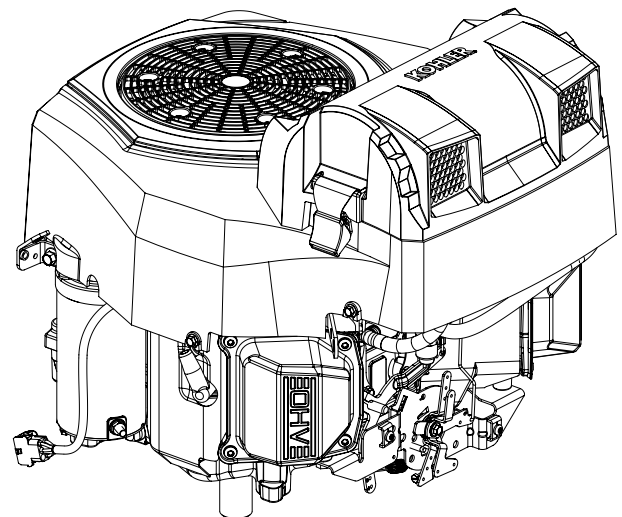
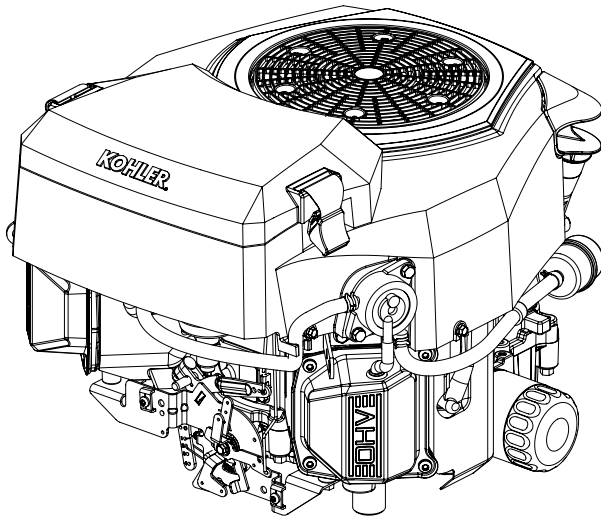


# KOHLER® Confidant

ZT710-ZT740

## Service Manual



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**IMPORTANT:** Read all safety precautions and instructions carefully before operating equipment. Refer to operating instruction of equipment that this engine powers.  
Ensure engine is stopped and level before performing any maintenance or service.

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# Safety


## SAFETY PRECAUTIONS


**⚠ WARNING:** A hazard that could result in death, serious injury, or substantial property damage.


**⚠ CAUTION:** A hazard that could result in minor personal injury or property damage.


NOTE: is used to notify people of important installation, operation, or maintenance information.


	<b>⚠ WARNING</b>
	Explosive Fuel can cause fires and severe burns. Do not fill fuel tank while engine is hot or running.
Gasoline is extremely flammable and its vapors can explode if ignited. Store gasoline only in approved containers, in well ventilated, unoccupied buildings, away from sparks or flames. Spilled fuel could ignite if it comes in contact with hot parts or sparks from ignition. Never use gasoline as a cleaning agent.	


	<b>⚠ WARNING</b>
	Rotating Parts can cause severe injury. Stay away while engine is in operation.
Keep hands, feet, hair, and clothing away from all moving parts to prevent injury. Never operate engine with covers, shrouds, or guards removed.	


	<b>⚠ WARNING</b>
	Carbon Monoxide can cause severe nausea, fainting or death. Avoid inhaling exhaust fumes.
Engine exhaust gases contain poisonous carbon monoxide. Carbon monoxide is odorless, colorless, and can cause death if inhaled.	

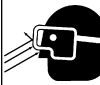
	<b>⚠ WARNING</b>
	Accidental Starts can cause severe injury or death. Disconnect and ground spark plug lead(s) before servicing.
Before working on engine or equipment, disable engine as follows: 1) Disconnect spark plug lead(s). 2) Disconnect negative (-) battery cable from battery.	

	<b>⚠ WARNING</b>
	Hot Parts can cause severe burns. Do not touch engine while operating or just after stopping.
Never operate engine with heat shields or guards removed.	



	<b>⚠ WARNING</b>
	Cleaning Solvents can cause severe injury or death. Use only in well ventilated areas away from ignition sources.
Carburetor cleaners and solvents are extremely flammable. Follow cleaner manufacturer's warnings and instructions on its proper and safe use. Never use gasoline as a cleaning agent.	

	<b>⚠ CAUTION</b>
	Electrical Shock can cause injury. Do not touch wires while engine is running.

	<b>⚠ CAUTION</b>
	Damaging Crankshaft and Flywheel can cause personal injury.
Using improper procedures can lead to broken fragments. Broken fragments could be thrown from engine. Always observe and use precautions and procedures when installing flywheel.	

	<b>⚠ WARNING</b>
	Uncoiling Spring can cause severe injury. Wear safety goggles or face protection when servicing retractable starter.
Retractable starters contain a powerful, recoil spring that is under tension. Always wear safety goggles when servicing retractable starters and carefully follow instructions in Retractable Starter for relieving spring tension.	

## MAINTENANCE INSTRUCTIONS

	 <b>WARNING</b>	Before working on engine or equipment, disable engine as follows: 1) Disconnect spark plug lead(s). 2) Disconnect negative (-) battery cable from battery.
	Accidental Starts can cause severe injury or death. Disconnect and ground spark plug lead(s) before servicing.	

Normal maintenance, replacement or repair of emission control devices and systems may be performed by any repair establishment or individual; however, warranty repairs must be performed by a Kohler authorized dealer.

## MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE

### Every 25 Hours<sup>1</sup>

• Service/replace precleaner.	Air Cleaner/Intake
• Replace air cleaner element (if not equipped with precleaner).	Air Cleaner/Intake

### Every 100 Hours<sup>1</sup>

• Replace air cleaner element (if equipped with precleaner).	Air Cleaner/Intake
• Change oil and filter.	Lubrication System
• Remove cooling shrouds and clean cooling areas.	Air Cleaner/Intake

### Every 100 Hours

• Check that all fasteners are in place and components are properly secured.	Reassembly
• Replace fuel filter.	

### Every 500 Hours<sup>2</sup>

• Have valve clearance (lash) checked/adjusted.	Reassembly
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### Every 500 Hours

• Replace spark plugs and set gap.	Electrical System
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<sup>1</sup> Perform these procedures more frequently under severe, dusty, dirty conditions.

<sup>2</sup> Have a Kohler authorized dealer perform this service.

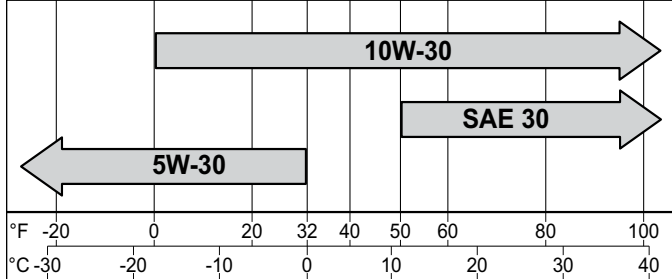
## REPAIRS/SERVICE PARTS

Kohler genuine service parts can be purchased from Kohler authorized dealers. To find a local Kohler authorized dealer visit [KohlerEngines.com](http://KohlerEngines.com) or call 1-800-544-2444 (U.S. and Canada).

# Maintenance

## OIL RECOMMENDATIONS

We recommend use of Kohler oils for best performance. Other high-quality detergent oils (including synthetic) of API (American Petroleum Institute) service class SJ or higher are acceptable. Select viscosity based on air temperature at time of operation as shown in table below.



## FUEL RECOMMENDATIONS

	<b>WARNING</b>
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Gasoline is extremely flammable and its vapors can explode if ignited. Store gasoline only in approved containers, in well ventilated, unoccupied buildings, away from sparks or flames. Spilled fuel could ignite if it comes in contact with hot parts or sparks from ignition. Never use gasoline as a cleaning agent.	

NOTE: E15, E20 and E85 are NOT approved and should NOT be used; effects of old, stale or contaminated fuel are not warrantable.

Fuel must meet these requirements:

- Clean, fresh, unleaded gasoline.
- Octane rating of 87 (R+M)/2 or higher.
- Research Octane Number (RON) 90 octane minimum.
- Gasoline up to 10% ethyl alcohol, 90% unleaded is acceptable.
- Methyl Tertiary Butyl Ether (MTBE) and unleaded gasoline blend (max 15% MTBE by volume) are approved.
- Do not add oil to gasoline.
- Do not overfill fuel tank.
- Do not use gasoline older than 30 days.

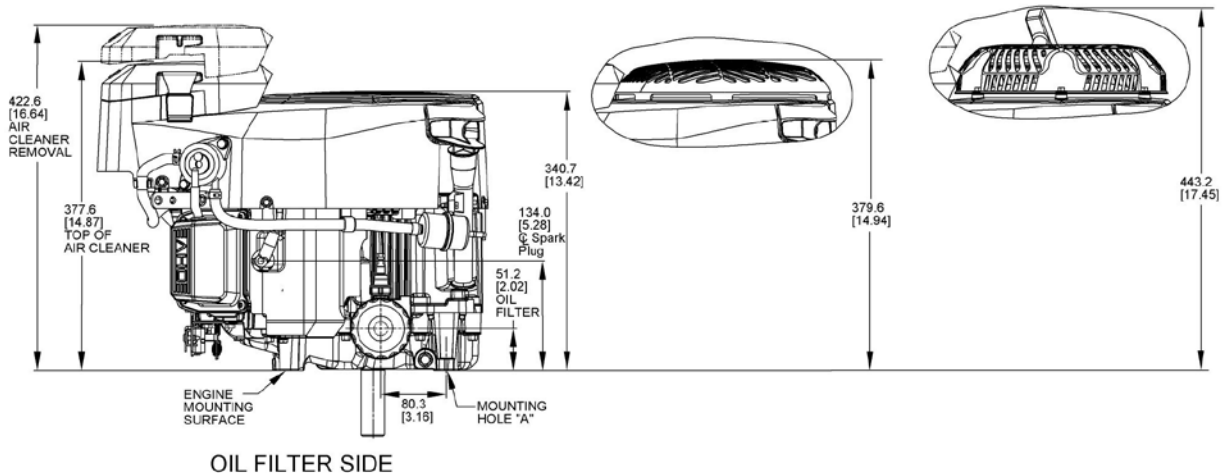
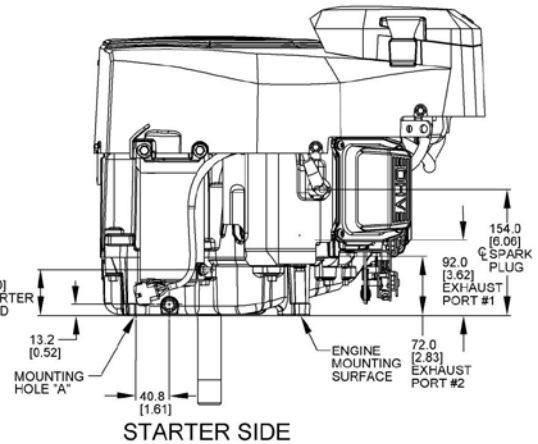
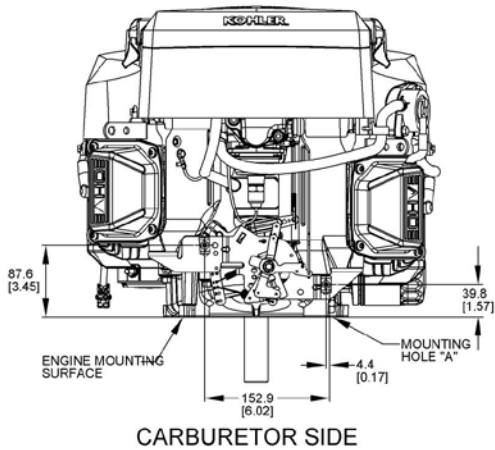
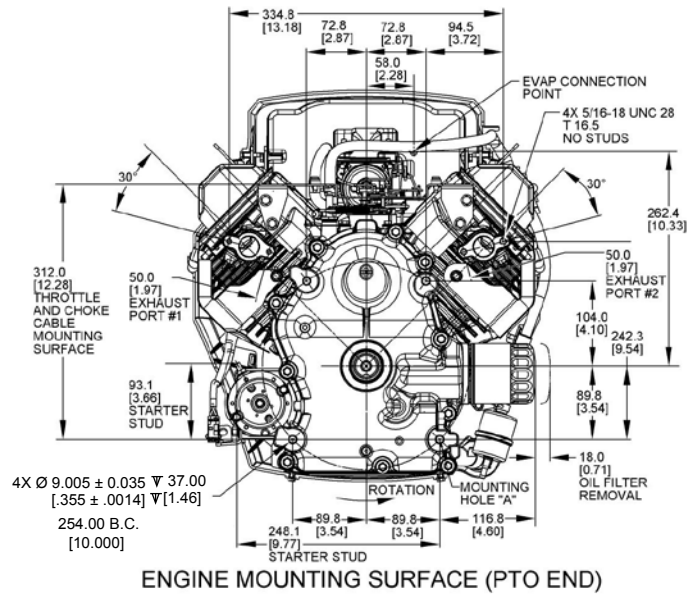
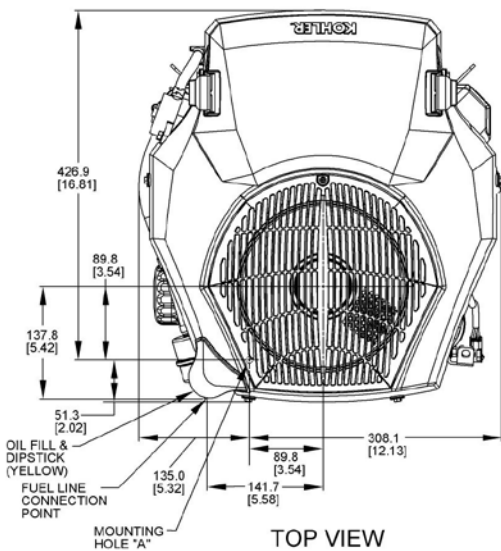
## STORAGE

If engine will be out of service for 2 months or more follow procedure below.

1. Add Kohler PRO Series fuel treatment or equivalent to fuel tank. Run engine 2-3 minutes to get stabilized fuel into fuel system (failures due to untreated fuel are not warrantable).
2. Change oil while engine is still warm from operation. Remove spark plug(s) and pour about 1 oz. of engine oil into cylinder(s). Replace spark plug(s) and crank engine slowly to distribute oil.
3. Disconnect negative (-) battery cable.
4. Store engine in a clean, dry place.

## Engine Dimensions with Low-Profile Air Cleaner

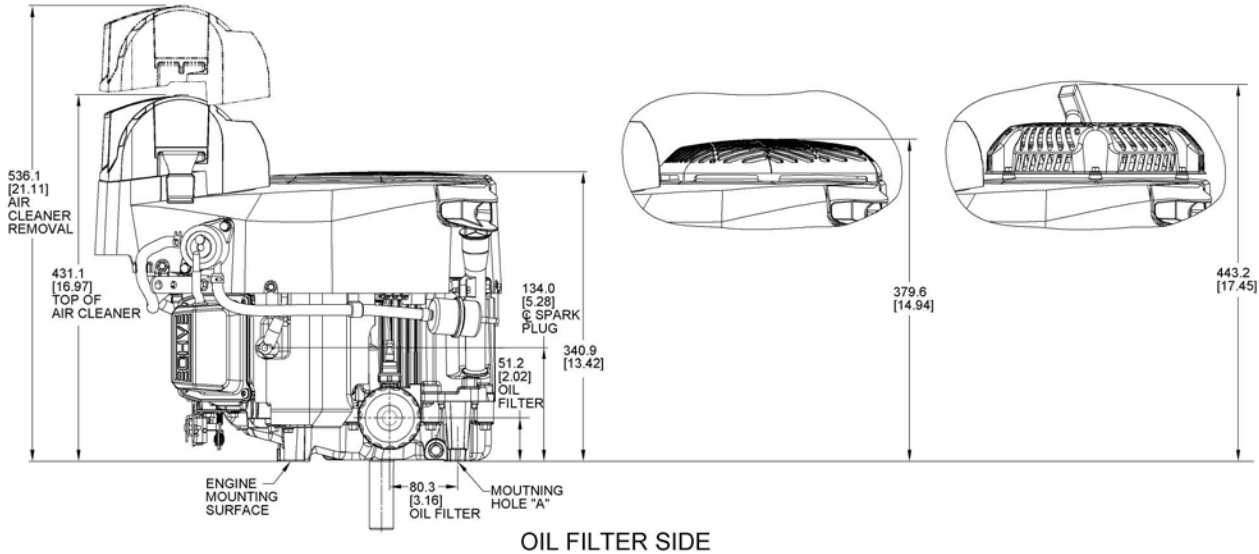
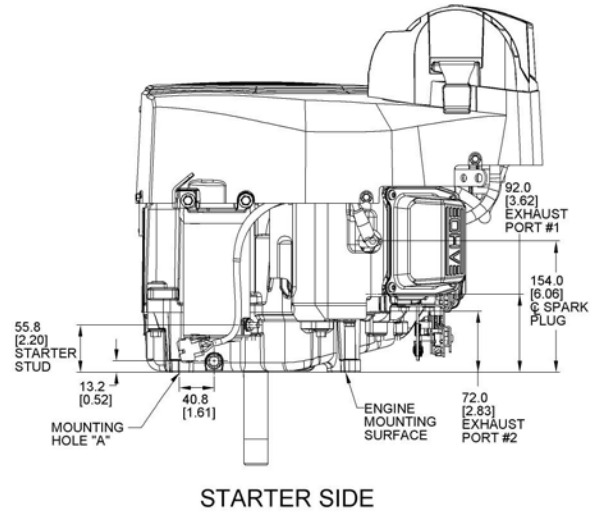
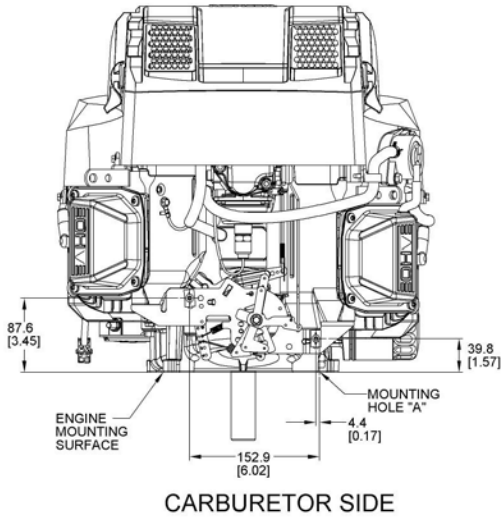
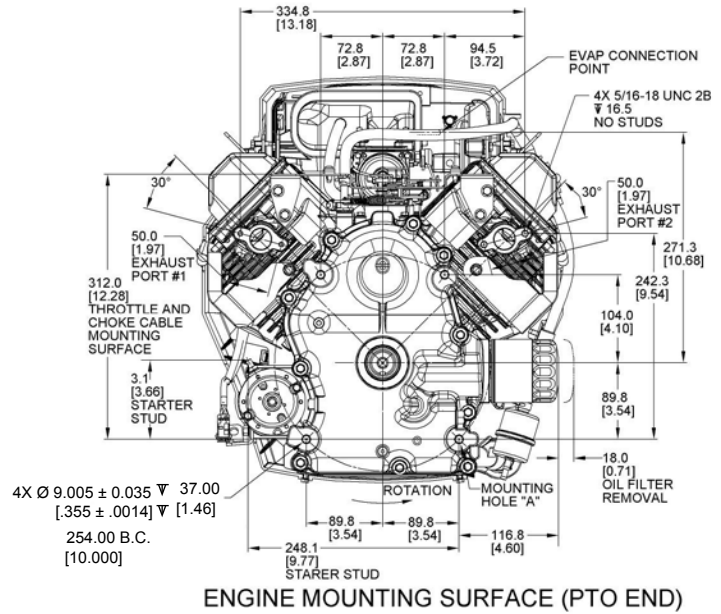
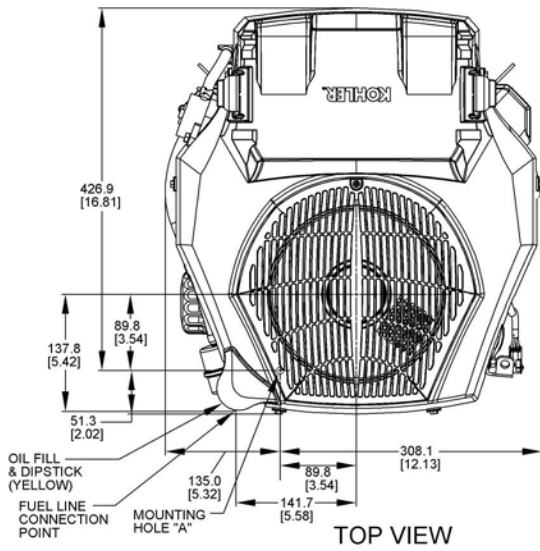
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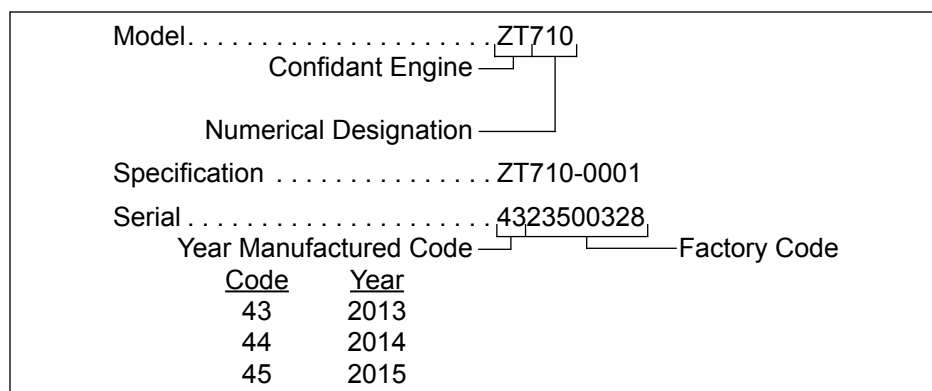
## Engine Dimensions with Heavy-Duty Air Cleaner

Dimensions in millimeters.  
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## ENGINE IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS

Kohler engine identification numbers (model, specification and serial) should be referenced for efficient repair, ordering correct parts, and engine replacement.



## GENERAL SPECIFICATIONS<sup>3,6</sup>

	ZT710	ZT720	ZT730	ZT740
Bore	83 mm (3.27 in.)			
Stroke	67 mm (2.64 in.)		69 mm (2.72 in.)	
Displacement	725 cc (44 cu. in.)		747 cc (46 cu. in.)	
Oil Capacity (refill)	1.6-1.8 L (1.9-2.1 qt.)			
Maximum Angle of Operation (@ full oil level) <sup>4</sup>	25°			

## TORQUE SPECIFICATIONS<sup>3,5</sup>

	ZT710	ZT720	ZT730	ZT740
<b>Baffle and Sheet Metal into Aluminum</b>				
M5 Thread Forming Fasteners	8.5 N·m (75 in. lb.) into new hole 4.0 N·m (35 in. lb.) into used hole			
M6 Thread Forming Fasteners	10.7 N·m (95 in. lb.) into new hole 7.3 N·m (65 in. lb.) into used hole			
<b>Blower Housing and Sheet Metal</b>				
M3 HI-LO Screw	2.3 N·m (20 in. lb.)			
M4 HI-LO Screw	2.8 N·m (25 in. lb.)			
M5 Thread Forming Fasteners	3.4 N·m (30 in. lb.)			
<b>Carburetor</b>				
Mounting Nut	6.2-7.3 N·m (55-65 in. lb.)			
<b>Connecting Rod</b>				
Cap Fastener (torque in increments)				
Black Coating	11.3 N·m (100 in. lb.)			
Gray Metallic Coating	13.6 N·m (120 in. lb.)			

<sup>3</sup> Values are in Metric units. Values in parentheses are English equivalents.

<sup>4</sup> Exceeding maximum angle of operation may cause engine damage from insufficient lubrication.

<sup>5</sup> Lubricate threads with engine oil prior to assembly.

<sup>6</sup> Any and all horsepower (hp) references by Kohler are Certified Power Ratings and per SAE J1940 & J1995 hp standards. Details on Certified Power Ratings can be found at KohlerEngines.com.

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## TORQUE SPECIFICATIONS<sup>3,5</sup>

ZT710

ZT720

ZT730

ZT740

### Crankcase

Breather Assembly Breather Reed Cover Stud	6.2 N·m (55 in. lb.) into new hole 4.0 N·m (35 in. lb.) into used hole
Breather Reed Cover Hex Nut	1.3 N·m (12 in. lb.)
Breather Cover Fastener	8.5 N·m (75 in. lb.) into new hole 4.0 N·m (35 in. lb.) into used hole
Oil Drain Plug	13.6 N·m (10 ft. lb.)

### Cylinder Head

Head Bolt Fastener (torque in 2 increments)	first to 22.6 N·m (200 in. lb.) finally to 41.8 N·m (370 in. lb.)
Rocker Arm Stud	11.3 N·m (100 in. lb.)
Rocker Arm Adjuster Setscrew	7.9 N·m (70 in. lb.)

### Flywheel

Retaining Screw	74.5 N·m (55 ft. lb.)
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### Fuel Pump

Screw	2.8 N·m (25 in. lb.)
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### Governor

Lever Nut	6.8 N·m (60 in. lb.)
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### Ignition

Spark Plug	27 N·m (20 ft. lb.)
Module Fastener	4.0-6.2 N·m (35-55 in. lb.)
Rectifier-Regulator Fastener	4.0 N·m (35 in. lb.)

### Intake Manifold

Mounting Fastener (torque in 2 increments)	first to 7.4 N·m (66 in. lb.) finally to 9.9 N·m (88 in. lb.)
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### Muffler

M8 Hex Nuts	24.4 N·m (216 in. lb.)
5/16-18 Capscrew	16.9 N·m (150 in. lb.)
Bracket Screw	9.9 N·m (88 in. lb.)

### Oil Pan

Fastener	24.4 N·m (216 in. lb.)
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### Oil Pump

Screw (no torque sequence)	9.9 N·m (88 in. lb.)
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### Oil Sentry™

Pressure Switch	4.5 N·m (40 in. lb.)
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<sup>5</sup> Lubricate threads with engine oil prior to assembly.



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<b>TORQUE SPECIFICATIONS<sup>3,5</sup></b>	<b>ZT710</b>	<b>ZT720</b>	<b>ZT730</b>	<b>ZT740</b>
<b>Retractable Starter</b>				
Mounting Screw	7.3 N·m (65 in. lb.)			
Center Screw	5.0-6.0 N·m (44-54 in. lb.)			
<b>Solenoid (Starter)</b>				
Mounting Hardware	4.0-6.0 N·m (35-53 in. lb.)			
Nut, Positive (+) Brush Lead	8.0-11.0 N·m (71-97 in. lb.)			
<b>Speed Control Bracket</b>				
Fastener	10.7 N·m (95 in. lb.) into new holes 7.3 N·m (65 in. lb.) into used holes			
<b>Starter Assembly</b>				
Thru Bolt Inertia Drive Solenoid Shift	4.5-5.7 N·m (40-50 in. lb.) 5.6-9.0 N·m (49-79 in. lb.)			
Mounting Screw	23.8 N·m (211 in. lb.)			
Brush Holder Mounting Screw	2.5-3.3 N·m (22-29 in. lb.)			
<b>Stator</b>				
Mounting Screw	8.8 N·m (78 in. lb.)			
<b>Valve Cover</b>				
Fastener	9.6 N·m (85 in. lb.)			
<b>CLEARANCE SPECIFICATIONS<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>ZT710</b>	<b>ZT720</b>	<b>ZT730</b>	<b>ZT740</b>
<b>Camshaft</b>				
End Play	0.06/0.40 mm (0.0024/0.0157 in.)			
Running Clearance	0.040/0.077 mm (0.0016/0.0030 in.)			
Bore I.D. New Max. Wear Limit	20.000/20.025 mm (0.7874/0.7884 in.) 20.038 mm (0.7889 in.)			
Bearing Surface O.D. New Max. Wear Limit	19.948/19.960 mm (0.7854/0.7858 in.) 19.945 mm (0.7852 in.)			
<b>Connecting Rod</b>				
Connecting Rod-to-Crankpin Running Clearance New Max. Wear Limit	0.037/0.083 mm (0.0015/0.0033 in.) 0.098 mm (0.0039 in.)			
Connecting Rod-to-Crankpin Side Clearance	0.261/0.67 mm (0.0102/0.0264 in.)			
Connecting Rod-to-Piston Pin Running Clearance	0.013/0.032 mm (0.0005/0.0013 in.)			
Piston Pin End I.D. New Max. Wear Limit	17.013/17.027 mm (0.6698/0.6704 in.) 17.040 mm (0.6709 in.)			
<b>Crankcase</b>				
Governor Cross Shaft Bore I.D. New Max. Wear Limit	8.025/8.075 mm (0.3159/0.3179 in.) 8.088 mm (0.3184 in.)			

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<sup>5</sup> Lubricate threads with engine oil prior to assembly.

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## CLEARANCE SPECIFICATIONS<sup>3</sup>

**ZT710**
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### Crankshaft

End Play (free)	0.075/0.595 mm (0.0030/0.023 in.)
Bore (in crankcase) New Max. Wear Limit	40.974/40.987 mm (1.6131/1.6137 in.) 41.000 mm (1.6142 in.)
Bore (in oil pan) New	40.974/41.000 mm (1.6131/1.6142 in.)
Crankshaft Bore (in oil pan)-to-Crankshaft Running Clearance New	0.039/0.087 mm (0.0015/0.0034 in.)
Flywheel End Main Bearing Journal O.D. - New O.D. - Max. Wear Limit Max. Taper Max. Out-of-Round	40.913/40.935 mm (1.6107/1.6116 in.) 40.840 mm (1.608 in.) 0.022 mm (0.0009 in.) 0.025 mm (0.0010 in.)
Oil Pan End Main Bearing Journal O.D. - New O.D. - Max. Wear Limit Max. Taper Max. Out-of-Round	40.913/40.935 mm (1.6107/1.6116 in.) 40.840 mm (1.608 in.) 0.022 mm (0.0009 in.) 0.025 mm (0.0010 in.)
Connecting Rod Journal O.D. - New O.D. - Max. Wear Limit Max. Taper Max. Out-of-Round	35.950/35.974 mm (1.4154/1.4163 in.) 35.950 mm (1.4154 in.) 0.018 mm (0.0007 in.) 0.025 mm (0.0010 in.)
T.I.R. PTO End, Crank in Engine Entire Crank, in V-Blocks	0.279 mm (0.0110 in.) 0.200 mm (0.0079 in.)

### Cylinder Bore

Bore I.D. New Max. Wear Limit Max. Out-of-Round Max. Taper	83.006/83.031 mm (3.2679 in./3.2689 in.) 83.069 mm (3.2704 in.) 0.120 mm (0.0047 in.) 0.050 mm (0.0020 in.)
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### Cylinder Head

Max. Out-of-Flatness	0.076 mm (0.003 in.)
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### Governor

Governor Cross Shaft-to-Crankcase Running Clearance	0.025/0.126 mm (0.0009/0.0049 in.)
Cross Shaft O.D. New Max. Wear Limit	7.949/8.000 mm (0.3129/0.3149 in.) 7.936 mm (0.3124 in.)
Governor Gear Shaft-to-Governor Running Clearance	0.050/0.210 mm (0.0020/0.0083 in.)
Gear Shaft O.D. New Max. Wear Limit	5.990/6.000 mm (0.2358/0.2362 in.) 5.977 mm (0.2353 in.)

### Ignition

Spark Plug Gap	0.76 mm (0.030 in.)
Module Air Gap	0.203/0.305 mm (0.008/0.012 in.)

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### Piston, Piston Rings, and Piston Pin

Piston-to-Piston Pin Running Clearance	0.006/0.017 mm (0.0002/0.0007 in.)
Pin Bore I.D. New Max. Wear Limit	17.006/17.012 mm (0.6695/0.6698 in.) 17.025 mm (0.6703 in.)
Pin O.D. New Max. Wear Limit	16.995/17.000 mm (0.6691/0.6693 in.) 16.994 mm (0.6691 in.)
Top Compression Ring-to-Groove Side Clearance	0.030/0.070 mm (0.0010/0.0026 in.)
Middle Compression Ring-to-Groove Side Clearance	0.030/0.070 mm (0.0010/0.0026 in.)
Oil Control Ring-to-Groove Side Clearance	0.060/0.190 mm (0.0022/0.0073 in.)
Top Compression Ring End Gap New Bore Used Bore (Max.)	0.189/0.277 mm (0.0074/0.0109 in.) 0.531 mm (0.0209 in.)
Center Compression Ring End Gap New Bore Used Bore (Max.)	1.519/1.797 mm (0.0598/0.0708 in.) 2.051 mm (0.0808 in.)
Thrust Face O.D. <sup>7</sup> New Max. Wear Limit	82.978 mm (3.2668 in.) 82.833 mm (3.2611 in.)
Piston Thrust Face-to-Cylinder Bore <sup>7</sup> Running Clearance New	0.019/0.062 mm (0.0007/0.0024 in.)

### Valves and Valve Tappets




Clearance	0.127/0.178 mm (0.0050/0.0070 in.)
Valve Tappet to Crankcase Running Clearance	0.013/0.073 mm (0.0005/0.0029 in.)
Intake Valve Stem-to-Valve Guide Running Clearance	0.040/0.0780 mm (0.0016/0.0031 in.)
Exhaust Valve Stem-to-Valve Guide Running Clearance	0.052/0.090 mm (0.0020/0.0035 in.)
Intake Valve Guide I.D. New Max. Wear Limit	7.040/7.060 mm (0.2772/0.2780 in.) 7.140 mm (0.2811 in.)
Exhaust Valve Guide I.D. New Max. Wear Limit	7.040/7.060 mm (0.2772/0.2780 in.) 7.160 mm (0.2819 in.)
Valve Guide Reamer Size Standard 0.25 mm O.S.	7.050 mm (0.2776 in.) 7.300 mm (0.2874 in.)
Intake Valve Minimum Lift	8.500 mm (0.3346 in.)
Exhaust Valve Minimum Lift	8.500 mm (0.3346 in.)
Nominal Valve Face Angle	45°

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<sup>7</sup> Measure 6 mm (0.2362 in.) above bottom of piston skirt at right angles to piston pin.

# Specifications

## GENERAL TORQUE VALUES

English Fastener Torque Recommendations for Standard Applications				
Bolts, Screws, Nuts and Fasteners Assembled Into Cast Iron or Steel				Grade 2 or 5 Fasteners Into Aluminum
Size	 Grade 2	 Grade 5	 Grade 8	
<b>Tightening Torque: N·m (in. lb.) ± 20%</b>				
8-32	2.3 (20)	2.8 (25)	—	2.3 (20)
10-24	3.6 (32)	4.5 (40)	—	3.6 (32)
10-32	3.6 (32)	4.5 (40)	—	—
1/4-20	7.9 (70)	13.0 (115)	18.7 (165)	7.9 (70)
1/4-28	9.6 (85)	15.8 (140)	22.6 (200)	—
5/16-18	17.0 (150)	28.3 (250)	39.6 (350)	17.0 (150)
5/16-24	18.7 (165)	30.5 (270)	—	—
3/8-16	29.4 (260)	—	—	—
3/8-24	33.9 (300)	—	—	—

Tightening Torque: N·m (ft. lb.) ± 20%				
5/16-24	—	—	40.7 (30)	—
3/8-16	—	47.5 (35)	67.8 (50)	—
3/8-24	—	54.2 (40)	81.4 (60)	—
7/16-14	47.5 (35)	74.6 (55)	108.5 (80)	—
7/16-20	61.0 (45)	101.7 (75)	142.5 (105)	—
1/2-13	67.8 (50)	108.5 (80)	155.9 (115)	—
1/2-20	94.9 (70)	142.4 (105)	223.7 (165)	—
9/16-12	101.7 (75)	169.5 (125)	237.3 (175)	—
9/16-18	135.6 (100)	223.7 (165)	311.9 (230)	—
5/8-11	149.5 (110)	244.1 (180)	352.6 (260)	—
5/8-18	189.8 (140)	311.9 (230)	447.5 (330)	—
3/4-10	199.3 (147)	332.2 (245)	474.6 (350)	—
3/4-16	271.2 (200)	440.7 (325)	637.3 (470)	—

Metric Fastener Torque Recommendations for Standard Applications						
Size	Property Class					Noncritical Fasteners Into Aluminum
	 4.8	 5.8	 8.8	 10.9	 12.9	
<b>Tightening Torque: N·m (in. lb.) ± 10%</b>						
M4	1.2 (11)	1.7 (15)	2.9 (26)	4.1 (36)	5.0 (44)	2.0 (18)
M5	2.5 (22)	3.2 (28)	5.8 (51)	8.1 (72)	9.7 (86)	4.0 (35)
M6	4.3 (38)	5.7 (50)	9.9 (88)	14.0 (124)	16.5 (146)	6.8 (60)
M8	10.5 (93)	13.6 (120)	24.4 (216)	33.9 (300)	40.7 (360)	17.0 (150)
<b>Tightening Torque: N·m (ft. lb.) ± 10%</b>						
M10	21.7 (16)	27.1 (20)	47.5 (35)	66.4 (49)	81.4 (60)	33.9 (25)
M12	36.6 (27)	47.5 (35)	82.7 (61)	116.6 (86)	139.7 (103)	61.0 (45)
M14	58.3 (43)	76.4 (56)	131.5 (97)	184.4 (136)	219.7 (162)	94.9 (70)

Torque Conversions	
N·m = in. lb. x 0.113	in. lb. = N·m x 8.85
N·m = ft. lb. x 1.356	ft. lb. = N·m x 0.737

Certain quality tools are designed to help you perform specific disassembly, repair, and reassembly procedures. By using these tools, you can properly service engines easier, faster, and safer! In addition, you'll increase your service capabilities and customer satisfaction by decreasing engine downtime.

Here is a list of tools and their source.

### SEPARATE TOOL SUPPLIERS

Kohler Tools  
Contact your local Kohler source of supply.

SE Tools  
415 Howard St.  
Lapeer, MI 48446  
Phone 810-664-2981  
Toll Free 800-664-2981  
Fax 810-664-8181

Design Technology Inc.  
768 Burr Oak Drive  
Westmont, IL 60559  
Phone 630-920-1300  
Fax 630-920-0011

### TOOLS

Description	Source/Part No.
<b>Alcohol Content Tester</b> For testing alcohol content (%) in reformulated/oxygenated fuels.	Kohler 25 455 11-S
<b>Camshaft Endplay Plate</b> For checking camshaft endplay.	SE Tools KLR-82405
<b>Camshaft Seal Protector (Aegis)</b> For protecting seal during camshaft installation.	SE Tools KLR-82417
<b>Cylinder Leakdown Tester</b> For checking combustion retention and if cylinder, piston, rings, or valves are worn. Individual component available: Adapter 12 mm x 14 mm (Required for leakdown test on XT-6 engines)	Kohler 25 761 05-S  Design Technology Inc. DTI-731-03
<b>Dealer Tool Kit (Domestic)</b> Complete kit of Kohler required tools. Components of 25 761 39-S Ignition System Tester Cylinder Leakdown Tester Oil Pressure Test Kit Rectifier-Regulator Tester (120 V AC/60Hz)	Kohler 25 761 39-S  Kohler 25 455 01-S Kohler 25 761 05-S Kohler 25 761 06-S Kohler 25 761 20-S
<b>Dealer Tool Kit (International)</b> Complete kit of Kohler required tools. Components of 25 761 42-S Ignition System Tester Cylinder Leakdown Tester Oil Pressure Test Kit Rectifier-Regulator Tester (240 V AC/50Hz)	Kohler 25 761 42-S  Kohler 25 455 01-S Kohler 25 761 05-S Kohler 25 761 06-S Kohler 25 761 41-S
<b>Digital Vacuum/Pressure Tester</b> For checking crankcase vacuum. Individual component available: Rubber Adapter Plug	Design Technology Inc. DTI-721-01 Design Technology Inc. DTI-721-10
<b>Electronic Fuel Injection (EFI) Diagnostic Software</b> For Laptop or Desktop PC.	Kohler 25 761 23-S
<b>EFI Service Kit</b> For troubleshooting and setting up an EFI engine. Components of 24 761 01-S Fuel Pressure Tester Noid Light 90° Adapter In-line "T" Fitting Code Plug, Red Wire Code Plug, Blue Wire Shrader Valve Adapter Hose	Kohler 24 761 01-S  Design Technology Inc. DTI-019 DTI-021 DTI-023 DTI-035 DTI-027 DTI-029 DTI-037
<b>Flywheel Puller</b> For properly removing flywheel from engine.	SE Tools KLR-82408

## Tools and Aids

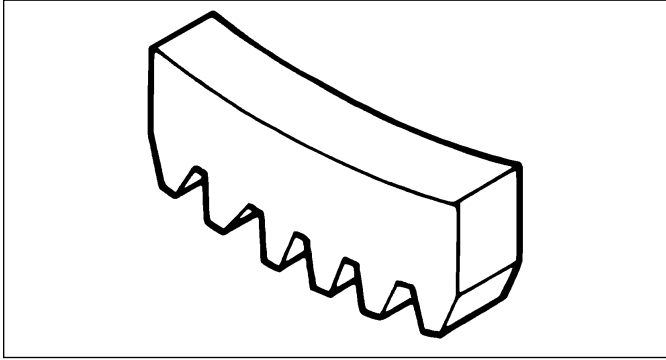
### TOOLS

Description	Source/Part No.
<b>Hydraulic Valve Lifter Tool</b> For removing and installing hydraulic lifters.	Kohler 25 761 38-S
<b>Ignition System Tester</b> For testing output on all systems, including CD.	Kohler 25 455 01-S
<b>Inductive Tachometer (Digital)</b> For checking operating speed (RPM) of an engine.	Design Technology Inc. DTI-110
<b>Offset Wrench (K and M Series)</b> For removing and reinstalling cylinder barrel retaining nuts.	Kohler 52 455 04-S
<b>Oil Pressure Test Kit</b> For testing/verifying oil pressure on pressure lubricated engines.	Kohler 25 761 06-S
<b>Rectifier-Regulator Tester (120 volt current)</b> <b>Rectifier-Regulator Tester (240 volt current)</b> For testing rectifier-regulators. Components of 25 761 20-S and 25 761 41-S CS-PRO Regulator Test Harness Special Regulator Test Harness with Diode	Kohler 25 761 20-S Kohler 25 761 41-S  Design Technology Inc. DTI-031 DTI-033
<b>Spark Advance Module (SAM) Tester</b> For testing SAM (ASAM and DSAM) on engines with SMART-SPARK™.	Kohler 25 761 40-S
<b>Starter Servicing Kit (All Starters)</b> For removing and reinstalling drive retaining rings and brushes. Individual component available: Starter Brush Holding Tool (Solenoid Shift)	SE Tools KLR-82411  SE Tools KLR-82416
<b>Triad/OHC Timing Tool Set</b> For holding cam gears and crankshaft in timed position while installing timing belt.	Kohler 28 761 01-S
<b>Valve Guide Reamer (K and M Series)</b> For properly sizing valve guides after installation.	Design Technology Inc. DTI-K828
<b>Valve Guide Reamer O.S. (Command Series)</b> For reaming worn valve guides to accept replacement oversize valves. Can be used in low-speed drill press or with handle below for hand reaming.	Kohler 25 455 12-S
<b>Reamer Handle</b> For hand reaming using Kohler 25 455 12-S reamer.	Design Technology Inc. DTI-K830

### AIDS

Description	Source/Part No.
<b>Camshaft Lubricant (Valspar ZZ613)</b>	Kohler 25 357 14-S
<b>Dielectric Grease (GE/Novaguard G661)</b>	Kohler 25 357 11-S
<b>Dielectric Grease</b>	Loctite® 51360
<b>Kohler Electric Starter Drive Lubricant (Inertia Drive)</b>	Kohler 52 357 01-S
<b>Kohler Electric Starter Drive Lubricant (Solenoid Shift)</b>	Kohler 52 357 02-S
<b>RTV Silicone Sealant</b> Loctite® 5900® Heavy Body in 4 oz. aerosol dispenser. Only oxime-based, oil resistant RTV sealants, such as those listed, are approved for use. Loctite® Nos. 5900® or 5910® are recommended for best sealing characteristics.	Kohler 25 597 07-S Loctite® 5910® Loctite® Ultra Black 598™ Loctite® Ultra Blue 587™ Loctite® Ultra Copper 5920™
<b>Spline Drive Lubricant</b>	Kohler 25 357 12-S

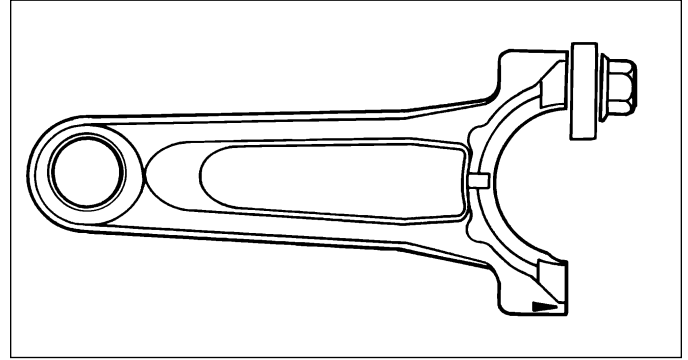
### FLYWHEEL HOLDING TOOL



A flywheel holding tool can be made out of an old junk flywheel ring gear and used in place of a strap wrench.

1. Using an abrasive cut-off wheel, cut out a six tooth segment of ring gear as shown.
2. Grind off any burrs or sharp edges.
3. Invert segment and place it between ignition bosses on crankcase so tool teeth engage flywheel ring gear teeth. Bosses will lock tool and flywheel in position for loosening, tightening, or removing with a puller.

### ROCKER ARM/CRANKSHAFT TOOL



A spanner wrench to lift rocker arms or turn crankshaft may be made out of an old junk connecting rod.

1. Find a used connecting rod from a 10 HP or larger engine. Remove and discard rod cap.
2. Remove studs of a Posi-Lock rod or grind off aligning steps of a Command rod, so joint surface is flat.
3. Find a 1 in. long capscrew with correct thread size to match threads in connecting rod.
4. Use a flat washer with correct I.D. to slip on capscrew and approximately 1 in. O.D. Assemble capscrew and washer to joint surface of rod.

# Troubleshooting

## TROUBLESHOOTING GUIDE

When troubles occur, be sure to check simple causes which, at first, may seem too obvious to be considered. For example, a starting problem could be caused by an empty fuel tank.

Some general common causes of engine troubles are listed below and vary by engine specification. Use these to locate causing factors.

### Engine Cranks But Will Not Start

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- Battery connected backwards.
- Blown fuse.
- Carburetor solenoid malfunction.
- Choke not closing.
- Clogged fuel line or fuel filter.
- Diode in wiring harness failed in open circuit mode.
- DSAI or DSAM malfunction.
- Empty fuel tank.
- Faulty ignition coil(s).
- Faulty spark plug(s).
- Fuel pump malfunction-vacuum hose clogged or leaking.
- Fuel shut-off valve closed.
- Ignition module(s) faulty or improperly gapped.
- Insufficient voltage to electronic control unit.
- Interlock switch is engaged or faulty.
- Key switch or kill switch in OFF position.
- Low oil level.
- Quality of fuel (dirt, water, stale, mixture).
- SMART-SPARK™ malfunction.
- Spark plug lead(s) disconnected.

### Engine Starts But Does Not Keep Running

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- Faulty carburetor.
- Faulty cylinder head gasket.
- Faulty or misadjusted choke or throttle controls.
- Fuel pump malfunction-vacuum hose clogged or leaking.
- Intake system leak.
- Loose wires or connections that intermittently ground ignition kill circuit.
- Quality of fuel (dirt, water, stale, mixture).
- Restricted fuel tank cap vent.

### Engine Starts Hard

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- Clogged fuel line or fuel filter.
- Engine overheated.
- Faulty ACR mechanism.
- Faulty or misadjusted choke or throttle controls.
- Faulty spark plug(s).
- Flywheel key sheared.
- Fuel pump malfunction-vacuum hose clogged or leaking.
- Interlock switch is engaged or faulty.
- Loose wires or connections that intermittently ground ignition kill circuit.
- Low compression.
- Quality of fuel (dirt, water, stale, mixture).
- Weak spark.

### Engine Will Not Crank

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- Battery is discharged.
- Faulty electric starter or solenoid.
- Faulty key switch or ignition switch.
- Interlock switch is engaged or faulty.
- Loose wires or connections that intermittently ground ignition kill circuit.
- Pawls not engaging in drive cup.
- Seized internal engine components.

### Engine Runs But Misses

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- Carburetor adjusted incorrectly.
- Engine overheated.
- Faulty spark plug(s).
- Ignition module(s) faulty or improperly gapped.
- Incorrect crankshaft position sensor air gap.
- Interlock switch is engaged or faulty.
- Loose wires or connections that intermittently ground ignition kill circuit.
- Quality of fuel (dirt, water, stale, mixture).
- Spark plug lead(s) disconnected.
- Spark plug lead boot loose on plug.
- Spark plug lead loose.

### Engine Will Not Idle

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- Engine overheated.
- Faulty spark plug(s).
- Idle fuel adjusting needle(s) improperly set.
- Idle speed adjusting screw improperly set.
- Inadequate fuel supply.
- Low compression.
- Quality of fuel (dirt, water, stale, mixture).
- Restricted fuel tank cap vent.

### Engine Overheats

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- Cooling fan broken.
- Excessive engine load.
- Fan belt failed/off.
- Faulty carburetor.
- High crankcase oil level.
- Lean fuel mixture.
- Low cooling system fluid level.
- Low crankcase oil level.
- Radiator, and/or cooling system components clogged, restricted, or leaking.
- Water pump belt failed/broken.
- Water pump malfunction.

### Engine Knocks

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- Excessive engine load.
- Hydraulic lifter malfunction.
- Incorrect oil viscosity/type.
- Internal wear or damage.
- Low crankcase oil level.
- Quality of fuel (dirt, water, stale, mixture).



## Engine Loses Power

- Dirty air cleaner element.
- Engine overheated.
- Excessive engine load.
- Restricted exhaust.
- Faulty spark plug(s).
- High crankcase oil level.
- Incorrect governor setting.
- Low battery.
- Low compression.
- Low crankcase oil level.
- Quality of fuel (dirt, water, stale, mixture).

## Engine Uses Excessive Amount of Oil

- Loose or improperly torqued fasteners.
- Blown head gasket/overheated.
- Breather reed broken.
- Clogged, broken, or inoperative crankcase breather.
- Crankcase overfilled.
- Incorrect oil viscosity/type.
- Worn cylinder bore.
- Worn or broken piston rings.
- Worn valve stems/valve guides.

## Oil Leaks from Oil Seals, Gaskets

- Breather reed broken.
- Clogged, broken, or inoperative crankcase breather.
- Loose or improperly torqued fasteners.
- Piston blow by, or leaky valves.
- Restricted exhaust.

## EXTERNAL ENGINE INSPECTION


NOTE: It is good practice to drain oil at a location away from workbench. Be sure to allow ample time for complete drainage.

Before cleaning or disassembling engine, make a thorough inspection of its external appearance and condition. This inspection can give clues to what might be found inside engines (and cause) when it is disassembled.

- Check for buildup of dirt and debris on crankcase, cooling fins, grass screen, and other external surfaces. Dirt or debris on these areas can cause overheating.
- Check for obvious fuel and oil leaks, and damaged components. Excessive oil leakage can indicate a clogged or inoperative breather, worn or damaged seals or gaskets, or loose fasteners.
- Check air cleaner cover and base for damage or indications of improper fit and seal.
- Check air cleaner element. Look for holes, tears, cracked or damaged sealing surfaces, or other damage that could allow unfiltered air into engine. A dirty or clogged element could indicate insufficient or improper maintenance.
- Check carburetor throat for dirt. Dirt in throat is further indication that air cleaner was not functioning properly.
- Check if oil level is within operating range on dipstick. If it is above, sniff for gasoline odor.
- Check condition of oil. Drain oil into a container; it should flow freely. Check for metal chips and other foreign particles.

Sludge is a natural by-product of combustion; a small accumulation is normal. Excessive sludge formation could indicate over rich fuel settings, weak ignition, overextended oil change interval or wrong weight or type of oil was used.

## CLEANING ENGINE


	<b>⚠ WARNING</b>
	<p>Cleaning Solvents can cause severe injury or death.</p> <p>Use only in well ventilated areas away from ignition sources.</p>
<p>Carburetor cleaners and solvents are extremely flammable. Follow cleaner manufacturer's warnings and instructions on its proper and safe use. Never use gasoline as a cleaning agent.</p>	


After inspecting external condition of engine, clean engine thoroughly before disassembly. Clean individual components as engine is disassembled. Only clean parts can be accurately inspected and gauged for wear or damage. There are many commercially available cleaners that will quickly remove grease, oil, and grime from engine parts. When such a cleaner is used, follow manufacturer's instructions and safety precautions carefully.

Make sure all traces of cleaner are removed before engine is reassembled and placed into operation. Even small amounts of these cleaners can quickly break down lubricating properties of engine oil.

# Troubleshooting

## CRANKCASE VACUUM TEST

	<b>⚠ WARNING</b>
	Carbon Monoxide can cause severe nausea, fainting or death. Avoid inhaling exhaust fumes.
Engine exhaust gases contain poisonous carbon monoxide. Carbon monoxide is odorless, colorless, and can cause death if inhaled.	

	<b>⚠ WARNING</b>
	Rotating Parts can cause severe injury. Stay away while engine is in operation.
Keep hands, feet, hair, and clothing away from all moving parts to prevent injury. Never operate engine with covers, shrouds, or guards removed.	

A partial vacuum should be present in crankcase when engine is operating. Pressure in crankcase (normally caused by a clogged or improperly assembled breather) can cause oil to be forced out at oil seals, gaskets, or other available spots.

Crankcase vacuum is best measured with either a water manometer or a vacuum gauge. Complete instructions are provided in kits.

To test crankcase vacuum with manometer:

1. Insert rubber stopper into oil fill hole. Be sure pinch clamp is installed on hose and use tapered adapters to connect hose between stopper and one manometer tube. Leave other tube open to atmosphere. Check that water level in manometer is at 0 line. Make sure pinch clamp is closed.
2. Start engine and run no-load high speed.
3. Open clamp and note water level in tube.  
Level in engine side should be a minimum of 10.2 cm (4 in.) above level in open side.  
If level in engine side is less than specified (low/no vacuum), or level in engine side is lower than level in open side (pressure), check for conditions in table below.
4. Close pinch clamp before stopping engine.

To test crankcase vacuum with vacuum/pressure gauge:

1. Remove dipstick or oil fill plug/cap.
2. Install adapter into oil fill/dipstick tube opening, upside down over end of a small diameter dipstick tube, or directly into engine if a tube is not used. Insert barbed gauge fitting into hole in stopper.
3. Run engine and observe gauge reading.  
Analog tester—needle movement to left of 0 is a vacuum, and movement to right indicates a pressure.  
Digital tester—depress test button on top of tester.  
Crankcase vacuum should be a minimum of 10.2 cm (4 in.) of water. If reading is below specification, or if pressure is present, check table below for possible causes and conclusions.

Condition	Conclusion
Crankcase breather clogged or inoperative.	NOTE: If breather is integral part of valve cover and cannot be serviced separately, replace valve cover and recheck pressure. Disassemble breather, clean parts thoroughly, check sealing surfaces for flatness, reassemble, and recheck pressure.
Seals and/or gaskets leaking. Loose or improperly torque fasteners.	Replace all worn or damaged seals and gaskets. Make sure all fasteners are tightened securely. Use appropriate torque valves and sequences when necessary.
Piston blow by or leaky valves (confirm by inspecting components).	Recondition piston, rings, cylinder bore, valves and valves guides.
Restricted exhaust.	Check exhaust screen/spark arrestor (if equipped). Clean or replace as needed. Repair or replace any other damaged/restricted muffler or exhaust system parts.

## COMPRESSION TEST

For Command Twins:

A compression test is best performed on a warm engine. Clean any dirt or debris away from base of spark plug(s) before removing them. Be sure choke is off, and throttle is wide open during test. Compression should be at least 160 psi and should not vary more than 15% between cylinders.

All other models:

These engines are equipped with an automatic compression release (ACR) mechanism. It is difficult to obtain an accurate compression reading because of ACR mechanism. As an alternative, use cylinder leakdown test described below.

## CYLINDER LEAKDOWN TEST

A cylinder leakdown test can be a valuable alternative to a compression test. By pressurizing combustion chamber from an external air source you can determine if valves or rings are leaking, and how badly.

Cylinder leakdown tester is a relatively simple, inexpensive leakdown tester for small engines. This tester includes a quick-connect for attaching adapter hose and a holding tool.

1. Run engine for 3-5 minutes to warm it up.
2. Remove spark plug(s) and air filter from engine.
3. Rotate crankshaft until piston (of cylinder being tested) is at top dead center (TDC) of compression stroke. Hold engine in this position while testing. Holding tool supplied with tester can be used if PTO end of crankshaft is accessible. Lock holding tool onto crankshaft. Install a 3/8 in. breaker bar into hole/slot of holding tool, so it is perpendicular to both holding tool and crankshaft PTO.

If flywheel end is more accessible, use a breaker bar and socket on flywheel nut/screw to hold it in position. An assistant may be needed to hold breaker bar during testing. If engine is mounted in a piece of equipment, it may be possible to hold it by clamping or wedging a driven component. Just be certain that engine cannot rotate off of TDC in either direction.

4. Install adapter into spark plug hole, but do not attach it to tester at this time.
5. Turn regulator knob completely counterclockwise.
6. Connect an air source of at least 50 psi to tester.
7. Turn regulator knob clockwise (increase direction) until gauge needle is in yellow set area at low end of scale.
8. Connect tester quick-connect to adapter hose. While firmly holding engine at TDC, gradually open tester valve. Note gauge reading and listen for escaping air at combustion air intake, exhaust outlet, and crankcase breather.

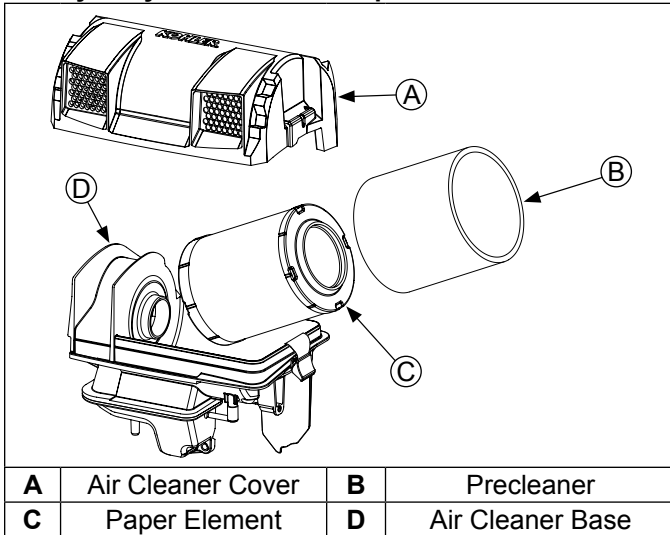
Condition	Conclusion
Air escaping from crankcase breather.	Ring or cylinder worn.
Air escaping from exhaust system.	Defective exhaust valve/improper seating.
Air escaping from intake.	Defective intake valve/improper seating.
Gauge reading in low (green) zone.	Piston rings and cylinder in good condition.
Gauge reading in moderate (yellow) zone.	Engine is still usable, but there is some wear present. Customer should start planning for overhaul or replacement.
Gauge reading in high (red) zone.	Rings and/or cylinder have considerable wear. Engine should be reconditioned or replaced.

# Air Cleaner/Intake

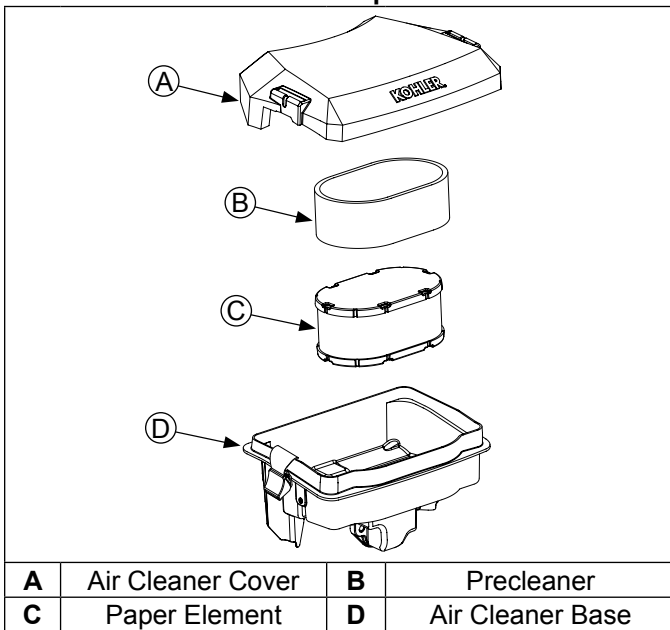
## AIR CLEANER

These systems are CARB/EPA certified and components should not be altered or modified in any way.

### Heavy-Duty Air Cleaner Components



### Low-Profile Air Cleaner Components



NOTE: Operating engine with loose or damaged air cleaner components could cause premature wear and failure. Replace all bent or damaged components.

NOTE: Paper element cannot be blown out with compressed air.

Move bails on air cleaner cover up; remove latches from cover; remove cover.

### Precleaner (if equipped)

1. Remove precleaner from paper element.
2. Replace or wash precleaner in warm water with detergent. Rinse and allow to air dry.
3. Lightly oil precleaner with new engine oil; squeeze out excess oil.
4. Reinstall precleaner over paper element.

### Paper Element

1. Separate precleaner from element; service precleaner and replace paper element.
2. Install precleaner over new paper element and install on base.

Reinstall cover; place latches onto cover; pull down bails to secure cover.

### Air Cleaner Base

#### Disassembly/Reassembly


If air cleaner base requires removal, proceed as follows:

1. Remove mounting screws for fuel pump (if equipped), and blower housing.
2. Raise or remove blower housing for access to air cleaner base.
3. Remove air cleaner components from base.
4. Remove nuts securing air cleaner base onto mounting studs.
5. Disconnect breather hose from air cleaner base, then remove base and gasket.
6. Reverse procedure to reassemble components. Torque nuts to 6.2-7.3 N·m (55-65 in. lb.). Torque blower housing screws to 4.0 N·m (35 in. lb.), and front HI-LO screws to 2.8 N·m (25 in. lb.).

### BREATHER TUBE

Ensure both ends of breather tube are properly connected.

### AIR COOLING

	<b>WARNING</b>
	<p>Hot Parts can cause severe burns. Do not touch engine while operating or just after stopping.</p>
<p>Never operate engine with heat shields or guards removed.</p>	

Proper cooling is essential. To prevent over heating, clean screens, cooling fins, and other external surfaces of engine. Avoid spraying water at wiring harness or any electrical components. Refer to Maintenance Schedule.

Typical carbureted fuel system and related components include:

- Fuel tank.
- Fuel lines.
- In-line fuel filter.
- Fuel pump.
- Carburetor.

Fuel from tank is moved through in-line filter and fuel lines by fuel pump. Fuel then enters carburetor float bowl and is drawn into carburetor body and mixed with air. This fuel-air mixture is then burned in engine combustion chamber.

## FUEL RECOMMENDATIONS

Refer to Maintenance.

### FUEL LINE

Low permeation fuel line must be installed on carbureted Kohler Co. engines to maintain EPA and CARB regulatory compliance.

### FUEL PUMP

Some engines use a pulse style fuel pump. Pumping action of pulse style pumps is created by oscillation of positive and negative pressures within crankcase. This pressure is transmitted to pulse pump through rubber hose connected between pump and crankcase. Pumping action causes diaphragm on inside of pump to pull fuel in on its downward stroke and to push it into carburetor on its upward stroke. Two check valves prevent fuel from going backward through pump.

## FUEL SYSTEM TESTS

When engine starts hard or turns over but will not start, fuel system might be causing problems. Test fuel system by performing following test.

1. Check for fuel in combustion chamber.
  - a. Disconnect and ground spark plug leads.
  - b. Close choke on carburetor.
  - c. Crank engine several times.
  - d. Remove spark plug and check for fuel at tip.
2. Check for fuel flow from tank to fuel pump.
  - a. Remove fuel line from inlet fitting of fuel pump.
  - b. Hold line below bottom of tank. Open shut-off valve (if equipped) and observe flow.
3. Check operation of fuel pump.
  - a. Remove fuel line from inlet fitting of carburetor.
  - b. Crank engine several times and observe flow.

## Performance

Minimum fuel delivery rate must be 7.5 l/hr. (2 gal./hr.) with a pressure at 0.3 psi and a fuel lift of 24 in. A 1.3 l/hr. (0.34 gal./hr.) fuel rate must be maintained at 5 Hz.

## Fuel Pump Replacement

NOTE: Make sure orientation of new pump is consistent with removed pump. Internal damage may occur if installed incorrectly.

To replace pulse pump follow these steps. Note orientation of pump before removing.

1. Disconnect fuel lines from inlet, outlet, and pulse fittings on fuel pump.
2. Remove screws and take off pump.
3. Connect pulse line to new fuel pump and make sure opposite end is properly connected into valve cover.
4. Attach new fuel pump using screws. Torque screws to 2.8 N·m (25 in. lb.).
5. Reconnect fuel lines to inlet and outlet fittings and secure with clamps.

Condition	Conclusion
Fuel at tip of spark plug.	Fuel is reaching combustion chamber.
No fuel at tip of spark plug.	Check fuel flow from fuel tank (step 2).
Fuel flows from fuel line.	Check for faulty fuel pump (step 3). If fuel pump is working, check for faulty carburetor. Refer to Carburetor.
No fuel flow from fuel line.	Check fuel tank cap vent, fuel pickup screen, in-line filter, shut-off valve, and fuel line. Correct any observed problem and reconnect line.
Fuel line condition.	Check for a clogged fuel line. If fuel line is unobstructed, check for overfilled crankcase and/or oil in pulse line. If checks don't reveal cause of problem, replace pump.

# Fuel System

## CARBURETOR



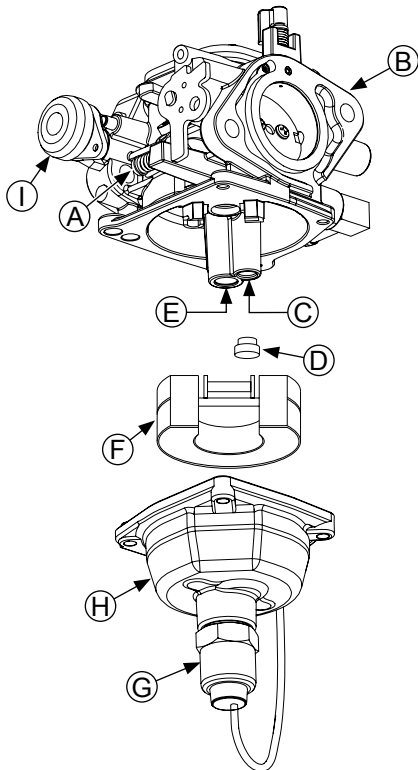
### WARNING

Explosive Fuel can cause fires and severe burns.

Do not fill fuel tank while engine is hot or running.

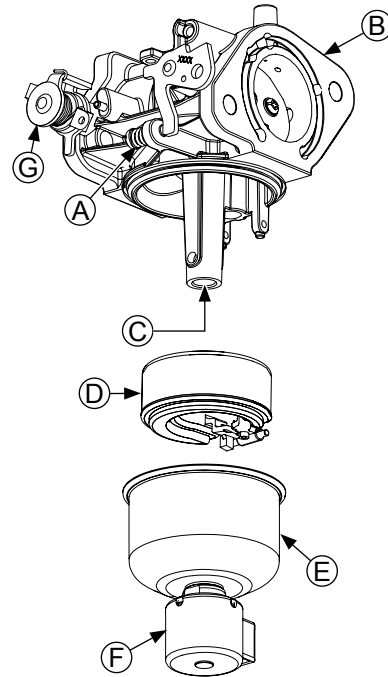
Gasoline is extremely flammable and its vapors can explode if ignited. Store gasoline only in approved containers, in well ventilated, unoccupied buildings, away from sparks or flames. Spilled fuel could ignite if it comes in contact with hot parts or sparks from ignition. Never use gasoline as a cleaning agent.

### Keihin One-Barrel Carburetor Components



<b>A</b>	Idle Speed Screw	<b>B</b>	Carburetor Body
<b>C</b>	Idle Jet	<b>D</b>	Plug
<b>E</b>	Main Jet	<b>F</b>	Float
<b>G</b>	Shut-off Solenoid Assembly	<b>H</b>	Fuel Bowl
<b>I</b>	Choke Lever		

### Walbro One-Barrel Carburetor Components



<b>A</b>	Idle Speed Screw	<b>B</b>	Carburetor Body
<b>C</b>	Main Jet	<b>D</b>	Float
<b>E</b>	Fuel Bowl	<b>F</b>	Shut-off Solenoid Assembly
<b>G</b>	Choke Lever		

Engines in this series are equipped with either a Keihin or Walbro fixed main jet carburetor. Most carburetors utilize a fuel shut-off solenoid and feature a self-relieving choke.

### Troubleshooting Checklist

When engine starts hard, runs rough, or stalls at low idle speed, check these areas before adjusting or disassembling carburetor.

1. Make sure fuel tank is filled with clean, fresh gasoline.
2. Make sure fuel tank cap vent is not blocked and is operating properly.
3. Make sure fuel is reaching carburetor. This includes checking fuel shut-off valve, fuel tank filter screen, in-line fuel filter, fuel lines and fuel pump for restrictions or faulty components as necessary.
4. Make sure air cleaner base and carburetor are securely fastened to engine using gaskets in good condition.
5. Make sure air cleaner element (including pre-cleaner if equipped) is clean and all air cleaner components are fastened securely.
6. Make sure ignition system, governor system, exhaust system, and throttle and choke controls are operating properly.

## Troubleshooting-Carburetor Related Causes

Condition	Possible Cause	Conclusion
Engine runs rich (indicated by black, sooty exhaust smoke, misfiring, loss of speed and power, governor hunting, or excessive throttle opening).	Clogged air cleaner.	Clean or replace air cleaner.
	Choke partially closed during operation.	Check choke lever/linkage to ensure choke is operating properly.
	Float level is set too high.	Adjust float (Keihin only, Walbro not adjustable).
	Dirt under fuel inlet needle.	Remove needle; clean needle and seat and blow with compressed air.
	Bowl vent or air bleeds plugged.	Clean vent, ports, and air bleeds. Blow out all passages with compressed air.
Engine runs lean (indicated by misfiring, loss of speed and power, governor hunting, or excessive throttle opening).	Leaky, cracked, or damaged float.	Submerge float to check for leaks.
	Float level is set too low.	Adjust float (Keihin only, Walbro not adjustable).
Fuel leaks from carburetor.	Idle holes plugged; dirt in fuel delivery channels.	Clean main fuel jet and all passages; blow out with compressed air.
	Float level set too high.	Adjust float (Keihin only, Walbro not adjustable).
	Dirt under fuel inlet needle.	Remove needle; clean needle and seat and blow with compressed air.
	Bowl vents plugged.	Blow out with compressed air.
	Carburetor bowl gasket leaks.	Replace gasket.

## FUEL SYSTEM

### Fuel Shut-off Solenoid

Most carburetors are equipped with a fuel shut-off solenoid. Solenoid is attached to fuel bowl. Solenoid has a spring-loaded pin that retracts when 12 volts is applied to lead, allowing fuel flow to main jet. When current is removed, pin extends blocking fuel flow.

Below is a simple test, performed with engine off, that can determine if solenoid is functioning properly:

1. Shut off fuel and remove solenoid from carburetor. When solenoid is loosened and removed, gas will leak out of carburetor. Have a container ready to catch fuel.
2. Wipe tip of solenoid with a shop towel or blow with compressed air to remove any remaining fuel. Take solenoid to a location with good ventilation and no fuel vapors present. You will also need a 12 volt power source that can be switched on and off.
3. Be sure power source is switched OFF. Connect positive power source lead to red lead of solenoid. Connect negative power source lead to solenoid body.
4. Turn power source ON and observe pin in center of solenoid. Pin should retract with power ON and return to its original position with power OFF. Test several times to verify operation.

### Carburetor Circuits

#### Float

Fuel level in bowl is maintained by float and fuel inlet needle. Buoyant force of float stops fuel flow when engine is at rest. When fuel is being consumed, float will drop and fuel pressure will push inlet needle away from seat, allowing more fuel to enter bowl. When demand ceases, buoyant force of float will again overcome fuel pressure, rising to predetermined setting and stop flow.

#### Slow and Mid-Range

At low speeds engine operates only on slow circuit. As a metered amount of air is drawn through slow air bleed jets, fuel is drawn through main jet and further metered through slow jet. Air and fuel are mixed in body of slow jet and exit to idle progression (transfer port) chamber. From idle progression chamber, air fuel mixture is metered through idle port passage. At low idle air/fuel mixture is controlled by setting of idle fuel adjusting screws. This mixture is then mixed with main body of air and delivered to engine. As throttle plate opening increases, greater amounts of air/fuel mixture are drawn in through fixed and metered idle progression holes. As throttle plate opens further, vacuum signal becomes great enough at venturi so main circuit begins to work.

#### Main (high-speed)

At high speeds/loads engine operates on main circuit. As a metered amount of air is drawn through air jet, fuel is drawn through main jet. Air and fuel are mixed in main nozzles then enters main body of airflow where further mixing of fuel and air occurs. This mixture is then delivered to combustion chamber. Carburetor has a fixed main circuit; no adjustment is possible.

# Fuel System

## Carburetor Adjustments

NOTE: Carburetor adjustments should be made only after engine has warmed up.

Carburetor is designed to deliver correct fuel-to-air mixture to engine under all operating conditions. Main fuel jet is calibrated at factory and is not adjustable. Idle fuel adjusting needles are also set at factory and are not adjustable.




### Idle Speed (RPM) Adjustment

1. Hold governor lever away from carburetor so throttle lever is against idle speed (RPM) adjustment screw of carburetor. Start engine and allow to warm up, then adjust screw to set approximately 1450 RPM. Check speed using a tachometer. Turn adjustment screw (inner) clockwise (in) to increase or counterclockwise (out) to decrease speed.
2. Release governor lever and check that throttle lever is in idle position. Obtain equipment manufacturer's recommended idle speed (1750 RPM). All engines have a bendable tab that is used to set this speed. A pliers should be used to bend this tab to achieve recommended speed. Governed idle speed (RPM) is typically 300 RPM (approximate) higher than low idle speed.
3. Move throttle lever to wide-open/full throttle position and hold in this position. Turn high speed screw to obtain intended high speed no-load RPM. Governed idle speed must be set before making this adjustment.

### High Speed (RPM) Adjustment

1. With engine running, move throttle control to fast.
2. Turn inner adjustment screw outward to decrease, or inward to increase RPM speed.

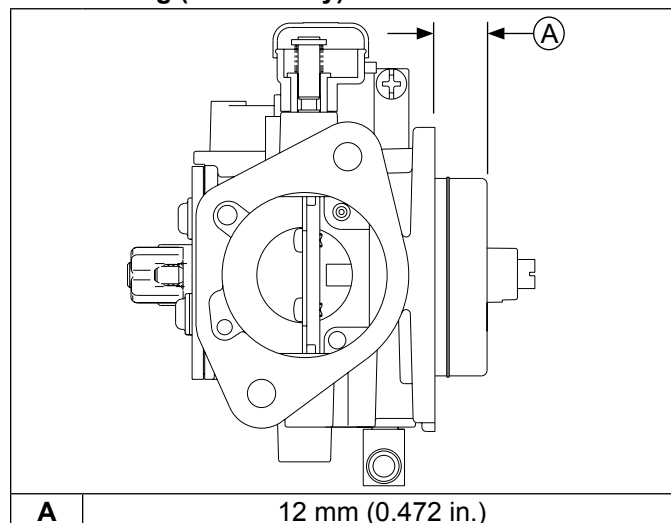
## Carburetor Servicing

  	<p><b>⚠ WARNING</b></p> <p>Accidental Starts can cause severe injury or death.</p> <p>Disconnect and ground spark plug lead(s) before servicing.</p>
<p>Before working on engine or equipment, disable engine as follows: 1) Disconnect spark plug lead(s). 2) Disconnect negative (-) battery cable from battery.</p>	

NOTE: Main and slow jets are fixed and size specific and can be removed if required. Fixed jets for high altitudes are available.

- Inspect carburetor body for cracks, holes, and other wear or damage.
- Inspect float for cracks, holes, and missing or damaged float tabs. Check float hinge and shaft for wear or damage.
- Inspect fuel inlet needle and seat for wear or damage.
- Inspect spring loaded choke plate to make sure it moves freely on shaft.

## Float Setting (Keihin Only)



NOTE: Inlet needle center pin is spring loaded. Make sure float assembly rests against fuel inlet needle, without depressing center pin.

1. Perform removal procedures for appropriate air cleaner and carburetor outlined in Disassembly.
2. Clean exterior surfaces of dirt or foreign material before disassembling carburetor. Remove bowl retaining screws, or solenoid assembly, and carefully separate fuel bowl from carburetor. Do not damage fuel bowl O-rings. Transfer any remaining fuel into an approved container. Save all parts.
3. Remove float pin (some carburetors may have a screw which requires removal), and inlet needle. Seat for inlet needle is not serviceable and should not be removed.
4. Remove two screws securing top cover, gasket, and ground lead (Keihin carburetors only). Discard gasket and screws only.
5. Remove idle speed adjusting screw and spring from carburetor. Discard parts.
6. Clean carburetor bowl and inlet seat areas as required.
7. Carefully remove main jet from carburetor. After main jet is removed, on some carburetors, main nozzle can be removed through bottom of main tower. Note orientation/direction of nozzle. Save parts for cleaning and reuse.
8. Position of slow jet varies and is removable only on some styles of carburetors. See correct illustration for corresponding style of carburetor showing location. Save parts for cleaning and reuse unless a jet kit is also being installed. Clean slow jet using compressed air. Do not use wire or carburetor cleaner.
9. Carburetor is now disassembled for appropriate cleaning and installation of parts in overhaul kit. Further disassembly is not necessary. Throttle shaft assembly, fuel inlet seat and idle fuel adjustment screw are non-serviceable items and should not be removed. Choke shaft assembly is serviceable, however it should not be removed unless a choke repair kit will be installed.



## For Keihin Carburetors Only

To install choke repair kit go to step 10, otherwise go to step 21.

10. Remove and discard plastic cap from top of choke lever/shaft assembly.
11. Note position of spring legs and choke plate for correct reassembly later.
12. Remove two screws attaching choke plate to choke shaft. Pull shaft out of carburetor body and discard removed parts.
13. Use a screw extractor (easy out) and remove original choke shaft bushing with old choke lever from carburetor housing. Save bushing to use as a driver for installing new bushing. Discard old lever.
14. Clean I.D. of both choke shaft bores as required.
15. Insert new bushing through new choke lever from outside, and start bushing in outer shaft bore. Position choke lever so that protruding boss on carburetor housing is between two stops formed in choke lever.
16. Turn old bushing upside down and use it as a driver to carefully press or tap new bushing into carburetor body until it bottoms. Check that choke lever pivots freely without restriction or binding.
17. Install new return spring onto new choke shaft, so upper leg of spring is between two formed stops on end of choke shaft.
18. Slide choke shaft and spring, into carburetor. Pivot (preload) shaft and set inner leg of spring, against formed stop within choke lever, as originally assembled. Opposing leg of spring must still be between formed stops of choke shaft.
19. Place a drop of Loctite® on threads of each new screw. Install new choke plate to flat side of choke shaft and start two screws. Larger cutout must be on right. Close choke and check plate alignment within carburetor throat, then tighten screws securely. Do not overtighten.
20. Check for proper operation and free movement of parts. Install new cap.
21. Clean carburetor body, jets, vent ports, seats, etc., using a good commercially available carburetor solvent. Use clean, dry compressed air to blow out internal channels and ports. Inspect and thoroughly check carburetor for cracks, wear, or damage. Inspect fuel inlet needle seat for wear or damage. Check spring loaded choke plate to make sure it moves freely on shaft.
22. Clean carburetor float bowl as required.
23. Install main nozzle and main jet into tower of carburetor body.
24. Install slow jet and new plug into end of slow jet tube.
25. Attach inlet needle to metal tang of float with wire clip. Formed 90° lip of metal tang should point up, with needle valve hanging down.
26. Install new float and new inlet needle down into seat and carburetor body. Insert new pivot pin through float hinge and secure with new retaining screw.
27. Hold carburetor body so float assembly hangs vertically and rests lightly against fuel inlet needle. Inlet needle should be fully seated but center pin of needle (on retainer clip end) should not be depressed. Check float height adjustment.
28. Correct float height adjustment is 12.0 mm (0.472 in.) measured from float bottom to body of carburetor. Adjust float height by carefully bending metal tang of float.
29. When proper float height is obtained, carefully install new O-ring for fuel bowl.
30. Install fuel bowl onto carburetor. Secure with four original screws. Torque screws to  $2.5 \pm .3 \text{ N}\cdot\text{m}$  ( $23 \pm 2.6 \text{ in. lb.}$ ).
31. Install new cover gasket and top cover on carburetor. Secure with two large-head screws and attach ground lead (if equipped with a fuel solenoid), to original screw location. Torque top cover screws to  $2.5 \pm .3 \text{ N}\cdot\text{m}$  ( $23 \pm 2.6 \text{ in. lb.}$ ).
32. Place new spring onto idle speed adjusting screw and install into carburetor. Thread in until 3 or 4 threads are exposed, as an initial adjustment.
33. Reinstall carburetor using appropriate new carburetor and air cleaner base gaskets.
34. Reconnect spark plug lead(s) and negative (-) battery cable. Start engine and perform Idle Speed (RPM) Adjustment.

## For Walbro Carburetors Only

10. Clean carburetor body, jets, vent ports, seats, etc., using a good commercially available carburetor solvent. Use clean, dry compressed air to blow out internal channels and ports. Inspect and thoroughly check carburetor for cracks, wear, or damage. Inspect fuel inlet needle seat for wear or damage. Check spring loaded choke plate to make sure it moves freely on shaft.
11. Clean carburetor float bowl as required.
12. Install main nozzle and main jet into tower of carburetor body.
13. Install new solenoid gasket on solenoid. Reassemble fuel bowl and solenoid.
14. Reinstall carburetor using appropriate new carburetor and air cleaner base gaskets.
15. Reconnect spark plug lead(s) and negative (-) battery cable. Start engine and perform Idle Speed (RPM) Adjustment.

## High Altitude Operation

Engines may require a high altitude carburetor kit to ensure correct engine operation at altitudes above 1219 meters (4000 ft.). To obtain high altitude kit information or to find a Kohler authorized dealer visit [KohlerEngines.com](http://KohlerEngines.com) or call 1-800-544-2444 (U.S. and Canada).

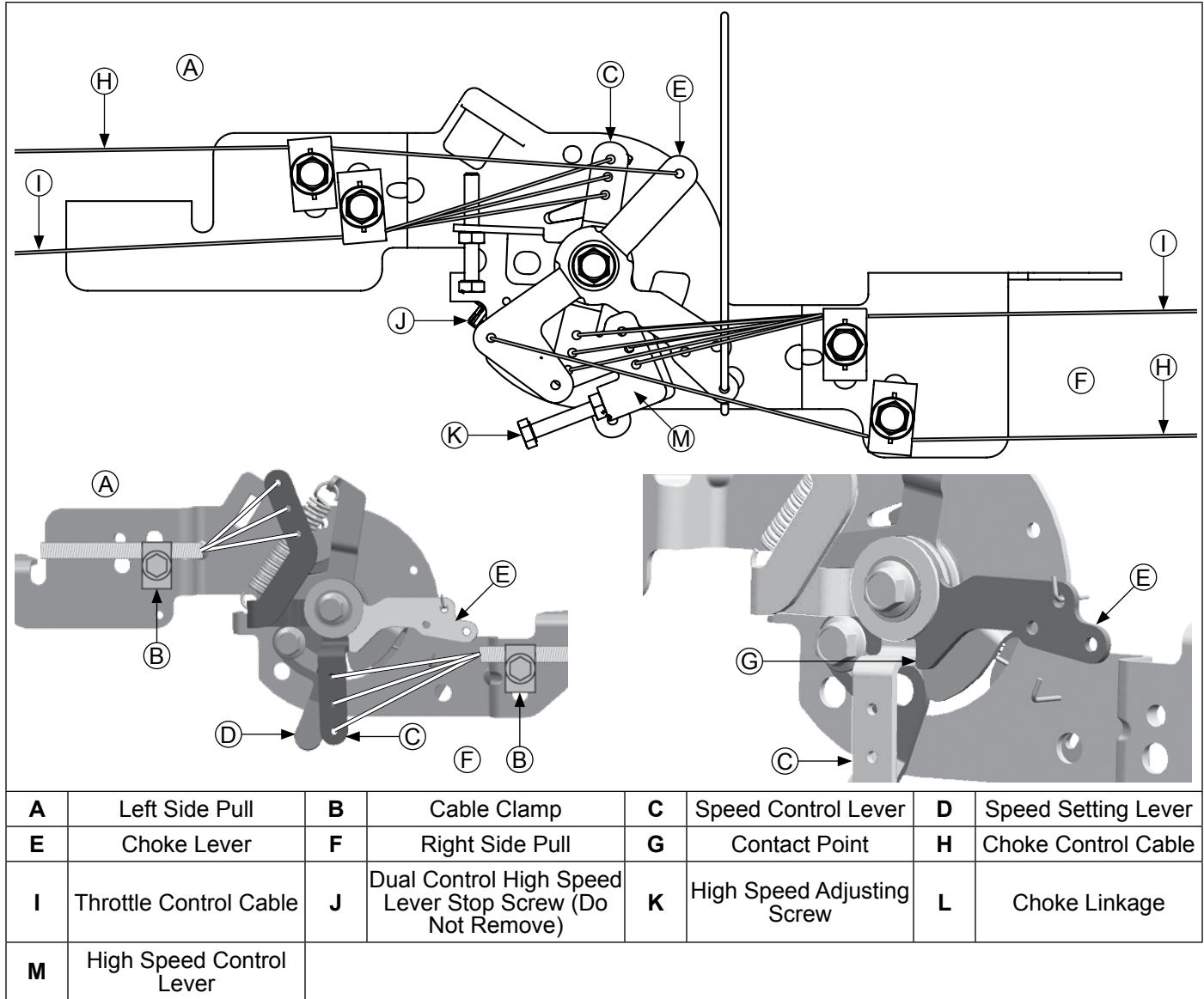
This engine should be operated in its original configuration below 1219 meters (4000 ft.) as damage may occur if high altitude carburetor kit is installed and operated below 1219 meters (4000 ft.).

# Fuel System

## UNITIZED THROTTLE AND CHOKE CONTROL

Some engines are equipped with a unitized throttle and choke control. This assembly controls choke and engine speed with a single lever. Engines with a unitized throttle and choke control will have either a left side pull or a right side pull.

### Governor/Throttle Control Connections



## Throttle Cable Adjustment

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NOTE: Choke is placed ON by moving throttle control slightly past fast position. If throttle control does not have a designated choke ON position, be sure to leave sufficient throttle control travel past fast position. This will enable choke to be placed ON.

1. Loosen control cable clamp.
2. Place throttle control lever of equipment into fast or high speed position.
3. Pull on outer shield of throttle control cable until speed control lever rotates and makes contact with choke lever. Tighten cable clamp securely.

## Starting an Engine Equipped with Unitized Throttle and Choke Control

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NOTE: Do not crank engine continuously for more than 10 seconds at a time. If engine does not start, allow a 60 second cool down period between starting attempts. Failure to follow these guidelines can burn out starter motor.

NOTE: If engine develops sufficient speed to disengage starter but does not keep running (a false start), engine rotation must be allowed to come to a complete stop before attempting to restart engine. If starter is engaged while flywheel is rotating, starter pinion and flywheel ring gear may clash, resulting in damage to starter.

1. For a Cold or Warm Engine – Place throttle/choke control into fast/choke ON position. This will also place choke into ON position.
2. Make sure equipment is in neutral.
3. Activate starter switch. Release switch as soon as engine starts.

If starter does not turn engine over, shut starter off immediately. Do not make further attempts to start engine until condition is corrected. Do not jump start using another battery. See your Kohler authorized dealer for trouble analysis.

4. For Operation – After engine starts, move throttle/choke control from fast/choke ON position and set desired engine operating speed (between slow and fast position).

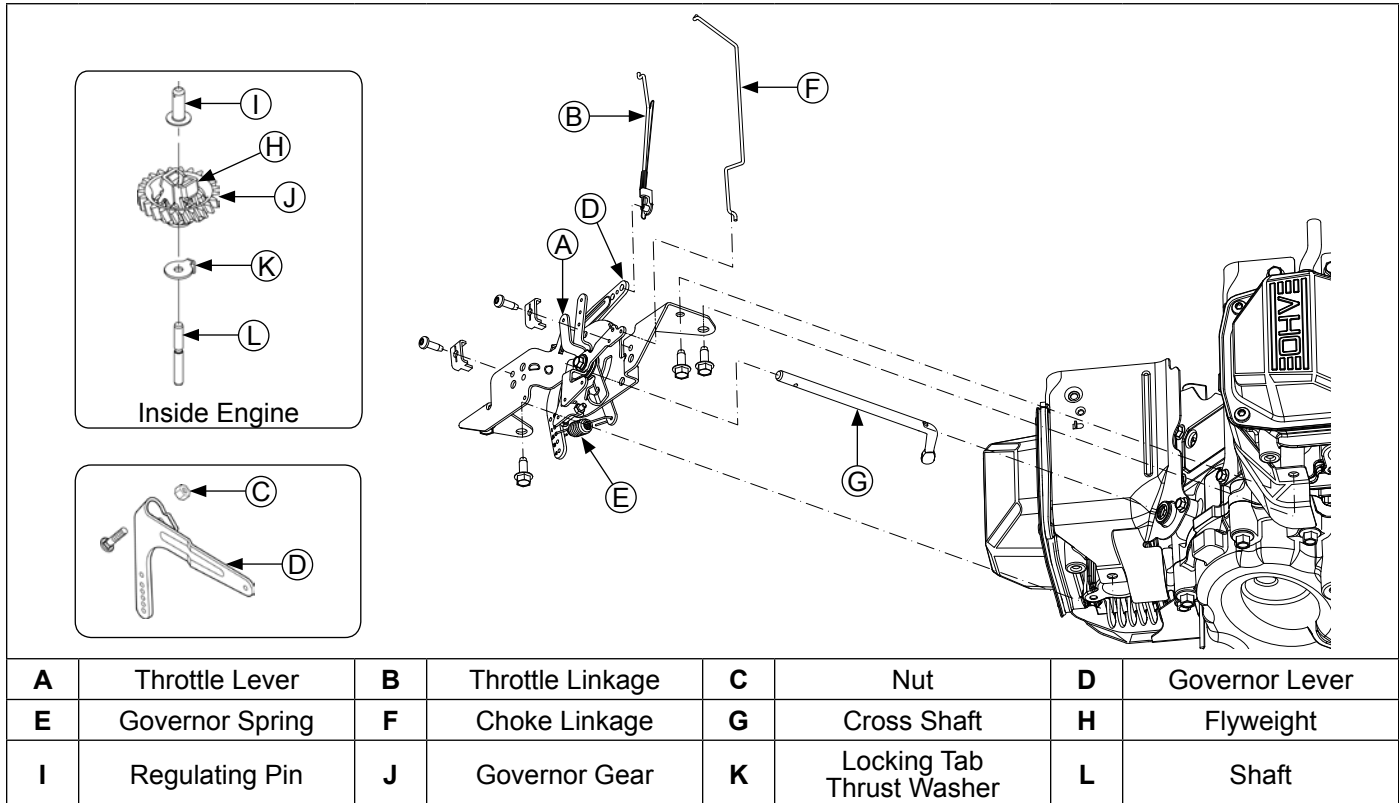
# Governor System

## GOVERNOR

Governed speed setting is determined by position of throttle control. It can be variable or constant, depending on engine application.

Governor is designed to hold engine speed constant under changing load conditions. Most engines are equipped with a centrifugal flyweight mechanical governor. Governor gear/flyweight mechanism of mechanical governor is mounted inside oil pan and is driven off gear on camshaft.

## Governor Components



This governor design works as follows:

- Centrifugal force acting on rotating governor gear assembly causes flyweights to move outward as speed increases. Governor spring tension moves them inward as speed decreases.
- As flyweights move outward, they cause regulating pin to move outward.
- Regulating pin contacts tab on cross shaft causing shaft to rotate.
- One end of cross shaft protrudes through crankcase. Rotating action of cross shaft is transmitted to throttle lever of carburetor through external throttle linkage.
- When engine is at rest, and throttle is in fast position, tension of governor spring holds throttle plate open. When engine is operating, governor gear assembly is rotating. Force applied by regulating pin against cross shaft tends to close throttle plate. Governor spring tension and force applied by regulating pin balance each other during operation, to maintain engine speed.
- When load is applied and engine speed and governor gear speed decreases, governor spring tension moves governor arm to open throttle plate wider. This allows more fuel into engine, increasing engine speed. As speed reaches governed setting, governor spring tension and force applied by regulating pin will again offset each other to hold a steady engine speed.

## Governor Adjustments

**NOTE:** Do not tamper with governor setting. Overspeed is hazardous and could cause personal injury.

### Initial Adjustment Procedure

Make this adjustment whenever governor arm is loosened or removed from cross shaft. Adjust as follows:

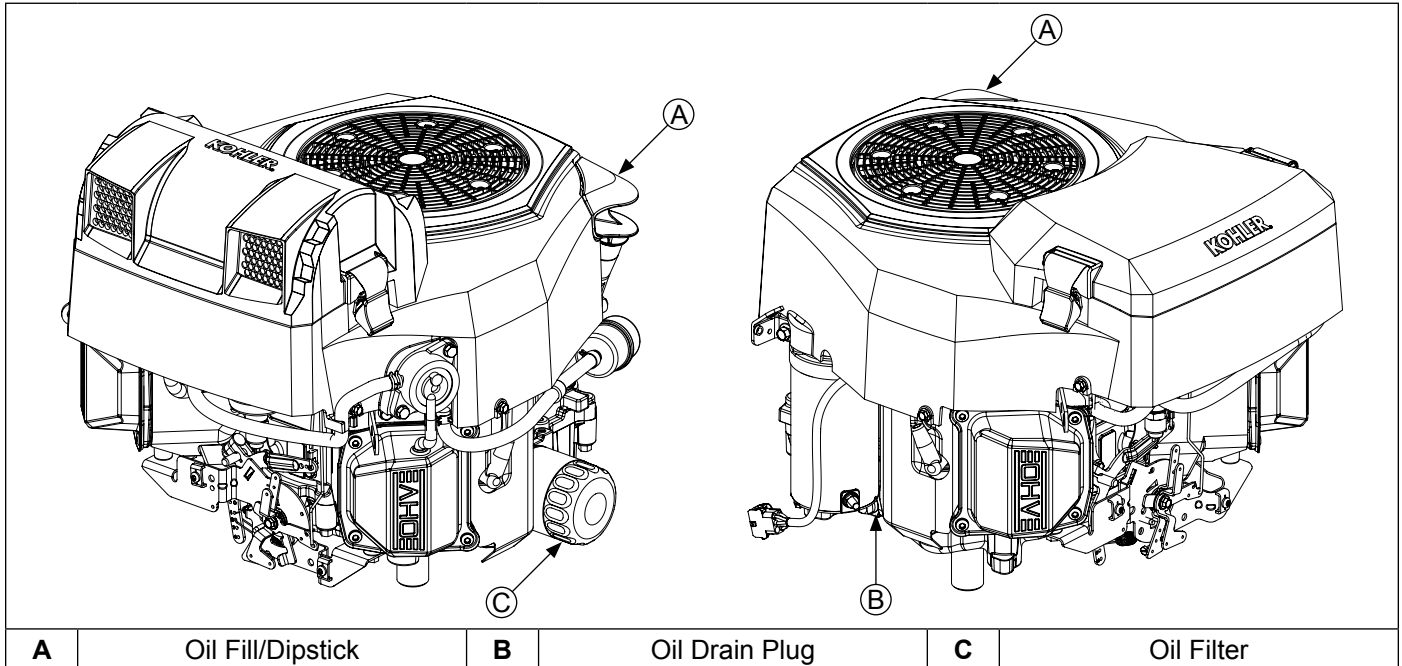
1. Make sure throttle linkage is connected to governor arm and throttle lever on carburetor.
2. Loosen nut holding governor lever to cross shaft.
3. Move governor lever toward carburetor as far as it will go (wide open throttle) and hold in this position.
4. Insert a long thin rod or tool into hole on cross shaft and rotate shaft counterclockwise (viewed from end) as far as it will turn, then torque nut to 6.8 N·m (60 in. lb.).

# Lubrication System

This engine uses a combination pressure/splash lubrication system, delivering oil under pressure to crankshaft, connecting rod and main bearing surfaces. Other component areas are splash lubricated.

A high-efficiency gerotor oil pump maintains high oil flow and oil pressure, even at low speeds and high operating temperatures. A pressure relief valve limits maximum pressure of system. Oil pan must be removed to service oil pickup and oil pump.

## Lubrication Components



## OIL RECOMMENDATIONS

Refer to Maintenance.

## CHECK OIL LEVEL

**NOTE:** To prevent extensive engine wear or damage, never run engine with oil level below or above operating range indicator on dipstick.

Ensure engine is cool. Clean oil fill/dipstick areas of any debris.

1. Remove dipstick; wipe oil off.
2. Reinsert dipstick into tube; press completely down.
3. Remove dipstick; check oil level. Level should be at top of indicator on dipstick.
4. If oil is low on indicator, add oil up to top of indicator mark.
5. Reinstall and secure dipstick.

## CHANGE OIL AND FILTER

Change oil while engine is warm.

1. Clean area around oil fill/dipstick. Remove drain plug and oil fill/dipstick. Allow oil to drain completely.
2. Clean area around oil filter. Place a container under filter to catch any oil and remove filter. Wipe off mounting surface. Reinstall drain plug. Torque to 13.6 N·m (10 ft. lb.).
3. Place new filter in shallow pan with open end up. Fill with new oil until oil reaches bottom of threads. Allow 2 minutes for oil to be absorbed by filter material.
4. Apply a thin film of clean oil to rubber gasket on new filter.
5. Refer to instructions on oil filter for proper installation.
6. Fill crankcase with new oil. Level should be at top of indicator on dipstick.
7. Reinstall oil fill/dipstick and tighten securely.
8. Start engine; check for oil leaks. Stop engine; correct leaks. Recheck oil level.
9. Dispose of used oil and filter in accordance with local ordinances.

# Lubrication System

## **OIL SENTRY™ (if equipped)**

NOTE: Make sure oil level is checked before each use, and is maintained up to FULL or F mark on dipstick. This includes engines equipped with Oil Sentry™.

This switch is designed to prevent engine from starting in a low oil or no oil condition. Oil Sentry™ may not shut down a running engine before damage occurs. In some applications this switch may activate a warning signal. Read your equipment manuals for more information.

Oil Sentry™ pressure switch is installed in oil filter adapter. Pressure switch is designed to break contact as oil pressure increases above 3-5 psi, and make contact as oil pressure decreases below 3-5 psi.

On stationary or unattended applications (pumps, generators, etc.), pressure switch can be used to ground ignition module to stop engine. On vehicular applications (lawn tractors, mowers, etc.) pressure switch can only be used to activate a low oil warning light or signal.

## **Installation**

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1. Apply pipe sealant with Teflon® (Loctite® PST® 592™ Thread Sealant or equivalent) to threads of switch.
2. Install switch into tapped hole in oil filter adapter.
3. Torque switch to 4.5 N·m (40 in. lb.).

## **Testing**

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Compressed air, a pressure regulator, pressure gauge, and a continuity tester are required to test switch.

1. Connect continuity tester across blade terminal and metal case of switch. With 0 psi pressure applied to switch, tester should indicate continuity (switch closed).
2. Gradually increase pressure to switch. As pressure increases through range of 2-5 psi tester should indicate a change to no continuity (switch open). Switch should remain open as pressure is increased to 90 psi maximum.
3. Gradually decrease pressure through range of 2-5 psi. Tester should indicate a change to continuity (switch closed) down to 0 psi.
4. Replace switch if it does not operate as specified.

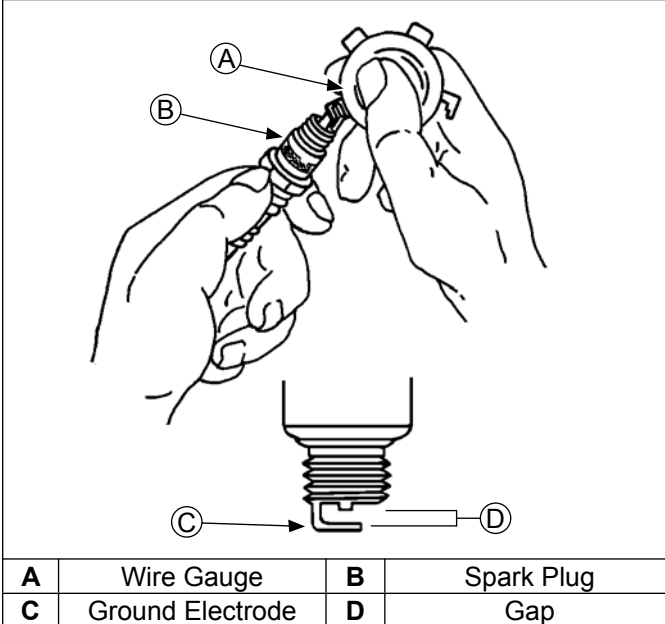
## SPARK PLUGS



### ⚠ CAUTION

Electrical Shock can cause injury.  
Do not touch wires while engine is running.

### Spark Plug Component and Details



**NOTE:** Do not clean spark plug in a machine using abrasive grit. Some grit could remain in spark plug and enter engine causing extensive wear and damage.

Engine misfire or starting problems are often caused by a spark plug that has improper gap or is in poor condition.

Engine is equipped with following spark plugs:

Gap	0.76 mm (0.03 in.)
Thread Size	14 mm
Reach	19.1 mm (3/4 in.)
Hex Size	15.9 mm (5/8 in.)

Refer to Maintenance for Repairs/Service Parts.

### Service

Clean out spark plug recess. Remove plug and replace.

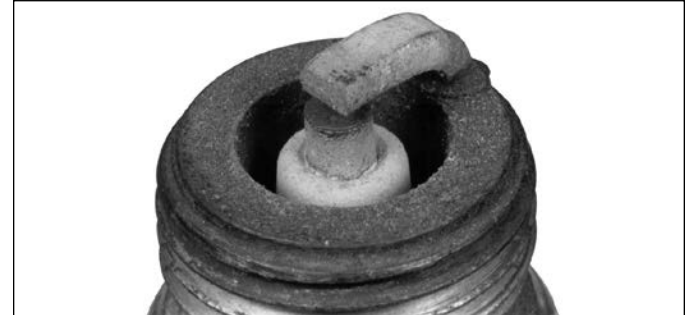
1. Check gap using wire feeler gauge. Adjust gap to 0.76 mm (0.03 in.).
2. Install plug into cylinder head.
3. Torque plug to 27 N·m (20 ft. lb.).

### Inspection

Inspect each spark plug as it is removed from cylinder head. Deposits on tip are an indication of general condition of piston rings, valves, and carburetor.

Normal and fouled plugs are shown in following photos:

#### Normal



Plug taken from an engine operating under normal conditions will have light tan or gray colored deposits. If center electrode is not worn, plug can be set to proper gap and reused.

#### Worn



On a worn plug, center electrode will be rounded and gap will be greater than specified gap. Replace a worn spark plug immediately.

#### Wet Fouled



A wet plug is caused by excess fuel or oil in combustion chamber. Excess fuel could be caused by a restricted air cleaner, a carburetor problem, or operating engine with too much choke. Oil in combustion chamber is usually caused by a restricted air cleaner, a breather problem, worn piston rings, or valve guides.

# Electrical System

## Carbon Fouled



Soft, sooty, black deposits indicate incomplete combustion caused by a restricted air cleaner, over rich carburetion, weak ignition, or poor compression.

## Overheated



Chalky, white deposits indicate very high combustion temperatures. This condition is usually accompanied by excessive gap erosion. Lean carburetor settings, an intake air leak, or incorrect spark timing are normal causes for high combustion temperatures.

## BATTERY

A 12-volt battery with 400 cold cranking amps (cca) is generally recommended for starting in all conditions. A smaller capacity battery is often sufficient if an application is started only in warmer temperatures. Refer to following table for minimum capacities based on anticipated ambient temperatures. Actual cold cranking requirement depends on engine size, application, and starting temperatures. Cranking requirements increase as temperatures decrease and battery capacity shrinks. Refer to equipment's operating instructions for specific battery requirements.

### Battery Size Recommendations

Temperature	Battery Required
Above 32°F (0°C)	200 cca minimum
0°F to 32°F (-18°C to 0°C)	250 cca minimum
-5°F to 0°F (-21°C to -18°C)	300 cca minimum
-10°F (-23°C) or below	400 cca minimum

If battery charge is insufficient to turn over engine, recharge battery.

## Battery Maintenance

Regular maintenance is necessary to prolong battery life.

## Battery Test

To test battery, follow manufacturer's instructions.

## ELECTRONIC IGNITION SYSTEMS

All ignition systems are designed to be trouble free for life of engine. Other than periodically checking/replacing spark plugs, no maintenance or timing adjustments are necessary or possible. Mechanical systems do occasionally fail or break down. Refer to Troubleshooting to determine root of a reported problem.

Reported ignition problems are most often due to poor connections. Before beginning test procedure, check all external wiring. Be certain all ignition-related wires are connected, including spark plug leads. Be certain all terminal connections fit snugly. Make sure ignition switch is in run position.



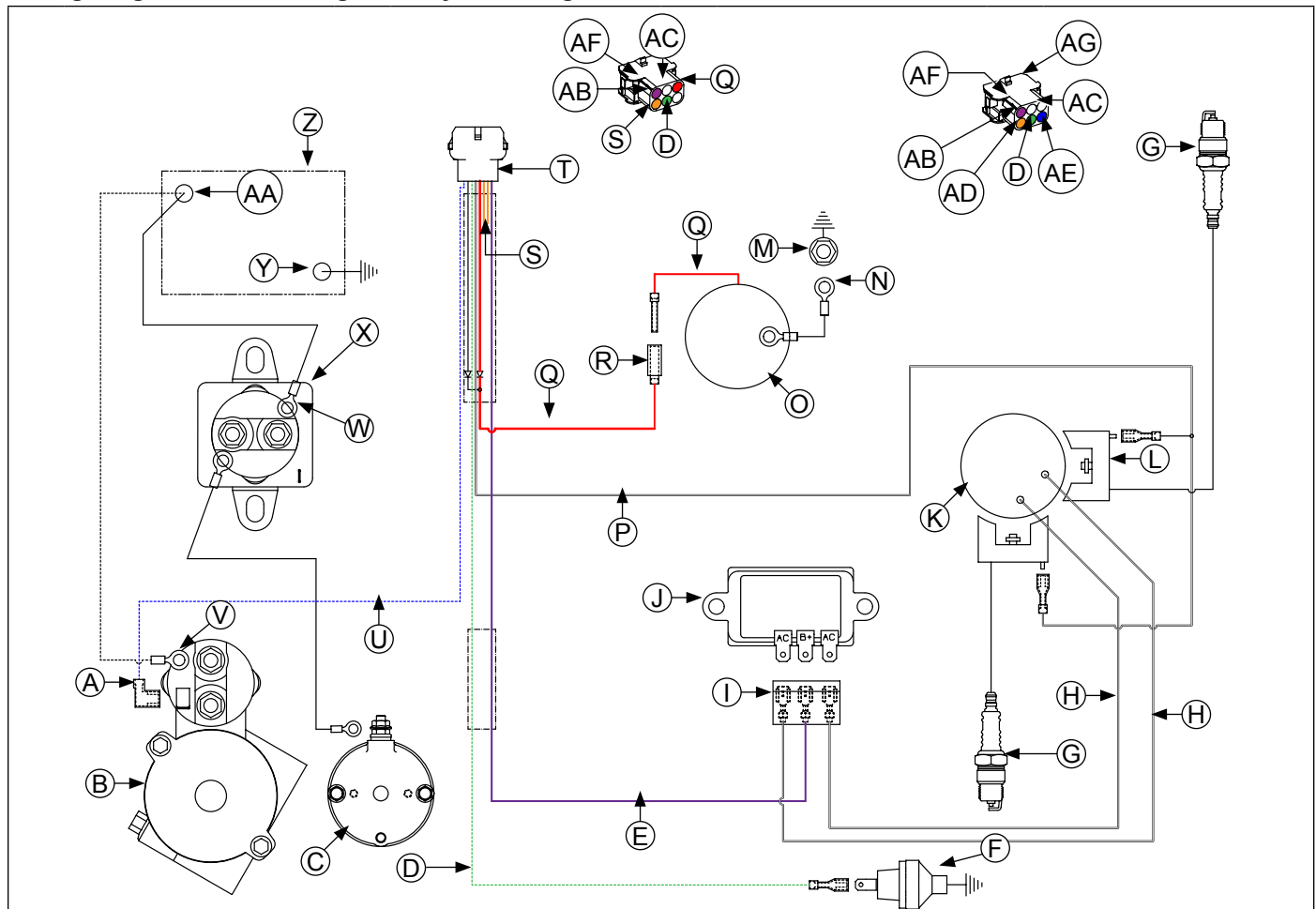
## Ignition System

These systems use a capacitive discharge (CD) coil. With CDI fixed timing, ignition timing and spark remains constant regardless of engine speed. Timing of spark is controlled by location of flywheel magnet group as referenced to engine TDC. MDI adjustable timing uses a digital microprocessor which is located in ignition modules. Ignition timing varies depending upon engine speed with this system.

A typical fixed ignition system consists of:

- 1 magnet assembly which is permanently affixed to flywheel.
- 2 electronic capacitive-discharge or magnetic discharge ignition modules which mount on engine crankcase.
- 1 kill switch (or key switch) which grounds modules to stop engine.
- 2 spark plugs.

## Wiring Diagram-Electronic Ignition System Diagram



<b>A</b>	Starter Solenoid Tang	<b>B</b>	Solenoid Shift Starter Assembly	<b>C</b>	Inertia Driver Starter Assembly	<b>D</b>	Green
<b>E</b>	Violet (Charging)	<b>F</b>	Oil Sentry™ (Optional)	<b>G</b>	Spark Plug(s)	<b>H</b>	White (AC Charging Leads)
<b>I</b>	Rectifier-Regulator Connector	<b>J</b>	Rectifier-Regulator	<b>K</b>	Flywheel Stator Assembly	<b>L</b>	Ignition Module(s)
<b>M</b>	Intake Manifold Screw	<b>N</b>	Ground	<b>O</b>	Carburetor	<b>P</b>	White (Ignition Kill)
<b>Q</b>	Red	<b>R</b>	Solenoid Lead	<b>S</b>	Orange	<b>T</b>	Connector
<b>U</b>	Blue	<b>V</b>	Starter Solenoid Stud	<b>W</b>	Relay Stud	<b>X</b>	Relay Cranking (Customer Supplied)
<b>Y</b>	Battery Negative	<b>Z</b>	Battery	<b>AA</b>	Battery Positive	<b>AB</b>	Violet (shown) or Orange
<b>AC</b>	White	<b>AD</b>	Orange (shown) or Red	<b>AE</b>	Blue (shown) or Red	<b>AF</b>	Polarity Rib
<b>AG</b>	Solenoid Shift Starter Assembly (Optional)						

# Electrical System

## Electronic Ignition Systems Tests

NOTE: Ignition tester must be used to test ignition on these engines. Use of any other tester can result in inaccurate findings. Battery on unit must be fully charged and properly connected before performing tests (a battery that is hooked up or charged backward will crank engine but it won't have spark). Be certain drive is in neutral and all external loads are disconnected.

### Test Ignition Systems

NOTE: If engine starts or runs during testing, you may need to ground kill lead to shut it down. Because you have interrupted kill circuit, it may not stop using switch.

Isolate and verify trouble is within engine.

1. Locate connectors where wiring harnesses from engine and equipment are joined. Separate connectors and remove white kill lead from engine connector. Rejoin connectors and position or insulate kill lead terminal so it cannot touch ground. Try to start engine to verify whether reported problem is still present.

Condition	Possible Cause	Conclusion
Problem goes away.	Electrical System	Check key switch, wires, connections, safety interlocks, etc.
Problem persists.	Ignition or Electrical System	Leave kill lead isolated until all testing is completed. Identify white kill lead of engine wiring harness connector. Establish a connection to a known good ground location. Engine should kill completely. If not or only one cylinder is affected, test ignition modules.

### Test for Spark

NOTE: If 2 testers are available, testing can be performed simultaneously for both cylinders. However, if only 1 tester is available, 2 individual tests must be performed. Side not being tested must have spark plug lead connected or grounded. Do not crank engine or perform tests with 1 spark plug lead disconnected and not grounded, or permanent system damage may occur.

1. With engine stopped, disconnect 1 spark plug lead. Connect spark plug lead to post terminal of spark tester and attach tester clip to a good engine ground.
2. Crank engine over, establishing a minimum of 550-600 RPM, and observe tester(s) for spark.
3. Repeat spark test on opposite cylinder if cylinders are being tested individually.

Condition	Possible Cause	Conclusion
One side is not firing.	Wiring and Connections	Check all wiring, connections, and terminals on that side. If wiring is okay, replace ignition module and retest for spark.
Tester shows spark but engine misses or won't run on that cylinder.	Spark Plug(s)	Try new spark plug(s).
Neither side is firing.	Ignition Switch	Recheck position of ignition switch and check for shorted kill lead.
Both cylinders have good spark but engine runs poorly or existing plug condition is questionable.	Spark Plug(s)	Install new spark plug(s) and retest engine performance.
1 cylinder has good spark and other cylinder has no or intermittent spark.	Ignition	Test ignition modules and connections.

## BATTERY CHARGING SYSTEM

NOTE: Observe following guidelines to avoid damage to electrical system and components:

- Make sure battery polarity is correct. A negative (–) ground system is used.
- Disconnect rectifier-regulator plug and/or wiring harness plug before doing any electric welding on equipment powered by engine. Disconnect all other electrical accessories in common ground with engine.
- Prevent stator (AC) leads from touching or shorting while engine is running. This could damage stator.

Most engines are equipped with a 12/15 amp regulated charging system. Some have a 25 amp regulated charging system.

### 12/15/25 Amp Regulated Charging System

#### Stator

Stator is mounted on crankcase behind flywheel. Follow procedures in Disassembly and Reassembly if stator replacement is necessary.

#### Rectifier-Regulator

NOTE: When installing rectifier-regulator, take note of terminal positions and install plug correctly.

NOTE: Disconnect all electrical connections attached to rectifier-regulator. Testing may be performed with rectifier-regulator mounted or loose. Repeat applicable test procedure 2 or 3 times to determine condition of part.

Rectifier-regulator is mounted on backing shroud assembly. To replace it, disconnect plug, remove mounting screws, and ground lead.

Testing rectifier-regulator may be performed as follows, using appropriate rectifier-regulator tester.

To test 25 amp rectifier-regulators:

1. Connect single lead adapter in between B+ (center) terminal of rectifier-regulator being tested and squared single end of tandem adapter lead.
2. Connect tester ground lead (with spring clamp) to body of rectifier-regulator.
3. Connect red lead and 1 black lead to terminals on open end of tandem adapter lead (connections are not location specific).
4. Connect remaining black lead from tester to 1 outer AC terminal on rectifier-regulator.
5. Plug tester into proper AC outlet/power for tester being used. Turn on power switch. POWER light should be illuminated and 1 of 4 status lights may be on as well. This does not represent condition of part.
6. Press TEST button until a click is heard and then release. Momentarily 1 of 4 lights will illuminate indicating partial condition of part.

To test 12/15 amp rectifier-regulators:

1. Connect tester ground lead (with spring clamp) to body of rectifier-regulator being tested.
2. Connect tester red lead to B+ terminal of rectifier-regulator and 2 black tester leads to 2 AC terminals.
3. Plug tester into proper AC outlet/power for tester being used. Turn on power switch. POWER light should be illuminated and 1 of 4 status lights may be on as well. This does not represent condition of part.
4. Press TEST button until a click is heard and then release. Momentarily 1 of 4 status lights will illuminate indicating condition of part.

Condition	Conclusion	
	25 amp	12/15 amp
OK (green) light comes on and stays steady.	Disconnect tester black lead attached to 1 AC terminal and reconnect it to other AC terminal. Repeat test. If OK (green) light comes on again, part is good and may be used.	Part is good and may be used.
NOTE: A flashing LOW light can also occur as a result of an inadequate ground lead connection. Make certain connection location is clean and clamp is secure. Other lights come on.	Rectifier-regulator is faulty and should not be used.	

# Electrical System

## 12/15/25 Amp Battery Charging Systems

NOTE: Always zero ohmmeter on each scale before testing to ensure accurate readings. Voltage tests should be made with engine running at 3600 RPM with no load. Battery must be good and fully charged.

When problems occur in keeping battery charged or battery charges at high rate, charging system or battery might be causing problems.

To test charging system for no charge to battery:

1. Insert an ammeter in B+ lead from rectifier-regulator. With engine running at 3600 RPM and B+ (at terminal on rectifier-regulator) to ground using a DC voltmeter.

If voltage is 13.8 volts or more, place a minimum load of 5 amps (turn on lights if 60 watts or more, or place a 2.5 ohm, 100 watt resistor across battery terminals) on battery to reduce voltage. Observe ammeter.

Condition	Conclusion
Charge rate increases when load is applied.	Charging system is OK and battery was fully charged.
Charge rate does not increase when load is applied.	Test stator and rectifier-regulator (steps 2 and 3).

2. Remove connector from rectifier-regulator. With engine running at 3600 RPM, measure AC voltage across stator leads using an AC voltmeter.

Condition	Conclusion
Voltage is 28 volts or more.	Stator is OK. Rectifier-regulator is faulty; replace.
Voltage is less than 28 volts.	Stator is faulty; replace. Test stator further using an ohmmeter (steps 3 and 4).

3. With engine stopped, measure resistance across stator leads using an ohmmeter.

Condition	Conclusion
Resistance is 0.064/0.2 ohms.	Stator is OK.
Resistance is 0 ohms.	Stator is shorted; replace.
Resistance is infinity ohms.	Stator is open; replace.

4. With engine stopped, measure resistance from each stator lead to ground using an ohmmeter.

Condition	Conclusion
Resistance is infinity ohms (no continuity).	Stator is OK (not shorted to ground).
Resistance (or continuity) measured.	Stator leads are shorted to ground; replace.

To test charging system for battery continuously charging at high rate:

1. With engine running at 3600 RPM, measure voltage from B+ lead to ground using a DC voltmeter.

Condition	Conclusion
Voltage is 14.7 volts or less.	Charging system is OK. Battery is unable to hold charge; service or replace.
Voltage is more than 14.7 volts.	Faulty rectifier-regulator; replace.

NOTE: Do not crank engine continuously for more than 10 seconds. Allow a 60 second cool-down period between starting attempts. Failure to follow these guidelines can burn out starter motor.

NOTE: If engine develops sufficient speed to disengage starter but does not keep running (a false start), engine rotation must be allowed to come to a complete stop before attempting to restart engine. If starter is engaged while flywheel is rotating, starter pinion and flywheel ring gear may clash and damage starter.

NOTE: If starter does not crank engine, shut off starter immediately. Do not make further attempts to start engine until condition is corrected.

NOTE: Do not drop starter or strike starter frame. Doing so can damage starter.

Engines in this series use inertia drive, solenoid shift, or retractable starters.

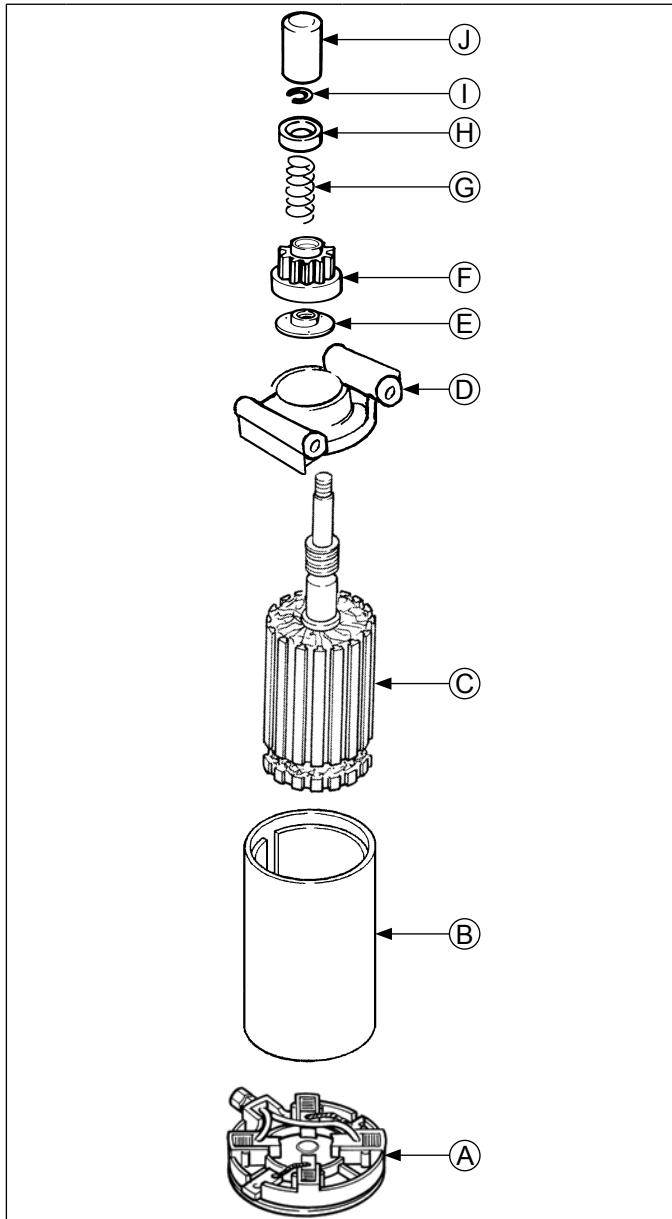
## Troubleshooting-Starting Difficulties

Condition	Possible Cause	Conclusion
Starter does not energize.	Battery	Check specific gravity of battery. If low, recharge or replace battery as necessary.
	Wiring	Clean corroded connections and tighten loose connections. Replace wires in poor condition and with frayed or broken insulation.
	Starter Switch or Solenoid	By-pass switch or solenoid with a jumper wire. If starter cranks normally, replace faulty components. Remove and perform individual solenoid test procedure.
Starter energizes but turns slowly.	Battery	Check specific gravity of battery. If low, recharge or replace battery as necessary.
	Brushes	Check for excessively dirty or worn brushes and commutator. Clean using a coarse cloth (not emery cloth). Replace brushes if excessively or unevenly worn.
	Transmission or Engine	Make sure clutch or transmission is disengaged or placed in neutral. This is especially important on equipment with hydrostatic drive. Transmission must be exactly in neutral to prevent resistance which could keep engine from starting. Check for seized engine components such as bearings, connecting rod, and piston.

# Starter System

## INERTIA DRIVE ELECTRIC STARTERS

### Inertia Drive Electric Starter Components



<b>A</b>	Commutator End Cap with Brushes	<b>B</b>	Frame
<b>C</b>	Armature	<b>D</b>	Drive End Cap
<b>E</b>	Drive Nut (Collar)	<b>F</b>	Drive Pinion
<b>G</b>	Anti-Drift Spring	<b>H</b>	Spring Retainer
<b>I</b>	Retaining Ring	<b>J</b>	Dust Cover

When power is applied to starter, armature rotates. As armature rotates, drive pinion moves out on drive shaft splines and into mesh with flywheel ring gear. When pinion reaches end of drive shaft, it rotates flywheel and cranks engine.

When engine starts, flywheel rotates faster than starter armature and drive pinion. This moves drive pinion out of mesh with ring gear and into retracted position. When power is removed from starter, armature stops rotating and drive pinion is held in retracted position by anti-drift spring.

### Drive Service

If drive pinion is worn, or has chipped or broken teeth, it must be replaced.

1. Rubber dust cover has a molded lip on inside that snaps over a lip on front of drive pinion. Turn drive pinion clockwise until it reaches fully extended position. While holding it in extended position, grasp tip of dust cover with a pliers or vise grip and pull it free from pinion.
2. Grasp spring retainer with a pliers and push it toward starter, compressing anti-drift spring to expose retaining ring.
3. Remove retaining ring from armature shaft using either a retaining ring pliers or snap ring removal tool, as described in Steps 4, and 5. Do not reuse old retainer.
4. Holding spring retainer in retracted position, assemble inner halves of removal tool around armature shaft with retaining ring in inner groove. Slide collar over inner halves to hold them in position.
5. Thread center screw into removal tool until you feel resistance. Use a wrench (1-1/8" or adjustable) to hold base of removal tool. Use another wrench or socket (1/2" or 13 mm) to turn center screw clockwise. Resistance against center screw will tell you when retaining ring has popped out of groove in armature shaft.
6. Remove drive components from armature shaft, paying attention to sequence. If splines are dirty, clean them with solvent.
7. Splines should have a light film of lubricant. Lubricate as necessary with Kohler starter drive lubricant. Reinstall or replace drive components, assembling them in reverse order they were removed.

### Retaining Ring Installation

1. Position retaining ring in groove in one of inner halves. Assemble other half over top and slide on outer collar.
2. Be certain drive components are installed in correct sequence onto armature shaft.
3. Slip tool over end of armature shaft, so retaining ring inside is resting on end of shaft. Hold tool with one hand, exerting slight pressure toward starter. Tap top of tool with a hammer until you feel retaining ring snap into groove. Disassemble and remove tool.
4. Squeeze retaining ring with a pliers to compress it into groove.
5. Assemble inner halves with larger cavity around spring retainer. Slide collar over them and thread center screw in until resistance is felt.
6. Hold base of tool with a 1-1/8" wrench and turn center screw clockwise with a 1/2" or 13 mm wrench to draw spring retainer up around retaining ring. Stop turning when resistance increases. Disassemble and remove tool.
7. Reinstall dust cover.

## Starter Disassembly

1. Remove drive components following instructions for servicing drive.
2. Remove thru bolts.
3. Remove commutator end cap containing brush holder, brushes, brush springs and thrust washer (cup).
4. Remove drive end cap.
5. Remove armature from inside starter frame.

## End Cap/Brush Replacement

Brushes are contained in a plastic carrier housing, attached to end cap. Replacement brushes in brush holder come preassembled, attached to end cap with commutator end thrust washer (cup) holding brushes in retracted position. When installation is performed, end of armature shaft will push thrust washer (cup) back into final position allowing brushes to contact commutator. Do not remove protective tape and shipping strip holding washer (cup) until part is ready to be installed.

## Commutator Service

Clean commutator with a coarse, lint free cloth. Do not use emery cloth.

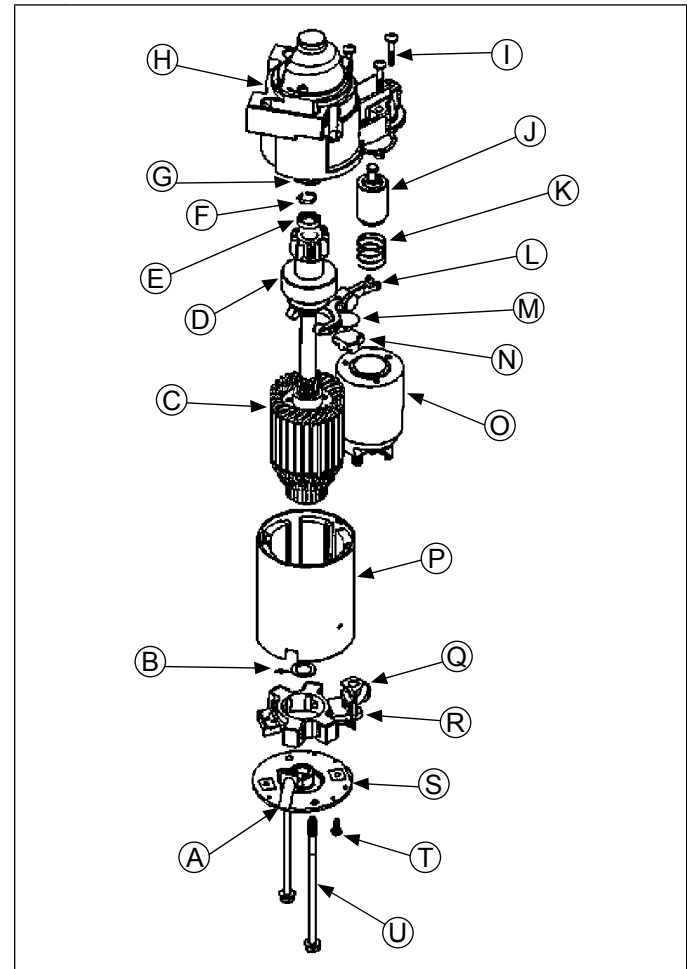
If commutator is badly worn or grooved, turn it down on a lathe or replace starter.

## Starter Reassembly

1. Insert armature into starter frame. Make sure magnets are closer to drive shaft end of armature. Magnets will hold armature inside frame.
2. Install drive end cap over drive shaft and align with cutout starter frame.
3. Installing new brushes: carefully remove tape holding thrust washer (cup) in place against brushes. Do not allow thrust washer (cup) to move out of this position. Align terminal stud block with notch in starter frame and start brush holder/end cap assembly onto end of armature.
4. Pull out thin shipping strip from behind thrust washer (cup), and slide brush holder/end cap into position.
5. Install thru bolts and torque to 4.5-5.7 N·m (40-50 in. lb.).
6. Lubricate drive shaft with Kohler starter drive lubricant. Install drive components following instructions for servicing starter drive.

## SOLENOID SHIFT STARTERS

### Solenoid Shift Starter Components



A	Tube	B	Washer
C	Armature	D	Drive
E	Stop	F	Retaining Ring
G	Collar	H	Drive End Cap
I	Screw	J	Plunger
K	Spring	L	Lever
M	Plate	N	Plug
O	Solenoid	P	Frame and Field
Q	Brush Holder	R	Nut
S	Commutator End Plate	T	Screw
U	Bolt		

When power is applied to starter electric solenoid moves drive pinion out onto drive shaft and into mesh with flywheel ring gear. When pinion reaches end of drive shaft it rotates flywheel and cranks engine.

When engine starts and start switch is released, starter solenoid is deactivated, drive lever moves back, and drive pinion moves out of mesh with ring gear into retracted position.

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## Starter Disassembly

NOTE: Do not reuse old retainer.

NOTE: Do not soak armature or use solvent when cleaning. Wipe clean using a soft cloth, or use compressed air.

1. Remove hex nut and disconnect positive (+) brush lead/bracket from solenoid terminal.
2. Remove head screws securing solenoid to starter.
3. Unhook plunger pin from drive lever. Remove gasket from recess in housing.
4. Remove thru (larger) bolts.
5. Remove commutator end plate assembly, containing brush holder, brushes, springs, and locking caps. Remove thrust washer from inside commutator end.
6. Remove frame from armature and drive end cap.
7. Remove drive lever pivot bushing and backing plate (if equipped) from end cap.
8. Take out drive lever and pull armature out of drive end cap.
9. Remove thrust washer from armature shaft.
10. Push stop collar down to expose retaining ring.
11. Remove retainer from armature shaft. Save stop collar.
12. Remove drive pinion assembly from armature.
13. Clean parts as required.

## Inspection

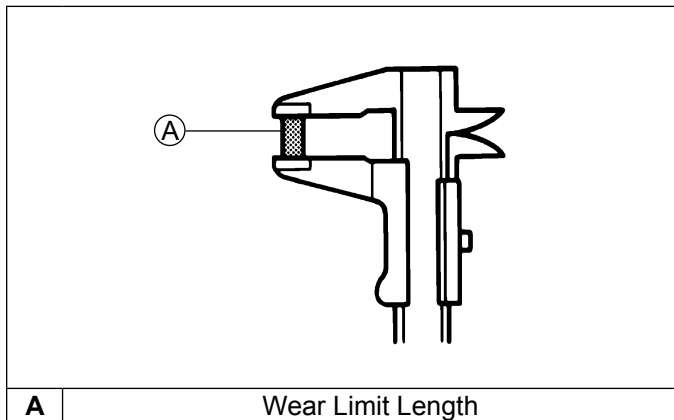
### Drive Pinion

Check and inspect following areas:

- Pinion teeth for abnormal wear or damage.
- Surface between pinion and clutch mechanism for nicks or irregularities which could cause seal damage.
- Check drive clutch by holding clutch housing and rotating pinion. Pinion should rotate in only 1 direction.

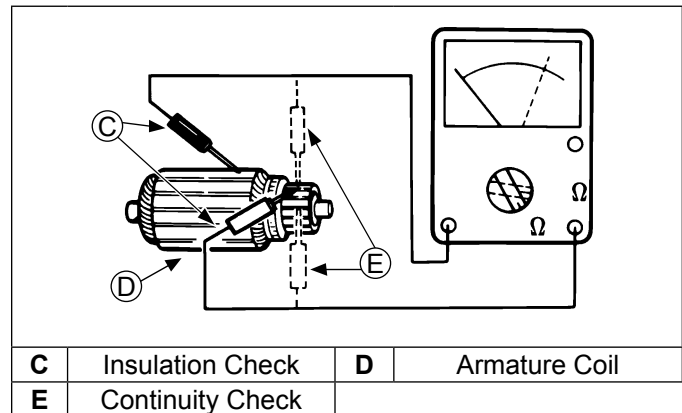
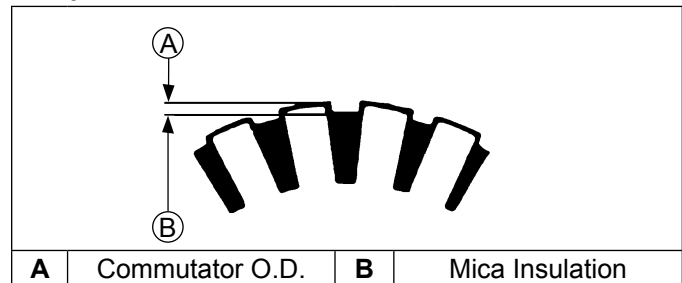
### Brushes and Springs

#### Detail



Inspect both springs and brushes for wear, fatigue, or damage. Measure length of each brush. Minimum length for each brush is 7.6 mm (0.300 in.). Replace brushes if they are worn, undersize, or condition is questionable.

## Armature Components and Details



1. Clean and inspect commutator (outer surface). Mica insulation must be lower than commutator bars (undercut) to ensure proper operation of commutator.
2. Use an ohmmeter set to Rx1 scale. Touch probes between 2 different segments of commutator, and check for continuity. Test all segments. Continuity must exist between all or armature is bad.
3. Check for continuity between armature coil segments and commutator segments. There should be no continuity. If continuity exists between any 2 armature is bad.
4. Check armature windings/insulation for shorting.

### Shift Fork

Check that shift fork is complete, and pivot and contact areas are not excessively worn, cracked, or broken.

### Brush Replacement

4 brushes and springs are serviced as a set. Use a new Kohler brush and spring kit if replacement is necessary.

1. Perform steps 1-5 in Starter Disassembly.
2. Remove screws securing brush holder assembly to end cap (plate). Note orientation for reassembly later. Discard old brush holder assembly.
3. Clean component parts as required.  
New brushes and springs come preassembled in a brush holder with a protective sleeve that will also serve as an installation tool.
4. Perform steps 10-13 in Starter Reassembly sequence. If starter has been disassembled, installation must be done after armature, drive lever, and frame are installed.



## Starter Reassembly

NOTE: Always use a new retainer. Do not reuse old retainers that have been removed.

NOTE: Correctly installed, center pivot section of drive lever will be flush or below machined surface of housing.

1. Apply drive lubricant to armature shaft splines. Install drive pinion onto armature shaft.
2. Install and assemble stop collar/retainer assembly.
  - a. Install stop collar down onto armature shaft with counter bore (recess) up.
  - b. Install a new retainer in larger (rear) groove of armature shaft. Squeeze with a pliers to compress it in groove.
  - c. Slide stop collar up and lock it into place, so recess surrounds retainer in groove. If necessary, rotate pinion outward on armature splines against retainer to help seat collar around retainer.
3. Install offset thrust (stop) washer so smaller offset of washer faces retainer/collar.
4. Apply a small amount of oil to bearing in drive end cap, and install armature with drive pinion.
5. Lubricate fork end and center pivot of drive lever with drive lubricant. Position fork end into space between captured washer and rear of pinion.
6. Slide armature into drive end cap and at same time seat drive lever into housing.
7. Install rubber grommet into matching recess of drive end cap. Molded recesses in grommet should be out, matching and aligned with those in end cap.
8. Install frame, with small notch forward, onto armature and drive end cap. Align notch with corresponding section in rubber grommet. Install drain tube in rear cutout, if it was removed previously.
9. Install flat thrust washer onto commutator end of armature shaft.
10. Starter reassembly when replacing brushes/brush holder assembly:
  - a. Hold starter assembly vertically on end housing, and carefully position assembled brush holder assembly, with supplied protective tube, against end of commutator/armature. Mounting screw holes in metal clips must be up/out. Slide brush holder assembly down into place around commutator, and install positive (+) brush lead grommet in cutout of frame. Protective tube may be saved and used for future servicing.

Starter reassembly when not replacing brushes/brush holder assembly:

  - a. Carefully unhook retaining caps from brush assemblies. Do not lose springs.
  - b. Position brushes back in their slots so they are flush with I.D. of brush holder assembly. Insert brush installation tool (with extension), or use tube described above from a prior brush installation, through brush holder assembly, so holes in metal mounting clips are up/out.
  - c. Install brush springs and snap on retainer caps.
  - d. Hold starter assembly vertically on end housing, and carefully place tool (with extension) and assembled original brush holder assembly onto end of armature shaft. Slide brush holder assembly down into place around commutator, install positive (+) brush lead grommet in cutout of frame.
11. Install end cap onto armature and frame, aligning thin raised rib in end cap with corresponding slot in grommet of positive (+) brush lead.
12. Install thru bolts and brush holder mounting screws. Torque bolts to 5.6-9.0 N·m (49-79 in. lb.) and brush holder mounting screws to 2.5-3.3 N·m (22-29 in. lb.).
13. Hook plunger behind upper end of drive lever and install spring into solenoid. Insert mounting screws through holes in drive end cap. Use these to hold solenoid gasket in position, then mount solenoid. Torque screws to 4.0-6.0 N·m (35-53 in. lb.).
14. Connect positive (+) brush lead/bracket to solenoid and secure with nut. Torque nut to 8-11 N·m (71-97 in. lb.). Do not overtighten.

# Starter System

## Solenoid Tests

NOTE: DO NOT leave 12 volt test leads connected to solenoid for any time over what is necessary for performing each of individual tests. Internal damage to solenoid may occur.

Disconnect all leads from solenoid including positive brush lead attached to lower stud terminal. Remove mounting hardware and separate solenoid from starter for testing.

To test solenoid pull-in coil/plunger:

### Actuation

1. Use a 12 volt power supply and 2 test leads.
2. Connect 1 lead to flat spade S/start terminal on solenoid. Momentarily connect other lead to lower large post terminal.

When connection is made solenoid should energize (audible click) and plunger retract. Repeat test several times.

### Continuity

1. Use an ohmmeter set to audible or Rx2K scale, and connect 2 ohmmeter leads to 2 large post terminals.
2. Perform solenoid pull-in coil/plunger actuation test and check for continuity. Ohmmeter should indicate continuity. Repeat test several times.

To test solenoid hold-in coil:

### Function


1. Connect a 12 volt test lead to flat spade S/start terminal on solenoid and other lead to body or mounting surface of solenoid.
2. Manually push plunger IN and check if coil holds plunger retracted. Do not allow test leads to remain connected to solenoid for a prolonged period of time.

### Continuity

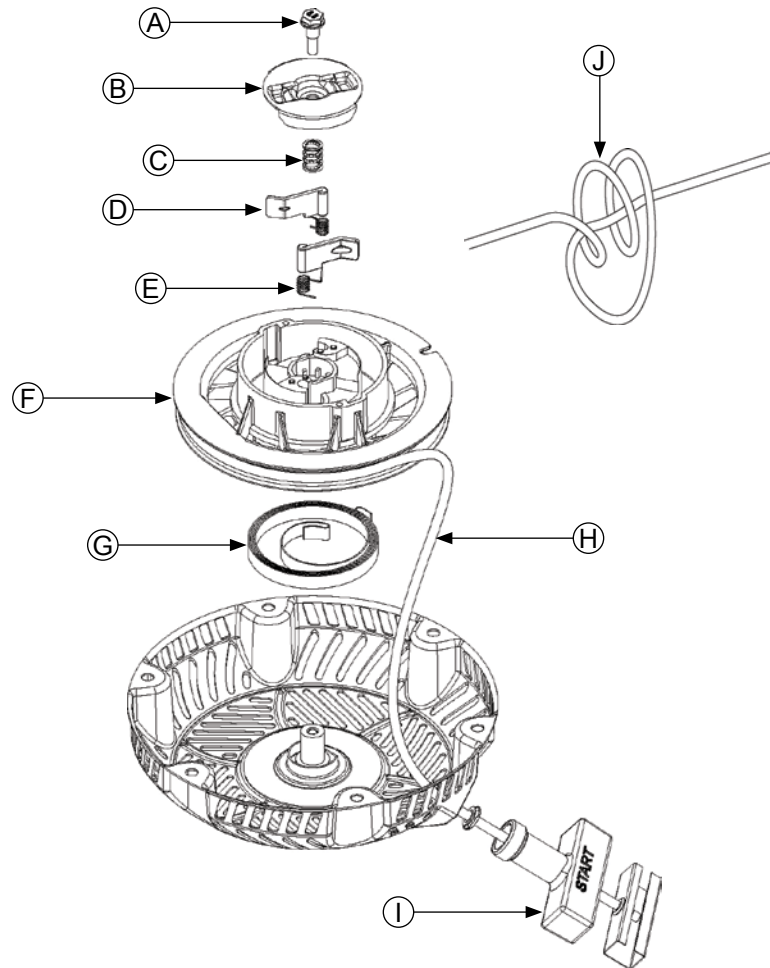
1. Use an ohmmeter set to audible or Rx2K scale, and connect 2 ohmmeter leads to 2 large post terminals.
2. Perform preceding solenoid hold-in coil function test and check for continuity. Meter should indicate continuity. Repeat test several times.

Condition	Conclusion
Solenoid fails to activate.	Replace solenoid.
No continuity is indicated.	
Plunger fails to stay retracted.	

## RETRACTABLE STARTERS

	<b>⚠ WARNING</b>	Retractable starters contain a powerful, recoil spring that is under tension. Always wear safety goggles when servicing retractable starters and carefully follow instructions in Retractable Starter for relieving spring tension.
	Uncoiling Spring can cause severe injury. Wear safety goggles or face protection when servicing retractable starter.	

### Retractable Starter Components



<b>A</b>	Center Screw	<b>B</b>	Drive Plate	<b>C</b>	Friction Spring	<b>D</b>	Drive Pawl (Dogs)
<b>E</b>	Drive Pawl Springs	<b>F</b>	Pulley	<b>G</b>	Recoil Spring	<b>H</b>	Starter Rope
<b>I</b>	Starter Handle	<b>J</b>	Double Left-Hand Knot				

# Starter System

## Remove Starter

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1. Remove screws securing starter to blower housing.
2. Remove starter assembly.

## Rope Replacement

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NOTE: Do not allow pulley/spring to unwind. Enlist aid of a helper if necessary.

Rope can be replaced without complete starter disassembly.

1. Remove starter assembly from engine.
2. Pull rope out approximately 12 in. and tie a temporary (slip) knot in it to keep it from retracting into starter.
3. Pull knot end out of handle, untie knot, and slide handle off.
4. Hold pulley firmly and untie slipknot. Allow pulley to rotate slowly as spring tension is released.
5. When all spring tension on starter pulley is released, remove rope from pulley.
6. Tie a double left-hand knot in one end of new rope.
7. Rotate pulley counterclockwise to pre-tension spring (approximately 4 full turns of pulley).
8. Continue rotating pulley counterclockwise until rope hole in pulley is aligned with rope guide bushing of starter housing.
9. Insert unknotted end of new rope through rope hole in starter pulley and rope guide bushing of housing.
10. Tie a slipknot approximately 12 in. from free end of rope. Hold pulley firmly and allow it to rotate slowly until slipknot reaches guide bushing of housing.
11. Insert starter rope through starter handle and tie a double, left-hand knot at end of starter rope. Insert knot into hole in handle.
12. Untie slip knot and pull on starter handle until starter rope is fully extended. Slowly retract starter rope into starter assembly. If recoil spring is properly tensioned, starter rope will retract fully and starter handle will stop against starter housing.

## Pawls (dogs) Replacement

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1. Install a clamp to hold pulley in starter housing and prevent it from rotating.
2. Unscrew center screw and lift off drive plate.
3. Note positions of pawls and pawl springs before removing. Remove parts from pulley.
4. Install pawl springs and pawls into pawl slots of pulley. All parts must be dry.
5. Position drive plate over pawls, aligning actuating slots in place with raised sections on each drive pawl. Torque center screw to 5-6 N·m (44-54 in. lb.).
6. Remove clamp and pull starter rope out part way to check operation of pawls.

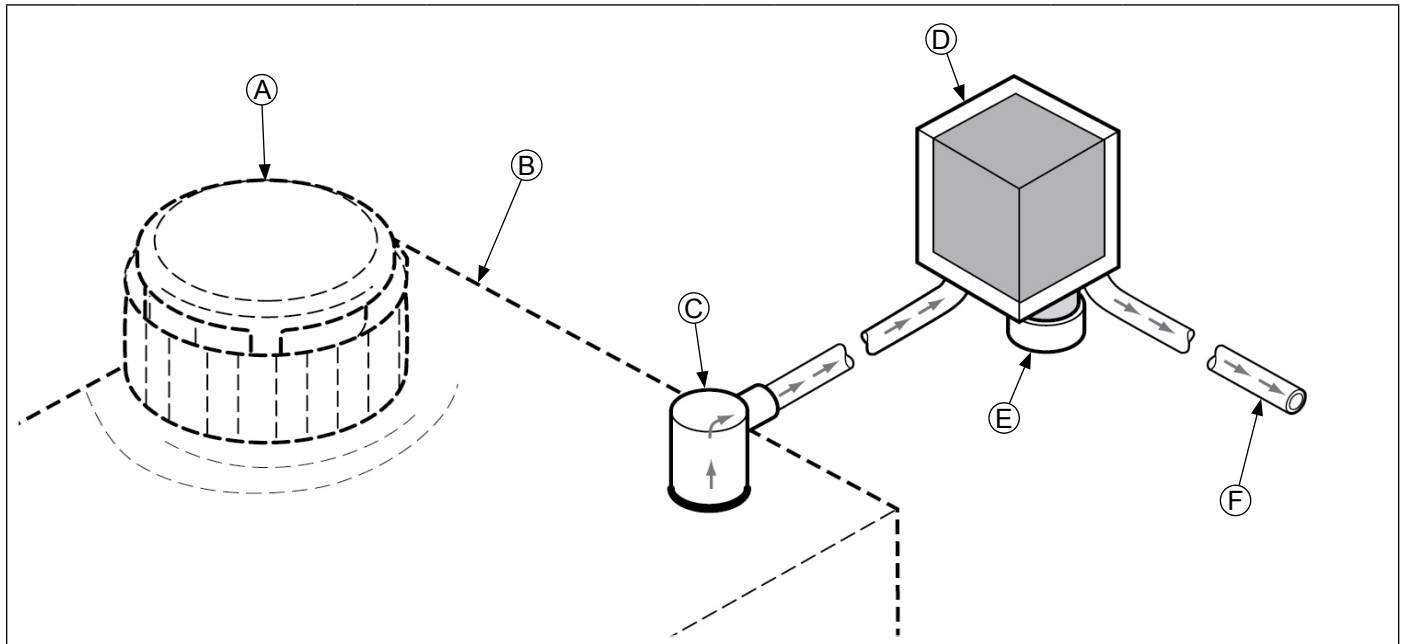
## Install Starter

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1. Install retractable starter onto blower housing leaving screws slightly loose.
2. Pull starter handle out until pawls engage in drive cup. Hold handle in this position and torque mounting screws to 7.3 N·m (65 in. lb.).

## EVAPORATIVE EMISSION COMPLIANT SYSTEM

### Carbon Canister System



<b>A</b>	Fuel Tank Cap	<b>B</b>	Fuel Tank	<b>C</b>	Roll Over Valve (ROV)	<b>D</b>	Carbon Canister
<b>E</b>	Canister Breather Filter	<b>F</b>	To Carburetor				

For engine to be Tier III compliant, it may be fitted with a Kohler supplied canister vapor recovery system, or a system developed and installed by Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM). Details on Kohler system are included below.

#### Operation

Fuel vapors travel from fuel tank through tubing to carbon canister. On intake stroke of engine fuel vapors are drawn in through a port in carburetor and burned with fuel charge.

#### Maintenance

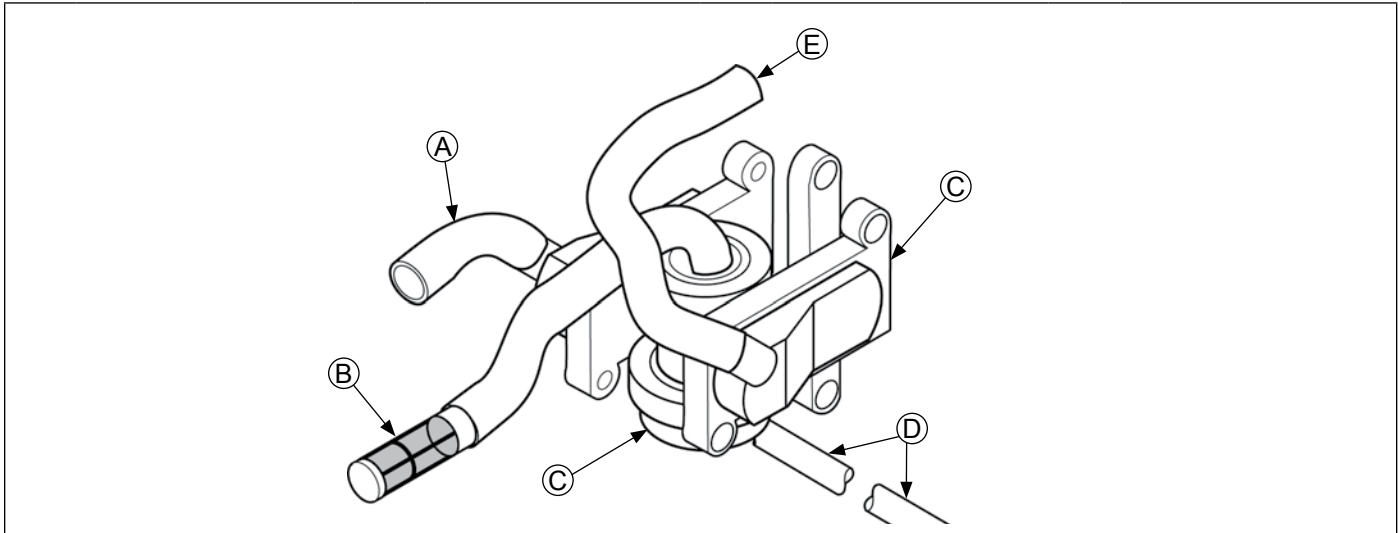
On Kohler-supplied canisters, breather filter can be removed and cleaned with hot soapy water, dried and reinstalled. Do not oil breather screen. This is done periodically or if system operation is suspect. Carbon canister is sealed and requires no maintenance.

In some applications or installations, OEM will have installed a different canister or fuel vapor recovery system. See OEM equipment documentation for service or maintenance information.

# Emission Compliant Systems

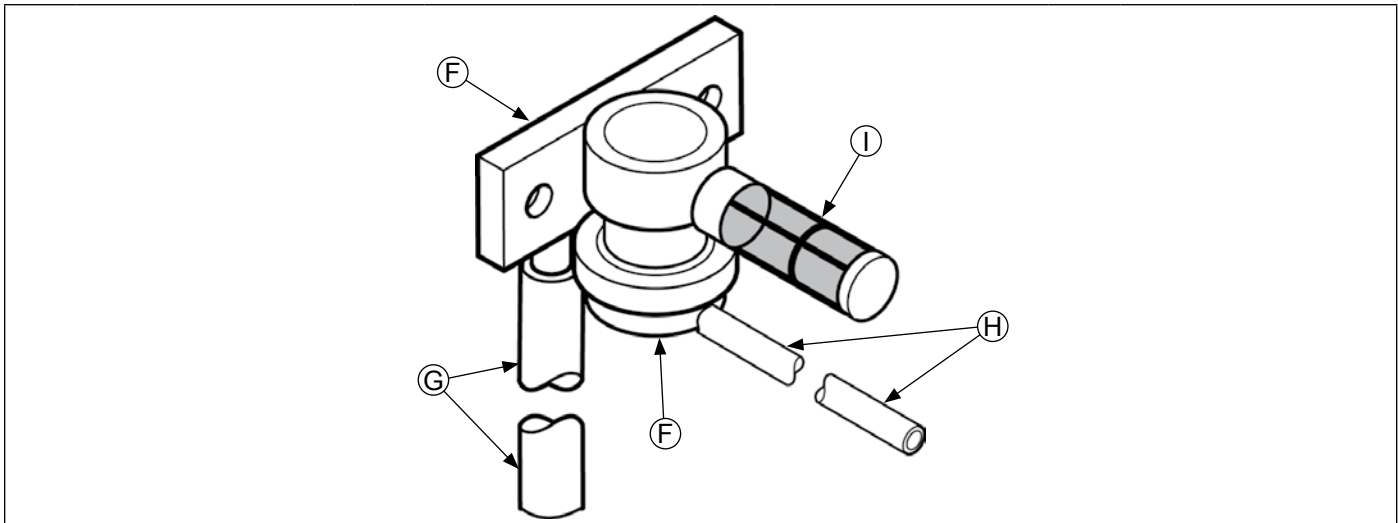
## SECONDARY EMISSION COMPLIANT SYSTEM

### Twin Secondary Air Induction System



<b>A</b>	Hose To Exhaust Manifold	<b>B</b>	Inlet Screen	<b>C</b>	Secondary Air Valve Assembly	<b>D</b>	Hose To Carburetor
<b>E</b>	Hose To Exhaust Manifold						

### Single Secondary Air Induction System



<b>F</b>	Secondary Air Valve Assembly	<b>G</b>	Hose To Exhaust Manifold	<b>H</b>	Hose To Carburetor	<b>I</b>	Inlet Screen
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For engine to be Tier III compliant, it may be fitted with a secondary air induction system (SAI).

#### Operation

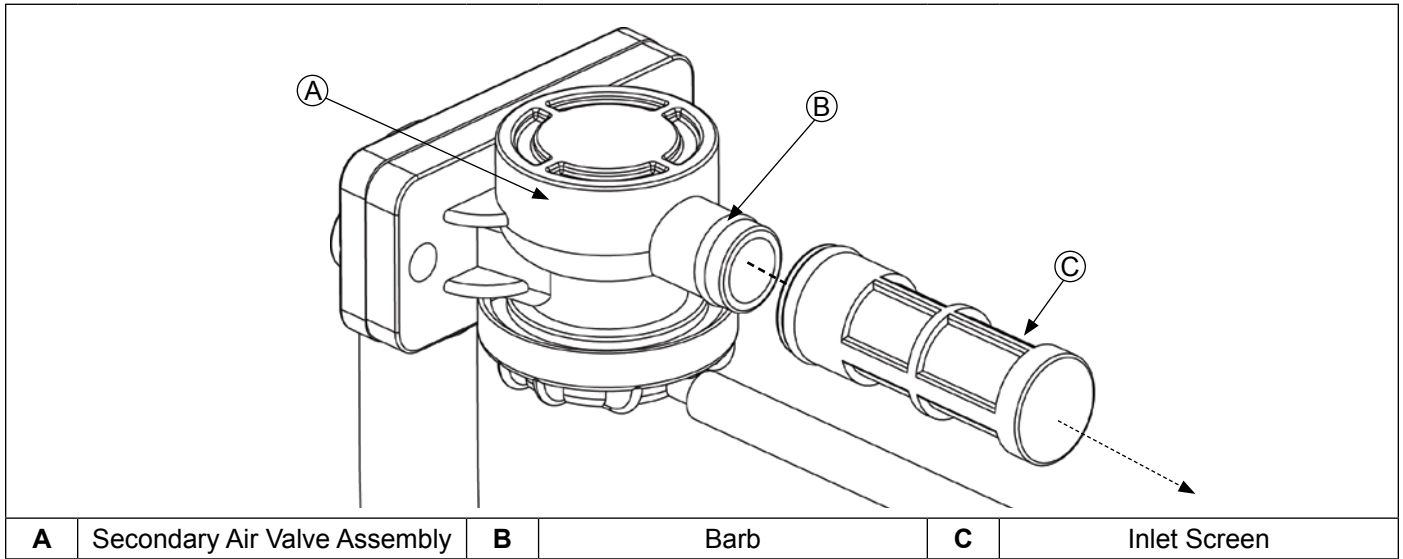
Intake pulse of engine activates secondary air valve. Air is drawn through an inlet screen of secondary air valve. Air is then drawn into exhaust manifold and muffler where it mixes with any unburned hydrocarbons, which then burn in heat of muffler. A hose is connected between a carburetor port and a diaphragm chamber in secondary air valve. Carburetor vacuum moves diaphragm to close valve when air induction is not required, primary idle.

#### Maintenance

Air inlet screen in secondary air valve can be removed, cleaned, and reinstalled. If inspection of system reveals any damage or decomposition of hoses, secondary air valve, or exhaust system, parts should be replaced.

## Remove Inlet Screen

### Inlet Components

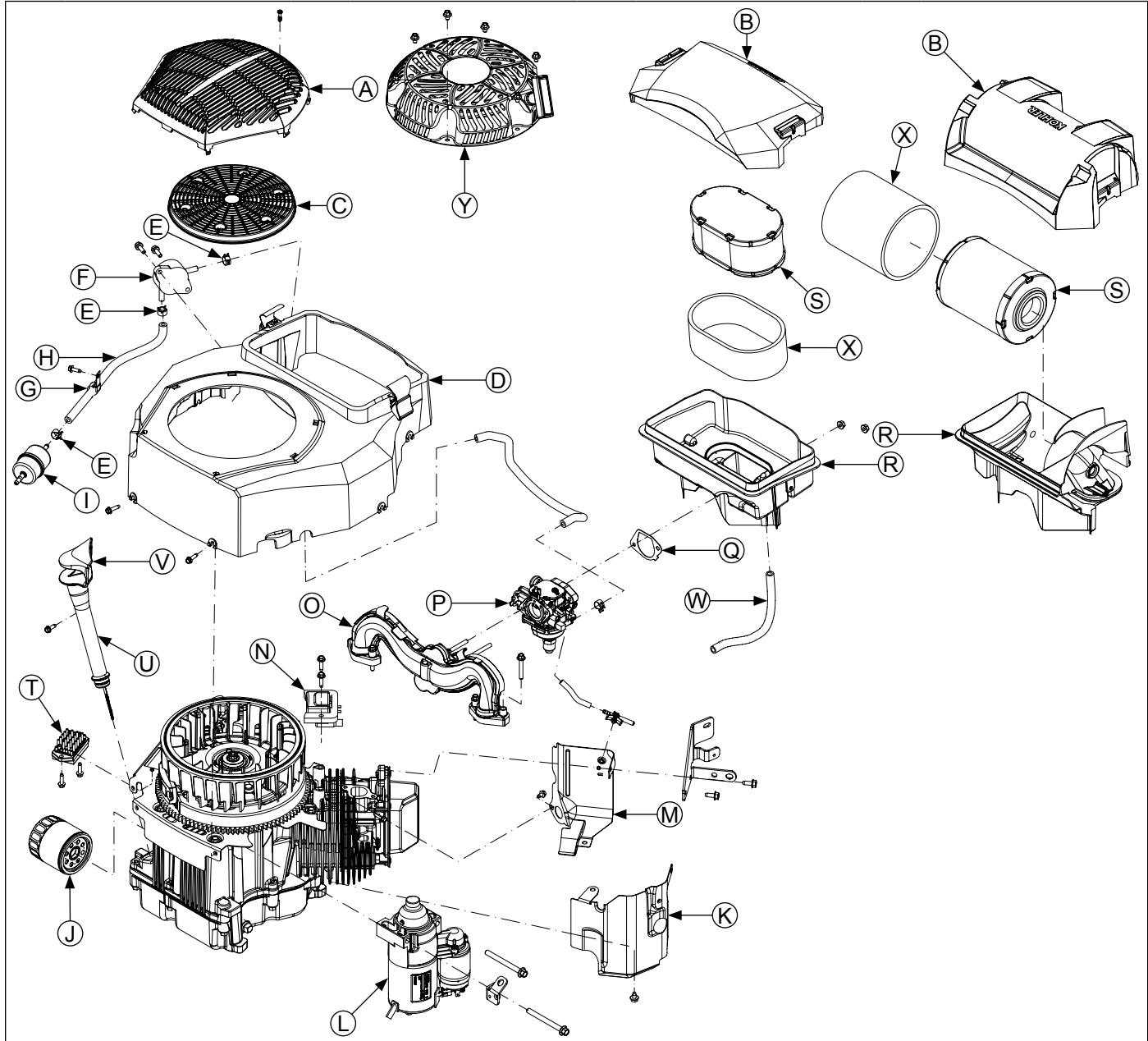


1. Remove inlet screen from secondary air valve assembly by grasping inlet screen at base and gently pulling away from valve assembly.
2. Use a soft brush to remove debris from screen.
3. Run water through inlet screen in reverse direction.
4. To reinstall, push inlet screen onto barb of secondary air valve assembly. An audible click will be heard when inlet screen is properly reinstalled.

# Disassembly/Inspection and Service

	<b>⚠ WARNING</b>	Before working on engine or equipment, disable engine as follows: 1) Disconnect spark plug lead(s). 2) Disconnect negative (-) battery cable from battery.
	Accidental Starts can cause severe injury or death. Disconnect and ground spark plug lead(s) before servicing.	

## External Engine Components



<b>A</b>	Fixed Guard	<b>B</b>	Air Cleaner Cover	<b>C</b>	Debris Screen	<b>D</b>	Blower Housing
<b>E</b>	Hose Clamp	<b>F</b>	Fuel Pump	<b>G</b>	Hose Clip	<b>H</b>	Fuel Line
<b>I</b>	Fuel Filter	<b>J</b>	Oil Filter	<b>K</b>	Outer Baffle	<b>L</b>	Electric Starter
<b>M</b>	Inner Baffle	<b>N</b>	Ignition Module	<b>O</b>	Intake Manifold	<b>P</b>	Carburetor
<b>Q</b>	Gasket	<b>R</b>	Air Cleaner Base	<b>S</b>	Paper Element	<b>T</b>	Rectifier-Regulator
<b>U</b>	Dipstick Tube	<b>V</b>	Oil Fill/Dipstick	<b>W</b>	Breather Hose	<b>X</b>	Precleaner
<b>Y</b>	Retractable Starter						



# Disassembly/Inspection and Service

Clean all parts thoroughly as engine is disassembled. Only clean parts can be accurately inspected and gauged for wear or damage. There are many commercially available cleaners that will quickly remove grease, oil and grime from engine parts. When such a cleaner is used, follow manufacturer's instructions and safety precautions carefully.

Make sure all traces of cleaner are removed before engine is reassembled and placed into operation. Even small amounts of these cleaners can quickly break down lubricating properties of engine oil.

## Disconnect Spark Plug Leads

NOTE: Pull on boot only, to prevent damage to spark plug lead.

1. Disconnect leads from spark plugs.
2. Shut off fuel supply.


## Drain Oil From Crankcase and Remove Oil Filter

1. Remove oil fill/dipstick and oil drain plug.
2. Allow ample time for oil to drain from crankcase and oil filter.
3. Remove and appropriately discard oil filter.

## Remove Muffler

Remove exhaust system and attaching hardware from engine.

## Remove Fuel Pump (if equipped)

	<b>⚠ WARNING</b>
	<p>Explosive Fuel can cause fires and severe burns.</p> <p>Do not fill fuel tank while engine is hot or running.</p>
<p>Gasoline is extremely flammable and its vapors can explode if ignited. Store gasoline only in approved containers, in well ventilated, unoccupied buildings, away from sparks or flames. Spilled fuel could ignite if it comes in contact with hot parts or sparks from ignition. Never use gasoline as a cleaning agent.</p>	

1. Disconnect pulse (vacuum) hose and outlet fuel line from fuel pump.
2. Remove mounting screws, unhook outlet hose from blower housing clip, and remove fuel pump from blower housing.

## Remove Retractable Starter (if equipped)

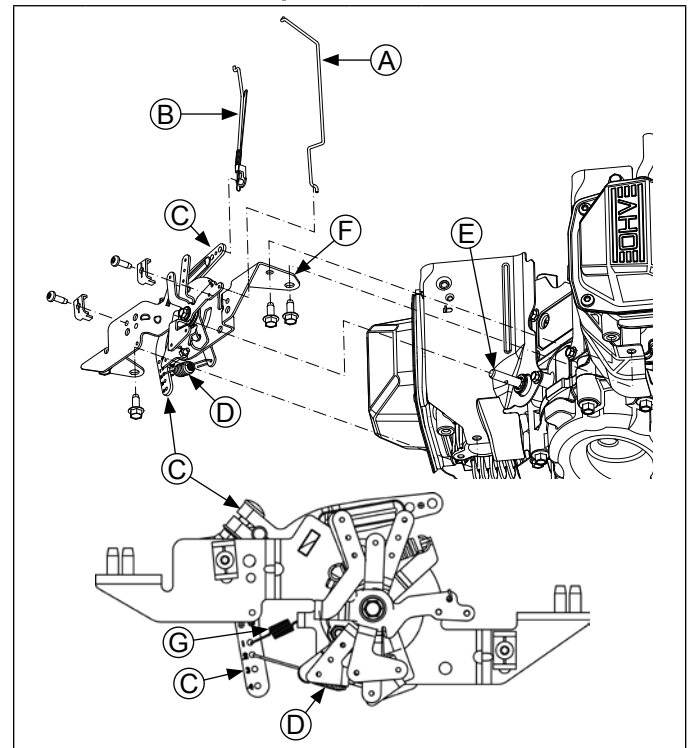
Remove mounting screws securing retractable starter to blower housing. Remove starter.

## Remove Blower Housing and Outer Baffles

1. Remove air cleaner cover.
2. Remove screws securing blower housing.
3. Remove blower housing from engine.
4. Remove M5 and M6 screws securing baffles to cylinders, heads and backing plate.

## Remove Throttle Controls

### Control Bracket Components



<b>A</b>	Choke Linkage	<b>B</b>	Throttle Linkage
<b>C</b>	Governor Lever	<b>D</b>	Governor Spring
<b>E</b>	Cross Shaft	<b>F</b>	Control Bracket
<b>G</b>	Dampener Spring		


1. Remove screws securing throttle control bracket to cylinder heads.
2. Disconnect choke linkage from choke actuator lever. Unhook governor spring, and dampener spring from governor lever. Note hole locations for reassembly.

## Remove External Governor Controls

Loosen nut and remove governor lever from cross shaft. Leave lever attached to throttle linkage.

# Disassembly/Inspection and Service

## Remove Air Cleaner and Carburetor

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1. Remove carburetor/air cleaner base mounting nuts and disconnect breather hose. Remove air cleaner base and gasket.
2. Remove air cleaner element and precleaner (if equipped) from air cleaner base for servicing.
3. Disconnect ground lead and fuel shut-off solenoid lead (if equipped).
4. Remove carburetor, throttle linkage and governor lever as an assembly.
5. Remove carburetor gasket.
6. If necessary, carburetor, throttle linkage and governor lever can be separated. Reattach bushings to linkage following separation to avoid losing them.

## Remove Electric Starter Motor (if equipped)

1. Disconnect leads from starter.
2. Remove screws and starter.

## Remove Inner Baffles

Remove mounting screws securing inner baffles to crankcase. Note position of any lifting bracket(s). Remove inner baffles.

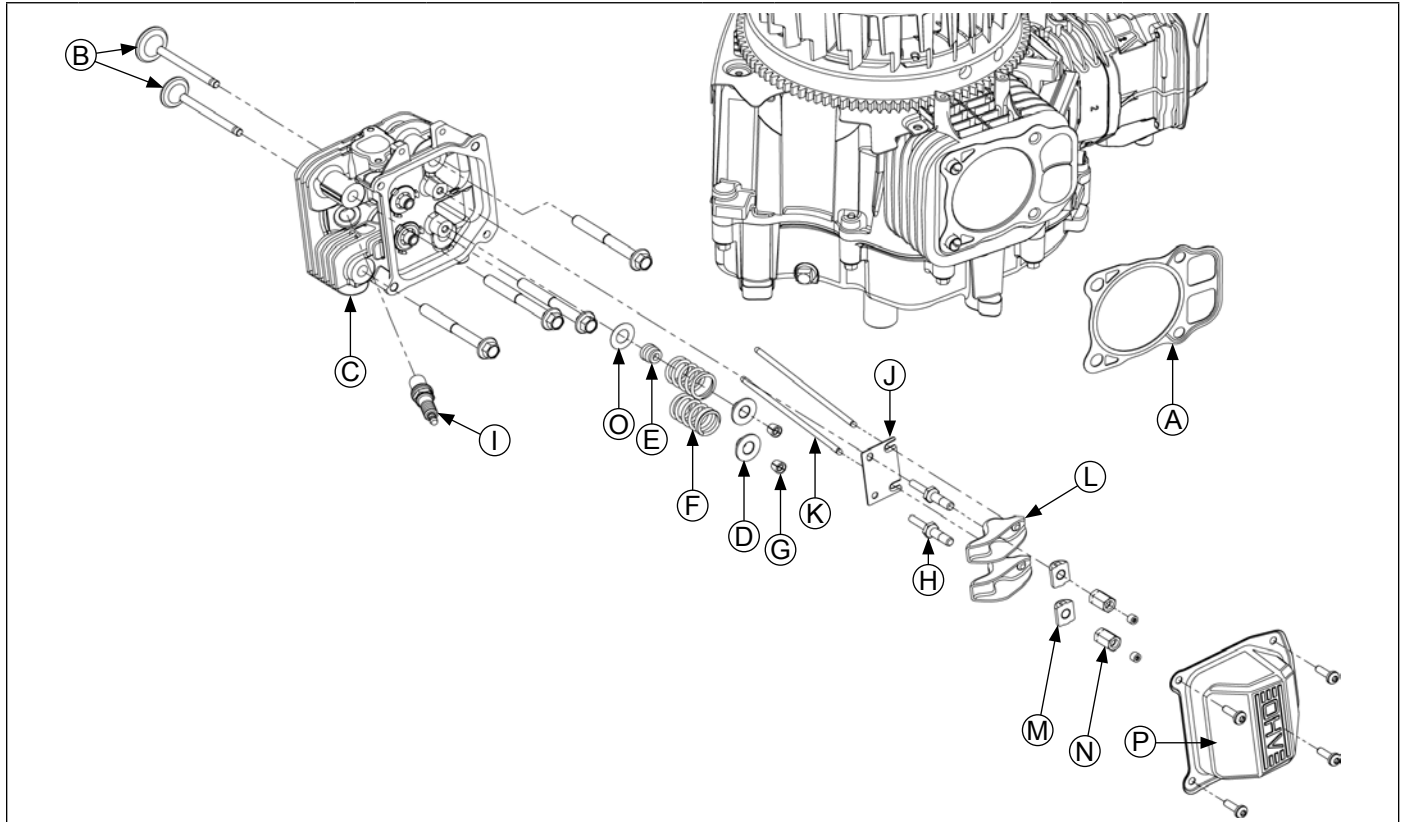
## Remove Ignition Modules

1. Rotate flywheel so magnet is away from modules.
2. Disconnect lead from each ignition module.
3. Remove mounting screws and ignition modules. Note position of ignition modules.

## Remove Intake Manifold and Rectifier-Regulator

1. Remove screws securing intake manifold to cylinder heads. Note which screws hold wiring clamp(s).
2. Remove intake manifold and O-rings. Leave wiring harness attached to manifold.
3. Remove screws securing rectifier-regulator to backing plate and disconnect plug.
4. Use tip of a small screwdriver or similar small flat tool to bend locking tang, then remove B+ (center lead) from terminal plug. This will allow intake manifold to be removed with wiring harness intact.

## Cylinder Head Components



<b>A</b>	Gasket	<b>B</b>	Valve	<b>C</b>	Cylinder Head	<b>D</b>	Valve Spring Cap
<b>E</b>	Valve Stem Seal	<b>F</b>	Valve Spring	<b>G</b>	Valve Spring Keeper	<b>H</b>	Stud
<b>I</b>	Spark Plug	<b>J</b>	Guide Plate	<b>K</b>	Push Rod	<b>L</b>	Rocker Arm
<b>M</b>	Rocker Arm Pivots	<b>N</b>	Adjusters	<b>O</b>	Washer	<b>P</b>	Valve Cover

### Remove Spark Plugs

Remove spark plug from each cylinder head.

### Remove Valve Covers and Cylinder Heads

NOTE: Valve cover is sealed to cylinder head using RTV silicone sealant. When removing valve cover, use care not to damage gasket surfaces of cover and cylinder head. To break RTV seal, hold a block of wood against 1 flat face of valve cover. Strike wood firmly with a mallet. If seal doesn't break loose after 1 or 2 attempts, repeat procedure on other side.

1. Remove Torx screws securing each valve cover.
2. Using a brass wire brush and gasket remover or similar solvent, clean old RTV from surface of cylinder head and valve cover.
3. Sealing surface of stamped steel valve covers must be checked for flatness prior to reinstallation. Hold valve cover down firmly against a flat, level surface or piece of glass, and check around entire perimeter that a 0.012 in. (0.30 mm) feeler gauge cannot be inserted anywhere. If gauge goes in anywhere, cover needs to be replaced.

### Remove Cylinder Heads

NOTE: Exhaust side is located on output shaft side of engine, while intake side is located on fan side of engine. Cylinder head number is embossed on outside of each cylinder head.

1. Loosen inner setscrews (T25 TORX) and back off adjusters.
2. Mark location of push rods as either intake or exhaust and cylinder 1 or 2. Push rods should always be installed in same positions.
3. Remove screws securing each cylinder head. Discard screws once removed. Do not reuse.
4. Remove cylinder head and head gasket.

### Disassemble Cylinder Heads

NOTE: Use a new valve stem seal whenever valve is removed or if valve stem seal is deteriorated or damaged. Never reuse an old valve stem seal.

1. Remove adjusters, pivots, rocker arms, studs, and guide plate from cylinder head.
2. Compress valve springs using a valve spring compressor.

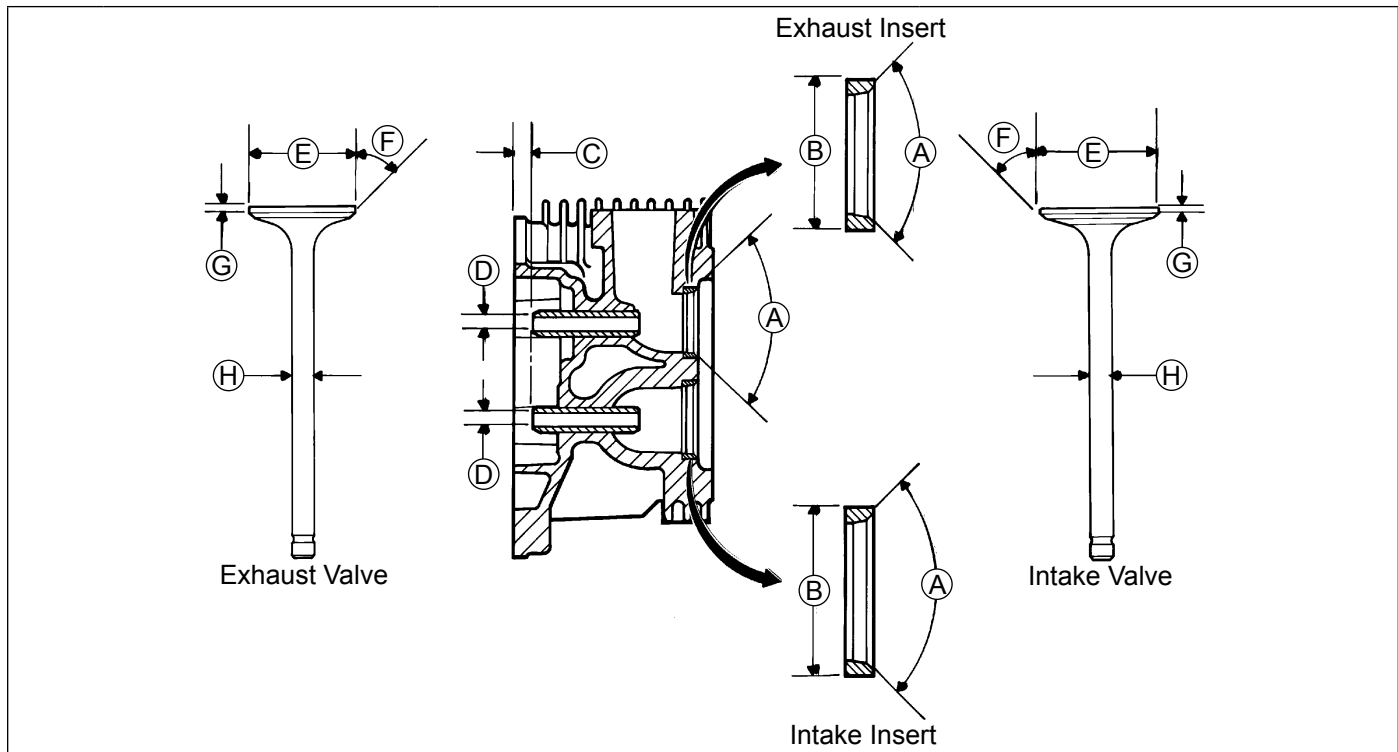
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3. Once valve spring is compressed, remove following items.

- Valve spring keepers.
- Valve spring caps.
- Valve springs.
- Intake and exhaust valves (mark position).
- Valve stem seal.
- Washer (intake valve only).

4. Repeat above procedure for other cylinder head. Do not interchange parts from 1 cylinder head to another.

### Inspection and Service Valve Details



Dimension		Intake	Exhaust
<b>A</b>	Seat Angle	89°	89°
<b>B</b>	Insert O.D.	36.987/37.013 mm (1.4562/1.4572 in.)	32.987/33.013 mm (1.2987/1.2997 in.)
<b>C</b>	Guide Depth	4 mm (0.1575 in.)	6.5 mm (0.2559 in.)
<b>D</b>	Guide I.D.	7.040/7.060 mm (0.2772/0.2780 in.)	7.040/7.060 mm (0.2772/0.2780 in.)
<b>E</b>	Valve Head Diameter	33.37/33.63 mm (1.3138/1.3240 in.)	29.37/29.63 mm (1.1563/1.1665 in.)
<b>F</b>	Valve Face Angle	45°	45°
<b>G</b>	Valve Margin (Min.)	1.5 mm (0.0591 in.)	1.5 mm (0.0591 in.)
<b>H</b>	Valve Stem Diameter	6.982/7.000 mm (0.2749/0.2756 in.)	6.970/6.988 mm (0.2744/0.2751 in.)

After cleaning, check flatness of cylinder head and corresponding top surface of crankcase, using a surface plate or piece of glass and feeler gauge. Maximum allowable out of flatness is 0.076 mm (0.003 in.).

Carefully inspect valve mechanism parts. Inspect valve springs and related hardware for excessive wear or distortion. Check valves and valve seat area or inserts for evidence of deep pitting, cracks, or distortion.

Check clearance of valve stems in guides. See valve details and specifications.

Hard starting, or loss of power accompanied by high fuel consumption may be symptoms of faulty valves. Although these symptoms could also be attributed to worn rings, remove and check valves first. After removal, clean valve heads, faces, and stems with a power wire brush. Then, carefully inspect each valve for defects such as warped head, excessive corrosion, or worn stem end. Replace valves found to be in bad condition.

## Valve Guides

If a valve guide is worn beyond specifications, it will not guide valve in a straight line. This may result in burnt valve faces or seats, loss of compression, and excessive oil consumption.

To check valve guide-to-valve stem clearance, thoroughly clean valve guide and, using a split-ball gauge, measure inside diameter of guide. Then, using an outside micrometer, measure diameter of valve stem at several points on stem where it moves in valve guide. Use largest stem diameter to calculate clearance by subtracting stem diameter from guide diameter. If intake clearance exceeds 0.040/0.078 mm (0.0016/0.0031 in.) or exhaust clearance exceeds 0.052/0.090 mm (0.0020/0.0035 in.), determine whether valve stem or guide is responsible for excessive clearance.

Maximum (I.D.) wear on intake valve guide is 7.140 mm (0.2811 in.) while 7.160 mm (0.2819 in.) is maximum allowed on exhaust guide. Guides are not removable but can be reamed 0.25 mm (0.010 in.) oversize. Valves with 0.25 mm oversize stems must then be used.

If guides are within limits but valve stems are worn beyond limits, install new valves.

## Valve Seat Inserts

Hardened steel alloy intake and exhaust valve seat inserts are press-fitted into cylinder head. Inserts are not replaceable but can be reconditioned if not too badly pitted or distorted. If cracked or badly warped, cylinder head should be replaced.

Recondition valve seat inserts following instructions provided with valve seat cutter being used. Final cut should be made with an 89° cutter as specified for valve seat angle. Cutting proper 45° valve face angle, as specified, and proper valve seat angle (44.5°, half of full 89° angle), will achieve desired 0.5° (1.0° full cut) interference angle where maximum pressure occurs on outside diameters of valve face and seat.

## Lapping Valves

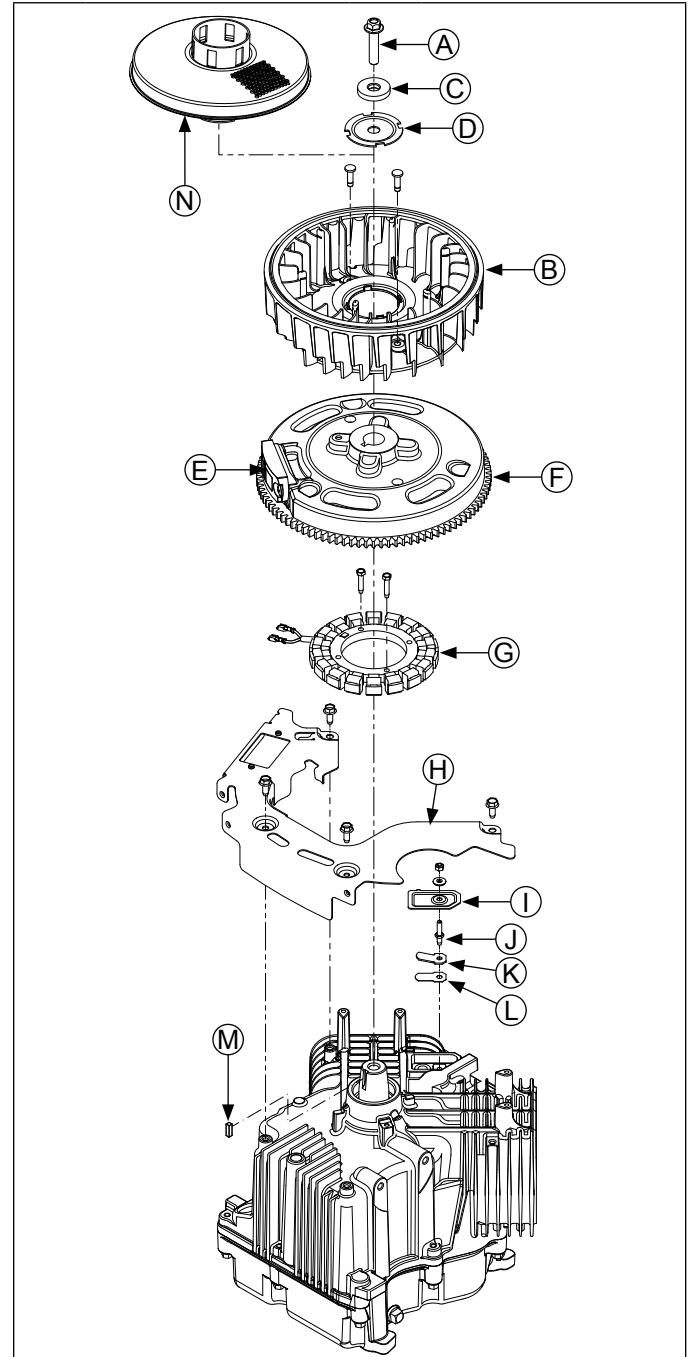
NOTE: Exhaust valves that are black in color cannot be ground and do not require lapping.

Reground or new valves must be lapped in, to provide fit. Use a hand valve grinder with suction cup for final lapping. Lightly coat valve face with fine grade of grinding compound, then rotate valve on seat with grinder. Continue grinding until smooth surface is obtained on seat and on valve face. Thoroughly clean cylinder head in soap and hot water to remove all traces of grinding compound. After drying cylinder head, apply a light coating of SAE 10 oil to prevent rusting.

## Intake Valve Stem Seal

Always use a new seal when valves are removed from cylinder head. Seals should also be replaced if deteriorated or damaged in any way. Never reuse an old seal.

## Flywheel/Ignition/Breather Components



<b>A</b>	Flywheel Screw	<b>B</b>	Fan
<b>C</b>	Washer	<b>D</b>	Fan Mounting Plate
<b>E</b>	Magnet	<b>F</b>	Flywheel
<b>G</b>	Stator	<b>H</b>	Backing Plate
<b>I</b>	Breather Reed Cover	<b>J</b>	Stud
<b>K</b>	Retainer	<b>L</b>	Breather Reed
<b>M</b>	Flywheel Key	<b>N</b>	Drive Cup

# Disassembly/Inspection and Service

## Remove Debris Screen, Fan, and Flywheel

NOTE: Always use a flywheel strap wrench or flywheel holding tool (see Tools and Aids) to hold flywheel when loosening or tightening flywheel and fan retaining fasteners. Do not use any type of bar or wedge between fins of cooling fan, as fins could become cracked or damaged.

NOTE: Always use a puller to remove flywheel from crankshaft. Do not strike crankshaft or flywheel, as these parts could become cracked or damaged. Striking puller or crankshaft can cause crank gear to move, affecting crankshaft endplay.

1. Unsnap debris screen (if equipped) from cooling fan.
2. Remove retaining screw, washer, and fan mounting plate or drive cup (if equipped), securing fan and flywheel to crankshaft.
3. Lift cooling fan to disengage 2 drive pins and remove it from flywheel. Two plastic retainers may remain in fan.
4. Remove flywheel from crankshaft by pulling from under ring gear with large gear puller.
5. Remove flywheel key from crankshaft.

### Flywheel Inspection

Inspect flywheel for cracks, and flywheel keyway for damage. Replace flywheel if it is cracked. Replace flywheel, crankshaft, and key if flywheel key is sheared or keyway is damaged.

Inspect ring gear for cracks or damage. Kohler does not provide ring gears as a serviceable part. Replace flywheel if ring gear is damaged.

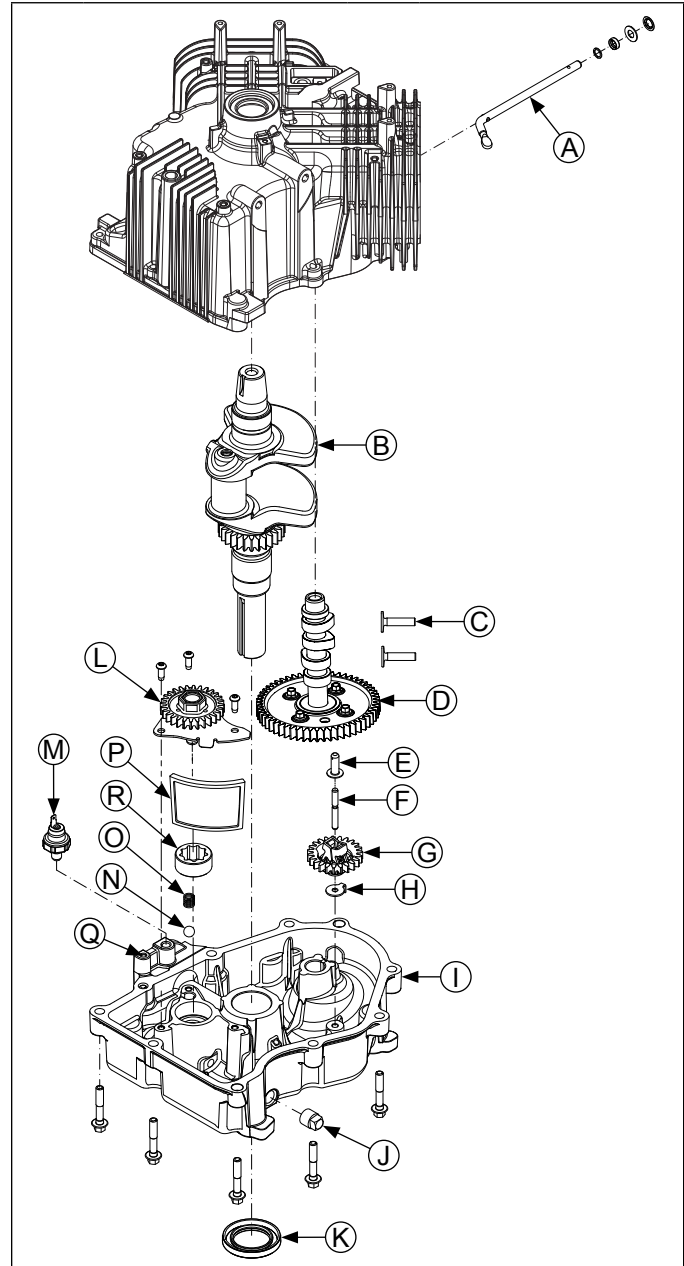
## Remove Backing Plate and Stator

1. Remove mounting screws and backing plate from crankcase.
2. Remove screws and stator. Note routing of stator leads.

## Remove Outer Breather Assembly

1. RTV sealant is used between breather reed cover and crankcase. Remove nut and sealing (flat) washer securing breather reed cover to crankcase. Carefully pry under small tab of cover flange to separate and remove. Do not bend or distort cover.
2. Unscrew and remove mounting stud, retainer and breather reed.

## Crankshaft/Governor Gear/Oil Pump Components



<b>A</b>	Governor Cross Shaft	<b>B</b>	Crankshaft
<b>C</b>	Valve Tappets	<b>D</b>	Camshaft
<b>E</b>	Regulating Pin	<b>F</b>	Shaft
<b>G</b>	Governor Gear	<b>H</b>	Locking Tab Thrust Washer
<b>I</b>	Oil Pan	<b>J</b>	Drain Plug
<b>K</b>	Oil Seal	<b>L</b>	Oil Pump
<b>M</b>	Oil Sentry™	<b>N</b>	Ball
<b>O</b>	Spring	<b>P</b>	Oil Pick-up Screen
<b>Q</b>	Ground Strap Location	<b>R</b>	Outer Gerotor Gear

## Disassembly/Inspection and Service

### Remove Oil Pan Assembly

1. Remove screws securing oil pan to crankcase.
2. Locate splitting tab cast into perimeter of oil pan. Insert drive end of a 1/2" breaker bar between splitting tab and crankcase and turn it to break RTV seal. Do not pry on sealing surfaces as this can cause leaks.

### Inspection

Inspect oil seal in oil pan and remove it if it is worn or damaged. New oil seal is installed after oil pan is assembled to crankcase. See Reassembly, Install Oil Seal in Oil Pan.

Inspect main bearing surface for wear or damage (refer to Specifications). Replace oil pan assembly if required.

### Governor Assembly

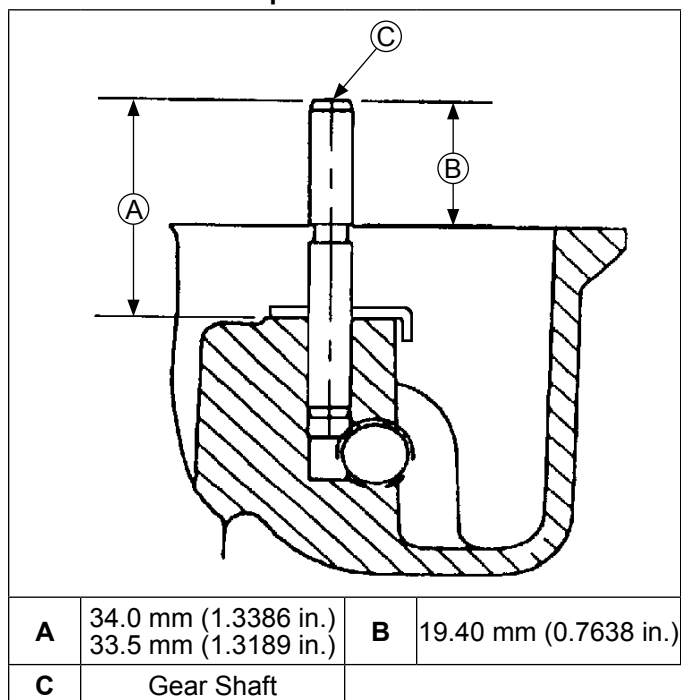
Governor gear assembly is located inside oil pan. If service is required, continue following steps.

### Inspection

Inspect governor gear teeth. Replace gear if it is worn, chipped, or if any teeth are missing. Inspect governor weights. They should move freely in governor gear.

### Disassembly

#### Governor Shaft Component and Details



**NOTE:** Governor gear is held onto shaft by small molded tabs in gear. When gear is removed from shaft, these tabs are destroyed and gear must be replaced. Therefore, remove gear only if absolutely necessary.

Governor gear must be replaced once it is removed from oil pan.

1. Use 2 small screwdrivers and carefully pry upward to remove regulating pin and governor gear assembly.
2. Remove locking tab thrust washer located under governor assembly.

3. Carefully inspect governor gear shaft and replace it only if it is damaged. After removing damaged shaft, press or lightly tap replacement shaft into oil pan to depth shown.

### Reassembly

1. Install locking tab thrust washer on governor gear shaft with tab down.
2. Position regulating pin within governor gear/flyweights assembly and slide both onto governor shaft until assembly locks into place.

### Oil Pump Assembly

Oil pump is mounted inside oil pan. If service is required, continue with Disassembly, Inspection, and Reassembly.

### Disassembly

1. Remove screws.
2. Lift oil pump assembly from oil pan. Remove outer gerotor gear from oil pan.
3. Ensure ball and spring remain installed in pressure relief hole of oil pan. If ball and spring fall out of pressure relief hole, see reassembly for correct installation.

### Inspection

Inspect oil pump housing, gear, and rotors for nicks, burrs, wear, or any visible damage. If any parts are worn or damaged, replace oil pump assembly. Check oil pickup screen for damage or restriction, replace if necessary. Disassembly of oil pump is not recommended.

### Reassembly

1. Lubricate outer gerotor gear with oil. Install outer gerotor gear through shaft of oil pump, around inner gerotor gear. Matching molding dots on inner and outer gerotor gears is not necessary and will not affect oil pump efficiency.
2. Reinstall ball, then spring into pressure relief hole of oil pan.
3. Install oil pump inserting center shaft into corresponding recess in oil pan. Secure oil pump by torquing screws (in no specific sequence) to 9.9 N·m (88 in. lb.).
4. After torquing, rotate gear and check for freedom of movement. Make sure there is no binding. If binding occurs, loosen screws, reposition pump, retorquer screws and recheck movement.

# Disassembly/Inspection and Service

## Remove Camshaft and Valve Tappets

1. Position crankcase so flywheel side is down. Remove camshaft and shim.
2. Remove valve tappets from crankcase and mark them by their location, as either intake or exhaust and cylinder 1 or 2. Tappets should always be reinstalled in same position.

### Camshaft Inspection and Service

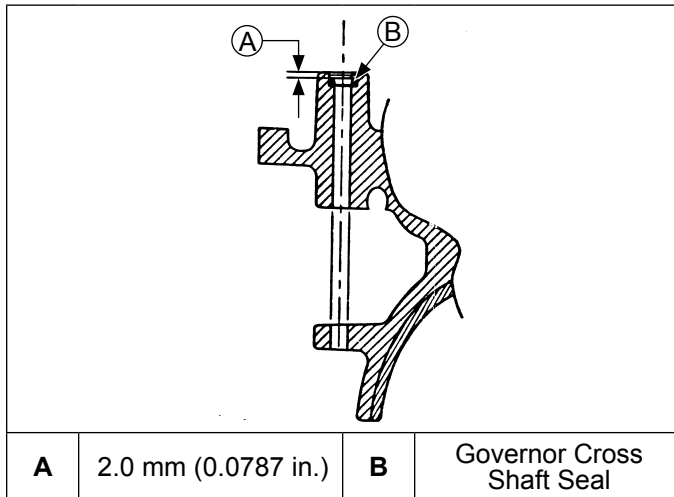
Check lobes of camshaft for wear or damage. See Specifications for minimum lift specifications. Inspect cam gear for badly worn, chipped or missing teeth. Replacement of camshaft will be necessary if any of these conditions exist.

### Valve Tappets Inspection

Check base surface of valve tappet(s) for wear or damage. Replace tappet(s) if condition is questionable in any way. Corresponding camshaft lobe(s) should also be checked for wear or damage. Whenever tappets are replaced, apply a liberal coating of Kohler lubricant to base of each new tappet before it is installed.

## Remove Governor Cross Shaft

### Governor Cross Shaft Oil Seal Details

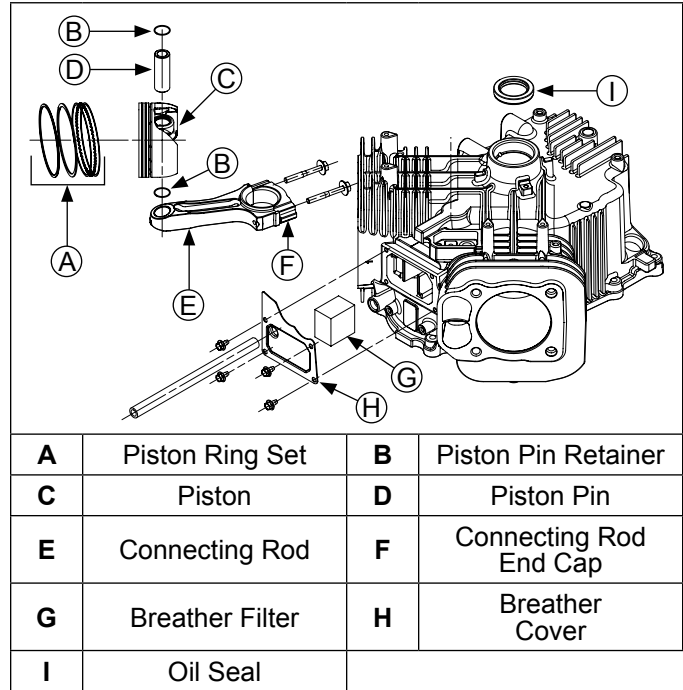


1. Remove retainer and washer from governor cross shaft.
2. Remove cross shaft with small inner washer through inside of crankcase.
3. Remove governor shaft seal from crankcase.

If governor cross shaft seal is damaged and/or leaks, replace it using following procedure.

Remove oil seal from crankcase and replace it with a new one. Install new seal to depth shown.

## Connecting Rods/Piston/Breather Components



## Remove Breather Assembly

Breather system is designed to control amount of oil in head area and still maintain necessary vacuum in crankcase.

When pistons move downward, crankcase gases are pushed past reed through breather filter into intake system. Upward travel of pistons closes reed and creates a low vacuum in lower crankcase. Any oil separated out through filter drains back into crankcase.

1. Remove screws securing breather cover to crankcase.
2. Carefully remove cover and breather filter. Make sure drain back hole is not plugged or restricted.

## Remove Connecting Rods with Pistons and Rings

NOTE: If a carbon ridge is present at top of either cylinder bore, use a ridge reamer tool to remove it before attempting to remove piston.

NOTE: Cylinders are numbered on crankcase. Use numbers to mark each end cap, connecting rod and piston for reassembly. Do not mix end caps and connecting rods.

1. Remove screws securing closest connecting rod end cap. Remove end cap.
2. Carefully remove connecting rod and piston assembly from cylinder bore.
3. Repeat above procedure for other connecting rod and piston assembly.



## Connecting Rods

Offset, stepped-cap connecting rods are used in all these engines.

### Inspection and Service

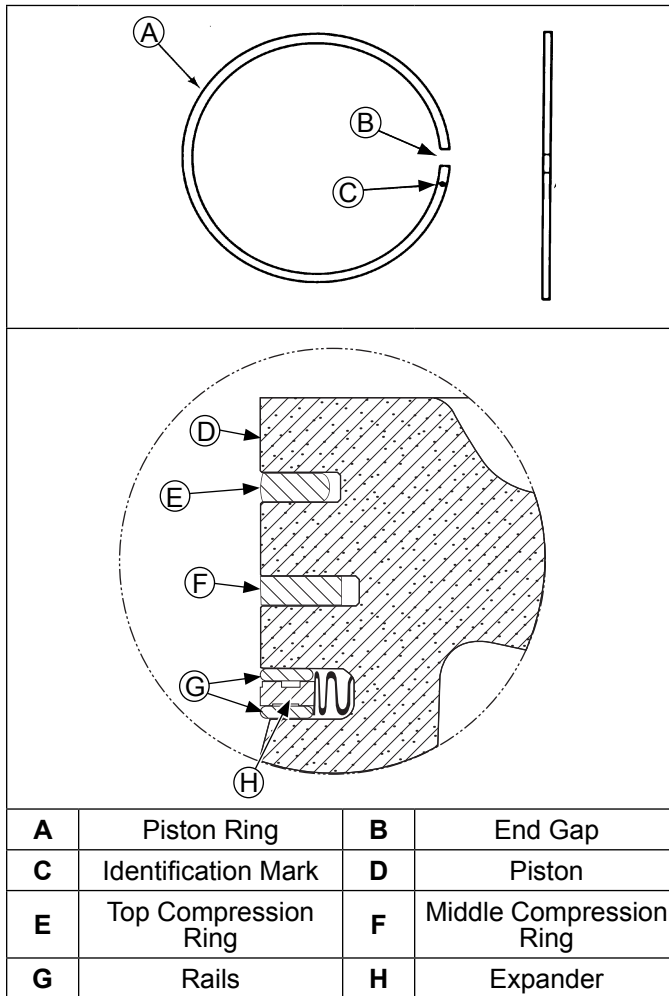
Check bearing area (big end) for excessive wear, score marks, running and side clearances (See Specifications). Replace rod and cap if scored or excessively worn.

Service replacement connecting rods are available in STD size and 0.25 mm (0.010 in.) undersize. Undersized rods, 0.25 mm (0.010 in.), have an identification marking on lower end of rod shank. Always refer to appropriate parts information to ensure correct replacements are used.

## Piston and Rings

### Inspection

#### Piston and Rings Components and Details



Scuffing and scoring of pistons and cylinder walls occurs when internal engine temperatures approach welding point of piston. Temperatures high enough to do this are created by friction, which is usually attributed to improper lubrication and/or overheating of engine.

Normally, very little wear takes place in piston boss-piston pin area. If original piston and connecting rod can be reused after new rings are installed, original pin can also be reused but new piston pin retainers are required. A piston pin is included as part of piston assembly – if pin boss in piston or pin are worn or damaged, a new piston assembly is required.

Ring failure is usually indicated by excessive oil consumption and blue exhaust smoke. When rings fail, oil is allowed to enter combustion chamber where it is burned along with fuel. High oil consumption can also occur when piston ring end gap is incorrect because ring cannot properly conform to cylinder wall under this condition. Oil control is also lost when ring gaps are not staggered during installation.

When cylinder temperatures get too high, lacquer and varnish collect on pistons causing rings to stick, which results in rapid wear. A worn ring usually takes on a shiny or bright appearance.

Scratches on rings and pistons are caused by abrasive material such as carbon, dirt, or pieces of hard metal.

Detonation damage occurs when a portion of fuel charge ignites spontaneously from heat and pressure shortly after ignition. This creates 2 flame fronts, which meet and explode to create extreme hammering pressures on a specific area of piston. Detonation generally occurs from using low octane fuels.

Pre-ignition or ignition of fuel charge before timed spark can cause damage similar to detonation. Pre-ignition damage is often more severe than detonation damage. Pre-ignition is caused by a hot spot in combustion chamber such as glowing carbon deposits, blocked cooling fins, an improperly seated valve, or wrong spark plug(s).

Replacement pistons are available in STD bore size, and 0.25 mm (0.010 in.) oversize. Replacement pistons include new piston ring sets and new piston pins.

Replacement ring sets are also available separately for STD, and 0.25 mm (0.010 in.) oversize pistons. Always use new piston rings when installing pistons. Never use old rings.

Some important points to remember when servicing piston rings:

### Piston

1. Cylinder bore must be de-glazed before service ring sets are used.
2. If cylinder bore does not need re-boring and if old piston is within wear limits and free of score or scuff marks, old piston may be reused.
3. Remove old rings and clean up grooves. Never reuse old rings.
4. Before installing new rings on piston, place top 2 rings, each in turn, in its running area in cylinder bore and check end gap. Top compression ring end gap clearance is 0.189/0.277 mm (0.0074/0.0109 in.) for a new bore, or 0.531 mm (0.0209 in.) for a used bore. Middle compression ring end cap is 1.519/1.797 mm (0.0598/0.0708 in.) for a new bore, or 2.051 mm (0.0808 in.) for a used bore.

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- After installing new compression (top and middle) rings on piston, make sure top compression ring-to-groove side clearance and is 0.030/0.070 mm (0.0010/0.0026 in.) and middle compression ring-to-groove side clearance 0.030/0.070 mm (0.0010/0.026 in.). If side clearance is greater than specified, a new piston must be used.

### Install New Piston Rings

NOTE: Rings must be installed correctly. Ring installation instructions are usually included with new ring sets. Follow instructions carefully. Use a piston ring expander to install rings. Install bottom (oil control) ring first and top compression ring last.

To install new piston rings, proceed as follows:

- Oil control ring (bottom groove): Install expander and then rails. Make sure ends of expander are not overlapped.
- Middle compression ring (center groove): Install center ring using a piston ring expander tool. Make sure identification mark is up or colored dye stripe (if contained) is to left of end gap.
- Top compression ring (top groove): Install top ring using a piston ring expander tool. Make sure identification mark is up or colored dye stripe (if contained) is left of end gap.

### Remove Crankshaft

Carefully pull crankshaft from crankcase.

### Inspection and Service

Inspect gear teeth of crankshaft. If teeth are badly worn, chipped, or some are missing, replacement of crankshaft will be necessary.

Inspect crankshaft bearing surfaces for scoring, grooving, etc. Measure running clearance between crankshaft journals and their respective bearing bores. Use an inside micrometer or telescoping gauge to measure inside diameter of both bearing bores in vertical and horizontal planes. Use an outside micrometer to measure outside diameter of crankshaft main bearing journals. Subtract journal diameters from their respective bore diameters to get running clearances. Check results against values in Specifications. If running clearances are within specification, and there is no evidence of scoring, grooving, etc., no further reconditioning is necessary. If bearing surfaces are worn or damaged, crankcase and/or oil pan will need to be replaced.

Inspect crankshaft keyways. If worn or chipped, replacement of crankshaft will be necessary.

Inspect crankpin for score marks or metallic pickup. Slight score marks can be cleaned with crocus cloth soaked in oil. If wear limits are exceeded, as stated in Specifications, it will be necessary to replace crankshaft.

### Remove Flywheel and PTO End Oil Seals

Remove oil seals from crankcase and oil pan.

## Crankcase

### Inspection and Service

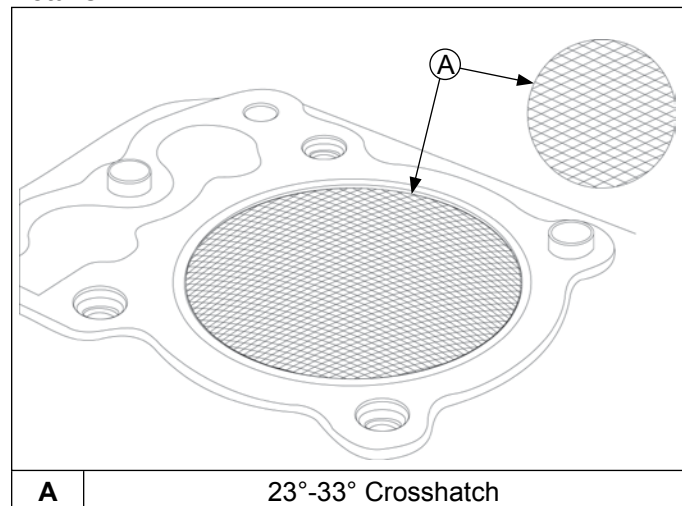
Check all gasket surfaces to make sure they are free of gasket fragments. Gasket surfaces must also be free of deep scratches or nicks.

Check cylinder bore for scoring. In severe cases, unburned fuel can cause scuffing and scoring of cylinder wall. It washes necessary lubricating oils off piston and cylinder wall. As raw fuel seeps down cylinder wall, piston rings make metal to metal contact with wall. Scoring of cylinder wall can also be caused by localized hot spots resulting from blocked cooling fins or from inadequate or contaminated lubrication.

If cylinder bore is badly scored, excessively worn, tapered, or out-of-round, resizing is necessary. Use an inside micrometer to determine amount of wear (refer to Specifications). A 0.25 mm (0.010 in.) oversize piston is available if resizing is selected. Initially, resize using a boring bar, then use these following procedures for honing cylinder.

### Honing

#### Details



NOTE: Kohler pistons are custom-machined to exacting tolerances. When over-sizing a cylinder, it should be machined exactly 0.25 mm (0.010 in.) over new diameter (refer to Specifications). Oversize Kohler replacement piston will then fit correctly.

While most commercially available cylinder hones can be used with either portable drills or drill presses, use of a low speed drill press is preferred as it facilitates more accurate alignment of bore in relation to crankshaft crossbore. Honing is best accomplished at a drill speed of about 250 RPM and 60 strokes per minute. After installing coarse stones in hone, proceed as follows:

- Lower hone into bore and after centering, adjust so stones are in contact with cylinder wall. Use of a commercial cutting-cooling agent is recommended.
- With lower edge of each stone positioned even with lowest edge of bore, start drill and honing process. Move hone up and down while resizing to prevent formation of cutting ridges. Check size frequently.

3. When bore is within 0.064 mm (0.0025 in.) of desired size, remove coarse stones and replace them with burnishing stones. Continue with burnishing stones until bore is within 0.013 mm (0.0005 in.) of desired size and then use finish stones (220-280 grit) and polish bore to its final size. A crosshatch should be observed if honing is done correctly. Crosshatch should intersect at approximately 23°-33° off horizontal. Too flat an angle could cause rings to skip and wear excessively, and too steep an angle will result in high oil consumption.
4. After resizing, check bore for roundness, taper, and size. Use an inside micrometer, telescoping gauge, or bore gauge to take measurements. These measurements should be taken at 3 locations in cylinder – at top, middle, and bottom. Two measurements should be taken (perpendicular to each other) at 3 locations.

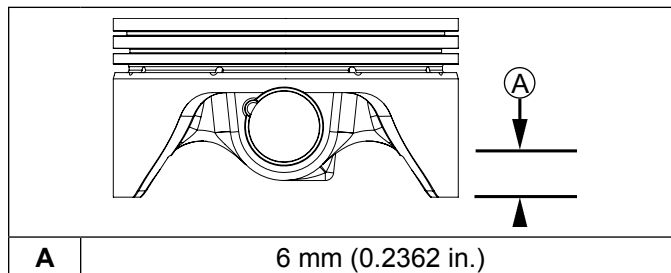
### Clean Cylinder Bore After Honing

Proper cleaning of cylinder walls following boring and/or honing is very critical to a successful overhaul. Machining grit left in cylinder bore can destroy an engine in less than 1 hour of operation after a rebuild.

Final cleaning operation should always be a thorough scrubbing with a brush and hot, soapy water. Use a strong detergent capable of breaking down machining oil while maintaining a good level of suds. If suds break down during cleaning, discard dirty water and start again with more hot water and detergent. Following scrubbing, rinse cylinder with very hot, clear water, dry it completely, and apply a light coating of engine oil to prevent rusting.

### Measuring Piston-to-Bore Clearance

#### Piston Detail



**NOTE:** Do not use a feeler gauge to measure piston-to-bore clearance, it will yield inaccurate measurements. Always use a micrometer.

Before installing piston into cylinder bore, it is necessary that clearance be accurately checked. This step is often overlooked, and if clearances are not within specifications, engine failure will usually result.

Use following procedure to accurately measure piston-to-bore clearance:

1. Use a micrometer and measure diameter of piston 6 mm (0.2362 in.) above bottom of piston skirt and perpendicular to piston pin.
2. Use an inside micrometer, telescoping gauge, or bore gauge and measure cylinder bore. Measurement approximately 63.5 mm (2.5 in.) below top of bore and perpendicular to piston pin.
3. Piston-to-bore clearance is difference between bore diameter and piston diameter (step 2 minus step 1).

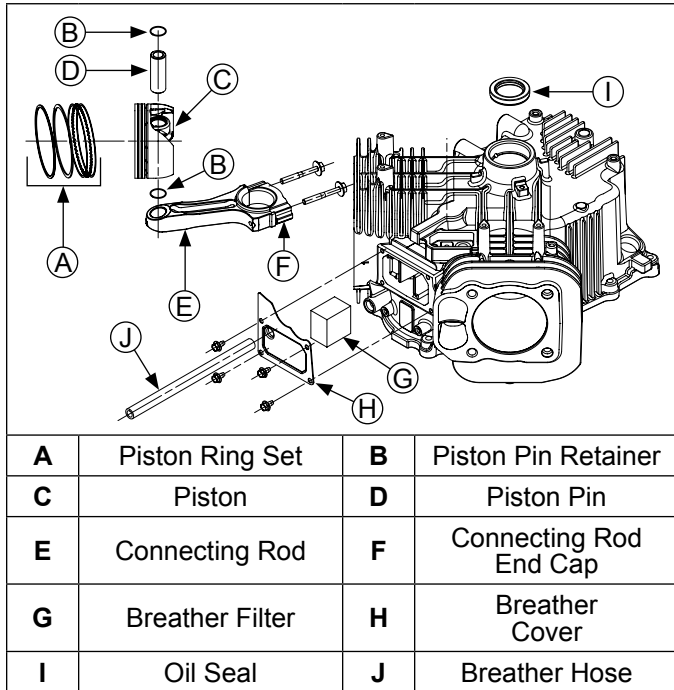
# Reassembly

**NOTE:** Make sure engine is assembled using all specified torque values, tightening sequences, and clearances. Failure to observe specifications could cause severe engine wear or damage. Always use new gaskets.

Make sure all traces of any cleaner are removed before engine is assembled and placed into operation. Even small amounts of these cleaners can quickly break down lubricating properties of engine oil.

Check oil pan, crankcase, cylinder heads, and valve covers to be certain all old sealing material has been removed. Use gasket remover, lacquer thinner, or paint remover to remove any remaining traces. Clean surfaces with isopropyl alcohol, acetone, lacquer thinner, or electrical contact cleaner.

## Connecting Rods/Piston/Breather Components

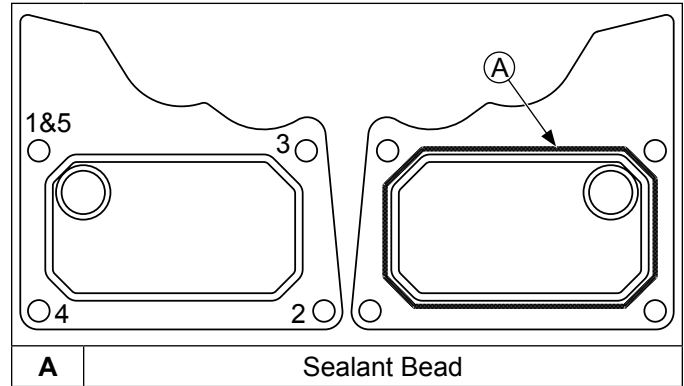


## Install Flywheel End Oil Seal

1. Make sure seal bore of crankcase is clean and free of any nicks or burrs.
2. Apply a light coat of engine oil to outside diameter of oil seal.
3. Install oil seal into crankcase using a seal driver. Make sure oil seal is installed straight and true in bore and tool bottoms against crankcase.

## Install Breather Filter and Outer Cover

### Fastener Torque Sequence and Sealant



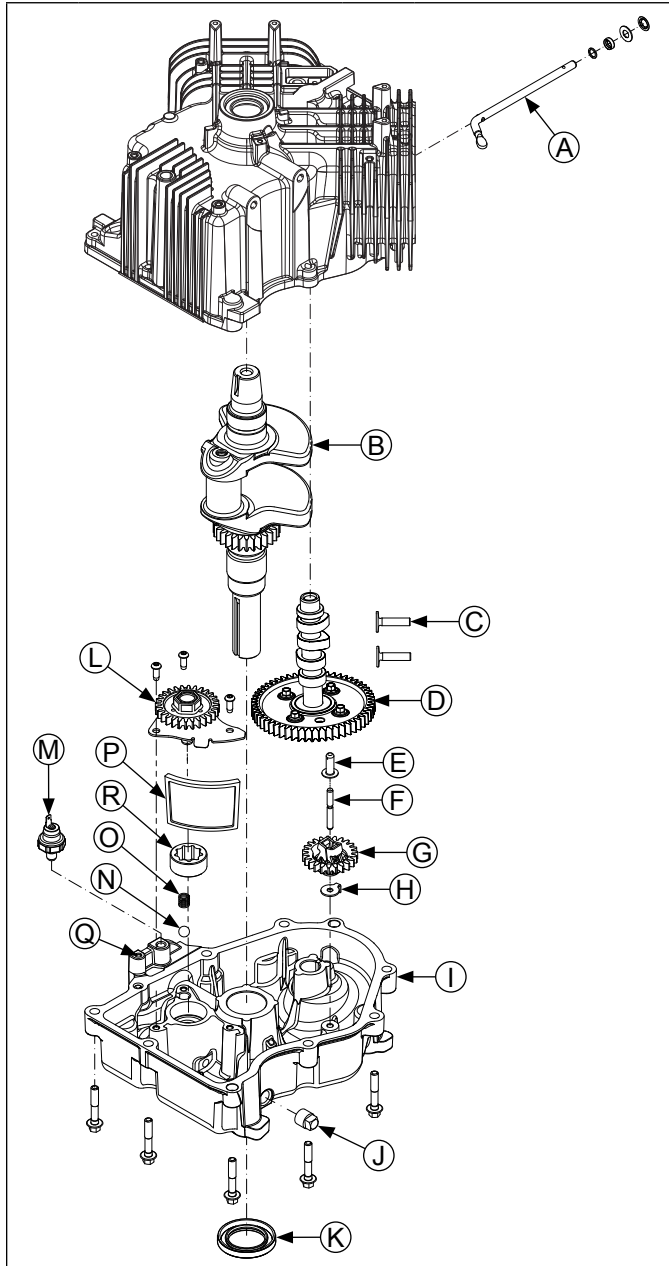
**NOTE:** Always use fresh sealant. Using outdated sealant can result in leakage. Refer to Tools and Aids for a listing of approved sealants.

**NOTE:** To ensure proper adhesion of sealant to both sealing surfaces, perform step 4 immediately (5 minutes maximum) after application of RTV.

**NOTE:** RTV sealant should be allowed to cure a minimum of 1 hour before engine is started.

1. Install breather filter between 2 ribs inside breather chamber.
2. Make sure sealing surfaces are clean and free of nicks or damage.
3. Apply a 1.5 mm (1/16 in.) bead of RTV sealant to sealing surface of breather cover. See sealant pattern.
4. Immediately install cover onto crankcase. Do not allow RTV sealant to come into contact with any other components.
5. Secure breather cover with M5 screws. Torque screws in sequence shown to 8.5 N·m (75 in. lb.) into a new, cored hole, or 4.0 N·m (35 in. lb.) into a used hole.
6. Attach breather hose if disconnected earlier.

## Crankshaft/Governor Gear/Oil Pump Components



<b>A</b>	Governor Cross Shaft	<b>B</b>	Crankshaft
<b>C</b>	Valve Tappets	<b>D</b>	Camshaft
<b>E</b>	Regulating Pin	<b>F</b>	Shaft
<b>G</b>	Governor Gear	<b>H</b>	Locking Tab Thrust Washer
<b>I</b>	Oil Pan	<b>J</b>	Drain Plug
<b>K</b>	Oil Seal	<b>L</b>	Oil Pump
<b>M</b>	Oil Sentry™	<b>N</b>	Ball
<b>O</b>	Spring	<b>P</b>	Oil Pick-up Screen
<b>Q</b>	Ground Strap Location	<b>R</b>	Outer Gerotor Gear

## Install Governor Cross Shaft

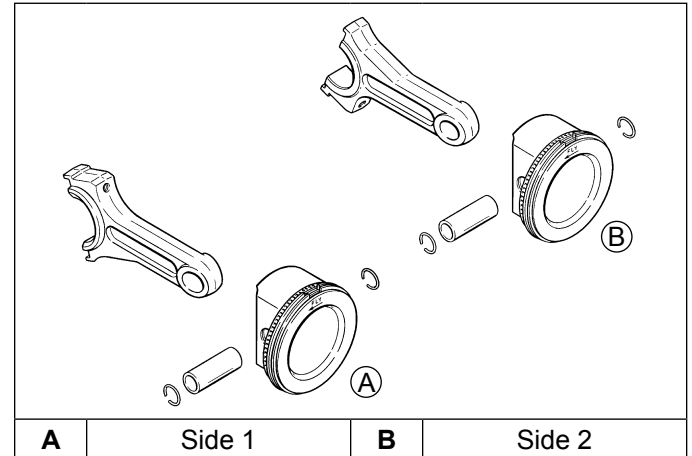
1. Lubricate governor cross shaft bearing surfaces in crankcase with engine oil.
2. Slide lower washer onto governor cross shaft and install cross shaft from inside of crankcase.
3. Install nylon washer onto governor cross shaft, then start push-on retaining ring. Hold cross shaft up in position, place a 0.50 mm (0.020 in.) feeler gauge on top of nylon washer, and push retaining ring down shaft to secure. Remove feeler gauge, which will have established proper endplay.

## Install Crankshaft

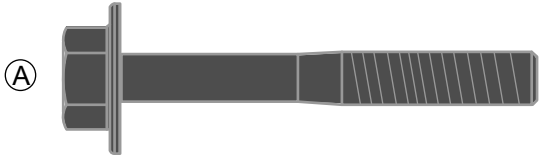
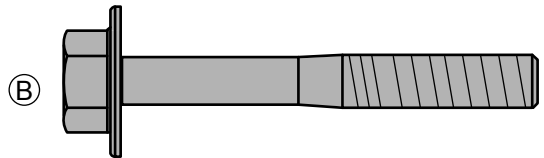
1. Lubricate flywheel side main bearing surface and lips of oil seal in crankcase with clean engine oil.
2. Carefully slide flywheel end of crankshaft through main bearing in crankcase.

## Install Connecting Rods with Pistons and Rings

### Piston and Connecting Rod Details



### Connecting Rod Screw Details

<b>A</b>		
<b>B</b>		
	<b>Type</b>	<b>Torque</b>
<b>A</b>	Black Coating	11.3 N·m (100 in. lb.)
<b>B</b>	Gray Metallic Coating	13.6 N·m (120 in. lb.)

## Reassembly

NOTE: Cylinders are numbered on crankcase. Make sure to install piston, connecting rod, and end cap into its appropriate cylinder bore as previously marked during disassembly. Do not mix end caps and connecting rods.

NOTE: Proper orientation of piston/connecting rod assemblies inside engine is extremely important. Improper orientation can cause extensive wear or damage. Be certain pistons and connecting rods are assembled exactly as shown.

NOTE: Align chamfer of connecting rod with chamfer of its mating end cap. When installed, flat faces of connecting rods should face each other. Faces with raised rib should be toward outside.

1. Stagger piston rings in grooves until end gaps are 120° apart. Oil ring rails should also be staggered.
2. Lubricate cylinder bore, piston, and piston rings with engine oil. Compress rings using a piston ring compressor.
3. Lubricate crankshaft journals and connecting rod bearing surfaces with engine oil.
4. Make sure FLY stamping on piston is facing toward flywheel side of engine. Use a hammer with a rubber or wood grip and gently tap piston into cylinder. Be careful oil ring rails do not spring free between bottom of ring compressor and top of cylinder.
5. Install inner rod cap to connecting rod using screws. Two different types of coatings on connecting rod screws have been used. If black coating, torque in increments to 11.3 N·m (100 in. lb.). If gray metallic coating, it is not necessary to lubricate this screw, torque in increments to 13.6 N·m (120 in. lb.). Illustrated instructions are provided in service rod package.
6. Repeat above procedure for other connecting rod and piston assembly.

### Install Valve Tappets and Camshaft

NOTE: Exhaust valve tappets are located on output shaft side of engine, while intake valve tappets are located on fan side of engine. Cylinder number is embossed on outside of each cylinder on crankcase. Valve tappets should always be installed in same position as before disassembly.

1. Apply camshaft lubricant to contact surface of valve tappets. Note mark or tag identifying tappets and install them in their appropriate crankcase locations. A small amount of grease applied to stems will hold valve tappets up until camshaft is installed.
2. Liberally apply camshaft lubricant to lobes of camshaft. Lubricate camshaft bearing surfaces of crankcase and camshaft with engine oil.
3. Position timing mark of crankshaft gear at 12 o'clock position.
4. Turn governor cross shaft clockwise until lower end (blade) is laying against bottom of cylinder. Make sure cross shaft remains in this position while installing camshaft.
5. Slide camshaft into bearing surface of crankcase, positioning timing mark of camshaft gear at 6 o'clock

position. Make sure camshaft gear and crankshaft gear mesh with both timing marks aligned.

### Oil Pump Assembly

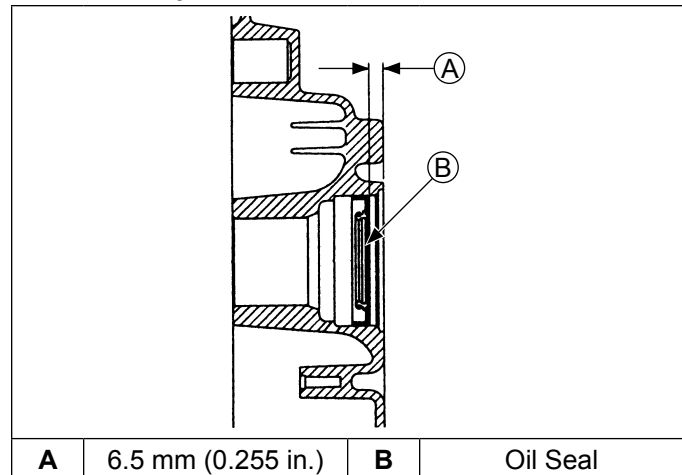
Oil pump is mounted inside oil pan. If service was required and oil pump was removed, refer to Disassembly/Inspection and Service procedure.

### Governor Assembly

Governor assembly is located inside oil pan. If service was required and governor was removed, refer to Disassembly/Inspection and Service procedure.

### Install Oil Seal in Oil Pan

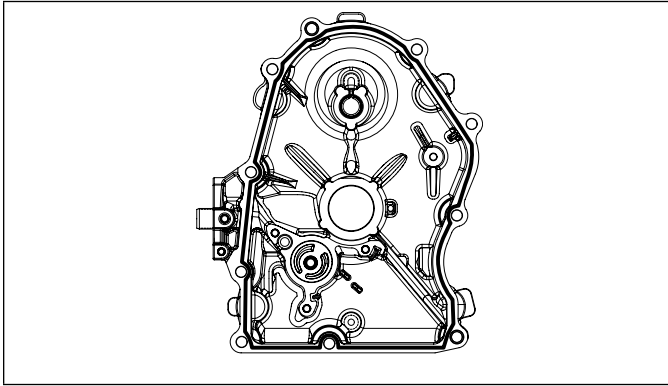
#### Oil Seal Component and Detail



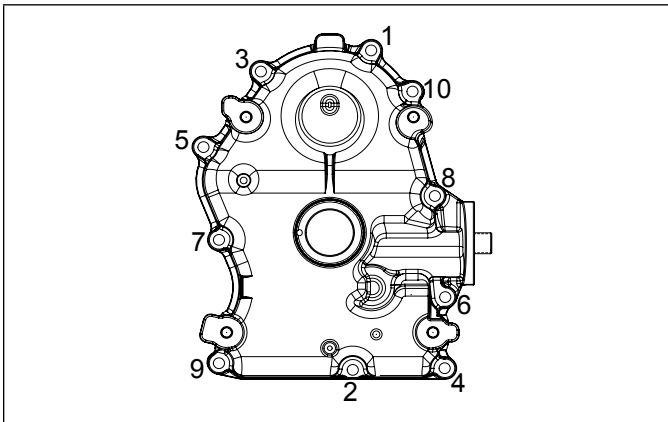
1. Check to make sure there are no nicks or burrs in crankshaft bore of oil pan.
2. Apply a light coat of engine oil to outside diameter of oil seal.
3. Drive oil seal into oil pan using a seal driver. Make sure oil seal is installed straight and true in bore, to depth shown.

## Install Oil Pan Assembly

### Sealant Pattern



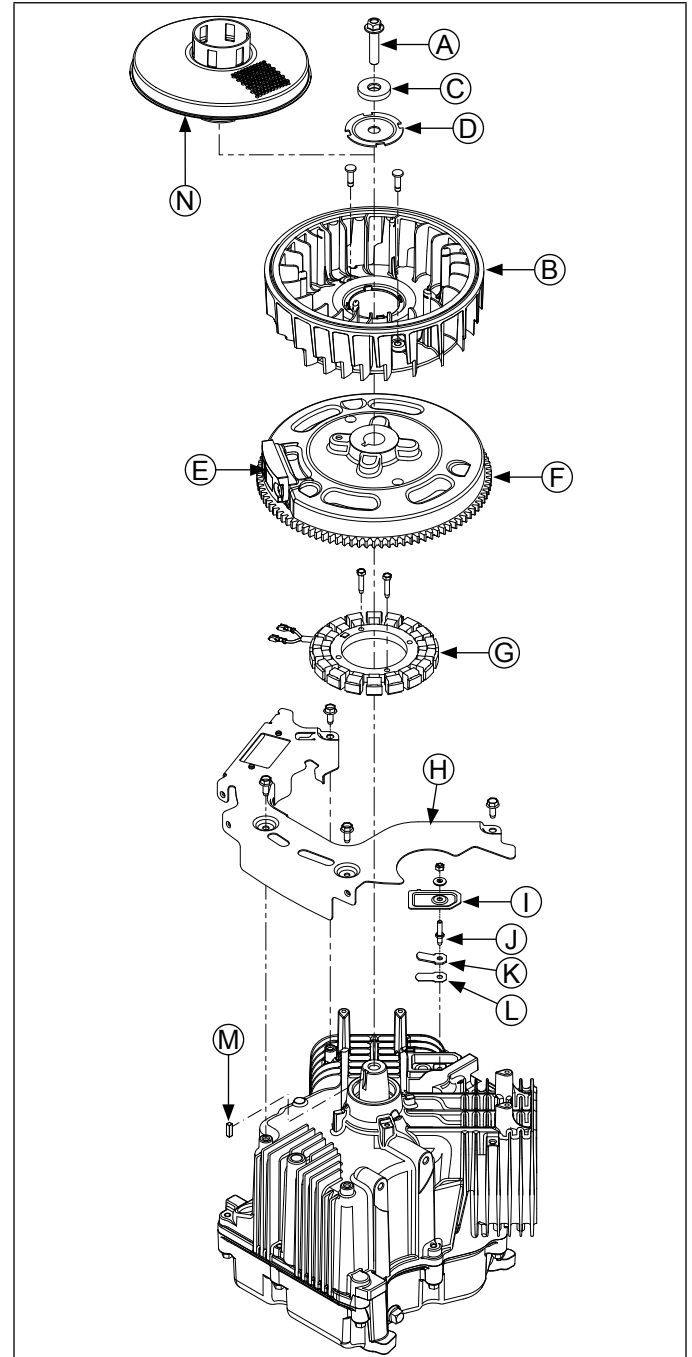
### Fastener Torque Sequence



RTV sealant is used as a gasket between oil pan and crankcase. Refer to Tools and Aids for a listing of approved sealants. Always use fresh sealant. Using outdated sealant can result in leakage.

1. Be sure sealing surfaces have been cleaned and prepared as described at beginning of Reassembly.
2. Check to make sure there are no nicks or burrs on sealing surfaces of oil pan or crankcase.
3. Apply a 1.5 mm (1/16 in.) bead of black RTV sealant to sealing surface of oil pan. See sealant pattern. Oil pan must be installed within 5 minutes of sealant being applied for proper sealing to occur.
4. Make sure end of governor cross shaft is lying against bottom of cylinder inside crankcase.
5. Install oil pan to crankcase. Carefully seat camshaft with shim and crankshaft into their mating bearings. Rotate crankshaft to help engage oil pump and governor gear meshes.
6. Install 10 screws securing oil pan to crankcase. Torque fasteners in sequence shown to 24.4 N·m (216 in. lb.).

## Flywheel/Ignition/Breather Components

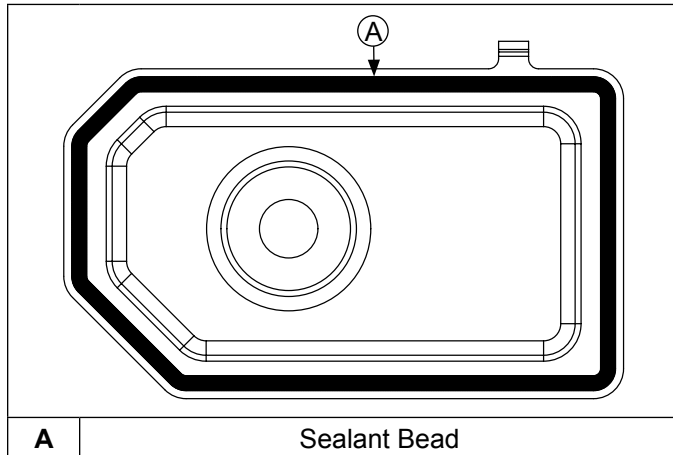


<b>A</b>	Flywheel Screw	<b>B</b>	Fan
<b>C</b>	Washer	<b>D</b>	Fan Mounting Plate
<b>E</b>	Magnet	<b>F</b>	Flywheel
<b>G</b>	Stator	<b>H</b>	Backing Plate
<b>I</b>	Breather Reed Cover	<b>J</b>	Stud
<b>K</b>	Retainer	<b>L</b>	Breather Reed
<b>M</b>	Flywheel Key	<b>N</b>	Drive Cup

# Reassembly

## Install Breather Reed and Outer Cover

### Breather Cover Sealant




NOTE: RTV sealant should be allowed to cure a minimum of 1 hour before engine is started.

1. Install breather reed, followed by retainer over passage hole and mounting hole in crankcase. Hold in position and secure with mounting stud. Torque stud to 6.2 N·m (55 in. lb.) into a new, cored hole, or 4.0 N·m (35 in. lb.) into a used hole.
2. Invert breather reed cover and apply a 1.5 mm (1/16 in.) bead of RTV sealant to perimeter flange of cover as shown. Use Loctite® 5900™ or 5910™.
3. Immediately install breather reed cover over mounting stud and onto crankcase. Do not allow RTV sealant to come in contact with breather reed, or reed sealing surface.
4. Secure with a new sealing washer and M5 nut. Torque nut to 1.3 N·m (12 in. lb.). Check that a complete seal has occurred by RTV sealant being squeezed out around entire flange perimeter.

### Install Stator and Backing Plate

1. Apply pipe sealant with Teflon® (Loctite® PST® 592™ or equivalent) to stator mounting holes.
2. Position stator aligning mounting holes so leads are at bottom, toward crankcase.
3. Install and torque screws to 8.8 N·m (78 in. lb.).
4. Install backing plate. Secure with screws. Torque screws in a crisscross pattern to 7.3 N·m (65 in. lb.).

## Install Flywheel and Fan

	<b>CAUTION</b>
	Damaging Crankshaft and Flywheel can cause personal injury.
Using improper procedures can lead to broken fragments. Broken fragments could be thrown from engine. Always observe and use precautions and procedures when installing flywheel.	

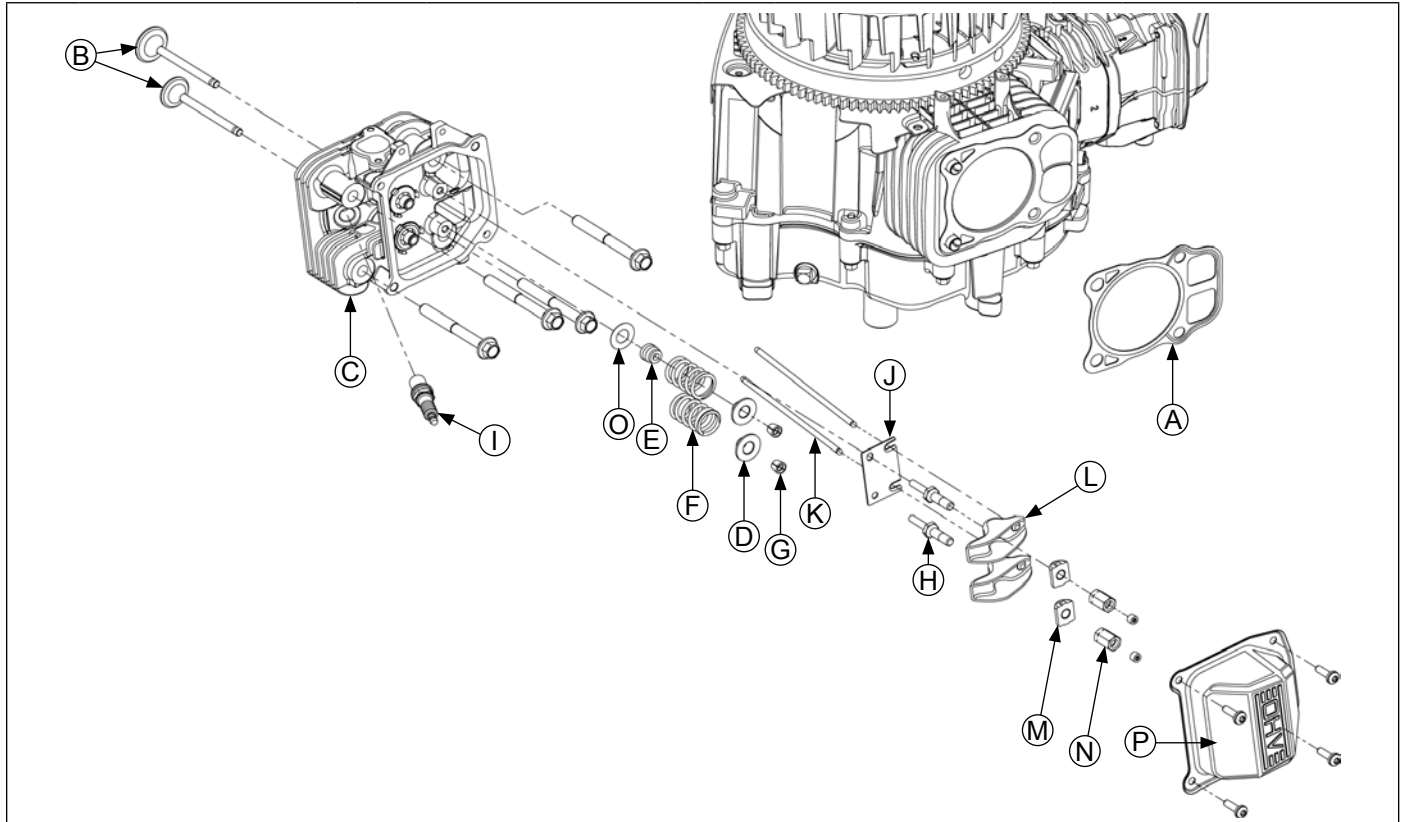
NOTE: Before installing flywheel, make sure crankshaft taper and flywheel hub are clean, dry, and completely free of lubricants. Presence of lubricants can cause flywheel to be overstressed and damaged when screw is torqued to specifications.

NOTE: Make sure flywheel key is installed properly in keyway. Flywheel can become cracked or damaged if key is not installed properly.

1. Install flywheel key into keyway of crankshaft. Make sure key is properly seated and parallel with shaft taper.
2. Install flywheel onto crankshaft being careful not to shift flywheel key.
3. Install fan onto flywheel, so locating pins fit into corresponding recesses. Drive 2 retainers down completely.
4. Install fan mounting plate or drive cup (if equipped) onto fan, aligning 4 cutouts, followed by heavy flat washer and screw.
5. Use a flywheel strap wrench or holding tool to hold flywheel. Torque screw securing flywheel to crankshaft to 74.5 N·m (55 ft. lb.).



## Cylinder Head Components



<b>A</b>	Gasket	<b>B</b>	Valve	<b>C</b>	Cylinder Head	<b>D</b>	Valve Spring Cap
<b>E</b>	Valve Stem Seal	<b>F</b>	Valve Spring	<b>G</b>	Valve Spring Keeper	<b>H</b>	Stud
<b>I</b>	Spark Plug	<b>J</b>	Guide Plate	<b>K</b>	Push Rod	<b>L</b>	Rocker Arm
<b>M</b>	Rocker Arm Pivots	<b>N</b>	Adjusters	<b>O</b>	Washer	<b>P</b>	Valve Cover

### Assemble and Install Cylinder Heads

#### Valve Stem Seals

Use a new seal whenever valve is removed, or if seal is deteriorated or damaged. Never reuse an old seal.

#### Assemble Cylinder Heads

Prior to installation, lubricate all components with engine oil, paying particular attention to lip of valve stem seal, valve stems, and valve guides. Install following items in order listed below using a valve spring compressor.

- Intake and exhaust valves.
- Valve stem seal.
- Washer (intake valve only).
- Valve springs.
- Valve spring caps.
- Valve spring keepers.

#### Install Cylinder Heads

NOTE: Match numbers embossed on cylinder heads and crankcase.

NOTE: When installing cylinder heads, new screws should always be used. New screws are supplied in gasket sets.

NOTE: Push rods should always be installed in same position as before disassembly.

1. Check to make sure there are no nicks or burrs on sealing surfaces of cylinder head or crankcase. Make sure dowel locating pins are in lower 2 cylinder bolt holes on each side.
2. Install a new cylinder head gasket (with printing up) on each side.
3. Install each cylinder head and start 4 new screws.
4. Torque screws in 2 stages; first to 22.6 N·m (200 in. lb.), then finally to 41.8 N·m (370 in. lb.), following sequence.

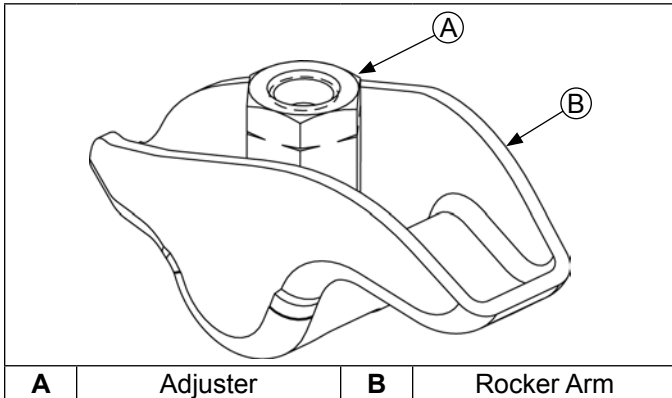
#### Install Rocker Arms

1. Note mark or tag identifying push rod as either intake or exhaust and cylinder 1 or 2. Check each push rod is straight and not bent. Dip ends of push rods in engine oil and install in their original positions, making sure each push rod ball seats in its tappet socket.
2. Install guide plate and studs. Torque studs to 11.3 N·m (100 in. lb.).
3. Apply grease to contact surfaces of adjusters, rocker arms and rocker arm pivots. Install rocker arms and rocker arm pivots onto appropriate cylinder head, and install adjuster finger tight. Make sure set screw is backed out until flush with adjuster.

# Reassembly

## Adjust Valve Clearance

### Adjusters Retaining Push Rods



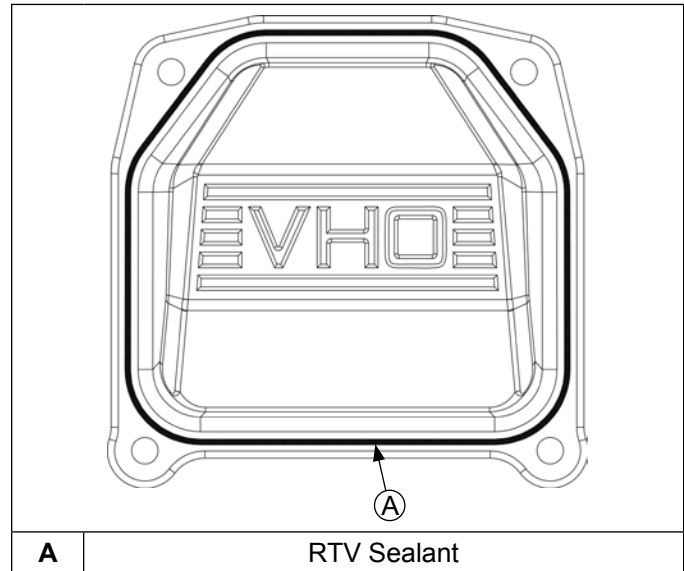
1. Rotate crankshaft to establish TDC on compression stroke for cylinder 1.  
Check for:
  - a. Compression will be felt through spark plug hole.
  - b. Keyway of crankshaft will be aligned with cylinder 1.
  - c. No rocker arm/push rod movement if crankshaft is rotated slightly back and forth. If they are moving, rotate crankshaft 1 full revolution.
2. Insert a 0.127 mm (0.005 in.) feeler gauge between end of 1 valve and rocker arm. Turn adjuster until a slight drag is felt. Hold in this position and tighten setscrew securely. Torque setscrew to 7.9 N·m (70 in. lb.). After tightening recheck adjustment. Proper valve clearance is 0.101/0.152 mm (0.004/0.006 in.).
3. Repeat procedure for other valve on side 1.
4. Viewed from PTO end, rotate crankshaft 270° (3/4 turn) counterclockwise and align crankshaft keyway with cylinder 2, which now puts cylinder at TDC on compression stroke.
5. Repeat steps 3-4 for setting valve clearance on side 2.
6. Rotate crankshaft to check for free operation of valve train. Check for clearance between valve spring coils at full lift, or bending of push rod(s) can occur. Minimum allowable clearance is 0.25 mm (0.010 in.).

### Check Assembly

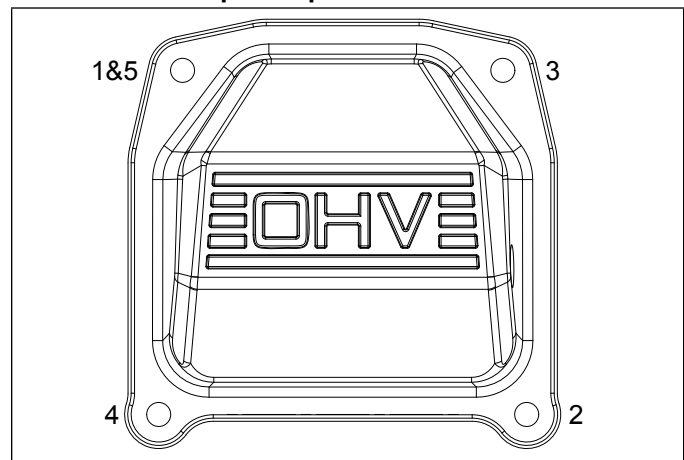
Rotate crankshaft a minimum of 2 revolutions to check longblock assembly and overall proper operation.

## Install Valve Covers

### Valve Cover RTV Sealant



### Valve Cover Torque Sequence



**NOTE:** Always use fresh sealant. Using outdated sealant can result in leakage. Refer to Tools and Aids for information on sealant dispenser.

**NOTE:** To ensure proper adhesion of sealant to both sealing surfaces, perform step 3 immediately (5 minutes maximum) after application of RTV.

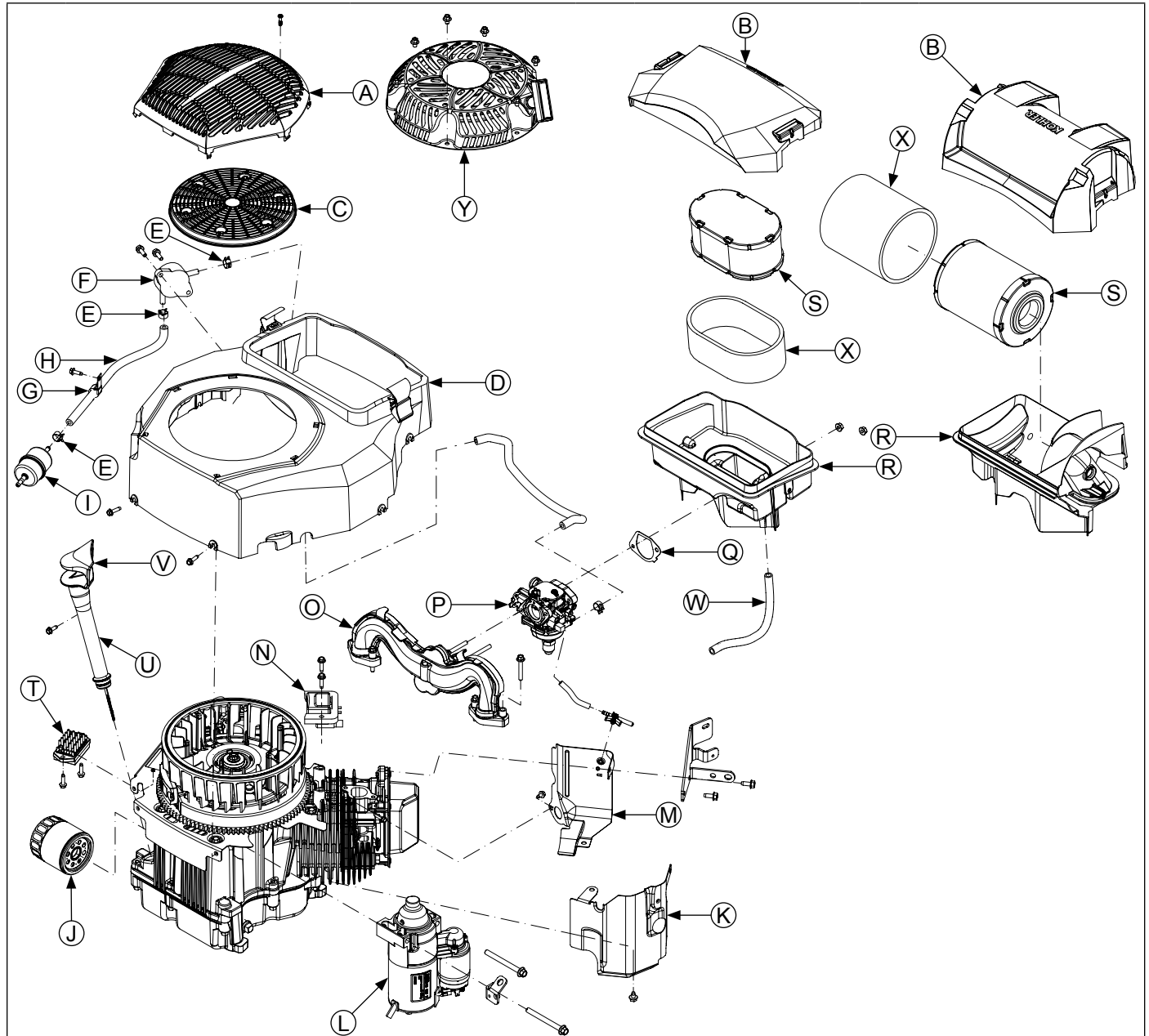
RTV silicone sealant is used as a gasket between valve cover and cylinder head. Refer to Tools and Aids for a listing of approved sealants.

1. Prepare sealing surfaces of cylinder heads and valve covers. Flatness of sealing surface must be checked prior to reinstallation. See Disassembly.
2. Apply a 1.5 mm (1/16 in.) bead of sealant to valve cover as shown.
3. Position covers on cylinder heads. If a pulse style fuel pump is used valve cover with pulse fitting hole must be installed on side 2. Install screws in each cover and finger tighten.
4. Torque valve cover fasteners to 9.6 N·m (85 in. lb.), using sequence shown.

## Install Spark Plugs

1. Check gap using wire feeler gauge. Adjust gap to 0.76 mm (0.03 in.).
2. Install plug into cylinder head.
3. Torque plug to 27 N·m (20 ft. lb.).

## External Engine Components



<b>A</b>	Fixed Guard	<b>B</b>	Air Cleaner Cover	<b>C</b>	Debris Screen	<b>D</b>	Blower Housing
<b>E</b>	Hose Clamp	<b>F</b>	Fuel Pump	<b>G</b>	Hose Clip	<b>H</b>	Fuel Line
<b>I</b>	Fuel Filter	<b>J</b>	Oil Filter	<b>K</b>	Outer Baffle	<b>L</b>	Electric Starter
<b>M</b>	Inner Baffle	<b>N</b>	Ignition Module	<b>O</b>	Intake Manifold	<b>P</b>	Carburetor
<b>Q</b>	Gasket	<b>R</b>	Air Cleaner Base	<b>S</b>	Paper Element	<b>T</b>	Rectifier-Regulator
<b>U</b>	Dipstick Tube	<b>V</b>	Oil Fill/Dipstick	<b>W</b>	Breather Hose	<b>X</b>	Precleaner
<b>Y</b>	Retractable Starter						

# Reassembly

## Install Ignition Modules

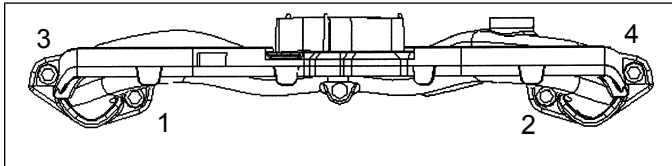
1. Rotate flywheel to position magnet away from ignition module bosses.
2. CDI modules are installed with spark plug lead wire from module always away from cylinder. On cylinder 1, single kill tab should be towards you. On cylinder 2, single kill tab should be away from you (in).  
MDI modules are installed with flat side out/towards you.
3. Install each ignition module to crankcase bosses. Slide modules up as far away from flywheel as possible and snug screws to hold them in position.
4. Rotate flywheel to position magnet directly under 1 ignition module.
5. Insert a 0.25 mm (0.009 in.) flat feeler gauge between magnet and ignition module. Loosen screws enough to allow magnet to pull module down against feeler gauge.
6. Torque screws to 4.0-6.2 N·m (35-55 in. lb.).
7. Repeat steps 4 through 6 for other ignition module.
8. Rotate flywheel back and forth checking for clearance between magnet and ignition modules.

Make sure magnet does not strike modules. Check gap with a feeler gauge and readjust if necessary.

Final air gap 0.203/0.305 mm (0.008/0.012 in.).

## Install Intake Manifold

### Torque Sequence



1. Install intake manifold using new O-rings, with wiring harness attached, onto cylinder heads. Slide any wiring harness clips onto appropriate bolts before installing. Using sequence shown, torque screws in 2 increments, first to 7.4 N·m (66 in. lb.), then to 9.9 N·m (88 in. lb.).
2. Connect kill lead to tab terminal on standard ignition modules.


## Install Rectifier-Regulator (if equipped)

1. Install B+ terminal/lead into center position of rectifier-regulator plug so it locks in place, and connect plug to rectifier-regulator.
2. Attach rectifier-regulator to opening in backing plate from underside, and secure with mounting screws. Torque screws to 4.0 N·m (35 in. lb.).

## Install Inner and Outer Cylinder Baffles

1. Attach outer cylinder baffles and secure with M6 screw (lower cylinder location), and M5 screw into backing plate. Tighten screws as listed following step 2.
2. Attach inner baffles including any lifting straps to cylinder head flanges and to 2 crankcase mounting bosses. Lift strap should be outside outer baffle. Secure with M5 screws. Remaining lower inner baffle mounting screws will be installed later.  
Torque baffle mounting screws:  
M5 screws: 6.2 N·m (75 in. lb.) into a new cored hole, or 4.0 N·m (35 in. lb.) into a used hole.  
M6 screws: 10.7 N·m (95 in. lb.) into a new cored hole, or 7.3 N·m (65 in. lb.) into a used hole.

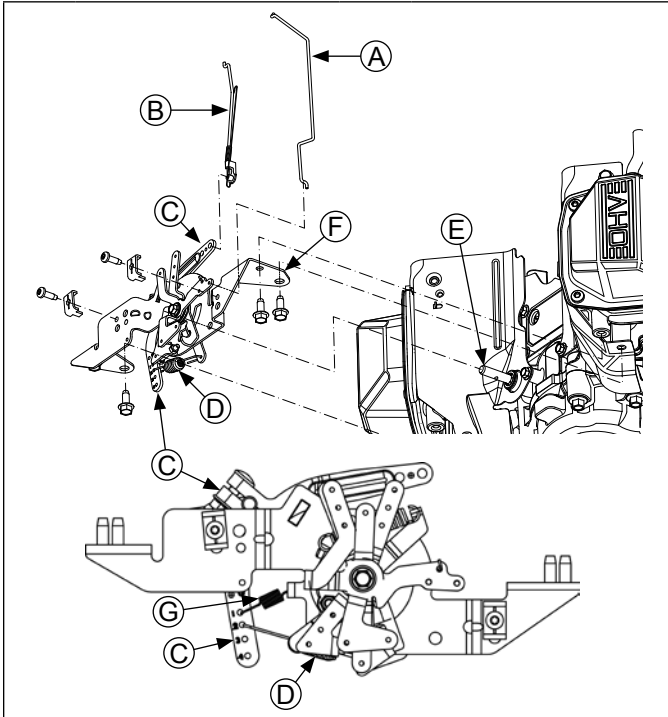
## Install Carburetor

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1. Install a new carburetor gasket. Make sure all holes align and are open.
2. Install carburetor, throttle linkage and governor lever as an assembly.
3. If carburetor is equipped with a fuel solenoid, connect red (power) lead. Attach eyelet terminal of ground lead to inner top carburetor cover mounting screw.

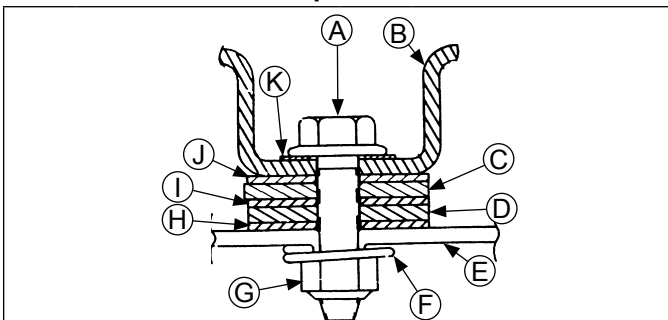
## Install External Governor Controls

### Control Bracket Components



<b>A</b>	Choke Linkage	<b>B</b>	Throttle Linkage
<b>C</b>	Governor Lever	<b>D</b>	Governor Spring
<b>E</b>	Cross Shaft	<b>F</b>	Control Bracket
<b>G</b>	Dampener Spring		

### Throttle and Choke Components



<b>A</b>	Screw	<b>B</b>	Choke Lever
<b>C</b>	Throttle Lever	<b>D</b>	Throttle Actuator Lever
<b>E</b>	Control Bracket	<b>F</b>	Choke Return Spring
<b>G</b>	Lock Nut M5x0.8	<b>H</b>	Shoulder Washer
<b>I</b>	Flat Washer	<b>J</b>	Nylon Washer
<b>K</b>	Wave Washer		

1. Install governor lever onto governor cross shaft if disconnected previously.
2. Make sure throttle linkage is connected to governor lever and throttle lever on carburetor. Connect choke linkage to carburetor choke lever.
3. Attach fuel line to carburetor and secure with a clamp.

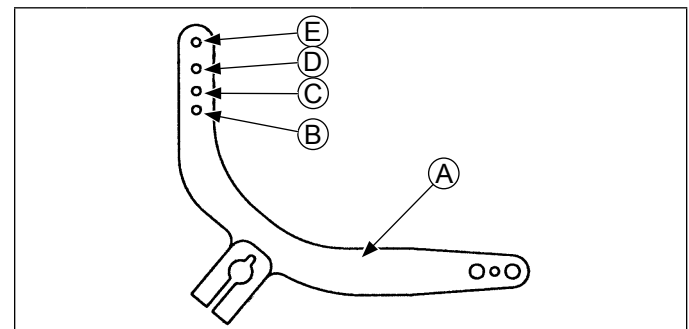
4. Install a new air cleaner base gasket and air cleaner base onto mounting studs. Torque nuts to 6.2-7.3 N·m (55-65 in. lb.).
5. Connect breather hose to air cleaner base and secure with clamp.
6. Move governor lever toward carburetor as far as it will go (wide-open throttle), and hold in position.
7. Insert a nail or similar tool into hole on cross shaft and rotate shaft counterclockwise as far as will turn, then torque nut to 6.8 N·m (60 in. lb.).

### Install Air Cleaner Element

Install air cleaner element (with precleaner if equipped), onto air cleaner base.

### Install Throttle and Choke Controls

#### Governor Lever Hole Position



<b>A</b>	Governor Lever	<b>B</b>	Hole 1
<b>C</b>	Hole 2	<b>D</b>	Hole 3
<b>E</b>	Hole 4		

1. Connect choke linkage to choke actuator lever on main control bracket assembly.
2. Install main control bracket to cylinder heads using screws. Two lower screws should also secure inner baffles. Torque screws to 10.7 N·m (95 in. lb.) into new holes, or 7.3 N·m (65 in. lb.) into used holes.
3. Connect governed idle spring to governor lever and main control bracket. Connect governor spring from throttle control bracket to appropriate hole in governor lever.

### Install Electric Starter Motor (if equipped)

1. Install starter motor and lift bracket.
2. Torque screws to 23.8 N·m (211 in. lb.).
3. On models with a solenoid shift starter, connect leads to solenoid.

### Install Debris Screen (if equipped)

Snap screen onto fan.

# Reassembly

## Install Blower Housing

NOTE: Do not completely tighten screws until all are installed to allow shifting for hole alignment.

1. Install blower housing onto engine. Start all mounting screws. Make sure wire harness and spark plug leads exit out through appropriate openings in shrouding. Attach any fuel line clamps used.
2. Torque screws as follows:
  - M5 Thread Forming Fasteners: 3.4 N·m (30 in. lb.).
  - M4 HI-LO Screws: 2.8 N·m (25 in. lb.).
  - M3 HI-LO Screws: 2.3 N·m (20 in. lb.).

## Install Fixed Guard (if equipped)

Install fixed guard. Securely tighten screw (if equipped).


## Install Retractable Starter (if equipped)

1. Install retractable starter on blower housing using screws. Finger tighten mounting screws only.
2. Pull rope handle to engage pawls and center starter to drive cup. Hold in this position and torque mounting screws to 7.3 N·m (65 in. lb.).

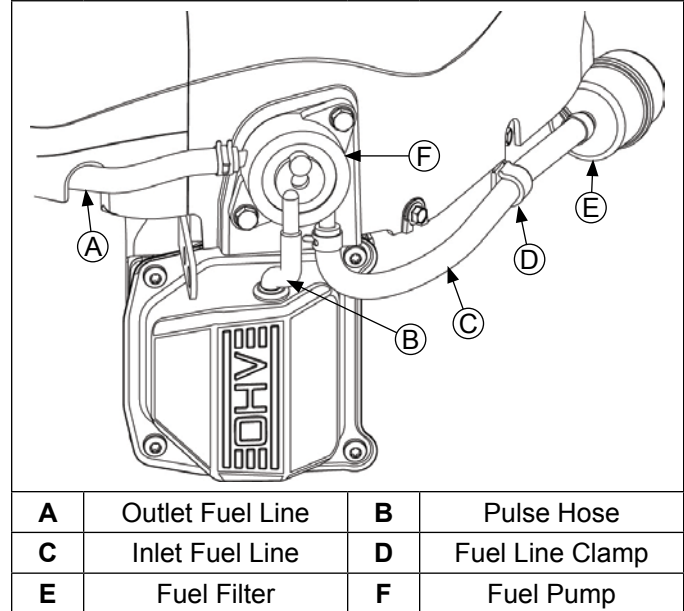
## Install Dipstick Tube

1. Lubricate dipstick tube O-ring and install into crankcase.
2. Secure to backing plate using M5 screw.
3. Torque screw to 7.3 N·m (65 in. lb.).

## Install Fuel Pump

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## Fuel Pump Components



NOTE: If a new fuel pump is being installed, make sure orientation of new pump is consistent with removed pump. Internal damage may occur if installed incorrectly.

1. Connect pulse hose to valve cover. Valve cover should be situated between 2 formed lips on pulse hose.
2. Attach pulse hose to fuel pump and secure with a clamp. Mount fuel pump to blower housing with screws. Torque screws to 2.8 N·m (25 in. lb.).
3. Connect inlet and outlet fuel lines to pump. Route inlet fuel line through fuel line clamp (if used) as shown.

## Install Muffler

1. Install muffler and attaching hardware to muffler bracket. Torque screws to 9.9 N·m (88 in. lb.).
2. Install M8 nuts or 5/16-18 head capscrews (based on head design), to secure muffler. Torque nuts to 24.4 N·m (216 in. lb.), or capscrews to 16.9 N·m (150 in. lb.).

## Install Oil Filter and Fill Crankcase with Oil

NOTE: Make sure oil drain plug is installed and torqued to specification to prevent oil leakage.

1. Install oil drain plug. Torque plug to 13.6 N·m (10 ft. lb.).
2. Place new filter in shallow pan with open end up. Fill

with new oil until oil reaches bottom of threads. Allow 2 minutes for oil to be absorbed by filter material.

3. Apply a thin film of clean oil to rubber gasket on new filter.
4. Refer to instructions on oil filter for proper installation.
5. Fill crankcase with new oil. Level should be at top of indicator on dipstick.
6. Reinstall oil fill/dipstick and tighten securely.

## **Connect Spark Plug Leads**

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Connect leads to spark plugs.

## **Prepare Engine for Operation**

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Engine is now completely reassembled. Before starting or operating engine, be sure to do following.

1. Make sure all hardware is tightened securely.
2. Make sure oil drain plug, Oil Sentry<sup>™</sup> pressure switch, and a new oil filter are installed.
3. Adjust carburetor idle speed adjusting screw as necessary.

## **Testing Engine**

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It is recommended engine be operated on a stand or bench prior to installation in piece of equipment.

1. Run engine at idle for 2-3 minutes, then 5-6 minutes more between idle and midrange.
2. Adjust idle speed screw and high-speed stop as necessary. Make sure maximum engine speed does not exceed 3750 RPM (no load).



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