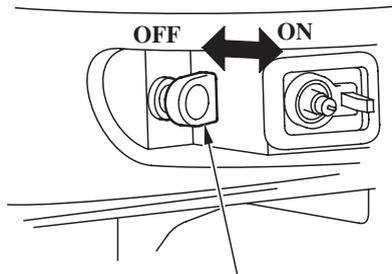
Choke Switch (panel-mount and top-mount types)



CHOKE SWITCH

When the engine is cold, put the choke switch ON. A rich fuel mixture will be provided to the engine.

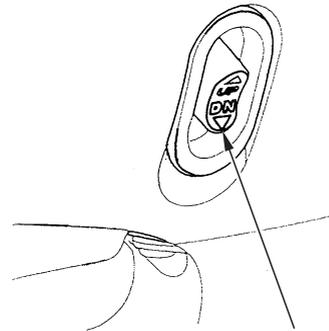
Manual Choke Knob



MANUAL CHOKE KNOB

A manual choke knob is located 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.

Power Tilt Switch



POWER TILT SWITCH

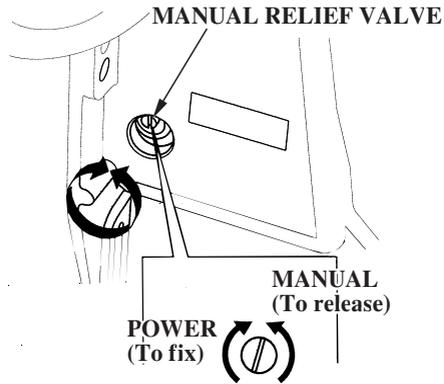
The power tilt switch is located on the engine pan. It is a rocker switch with UP and DN (down) positions for changing the angle of the outboard motor.

The power tilt switch will operate without turning the ignition switch ON.

This switch is used with the engine stopped to raise the outboard motor for mooring, trailering or maintenance.

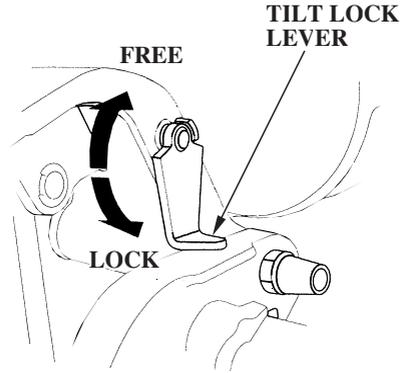
CONTROLS AND FEATURES

Manual Relief Valve



The outboard motor can be tilted manually after opening the manual relief valve. This allows the outboard motor to be tilted when no battery is connected.

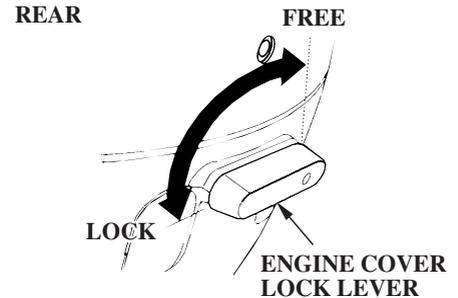
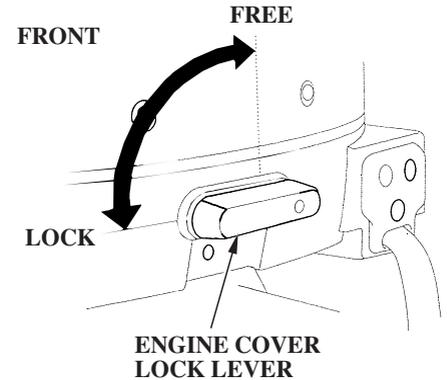
Tilt Lock Lever



The tilt lock lever is used to support the outboard motor in the fully-raised position.

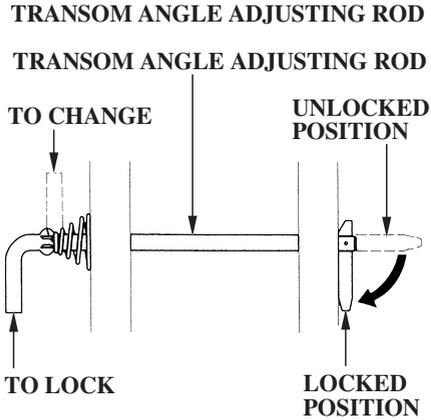
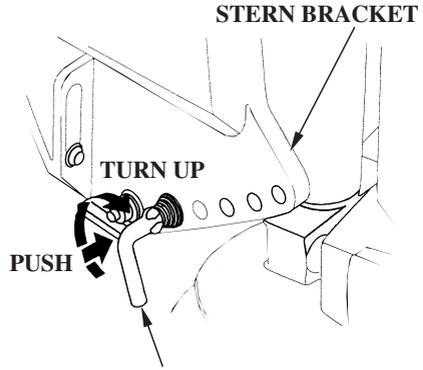
When the boat is to be moored for a long time, tilt the outboard motor up as far as it will go. Then move the tilt lock lever to the LOCK position, and gently lower the outboard motor until the lever contacts the stern bracket.

Engine Cover Lock Levers



The engine cover lock levers fasten the engine cover to the outboard motor.

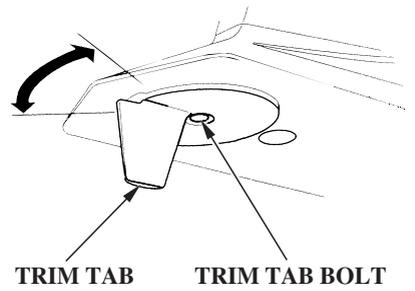
Transom Angle Adjusting Rod



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

Proper adjustment prevents the outboard motor from being trimmed too low (p. 64).

Trim Tab



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

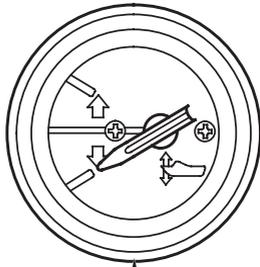
If uncompensated, torque steer would make the outboard motor tend to turn to one side.

When the trim tab is correctly adjusted (p. 73), steering effort is equal in either direction.

CONTROLS AND FEATURES

INSTRUMENTS

Trim Meter (optional equipment)

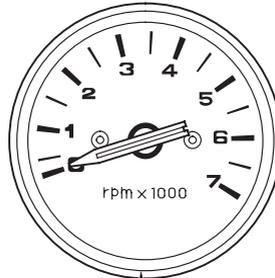


TRIM METER

The trim meter indicates the relative trim angle of the outboard motor.

Refer to the trim meter when using the power trim/tilt switch to achieve the best performance from the boat.

Tachometer (optional equipment)

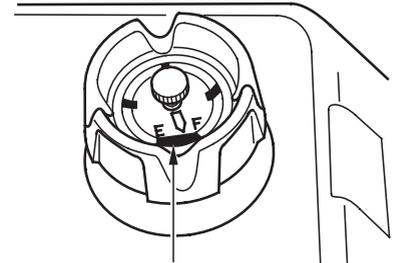


TACHOMETER

The tachometer shows engine speed in revolutions per minute.

Refer to the tachometer when using the throttle and power trim/tilt controls to achieve the best performance from the boat.

Fuel Gauge (optional equipment)



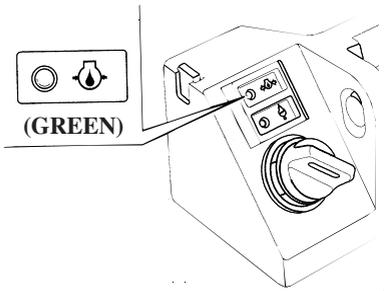
FUEL GAUGE

A fuel gauge is built into the cap of the portable fuel tank (optional equipment).

INDICATORS

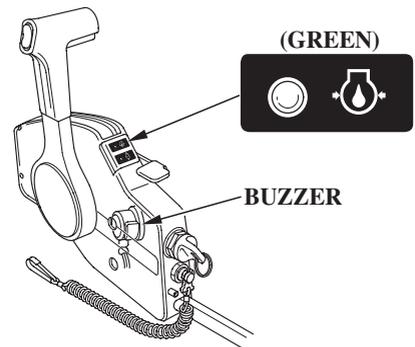
Oil Pressure Indicator

LHT Type

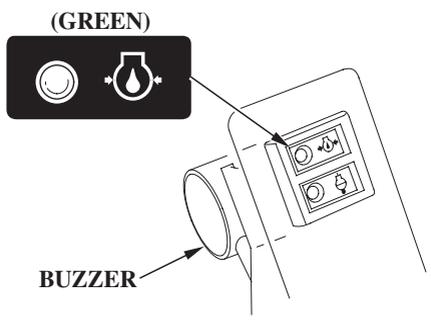


LRT and XRT Types

(side-mount type)



(panel-mount and top-mount types)



When the oil pressure indicator is lit, oil pressure is OK.

If oil pressure becomes low, the indicator will go off, and the engine protection system will limit engine speed. Refer to *TAKING CARE OF UNEXPECTED PROBLEMS*, on p. 109.

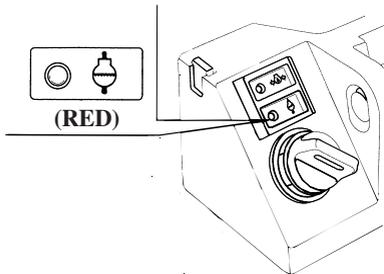
Remote control models are equipped with a buzzer that sounds continuously when the oil pressure indicator goes off. The buzzer sound stops below an engine speed of 1,400 rpm.

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

CONTROLS AND FEATURES

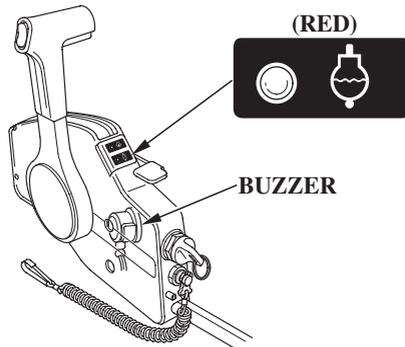
Overheat Indicator

LHT Type

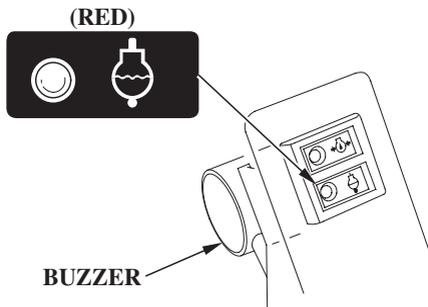


LRT and XRT Types

(side-mount type)



(panel-mount and top-mount types)

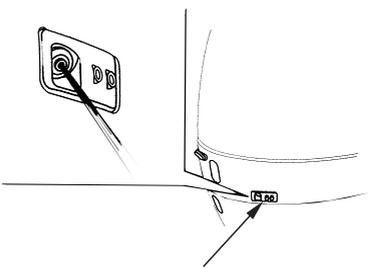


If the engine overheats, the overheat indicator comes on, and the engine protection system will limit engine speed. Refer to *TAKING CARE OF UNEXPECTED PROBLEMS*, p. 110.

Remote control models are equipped with a buzzer that sounds when the overheat indicator comes on. The buzzer sound stops below an engine speed of 1,400 rpm.

Engine overheating may be the result of clogged water intakes.

Cooling System Indicator



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.

The cooling system indicator discharge port can also become plugged.

OTHER FEATURES

Overrev Limiter

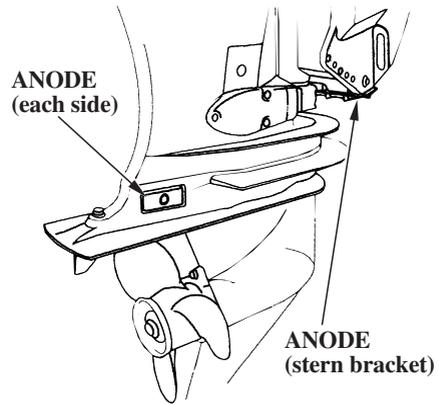
The engine is equipped with an overrev limiter to prevent the possibility of mechanical damage from excessive engine speed.

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

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

Check to see if the correct propeller is installed.

Anodes

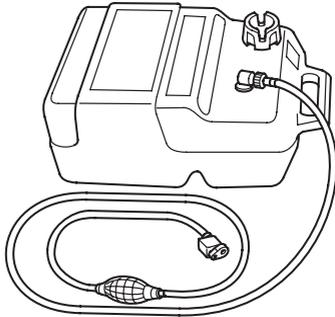


The anodes are made of a sacrificial material that helps to protect the outboard motor from corrosion.

There are two anodes on the gear case, one on the stern bracket, and two small anodes in the water passages of the engine block.

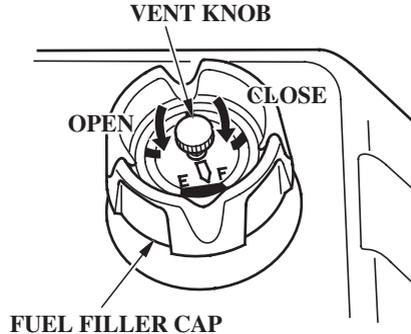
CONTROLS AND FEATURES

Portable Fuel Tank (optional equipment)



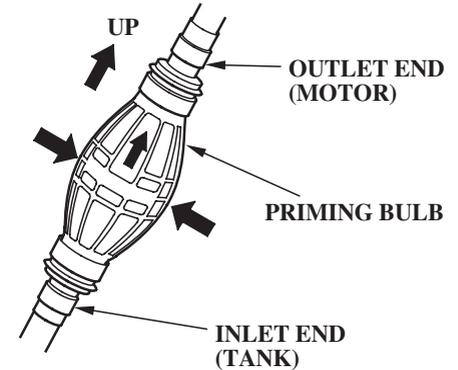
The portable fuel tank has a capacity of 6.6 US gal (25 ℓ) and has a fuel gauge built into the cap.

Fuel Filler Cap Vent Knob (optional equipment)



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.

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, hold the priming bulb up in the direction of the arrow, then squeeze the priming bulb until it feels firm. This will ensure that fuel is supplied to the engine (p. 44).

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, can cause a malfunction in which you could be seriously hurt or killed.

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 (optional equipment), make sure it is in good condition and properly secured in the boat (p. 43).
- Check that the fuel hose is undamaged and properly connected (p. 43).
- 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. 76). 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. 91).
- Check that the anodes are securely attached to the gear case (p. 90) and are not excessively worn. The anodes help to protect the outboard motor from corrosion.
- Make sure a tool kit and the emergency starter rope are onboard (p. 70). Replace any missing items.
- Check the fuel level in the fuel tank (p. 85).
- 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.

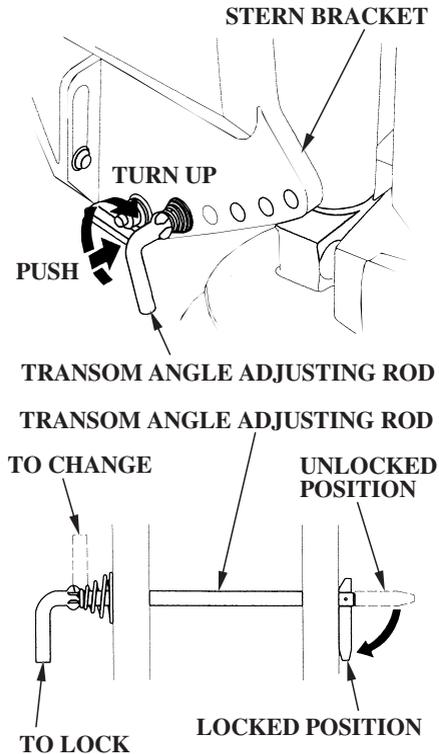
For boats that plane easily, bring the boat up on plane, and then reduce the throttle opening to the recommended rpm range.

Next 8 hours:

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

OPERATION

TRANSOM ANGLE ADJUSTMENT



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. 64).

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

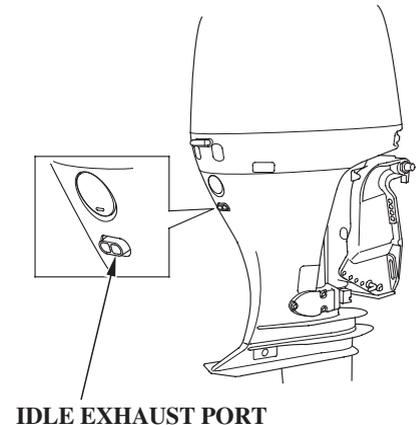
Push the rod in and turn the end of the rod up, so the latch will fall into line with the rod.

Remove the rod and reinsert it in the desired position.

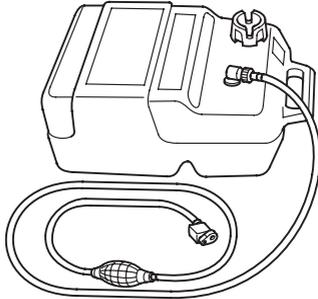
Push the rod in and turn the end of the rod down, so the latch will fall to the locked position. Then release the rod.

NOTICE

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



PORTABLE FUEL TANK (optional equipment)



Place the portable fuel tank (optional equipment) 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

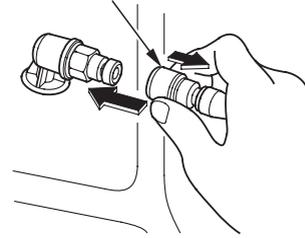
Gasoline is highly flammable and explosive.

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.

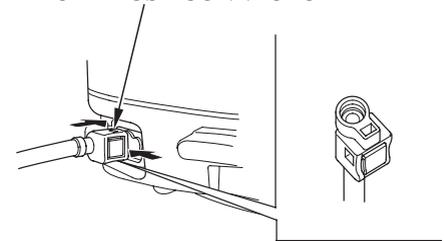
FUEL HOSE CONNECTIONS

FUEL HOSE CONNECTOR



(FUEL TANK SIDE)

FUEL HOSE CONNECTOR

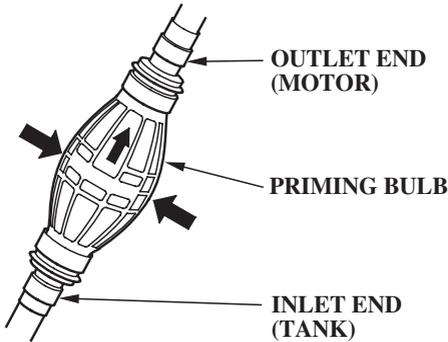


(OUTBOARD MOTOR SIDE)

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

OPERATION

FUEL PRIMING



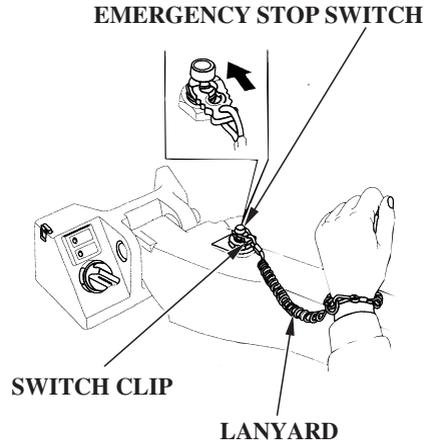
Hold the priming bulb with the outlet end higher than the inlet end. Squeeze the priming bulb several times, until it feels firm, indicating that fuel has reached the carburetor.

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

Do not touch the priming bulb with the engine running or when tilting up the outboard motor. The carburetors could overflow.

STARTING THE ENGINE

LHT Type (tiller handle)

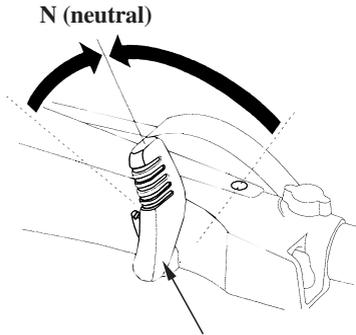


1. Put the emergency stop switch clip in the emergency stop switch, and attach the lanyard to your PFD (Personal Flotation Device) or to your wrist, as shown.

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.

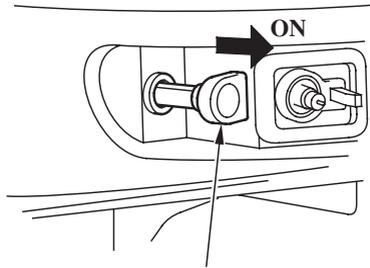
Always attach the lanyard to your PFD, or to your wrist, before starting the engine.



GEARSHIFT LEVER

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

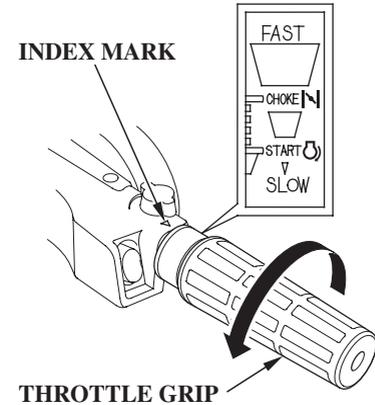
The engine will not start if the gearshift lever is in the F (forward) or R (reverse) position.



CHOKE KNOB

3. To start a cold engine, pull the choke knob to the ON position.

To restart a warm engine, leave the choke knob in the OFF position.

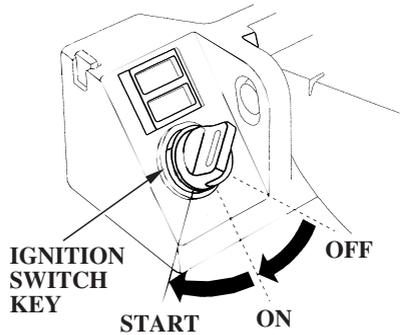


THROTTLE GRIP

4. Turn the throttle grip to align the CHOKE position with the index mark for starting a cold engine.

Align the START position with the index mark for restarting a warm engine.

OPERATION



5. 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.*

6. If the choke knob was pulled to the ON position to start the engine, gradually push it to the OFF 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.

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.

NOTICE

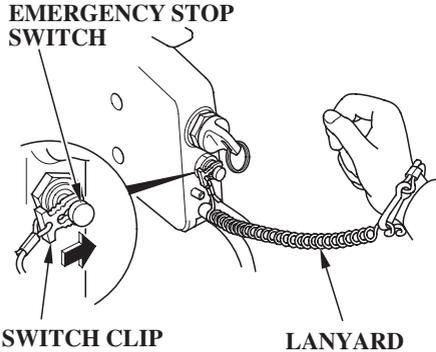
The cooling system may freeze in areas where the temperature reaches 32°F (0°C) or below. Cruising at high speed without warming the engine up may cause engine damage.

During the warm-up period, check the oil pressure indicator (p. 35), overheat indicator (p. 36) and cooling system indicator (p. 37).

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** on p. 109, 110.

**LRT and XRT Types
(remote control)**

Side-Mount Type

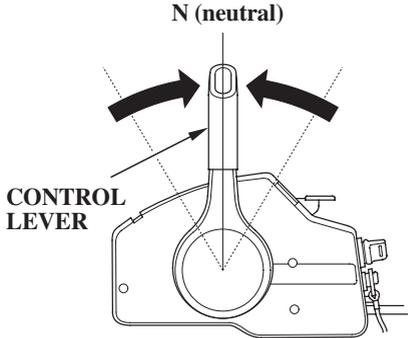


1. Put the emergency stop switch clip in the emergency stop switch, and attach the lanyard to your PFD (Personal Flotation Device) or to your wrist, as shown.

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.

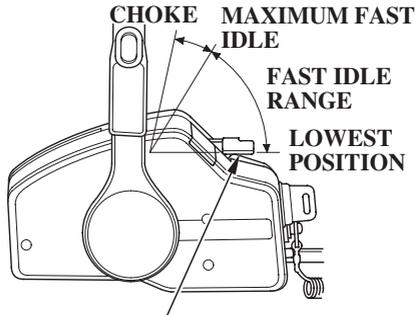
Always attach the lanyard to your PFD, or to your wrist, before starting the engine.



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



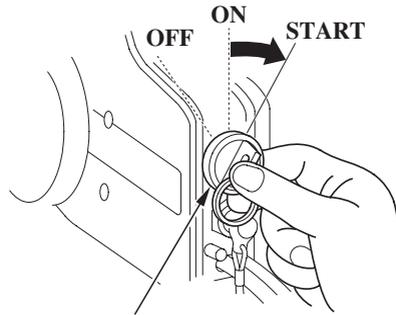
CHOKE/FAST IDLE LEVER

3. To start a cold engine, fully raise the choke and fast idle lever.

To restart a warm engine, leave the choke and fast idle lever in the OFF (fully lowered) position.

The choke and 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 and fast idle lever is lowered.



IGNITION SWITCH KEY

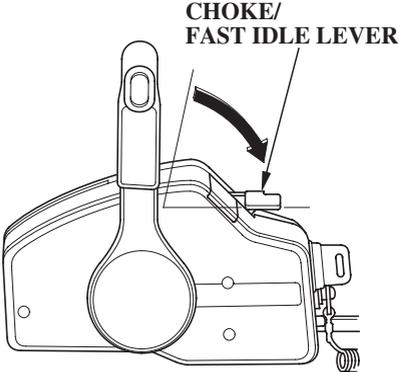
4. Turn the ignition switch key to the START position and hold it there until the engine starts.

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.



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

When the choke and 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.

NOTICE

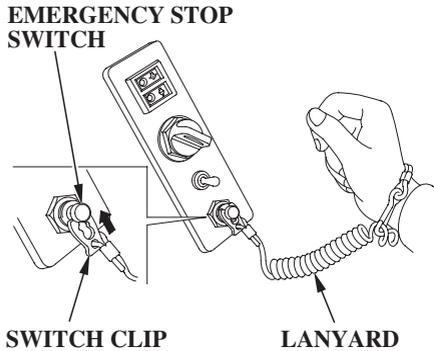
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During the warm-up period, check the oil pressure indicator (p. 35), overheat indicator (p. 36), and cooling system indicator (p. 37).

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* on p. 109, 110.

OPERATION

Panel-Mount Type

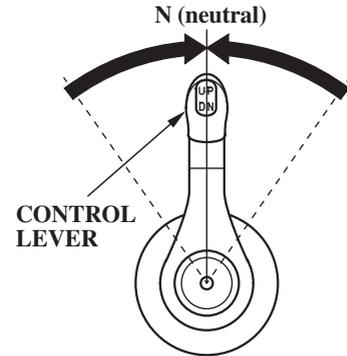


1. Put the emergency stop switch clip in the emergency stop switch, and attach the lanyard to your PFD (Personal Flotation Device) or to your wrist, as shown.

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

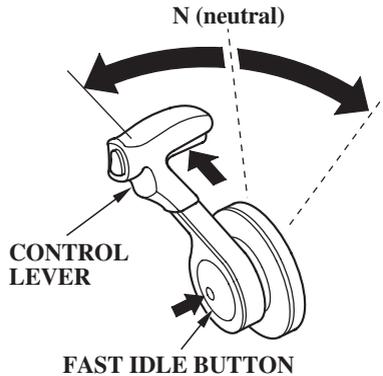
The emergency stop switch clip and lanyard system is a safety device that will stop the engine if you fall away from the controls while operating the boat.

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

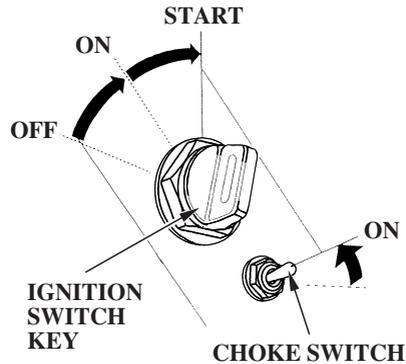


2. Set the control lever in the N (neutral) position.

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



3. Press the fast idle button and move the control lever to open the throttle 30–50%. This ensures easy starting.
4. To start a cold engine, put on the choke switch. This will provide a rich fuel mixture.



5. Holding the choke switch in position (ON), turn the ignition switch key to the START position and hold it there until the engine starts.

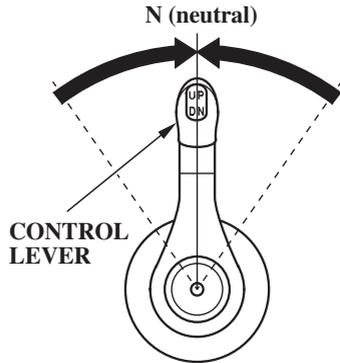
When the engine starts, release the choke switch and the key, allowing the key to return to the ON position.

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.*

OPERATION



6. If the fast idle control was used to start the engine, gradually return the control lever as the engine warms up.

The control lever will not shift gears unless it is returned to the N (neutral) position.

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

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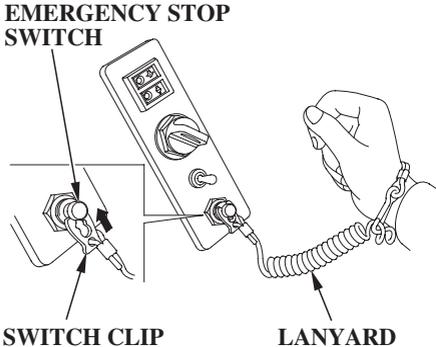
NOTICE

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During the warm-up period, check the oil pressure indicator (p. 35), overheat indicator (p. 36), and cooling system indicator (p. 37).

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Top-Mount Type

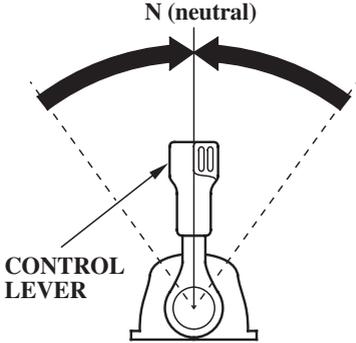


1. Put the emergency stop switch clip in the emergency stop switch, and attach the lanyard to your PFD (Personal Flotation Device) or to your wrist, as shown.

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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.

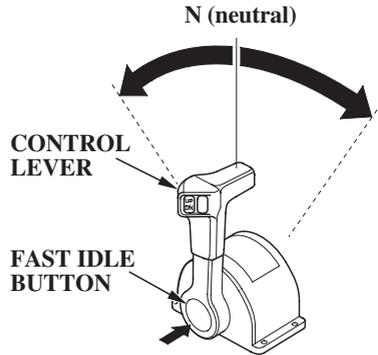
Always attach the lanyard to your PFD, or to your wrist, before starting the engine.



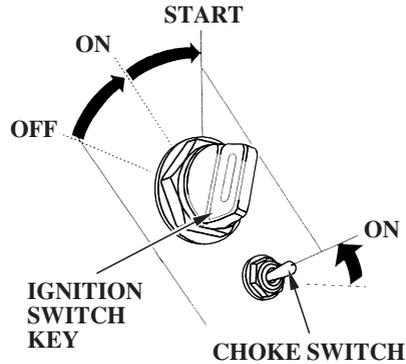
2. Set the control lever in the N (neutral) position.

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

OPERATION



3. Press the fast idle button and move the control lever to open the throttle 30–50%. This ensures easy starting.
4. To start a cold engine, put on the choke switch. This will provide a rich fuel mixture.



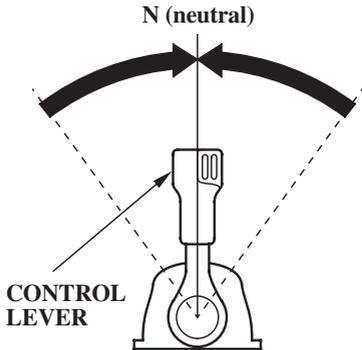
5. Holding the choke switch in position (ON), turn the ignition switch key to the START position and hold it there until the engine starts.

When the engine starts, release the choke switch and the key, allowing the key 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.



6. If the fast idle control was used to start the engine, gradually return the control lever as the engine warms up.

The control lever will not shift gears unless it is returned to the N (neutral) position.

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

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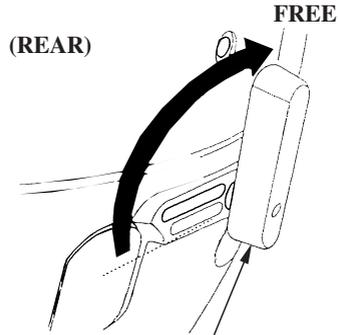
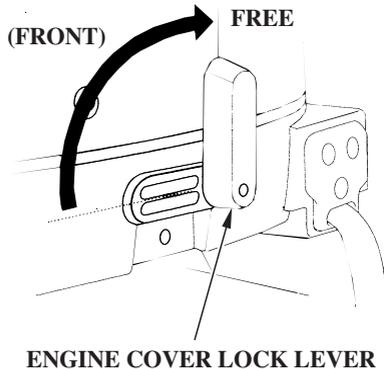
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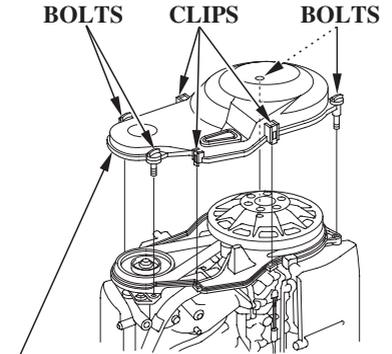
OPERATION

EMERGENCY STARTING

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



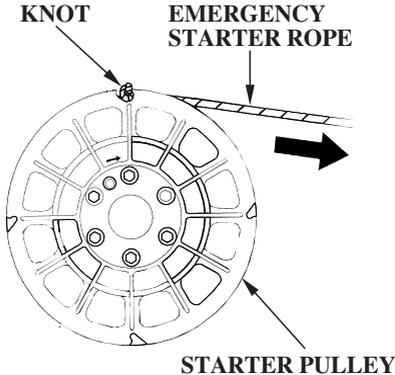
1. Unlock and remove the engine cover cover.



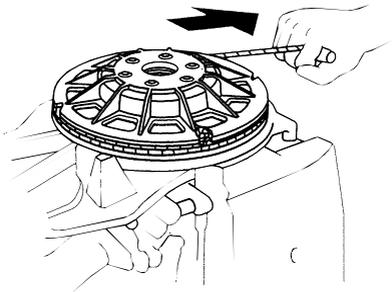
TIMING BELT COVER

2. Remove the timing belt cover by unscrewing the four cover bolts and unlatching the three clips.
3. Set the controls the same as for normal starting (see pages 44 – 55). Use the choke and fast idle controls if the engine is cold.

Turn the ignition switch key to the ON position.



4. Set the knotted end of the emergency starter rope in the notch in the starter pulley. Wind the rope clockwise around the starter pulley, 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.102.

OPERATION

6. If the choke and fast idle control(s) were 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. 35), overheat indicator (p. 36), and cooling system indicator (p. 37).

7. Install the engine cover (p. 74), and lock it in place by latching the engine cover lock levers.

⚠ 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.

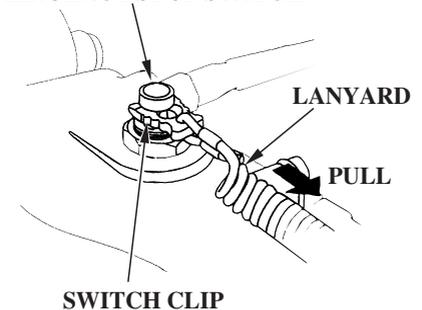
9. Have your closest authorized Honda marine dealer check your electrical system and correct the problem, so you can use the electric starter.

STOPPING THE ENGINE

Emergency Engine Stopping

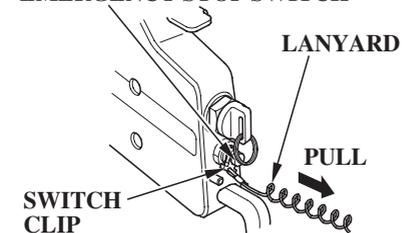
Tiller Handle Type

EMERGENCY STOP SWITCH

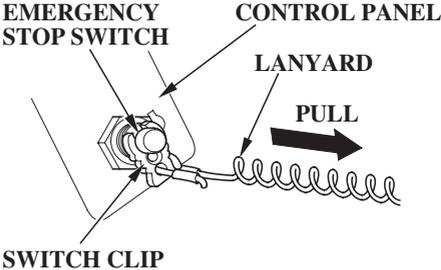


Side-Mount Type

EMERGENCY STOP SWITCH



Panel-Mount/Top-Mount Types

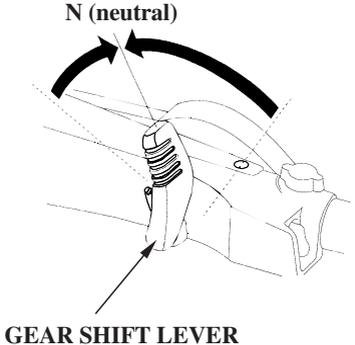
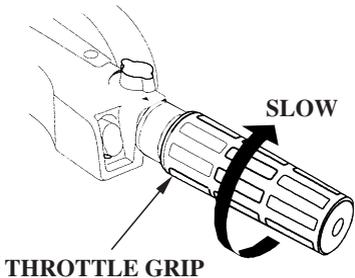


To stop the engine in an emergency, pull the clip out of the engine or emergency stop switch by pulling the lanyard.

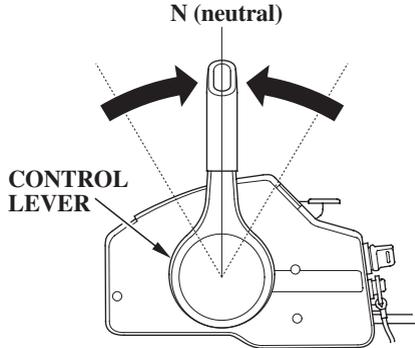
We suggest that you stop the engine this way occasionally to verify that the engine or emergency stop switch is operating properly.

Normal Engine Stopping

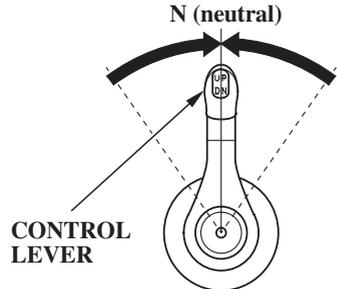
Tiller Handle Type



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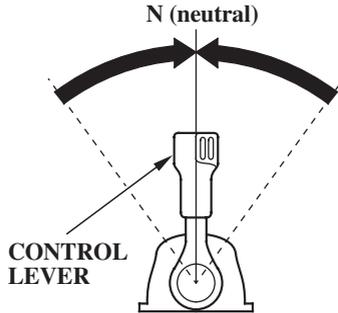


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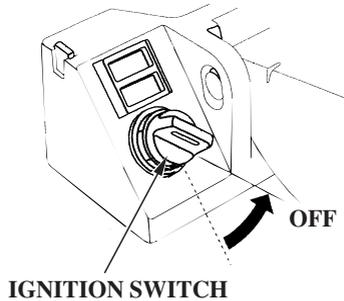
OPERATION

Top-Mount Type

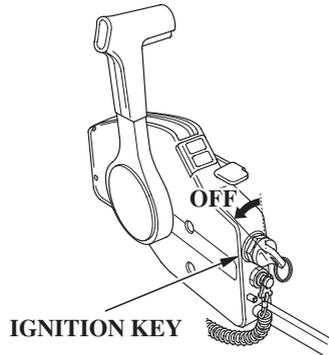


1. Move the throttle grip to the slowest speed and control lever(s) to the N (neutral) position.

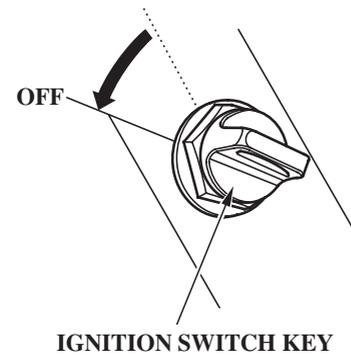
Tiller Handle Type



Side-Mount Type



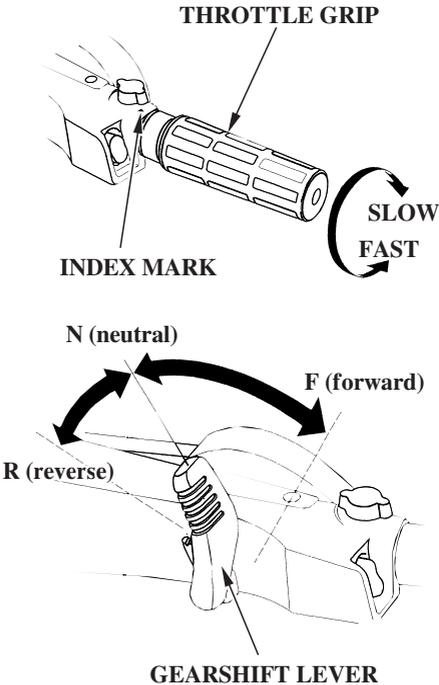
Panel-Mount/Top-Mount Types



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

GEARSHIFTING AND THROTTLE OPERATION

LHT Type (tiller handle)

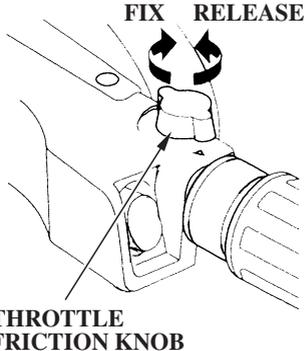


To shift gears, turn the throttle grip to the SLOW position, then move the gearshift lever to select F (forward), N (neutral) or R (reverse) gears.

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

The gearshift mechanism limits throttle grip movement when the gearshift lever is in the R (reverse) or N (neutral) position.

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



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

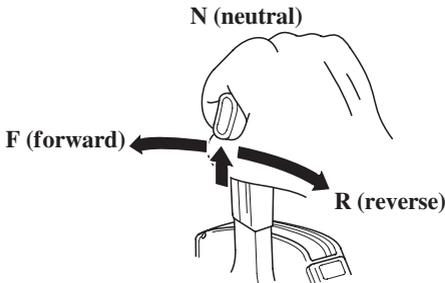
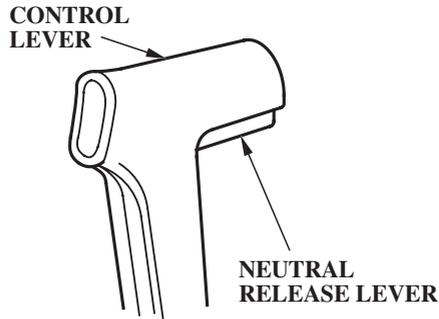
Turn the knob clockwise to increase throttle grip friction for holding a constant speed.

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

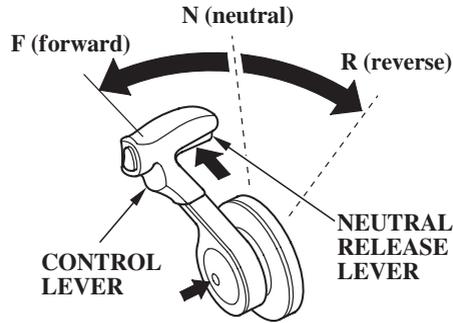
OPERATION

LRT and XRT Types (remote control)

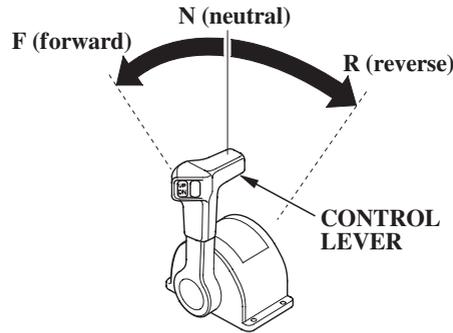
Side-Mount Type



Panel-Mount Type



Top-Mount Type

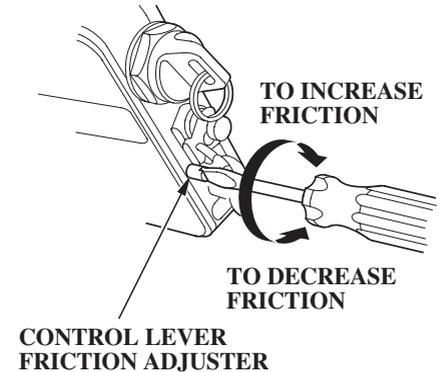


To shift gears, move the control lever to select F (forward), N (neutral) and R (reverse) gears.

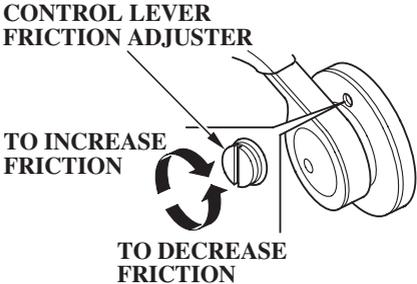
The control lever cannot be moved from the N (neutral) position unless the neutral release lever is squeezed (side-mount/panel-mount types).

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

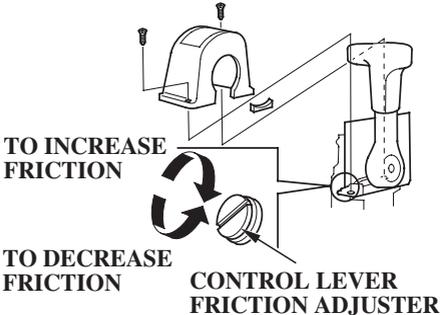
Side-Mount Type



Panel-Mount Type



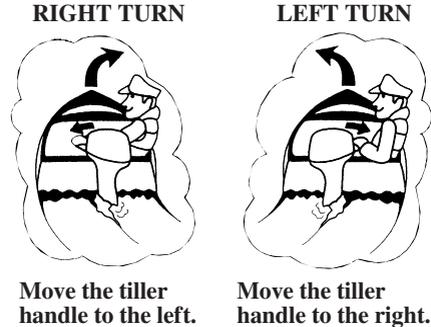
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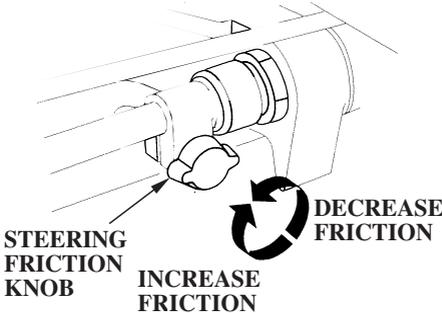
Adjust the control lever friction adjuster so the control lever will hold a constant throttle setting while cruising.

STEERING

LHT Type (tiller handle)



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



Use the steering friction knob 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.

LRT and XRT Types (remote control)

Steer the boat in the same manner as an automobile.

OPERATION

CRUISING

Engine Speed

For best fuel economy, limit the throttle opening to 80%. Use the throttle friction control (p. 61 — 63) 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

Use the power trim/tilt switch to trim the outboard motor for the best performance and stability.

You can use the power trim/tilt switch at any time, whether the boat is under way or stopped.

Press the UP or DN (down) side of the switch to adjust the angle of the outboard motor.

Refer to the trim meter (p. 34) for an indication of whether the motor is trimmed high or low.

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

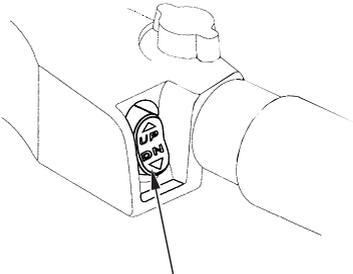
antiventilation plate is level with the water surface.

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

NOTICE

Excessive trim/tilt angle during operation can cause propeller ventilation, overheating, and water pump damage. This type of damage is not covered by the Distributor's Limited Warranty (p. 125).

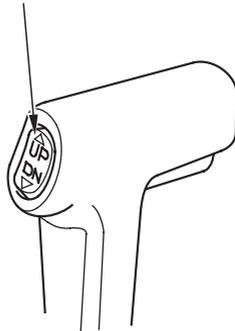
Tiller Handle Type



POWER TRIM/TILT SWITCH

Side-Mount Type

POWER TRIM/TILT SWITCH



Panel-Mount Type

POWER TRIM/TILT SWITCH



Top-Mount Type

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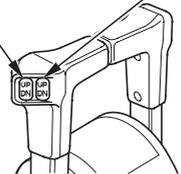
POWER TRIM/TILT SWITCH



(dual type)

POWER TRIM/TILT SWITCH

(LEFT) (RIGHT)



MOTOR TRIMMED TOO LOW

MOTOR TRIMMED TOO HIGH

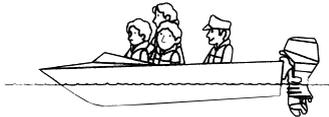


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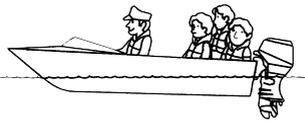
MOTOR TRIMMED CORRECTLY



BOW TOO LOW DUE TO
1. LOAD IN THE FRONT
2. MOTOR TRIMMED TOO LOW

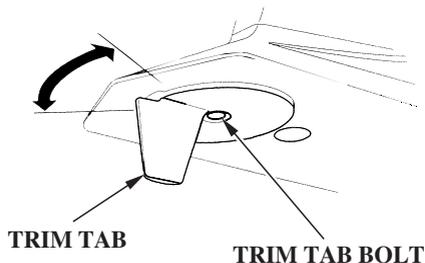


BOW TOO HIGH DUE TO
1. LOAD IN THE REAR
2. MOTOR TRIMMED TOO HIGH



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.



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.

Refer to TRIM TAB ADJUSTMENT, P. 73.

SHALLOW WATER OPERATION

When operating in shallow water, use the power trim/tilt switch (p. 64) to tilt the outboard motor, so the propeller and gear case won't hit the bottom.

Proceed at low speed, and monitor water flow from the cooling system indicator (p. 37) to be sure the outboard motor is not tilted so high that the water intakes are out of the water.

NOTICE

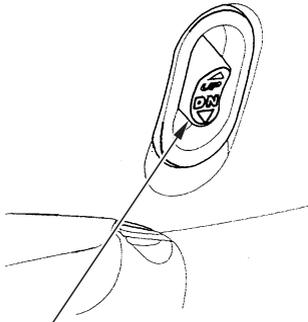
An excessive trim/tilt angle during operation can cause propeller ventilation, overheating, and water pump damage. This type of damage is not covered by the Distributor's Limited Warranty.

MOORING, BEACHING, LAUNCHING

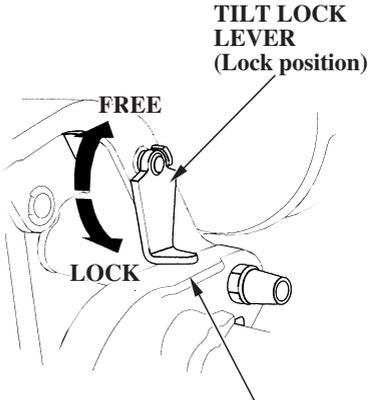
To raise the outboard motor out of the water while the engine is stopped and the boat is moored, or for maximum clearance when beaching or launching, use the power tilt switch on the engine pan to tilt the outboard motor up as far as it will go, move the tilt lock lever to the LOCK position, then gently lower the outboard motor until the lever contacts the stern bracket.

If more clearance is needed to swing the tilt lock lever into the LOCK position, rock the outboard motor back slightly by pulling on the engine cover grip.

To lower the outboard motor, tilt up, move the tilt lock lever to the FREE position, then lower the outboard motor to the desired position.



POWER TILT SWITCH



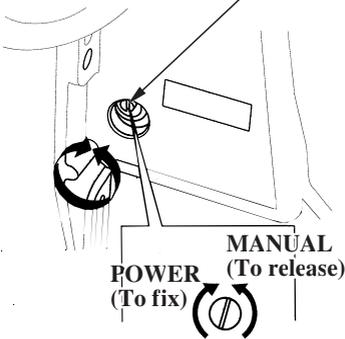
**TILT LOCK LEVER
(Lock position)**

STERN BRACKET

NOTICE

Do not attempt to use the power tilt switch to tilt the outboard motor down while the tilt lock lever is in the lock position. Damage to the power tilt system may occur. This type of damage is not covered by the Distributor's Limited Warranty (p. 125).

MANUAL RELIEF VALVE



The outboard motor can also be tilted manually after opening the manual relief valve. This feature enables the outboard motor to be tilted up or down when no battery is connected.

For manual tilting, use a flat blade screwdriver to turn the valve counterclockwise 1 or 2 turns. Close the valve firmly after positioning the engine.

Be sure the valve is closed before operating the outboard motor. If the valve is not closed, the outboard motor will tilt up when operated in reverse.

SERVICING YOUR OUTBOARD MOTOR

THE IMPORTANCE OF MAINTENANCE

Proper 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.

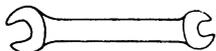
Always follow the procedures and precautions in the owner's manual.

Safety Precautions

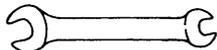
- Make sure the engine is off before you begin any maintenance or repairs. This will eliminate several potential hazards:
 - **Carbon monoxide poisoning from engine exhaust.**
Be sure there is adequate ventilation whenever you operate the engine.
 - **Burns from hot parts.**
Let the engine and exhaust 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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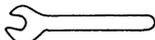
TOOL KIT (optional equipment)



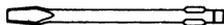
14 × 17 mm WRENCH



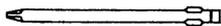
10 × 12 mm WRENCH



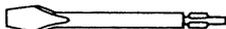
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FLAT SCREWDRIVER



PHILLIPS SCREWDRIVER



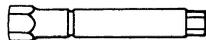
OIL CHECK SCREWDRIVER



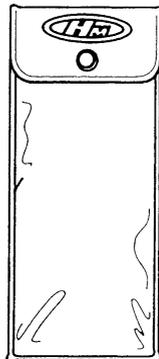
PLIERS



SCREWDRIVER HANDLE

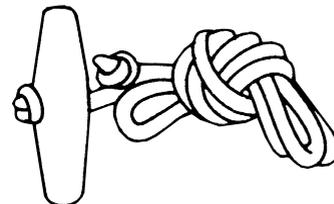


SPARK PLUG WRENCH



TOOL BAG

EMERGENCY STARTER ROPE



EMERGENCY STARTER ROPE

An emergency starter rope is supplied. Keep the emergency starter rope on the boat, so it will always be available if you need it.

Individual items in the tool kit shown above can be purchased from an authorized Honda marine dealer and may be used for simple maintenance procedures and emergency repairs. Keep this tool kit or an equivalent onboard, so they will always be available if you need them.

If your tool kit needs replacement, it is not available as a kit and each item must be ordered individually.

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MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE

Follow the MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE table and service your outboard motor accordingly. Please note, a claim for warranty coverage will not be denied simply because the maintenance schedule for your outboard was not followed. However, any part(s) that fails specifically due to lack of maintenance, or improperly performed maintenance, would not be covered under the *Distributor's Limited Warranty*.

ITEM	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 years or 400 hrs.
Engine oil	Check level	○					
	Change			○	○		
Gear case oil	Change			○ (2)	○ (2)		
Engine oil filter	Replace					○ (2)	
Timing belt	Check-adjust					○ (2)	
Carburetor linkage	Check-adjust			○ (2)	○ (2)		
Idle speed	Check-adjust			○ (2)	○ (2)		
Valve clearance	Check-adjust					○ (2)	
Spark plug	Check-adjust				○		
	Replace					○	
Propeller and Cotter pin	Check	○					
Anode	Check	○					
Lubrication	Grease			○ (1)	○ (1)		

- (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.

SERVICING YOUR OUTBOARD MOTOR

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	Fuel tank and tank filter	Clean					○
Thermostat	Check					○ (2)	
Fuel filter	Check Replace				○		○
Fuel line	Check Replace	○					
Battery and cable connection	Check level-tightness	○					
Bolts and nuts	Check-tightness			○ (2)	○ (2)		
Crankcase breather tube	Check					○ (2)	
Cooling water passages	Clean		○ (4)				
Water pump	Check					○ (2)	

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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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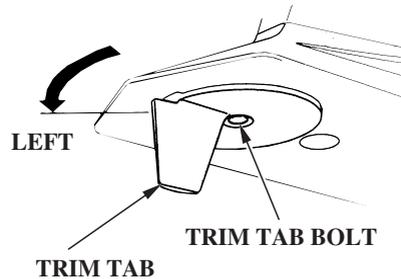
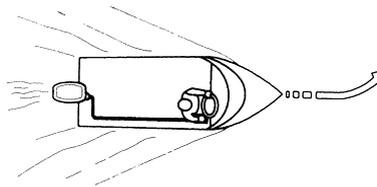
TRIM TAB ADJUSTMENT

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

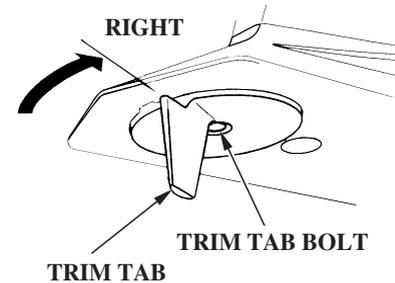
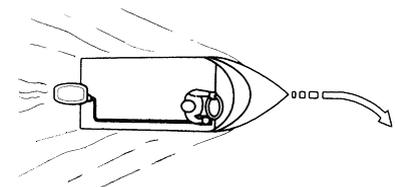
If uncompensated, torque steer would make the outboard motor tend to turn to one side.

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.



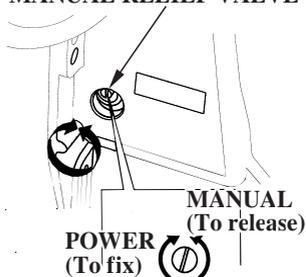
If less effort is required to make right turns, move the back of the trim tab right.

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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MANUAL RELIEF VALVE

MANUAL RELIEF VALVE



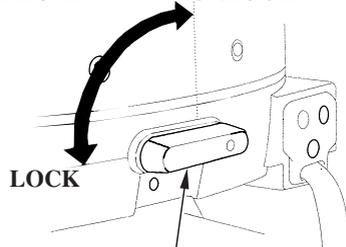
The outboard motor can be tilted manually after opening the manual relief valve. This feature enables the outboard motor to be tilted up or down when no battery is connected.

For manual tilting, use a flat blade screwdriver to turn the valve counterclockwise 1 or 2 turns. Close the valve firmly after positioning the outboard motor.

Be sure the valve is closed before operating the outboard motor. If the valve is not closed, the outboard motor will tilt up when operated in reverse.

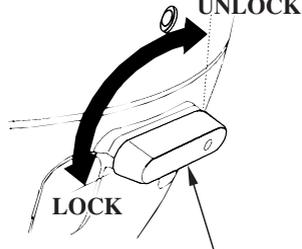
ENGINE COVER REMOVAL AND INSTALLATION

FRONT UNLOCK



ENGINE COVER LOCK LEVER

REAR UNLOCK



ENGINE COVER LOCK LEVER

To remove the engine cover, turn both front and rear levers to the unlocked position, then lift the engine cover off the outboard motor.

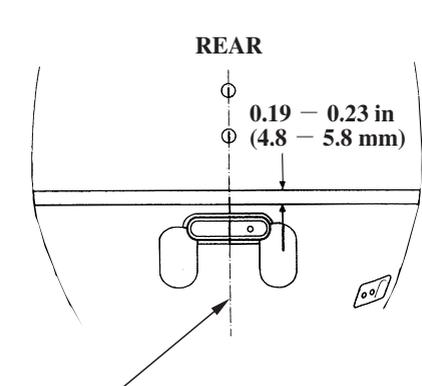
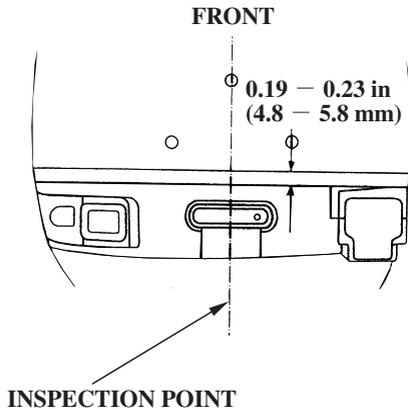
To install the engine cover, place the cover on the outboard motor, then turn both front and rear lock levers to the locked position.

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Lock Lever Adjustment

A loose engine cover may rattle or allow water to enter. Check whether the engine cover fits properly and adjust if necessary.

Engine Cover Clearance Inspection



INSPECTION POINT

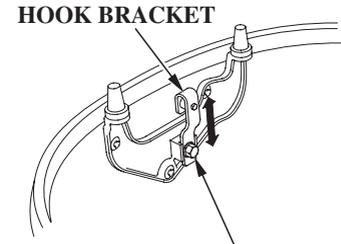
With the engine cover in place and both front and rear lock levers in the locked position, measure the clearance between the engine cover and the engine undercase at the lock levers.

Specified engine cover clearance:
0.19 – 0.23 in (4.8 – 5.8 mm)

If the clearance is outside the specified range, adjust the lock lever brackets.

Lock Lever Bracket Adjustment

1. Remove the engine cover.



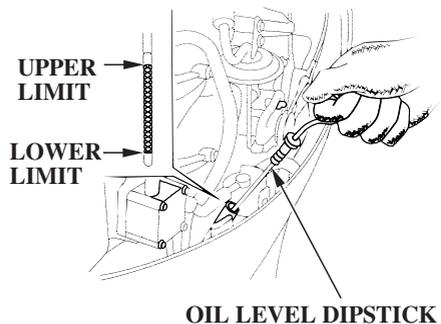
2. Loosen the retaining bolts on the front and/or rear lock lever brackets, and move the hook bracket(s) as necessary to obtain the specified engine cover clearance.
3. After adjustment, tighten the retaining bolts securely, and install the engine cover.
4. Recheck the engine cover clearance, and readjust if necessary.

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Engine Oil Level Check

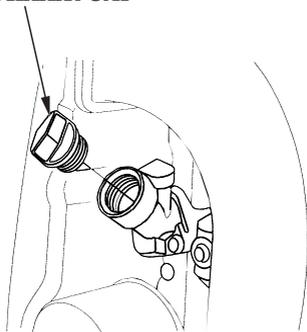
Check the engine oil level with the engine stopped and the outboard motor in the vertical position.

1. Unlock and remove the engine cover (p. 74).
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. 79.

NOTICE

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

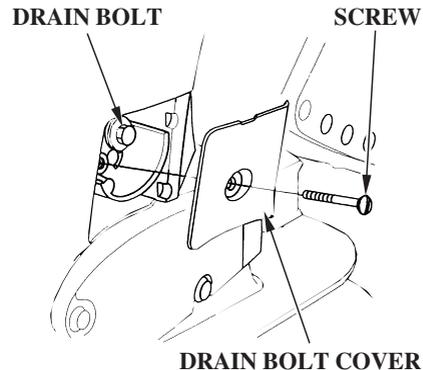
5. Install the oil filler cap and tighten it securely.
6. Install and lock the engine cover.

Engine Oil Change

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

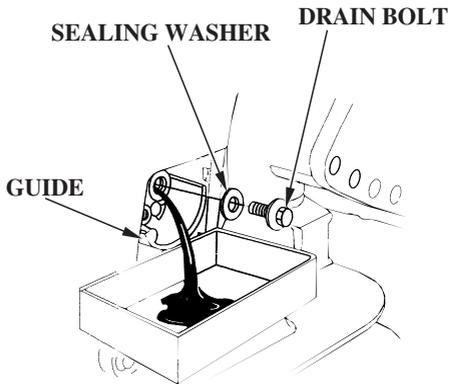
Drain the used oil while the engine is warm. Warm oil drains quickly and completely.

1. Unlock and remove the engine cover (p. 74).



2. Remove the screw from the oil drain bolt cover, and remove the cover.

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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, dump it on the ground or pour it down a drain.

3. Place a suitable container below the oil drain guide to catch the used oil, then remove the oil filler cap, drain bolt and washer.
4. Allow the used oil to drain completely. Use a new sealing washer then reinstall the engine oil drain bolt and washer. Tighten the drain bolt securely.

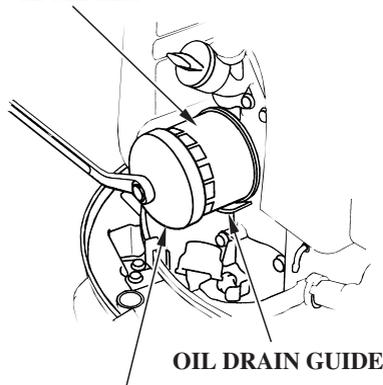
5. Install the oil drain bolt cover and secure it with the screw.
6. With the outboard motor in a vertical position, fill to the upper limit mark on the dipstick (p. 76) with the recommended oil.
Engine oil refill capacity:
Without oil filter change:
4.2 US qt (4.0 l)
With oil filter change:
4.8 US qt (4.5 l)
7. Install the oil filler cap and tighten it securely.
8. Install and lock the engine cover.

Oil Filter Change

1. Drain the engine oil, and reinstall the drain bolt, washer and oil drain bolt cover (see Engine Oil Change on p. 76).
2. Tilt the outboard motor, and place a suitable container below the oil drain guide to catch the used oil.
3. Use a suitable tool to remove the oil filter, and thoroughly drain the filter into the used oil container.

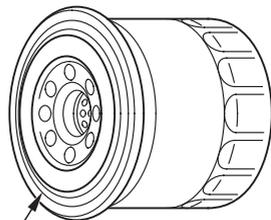
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OIL FILTER



OIL DRAIN GUIDE

USE A SUITABLE TOOL



RUBBER SEAL

4. Clean the oil filter mounting base, and coat the rubber seal of the new oil filter with clean engine oil.

NOTICE

Use only a genuine Honda oil filter or a filter of equivalent quality specified for your model. Using the wrong filter, or a non-Honda filter which is not of equivalent quality, may cause engine damage.

5. Screw on the new filter by hand until it contacts the engine, then use a suitable tool to tighten the filter an additional $7/8$ turn.

OIL FILTER TIGHTENING TORQUE:

16 lbf·ft (22 N·m , 2.2 kgf·m)

6. Return the outboard motor to the vertical position, and fill the crankcase with the specified amount (p. 77) of the recommended oil.

7. Start the engine and check for leaks.

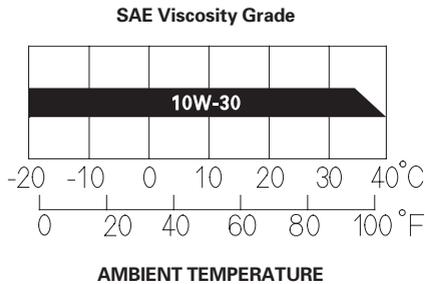
NOTICE

Running the engine without water can cause serious engine damage. If you are changing the oil filter while the outboard motor is out of the water, use commercially available Ear-muffs and a hose to supply water.

8. Stop the engine, and check the oil level as described on page 76. If necessary, add oil to bring the oil level to the upper limit mark on the dipstick.

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.

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 later oil with the “starburst” certification mark displayed on the container.

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Lubrication Points

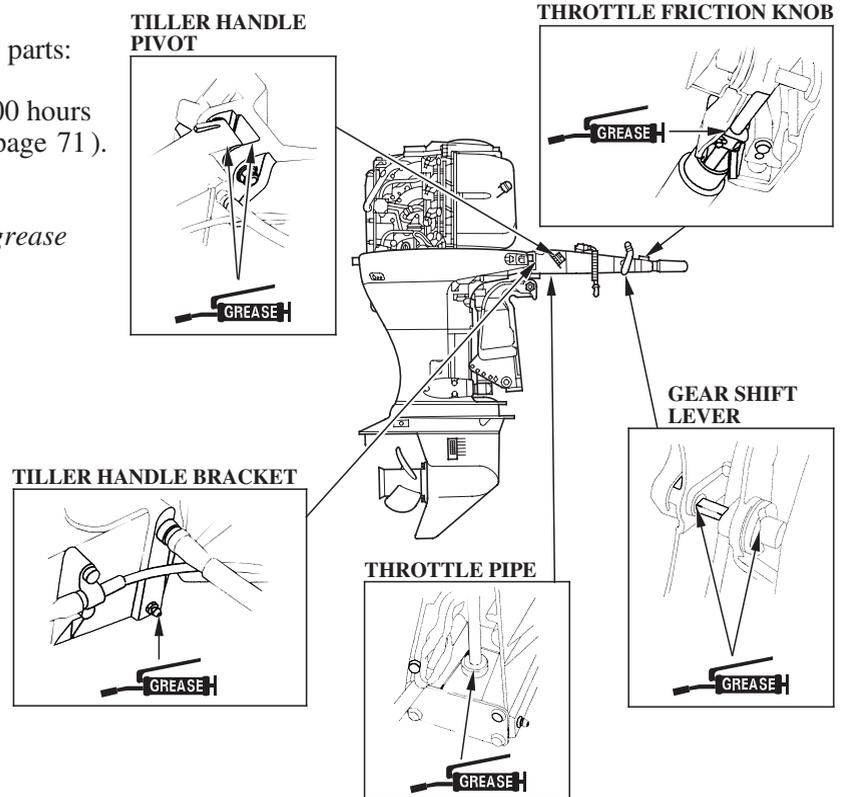
Apply marine waterproof grease to the following parts:

Lubrication interval:

After the first 20 hours or 1 month, then every 100 hours or 6 months (Refer to the maintenance schedule page 71).

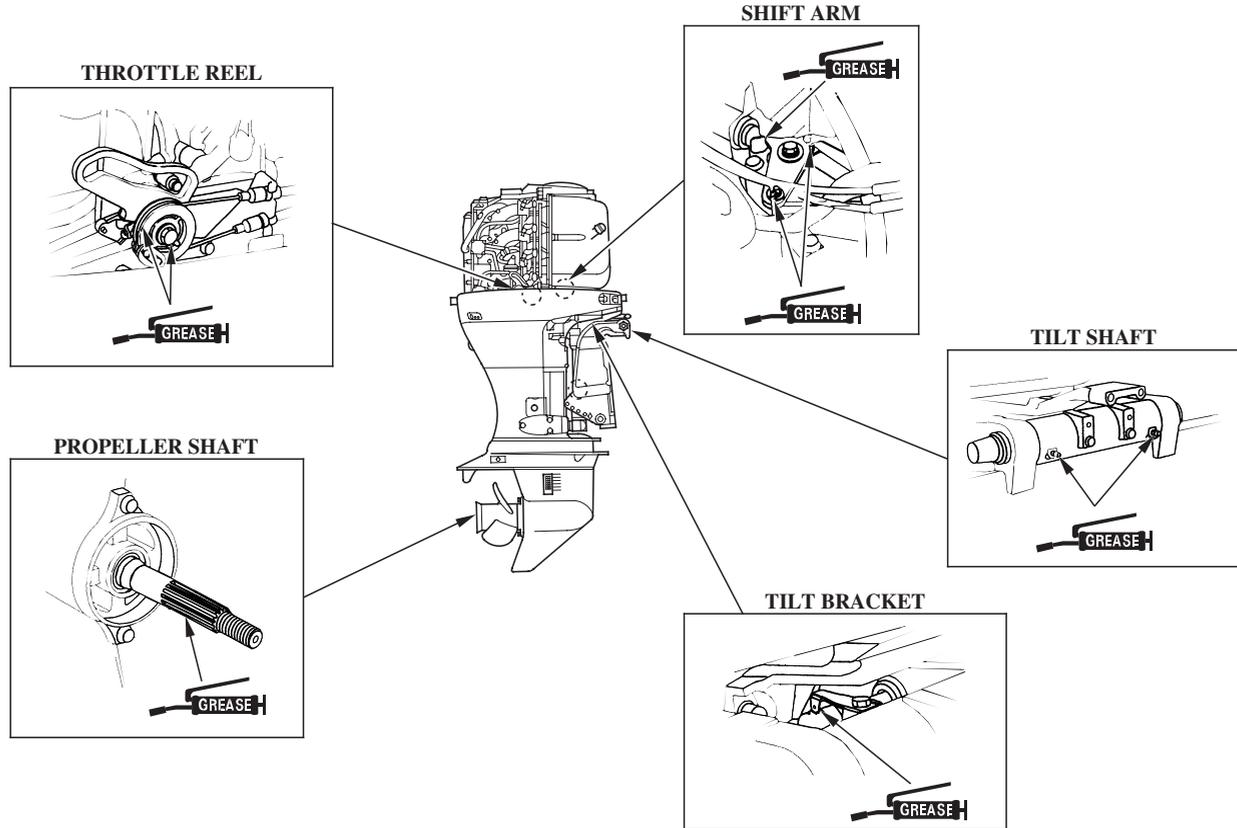
NOTICE

Apply anticorrosion oil to pivot surfaces where grease cannot penetrate.

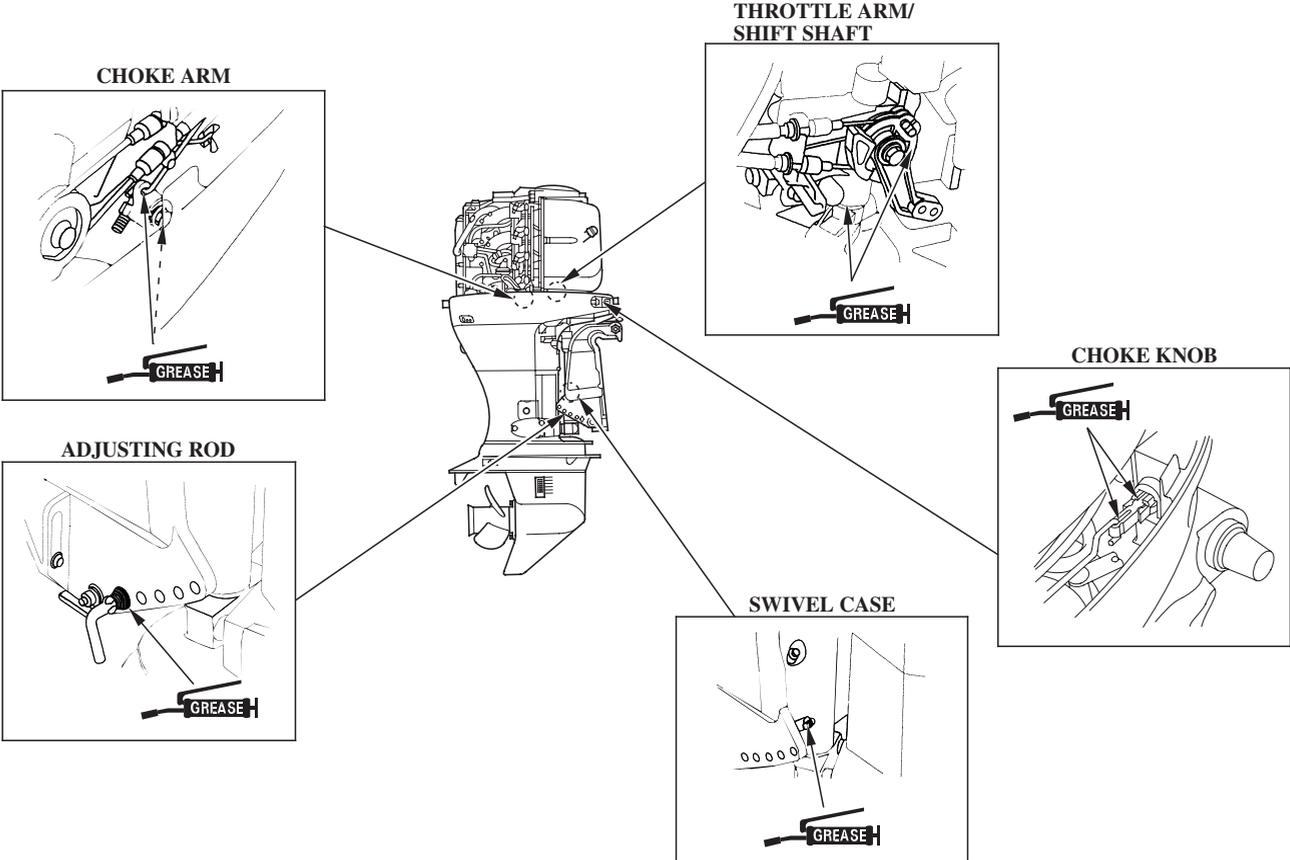


Apply Honda Marine Corrosion Inhibitor (or equivalent) to all areas under the engine cover and any exposed metal surfaces except the belts.

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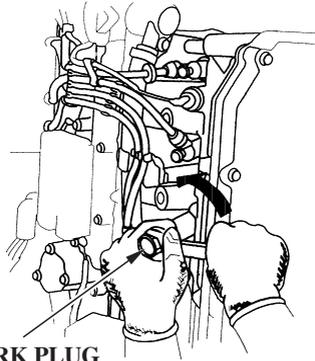
Spark Plug Service

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

NOTICE

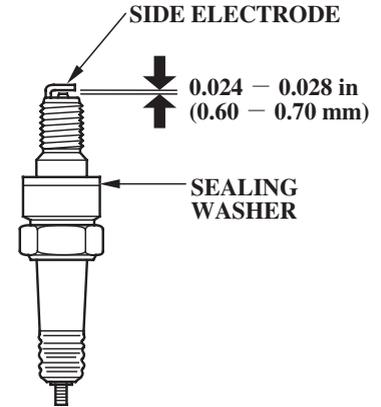
Incorrect spark plugs can cause engine damage.

1. Unlock and remove the engine cover (p. 74).
2. Disconnect the spark plug caps from the spark plugs.
3. Remove the spark plugs with a spark plug wrench.



**SPARK PLUG
WRENCH**

4. Inspect the spark plugs. Replace them if the electrodes are worn, or if the insulators are cracked or chipped.



5. Measure the spark plug electrode gap with a wire-type feeler gauge. Correct the gap, if necessary, by carefully bending the side electrode.

The gap should be:
0.024 - 0.028 in
(0.60 - 0.70 mm)

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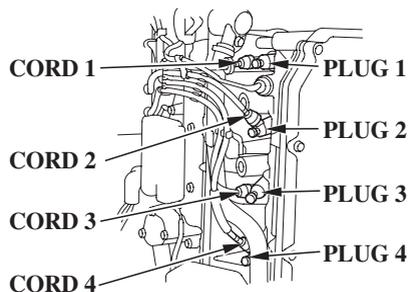
6. Install the spark plugs carefully, by hand, to avoid cross-threading.
7. After each spark plug seats, tighten with a spark plug wrench supplied in the tool kit to compress the sealing washer.

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. Each cord is marked with a number near the spark plug cap. Match the cord numbers with the cylinder numbers, as shown.
9. Install and lock the engine cover.

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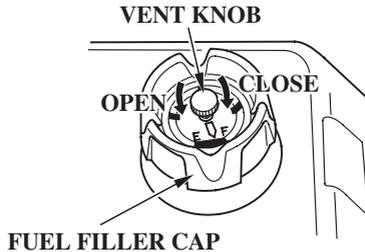
REFUELING

Portable Fuel Tank (optional equipment)

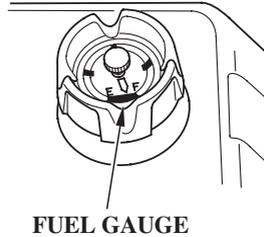
FUEL TANK CAPACITY:
6.6 US gal (25 ℓ)

Check the fuel gauge and refill the tank when necessary.

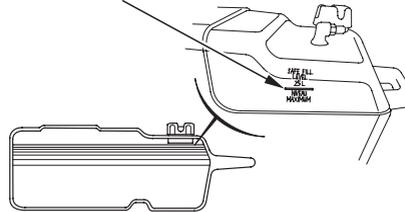
Remove the fuel tank from the boat for refueling.



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



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.

If your outboard will be used on an infrequent or intermittent basis, please refer to the fuel section of the STORAGE chapter (p. 95) for additional information regarding fuel deterioration.

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* (p. 125) does not cover parts damaged by misuse.

For information regarding oxygenated fuels, please refer to page 115.

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Fuel Filter Inspection and Replacement

The fuel 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.

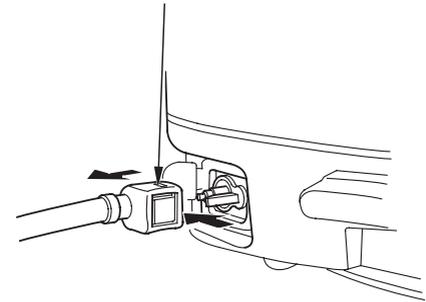
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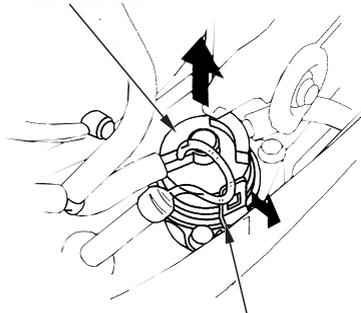
CONNECTOR FUEL HOSE



1. Remove the engine cover and disconnect the fuel hose connector from the outboard motor.

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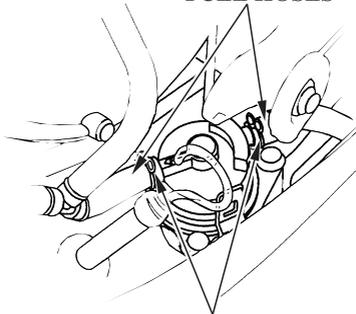
FUEL FILTER



SPRING RETAINER

2. Pull the spring retainer toward you, and raise the fuel filter.
3. Check the fuel filter for water accumulation or sediment. If no water or sediment is found, reinstall the fuel filter properly.

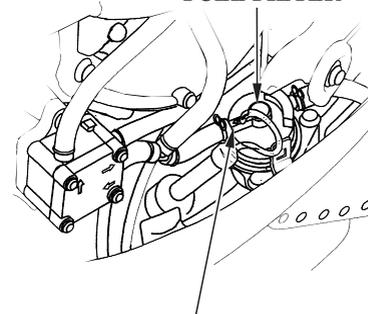
FUEL HOSES



FUEL HOSE CLAMPS

4. Remove the fuel filter.
Before removing the fuel filter, to prevent fuel leakage, place commercially available fuel hose clips on the fuel hoses at the each side of the fuel filter.

FUEL FILTER



ARROW (fuel flow direction)

5. Install the new fuel filter so the arrow on the fuel filter points toward the fuel pump.

Fuel flow will be reduced if the fuel filter is installed backward.
6. Connect the fuel hoses to the fuel filter securely with the hose clamps. Remove the fuel hose clips used to close the fuel hoses.

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7. Securely connect the fuel hose connector to the outboard motor (refer to page 43).
8. Prime the engine using the priming bulb (refer to page 44). Check for fuel leaks.
Repair any fuel leaks if necessary.

If loss of power or hard starting is found to be caused by excessive water or sediment accumulation in the fuel filter, inspect the fuel tank.

Clean the fuel tank and tank filter if necessary. It may be necessary to drain the fuel tank completely and refill with fresh gasoline.

Portable Fuel Tank and Filter Cleaning (optional equipment)

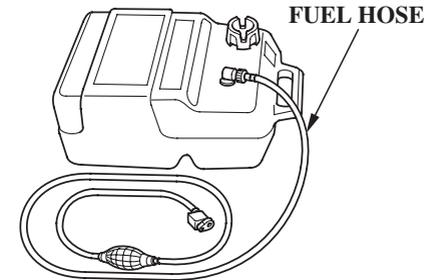
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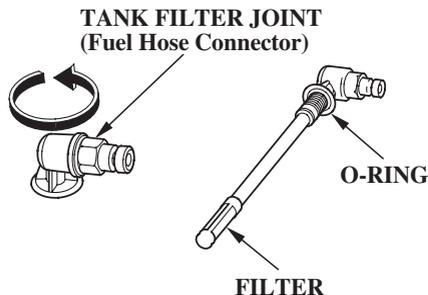
Fuel Tank



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.

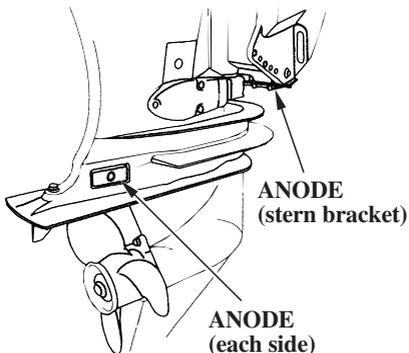
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Fuel Tank Filter



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.

Anode Replacement



The anodes are located on each side of the gear case and on the stern bracket. They are made of a sacrificial material that helps to protect the outboard motor from corrosion.

Replace the anodes when they have been reduced to about half their original size, or if they are crumbling.

NOTICE

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

Operating the outboard motor at higher altitudes will reduce available power. This may require decreasing the propeller pitch to maintain correct engine RPM.

Removal

1. Remove the cotter pin, unscrew the castle nut, remove the washer, then remove the propeller and thrust washer.
2. Inspect the propeller shaft for any fishing line or debris.

Installation

1. Apply marine grade grease to the propeller shaft.
2. Install the thrust washer with the grooved side toward the gear case.
3. Install the propeller and the plain washer.
4. Lightly tighten the castle nut by hand or wrench until the propeller has no free play.
5. Tighten the castle nut by torque wrench.
CASTLE NUT TIGHTENING TORQUE:
0.7 lbf·ft (1 N·m, 0.1 kgf·m)
6. Then, using a torque wrench, tighten the castle nut until the first available groove in the castle nut aligns with the cotter pin hole. Do not tighten past the first alignment of the castle nut groove and the cotter pin hole.

NOTICE

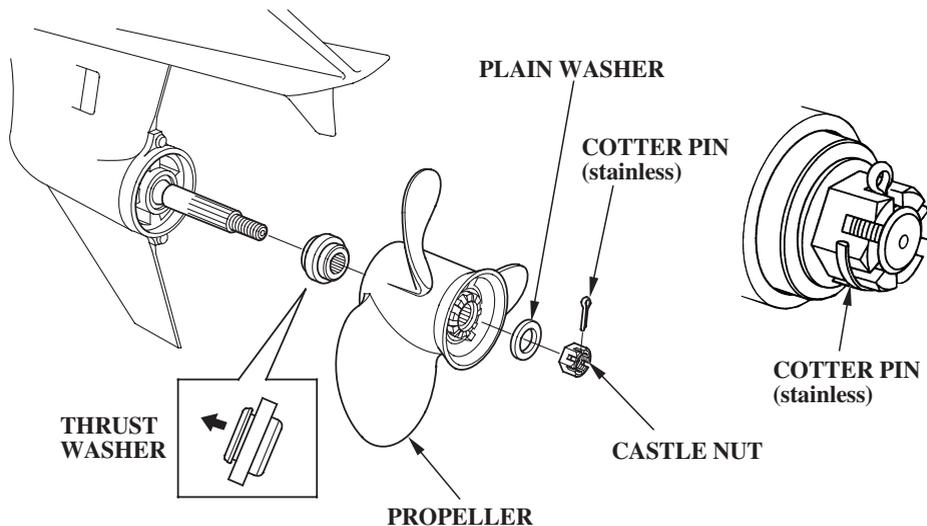
TIGHTENING TORQUE LIMIT:
33 lbf·ft (44 N·m, 4.5 kgf·m)
Do not tighten the castle nut above the TIGHTENING TORQUE LIMIT or the propeller and shaft may be damaged.

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7. Be sure to replace the cotter pin with a new one with a new one.

- Use a genuine Honda stainless steel cotter pin or equivalent cotter pin and bend the pin ends as shown.

Note that these wrenches are not included with the tool set that comes with the outboard motor. Contact your authorized Honda marine dealer for additional tool information.



STORAGE PREPARATION

Proper storage preparation is essential for keeping your outboard motor trouble-free 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

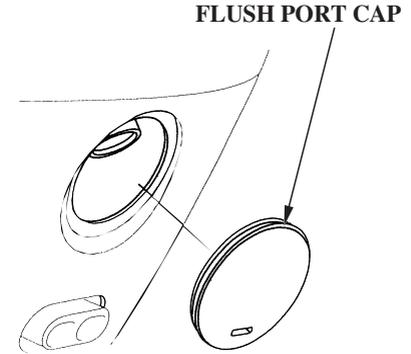
Wash the outside of the outboard motor with clean, fresh water, and flush the cooling system as follows.

Flushing With the Honda Garden Hose Adapter (optional equipment)

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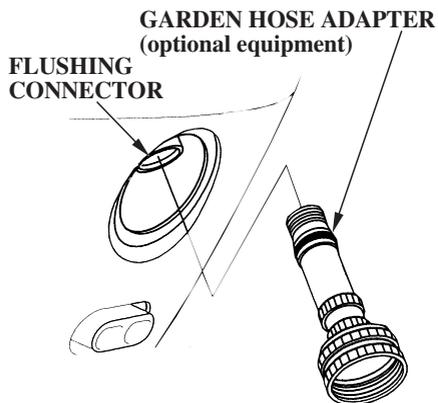
Do not run the motor when flushing the motor with a garden hose or the motor may be damaged.

For safety, remove the emergency stop switch clip so the engine cannot be started while you are standing near the propeller.

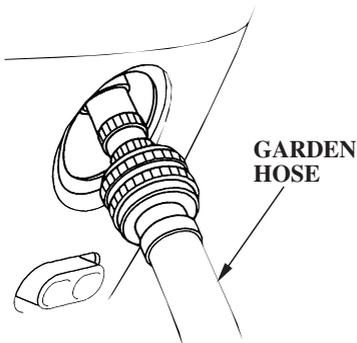


1. Remove the flush port cap.

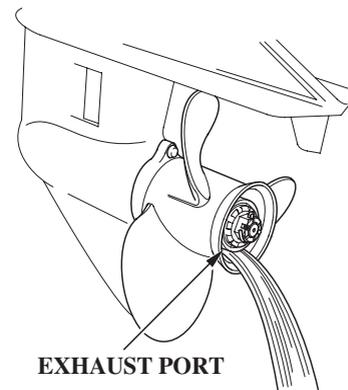
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2. Screw the garden hose adapter into the flushing connector.



3. Attach a garden hose from a fresh water faucet to the garden hose adapter.



4. Turn on the fresh water supply and flush the outboard motor for at least 10 minutes.
5. After flushing, remove the garden hose adapter, and install the flush port cap.

Fuel

NOTICE

Depending on the region where you operate your outboard, fuel formulations may deteriorate and oxidize rapidly. Fuel deterioration and oxidation can occur in as little as 15 days and may cause damage to the carburetors and fuel system. Please check with your servicing dealer for local storage recommendations.

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 in less than 30 days, if the gasoline was not fresh when you filled the fuel tank.

Adding a Fuel Stabilizer

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

1. Drain the carburetors before adding fuel stabilizer.
2. Add fuel stabilizer following the manufacturer's instructions.
3. After adding a fuel stabilizer, run the engine in water for 10 minutes to be sure that the treated gasoline has replaced the untreated gasoline in the carburetors.
4. Turn the engine OFF.

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

Draining the Fuel System

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

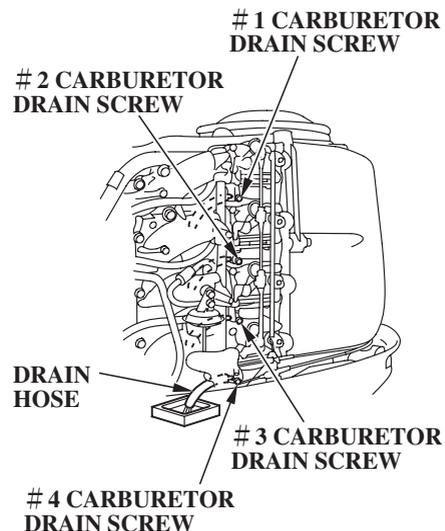
1. Disconnect the fuel hose from the outboard motor.
2. With the outboard motor in a vertical position, place an approved gasoline container below the fuel drain outlet, and use a funnel to avoid spilling fuel.

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3. Loosen the drain screw on # 4 carburetor, allow the carburetor to drain completely, then tighten the drain screw securely.
4. Remove the drain tube from # 4 carburetor, install it on # 3 carburetor, and drain that carburetor in the same manner.

5. Repeat this procedure to drain # 2 and # 1 carburetors.
6. After all four carburetors are drained, reinstall the drain tube on # 4 carburetor.
7. Drain the fuel tank into an approved gasoline container, or if you need to store fuel in the fuel tank, you can extend fuel storage life by filling the fuel tank with fresh gasoline and adding a fuel stabilizer that is formulated for that purpose.

If using the portable fuel tank (optional equipment), firmly close the fuel tank vent knob.

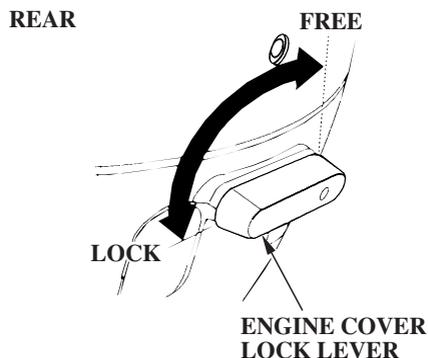
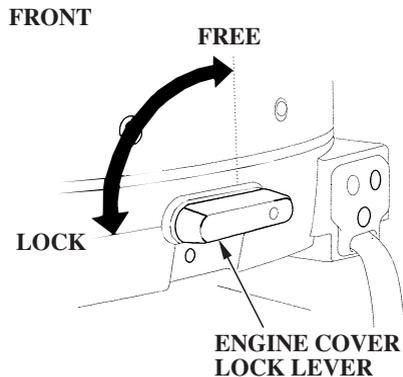
Engine Oil

1. Change the engine oil and the oil filter (p. 76 , 77).
2. Remove the spark plugs (p. 83), and remove the clip from the emergency stop switch.
3. Pour a tablespoon (5 – 10 cm³) of clean engine oil into each cylinder.
4. Using the emergency starter rope (p. 57), rotate the flywheel a few revolutions to distribute the oil in the cylinders.
5. Reinstall the spark plugs (p. 84).

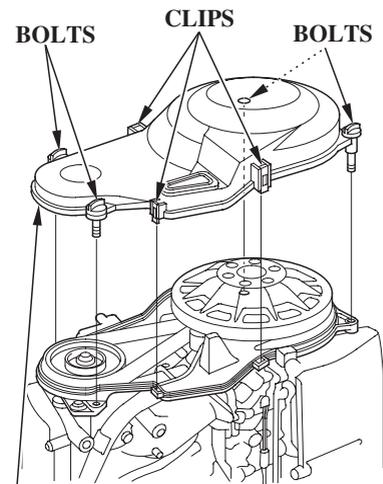
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HOISTING THE OUTBOARD MOTOR

If the outboard motor is to be removed from the boat for storage, the lifting eye (contact your authorized Honda Marine dealer to purchase) must be installed in the flywheel to attach a hoist hook.



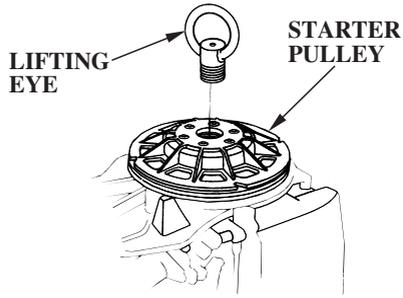
1. Unlock and remove the engine cover.



TIMING BELT COVER

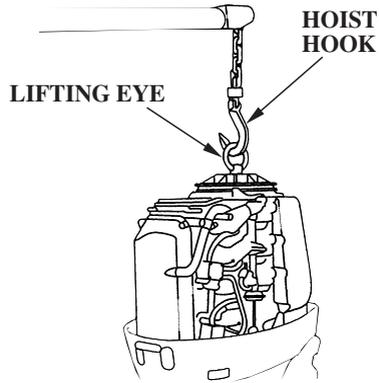
2. Remove the timing belt cover by unscrewing the four cover bolts and unlatching the three clips.

3. Install the lifting eye in the center of the starter pulley, and tighten it securely.



NOTICE

The outboard motor could fall from the hoist if the lifting eye is not securely installed. Be sure the lifting eye is securely installed before hoisting the outboard motor.



4. Attach the hoist hook to the lifting eye.

5. Disconnect the outboard motor from the boat, hoist the outboard motor, and move it to the storage area.
6. After the outboard motor is placed in storage and disconnected from the hoist, remove the lifting eye, and install the timing belt cover and engine cover.

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STORAGE PRECAUTIONS

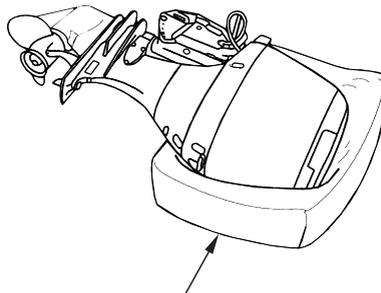
Select a well-ventilated storage area. If possible, avoid storage areas with high humidity.

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 spark producing electric motor, or where power tools are operated.



OUTBOARD MOTOR STAND

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



PROTECTOR

If it is necessary to store the outboard motor horizontally, drain the carburetor (p. 96), and drain the engine oil (p. 76), 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.

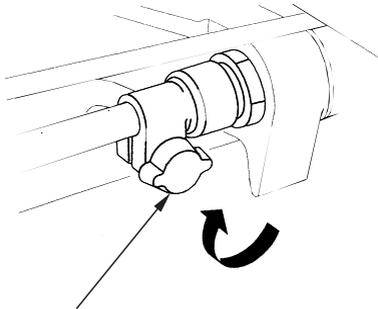
If the cylinders were coated with oil during storage preparation, the engine may smoke briefly at startup. This is normal.

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.

LHT Type (tiller handle)



STEERING FRICTION KNOB

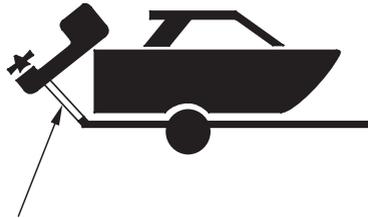
Tighten the steering friction knob to prevent the outboard motor from moving while trailering the boat.

LRT and XRT Types (remote control)

Use a motor support bar to prevent the outboard motor from moving while trailering the boat. Refer to the manufacturer's instructions for using a motor support bar.

All Types

If there is insufficient road clearance in the normal running position, then tilt the outboard motor and use a motor support bar. 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.100.

The lifting eye (contact your authorized Honda marine dealer to purchase) must be installed to attach a hoist hook for moving the outboard motor on and off the transport vehicle. Refer to p. 98 for hoisting instructions.

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 fuses.	Fuse(s) burnt out.	Replace fuse(s) (p. 108).
3. Use emergency starting procedure (p. 56), 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. 45, 47, 50 and 53).
	Choke OPEN (tiller handle type).	Pull choke knob to ON position, unless engine is warm (p. 45).
	Throttle grip not in START position (tiller handle type).	Turn throttle grip to START position (p. 45).
	Choke and fast idle lever not raised (side-mount type).	Raise choke and fast idle lever, unless engine is warm (p. 48).
	Choke switch OFF (panel-mount and top-mount types).	Hold choke switch in the ON position, unless engine is warm (p. 51 and 54).
	Control lever not open at least 30 – 50% (panel-mount and top-mount types).	Move control lever to fast idle position, unless engine is warm (p. 51 and 54).

TAKING CARE OF UNEXPECTED PROBLEMS

ENGINE WILL NOT START (continued)	Possible Cause	Correction
3. Check fuel.	Out of fuel.	Refuel (p. 85).
	Fuel vent closed (portable fuel tank optional equipment).	Open fuel tank vent (p. 43).
	Fuel hose not primed.	Squeeze priming bulb (p. 44).
	Fuel filter or fuel tank filter clogged.	Replace fuel filter (p. 87). Clean fuel tank filter (p. 90).
	Bad fuel; boat stored without treating or draining gasoline, or refueled with bad gasoline.	Drain fuel tank and carburetors (p. 96). Refill with fresh gasoline (p. 85).
4. Remove and inspect spark plugs.	Spark plugs faulty, fouled or improperly gapped.	Gap or replace spark plugs (p. 83).
	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 knob OFF (tiller handle type).	Pull choke knob to ON position, unless engine is warm (p. 45).
	Throttle grip not in START position (tiller handle type).	Turn throttle grip to START (p. 45).
	Choke and fast idle lever not raised (side-mount type).	Raise choke and fast idle lever, unless engine is warm (p. 48).
	Choke switch OFF (panel-mount and top-mount types).	Hold choke switch in the ON position, unless engine is warm (p. 51 and 54).
	Control lever not in fast idle position (panel-mount and top-mount types).	Move control lever to fast idle position, unless engine is warm (p. 51 and 54).

TAKING CARE OF UNEXPECTED PROBLEMS

HARD STARTING OR STALLS AFTER STARTING (continued)	Possible Cause	Correction
2. Check fuel.	Fuel vent closed (portable fuel tank).	Open fuel tank vent (p. 43).
	Fuel hose not primed.	Squeeze priming bulb (p. 44).
	Fuel filter or fuel tank filter clogged.	Replace fuel filter (p. 87). Clean fuel tank filter (p. 90).
	Bad fuel; boat stored without treating or draining gasoline, or refueled with bad fuel.	Drain fuel tank and carburetors (p. 96). Refill with fresh gasoline (p. 85).
3. Remove and inspect spark plugs.	Spark plugs faulty, fouled or improperly gapped.	Gap or replace spark plugs (p. 83).
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.

TAKING CARE OF UNEXPECTED PROBLEMS

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 30-ampere main fuse. If the main fuse burns out, the engine will not charge the battery, and the electric starter will not operate. The engine can be started using the emergency starter rope.

The ignition switch is protected by the 15-ampere sub fuse. If the sub fuse burns out, the engine will not start or run, and the power trim/tilt switch will not operate.

Fuse Replacement

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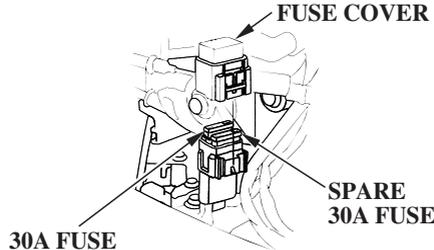
Disconnect the battery cable at the battery negative (-) terminal before replacing the fuse. Failure to do so may cause a short circuit.

1. With the engine stopped, remove the engine cover.
2. Disconnect the battery.
3. Remove the fuse covers.
4. Remove and inspect the fuses. If a fuse is burnt out, install a replacement fuse of the specified rating. The outboard motor is supplied with spare fuses in the fuse holders.
MAIN FUSE RATING: 30 A
SUB FUSE RATING: 15 A

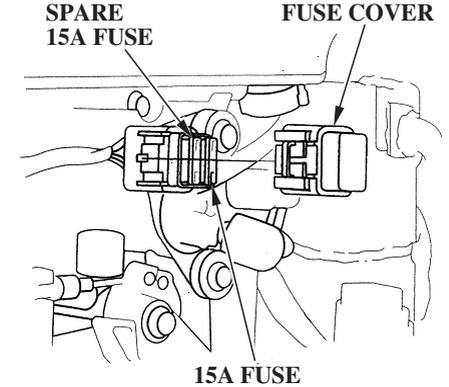
NOTICE

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

MAIN FUSE



SUB FUSE



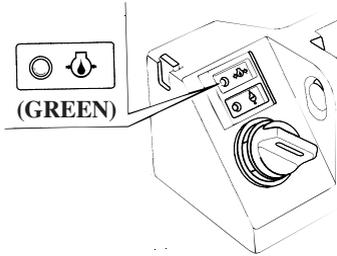
5. Reinstall the fuse covers and the engine cover.
6. Reconnect the battery.

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

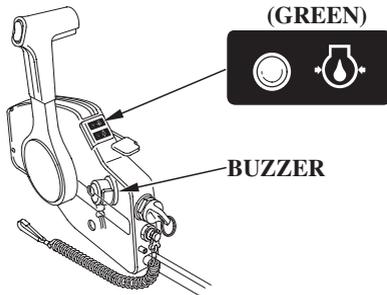
OIL PRESSURE INDICATOR GOES OFF AND ENGINE SPEED IS LIMITED

LHT Type (tiller handle)

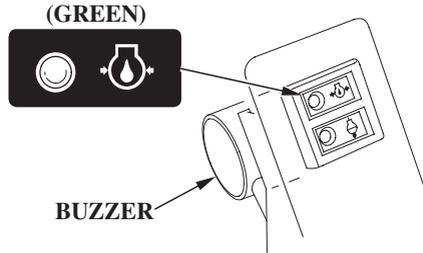


LRT and XRT Types (remote control)

Side-Mount Type



Panel-Mount/Top-Mount Types



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

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

The buzzer sound stops below an engine speed of 1,400 rpm.

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. 76), and add oil if needed.

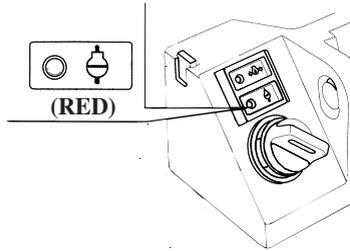
With the engine oil at the recommended level, restart the engine. If the lubrication system is OK, the green indicator should come on within 30 seconds, and the engine will respond normally to throttle grip or control lever operation.

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

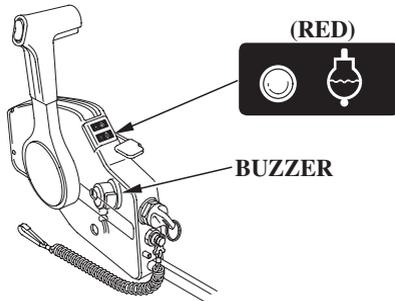
OVERHEAT INDICATOR COMES ON AND ENGINE SPEED IS LIMITED

LHT Type (tiller handle)

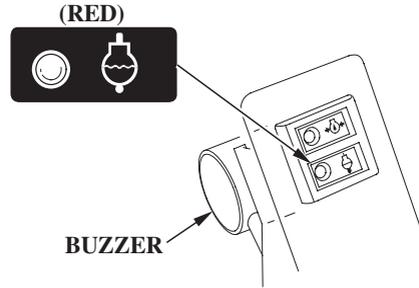


LRT and XRT Types (remote control)

Side-Mount Type



Panel-Mount/Top-Mount Types

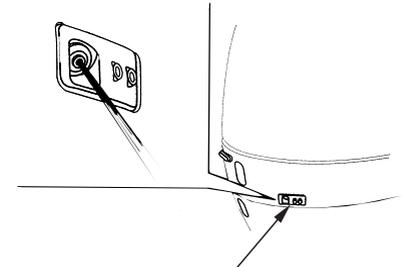


If the engine overheats, the red indicator will come on, and the engine protection system will limit engine speed. If you are at cruising speed, engine speed will decrease gradually.

Remote control types are equipped with a buzzer that sounds continuously when the red indicator comes on. The buzzer sound stops below an engine speed of 1,400 rpm.

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.



COOLING SYSTEM INDICATOR

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

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If water is flowing from the cooling system indicator, continue idling for 30 seconds. If the cooling system is OK, the red indicator 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.

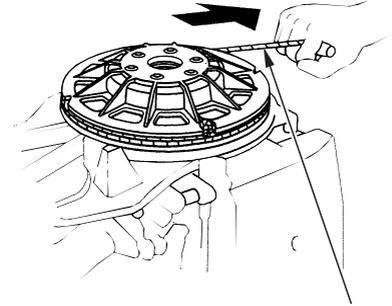
If there is still no water flowing from the cooling system indicator, or if the engine protection system remains activated after 30 seconds, return to the nearest boat landing, and have the outboard motor inspected by an authorized Honda marine dealer.

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. 96 .
3. Change the engine oil and oil filter as described on p. 76 — 78 . 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.



EMERGENCY STARTER ROPE

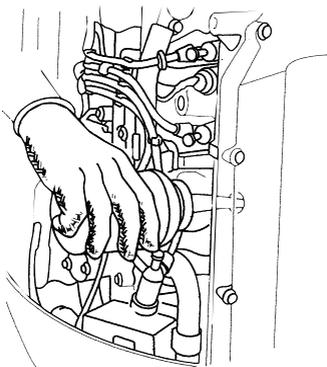
4. Remove the timing belt cover (p. 56). Remove the spark plugs (p. 83), and remove the clip from the emergency stop switch. Pull the emergency starter rope, rotate the flywheel a few revolutions to completely expel any water from the cylinders.

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 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 emergency starter rope 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.

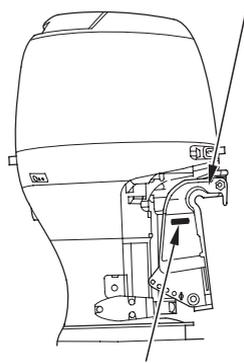
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TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Serial Number Locations

Record the product identification number, the engine serial number and the date of purchase in the space provided on this page. You will need these numbers when ordering parts, and when making technical or warranty inquiries (p. 122).

RIGHT STERN BRACKET

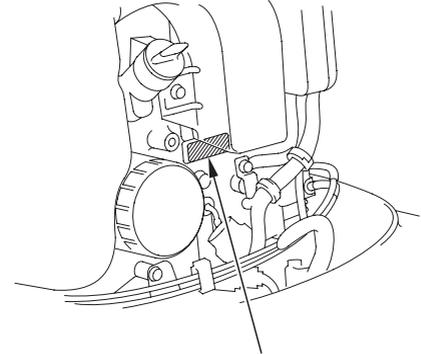


PRODUCT IDENTIFICATION NUMBER

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

Product identification number:

Date of purchase:



ENGINE SERIAL NUMBER

The engine serial number is stamped on the cylinder block in the front of the engine.

Engine serial number:

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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 manufacturer's instructions.

Minimum Requirements

12V—70AH
(CCA 550)

NOTICE

- *Be careful to avoid connecting the battery in reverse polarity, as this will damage the battery-charging system in the outboard motor.*
- *Do not disconnect the battery cables while the engine is running. Disconnecting the cables while the engine is running, will damage the outboard motor's electrical system.*

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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.

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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. 71 — 72 . 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.

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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 Personal Watercraft and Outboard marine engine 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 Personal Watercraft and Outboard marine engine 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 Personal Watercraft and Outboard marine engine 2008 exhaust emission standards or the Sterndrive and Inboard marine engine 2003-2008 exhaust emission standards. Engines meeting these standards have 65% lower emissions than One Star-Low Emission engines.



Four Stars Super Ultra Low Emission

The four-star label identifies engines that meet the Air Resources Board's Sterndrive and Inboard marine engine 2009 exhaust emission standards. Personal Watercraft and Outboard marine engines may also comply with these standards. Engines meeting these standards have 90% lower emissions than One Star-Low Emission engines.

Cleaner Watercraft - Get the Facts
1-800-END-SMOG
www.arb.ca.gov

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Specifications

MODEL	BF75A	
Description Code	BBAL	
Type	LHT	LRT
Overall length	35.8 in (910 mm)	29.9 in (760 mm)
Overall width	23.2 in (590 mm)	18.9 in (480 mm)
Overall height	62.6 in (1,590 mm)	
Transom height	21.1 in (537 mm)	
Weight	386 lbs (175 kg)	375 lbs (170 kg)
Rated power	55.9 kW (75 Hp)	
Full throttle range	5,000—6,000 rpm	
Engine type	4-stroke OHC, in-line, 4-cylinder	
Displacement	97.0 cu-in (1,590 cm ³)	
Starter system	Electric starter	
Ignition system	Digital ICM (Ignition Control Module)	
Lubrication system	Trochoid pump pressure lubrication	
Specified oil	Engine: API standard (SG or later oil) SAE 10W-30 Gear case: API standard (GL-4/5) SAE 90 outboard motor gear oil	
Oil capacity	Engine: 4.2 US qt (4.0 ℓ) without oil filter change 4.8 US qt (4.5 ℓ) with oil filter change Gear case: 1.00 US qt (0.95 ℓ)	

CARB star label	ULTRA · LOW EMISSION
D.C. output	12V—16A
Cooling system	Water cooling with thermostat
Exhaust system	Thru-hub
Spark plugs	DR7EA (NGK) X22ESR-U (DENSO)
Fuel pump	Diaphragm type
Fuel	Automotive unleaded gasoline (86 pump octane or higher)
Gear change	Forward-Neutral-Reverse (dog type)
Steering angle	30° right and left
Transom angle	5 stages (8°, 12°, 16°, 20°, 24°)
Tilt angle	Stageless (72°)
Trim angle	—4° to 16°
(transom angle at 12°)	

Tune Up

Spark plug gap	0.024—0.028 in (0.60—0.70 mm)	See page 83
Idle speed	950 ± 50 rpm	See shop manual
Valve clearance (cold)	Intake: 0.20 ± 0.02 mm Exhaust: 0.28 ± 0.02 mm	See shop manual
Other specifications	No other adjustment is needed	

Honda outboards are power rated in accordance with NMMA procedures and using the ICOMIA standard 28/23.

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Specifications

MODEL	BF90A		
Description Code	BBBL		
Type	LHT	LRT	XRT
Overall length	35.8 in (910 mm)	29.9 in (760 mm)	
Overall width	23.2 in (590 mm)	18.9 in (480 mm)	
Overall height	62.6 in (1,590 mm)		67.7 in (1,720 mm)
Transom height	21.1 in (537 mm)		26.1 in (664 mm)
Weight	386 lbs (175 kg)	375 lbs (170 kg)	386 lbs (175 kg)
Rated power	67.1 kW (90 Hp)		
Full throttle range	5,000 – 6,000 rpm		
Engine type	4-stroke OHC, in-line, 4-cylinder		
Displacement	97.0 cu-in (1,590 cm ³)		
Starter system	Electric starter		
Ignition system	Digital ICM (Ignition Control Module)		
Lubrication system	Trochoid pump pressure lubrication		
Specified oil	Engine: API standard (SG or later oil) SAE 10W-30 Gear case: API standard (GL-4/5) SAE 90 outboard motor gear oil		
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Fuel pump	Diaphragm type
Fuel	Automotive unleaded gasoline (86 pump octane or higher)
Gear change	Forward-Neutral-Reverse (dog type)
Steering angle	30° right and left
Transom angle	5 stages (8°, 12°, 16°, 20°, 24°)
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CONSUMER INFORMATION

Honda Publications

These publications will give you additional information for maintaining and repairing your outboard motor.

Shop Manual

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

Available through your Honda marine dealer or through Helm Inc. at 1 888-292-5395 or visit www.Honda-marine.com
> product manuals.

Parts Catalog

This manual provides complete, illustrated parts lists. The catalog is available from your Honda marine dealer.

Customer Service Information

Contacting Honda

Your owner's manual was written to cover most of the questions you might ask about your Honda. Any questions not answered in the owner's manual can be answered by your Honda dealer. If your dealer doesn't have an immediate answer, they should be able to get it for you.

If you have a difference of opinion with your dealer, please remember that each dealership is independently owned and operated. That's why it's important to work to resolve any differences at the dealership level. If the service personnel are unable to assist you, please discuss your concerns with the dealer management such as the Service Manager or Dealer Owner.

If you need to contact American Honda regarding your experiences with your Honda product or with

your dealer, please send your comments to the following address:

American Honda Motor Co., Inc.
Marine Division
Customer Relations Office
4900 Marconi Drive
Alpharetta, GA 30005-8847
Telephone (770)497-6400
M-F 8:30am-7:00pm (Eastern Time Zone)

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Please include the following information in your communication:

- Your name, address and telephone number (complete with area code)
- Model and complete serial number
- Date of purchase
- Name and location of selling dealer
- Name and location of servicing dealer (if different)
- A detailed description of your concerns

We will likely ask your Honda dealer to respond, or possibly acknowledge your comments directly.

Warranty Coverage

Your new Honda is covered by the following warranties:

- Distributor's Limited Warranty
- Emission Control Warranty

Please read the warranty statements contained in this manual. There are responsibilities, restrictions, and exclusions that apply to these warranties.

To obtain warranty service you must take your Honda outboard engine, together with proof of original retail purchase date, at your expense, to a Honda engine dealer or distributor authorized to sell that product in the United States, Puerto Rico, or the U.S. Virgin Islands.

It is important to realize that your warranty applies to defects in material or workmanship of your Honda. Your warranty coverage does not apply to normal wear or

deterioration associated with using your Honda outboard.

Your warranty coverage will not be voided if you choose to perform your own maintenance. However, you should have the proper tools and service information and be mechanically qualified. Failures that occur due to modifications, improper maintenance or service are not covered.

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Warranty Service

Please remember that recommended maintenance interval servicing is not included in your warranty coverage. Additionally, your warranty does not apply to the normal wear of items (such as spark plug(s), water pump, etc.).

As the owner of a Honda product, your servicing dealer may ask you to authorize an inspection. If the problem is covered under warranty, your dealer will perform any warranty repairs for you at no cost. However, you may be responsible for additional non-warranty charges.

If you have questions about warranty coverage or the nature of the repair, it is best to talk to the service manager of your Honda dealer.

Sometimes, in spite of the best intentions of all concerned, a misunderstanding may occur. If you aren't satisfied with your dealer's

handling of the situation, we suggest you discuss your problem with the appropriate member of the dealership's management team. If the problem has already been reviewed with the appropriate manager of the Service, Parts, or Sales department, contact the owner of the dealership or their designated representative.

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Distributor's Limited Warranty

This warranty is limited to Honda Outboard Motors distributed by American Honda Motor Co., Inc., Power Equipment Division, 4900 Marconi Drive, Alpharetta, Georgia 30005-8847.

Products Covered by Warranty:	Length of Warranty: (from date of original retail purchase)		
	NONCOMMERCIAL/ NONRENTAL	COMMERCIAL/RENTAL	STATE/LOCAL/FEDERAL GOVERNMENT
All Models: Model Year 2000 (Y) and Newer	36 months	12 months	24 months
Models BF115/BF130: All Model Years	36 months	12 months	24 months
Models BF2 – BF90 – Model Year 1999 and Earlier	24 months	12 months	24 months

To Qualify for This Warranty:

The Honda Outboard Motor must be purchased from American Honda or a dealer authorized by American Honda to sell Honda Outboard Motors in the United States, Puerto Rico, or the U.S. Virgin Islands. This limited warranty applies to the first retail purchaser and each subsequent owner during the applicable warranty time period.

What American Honda Will Repair or Replace Under Warranty:

American Honda will repair or replace, at its option, any part that is proven to be defective in material or workmanship under normal use during the applicable

warranty time period. Warranty repairs and replacements will be made without charge for parts or labor. Anything replaced under warranty becomes the property of American Honda Motor Company, Inc. All parts replaced under warranty will be considered as part of the original product and any warranty on those parts will expire coincidentally with the original product warranty.

To Obtain Warranty Service:

You must take your Honda Outboard Motor and proof of the original purchase date, at your expense, to any dealer who is authorized to service Honda Outboard Motors in the United States, Puerto Rico, or the U.S. Virgin Islands, during the dealer's normal business hours.

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If you are unable to obtain warranty service, or are dissatisfied with the warranty service you receive, take the following steps: First, contact the owner of the dealership involved; normally this should resolve the problem. However, if you should require further assistance, write or call the Honda Marine Customer Relations. Please see *Contacting Honda* page 122 .

Exclusions:

This warranty does not extend to the following:

- Conditions caused by lack of routine maintenance (as outlined in the owner's manual)
- Conditions caused by the use of propeller (s) that do not allow the outboard motor to run in its recommended full throttle rpm range
- Operation inconsistent with the recommended operation/duty cycle (as outlined in the owner's manual)
- Parts affected or damaged by an accident, submersion and/or collision
- Normal wear and tear
- Fuel contamination and water entering engine through the fuel intake, air intake or exhaust system
- Operation with fuels, oils, additives and lubricants which are not suitable for use in the product
- Use in an application for which the outboard motor was not designed, such as racing or competitive use or any other misuse or neglect

- Incorporation of unsuitable attachments or parts
- The unauthorized alteration, improper installation and/or rigging, or any causes other than defects in material or workmanship
- Corrosion to steering system or electrical components, corrosion due to electrolysis, water born foreign chemicals, improper service or corrosion caused by damage or abuse
- Reimbursement for towing charges, in and out of water charges, or technician travel time
- Growth of marine organisms on motor surfaces, external or internal

Disclaimer of consequential damage and limitation of implied warranties:

American Honda disclaims any responsibility for loss of time or use of the outboard, revenue, or the equipment in which the outboard is installed, transportation, commercial loss, or any other incidental or consequential damage. Any implied warranties are limited to the duration of this written limited warranty. Some states do not allow limitations on how long an implied warranty lasts and/or do not allow the exclusion or limitation of incidental or consequential damages, so the above exclusions and limitations may not apply to you. This warranty gives you specific legal rights, and you may also have other rights which vary from state to state.

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Accessories and Replacement Parts

This warranty is limited to Honda Power Equipment parts, accessories and apparel when distributed by American Honda Motor Co., Inc., 1919 Torrance Blvd., Torrance, California 90501-2746.

Products Covered by Warranty:	Length of Warranty: (from date of original retail purchase)		
	Non Commercial	Commercial/Rental	Local/State/Federal Government
Accessories	12 months	3 months	3 months
Replacement Parts	6 months	3 months	3 months

To Qualify for This Warranty:

1. The accessories or replacement parts must be purchased from American Honda, or a dealer, distributor or distributor's dealer authorized by American Honda to sell those products in the United States, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.
2. You must be the first retail purchaser. This warranty is not transferable to subsequent owners.

What American Honda Will Repair or Replace Under Warranty:

American Honda will repair or replace, at its option, any marine product accessories or replacement parts that are proven to be defective in material or workmanship under normal use during the applicable warranty time period. Anything replaced under warranty becomes the property of American Honda Motor Company, Inc. All parts replaced under warranty will be considered as part of the original product and any warranty on those parts will expire coincidentally with the original product warranty. Accessories and replacement parts, installed by a dealer who is authorized by American Honda to sell them, will be repaired or replaced under warranty without charge for parts or labor. If installed by anyone else, accessories and replacement parts will be repaired or replaced under warranty without charge for parts, but any labor charges will be the responsibility of the purchaser.

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To Obtain Warranty Service:

You must take the Honda Outboard Motor product accessory or replacement part or the outboard motor or boat on which the accessory or replacement part is installed, and proof of purchase, at your expense, to any Honda Marine authorized service facility or dealer in the United States, Puerto Rico, or the U.S. Virgin Islands, during normal business hours.

Exclusions:

This warranty does not extend to accessories or parts affected or damaged by accident and/or collision, normal wear, use in an application for which the product was not designed or any other misuse, neglect, incorporation or use of unsuitable attachments or parts, unauthorized alteration, improper installation, or any causes other than defects in material or workmanship of the product.

Disclaimer of consequential damage and limitation of implied warranties:

American Honda disclaims any responsibility for loss of time or use of the outboard motor, or the boat on which the product is installed, transportation, commercial loss, or any other incidental or consequential damage. Any implied warranties are limited to the duration of this written warranty. Some states do not allow limitations on how long an implied warranty lasts and/or do not allow the exclusion or limitation of incidental or consequential

damages, so the above exclusions and limitations may not apply to you. This warranty gives you specific legal rights, and you may also have other rights which vary from state to state.

Emission Control System Warranty

Your new Honda outboard engine complies with both the U.S. EPA and State of California emission regulations. American Honda provides the same emission warranty coverage for outboard engines sold in all 50 states.

YOUR WARRANTY RIGHTS AND OBLIGATION

California

The California Air Resources Board and American Honda Motor Co., Inc. are pleased to explain the emission control system warranty on your 2001 and later Honda outboard engine. In California, new outboard engines must be designed, built and equipped to meet California's stringent anti-smog emission standards in addition to the U.S. EPA emissions standards.

Other States

In other areas of the United States your outboard engine must be designed, built and equipped to meet the U.S. EPA Emission Standard for spark ignited marine engines.

All States

American Honda Motor Co., Inc. must warranty the emission control system on your outboard engine for the period of time listed below provided there has been no abuse, neglect or improper maintenance of your outboard engine. Where a warranty condition exists, American Honda Motor Co., Inc. will repair your outboard engine at no cost to you including diagnosis, parts and labor. Your emission control system may include such parts as the carburetor or fuel injection system and catalytic converter. Also included may be hoses, connectors and other emission-related assemblies.

MANUFACTURER'S EMISSION CONTROL SYSTEM WARRANTY COVERAGE:

The 2001 and later outboard engines are warranted for four years or 250 hours of operation, whichever comes first. However, warranty coverage based on the hourly period is only permitted for outboard engines equipped with appropriate hour meters. If any emission-related part on your outboard engine is defective under warranty, the part will be repaired or replaced by American Honda Motor Co., Inc.

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OWNER'S WARRANTY RESPONSIBILITY:

As the outboard engine owner, you are responsible for the performance of the required maintenance listed in your owner's manual. American Honda Motor Co., Inc. recommends that you retain all receipts covering maintenance on your outboard engine, but American Honda Motor Co., Inc. cannot deny warranty solely for the lack of receipts or for your failure to ensure the performance of all scheduled maintenance. As the outboard engine owner, you should, however, be aware that American Honda Motor Co., Inc. may deny you warranty coverage if your outboard engine or a part has failed due to abuse, neglect, improper maintenance, or unapproved modifications. You are responsible for presenting your outboard engine to a Honda Marine dealer as soon as a problem exists. The warranty repair should be completed in a reasonable amount of time, not to exceed 30 days. If you have any questions regarding your warranty rights and responsibilities, you should contact American Honda Motor Co., Inc., Marine Division Customer Relations Office. Please see *Contacting Honda* page 122.

WARRANTY COVERAGE:

Honda outboard engines manufactured after June 1, 2000 are covered by this warranty for a period of four years or 250 operating hours, whichever comes first, from the date of delivery to the retail purchaser. This warranty is transferred to each subsequent purchaser for the duration of the warranty period. Warranty repairs will be made without charge for diagnosis, parts and labor. All defective parts replaced under this warranty become the property of American Honda Motor Co., Inc. A list of warranty parts is on page 132. Normal maintenance items, such as spark plugs and filters, that are on the warranted parts list are warranted up to their required replacement interval only. American Honda Motor Co., Inc. is also liable for damages to other engine components caused by a failure of any warranted part during the warranty period. Only Honda approved replacement parts will be used in the performance of any warranty repairs and they will be provided without charge to the owner. The use of replacement parts not equivalent to the original parts may impair the effectiveness of your engine's emission control system. If such a replacement part is used in the repair or maintenance of your engine, and an authorized Honda Marine dealer determines it is defective or causes a failure of a warranted part, your claim for your engine may be denied. If the part in question is not related to the reason that your engine requires repair, your claim will not be denied.

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TO OBTAIN WARRANTY SERVICE:

You must take your Honda outboard engine, along with your sales registration card or other proof of original purchase date, at your expense, to any Honda Marine dealer who is authorized by American Honda Motor Co., Inc. to sell and service that Honda marine product during his normal business hours. Claims for repair or adjustment found to be caused solely by defects in material or workmanship will not be denied because the engine was not properly maintained and used. If you are unable to obtain warranty service, or are dissatisfied with the warranty service you received, contact the owner of the dealership involved. Normally this should resolve your problem. However, if you require further assistance, write or call the Honda Marine Customer Relations Office of American Honda Motor Co., Inc.

EXCLUSIONS:

FAILURES OTHER THAN THOSE RESULTING FROM DEFECTS IN MATERIAL OR WORKMANSHIP ARE NOT COVERED BY THIS WARRANTY. THIS WARRANTY DOES NOT EXTEND TO EMISSION CONTROL SYSTEMS OR PARTS WHICH ARE AFFECTED OR DAMAGED BY OWNER ABUSE, NEGLIGENCE, IMPROPER MAINTENANCE, MISUSE, MISFUELING, IMPROPER STORAGE, ACCIDENT AND/OR COLLISION. THE INCORPORATION OF, OR USE

OF, UNSUITABLE ATTACHMENTS, OR THE UNAUTHORIZED ALTERATION OF ANY PART. THIS WARRANTY DOES NOT COVER REPLACEMENT OF EXPENDABLE MAINTENANCE ITEMS MADE IN CONNECTION WITH REQUIRED MAINTENANCE SERVICE AFTER THE ITEM'S FIRST SCHEDULED REPLACEMENT AS LISTED IN THE MAINTENANCE SECTION OF THE PRODUCT OWNER'S MANUAL, SUCH AS: SPARK PLUGS AND FILTERS.

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EMISSION CONTROL SYSTEM WARRANTY PARTS:

SYSTEMS COVERED BY THIS WARRANTY:	PARTS DESCRIPTION
Fuel Metering	Carburetor assembly, Throttle body, Fuel injector, Fuel pump, Fuel pressure regulator, Throttle position sensor, Intake air temperature sensor, Engine temperature sensor, Manifold absolute pressure sensor, Idle air control valve, Barometric pressure sensor, Fuel line solenoid valve, Intake manifold, Intake valves, and Oxygen sensor or Air fuel ratio sensor
Air Induction	Air intake duct, Crankcase breather tube, Positive crankcase ventilation valve, Vapor separator, Intake manifold tuning valve (Intake air bypass control valve)
Ignition	Flywheel magneto, Ignition pulse generator, Ignition coil assembly, Ignition control module, Engine control module, Crankshaft position sensor, Spark plug cap, Spark plug*, Knock sensor, and Camshaft position sensor
Lubrication system	Oil pump and internal parts
Crankcase Emission Control	Oil filler cap
Exhaust	Exhaust manifold and Exhaust valves
Valve Control System	Rocker arm oil control valve
Miscellaneous Parts	Tubing, fittings, seals, gaskets, and clamps associated with these listed systems.
*Covered up to the first required replacement only. See the Maintenance Schedule in the owner's manual.	

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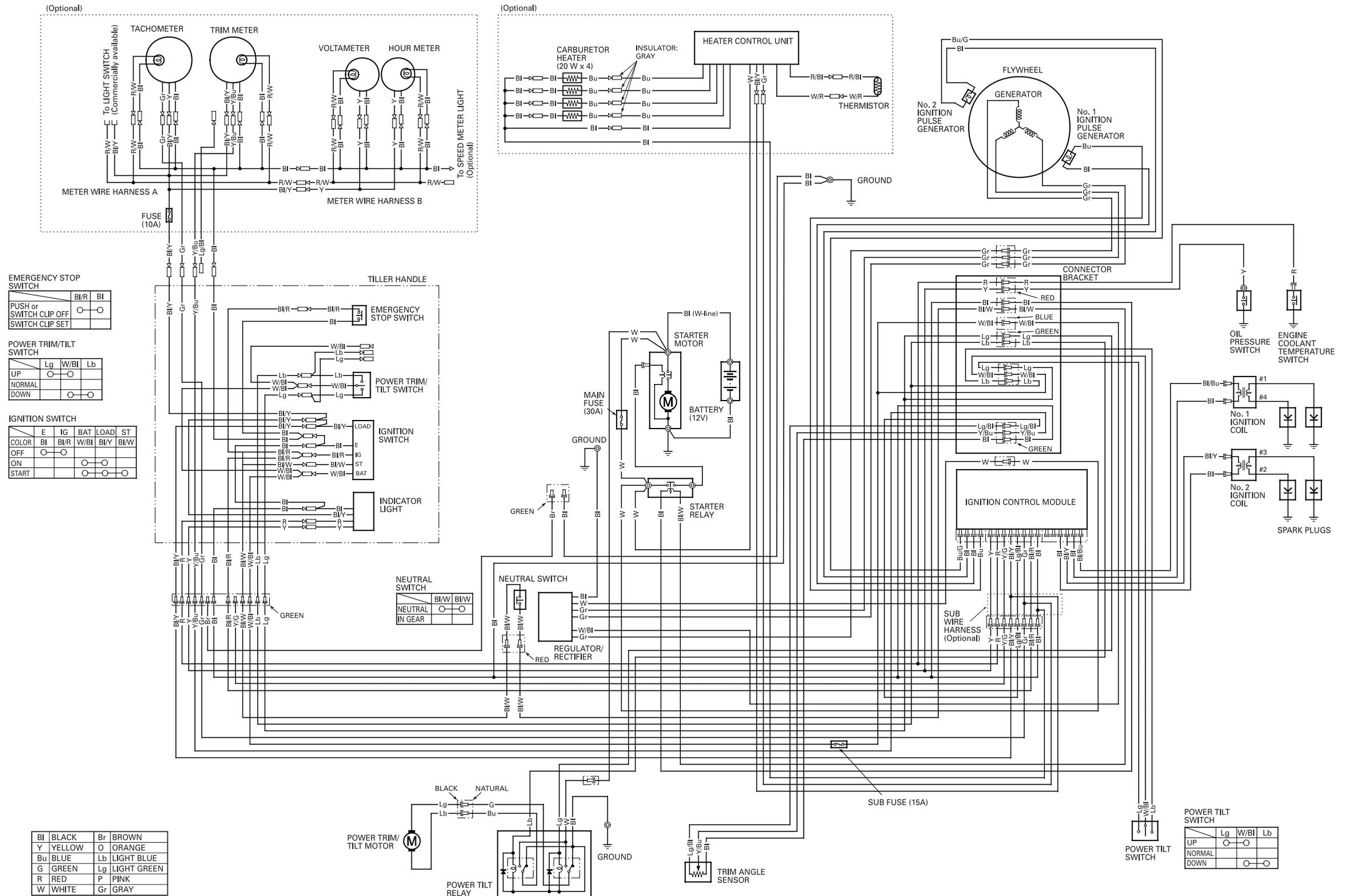
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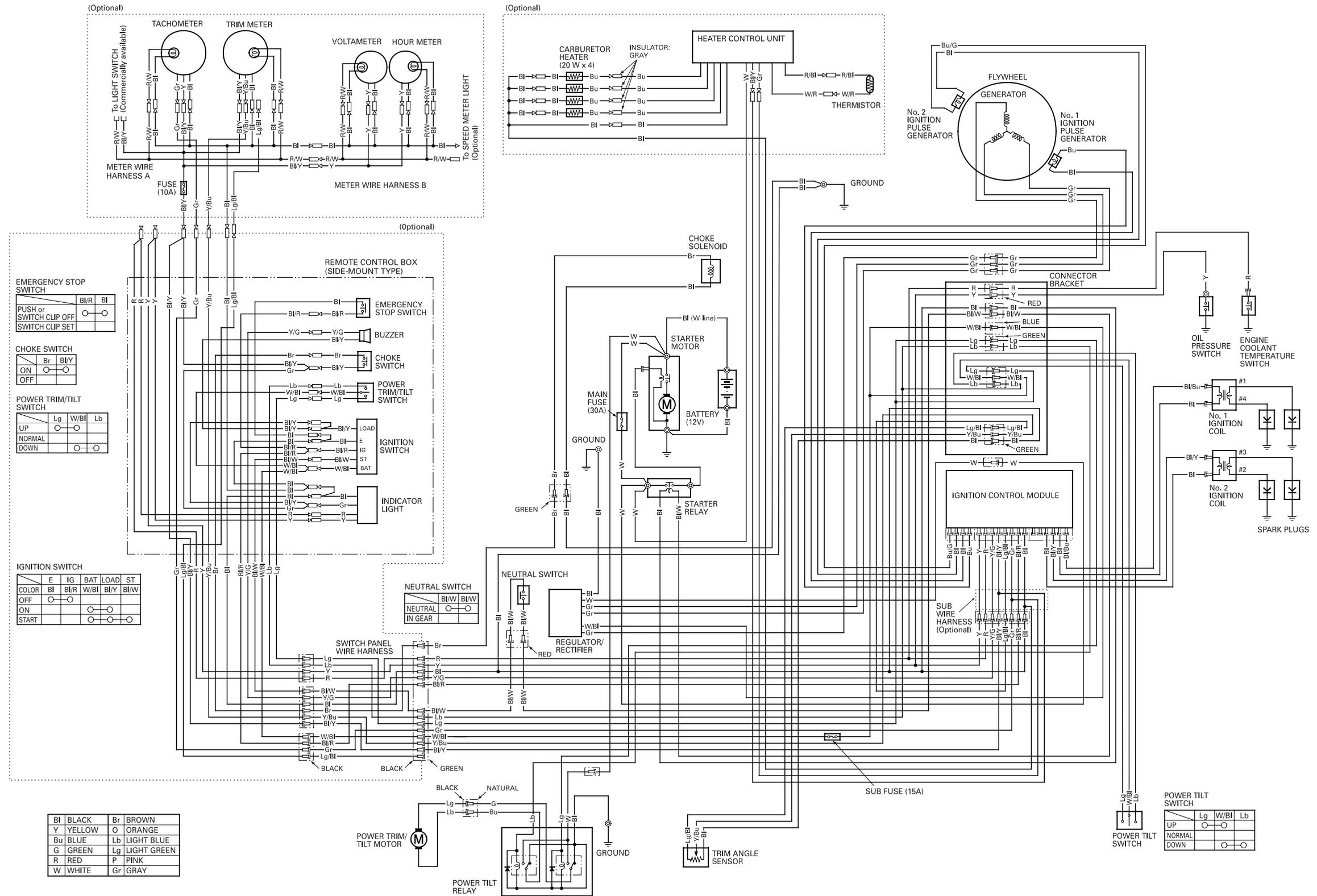
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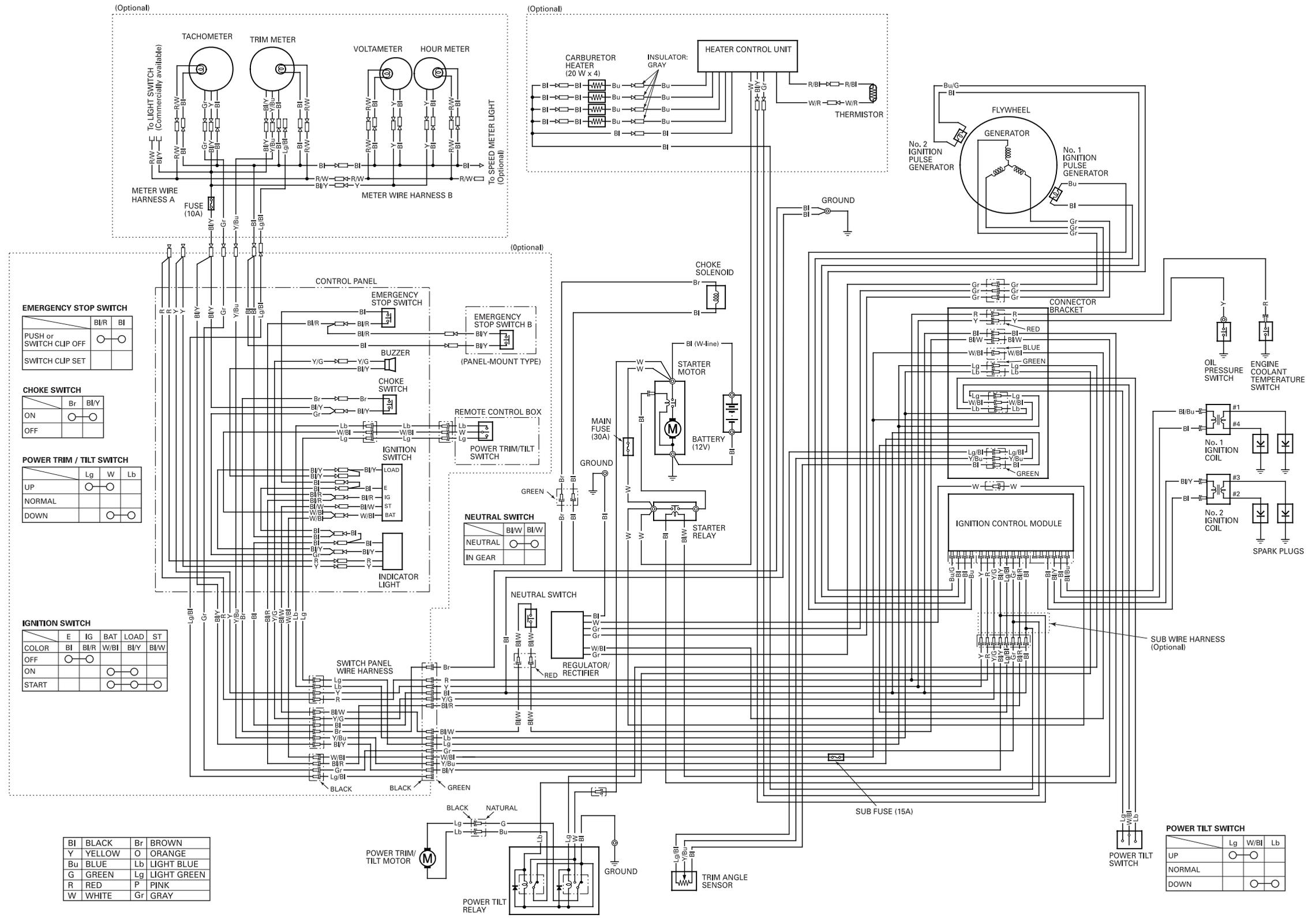
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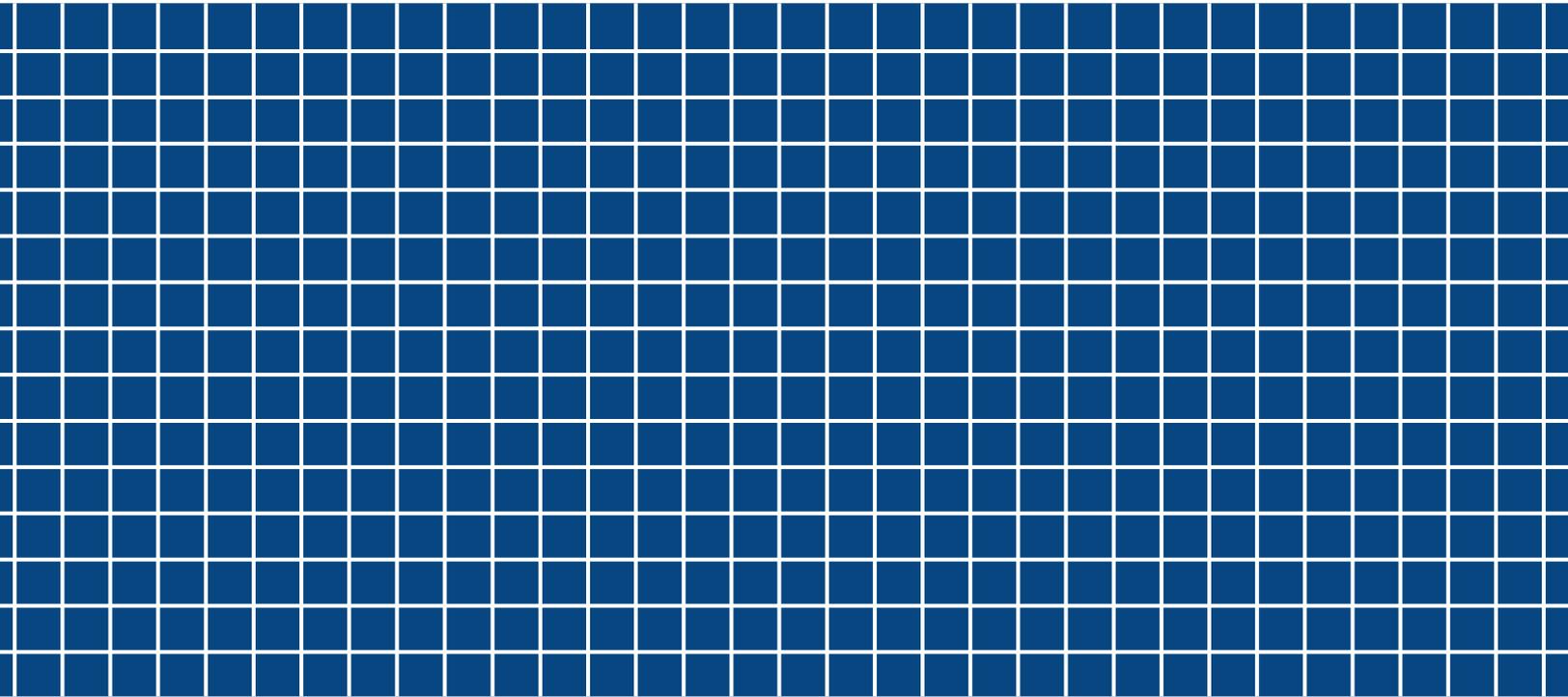
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