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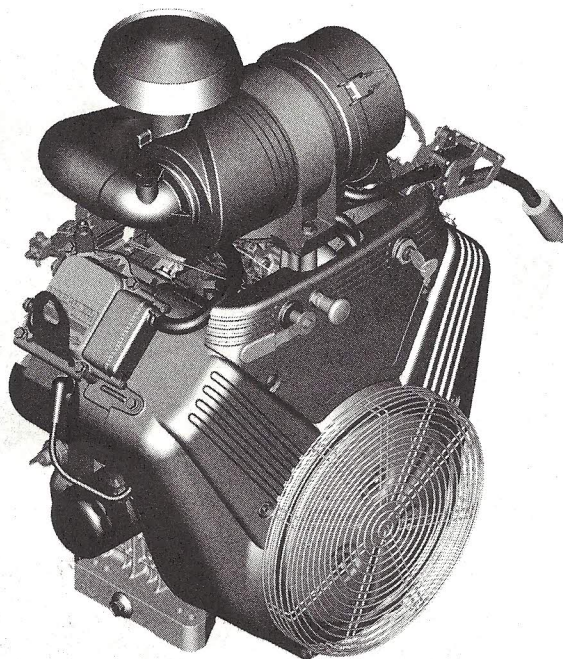
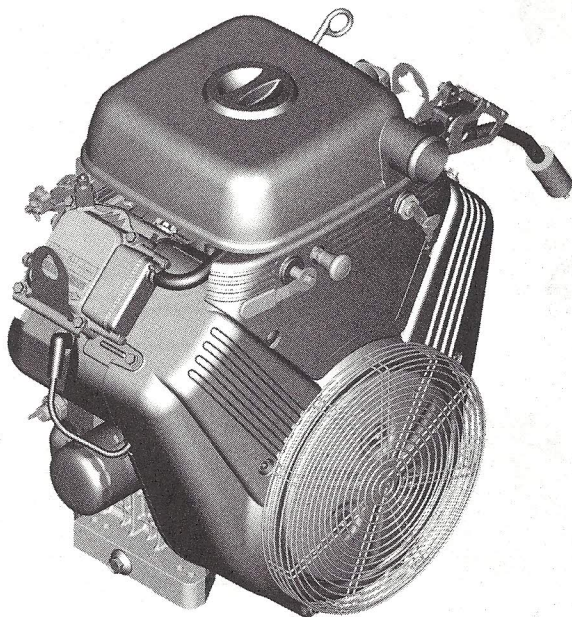


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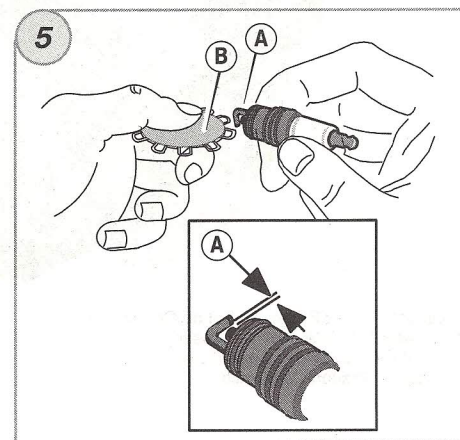
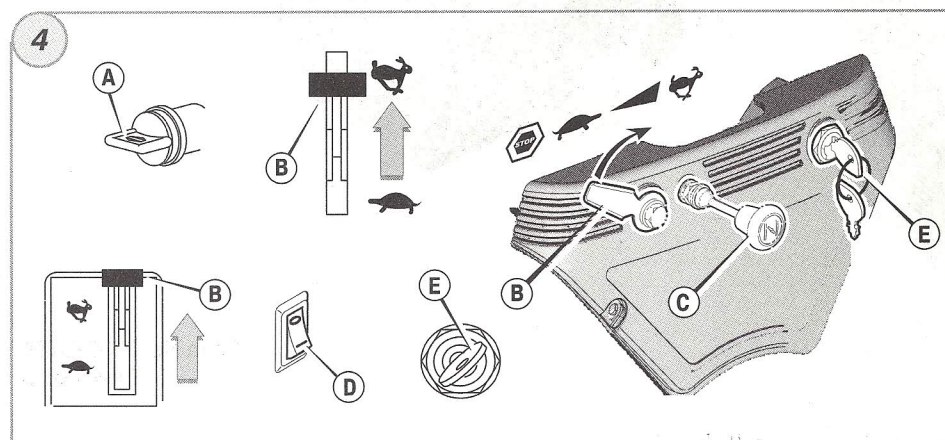
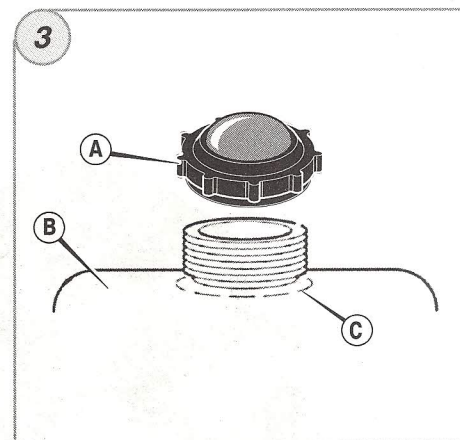
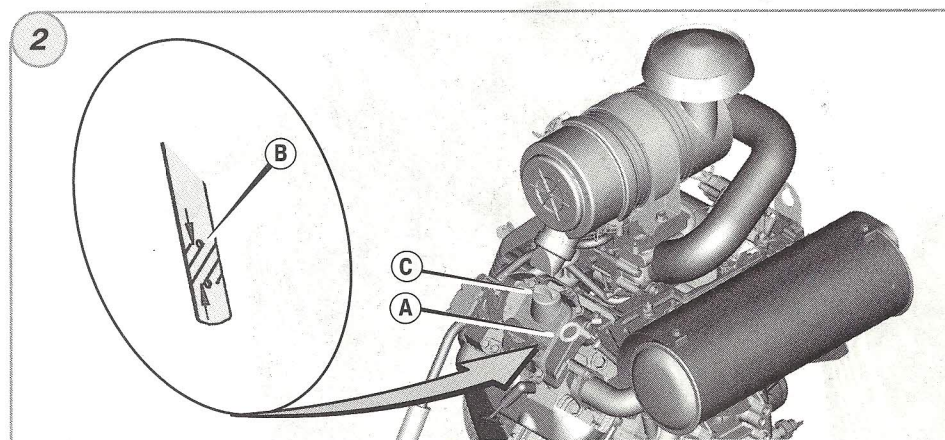
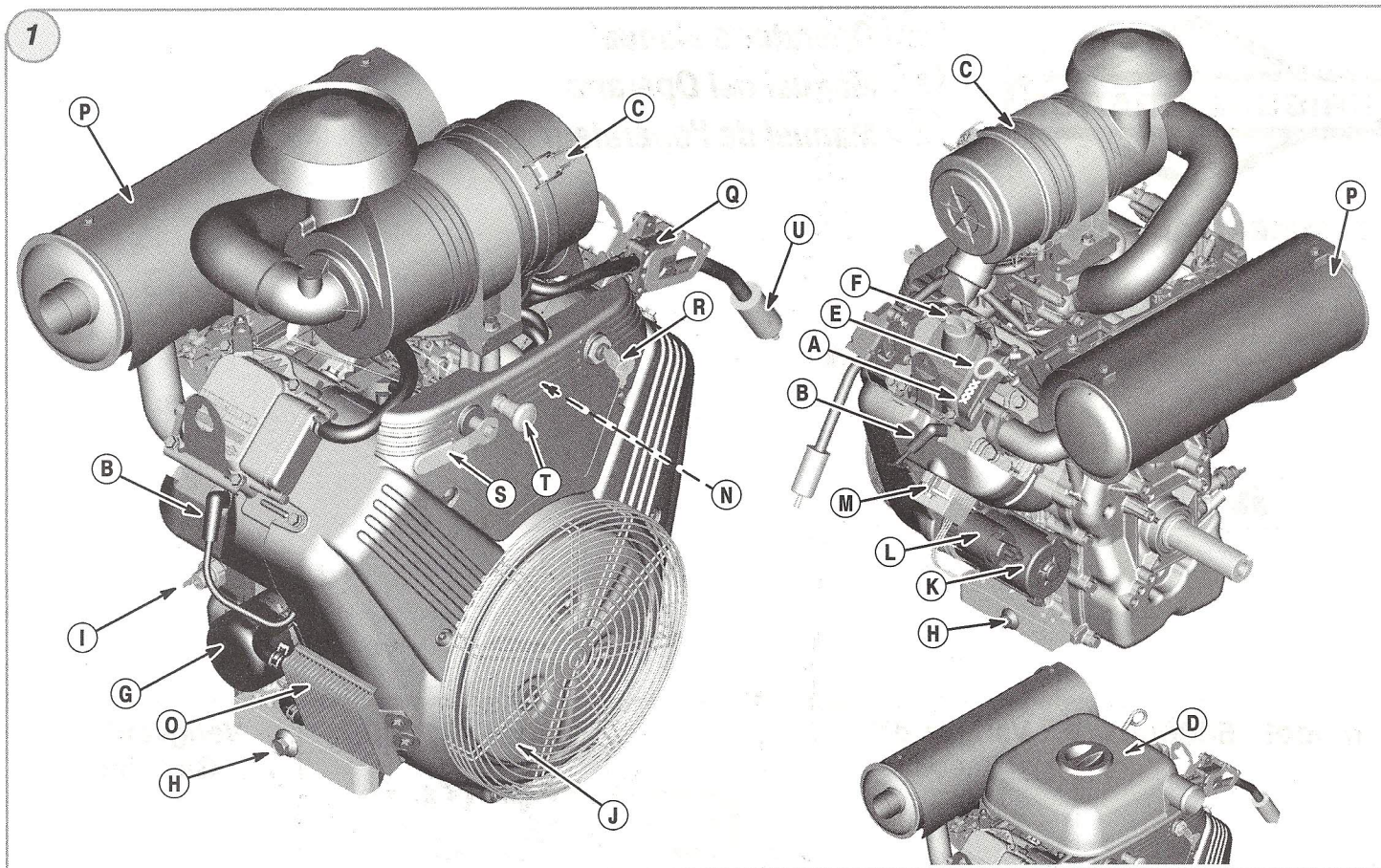
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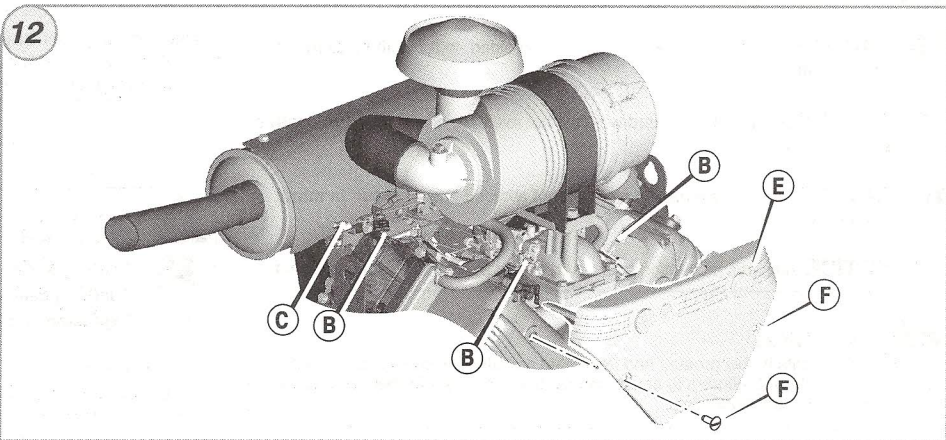
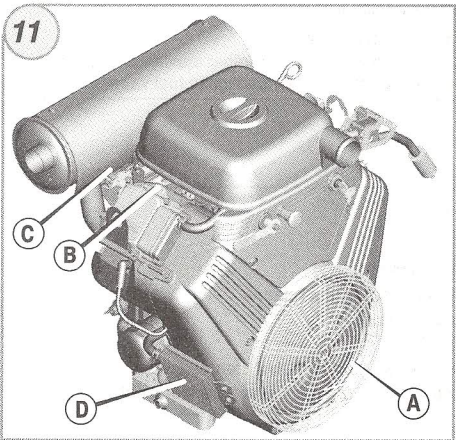
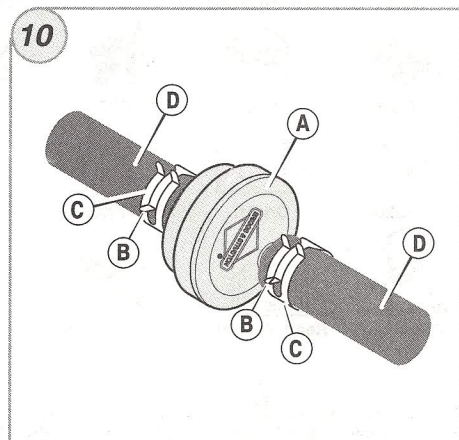
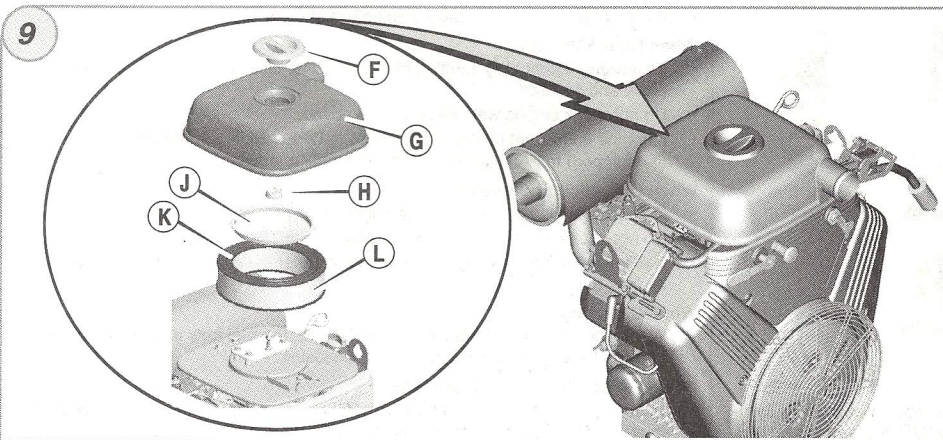
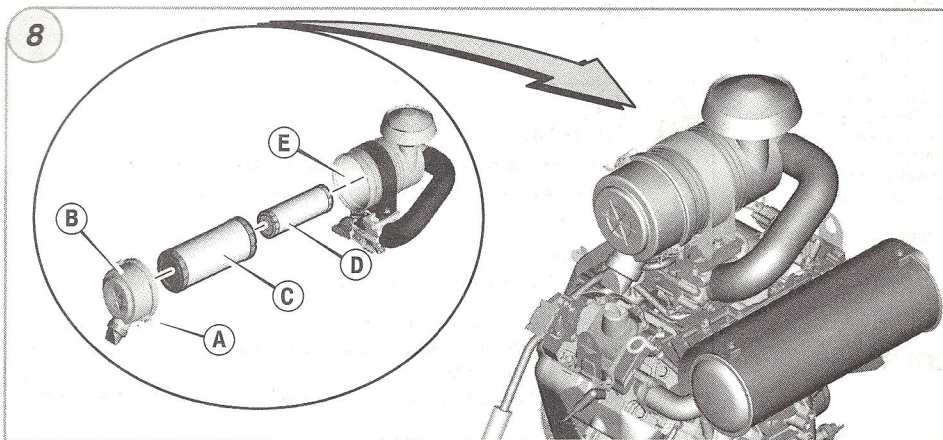
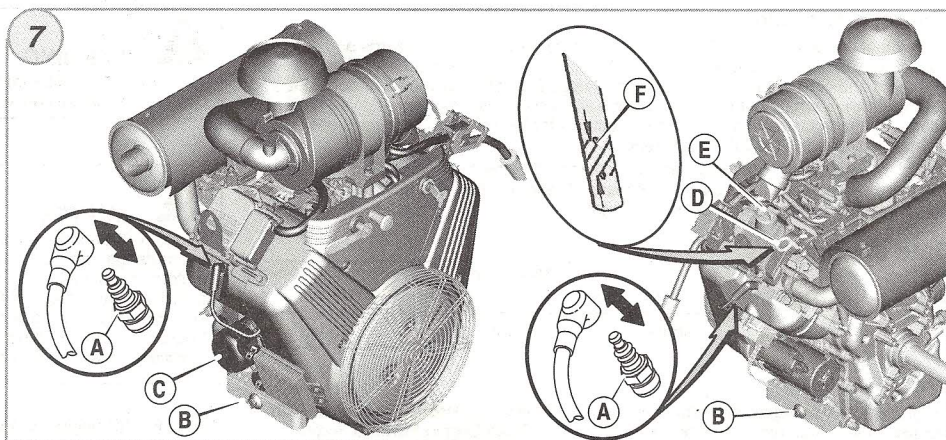
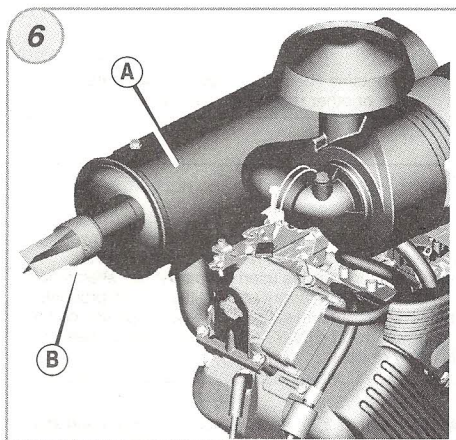
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General Information

This manual contains safety information to make you aware of the hazards and risks associated with engines and how to avoid them. It also contains instructions for the proper use and care of the engine. Because Briggs & Stratton Corporation does not necessarily know what equipment this engine will power, it is important that you read and understand these instructions and the instructions for the equipment. **Save these original instructions for future reference.**

For replacement parts or technical assistance, record below the engine model, type, and code numbers along with the date of purchase. These numbers are located on your engine (see the **Features and Controls** page).

Date of purchase: _____ MM/DD/YYYY

Engine model: _____
Model: _____ Type: _____ Code: _____

Power Rating


The gross power rating for individual gas engine models is labeled in accordance with SAE (Society of Automotive Engineers) code J1940 (Small Engine Power & Torque Rating Procedure), and rating performance has been obtained and corrected in accordance with SAE J1995 (Revision 2002-05). Torque values are derived at 3060 RPM; horsepower values are derived at 3600 RPM. The gross power curves can be viewed at www.BRIGGSandSTRATTON.COM. Net power values are taken with exhaust and air cleaner installed whereas gross power values are collected without these attachments. Actual gross engine power will be higher than net engine power and is affected by, among other things, ambient operating conditions and engine-to-engine variability. Given the wide array of products on which engines are placed, the gas engine may not develop the rated gross power when used in a given piece of power equipment. This difference is due to a variety of factors including, but not limited to, the variety of engine components (air cleaner, exhaust, charging, cooling, carburetor, fuel pump, etc.), application limitations, ambient operating conditions (temperature, humidity, altitude), and engine-to-engine variability.


Due to manufacturing and capacity limitations, Briggs & Stratton may substitute an engine of higher rated power for this Series engine.


Operator Safety


SAFETY AND CONTROL SYMBOLS



The safety alert symbol  is used to identify safety information about hazards that can result in personal injury. A signal word (DANGER, WARNING, or CAUTION) is used with the alert symbol to indicate the likelihood and the potential severity of injury. In addition, a hazard symbol may be used to represent the type of hazard.

 **DANGER** indicates a hazard which, if not avoided, **will result in death or serious injury.**

 **WARNING** indicates a hazard which, if not avoided, **could result in death or serious injury.**

 **CAUTION** indicates a hazard which, if not avoided, **could result in minor or moderate injury.**

NOTICE indicates a situation that **could result in damage to the product.**

WARNING

Certain components in this product and its related accessories contain chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer, birth defects, or other reproductive harm. Wash hands after handling.



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

Briggs & Stratton Engines are not designed for and are not to be used to power: fun-karts; go-karts; children's, recreational, or sport all-terrain vehicles (ATVs); motorbikes; hovercraft; aircraft products; or vehicles used in competitive events not sanctioned by Briggs & Stratton. For information about competitive racing products, see www.briggsracing.com. For use with utility and side-by-side ATVs, please contact Briggs & Stratton Engine Application Center, 1-866-927-3349. Improper engine application may result in serious injury or death.

NOTICE: This engine was shipped from Briggs & Stratton without oil. Before you start the engine, make sure you add oil according to the instructions in this manual. If you start the engine without oil, it will be damaged beyond repair and will not be covered under warranty.



WARNING



Fuel and its vapors are extremely flammable and explosive.
Fire or explosion can cause severe burns or death.

When Adding Fuel

- Turn engine off and let engine cool at least 2 minutes before removing the fuel cap.
- Fill fuel tank outdoors or in well-ventilated area.
- Do not overfill fuel tank. To allow for expansion of the fuel, do not fill above the bottom of the fuel tank neck.
- Keep fuel away from sparks, open flames, pilot lights, heat, and other ignition sources.
- Check fuel lines, tank, cap, and fittings frequently for cracks or leaks. Replace if necessary.
- If fuel spills, wait until it evaporates before starting engine.

When Starting Engine

- Ensure that spark plug, muffler, fuel cap and air cleaner (if equipped) are in place and secured.
- Do not crank engine with spark plug removed.
- If engine floods, set choke (if equipped) to OPEN/RUN position, move throttle (if equipped) to FAST position and crank until engine starts.

When Operating Equipment

- Do not tip engine or equipment at angle which causes fuel to spill.
- Do not choke the carburetor to stop engine.
- Never start or run the engine with the air cleaner assembly (if equipped) or the air filter (if equipped) removed.

When Changing Oil

- When you drain the oil from the top oil fill tube, the fuel tank must be empty or fuel can leak out and result in a fire or explosion.

When Tipping Unit for Maintenance

- When performing maintenance that requires the unit to be tipped, the fuel tank must be empty or fuel can leak out and result in a fire or explosion.

When Transporting Equipment

- Transport with fuel tank EMPTY or with fuel shut-off valve OFF.

When Storing Fuel Or Equipment With Fuel In Tank

- Store away from furnaces, stoves, water heaters or other appliances that have pilot lights or other ignition sources because they can ignite fuel vapors.

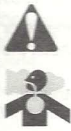


WARNING



Starting engine creates sparking.
Sparking can ignite nearby flammable gases.
Explosion and fire could result.

- If there is natural or LP gas leakage in area, do not start engine.
- Do not use pressurized starting fluids because vapors are flammable.



WARNING

Engines give off carbon monoxide, an odorless, colorless, poison gas. Breathing carbon monoxide can cause nausea, fainting or death.

- Start and run engine outdoors.
- Do not start or run engine in enclosed area, even if doors or windows are open.



WARNING

Rapid retraction of starter cord (kickback) will pull hand and arm toward engine faster than you can let go.

Broken bones, fractures, bruises or sprains could result.

- When starting engine, pull the starter cord slowly until resistance is felt and then pull rapidly to avoid kickback.
- Remove all external equipment/engine loads before starting engine.
- Direct-coupled equipment components such as, but not limited to, blades, impellers, pulleys, sprockets, etc., must be securely attached.



WARNING

Rotating parts can contact or entangle hands, feet, hair, clothing, or accessories.

Traumatic amputation or severe laceration can result.

- Operate equipment with guards in place.
- Keep hands and feet away from rotating parts.
- Tie up long hair and remove jewelry.
- Do not wear loose-fitting clothing, dangling drawstrings or items that could become caught.



WARNING

Running engines produce heat. Engine parts, especially muffler, become extremely hot.

Severe thermal burns can occur on contact.

Combustible debris, such as leaves, grass, brush, etc. can catch fire.

- Allow muffler, engine cylinder and fins to cool before touching.
- Remove accumulated debris from muffler area and cylinder area.
- It is a violation of California Public Resource Code, Section 4442, to use or operate the engine on any forest-covered, brush-covered, or grass-covered land unless the exhaust system is equipped with a spark arrester, as defined in Section 4442, maintained in effective working order. Other states or federal jurisdictions may have similar laws. Contact the original equipment manufacturer, retailer, or dealer to obtain a spark arrester designed for the exhaust system installed on this engine.



WARNING

Unintentional sparking can result in fire or electric shock.

Unintentional start-up can result in entanglement, traumatic amputation, or laceration.

Fire hazard

Before performing adjustments or repairs:

- Disconnect the spark plug wire and keep it away from the spark plug.
- Disconnect battery at negative terminal (only engines with electric start.)
- Use only correct tools.
- Do not tamper with governor spring, links or other parts to increase engine speed.
- Replacement parts must be of the same design and installed in the same position as the original parts. Other parts may not perform as well, may damage the unit, and may result in injury.
- Do not strike the flywheel with a hammer or hard object because the flywheel may later shatter during operation.

When testing for spark:

- Use approved spark plug tester.
- Do not check for spark with spark plug removed.

Features and Controls

Compare the illustration **1** with your engine to familiarize yourself with the location of various features and controls.

- A. Engine Identification
Model Type Code
- B. Spark Plug
- C. Air Cleaner, Cyclonic
- D. Air Cleaner, Low Profile
- E. Dipstick
- F. Oil Fill
- G. Oil Filter
- H. Oil Drain Plug
- I. Oil Pressure Sensor
- J. Finger Guard
- K. Electric Starter
- L. Starter Solenoid
- M. Regulator/Rectifier
- N. Carburetor
- O. Oil Cooler (optional)
- P. Muffler (optional)
- Q. Fuel Pump
- R. Starter Switch *
- S. Throttle Control *
- T. Choke Control *
- U. Fuel Filter (optional)

* Some engines and equipment have remote controls. See the equipment manual for location and operation of remote controls.

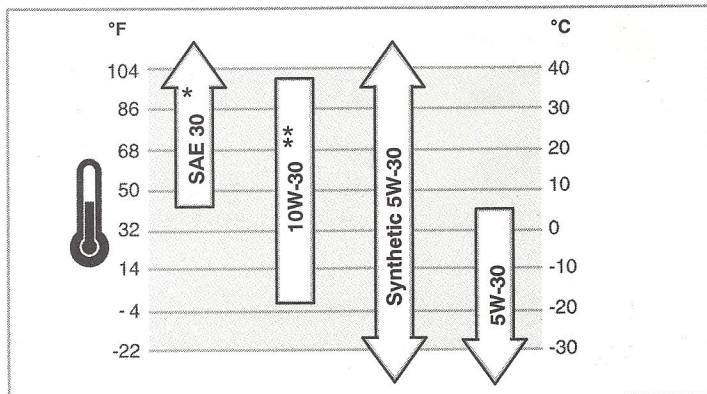
Operation

Oil capacity (see the **Specifications** section)

Oil Recommendations

We recommend the use of Briggs & Stratton Warranty Certified oils for best performance. Other high-quality detergent oils are acceptable if classified for service SF, SG, SH, SJ or higher. Do not use special additives.

Outdoor temperatures determine the proper oil viscosity for the engine. Use the chart to select the best viscosity for the outdoor temperature range expected.



* Below 40°F (4°C) the use of SAE 30 will result in hard starting.

** Above 80°F (27°C) the use of 10W-30 may cause increased oil consumption. Check oil level more frequently.

How To Check/Add Oil - Figure 2

Before adding or checking the oil

- Place engine level.
- Clean the oil fill area of any debris.
- 1. Remove the dipstick (A) and wipe with a clean cloth (Figure 2).
- 2. Insert and tighten the dipstick.
- 3. Remove the dipstick and check the oil level. It should be at the top of the full indicator (B) on the dipstick.
- 4. If low, add oil slowly into the engine oil fill (C). **Do not overfill.** After adding oil, wait one minute and then recheck the oil level.
- 5. Replace and tighten the dipstick.

Oil Pressure

If the oil pressure is too low, a pressure switch (if equipped) will either stop the engine or activate a warning device on the equipment. If this occurs, stop the engine and check the oil level with the dipstick.

If the oil level is below the ADD mark, add oil until it reaches the FULL mark. Start the engine and check for proper pressure before continuing to operate.

If the oil level is between the ADD and FULL marks, **do not start** the engine. Contact an Authorized Briggs & Stratton Dealer to have the oil pressure problem corrected.

Fuel Recommendations

Fuel must meet these requirements:

- Clean, fresh, unleaded gasoline.
- A minimum of 87 octane/87 AKI (91 RON). High altitude use, see below.
- Gasoline with up to 10% ethanol (gasohol) is acceptable.

CAUTION: Do not use unapproved gasolines, such as E15 and E85. Do not mix oil in gasoline or modify the engine to run on alternate fuels. Use of unapproved fuels will damage the engine components and **void the engine warranty.**

To protect the fuel system from gum formation, mix a fuel stabilizer into the fuel. See **Storage**. All fuel is not the same. If starting or performance problems occur, change fuel providers or change brands. This engine is certified to operate on gasoline. The emissions control system for this engine is EM (Engine Modifications).

High Altitude

At altitudes over 5,000 feet (1524 meters), a minimum 85 octane/85 AKI (89 RON) gasoline is acceptable. To remain emissions compliant, high altitude adjustment is required. Operation without this adjustment will cause decreased performance, increased fuel consumption, and increased emissions. See an authorized Briggs & Stratton Dealer for high altitude adjustment information.

Operation of the engine at altitudes below 2,500 feet (762 meters) with the high altitude kit is not recommended.

How To Add Fuel - Figure 3



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Fire or explosion can cause severe burns or death.



When Adding Fuel

- Turn engine off and let engine cool at least 2 minutes before removing the fuel cap.
- Fill fuel tank outdoors or in well-ventilated area.
- Do not overfill fuel tank. To allow for expansion of the fuel, do not fill above the bottom of the fuel tank neck.
- Keep fuel away from sparks, open flames, pilot lights, heat, and other ignition sources.
- Check fuel lines, tank, cap, and fittings frequently for cracks or leaks. Replace if necessary.
- If fuel spills, wait until it evaporates before starting engine.

1. Clean the fuel cap area of dirt and debris. Remove the fuel cap (A, Figure 3).
2. Fill the fuel tank (B) with fuel. To allow for expansion of the fuel, do not fill above the bottom of the fuel tank neck (C).
3. Reinstall the fuel cap.

How To Start The Engine - Figure 4



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When Starting Engine

- Ensure that spark plug, muffler, fuel cap and air cleaner (if equipped) are in place and secured.
- Do not crank engine with spark plug removed.
- If engine floods, set choke (if equipped) to OPEN/RUN position, move throttle (if equipped) to FAST position and crank until engine starts.



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
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Note: Some engines and equipment have remote controls. See the equipment manual for location and operation of remote controls.

1. Check the oil level. See the **How To Check/Add Oil** section.
2. Make sure equipment drive controls, if equipped, are disengaged.
3. Turn the fuel shut-off valve (A), if equipped, to the on position (Figure 4).
4. Move the throttle control (B) to the fast  position. Operate the engine in the fast  position.


5. Pull out the choke control (C), if equipped, to the choke  position.

Note: To start the engine with a dry fuel system (first time starting or after running out of fuel), additional cranking time in the choke  position will be required. This will give the fuel pump time to prime the fuel system.

6. Push the stop switch (D), if equipped, to the on position.
7. Turn the electric start switch (E) to the on/start position (Figure 4).
8. If the engine fires but will not continue to run, move the choke control (C) to the run  position to start the engine.

NOTICE: To extend the life of the starter, use short starting cycles (five seconds maximum). Wait one minute between starting cycles.

Note: If the engine does not start after repeated attempts, go to VanguardEngines.com or call 1-800-999-9333 (in USA).

9. As the engine warms up, move the choke control (C) to the run  position.

How To Stop The Engine - Figure 4



WARNING

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- Do not choke the carburetor to stop engine.

1. Move the throttle control to the slow position, turn the key switch (E) to the off position (Figure 4). Remove the key and keep in a safe place out of the reach of children.
2. Push the stop switch (D), if equipped, to the off position.
3. After the engine stops, turn the fuel shut-off valve (A), if equipped, to the closed position.

Maintenance

We recommend that you see any Briggs & Stratton Authorized Dealer for all maintenance and service of the engine and engine parts.

NOTICE: All the components used to build this engine must remain in place for proper operation.



WARNING: When performing maintenance that requires the unit to be tipped, the fuel tank must be empty or fuel can leak out and result in a fire or explosion.

Emissions Control

Maintenance, replacement, or repair of the emissions control devices and systems may be performed by any non-road engine repair establishment or individual. However, to obtain "no charge" emissions control service, the work must be performed by a factory authorized dealer. See the Emissions Warranty.

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Fire hazard

Before performing adjustments or repairs:

- Disconnect the spark plug wire and keep it away from the spark plug.
- Disconnect battery at negative terminal (only engines with electric start.)
- Use only correct tools.
- Do not tamper with governor spring, links or other parts to increase engine speed.
- Replacement parts must be of the same design and installed in the same position as the original parts. Other parts may not perform as well, may damage the unit, and may result in injury.
- Do not strike the flywheel with a hammer or hard object because the flywheel may later shatter during operation.

When testing for spark:

- Use approved spark plug tester.
- Do not check for spark with spark plug removed.

Maintenance Chart

First 5 Hours
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Change oil
Every 8 Hours or Daily
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check engine oil level • Clean area around muffler and controls
Every 100 Hours or Annually
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clean or change air filter * ▲ • Change engine oil and filter • Clean pre-cleaner (if equipped) * • Replace spark plug • Check muffler and spark arrester
Every 250 Hours or Annually
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check valve clearance. Adjust if necessary.
Every 400 Hours or Annually
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Change air filter ▲ • Replace fuel filter • Clean air cooling system * • Clean oil cooler fins *
Every 600 Hours or Annually
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Change safety filter (if equipped)

* In dusty conditions or when airborne debris is present, clean more often.

▲ Every third air filter change, change the inner safety filter (if equipped).

Carburetor Adjustment

Never make adjustments to the carburetor. The carburetor was set at the factory to operate efficiently under most conditions. However, if adjustments are required, see a Briggs & Stratton Authorized Dealer for service.

NOTICE: The manufacturer of the equipment on which this engine is installed specifies the top speed at which the engine will be operated. **Do not exceed** this speed.

How To Replace The Spark Plug - Figure 5

Check the gap (A, Figure 5) with a wire gauge (B). If necessary, reset the gap. Install and tighten the spark plug to the recommended torque. For gap setting or torque, see the **Specifications** section.

Note: In some areas, local law requires using a resistor spark plug to suppress ignition signals. If this engine was originally equipped with a resistor spark plug, use the same type for replacement.

Inspect Muffler And Spark Arrestor - Figure 6



WARNING



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Combustible debris, such as leaves, grass, brush, etc. can catch fire.

- Allow muffler, engine cylinder and fins to cool before touching.
- Remove accumulated debris from muffler area and cylinder area.
- It is a violation of California Public Resource Code, Section 4442, to use or operate the engine on any forest-covered, brush-covered, or grass-covered land unless the exhaust system is equipped with a spark arrester, as defined in Section 4442, maintained in effective working order. Other states or federal jurisdictions may have similar laws. Contact the original equipment manufacturer, retailer, or dealer to obtain a spark arrester designed for the exhaust system installed on this engine.

Remove accumulated debris from muffler area and cylinder area. Inspect the muffler (A, Figure 6) for cracks, corrosion, or other damage. Remove the spark arrester (B), if equipped, and inspect for damage or carbon blockage. If damage is found, install replacement parts before operating.



WARNING: Replacement parts must be of the same design and installed in the same position as the original parts. Other parts may not perform as well, may damage the unit, and may result in injury.

How To Change The Oil - Figure 7

Used oil is a hazardous waste product and must be disposed of properly. Do not discard with household waste. Check with your local authorities, service center, or dealer for safe disposal/recycling facilities.

Remove Oil

1. With engine off but still warm, disconnect the spark plug wire (A) and keep it away from the spark plug (Figure 7).
2. Remove the oil drain plug (B). Drain the oil into an approved container.
3. After the oil has drained, install and tighten the oil drain plug.

Change The Oil Filter

All models are equipped with an oil filter. For replacement intervals, see the **Maintenance** chart.

1. Drain the oil from the engine. See **Remove Oil** section.
2. Remove the oil filter (C, Figure 7) and dispose of properly.
3. Before installing the new oil filter, lightly lubricate the oil filter gasket with fresh, clean oil.
4. Install the oil filter by hand until the gasket contacts the oil filter adapter, then tighten the oil filter 1/2 to 3/4 turns.
5. Add oil. See **Add Oil** section.
6. Start and run the engine. As the engine warms up, check for oil leaks.
7. Stop the engine and check the oil level. It should be at the top of the full indicator (F) on the dipstick.

Add Oil

- Place engine level.
 - Clean the oil fill area of any debris.
 - See the **Specifications** section for oil capacity.
1. Remove the dipstick (D, Figure 7) and wipe with a clean cloth.
 2. Pour the oil slowly into the engine oil fill (E). **Do not overfill.** After adding oil, wait one minute and then check the oil level.
 3. Install and tighten the dipstick.
 4. Remove the dipstick and check the oil level. It should be at the top of the full indicator (F) on the dipstick.
 5. Install and tighten the dipstick.

How To Service The Air Filter - Figure 8 9



WARNING



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- Never start or run the engine with the air cleaner assembly (if equipped) or the air filter (if equipped) removed.

NOTICE: Do not use pressurized air or solvents to clean the filter. Pressurized air can damage the filter and solvents will dissolve the filter.

The air filter system uses either a cyclonic air filter or a low-profile air filter. See the **Maintenance Chart** for service requirements.

Cyclonic Air Filter System

1. Open the latches (A) and remove the cover (B). See Figure 8.
2. Remove the air filter (C).
3. To loosen debris, gently tap the air filter on a hard surface. If the air filter is excessively dirty, replace with a new air filter.
4. The cyclonic air filter system also has a safety filter (D) (if equipped). See the **Maintenance Chart** for service requirements. To remove, carefully pull the safety filter away from air cleaner body (E) and discard. Make sure that dirt or debris do not enter the engine.
5. Install the new safety filter in the air cleaner body.
6. Install the air filter over the safety filter.
7. Install the cover and close the latches.

Low-Profile Air Filter System

1. Remove the knob (F) and the cover (G). See Figure 9.
2. Remove the nut (H) and the retainer (J).
3. Remove the air filter (K).
4. Remove the pre-cleaner (L), if equipped, from the air filter.
5. To loosen debris, gently tap the air filter on a hard surface. If the air filter is excessively dirty, replace with a new air filter.
6. Wash the pre-cleaner in liquid detergent and water. Then allow it to thoroughly air dry. **Do not** oil the pre-cleaner.
7. Assemble the dry pre-cleaner to the air filter.
8. Install the air filter and secure with retainer and nut.
9. Install the cover and secure with knob.

How To Clean The Air Cooling System - Figure 11 12



WARNING



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- Allow muffler, engine cylinder and fins to cool before touching.
- Remove accumulated debris from muffler area and cylinder area.

NOTICE: Do not use water to clean the engine. Water could contaminate the fuel system. Use a brush or dry cloth to clean the engine.

This is an air cooled engine. Dirt or debris can restrict air flow and cause the engine to overheat, resulting in poor performance and reduced engine life.

Use a brush or dry cloth to remove debris from the finger guard (A, Figure 11). Keep linkage, springs and controls (B) clean. Keep the area around and behind the muffler (C) free of any combustible debris. Make sure that the oil cooler fins (D) are free of dirt and debris.

Clean the area under the panel (E, Figure 12). Loosen the two screws (F) until you hear a click. Remove the panel and clean the area of dirt and debris. Make sure the underside of the panel is also clean. Install the panel and tighten the screws until you hear a click.

How To Replace The Fuel Filter - Figure 10



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- Keep fuel away from sparks, open flames, pilot lights, heat, and other ignition sources.
- Check fuel lines, tank, cap, and fittings frequently for cracks or leaks. Replace if necessary.
- Before replacing the fuel filter, drain the fuel tank or close the fuel shut-off valve.
- Replacement parts must be the same and installed in the same position as the original parts.
- If fuel spills, wait until it evaporates before starting engine.

1. Before replacing the fuel filter (A, Figure 10), if equipped, drain the fuel tank or close the fuel shut-off valve. Otherwise, fuel can leak out and cause a fire or explosion.
2. Use pliers to squeeze tabs (B) on the clamps (C), then slide the clamps away from the fuel filter. Twist and pull the fuel lines (D) off of the fuel filter.
3. Check the fuel lines for cracks or leaks. Replace if necessary.
4. Replace the fuel filter with an original equipment replacement filter.
5. Secure the fuel lines with the clamps as shown.

Storage



WARNING

Fuel and its vapors are extremely flammable and explosive.
Fire or explosion can cause severe burns or death.

When Storing Fuel Or Equipment With Fuel In Tank

- Store away from furnaces, stoves, water heaters or other appliances that have pilot lights or other ignition sources because they can ignite fuel vapors.

Fuel System

Fuel can become stale when stored over 30 days. Stale fuel causes acid and gum deposits to form in the fuel system or on essential carburetor parts. To keep fuel fresh, use **Briggs & Stratton Advanced Formula Fuel Treatment & Stabilizer**, available wherever Briggs & Stratton genuine service parts are sold.

For engines equipped with a FRESH START® fuel cap, use **Briggs & Stratton FRESH START®** available in a drip concentrate cartridge.

There is no need to drain gasoline from the engine if a fuel stabilizer is added according to instructions. Run the engine for 2 minutes to circulate the stabilizer throughout the fuel system before storage.

If gasoline in the engine has not been treated with a fuel stabilizer, it must be drained into an approved container. Run the engine until it stops from lack of fuel. The use of a fuel stabilizer in the storage container is recommended to maintain freshness.

Engine Oil

While the engine is still warm, change the engine oil.

Troubleshooting

Need Assistance? Go to VanguardEngines.com or call 1-800-999-9333.

Specifications

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Displacement	54.68 ci (896 cc)
Bore	3.366 in (85.5 mm)
Stroke	3.071 in (78.0 mm)
Oil Capacity	78 - 80 oz (2.3 - 2.4 L)

Engine Specifications

Model	610000
Displacement	60.60 ci (993 cc)
Bore	3.366 in (85.5 mm)
Stroke	3.406 in (86.5 mm)
Oil Capacity	78 - 80 oz (2.3 - 2.4 L)

Tune-up Specifications *

Model	540000
Spark Plug Gap	0.030 in (0.76 mm)
Spark Plug Torque	180 lb-in (20 Nm)
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* Engine power will decrease 3.5% for each 1,000 feet (300 meters) above sea level and 1% for each 10° F (5.6° C) above 77° F (25° C). The engine will operate satisfactorily at an angle up to 15°. Refer to the equipment operator's manual for safe allowable operating limits on slopes.

Common Service Parts ✓

Service Part	Part Number
Air Filter, Cyclonic	841497
Safety Filter, Cyclonic	821136
Air Filter, Low-Profile	692519
Pre-Cleaner, Low-Profile	692520
Oil - SAE 30	100028
Oil Filter	842921

Service Part	Part Number
Fuel Filter	691035
Fuel Additive	5041, 5058
Resistor Spark Plug	491055
Long Life Platinum Spark Plug	5066
Spark Plug Wrench	19374
Spark Tester	19368

✓ We recommend that you see any Briggs & Stratton Authorized Dealer for all maintenance and service of the engine and engine parts.

LIMITED WARRANTY

Briggs & Stratton warrants that, during the warranty period specified below, it will repair or replace, free of charge, any part that is defective in material or workmanship or both. Transportation charges on product submitted for repair or replacement under this warranty must be borne by purchaser. This warranty is effective for and is subject to the time periods and conditions stated below. For warranty service, find the nearest Authorized Service Dealer in our dealer locator map at BRIGGSandSTRATTON.COM. The purchaser must contact the Authorized Service Dealer, and then make the product available to the Authorized Service Dealer for inspection and testing.

There is no other express warranty. Implied warranties, including those of merchantability and fitness for a particular purpose, are limited to one year from purchase, or to the extent permitted by law. All other implied warranties are excluded. Liability for incidental or consequential damages are excluded to the extent exclusion is permitted by law. Some states or countries do not allow limitations on how long an implied warranty lasts, and some states or countries do not allow the exclusion or limitation of incidental or consequential damages, so the above limitation and exclusion 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 and country to country **.

STANDARD WARRANTY TERMS * ▲

Brand/Product Type	Consumer Use	Commercial Use
Vanguard™ ■	3 years	3 years
Commercial Turf Series™	2 years	2 years
Extended Life Series™; I/C®; Intek™ I/C®; Intek™ Pro; Professional Series™ with Dura-Bore™ Cast Iron Sleeve; 850 Series™ with Dura-Bore™ Cast Iron Sleeve; Snow Series MAX™ with Dura-Bore™ Cast Iron Sleeve All Other Briggs & Stratton Engines Featuring Dura-Bore™ Cast Iron Sleeve	2 years	1 year
All Other Briggs & Stratton Engines	2 years	90 days

- * These are our standard warranty terms, but occasionally there may be additional warranty coverage that was not determined at time of publication. For a listing of current warranty terms for your engine, go to BRIGGSandSTRATTON.COM or contact your Briggs & Stratton Authorized Service Dealer.
- ** In Australia - Our goods come with guarantees that cannot be excluded under the Australian Consumer Law. You are entitled to a replacement or refund for a major failure and for compensation for any other reasonably foreseeable loss or damage. You are also entitled to have the goods repaired or replaced if the goods fail to be of acceptable quality and the failure does not amount to a major failure. For warranty service, find the nearest Authorized Service Dealer in our dealer locator map at BRIGGSandSTRATTON.COM, or by calling 1300 274 447, or by emailing or writing to salesenquiries@briggsandstratton.com.au, Briggs & Stratton Australia Pty Ltd, 1 Moorebank Avenue, Moorebank, NSW, Australia, 2170.
- ▲ Home Standby Generator applications: 2 years consumer warranty only. No commercial warranty. This warranty does not apply to engines on equipment used for prime power in place of a utility. **Engines used in competitive racing or on commercial or rental tracks are not warranted.**
- Vanguard installed on standby generators: 2 years consumer use, no warranty commercial use. Vanguard installed on utility vehicles: 2 years consumer use, 2 years commercial use. Vanguard 3-cylinder liquid cooled: see Briggs & Stratton 3/LC Engine Warranty Policy.

The warranty period begins on the date of purchase by the first retail consumer or commercial end user, and continues for the period of time stated in the table above. "Consumer use" means personal residential household use by a retail consumer. "Commercial use" means all other uses, including use for commercial, income producing or rental purposes. Once an engine has experienced commercial use, it shall thereafter be considered as a commercial use engine for purposes of this warranty.

No warranty registration is necessary to obtain warranty on Briggs & Stratton products. Save your proof of purchase receipt. If you do not provide proof of the initial purchase date at the time warranty service is requested, the manufacturing date of the product will be used to determine the warranty period.

About Your Warranty

Briggs & Stratton welcomes warranty repair and apologizes to you for being inconvenienced. Any Authorized Service Dealer may perform warranty repairs. Most warranty repairs are handled routinely, but sometimes requests for warranty service may not be appropriate. To avoid misunderstanding which might occur between the customer and the dealer, listed below are some of the causes of engine failure that the warranty does not cover.

Normal wear: Engines, like all mechanical devices, need periodic parts service and replacement to perform well. Warranty will not cover repair when normal use has exhausted the life of a part or an engine. Warranty would not apply if engine damage occurred because of misuse, lack of routine maintenance, shipping, handling, warehousing or improper installation. Similarly, warranty is void if the serial number of the engine has been removed or the engine has been altered or modified.

Improper maintenance: The life of an engine depends upon the conditions under which it operates, and the care it receives. Some applications, such as tillers, pumps and rotary mowers, are very often used in dusty or dirty conditions, which can cause what appears to be premature wear. Such wear, when caused by dirt, dust, spark plug cleaning grit, or other abrasive material that has entered the engine because of improper maintenance, is not covered by warranty.

This warranty covers engine related defective material and/or workmanship only, and not replacement or refund of the equipment to which the engine may be mounted. Nor does the warranty extend to repairs required because of:

- 1 Problems caused by parts that are not original Briggs & Stratton parts.
- 2 Equipment controls or installations that prevent starting, cause unsatisfactory engine performance, or shorten engine life. (Contact equipment manufacturer.)
- 3 Leaking carburetors, clogged fuel pipes, sticking valves, or other damage, caused by using contaminated or stale fuel.

- 4 Parts which are scored or broken because an engine was operated with insufficient or contaminated lubricating oil, or an incorrect grade of lubricating oil (check and refill when necessary, and change at recommended intervals). OIL GARD may not shut down running engine. Engine damage may occur if oil level is not properly maintained.
- 5 Repair or adjustment of associated parts or assemblies such as clutches, transmissions, remote controls, etc., which are not manufactured by Briggs & Stratton.
- 6 Damage or wear to parts caused by dirt, which entered the engine because of improper air cleaner maintenance, re-assembly, or use of a non-original air cleaner element or cartridge. At recommended intervals, clean and/or replace the filter as stated in the Operator's Manual.
- 7 Parts damaged by over-speeding, or overheating caused by grass, debris, or dirt, which plugs or clogs the cooling fins, or flywheel area, or damage caused by operating the engine in a confined area without sufficient ventilation. Clean engine debris at recommended intervals as stated in the Operator's Manual.
- 8 Engine or equipment parts broken by excessive vibration caused by a loose engine mounting, loose cutter blades, unbalanced blades or loose or unbalanced impellers, improper attachment of equipment to engine crankshaft, over-speeding or other abuse in operation.
- 9 A bent or broken crankshaft, caused by striking a solid object with the cutter blade of a rotary lawn mower, or excessive v-belt tightness.
- 10 Routine tune-up or adjustment of the engine.
- 11 Engine or engine component failure, i.e., combustion chamber, valves, valve seats, valve guides, or burned starter motor windings, caused by the use of alternate fuels such as, liquified petroleum, natural gas, gasoline formulated with ethanol greater than 10%, etc.

Warranty service is available only through Briggs & Stratton Authorized Service Dealers. Locate your nearest Authorized Service Dealer in our dealer locator map on BRIGGSandSTRATTON.COM or by calling 1-800-233-3723.

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The California Air Resources Board, U.S. EPA, and Briggs & Stratton (B&S) are pleased to explain the emissions control system warranty on your Model Year 2012-2013 engine/equipment. In California, new small off-road engines and large spark ignited engines less than or equal to 1.0 liter must be designed, built, and equipped to meet the State's stringent anti-smog standards. B&S must warrant the emissions control system on your engine/equipment for the periods of time listed below provided there has been no abuse, neglect, or improper maintenance of your engine or equipment.

Your emissions control system may include parts such as the carburetor or fuel injection system, fuel tank, ignition system, and catalytic converter. Also included may be hoses, belts, connectors, sensors, and other emissions-related assemblies.

Where a warrantable condition exists, B&S will repair your engine/equipment at no cost to you including diagnosis, parts, and labor.

Manufacturer's Warranty Coverage:

Small off-road engines and large spark ignited engines less than or equal to 1.0 liter are warranted for three years. If any emissions-related part on your engine/equipment is defective, the part will be repaired or replaced by B&S.

Owner's Warranty Responsibilities:

- As the engine/equipment owner, you are responsible for the performance of the required maintenance listed in your owner's manual. B&S recommends that you retain all receipts covering maintenance on your engine/equipment, but B&S cannot deny warranty solely for the lack of receipts or your failure to ensure the performance of all scheduled maintenance.
- As the engine/equipment owner, you should however be aware that B&S may deny you warranty coverage if your engine/equipment or a part has failed due to abuse, neglect, improper maintenance, or unapproved modifications.
- You are responsible for presenting your engine/equipment to a B&S distribution center, servicing dealer, or other equivalent entity, as applicable, as soon as a problem exists. The warranty repairs 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 B&S at (414) 259-5262.

Briggs & Stratton Emissions Control Warranty Provisions

The following are specific provisions relative to your Emissions Control Warranty Coverage. It is in addition to the B&S engine warranty for non-regulated engines found in the Operator's Manual.

1. Warranted Emissions Parts

Coverage under this warranty extends only to the parts listed below (the emissions control systems parts) to the extent these parts were present on the B&S engine and/or B&S supplied fuel system.

a. Fuel Metering System

- Cold start enrichment system (soft choke)
- Carburetor and internal parts
- Fuel pump
- Fuel line, fuel line fittings, clamps
- Fuel tank, cap and tether
- Carbon canister

b. Air Induction System

- Air cleaner
- Intake manifold
- Purge and vent line

c. Ignition System

- Spark plug(s)
- Magneto ignition system

d. Catalyst System

- Catalytic converter
- Exhaust manifold
- Air injection system or pulse valve

e. Miscellaneous Items Used in Above Systems

- Vacuum, temperature, position, time sensitive valves and switches
- Connectors and assemblies

2. Length of Coverage

For a period of three years from date of original purchase, B&S warrants to the original purchaser and each subsequent purchaser that the engine is designed, built, and equipped so as to conform with all applicable regulations adopted by the Air Resources Board; that it is free from defects in material and workmanship that could cause the failure of a warranted part; and that it is identical in all material respects to the engine described in the manufacturer's application for certification. The warranty period begins on the date the engine is originally purchased.

The warranty on emissions-related parts is as follows:

- Any warranted part that is not scheduled for replacement as required maintenance in the owner's manual supplied, is warranted for the warranty period stated above. If any such part fails during the period of warranty coverage, the part will be repaired or replaced by B&S at no charge to the owner. Any such part repaired or replaced under the warranty will be warranted for the remaining warranty period.
- Any warranted part that is scheduled only for regular inspection in the owner's manual supplied, is warranted for the warranty period stated above. Any such part repaired or replaced under warranty will be warranted for the remaining warranty period.
- Any warranted part that is scheduled for replacement as required maintenance in the owner's manual supplied, is warranted for the period of time prior to the first scheduled replacement point for that part. If the part fails prior to the first scheduled replacement, the part will be repaired or replaced by B&S at no charge to the owner. Any such part repaired or replaced under warranty will be warranted for the remainder of the period prior to the first scheduled replacement point for the part.
- Add on or modified parts that are not exempted by the Air Resources Board may not be used. The use of any non exempted add on or modified parts by the owner will be grounds for disallowing a warranty claim. The manufacturer will not be liable to warrant failures of warranted parts caused by the use of a non exempted add on or modified part.

3. Consequential Coverage

Coverage shall extend to the failure of any engine components caused by the failure of any warranted emissions parts.

4. Claims and Coverage Exclusions

Warranty claims shall be filed according to the provisions of the B&S engine warranty policy. Warranty coverage does not apply to failures of emissions parts that are not original equipment B&S parts or to parts that fail due to abuse, neglect, or improper maintenance as set forth in the B&S engine warranty policy. B&S is not liable for warranty coverage of failures of emissions parts caused by the use of add-on or modified parts.

Look For Relevant Emissions Durability Period and Air Index Information On Your Small Off-Road Engine Emissions Label

Engines that are certified to meet the California Air Resources Board (CARB) small off-road Emissions Standard must display information regarding the Emissions Durability Period and the Air Index. Briggs & Stratton makes this information available to the consumer on our emissions labels. The engine emissions label will indicate certification information.

The **Emissions Durability Period** describes the number of hours of actual running time for which the engine is certified to be emissions compliant, assuming proper maintenance in accordance with the Operating & Maintenance Instructions. The following categories are used:

Moderate:

Engine is certified to be emissions compliant for 125 hours of actual engine running time.

Intermediate:

Engine is certified to be emissions compliant for 250 hours of actual engine running time.

Extended:

Engine is certified to be emissions compliant for 500 hours of actual engine running time. For example, a typical walk-behind lawn mower is used 20 to 25 hours per year.

Therefore, the **Emissions Durability Period** of an engine with an **intermediate** rating would equate to 10 to 12 years.

Briggs & Stratton engines are certified to meet the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) Phase 2 or Phase 3 emissions standards. The Emissions Compliance Period referred to on the Emissions Compliance label indicates the number of operating hours for which the engine has been shown to meet Federal emissions requirements.

For engines less than 225 cc displacement.

Category C = 125 hours, Category B = 250 hours, Category A = 500 hours

For engines of 225 cc or more displacement.

Category C = 250 hours, Category B = 500 hours, Category A = 1000 hours