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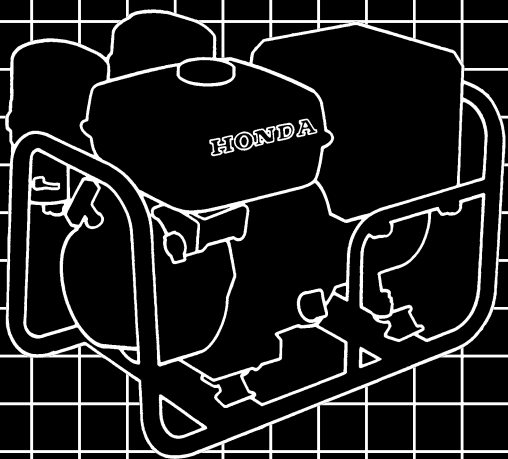
**Power**

**Equipment**

# Owner's Manual

## GENERATOR

### EG5000X





## **WARNING:**



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

### **▲WARNING**

**Exhaust contains poisonous carbon monoxide gas that can build up to dangerous levels in closed areas.**

**Breathing carbon monoxide can cause unconsciousness or death.**

**Never run the generator in a closed, or even partly closed area where people may be present.**

### **▲WARNING**

**The generator is a potential source of electrical shock if misused. Do not expose the generator to moisture, rain or snow. Do not let the generator get wet, and do not operate it with wet hands.**

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

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# INTRODUCTION

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

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

As you read this manual, you will find information preceded by a **NOTICE** symbol. That information is intended to help you avoid damage to your generator, other property, or the environment.

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

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

Best Wishes,  
Honda Motor Co., Ltd.

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## A FEW WORDS ABOUT SAFETY

Your safety and the safety of others are very important. And using this generator 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 a generator. You must use your own good judgement.

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

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

These signal words mean:

 **DANGER**

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

 **WARNING**

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

 **CAUTION**

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

- **Safety Headings** — such as *IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION*.
- **Safety Section** — such as *GENERATOR SAFETY*.
- **Instructions** — how to use this generator correctly and safely.

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

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## SAFETY LABEL LOCATIONS

These labels warn you of potential hazards that can cause serious injury. Read them carefully.

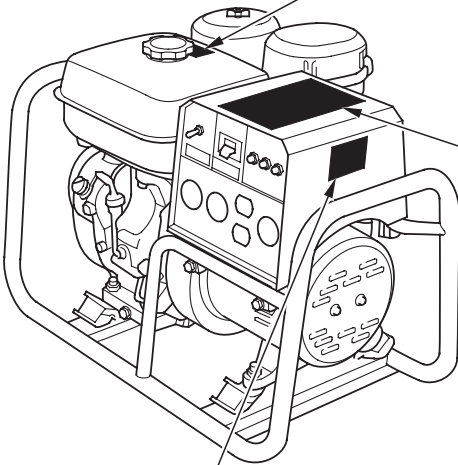
If a label comes off or becomes hard to read, contact your Honda generator dealer for a replacement.

California type

### **WARNING**

Operation of This Equipment May Create Sparks That Can Start Fires Around Dry Vegetation. A Spark Arrestor May be Required. The Operator Should Contact Local Fire Agencies For Laws or Regulations Relating to Fire Prevention Requirements.

Per California Public Resources Code 4442.6



## EG 5000X

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VOLTAGE 120/240V  
FREQUENCY 60Hz  
RATED OUTPUT 4.5KVA  
MAX. OUTPUT 5.0KVA  
PHASE 1 $\phi$

FUEL GASOLINE (PETROL)

Honda Motor Co., Ltd. MADE IN JAPAN 

### **DANGER**

Using a generator indoors CAN KILL YOU IN MINUTES. Generator exhaust contains carbon monoxide. This is a poison you cannot see or smell.



NEVER use inside a home or garage, EVEN IF doors and windows are open.



Only use OUTSIDE and far away from windows, doors, and vents.

### **WARNING**



Gasoline is highly flammable and explosive. You could be burned or seriously injured if the gasoline is ignited.

- Before refueling, stop the engine and keep heat, sparks, and flame away.
- Handle fuel only outdoors.
- Do not fill the fuel tank above the upper limit line.
- Wipe up spills immediately.



Exhaust contains poisonous carbon monoxide gas that can build up to dangerous levels in closed areas. Breathing carbon monoxide can cause unconsciousness or death.

- Never run the generator in a closed, or even partly closed area where people may be present.



Improper connections to a building can allow electrical current to backfeed into utility lines, creating an electrocution hazard.

- Connections to a building must isolate generator power from utility power and comply with all applicable laws and electrical codes.



The generator is a potential source of electrical shock if not kept dry.

- Do not expose the generator to moisture, rain or snow.
- Do not operate the generator with wet hands.



Read owner's manual carefully before operation.

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## **IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION**

Honda generators are designed to give safe and dependable service if operated according to instructions. Read and understand this owner's manual before operating your generator. You can help prevent accidents by being familiar with your generator's controls and by observing safe operating procedures.

### **Operator Responsibility**

- Know how to stop the generator quickly in case of emergency.
- Understand the use of all generator controls, output receptacles, and connections.
- Be sure that anyone who operates the generator receives proper instruction. Do not let children operate the generator without parental supervision.

### **Carbon Monoxide Hazards**

- Exhaust contains poisonous carbon monoxide, a colorless and odorless gas. Breathing carbon monoxide can cause loss of consciousness and may lead to death.
- If you run the generator in an area that is confined, or even partly enclosed area, the air you breathe could contain a dangerous amount of exhaust gas.
- Never run your generator inside a garage, house, or near open windows or doors.



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## Electric Shock Hazards

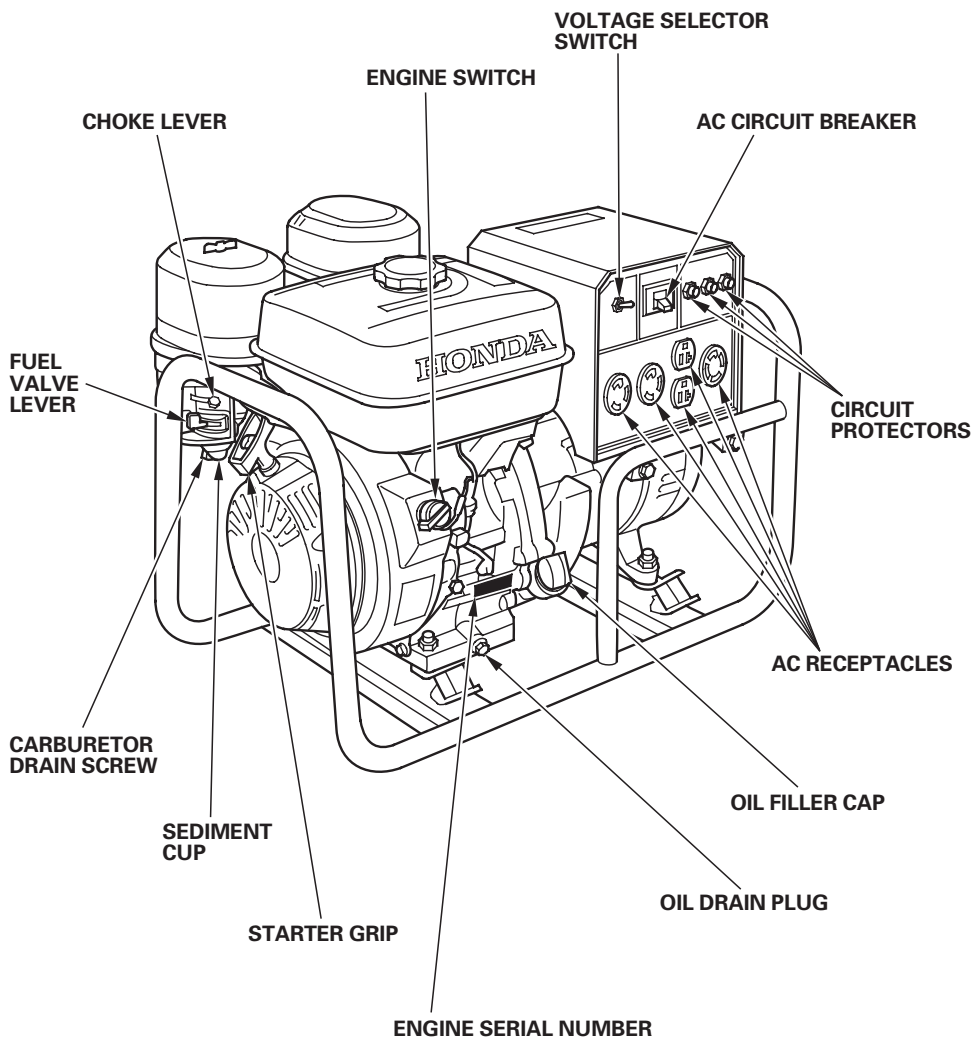
- The generator produces enough electric power to cause a serious shock or electrocution if misused.
- Using a generator or electrical appliance in wet conditions, such as rain or snow, or near a pool or sprinkler system, or when your hands are wet, could result in electrocution. Keep the generator dry.
- If the generator is stored outdoors, unprotected from the weather, check all of the electrical components on the control panel before each use. Moisture or ice can cause a malfunction or short circuit in electrical components that could result in electrocution.
- Do not connect to a building's electrical system unless an isolation switch has been installed by a qualified electrician.

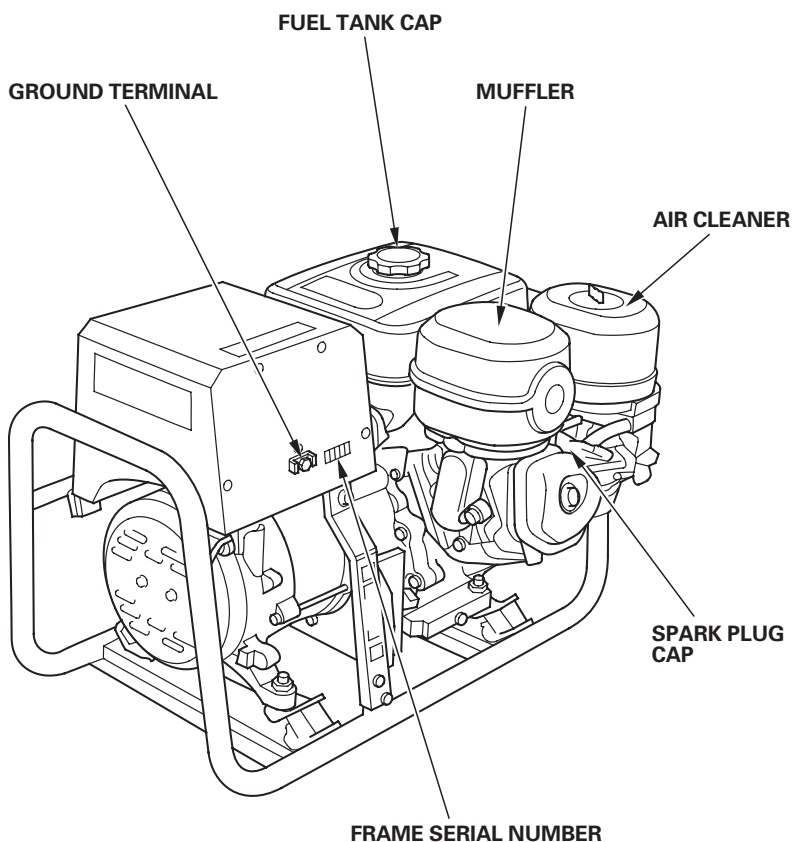
## Fire and Burn Hazards

- The exhaust system gets hot enough to ignite some materials.
  - Keep the generator at least 3 feet (1 meter) away from buildings and other equipment during operation.
  - Do not enclose the generator in any structure.
  - Keep flammable materials away from the generator.
- The muffler becomes very hot during operation and remains hot for a while after stopping the engine. Be careful not to touch the muffler while it is hot. Let the engine cool before storing the generator indoors.
- Gasoline is extremely flammable and is explosive under certain conditions. Do not smoke or allow flames or sparks where the generator is refueled or where gasoline is stored. Refuel in a well-ventilated area with the engine stopped.
- Fuel vapors are extremely flammable and may ignite after the engine has started. Make sure that any spilled fuel has been wiped up before starting the generator.

# COMPONENT IDENTIFICATION

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Record the engine and frame serial numbers and date of purchase for your future reference. Refer to these serial numbers when ordering parts and when making technical or warranty inquiries (see page 47 ).

Frame serial number: \_\_\_\_\_

Engine serial number: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of purchase: \_\_\_\_\_

# CONTROLS

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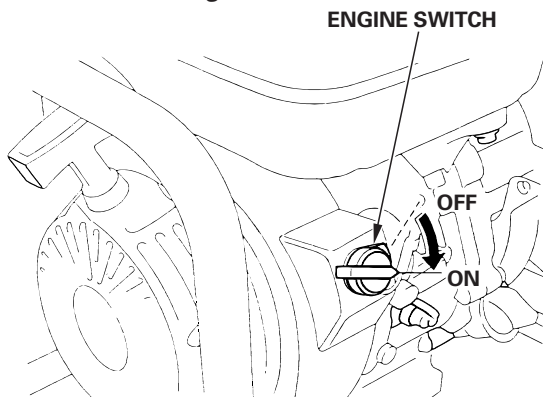
## ENGINE SWITCH

To start and stop the engine.

### Switch position:

**OFF:** To stop the engine.

**ON:** To start and run the engine.

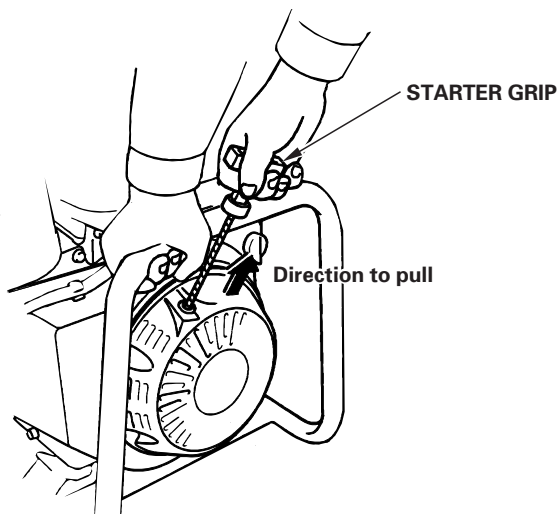


## STARTER GRIP

To start the engine, pull the starter grip lightly until you feel resistance, then pull briskly in the direction of the arrow as shown below.

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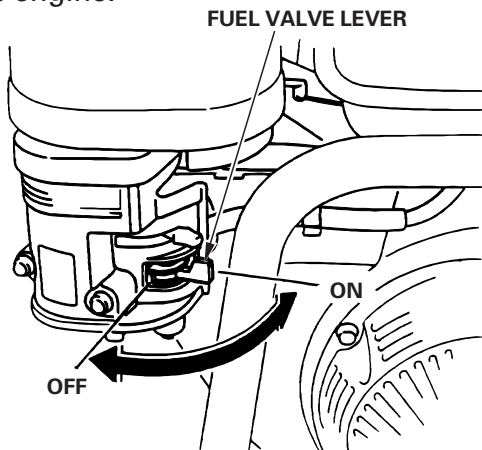
*Do not allow the starter grip to snap back against the engine. Return it gently to prevent damage to the starter.*



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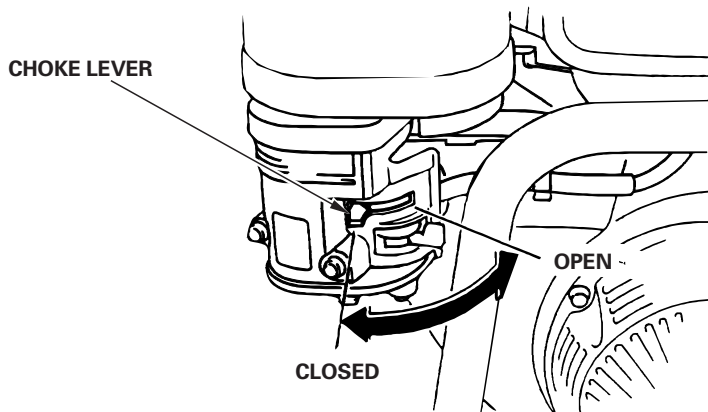
## FUEL VALVE LEVER

The fuel valve is located on the carburetor. When the fuel valve lever is in the ON position, fuel is allowed to flow from the fuel tank to the carburetor. Be sure to return the fuel valve lever to the OFF position after stopping the engine.



## CHOKE LEVER

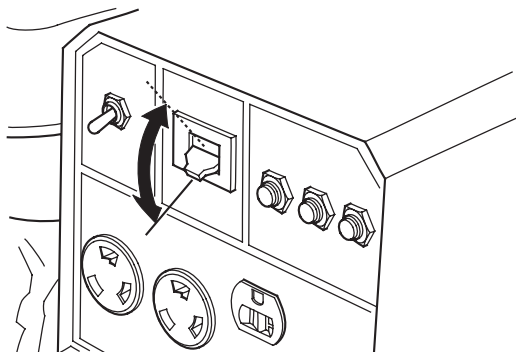
The choke is used to provide proper starting mixture when the engine is cold. It can be opened and closed by operating the choke lever manually. Move the choke lever to the CLOSED position to enrich the mixture for cold starting.



## CIRCUIT BREAKER

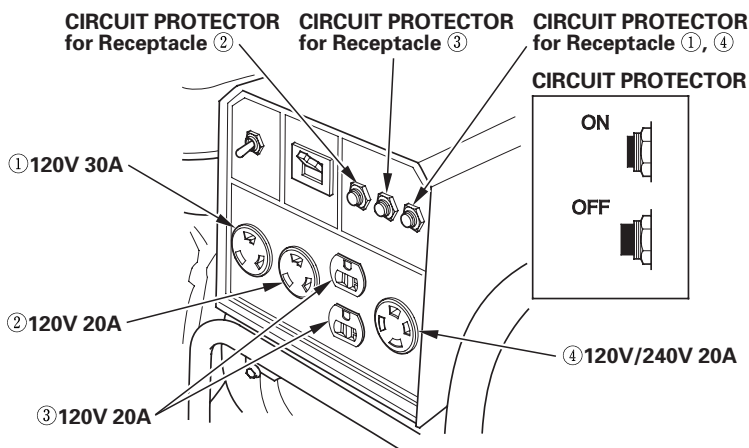
The AC circuit breaker will automatically switch OFF if there is a short circuit or an overload of the generator at the AC receptacle. If the AC circuit breaker is switched OFF automatically, check that the appliance is working properly and does not exceed the rated load capacity of the AC circuit before switching the AC circuit breaker ON again.

The AC circuit breaker may be used to switch the generator AC power ON or OFF.



## CIRCUIT PROTECTOR

The circuit protectors will automatically switch OFF if there is a short circuit or a significant overload of the generator at the 120V 20A, 120V 30A locking plug, or 120/240V 20A locking plug receptacle. If a circuit protector switches OFF automatically, check that the appliance is working properly and does not exceed the rated load capacity of the circuit before resetting the circuit protector to the ON position.



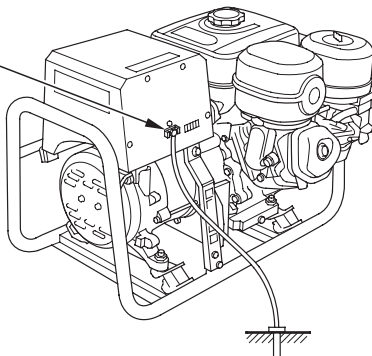
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## GROUND TERMINAL

The generator ground terminal is connected to the frame of the generator, the metal non-current-carrying parts of the generator, and the ground terminals of each receptacle.

Before using the ground terminal, consult a qualified electrician, electrical inspector, or local agency having jurisdiction for local codes or ordinances that apply to the intended use of the generator.

GROUND TERMINAL

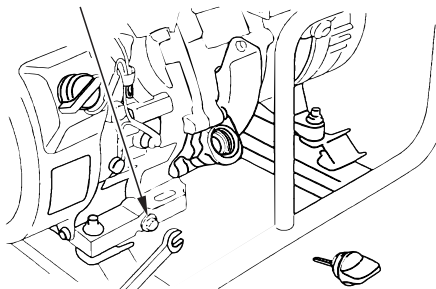


## OIL ALERT® SYSTEM

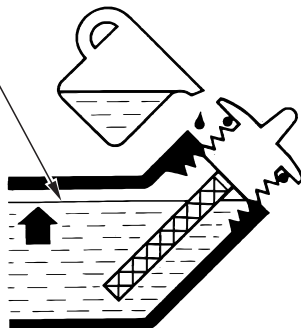
The Oil Alert system is designed to prevent engine damage caused by an insufficient amount of oil in the crankcase. Before the oil level in the crankcase can fall below a safe limit, the Oil Alert system will automatically stop the engine (the engine switch will remain in the ON position).

If the engine stops and will not restart, check the engine oil level (see page 21) before troubleshooting in other areas.

OIL DRAIN PLUG



UPPER LEVEL



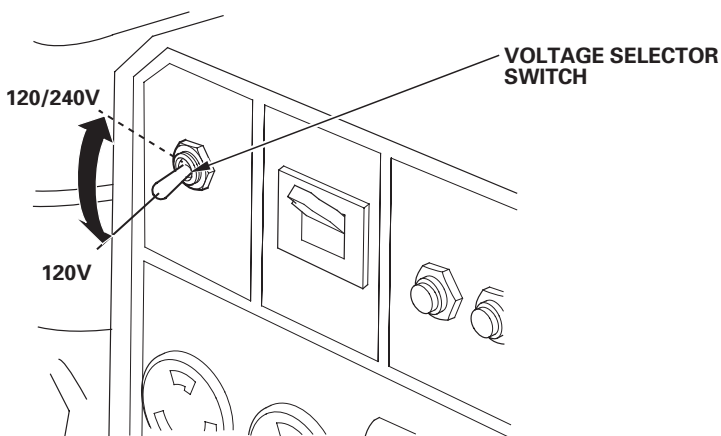
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## VOLTAGE SELECTOR SWITCH (DUAL VOLTAGE SYSTEM)

The voltage selector switches the main power carrying windings of the generator to produce "120V ONLY" or "120/240V". If a 240V appliance is connected to the 4-prong receptacle, the switch must be in the "120/240V" position. If only a 120V appliance is being connected to any of the 120V 3-prong receptacles, select the "120V ONLY" position.

**120/240V:** The 120V and 120/240V receptacles can be used simultaneously.

**120V ONLY:** ONLY the 120V receptacles can be used. Do not use the 120/240V receptacle in this position. Rated power will be available at the 30A 120V locking plug receptacle.





## CONNECTIONS TO A BUILDING ELECTRICAL SYSTEM

Connections for standby power to a building electrical system must be made by a qualified electrician. The connection must isolate the generator power from utility power, and must comply with all applicable laws and electrical codes. A transfer switch, which isolates generator power from utility power, is available through authorized Honda generator dealers (see page 47 ).

### **▲WARNING**

**Improper connections to a building electrical system can allow electrical current from the generator to backfeed into the utility lines. Such backfeed may electrocute utility company workers or others who contact the lines during a power outage, and the generator may explode, burn, or cause fires when utility power is restored. Consult the utility company or a qualified electrician.**

## GROUND SYSTEM

Honda portable generators have a system ground that connects generator frame components to the ground terminals in the AC output receptacles. The system ground is not connected to the AC neutral wire. If the generator is tested by a receptacle tester, it will not show the same ground circuit condition as for a home receptacle.

## SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

There may be Federal or State Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) regulations, local codes, or ordinances that apply to the intended use of the generator. Please consult a qualified electrician, electrical inspector, or the local agency having jurisdiction.

- In some areas, generators are required to be registered with local utility companies.
- If the generator is used at a construction site, there may be additional regulations that must be observed.

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## AC APPLICATIONS

Before connecting an appliance or power cord to the generator:

- Make sure that it is in good working order. Faulty appliances or power cords can create a potential for electrical shock.
- If an appliance begins to operate abnormally, becomes sluggish, or stops suddenly, turn it off immediately. Disconnect the appliance, and determine whether the problem is the appliance or the rated load capacity of the generator has been exceeded.
- Make sure that the electrical rating of the tool or appliance does not exceed that of the generator. Never exceed the maximum power rating of the generator. Power levels between rated and maximum may be used for no more than 30 minutes.

### NOTICE

*Substantial overloading will open the circuit breaker. Exceeding the time limit for maximum power operation or slightly overloading the generator may not switch the circuit breaker OFF, but will shorten the service life of the generator.*

Limit operation requiring maximum power to 30 minutes.

Maximum power is:

5.0 kVA

For continuous operation, do not exceed the rated power.

Rated power is:

4.5 kVA

The total power requirements (VA) of all appliances connected must be considered. Appliance and power tool manufacturers usually list rating information near the model number or serial number.

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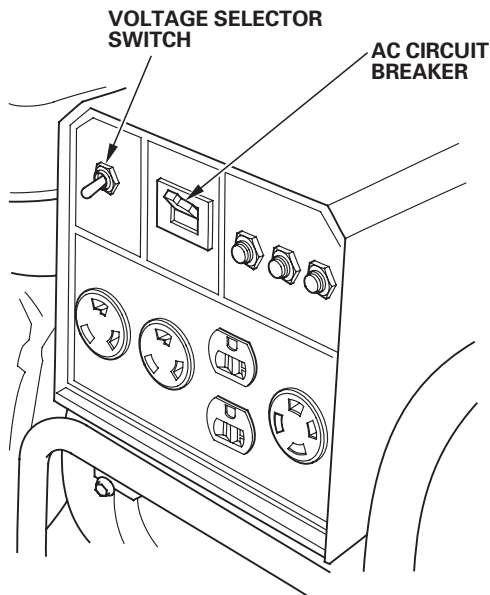
## AC OPERATION

1. Start the engine (see page 24 ).
2. Turn the voltage selector switch to either position.

With the voltage selector switch in the “120/240V” position, you can use the 120V and 120/240V receptacles simultaneously. If you are NOT using the 120/240V receptacle, then select the “120V ONLY” position.

3. Switch ON the AC circuit breaker.
4. Plug in the appliance.

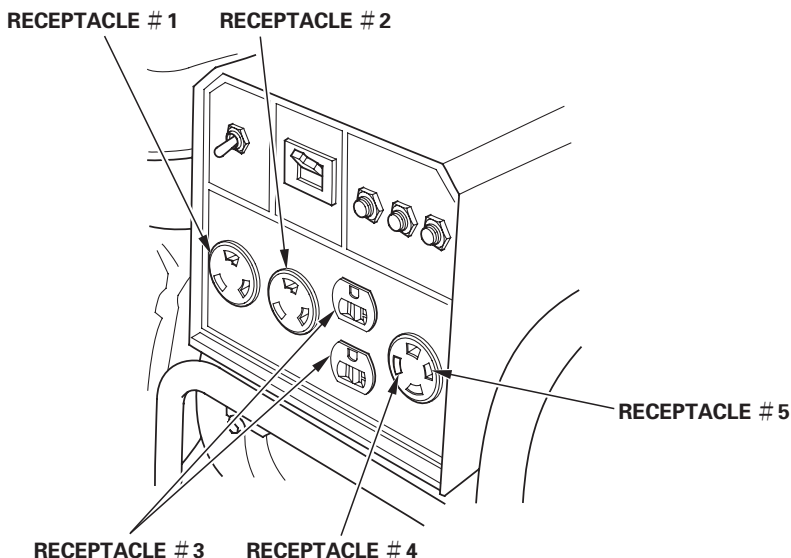
Most motorized appliances require more than their rated wattage for startup.



Do not exceed the current limit specified for any one receptacle. If an overloaded circuit causes the AC circuit breaker to switch OFF, reduce the electrical load on the circuit, wait a few minutes and then reset the AC circuit breaker.

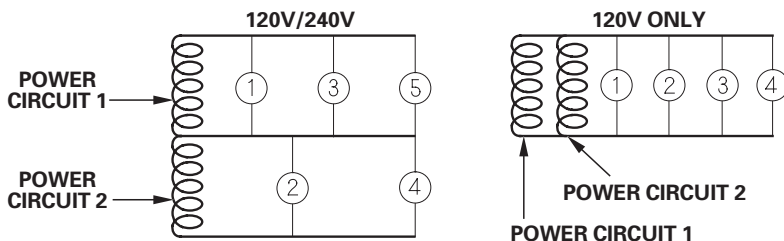
## AC RECEPTACLE SELECTION

The control panel, shown below, has a voltage selector switch and five receptacles. Receptacle #4 and #5 comprise one 240-volt receptacle with two powered terminals.



## Power Producing Circuits

This generator is equipped with two power generating circuits. When the voltage selector switch is in the 120V/240V position, each of the two power producing circuits supplies power to specific receptacles. When the voltage selector switch is in the 120V ONLY position, the power producing circuits operate in parallel, sharing the total load connected to receptacles 1, 2, 3, and 4.



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## Voltage Selector Switch

The power available to each receptacle depends on the position of the voltage selector switch.

Switch Position	Receptacle	Available Power
120V ONLY	1	30A at 120V
	2	20A at 120V
	3	20A at 120V
	4	20A at 120V
	5	None
120V/240V	1	18.8A at 120V
	2	18.8A at 120V
	3	18.8A at 120V
	4-5	18.8A at 240V

### ***120V ONLY Position***

When the voltage selector switch is in the 120V ONLY position, you do not need to spread the load over the receptacles. You must, however, make sure the load on any receptacle does not exceed its available power shown in the preceding table and the total load does not exceed 37.5 amps.

### ***120V/240V Position***

When the voltage selector switch is in the 120V/240V position, you must balance the load. Divide the load between the two sets of receptacles shown below. Balancing is necessary because each set of receptacles is powered by only one power producing circuit that can produce a maximum of 18.8 amps.

Set of Receptacles	Total Current Available	Power Producing Circuit
1+3+5	18.8A	1
2+4	18.8A	2

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## HIGH ALTITUDE OPERATION

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

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

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

### NOTICE

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

# PRE-OPERATION CHECK

Before beginning your pre-operation checks, be sure the generator is on a level surface and the engine switch is in the OFF position.

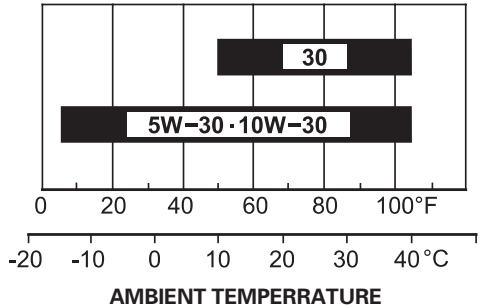
## ENGINE OIL

### NOTICE

*Engine oil is a major factor affecting engine performance and service life. Non-detergent and 2-stroke engine oils will damage the engine and are not recommended.*

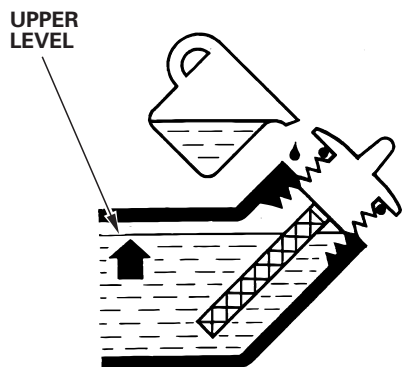
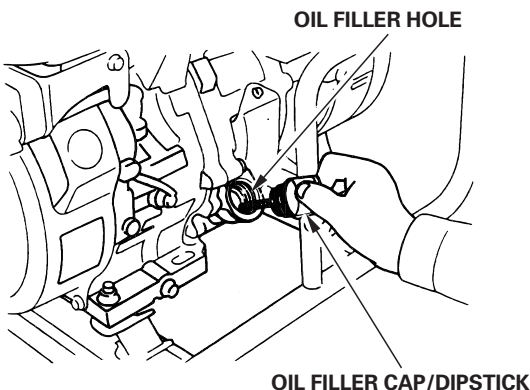
Check the oil level EACH USE with the generator on a level surface and the engine stopped.

Use 4-stroke motor oil that meets or exceeds the requirements for API service classification SJ or later (or equivalent). Always check the API SERVICE label on the oil container to be sure it includes the letter SJ or later (or equivalent).



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

1. Remove the oil filler cap and wipe the dipstick clean.
2. Check the oil level by inserting the dipstick into the filler neck without screwing it in.
3. If the oil level is low, fill to the upper limit of the oil filler neck with the recommended oil.



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## REFUELING

With the engine stopped, remove the fuel tank cap and check the fuel level. Refill the fuel tank if the fuel level is low.

### ▲WARNING

**Gasoline is highly flammable and explosive.**

**You can be burned or seriously injured when handling fuel.**

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

Refuel in a well-ventilated area with the engine stopped. If the engine has been running, allow it to cool first. Refuel carefully to avoid spilling fuel. Do not fill above the upper limit mark.

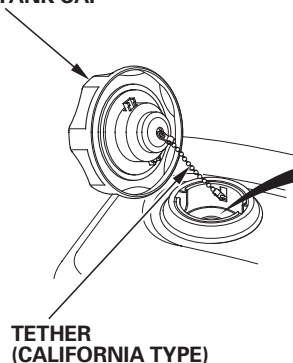
Never refuel the engine inside a building where gasoline fumes may reach flames or sparks. Keep gasoline away from appliance pilot lights, barbecues, electric appliances, power tools, etc.

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

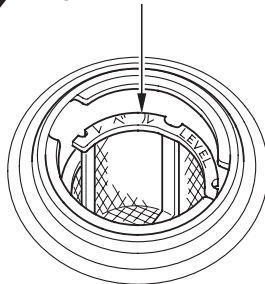
### NOTICE

*Fuel can damage paint and plastic. Be careful not to spill fuel when filling your fuel tank. Damage caused by spilled fuel is not covered under warranty.*

FUEL TANK CAP



UPPER LIMIT MARK



After refueling, reinstall the fuel tank cap securely.



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## FUEL RECOMMENDATIONS

This engine is certified to operate on regular unleaded gasoline with a pump octane rating of 86 or higher.

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

You may use regular unleaded gasoline containing no more than 10% ethanol (E10) or 5% methanol by volume. In addition, methanol must contain cosolvents and corrosion inhibitors.

Use of fuels with content of ethanol or methanol greater than shown above may cause starting and/or performance problems. It may also damage metal, rubber, and plastic parts of the fuel system.

Engine damage or performance problems that result from using a fuel with percentages of ethanol or methanol greater than shown above are not covered under warranty.

If your equipment will be used on an infrequent basis, please refer to the fuel section of the STORAGE chapter (see page 34 ) for additional information regarding fuel deterioration.

# STARTING THE ENGINE

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## STARTING THE ENGINE

For your safety, do not operate the generator in an enclosed area such as a garage. Your generator's exhaust contains poisonous carbon monoxide gas that can collect rapidly in an enclosed area and cause illness or death.

### **▲WARNING**

**Exhaust contains poisonous carbon monoxide gas that can build up to dangerous levels in closed areas.**

**Breathing carbon monoxide can cause unconsciousness or death.**

**Never run the generator in a closed, or even partly closed area where people may be present.**

To prevent a possible fire, keep the generator at least 3 feet (1 meter) away from building walls and other equipment during operation. Do not place flammable objects close to the engine.

### **NOTICE**

*Operating this generator less than 3 feet (1 meter) from a building or other obstruction can cause overheating and damage the generator. For proper cooling, allow at least 3 feet (1 meter) of empty space above and around the generator.*

Refer to *AC APPLICATIONS* (see page 16) for connecting loads to the generator.

1. Perform the *PRE-OPERATION CHECK* (see page 21).
2. Make sure that the AC circuit breaker is in the OFF position. The generator may be hard to start if a load is connected.
3. Turn the fuel valve lever to the ON position.
4. Turn the choke lever to the CLOSED position.
5. Turn the engine switch to the ON position.
6. Pull the starter grip lightly until resistance is felt, then pull briskly.

### **NOTICE**

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

7. As the engine warms up, slowly turn the choke lever to the OPEN position.

# STOPPING THE ENGINE

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## STOPPING THE ENGINE

### **In an emergency:**

1. To stop the engine in an emergency, turn the engine switch to the OFF position.

### **In normal use:**

1. Turn the AC circuit breaker to the OFF position.
2. Turn the engine switch to the OFF position.
3. Turn the fuel valve lever to the OFF position.

# MAINTENANCE

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## THE IMPORTANCE OF MAINTENANCE

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

### **▲WARNING**

**Improper maintenance, or failure to correct a problem before operation, can cause a malfunction in which you can 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 generator, 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 generator under severe conditions, such as sustained high-load or high-temperature operation, or use it in unusually wet or dusty conditions, consult your servicing dealer for recommendations applicable to your individual needs and use.

Remember that your servicing dealer knows your generator best and is fully equipped to maintain and repair it.

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

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

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## MAINTENANCE SAFETY

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

### **▲ WARNING**

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

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

### **Safety Precautions**

- Make sure the engine is off before you begin any maintenance or repairs. This will eliminate several potential hazards:
  - **Carbon monoxide poisoning from engine exhaust.**  
Operate outside away from open windows or doors.
  - **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 non-flammable solvent, not gasoline, to clean parts. Keep cigarettes, sparks, and flames away from all fuel-related parts.

## MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE

REGULAR SERVICE PERIOD (3)		Each use	First month or 20 Hrs.	Every 3 months or 50 Hrs.	Every 6 months or 100 Hrs.	Every year or 300 Hrs.
ITEM Perform at every indicated month or operating hour interval, whichever comes first.						
Engine oil	Check level	○				
	Change		○		○	
Air cleaner	Check	○				
	Clean			○ (1)		
Sediment Cup	Clean				○	
Spark plug	Check-adjust				○	
	Replace					○
Spark arrester	Clean				○	
Valve clearance	Check-adjust					○ (2)
Combustion chamber	Clean	After every 500 Hrs.(2)				
Fuel tank and filter	Clean				○ (2)	
Fuel tube	Check	Every 2 years (Replace if necessary) (2)				

### NOTE:

(1) Service more frequently when used in dusty areas.

(2) These items should be serviced by your Honda servicing dealer, unless you have the proper tools and are mechanically proficient. Refer to the Honda shop manual for service procedures.

(3) For commercial use, log hours of operation to determine proper maintenance intervals.

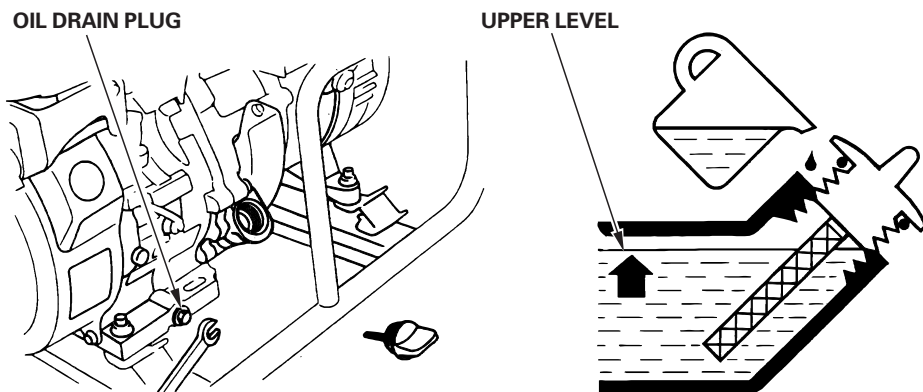
Failure to follow this maintenance schedule could result in non-warrantable failures.

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## ENGINE OIL CHANGE

Drain the oil while the engine is warm to assure rapid and complete draining.

1. Remove the drain plug and sealing washer, remove the oil filler cap, and drain the oil.
2. Reinstall the drain plug and sealing washer. Tighten the plug securely.
3. Refill with the recommended oil (see page 21 ) and check the oil level.



Wash your hands with soap and water after handling used oil.

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

## AIR CLEANER SERVICE

A dirty air cleaner will restrict air flow to the carburetor. To prevent carburetor malfunction, service the air cleaner regularly. Service more frequently when operating the generator in extremely dusty areas.

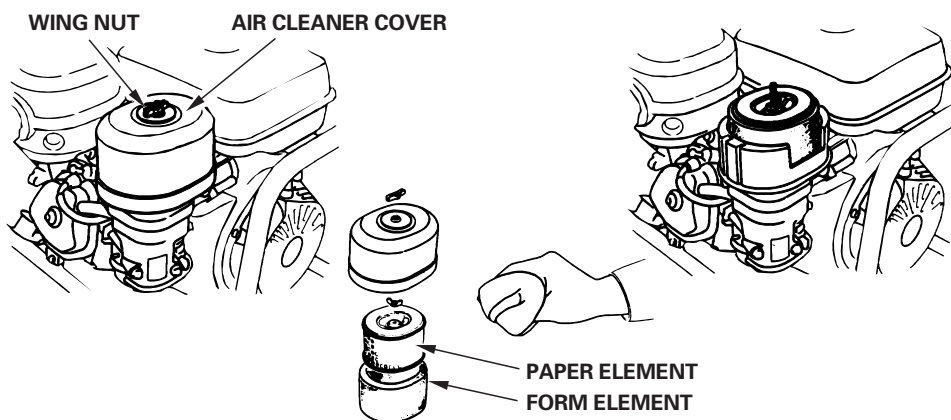
### ⚠ WARNING

**Using gasoline or flammable solvent to clean the air filter can cause a fire or explosion. Use only soapy water or non-flammable solvent.**

### NOTICE

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

1. Remove the wing nut and the air cleaner cover. Remove the elements and separate them. Carefully check both elements for holes or tears and replace if damaged.
2. Foam element: Wash the element in a solution of household detergent and warm water, then rinse thoroughly, or wash in non-flammable or high flash point solvent. Allow the element to dry thoroughly.  
Soak the element in clean engine oil and squeeze out the excess oil. The engine will smoke during initial start-up if too much oil is left in the foam.
3. Paper element: Tap the element lightly several times on a hard surface to remove excess dirt, or blow compressed air through the filter from the inside out. Never try to brush the dirt off; brushing will force dirt into the fibers.  
Replace the paper element if it is excessively dirty.



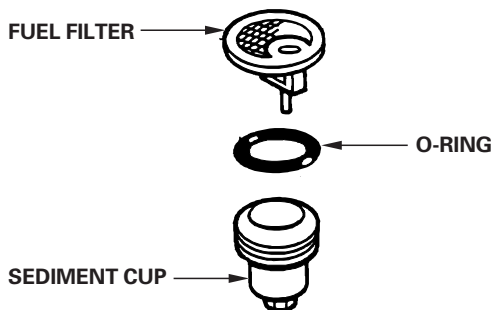
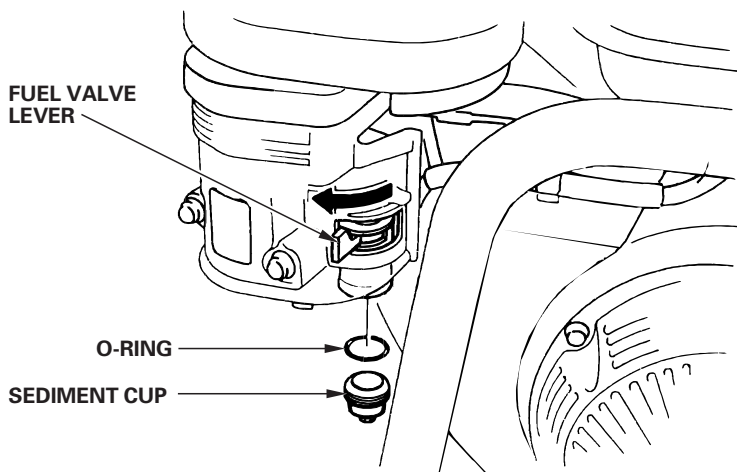


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## FUEL SEDIMENT CUP CLEANING

The sediment cup prevents dirt or water that may be in the fuel tank from entering the carburetor. If the engine has not been run for a long time, the sediment cup should be cleaned.

1. Turn the fuel valve lever to the OFF position. Remove the sediment cup, O-ring, and filter.
2. Clean the sediment cup, O-ring, and filter in non-flammable or high flash point solvent.
3. Reinstall the filter, O-ring, and sediment cup.
4. Turn the fuel valve lever ON and check for leaks.



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## SPARK PLUG SERVICE

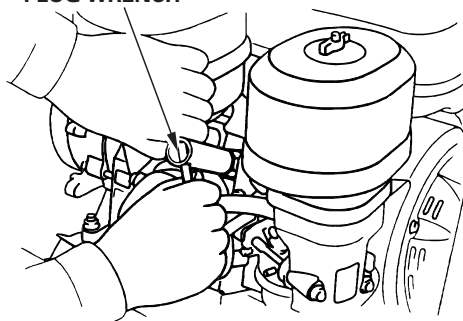
**Recommended spark plugs:** BPR5ES (NGK)  
W16EPR-U (DENSO)

To ensure proper engine operation, the spark plug must be properly gapped and free of deposits.

If the engine has been running, the muffler will be very hot. Be careful not to touch the muffler.

1. Remove the spark plug cap.
2. Clean any dirt from around the spark plug base.
3. Use a spark plug wrench to remove the spark plug.

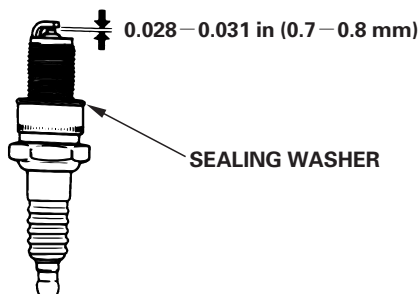
PLUG WRENCH



4. Inspect the spark plug. Replace it if the electrodes are worn or if the insulator is cracked, chipped, or fouled.
5. Measure the plug gap with a wire-type feeler gauge. Correct as necessary by carefully bending the side electrode.

**The gap should be:**

0.028–0.031 in (0.7–0.8 mm)



6. Check that the spark plug washer is in good condition, and thread the spark plug in by hand to prevent cross-threading.
7. After the spark plug is seated, tighten with a spark plug wrench to compress the washer.

— If installing a new spark plug, tighten 1/2 turn after the spark plug seats to compress the washer. If reinstalling a used spark plug, tighten 1/8—1/4 turn after the spark plug seats to compress the washer.

#### NOTICE

*The spark plug must be securely tightened. An improperly tightened spark plug can become very hot and could damage the engine.*

*Never use spark plugs which have an improper heat range. Use only the recommended spark plugs or equivalent.*

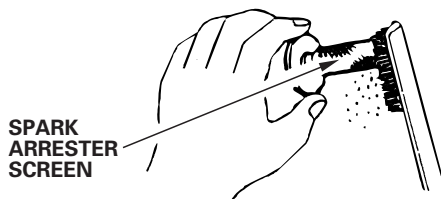
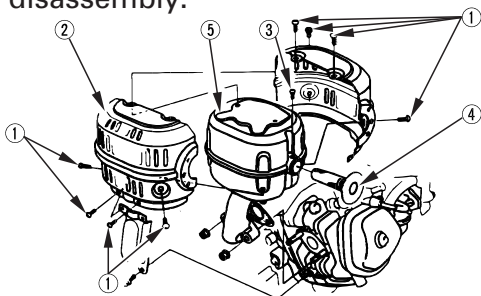
### SPARK ARRESTER MAINTENANCE

If the generator has been running, the muffler will be very hot. Allow it to cool before proceeding.

#### NOTICE

*The spark arrester must be serviced every 100 hours to maintain its efficiency.*

1. Remove the eight 5 mm screws ① from the muffler protector ② , and remove the muffler protector.
2. Remove the 4 mm screw ③ from the spark arrester ④ , and remove the spark arrester from the muffler ⑤.
3. Use a brush to remove carbon deposits from the spark arrester screen.
4. Inspect the spark arrester for breaks or holes, and replace it if necessary.
5. Install the spark arrester and the muffler in the reverse order of disassembly.



# STORAGE

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## Storage Preparation

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

## Cleaning

Wipe the generator with a moist cloth. After the generator has dried, touch up any damaged paint, and coat other areas that may rust with a light film of oil.

## Fuel

### NOTICE

*Depending on the region where you operate your equipment, fuel formulations may deteriorate and oxidize rapidly. Fuel deterioration and oxidation can occur in as little as 30 days and may cause damage to the carburetor and/or fuel system. Please check with your servicing dealer for local storage recommendations.*

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

The length of time that gasoline can be left in your fuel tank and carburetor without causing functional problems will vary with such factors as gasoline blend, your storage temperatures, and whether the fuel tank is partially or completely filled. The air in a partially filled fuel tank promotes fuel deterioration. Very warm storage temperatures accelerate fuel deterioration. Fuel deterioration problems may occur within a few months, or even less if the gasoline was not fresh when you filled the fuel tank.

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

Use the following table to determine the appropriate storage procedure.

<b>STORAGE TIME</b>	<b>RECOMMENDED SERVICE PROCEDURE TO PREVENT HARD STARTING</b>
Less than 1 month	No preparation required
1 to 2 months	Fill with fresh gasoline and add gasoline stabilizer *.
2 months to 1 year	Fill with fresh gasoline and add gasoline stabilizer *. Drain the carburetor float bowl. (page 36 ). Drain the fuel sediment cup. (page 31 ).
1 year or more	Fill with fresh gasoline and add gasoline stabilizer *. We recommend filling the fuel tank for long term storage in order to minimize the accumulation of moisture in the fuel tank. Drain the carburetor float bowl (page 36). Drain the sediment cup (page 31). Change the engine oil (page 29). Coating the engine cylinder with oil (page 37). After removal from storage, drain the stored gasoline into a suitable container, and fill with fresh gasoline before starting (page 36).
*Use gasoline stabilizers that are formulated to extend storage life. Follow the manufacturer’s instructions for use. Contact your authorized Honda generator dealer for stabilizer recommendations.	

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## ***Draining the Carburetor Float Bowl***

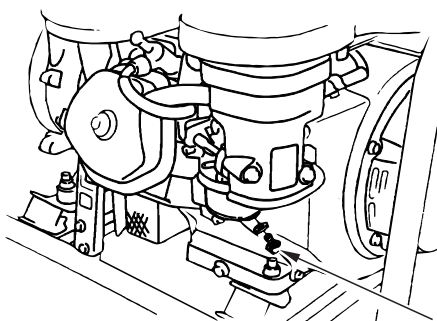
### **⚠ WARNING**

**Gasoline is highly flammable and explosive.**

**You can be burned or seriously injured when handling fuel.**

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

1. Turn the fuel valve lever to the OFF position.
2. Drain the carburetor by loosening the drain screw. Drain the gasoline into a suitable container.



**DRAIN SCREW**

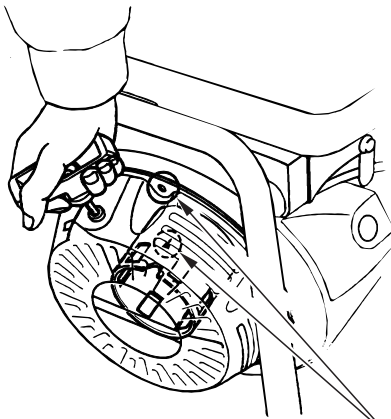
## ***Draining the Fuel Tank***

1. Place a suitable gasoline container below the sediment cup, and use a funnel to avoid spilling gasoline.
2. Remove the sediment cup (see page 31), and then turn the fuel valve lever to the ON position.
3. Allow the gasoline to drain completely, and then install the sediment cup (see page 31).

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## Coating the Engine Cylinder with Oil

1. Remove the spark plug (see page 32 ).
2. Pour a teaspoon (5 cc) of clean engine oil into the cylinder.
3. Pull the starter grip several times to distribute the oil in the cylinder.
4. Reinstall the spark plug.
5. Slowly pull the starter grip until resistance is felt. At this point, the piston is coming up on its compression stroke and both the intake and exhaust valves are closed. Storing the engine in this position will help to protect it from internal corrosion. Return the starter grip gently.



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

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## Storage Precautions

If your generator will be stored with gasoline in the fuel tank and carburetor, it is important to reduce the hazard of gasoline vapor ignition.

Select a well ventilated storage area away from any appliance that operates with a flame, such as a furnace, water heater, or clothes dryer. Also avoid any area with a spark-producing electric motor, or where power tools are operated.

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

Unless all fuel has been drained from the fuel tank, leave the fuel valve in the OFF position to reduce the possibility of leakage.

Place the generator on a level surface. Tilting can cause fuel or oil leakage.

With the engine and exhaust system cool, cover the generator to keep out dust. A hot engine and exhaust system can ignite or melt some materials.

Do not use sheet plastic as a dust cover. A nonporous cover will trap moisture around the generator, promoting rust and corrosion.

## Removal From Storage

Check your generator as described in the *PRE-OPERATION CHECK* chapter of this manual (see page 21).

If the generator was stored for 1 year or longer, drain the fuel tank (see page 36 ) and refuel with fresh gasoline. If you keep a container of gasoline for refueling, be sure that it contains only fresh gasoline. Gasoline oxidizes and deteriorates over time, causing hard starting.

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

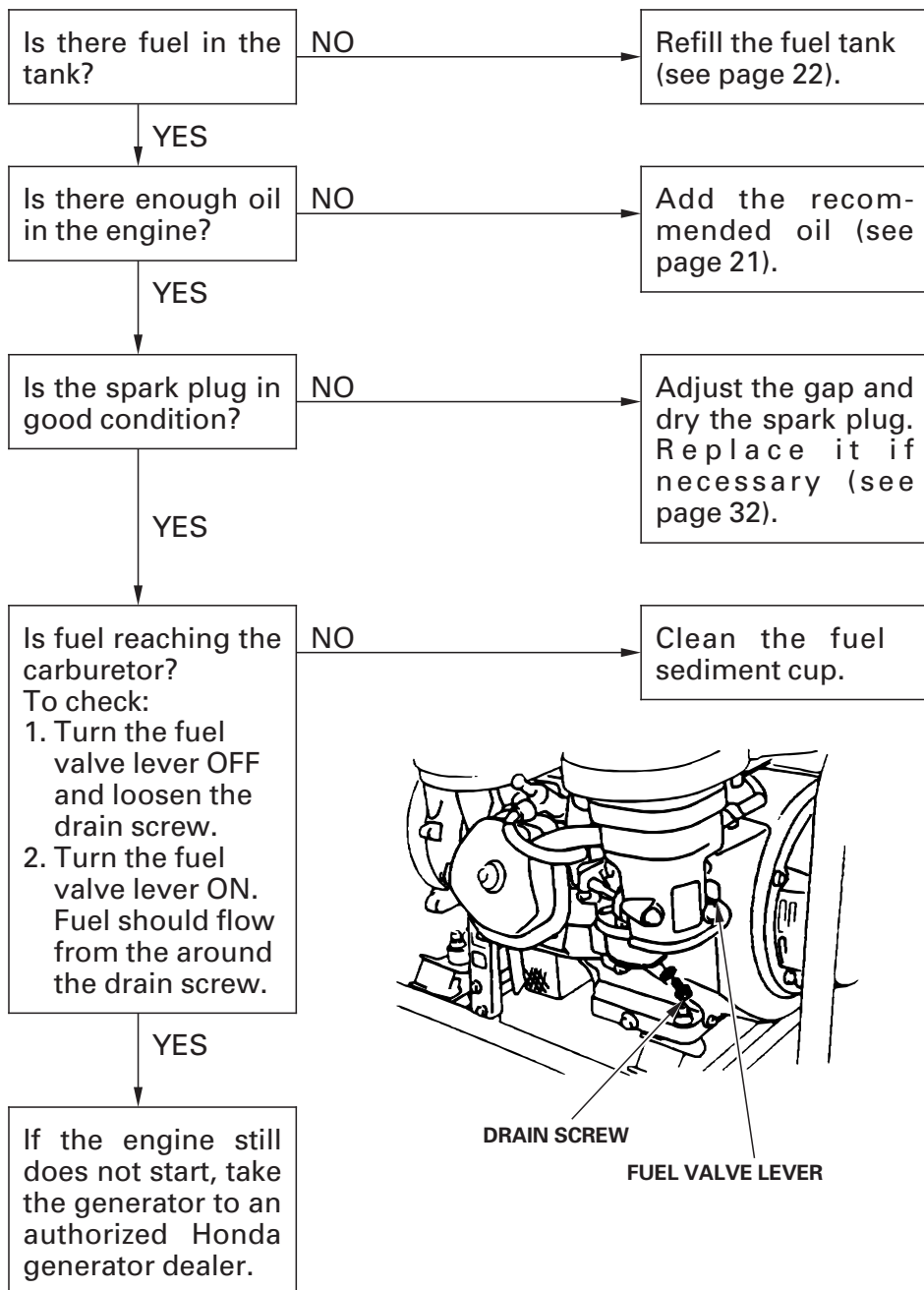


## TRANSPORTING

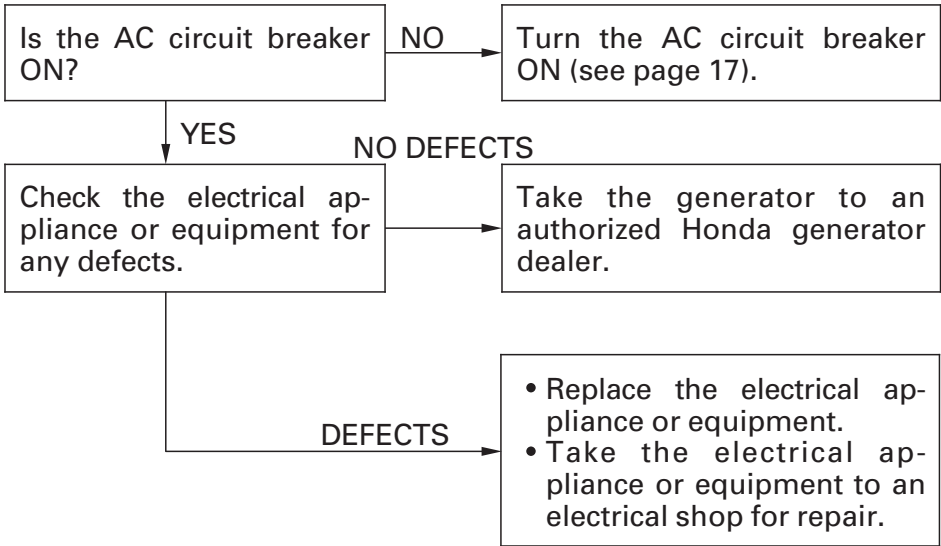
When transporting the generator, turn the engine switch and the fuel valve OFF. Keep the generator level to prevent fuel spillage. Fuel vapor or spilled fuel may ignite.

# TROUBLESHOOTING

When the engine will not start:



No electricity at the AC receptacles:



# TECHNICAL INFORMATION

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## EMISSION CONTROL SYSTEM INFORMATION

### Source of Emissions

The combustion process produces carbon monoxide, oxides of nitrogen, and hydrocarbons. Control of hydrocarbons and oxides of nitrogen are 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 appropriate air/fuel ratios and other emissions control systems to reduce the emissions of carbon monoxide, oxides of nitrogen, and hydrocarbons.

Additionally, Honda fuel systems utilize components and control technologies to reduce evaporative emissions.

### 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.
- Altering or defeating the governor linkage or speed-adjusting mechanism to cause the engine to operate outside its design parameters.

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## **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.

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## Replacement Parts

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

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

## Maintenance

Follow the *Maintenance Schedule* on page 28. Remember that this schedule is based on the assumption that your machine will be used for its designed purpose. Sustained high-load or high-temperature operation, or use in unusually wet or dusty conditions, will require more frequent service.

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**AIR INDEX**  
(Models certified for sale in California)

An Air Index Information label is applied to engines certified to an emission durability time period in accordance with the requirements of the California Air Resources Board.

The bar graph is intended to provide you, our customer, the ability to compare the emissions performance of available engines. The lower the Air Index, the less pollution.

The durability description is intended to provide you with information relating to the engine’s emission durability period. The descriptive term indicates the useful life period for the engine’s emission control system. See your *Emission Control System Warranty* for additional information.

Descriptive Term	Applicable to Emission Durability Period
Moderate	50 hours (0 – 80 cc, inclusive) 125 hours (greater than 80 cc)
Intermediate	125 hours (0 – 80 cc, inclusive) 250 hours (greater than 80 cc)
Extended	300 hours (0 – 80 cc, inclusive) 500 hours (greater than 80 cc) 1,000 hours (225 cc and greater)

## SPECIFICATIONS

### Dimensions

Model	EG5000X	
Type	Non-California type (AN type)	California type (AC type)
Power product description code	EA7	
Length	25.7 in (653 mm)	
Width	18.9 in (480 mm)	
Height	19.1 in (485 mm)	19.6 in (497 mm)
Dry mass [weight]	146.6 lbs (66.5 kg)	

### Engine

Model	GX340K1
Engine type	4-stroke, overhead valve, single cylinder
Displacement [Bore x stroke]	20.6 cu-in (337 cm <sup>3</sup> ) [3.2 × 2.5 in (82.0 × 64.0 mm)]
Compression ratio	8.0 : 1
Engine speed	3,600 rpm
Cooling system	Forced air
Ignition system	Transistor magneto
Oil capacity	1.2 US qt (1.1 L)
Fuel tank capacity	1.61 US gal (6.1 L)
Spark plug	BPR5ES (NGK) W16EPR-U (DENSO)

### Generator

Generator		Model	EG5000X
AC output	Rated voltage	120/240 V	
	Rated frequency	60 Hz	
	Rated ampere	37.5/18.8 A	
	Rated output	4.5 kVA	
	Maximum output	5.0 kVA	

### Tune-up Specifications

ITEM	SPECIFICATION	MAINTENANCE
Spark plug gap	0.028—0.031 in (0.7—0.8 mm)	Refer to page: 32
Valve clearance	IN: 0.15 ± 0.02 mm (cold) EX: 0.20 ± 0.02 mm (cold)	See your authorized Honda dealer
Other specifications	No other adjustments needed.	

### NOTE:

Specifications may vary according to the types, and are subject to change without notice.



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## **CONSUMER INFORMATION**

### **Dealer Locator Information**

To find an authorized Honda Servicing Dealer anywhere in the United States:

Call (800) 426-7701 or visit our web site:  
[www.hondapowerequipment.com/dealerlocator/](http://www.hondapowerequipment.com/dealerlocator/)

### **Customer Service Information**

Servicing dealership personnel are trained professionals. They should be able to answer most questions 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 Power Equipment Customer Relations Office. You can write to:

American Honda Motor Co., Inc.  
Power Equipment Division  
Customer Relations Office  
4900 Marconi Drive  
Alpharetta, Georgia 30005-8847

Or telephone: (770) 497-6400    8:30 am to 7:00 pm ET

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

- Model and serial number (see page 9 )
- Name of dealer who sold the generator to you
- Name and address of dealer who services your generator
- Date of purchase
- Your name, address, and telephone number
- A detailed description of the problem

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## **Honda Publications**

### ***Shop Manual***

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

Available through your Honda dealer or through Helm Inc. at 1 888-292-5395 or visit [www.hondapowerequipment.com/own.htm](http://www.hondapowerequipment.com/own.htm)

### ***Parts Catalog***

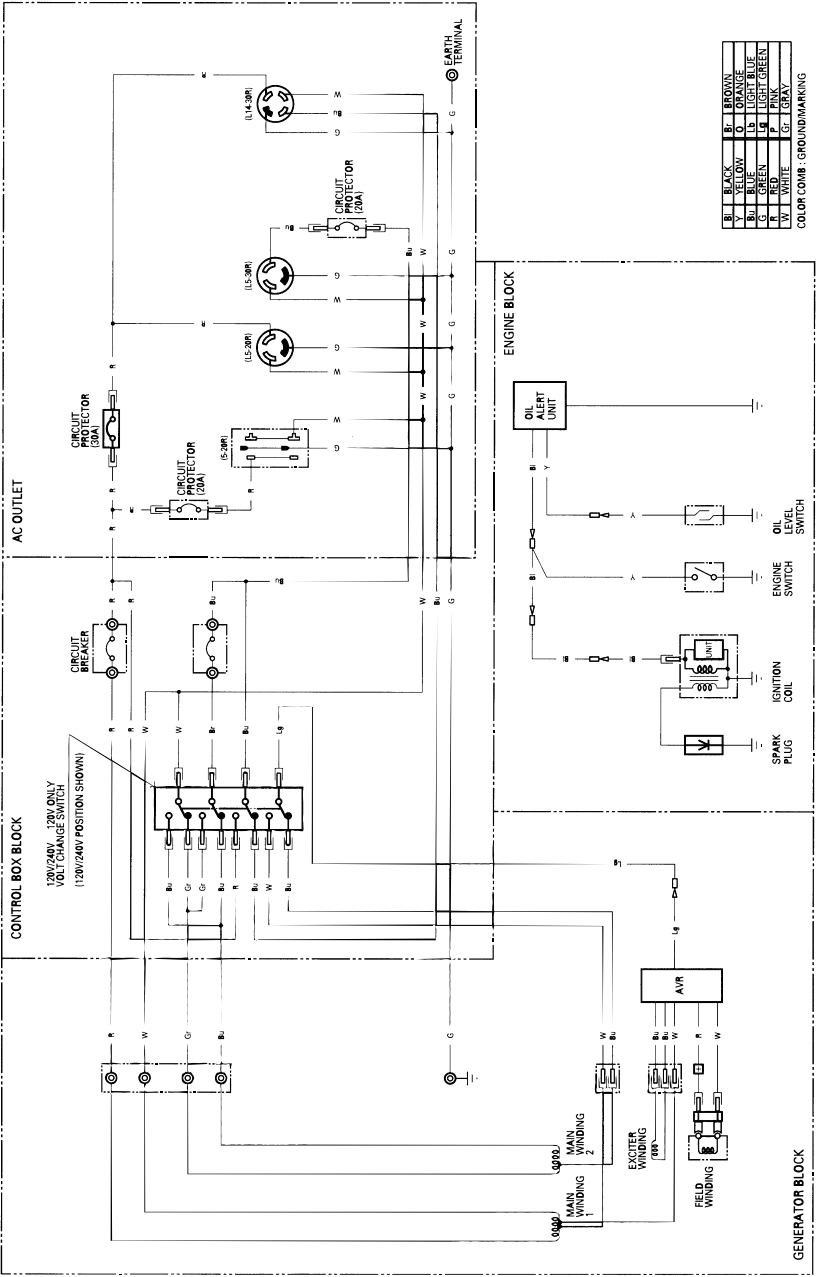
This manual provides complete, illustrated parts lists. Available through your Honda dealer.

### ***Accessories Catalog***

Your authorized Honda power equipment dealer offers a wide selection of accessories (optional equipment) to make your generator even more useful.

Visit [www.hondapowerequipment.com/products/accessories/](http://www.hondapowerequipment.com/products/accessories/) and click on Generators and Welders to see the entire catalog of accessories.

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