

## BF115A Owner's Manual



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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.

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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 **A** and one of three signal words, DANGER, WARNING, or CAUTION.

These signal words mean:



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

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

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## **OUTBOARD MOTOR SAFETY**

#### IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION

Honda BF115A outboard motor is 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.

#### **Refuel With Care**

- Gasoline is extremely flammable, and gasoline vapor can explode. Refuel outdoors, in a wellventilated 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.

#### SAFETY LABEL LOCATIONS



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

#### CONTROL AND FEATURE IDENTIFICATION CODES

Model		BF115A			
Туре		LA	XA	LCA	XCA
Chaft Lanath	L	•		•	
Shaft Length	X		•		•
Standard Rotating Propeller S	Shaft	•	•		
Counterrotating Propeller Sha	aft			•	•
Power Trim/Tilt		•	•	•	•

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

TYPE CODE (example) L C A Destination A: America Rotating direction of propeller shaft C: Counterrotating propeller shaft None: Standard rotating propeller shaft Shaft length L: Long Shaft X: Extra Long Shaft

#### COMPONENT AND CONTROL LOCATIONS



#### **Remote Controls (optional equipment)**

#### (SIDE-MOUNT REMOTE CONTROL)



#### (PANEL-MOUNT REMOTE CONTROL)





**Fuel Tank (optional equipment)** 



Trim Meter (optional equipment)





**Digital Speedometer** (optional equipment) HONDA SPEED φ BATT TRIP TTL ECO RLOW set mode **Digital Tachometer** (optional equipment) HONDA TACH

#### CONTROLS

#### **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 operate the starter motor only when the control lever (p. 18) 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

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

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

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



#### Gearshift/Throttle Control Lever



The control lever controls gear selection and throttle opening positions.

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

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 pull up the neutral release lever on the underside of the lever handle.

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

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





The fast idle lever is only needed for starting carbureted outboard models. The BF115A model use programmed fuel injection so, this lever will not be needed for starting.

After the engine starts and if the outside temperature is below  $41^{\circ}$ F (5°C), the fast idle lever can be used to accelerate engine warm up.

The fast idle lever will not move unless the remote control lever is in the N (neutral) position. Conversely, the remote control lever will not move unless the fast idle lever is in the lowest position.

Lower the fast idle lever to the lowest position to decrease the fast idle.



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 operate the starter motor only when the control lever (p. 21) 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

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



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 pull up the neutral release lever on the underside of the lever handle.

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

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 operate the starter motor only when the control lever (p. 25) 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



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





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

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



#### **Common Controls**

#### **Power Trim/Tilt Switch**

(side-mount type)



(top-mount type)

SINGLE TYPE





CONTROL LEVÉR

(RIGHT)

(panel-mount type)



(p. 53). Tilt the outboard motor for shallow water operation, beaching, launching, or mooring.

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

You can use the power trim/tilt switch anytime the ignition switch is

ON, whether the boat is underway or

Trim the outboard motor to obtain

the best performance and stability

the outboard motor.

stopped.

#### 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.



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.



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 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.



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. 53).



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. 62), steering effort is equal in either direction.

### INSTRUMENTS

Trim Meter (optional equipment)



The trim meter has a range of  $0^{\circ}$  to  $20^{\circ}$  and indicates the 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)



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.

**Digital Tachometer** (optional equipment)



Digital Tachometer includes the following functions.

- Tachometer
- Hour Meter
- Trim Meter
- Oil pressure Indicator
- Overheat Indicator
- ACG Indicator
- PGM-FI Indicator

Refer to the Operation Guide included with each Digital Tachometer for operation information.

#### Digital Speedometer (optional equipment)



Digital Speedometer includes the following functions.

- Speedometer
- Fuel level Meter
- Volt Meter
- Tripmeter
- Fuel Integration Meter
- Fuel Economy Meter
- Fuel Flow Meter
- Water Separator Indicator Refer to the Operation Guide included with each Digital Speedometer for operation information.

Fuel Gauge (optional equipment)



FUEL GAUGE

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

Alternator (ACG) Indicator

ACG INDICATOR LIGHT



The ACG indicator turns on and the buzzer sounds in one-second intervals when the charging system is faulty.

# Programmed Fuel Injection (PGM-FI) Indicator PGM-FI INDICATOR LIGHT

When the engine control system detects an PGM-FI malfunction, the PGM-FI indicator turns on and the buzzer sounds at one-second intervals.

Under normal conditions when the ignition key is turned on the following will occur:

- 1. Both the PGM-FI indicator and ACG indicator will turn on.
- 2. The buzzer will beep twice.
- 3. The PGM-FI indicator will turn off shortly after the second beep.
- 4. The ACG indicator will turn off after the engine starts.

#### **Oil Pressure Indicator**

(side-mount type)



(panel-mount/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, from p. 94.

All models are equipped with a buzzer that sounds when the oil pressure indicator goes off.

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

#### **Overheat Indicator**

(side-mount type)



(panel-mount/top-mount types)



When the alert triggers, the overheat indicator comes on and the buzzer sounds a steady tone as the engine speed is reduced to 1,800 rpm. If the condition persists for another 10 seconds, the engine speed is reduced to 1,000 rpm. If the condition persists for another 10 seconds, the engine shuts off. Refer to TAKING CARE OF UNEXPECTED PROBLEMS, from p. 95.

All types are equipped with a buzzer that sounds when the overheat indicator comes on.

Engine overheating may be the result of clogged water intakes.



#### COOLING SYSTEM INDICATOR

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

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

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 tilted excessively, or when propeller ventilation occurs during a sharp turn.

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



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. Portable Fuel Tank (optional equipment)



The portable fuel tank (optional equipment) has a capacity of 6.6 US gal (25  $\ell$ ) and has a fuel gauge built into the cap.

Fuel Cap Vent Knob (optional equipment) VENT KNOB

The cap is provided with a vent knob to seal the portable fuel tank (optional equipment) for carrying it to and from the boat. Open the vent knob 2 or 3 turns before starting the engine (p. 41).
## **CONTROLS AND FEATURES**



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. 41).

## **BEFORE OPERATION**

### 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.

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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. 40).
- Check that the fuel hose is undamaged and properly connected (p. 40).
- 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. 65). 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. 79).
- Check that the anodes are securely attached to the gear case (p. 77) and are not excessively worn. The anodes help to protect the outboard motor from corrosion.
- Make sure an adequate tool kit is onboard (p. 59).
- Check the fuel level in the fuel tank (p. 72).

- Check that the battery fluid is between the upper and lower levels, and the battery leads are connected securely.
- Check the water separator for water contamination (p. 77).

### 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.

#### 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. 53).

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

Remove the nut, then remove the rod and insert it in the desired position. Reinstall the nut and tighten it securely.

### 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.

## **AWARNING**

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 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.

#### **FUEL PRIMING**



Hold the priming bulb up in the direction of the arrow, then squeeze the priming bulb several times until it feels firm, indicating that fuel has reached the engine.

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

Do not squeeze the priming bulb when the engine is running.

## STARTING THE ENGINE Side-Mount Type

#### EMERGENCY STOP SWITCH



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. Leave the fast idle lever in the OFF (fully lowered) position.

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

Above  $41^{\circ}$ 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. Raise the fast idle lever to achieve approximately 2,000 rpm.

#### NOTICE

If the engine is not properly warmed-up before raising the engine speed, the buzzer and overheat indicator may activate, and the engine speed will be automatically reduced.

During the warm-up period, check the oil pressure indicator (p. 32), overheat indicator (p. 32), and cooling system indicator (p. 33). 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* from p. 87.

6. If the fast idle lever was used to warm up the engine, gradually lower the lever as the engine warms up.

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



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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.

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3. 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.



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

Above  $41^{\circ}$ 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. Push the fast idle button then move the control lever forward or reverse to open the throttle and achieve approximately 2,000 rpm.

### NOTICE

If the engine is not properly warmed-up before raising the engine speed, the buzzer and overheat indicator may activate, and the engine speed will be automatically reduced.

During the warm-up period, check the oil pressure indicator (p. 32), overheat indicator (p. 32), and cooling system indicator (p. 33).

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* from p. 87.

5. If the fast idle control was used to warm up the engine, gradually return the control lever to the N (neutral) position as the engine warms up.

# Top-Mount Type EMERGENCY STOP SWITCH SWITCH SWITCH CLIP LANYARD

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

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### **STOPPING THE ENGINE**

### **Emergency Engine Stopping**

## Side-Mount Type



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

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





1. Move the control lever(s) to the N (neutral) position.



- **IGNITION KEY**
- 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

Side-Mount Type

**CONTROL LEVER** 



#### Panel-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.





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

## STEERING

Steer the boat in the same manner as an automobile.

## CRUISING

### **Engine Speed**

For best fuel economy, limit the throttle opening to 80%. Use the throttle friction control (p. 51) 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. 29) 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.

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

### NOTICE

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

### Side-Mount Type



**Panel-Mount Type** 

#### POWER TRIM/TILT SWITCH



**Top-Mount** Type (single type) POWER TRIM/TILT SWITCH (dual type) **POWER TRIM/TILT SWITCH** (LEFT) (RIGHT)



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.

### SHALLOW WATER OPERATION

When operating in shallow water, use the power trim/tilt switch (p. 54) 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. 33) 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 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.



### 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.



The outboard motor can also be tilted manually after opening the manual relief valve. This feature enables the outboard motor to be tilted when no battery is connected. For manual tilting, use a 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.

# THE IMPORTANCE OF MAINTENANCE

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

## **A**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.

## 

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.

### **TOOL KIT (optional equipment)**



The following tool kit 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.

#### 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 them.

#### SPARE EMERGENCY STOP SWITCH CLIP (optional equipment)



Always carry a spare emergency stop switch clip onboard. The spare clip may either be stored in the tool bag or in an easily accessible location on the boat.

## MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE

REGULAR SERVICE PERIOD (3) Perform at every indicated month or operating hour interval, whichever comes first. ITEM		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	0					
	Change			0	0		
Gear case oil	Change			○ (2)	○ (2)		
Engine oil filter	Replace					(2)	
Balancer belt	Check-adjust					(2)	
ACG belt	Check-adjust					(2)	
Throttle linkage	Check-adjust			○ (2)	○ (2)		
Idle speed	Check-adjust			○ (2)	○ (2)		
Valve clearance	Check-adjust					(2)	
Spark plug	Check-adjust				0		
	Replace					0	
Propeller and Cotter pin	Check	Ō					
Anode	Check	Ō					
Lubrication	Grease			$\bigcirc$ (1)	$\bigcirc$ (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.
- (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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Water separator	Check	0						
Fuel tank and tank filter	Clean					0		
Fuel filter	Check				0			
	Replace						0	
Fuel filter	Replace						○ (2)	
(High pressure type)								
Thermostat	Check					(2)		
Fuel line	Check	0						
	Replace	Every 2 years (If necessary) (2)						
Battery and cable connection	Check level-tightness	$\bigcirc$						
Bolts and Nuts	Check-tightness			○ (2)	(2)			
Crankcase breather tube	Check				$\bigcirc$ (2)	O (2)		
Cooling water passages	Clean		(4)			$\bigcirc$ (2)		
Water pump	Check					(2)		

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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.

RIGHT TRIM TAB TIGHTENING BOLT

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.

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 when no battery is connected.

For manual tilting, use a 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



ENGINE COVER LOCK LEVER



The engine cover lock levers fasten the engine cover to the outboard motor. To remove the engine cover, turn both front and side 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 side lock levers to the locked position.

## 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 side 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.



#### **RETAINING BOLT**

- 2. Loosen the retaining bolts on the front and/or side lock lever brackets, and move the 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.

## **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. 63).
- 2. Remove the dipstick and wipe it clean.



#### OIL LEVEL DIPSTICK

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



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. 68.

### 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. 63).



DRAIN PLUG COVER

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



- 3. Place a suitable container below the oil drain guide to catch the used oil, then remove the oil filler cap and the drain plug.
- 4. Allow the used oil to drain completely, then reinstall the engine oil drain plug, and tighten it securely.

## NOTICE

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

- 5. Install the oil drain 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. 65) with the recommended oil. Engine oil refill capacity: Without oil filter change: 5.9 US qt (5.6 l) With oil filter change: 6.9 US qt (6.5 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 plug and oil drain cover (see Engine Oil Change on p. 66).
- 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 throughly drain the filter into the used oil container.



**OIL DRAIN GUIDE** 



4. Clean the oil filter mounting base, and coat the gasket 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. 66) 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 the water hose adapter (optional part) and a hose to supply water.

8. Stop the engine, and check the oil level as described on page 63. 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.



#### AMBIENT TEMPERATURE

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 SH oil with the "starburst" certification mark displayed on the container.

#### **Lubrication Points** Apply marine anticorrosion grease to the following parts: Lubrication interval: **THROTTLE ARM/** THROTTLE REEL SHIFT ARM SHAFT After the first 20 hours or 1 month, then every 100 hours REASE or 6 months. (Refer to the maintenance schedule page 60). Apply anticorrosion oil to pivot surfaces where grease cannot penetrate. SHIFT SHAFT REASE SHIFT ARM TRANSOM ANGLE ADJUSTING ROD/ SWIVEL CASE PROPELLER SHAFT GREASE TILT SHAFT TILT BRACKET GREAS GREASE

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

## **Spark Plug Service**

#### RECOMMENDED SPARK PLUGS: ZFR7F (NGK) KJ22CR-L8 (DENSO)

### NOTICE

Incorrect spark plugs can cause engine damage.

- 1. Unlock and remove the engine cover (p. 63).
- 2. Disconnect the spark plug caps from the spark plugs.
- 3. Remove the spark plugs with a 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 suitable gauge. The gap should be 0.028 - 0.031 inches (0.70 - 0.80 mm).


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

7. After each spark plug seats, tighten with a spark plug wrench 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.

#### REFUELING

# **Portable Fuel Tank** (optional equipment)

FUEL TANK CAPACITY: 6.61 US gal (25.0 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 tank cap.



FUEL GAUGE

#### SAFE FILL LEVEL



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

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

## 

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.

#### FUEL RECOMMENDATIONS

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

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

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

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

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

#### NOTICE

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

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

# Fuel 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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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.



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



- 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 are found, reinstall the fuel filter properly.



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



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 clips. Remove the fuel hose clamps used to close the fuel hoses.

- 7. Securely connect the fuel hose connector to the outboard motor (refer to page 40).
- Prime the engine using the priming bulb (refer to page 41 ). Check for fuel leaks.
  Repair any fuel leaks if necessary.

If loss of power or hard starting are 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)

#### Fuel Tank



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

#### Fuel Tank Filter



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



Anodes are located on each side of the gearcase. They are made of a sacrificial material and help protect the outboard motor from corrosion. Replace the anodes when they are 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.



A water separator is located below the engine oil filter. If water gets past the water separator, the water can cause loss of power, hard starting, and/or possible fuel injection system damage. Check the water level in the water separator before each use. The red float will indicate the water level. When the red float lifts off the bottom of the bowl or if the red float is not visible, remove and clean the water separator. Consult with an authorized Honda Marine dealer for cleaning if necessary.

#### NOTICE

If the engine is operated with water in the water separator, water can enter the fuel injection system resulting in fuel system damage.

## 

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.
- 1. Disconnect the fuel connector (see page 74 ).
- 2. Remove the engine cover (see page 63).
- 3. Remove the water separator and suspension strap from the water separator bracket.

- 4. To prevent fuel leakage, clamp the fuel tubes with fuel tube clamps.
- 5. Remove the suspension strap, three screws, and bowl.



- 6. Thoroughly clean the bowl. Replace the O-ring and reassemble the water separator. TIGHTENING TORQUE: 3.4 N·m (0.35 kgf·m , 2.5 lbf·ft)
- 7. Install suspension strap and align the ''I'' mark with screw (see page 77 ).
- 8. Reattach the water separator to the water separator bracket.



9. Remove fuel tube clamps and connect the fuel connector. Use the priming bulb to fill the water separator. Check for leaks and repair immediately if necessary.

If excessive water or sediment was found in the water separator, inspect the fuel tank. Clean the fuel tank and fuel tank filter if necessary. It may be necessary to drain the fuel tank completely and refill with fresh gasoline.

#### **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 and beveled surface of the thrust washer.
- 2. Install the propeller in the reverse order of removal.

#### NOTICE

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



# **STORAGE**

#### **STORAGE PREPARATION**

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

#### **Cleaning and Flushing**

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

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

#### Cleaning

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

#### Flushing With the Honda Garden Hose Adapter (optional equipment)

#### NOTICE

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.



- 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.

## STORAGE

#### Fuel

Gasoline will oxidize and deteriorate in storage. Old gasoline will cause hard starting, and it leaves gum deposits that clog the fuel system. If the gasoline in your fuel tank and vapor separator deteriorates during storage, you may need to have the vapor separator and other fuel system components serviced or replaced.

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

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

#### VAPOR SEPARATOR DRAIN SCREW



- 1. Remove the drain hose from the silencer case.
- 2. Connect the drain hose to the drain joint of the vapor separator and set the other end of the hose toward the outside of the engine undercase.

3. Tilt up the outboard motor.

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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.

- 4. Loosen the vapor separator drain screw and drain the vapor separator.
- 5. After draining thoroughly, tighten the drain screw securely.
- 6. Install the drain hose to the silencer case.
- 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. 66 68).
- 2. Remove the spark plugs (p. 70), and remove the clip from the emergency stop switch.
- 3. Pour a tablespoon  $(5 10 \text{ cm}^3)$  of clean engine oil into each cylinder.
- 4. Rotate the engine a few revolutions to distribute the oil in the cylinders.
- 5. Reinstall the spark plugs (p. 71).

#### HOISTING THE OUTBOARD MOTOR





- 2. Attach the hoist hook to the lifting eye.
- 3. Disconnect the outboard motor from the boat, hoist the outboard motor, and move it to the storage area.
- 4. After the outboard motor is placed in storage and disconnected from the hoist, install the engine cover.

#### **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 stand.



If it is necessary to store the outboard motor horizontally, drain the vapor separator (p. 82), and drain the engine oil (p. 66), before removing the outboard motor from the boat.

Rest the motor on a cushion of protective 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.

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.



#### WITH OUTBOARD MOTOR REMOVED FROM BOAT

Secure the outboard motor in either the vertical or horizontal position shown on p. 84 - 85.

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. 92).	
3. Use starting procedure (p. 41), then take outboard motor to an authorized Honda Marine dealer, or refer to the shop manual.	Starter malfunction, switch malfunction, or electrical problem in the starting circuit.	Replace or repair faulty components as necessary.	

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.	Control lever not in neutral position.	Shift to neutral.		
	Fast idle lever raised (side-mount type).	Leave fast idle lever OFF (p. 19).		
3. Check fuel.	Out of fuel.	Refuel (p. 72).		
	Fuel vent closed (portable fuel tank).	Open fuel tank vent (p. 34).		
	Fuel hose not primed.	Squeeze priming bulb (p. 35).		
	Fuel pump filter or fuel tank filter clogged.	Replace fuel filters (p. 74).		
	Bad fuel; boat stored without treating or draining gasoline, or refueled with bad gasoline.	Drain fuel tank and vapor separator (p. 82). Refill with fresh gasoline (p. 72).		

ENGINE WILL NOT START (continued)	Possible Cause Correction	
4. Check water separator.	Water separator full of water. (The water separator red float has risen off the bottom of the bowl)	Clean water separator (p. 77).
5. Remove and inspect spark plugs.	Spark plugs faulty, fouled or improperly gapped.	Gap or replace spark plugs (p. 70).
	Spark plugs wet with fuel (flooded engine).	Dry and install the spark plugs. Start the engine with the throttle open using the fast idle lever or fast idle button.
6. Take outboard motor to an authorized Honda marine dealer, or refer to the shop manual.	Fuel system malfunction, fuel pump failure, ignition malfunction, stuck valves, etc.	Replace or repair faulty components as necessary.

HARD STARTING OR STALLS AFTER STARTING	Possible Cause Correction			
1. Check control positions.	Fast idle lever raised (side-mount type).Leave fast idle lever OFF (p. 19)			
2. Check fuel.	Fuel vent closed (portable fuel tank).	Open fuel tank vent (p. 34).		
	Fuel hose not primed. Fuel pump filter or fuel tank clogged.	Squeeze priming bulb (p. 35). Replace fuel filters (p. 74).		
	Bad fuel; boat stored without treating or draining gasoline, or refueled with bad fuel.	Drain fuel tank and vapor separator (p. 82). Refill with fresh gasoline (p. 72).		
3. Check water separator.	Water separator full of water. (The water separator red float has risen off the bottom of the bowl)Clean water separator (p. 7			

HARD STARTING OR STALLS AFTER STARTING (continued)	Possible Cause	Correction	
3. Remove and inspect spark plugs.	Spark plugs faulty, fouled or improperly gapped.	Gap or replace spark plugs (p. 70).	
4. Take outboard motor to an authorized Honda marine dealer, or refer to the shop manual.	Fuel system malfunction, fuel pump failure, ignition malfunction, etc.	Replace or repair faulty components as necessary.	

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

#### BATTERY WILL NOT CHARGE AND ELECTRIC STARTER WILL NOT OPERATE

The battery-charging (ACG) circuit and the electric starter relay circuit are protected by the 10 and 30ampere main fuses and 90-ampere ACG fuse. If a fuse burns out, the engine will not charge the battery, and the electric starter will not operate.

The ignition switch is protected by the 10-ampere main fuse. If the fuse burns out, the engine will not start or run, and the power trim/tilt switch will not operate.

#### **Fuse Replacement**

#### Main Fuse

- 1. With the engine stopped, remove the engine cover.
- 2. Remove the fuse covers.
- 3. 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 FUSES: 10 A, 30 A

#### NOTICE

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



4. Reinstall the fuse covers and the engine cover.

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



#### NOTICE

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

#### Replacement

- 1. Stop the engine.
- 2. Remove the engine cover.

- 3. Remove the fuse case lid.
- 4. Remove the old fuse by removing two 5 mm screws.
- 5. Install a new fuse with the "90 A" mark downward.

ACG FUSE: 90 A

- 6. After finishing replacement, install the fuse case lid with its hook toward the engine side.
- 7. Be sure to check the fuse case lid is securely locked.

A spare fuse is located on the reverse side of the fuse case lid and tightened with two 3 mm screws. When the new fuse is set as a spare fuse on the reverse side of the fuse case lid, set the fuse so that you can see the "90 A" mark on it.

#### OIL PRESSURE INDICATOR GOES OFF AND ENGINE SPEED IS LIMITED

Side-Mount Type



Panel-Mount/Top-Mount Types



#### **Digital Tachometer**



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

The oil pressure indicator is also equipped with a buzzer that sounds when the oil pressure indicator goes off.

Low oil pressure may be the result of a low engine oil level, or there may be a problem with the engine lubrication system. If the throttle is closed suddenly after full throttle operation, engine speed may drop below the specified idle rpm, and that could activate the engine protection system momentarily.

If low oil pressure activates the engine protection system, stop the engine, check the engine oil level (p. 65), and add oil if needed.

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

#### OVERHEAT INDICATOR COMES ON AND ENGINE SPEED IS LIMITED

Side-Mount Type



Panel-Mount/Top-Mount Types



#### Digital Tachometer



If the engine overheats, the overheat indicator will come on, and the engine will stop in 20 seconds after the engine protection system limits engine speed. If you are at cruising speed, engine speed will decrease automatically.

All types are equipped with a buzzer that sounds when the overheat indicator comes on.

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

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



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

If water is flowing from the cooling system indicator, continue idling for 30 seconds. If the cooling system is OK, the overheat indicator should go off within 30 seconds, and the engine will respond normally to throttle 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 dearship 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 vapor separator as described on p. 82.

- 3. Change the engine oil and oil filter as described on p. 66 - 68. If there was water in the engine crankcase, or if the used engine oil showed signs of water contamination, then a second engine oil change should be performed after running the engine for half an hour.
- 4. Remove the spark plugs (p. 70). Operate the starter to expel water from the engine's cylinder.
- 5. Put a teaspoon of engine oil into each spark plug hole to lubricate the inside of the cylinders. Reinstall the spark plugs.

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. 6. Attempt to start the engine (be sure the water level is at least 2 inches above the antiventilation plate).

#### NOTICE

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

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

#### **TECHNICAL INFORMATION**

#### **Serial Number Locations**

Record the product identification number and engine serial number in the space provided on this page. You will need these numbers when ordering parts, and when making technical or warranty inquiries (p. 108).

# LEFT STERN BRACKET

#### PRODUCT IDENTIFICATION NUMBER

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

Product identification number:



#### ENGINE SERIAL NUMBER

The engine serial number is stamped on the cylinder head on the back of the engine.

Engine serial number:

#### **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.

#### Battery

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

#### **Minimum Requirements**

12V-80AH (CCA622)

#### 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 various and other systems to reduce the emissions of carbon monoxide, oxides of nitrogen, and hydrocarbons.

#### PGM-FI System

The PGM-FI system uses sequential multiport fuel injection. It has two subsystems: Air Intake, and Fuel Control. The Engine Control Module (ECM) uses various sensors to determine how much air is going into the engine. It then controls how much fuel to inject under all operating conditions.

#### Ignition Timing Control System

The system constantly adjusts the ignition timing, reducing the amount of HC, CO and NOx produced.

# 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. 58. 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.

#### 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



#### 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.









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.

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.

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.

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



Three Stars

**Ultra Low** 

Emission

**One Star** 

Emission

**Two Stars** 

**Very Low** 

Emission

Low

#### Specifications

MODEL		BF115A				
Description Code		BZBD	BZBG	BZBD	BZBG	
Туре		LA	LCA	XA	XCA	
Overall length		32.5 in (825 mm)				
Overall width	Overall width		21.7 in (550 mm)			
Overall height	L	65.0 in (1,650 mm)				
_	Х		69.9 in (1,	,775 mm)		
Transom height	L		21.1 in (§	537 mm)		
-	Х		26.1 in (6	664 mm)		
Weight		496 lbs (225 kg)	503 lbs (228 kg)	507 lbs (230 kg)	514 lbs (233 kg)	
Rated power	1 power 85.8 kW (115 HP)					
Full throttle range		5,000-6,000 rpm				
Engine type		4 stroke SOHC in-line 4 cylinder		inder		
Displacement		137.5 cu-in (2,254 cm <sup>3</sup> )				
Spark plug gap		0.028-0.031 in (0.70-0.80 mm)				

Starter system	Electric starter		
Ignition system	Fully transistorized, battery ignition		
Lubrication system	Trochoid pump pressure lubrication		
Specified oil	Engine: API standard (SG, SH)		
	SAE 10W-30		
	Gear case: API standard (GL-4/5) SAE		
	90 outboard motor gear oil		
Oil capacity	Engine: 5.9 US qt (5.6 l)		
	without oil filter change		
	Gear case: 1.00 US qt (0.95 l)		
CARB star label	ULTRA · LOW EMISSION		
D.C. output	12V-40A		
Cooling system	Water cooling with thermostat		
Exhaust system	Water exhaust		
Spark plugs	KJ22CR-L8 (DENSO)		
	ZFR7F (NGK)		
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°)		

Honda outboards are power rated in accordance with NMMA procedures and using the ICOMIA standard 28/23.
## **TECHNICAL AND CONSUMER INFORMATION**

### BF115A Tune up

Spark plug gap	0.028-0.031 in (0.70-0.80 mm)	See page 70
Idle speed	$750\pm50$ rpm	See shop manual
Valve clearance (cold)	Intake: 0.26 $\pm$ 0.02 mm	See shop manual
	Exhaust: 0.30 $\pm$ 0.02 mm	
Other specifications	No other adjustments needed.	

## **CONSUMER INFORMATION**

### **Honda Publications**

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

### Shop Manual

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

## Parts Catalog

This manual provides complete, illustrated parts lists.

### **Customer Service Information**

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

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

American Honda Motor Co., Inc. Marine Division Customer Relations Office 4900 Marconi Drive Alpharetta, Georgia 30005-8847 Or telephone: (770) 497-6400

When you write or call, please give us this information:

- Model and serial numbers (p. 99)
- Name of the dealer who sold the outboard motor to you
- Name and address of the dealer who services your outboard motor
- Date of purchase
- Your name, address, and telephone number
- A detailed description of the problem

### **Distributors Limited Warranty - 2005**

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	LENGTH OF WARRANTY: (FROM DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE)	
WARRANTY	NONCOMMERCIAL/ NONRENTAL	COMMERCIAL/ RENTAL
All Outboard Motors	36 Months	12 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. 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 *Customer Service Information* page 108.

#### EXCLUSIONS:

THIS WARRANTY DOES NOT EXTEND TO THE FOLLOWING:

- CONDITIONS CAUSED BY LACK OF ROUTINE MAINTENANCE
- PARTS AFFECTED OR DAMAGED BY AN ACCIDENT AND/OR COLLISION
- NORMAL WEAR
- FUEL CONTAMINATION AND WATER ENTERING ENGINE THROUGH THE FUEL INTAKE, AIR INTAKE OR EXHAUST SYSTEM
- 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, 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, EXTER-NAL 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 exclusions and 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.

#### 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	LENGTH OF WARRANTY: (FROM DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE)	
WARRANTY	NONCOMMERCIAL/ NONRENTAL	COMMERCIAL/ RENTAL
Accessories	12 Months	3 Months
Replacement Parts	6 Months	3 Months

#### TO QUALIFY FOR THIS WARRANTY:

- 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.

#### 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 Outboard Motor dealer in the United States, Puerto Ricc, or the U.S. Virgin Islands who is authorized to sell that product, during the dealer's normal business hours.

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 or distributorship involved; normally this will resolve the problem. However, if you should require further assistance, write or call the 11onda Marine Customer Relations Department of American. Please see *Customer Service Information* page 108.

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.

AMERICAN HONDA DISCLAIMS ANY RESPONSIBILITY FOR LOSS OF TIME OR USE OF THE HONDA 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 RIGHT'S 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 carburctor 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.

#### 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 denv 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 Customer Service Information page 108.

#### 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 the reverse side of this statement. 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.

#### 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, NEGLECT, 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.

## DISCLAIMER OF CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGE AND LIMITATION OF IMPLIED WARRANTIES:

American Honda Motor Co., Inc. disclaims any responsibility for incidental or consequential damages such as loss of time or the use of outboard engine, or any commercial loss due to the failure of the equipment; and any implied warranties are limited to the duration of this written warranty. This warranty is applicable only where the California or U.S. EPA emission control system warranty regulation is in effect.

#### EMISSION CONTROL SYSTEM WARRANTY PARTS:

SYSTEMS	PARTS DESCRIPTION
COVERED BY THIS	
WARRANTY:	
Fuel Metering	Carburctor assembly, Throttle body, Fuel injector,
	Fuel pump, Fuel pressure regulator, Throttle position
	sensor, Intake air temperature sensor, Engine temper-
	ature 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
	vatve)
Ignition	Flywheel magneto, Ignition pulse generator, Ignition
	coil assembly, Ignition control module, Engine con-
	trol module, Crankshaft position sensor, Spark plug
	cap, Spark plug*, Knock sensor, and Camshaft posi-
	tion sensor
Lubrication system	Oil pump and internal parts
Crankease Emission	Oil filler cap
Control	
Exhaust	Exhaust manifold and Exhaust valves
VTEC System	VTEC valve
Miscellaneous Parts	Tubing, fittings, seals, gaskets, and clamps associ-
	ated with these listed systems.
* Covered up to the first r	equired replacement only. See the Maintenance Sched-
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## WIRING DIAGRAM

PANEL-MOUNT/TOP-MOUNT REMOTE CONTROL TYPES (For Digital Meter)









