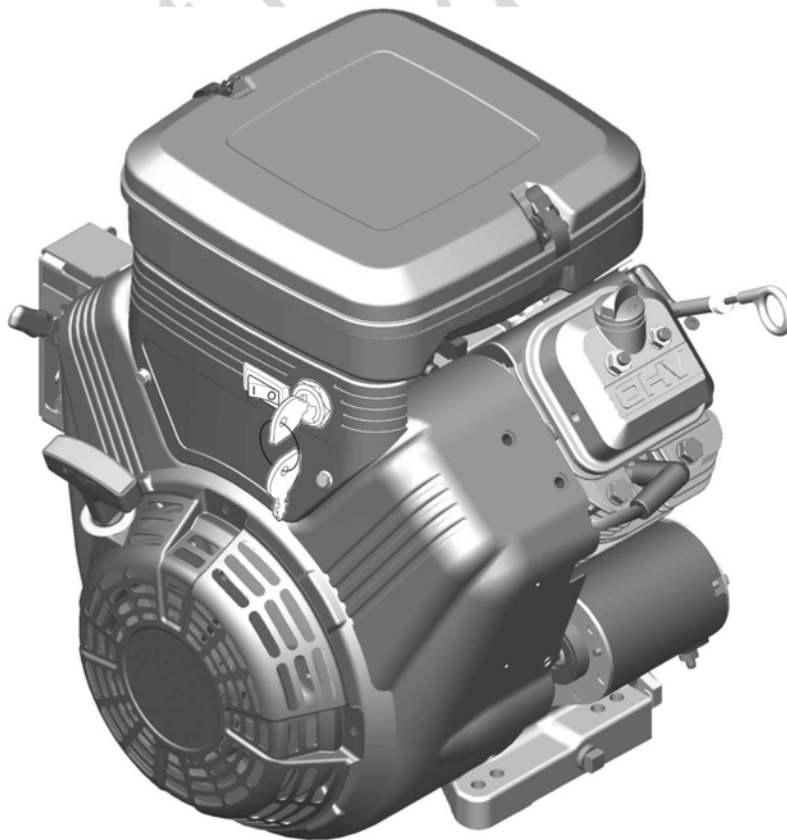
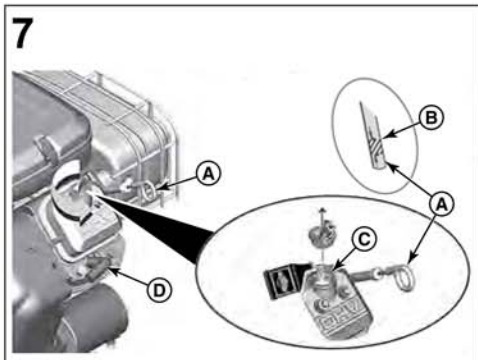
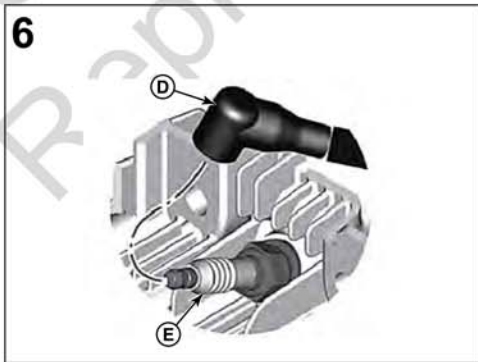
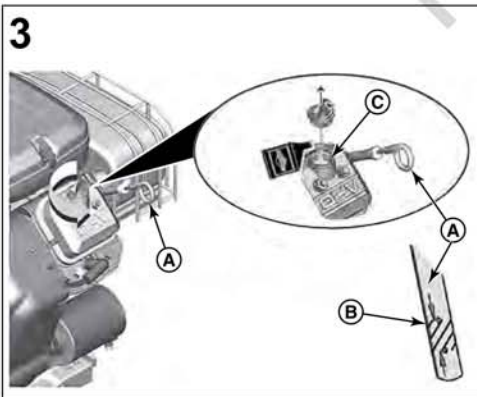
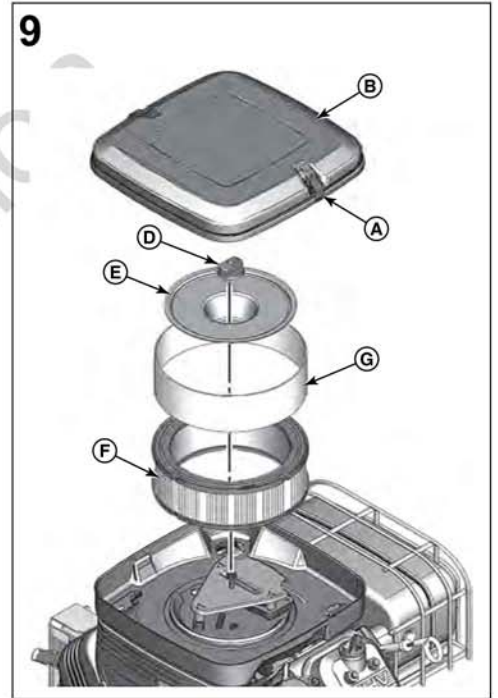
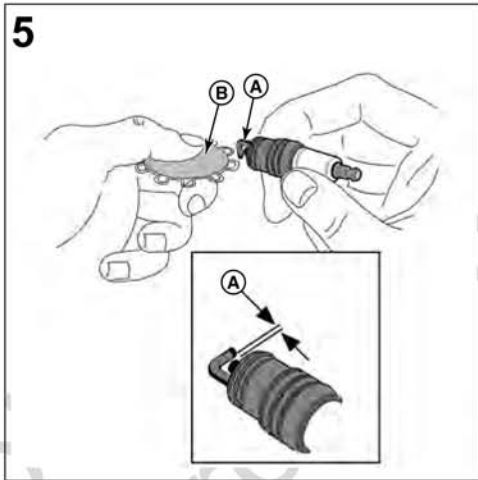
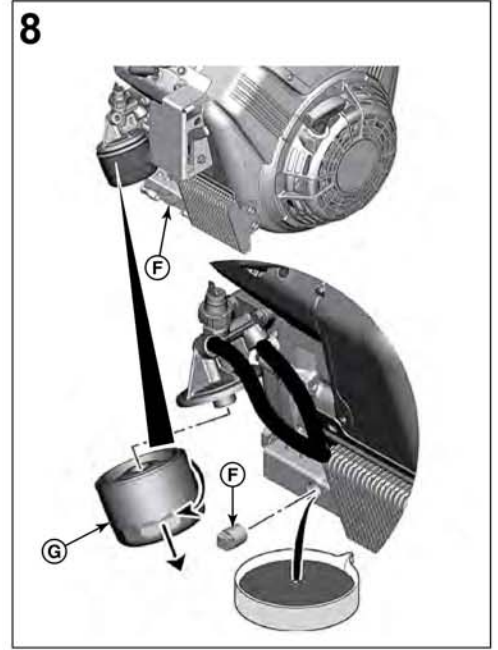
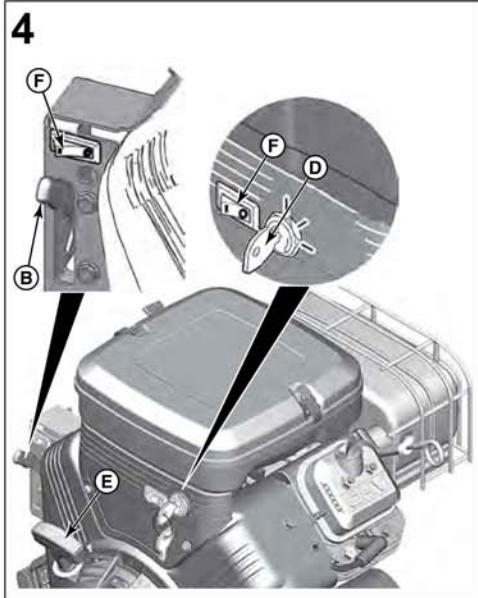
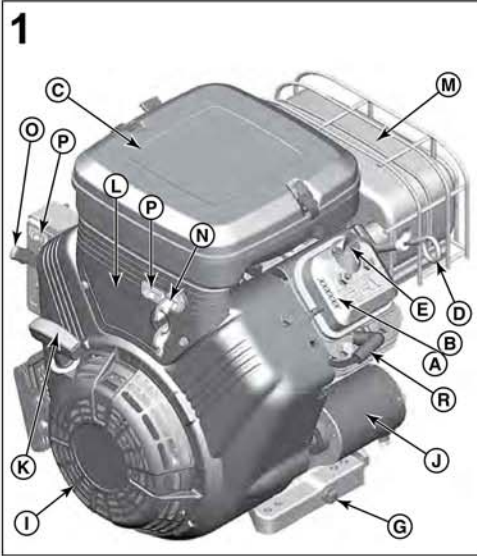


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- fr *Manuel d'utilisation*

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Models: 290000  
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This manual contains safety information to make you aware of the hazards and risks associated with engines and how to avoid them. It also contains instructions for the proper use and care of the engine. Because Briggs & Stratton Corporation does not necessarily know what equipment this engine will power, it is important that you read and understand these instructions and the instructions for the equipment. **Save these original instructions for future reference.**

*Note:* The figures and illustrations in this manual are provided for reference only and may differ from your specific model. Contact your dealer if you have questions.

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

Date of Purchase	
Engine Model - Type - Trim	
Engine Serial Number	

Look for the 2D barcode located on some engines. When viewed with a 2D-capable device, the code will bring up our website where you can access support information for this product. Data rates apply. Some countries may not have online support information available.



## Recycling Information

		All packaging, used oil, and batteries should be recycled according to applicable government regulations.
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## Operator Safety

### Safety Alert Symbol and Signal Words

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

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

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

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

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

### Hazard Symbols and Meanings

Symbol	Meaning	Symbol	Meaning
	Safety information about hazards that can result in personal injury.		Read and understand the Operator's Manual before operating or servicing the unit.
	Fire hazard		Explosion hazard

Symbol	Meaning	Symbol	Meaning
	Shock hazard		Toxic fume hazard
	Hot surface hazard		Noise hazard - Ear protection recommended for extended use.
	Thrown object hazard - Wear eye protection.		Explosion hazard
	Frostbite hazard		Kickback hazard
	Amputation hazard - moving parts		Chemical Hazard
	Thermal heat hazard		Corrosive

## Safety Messages



### WARNING

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



### WARNING

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



### WARNING

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

### NOTICE

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



### WARNING



Gaseous vapors are extremely flammable and explosive.

Fire or explosion can cause severe burns or death.

### When Adding Fuel

- Fill fuel tank outdoors or in well-ventilated area.
- Check fuel lines, tank, cap, and fittings frequently for cracks or leaks. Replace if necessary.

### When Starting Engine

- Ensure that spark plug, muffler, fuel cap and air cleaner (if equipped) are in place and secured.
- Do not crank engine with spark plug removed.

#### When Operating Equipment

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

#### When Transporting Equipment

- On Natural / Liquid Petroleum (LP) Gas engines, transport with fuel cylinder empty or valve closed, or fuel tank disconnected.

#### When Storing Fuel Or Equipment With Fuel In Tank

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



Starting engine creates sparking.

Sparking can ignite nearby flammable gases.

#### Explosion and fire could result.

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



**POISONOUS GAS HAZARD.** Engine exhaust contains carbon monoxide, a poisonous gas that could kill you in minutes. You CANNOT see it, smell it, or taste it. Even if you do not smell exhaust fumes, you could still be exposed to carbon monoxide gas. If you start to feel sick, dizzy, or weak while using this product, get to fresh air RIGHT AWAY. See a doctor. You may have carbon monoxide poisoning.

- Operate this product ONLY outside far away from windows, doors and vents to reduce the risk of carbon monoxide gas from accumulating and potentially being drawn towards occupied spaces.
- Install battery-operated carbon monoxide alarms or plug-in carbon monoxide alarms with battery back-up according to the manufacturer's instructions. Smoke alarms cannot detect carbon monoxide gas.
- DO NOT run this product inside homes, garages, basements, crawlspaces, sheds, or other partially-enclosed spaces even if using fans or opening doors and windows for ventilation. Carbon monoxide can quickly build up in these spaces and can linger for hours, even after this product has shut off.
- ALWAYS place this product downwind and point the engine exhaust away from occupied spaces.



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

Broken bones, fractures, bruises or sprains could result.

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



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

Traumatic amputation or severe laceration can result.

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



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

Severe thermal burns can occur on contact.

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

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



Unintentional sparking can result in fire or electric shock.

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

Fire hazard

#### Before performing adjustments or repairs:

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

#### When testing for spark:

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



Gaseous fuels are extremely flammable and readily form explosive air-vapor mixtures at ambient temperatures.

#### If you smell gas:

- Do not start the engine.
- Do not actuate any electrical switches.
- Do not use a phone in the vicinity.
- Evacuate the area.
- Contact the gas supplier or fire department.



Wear eye protection when doing repair work.

Frostbite can result from skin / eye contact with leaking LP liquid.

- Installation, adjustment and repair work should be done by a qualified technician.
- Regularly check flexible supply line. Make sure they are in good condition. Replace damaged or leaking components.



Missing or inoperative "fuel lock-off" valve can cause a fire or explosion.

- Do not operate the equipment if the "fuel lock-off" valve is missing or inoperative.

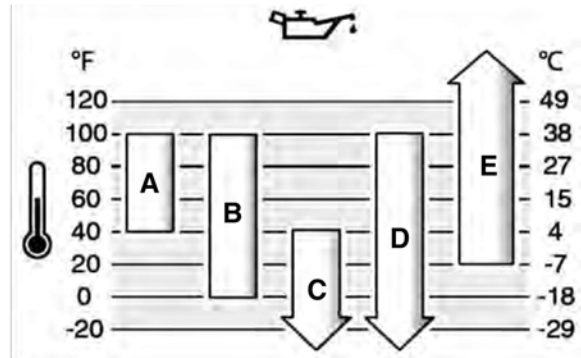
# Features and Controls

## Engine Controls

Compare the illustration (Figure: 1, 2) with your engine to familiarize yourself with the location of various features and controls.

- A. Engine Identification Numbers **Model - Type - Code**
- B. Engine Serial Number
- C. Air Cleaner
- D. Dipstick
- E. Oil Fill
- F. Oil Filter (if equipped)
- G. Oil Drain Plug
- H. Oil Pressure Sensor
- I. Air Intake Grille
- J. Electric Starter
- K. Rewind Starter (if equipped)
- L. LPG/NG Mixer
- M. Muffler (if equipped)
- N. Key Switch <sup>1</sup>
- O. Throttle Control <sup>1</sup>
- P. Stop Switch (if equipped) <sup>1</sup>
- Q. Oil Cooler (if equipped)
- R. Spark Plug

<sup>1</sup> Some engines and equipment have remote controls. See the equipment manual for location and operation of remote controls.



A	SAE 30 - Below 40 °F (4 °C) the use of SAE 30 will result in hard starting.
B	10W-30 - Above 80 °F (27 °C) the use of 10W-30 may cause increased oil consumption. Check oil level more frequently.
C	5W-30
D	Synthetic 5W-30
E	Vanguard™ Synthetic 15W-50

## Check Oil Level

See Figure: 3

### Before adding or checking the oil

- Make sure the engine is level.
- Clean the oil fill area of any debris.

1. Remove the dipstick (A, Figure 3) and wipe with a clean cloth.
2. Fully install the dipstick (A, Figure 3).
3. Remove the dipstick and check the oil level. Correct oil level is at the top of the full indicator (B, Figure 3) on the dipstick.
4. If oil level is low, slowly add oil into the engine oil fill (C, Figure 3). **Do not overfill.** After adding oil, wait one minute and then recheck the oil level.
5. Fully install the dipstick (A, Figure 3).

## Low Oil Protection System (if equipped)

Some engines are equipped with a low oil sensor. If the oil is low, the sensor will either activate a warning light or stop the engine. Stop the engine and follow these steps before restarting the engine.

- Make sure the engine is level.
- Check the oil level. See the **Check Oil Level** section.
- If the oil level is low, add the proper amount of oil. Start the engine and make sure the warning light (if equipped) is not activated.
- If the oil level is not low, do not start the engine. Contact a Briggs & Stratton Authorized Service Dealer to have the oil problem corrected.

## Control Symbols and Meanings

Symbol	Meaning	Symbol	Meaning
	Engine speed - Fast		Engine speed - Slow
	Engine speed - Stop		On - Off

## Operation

### Oil Recommendations

**Oil Capacity:** See the **Specifications** section.

#### NOTICE

This engine was shipped from Briggs & Stratton without oil. Equipment manufacturers or dealers may have added oil to the engine. Before you start the engine for the first time, make sure to check the oil level and add oil according to the instructions in this manual. If you start the engine without oil, it will be damaged beyond repair and will not be covered under warranty.

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

Outdoor temperatures determine the proper oil viscosity for the engine. Use the chart to select the best viscosity for the outdoor temperature range expected. Engines on most outdoor power equipment operate well with 5W-30 Synthetic oil. For equipment operated in hot temperatures, Vanguard™ 15W-50 Synthetic oil provides the best protection.

### Fuel Recommendations



**Missing or inoperative "fuel lock-off" valve can cause a fire or explosion.**

- Do not operate the equipment if the "fuel lock-off" valve is missing or inoperative.

#### Fuel must meet these requirements

- Use clean, dry fuel, free of moisture or any particulate material. Using fuels outside the following recommended values may cause performance problems.
- In engines set up to run on LPG, commercial grade HD5 LPG is recommended. Recommended fuel composition is fuel with a minimum fuel energy of 2500 BTU's/ft<sup>3</sup> with maximum propylene content of 5% and butane and heavier gas content of 2.5% and minimum propane content of 90%.

NG or LPG engines are certified to operate on natural or liquid propane gas. The emissions control system for this engine is EM (Engine Modifications).



## WARNING

The equipment on which this engine is mounted is equipped with an automatic safety gas "fuel lock-off" valve. Do not operate the equipment if the "fuel lock-off" valve is missing or inoperative.

## Add Fuel



## WARNING

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Fire or explosion can cause severe burns or death.

### When Adding Fuel

- Fill fuel tank outdoors or in well-ventilated area.
- Check fuel lines, tank, cap, and fittings frequently for cracks or leaks. Replace is necessary.

For information on refueling natural or LP gas engines, read the operating instructions supplied by the equipment manufacturer.

## Start and Stop Engine

See Figure: 4

### Start Engine



## WARNING

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

Broken bones, fractures, bruises or sprains could result.

- When starting engine, pull the starter cord slowly until resistance is felt and then pull rapidly to avoid kickback.



## WARNING

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### When Starting Engine

- Ensure that spark plug, muffler, and air cleaner (if equipped) are in place and secured.
- Do not crank engine with spark plug removed.



## WARNING

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- Operate this product ONLY outside far away from windows, doors and vents to reduce the risk of carbon monoxide gas from accumulating and potentially being drawn towards occupied spaces.
- Install battery-operated carbon monoxide alarms or plug-in carbon monoxide alarms with battery back-up according to the manufacturer's instructions. Smoke alarms cannot detect carbon monoxide gas.
- DO NOT run this product inside homes, garages, basements, crawlspaces, sheds, or other partially-enclosed spaces even if using fans or opening doors and windows for ventilation. Carbon monoxide can quickly build up in these spaces and can linger for hours, even after this product has shut off.
- ALWAYS place this product downwind and point the engine exhaust away from occupied spaces.

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**Note:** Equipment may have remote controls. See the equipment manual for location and operation of remote controls.

1. Check the engine oil. See the **Check Oil Level** section.
2. Make sure equipment drive controls, if equipped, are disengaged.
3. Move the fuel shut-off (A, Figure 4), if equipped, to the OPEN position.
4. Push the stop switch (F, Figure 4), if equipped, to the ON position.
5. Move the throttle control (B, Figure 4), if equipped, to the FAST position. Operate the engine in the FAST position.
6. **Rewind Start, if equipped with key switch:** Turn the key switch (D, Figure 4) to the ON or RUN position.
7. **Rewind Start, if equipped:** Firmly hold the starter cord handle (E, Figure 4). Pull the starter cord handle slowly until resistance is felt, then pull rapidly.



## WARNING

Rapid retraction of the starter cord (kickback) will pull your hand and arm toward the engine faster than you can let go. Broken bones, fractures, bruises or sprains could result. When starting engine, pull the starter cord slowly until resistance is felt and then pull rapidly to avoid kickback.

8. **Electric Start, if equipped:** Turn the key switch (D, Figure 4) to the ON or START position.

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

**Note:** If the engine does not start after repeated attempts, contact your local dealer or go to [VanguardEngines.com](http://VanguardEngines.com) or call 1-800-999-9333 (in USA).

### Stop Engine

1. **Stop Switch, if equipped:** Move the stop switch (F, Figure 4), if equipped, to the OFF position.  
**Key Switch, if equipped:** With the throttle control (B, Figure 4) in the SLOW position, turn the key switch (D) to the OFF or STOP position. Remove the key and keep in a safe place out of the reach of children.
2. After the engine stops, move the fuel shut-off (A, Figure 4), if equipped, to the CLOSED position.

## Maintenance

**NOTICE** If the engine is tipped during maintenance, the fuel tank, if mounted on engine, must be empty and the spark plug side must be up. If the fuel tank is not empty and if the engine is tipped in any other direction, it may be difficult to start due to oil or gasoline contaminating the air filter and/or the spark plug.



## WARNING

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

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

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



## WARNING

Unintentional sparking can result in fire or electric shock.

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

### Fire hazard

### Before performing adjustments or repairs:

- Disconnect the spark plug wire and keep it away from the spark plug.
- Disconnect battery at negative terminal (only engines with electric start.)
- Use only correct tools.
- Do not tamper with governor spring, links or other parts to increase engine speed.

- Replacement parts must be of the same design and installed in the same position as the original parts. Other parts may not perform as well, may damage the unit, and may result in injury.
- Do not strike the flywheel with a hammer or hard object because the flywheel may later shatter during operation.

#### When testing for spark:

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

## Emissions Control Service

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

## Maintenance Schedule

<b>Every 8 Hours or Daily</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Check engine oil level</li> <li>• Clean area around muffler and controls</li> </ul>
<b>Every 100 Hours or Annually</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Replace spark plugs</li> <li>• Change engine oil</li> <li>• Replace oil filter (if equipped)</li> <li>• Service air filter <sup>1</sup></li> <li>• Clean pre-cleaner (if equipped) <sup>1</sup></li> <li>• Service exhaust system</li> <li>• Check valve clearance. Adjust if necessary.</li> </ul>
<b>Every 400 Hours or Annually</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Replace air filter</li> <li>• Service cooling system <sup>1</sup></li> <li>• Clean oil cooler fins <sup>1</sup></li> </ul>

<sup>1</sup> In dusty conditions or when airborne debris is present, clean more often.

## Service Spark Plug

See Figure: 5

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

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

## Service Exhaust System



**WARNING**

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

Severe thermal burns can occur on contact.

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

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

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



**WARNING**

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

## Change Engine Oil

See Figure: 6, 7, 8

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

### Remove Oil

1. With engine off but still warm, disconnect the spark plug wire(s) (D, Figure 6) and keep it away from the spark plug(s) (E).
2. Remove the dipstick (A, Figure 7).
3. Remove the oil drain plug (F, Figure 8). Drain the oil into an approved container.
4. After the oil has drained, install and tighten the oil drain plug (F, Figure 8).

### Change Oil Filter, if equipped

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

1. Drain the oil from the engine. See **Remove Oil** section.
2. Remove the oil filter (G, Figure 8) and dispose of properly.
3. Before you install the new oil filter, lightly lubricate the oil filter gasket with fresh, clean oil.
4. Install the oil filter by hand until the gasket contacts the oil filter adapter, then tighten the oil filter 1/2 to 3/4 turns.
5. Add oil. See **Add Oil** section.
6. Start and run the engine. As the engine warms up, check for oil leaks.
7. Stop the engine and check the oil level. Correct oil level is at the top of the full indicator (B, Figure 7) on the dipstick.

### Add Oil

- Make sure the engine is level.
- Clean the oil fill area of any debris.
- See the **Specifications** section for oil capacity.

1. Remove the dipstick (A, Figure 7) and wipe with a clean cloth.
2. Slowly pour oil into the engine oil fill (C, Figure 7). **Do not overfill.** After adding oil, wait one minute and then check the oil level.
3. Install and tighten the dipstick (A, Figure 7).
4. Remove the dipstick and check the oil level. Correct oil level is at the top of the full indicator (B, Figure 7) on the dipstick.
5. Reinstall and tighten the dipstick (A, Figure 7).
6. Connect the spark plug wire(s) (D, Figure 6) to the spark plug(s) (E).

## Service Air Filter

See Figure: 9



**WARNING**



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

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

See the **Maintenance Schedule** for service requirements.

1. Open the fastener(s) (A, Figure 9) and remove the cover (B).
2. Remove the nut (D, Figure 9) and retainer (E).

- Remove the air filter (F, Figure 9).
- Remove the pre-cleaner (G, Figure 9), if equipped, from the air filter (F).
- To loosen debris, gently tap the air filter (F, Figure 9) on a hard surface. If the air filter is excessively dirty, replace with a new air filter.
- Wash the pre-cleaner (G, Figure 9) in liquid detergent and water. Allow the pre-cleaner to air dry. **Do not** oil the pre-cleaner.
- Assemble the dry pre-cleaner (G, Figure 9), if equipped, to the air filter (F).
- Install the air filter (F, Figure 9) and secure with retainer (E) and nut (D).
- Install and secure the cover (B, Figure 9).

## Service Cooling System



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

Severe thermal burns can occur on contact.

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

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

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

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

- Use a brush or dry cloth to remove debris from the air intake grille.
- Keep linkage, springs and controls clean.
- Keep the area around and behind the muffler, if equipped, free of any combustible debris.
- Make sure the oil cooler fins, if equipped, are free of dirt and debris.

After a period of time, debris can accumulate in the cylinder cooling fins and cause the engine to overheat. This debris cannot be removed without partial disassembly of the engine. Have a Briggs & Stratton Authorized Service Dealer inspect and clean the air cooling system as recommended in the **Maintenance Schedule**.

## Storage



Gaseous vapors are extremely flammable and explosive.

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When Storing Fuel Or Equipment With Fuel In Tank

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

### Engine Oil

While the engine is still warm, change the engine oil. See the **Change Engine Oil** section.

**NOTICE** Store the engine level (normal operating position). If the engine is tipped in any other direction, it may be difficult to start due to oil contaminating the air filter and/or the spark plug.

## Troubleshooting

For assistance, contact your local dealer or go to [VanguardEngines.com](http://VanguardEngines.com) or call 1-800-999-9333 (in USA).

## Specifications

Model: 290000, 300000	
Displacement	29.23 ci (479 cc)
Bore	2.677 in (68 mm)

Model: 290000, 300000	
Stroke	2.598 in (66 mm)
Oil Capacity	46 - 48 oz (1,36 - 1,42 L)
Spark Plug Gap	.020 in (.51 mm)
Spark Plug Torque	180 lb-in (20 Nm)
Armature Air Gap	.008 - .012 in (.20 - .30 mm)
Intake Valve Clearance	.004 - .006 in (.10 - .15 mm)
Exhaust Valve Clearance	.007 - .009 in (.18 - .23 mm)

Model: 350000	
Displacement	34.78 ci (570 cc)
Bore	2.835 in (72 mm)
Stroke	2.756 in (70 mm)
Oil Capacity	46 - 48 oz (1,36 - 1,42 L)
Spark Plug Gap	.020 in (.51 mm)
Spark Plug Torque	180 lb-in (20 Nm)
Armature Air Gap	.008 - .012 in (.20 - .30 mm)
Intake Valve Clearance	.004 - .006 in (.10 - .15 mm)
Exhaust Valve Clearance	.007 - .009 in (.18 - .23 mm)

Model: 380000	
Displacement	38.26 ci (627 cc)
Bore	2.972 in (75,5 mm)
Stroke	2.756 in (70 mm)
Oil Capacity	46 - 48 oz (1,36 - 1,42 L)
Spark Plug Gap	.020 in (.51 mm)
Spark Plug Torque	180 lb-in (20 Nm)
Armature Air Gap	.008 - .012 in (.20 - .30 mm)
Intake Valve Clearance	.004 - .006 in (.10 - .15 mm)
Exhaust Valve Clearance	.007 - .009 in (.18 - .23 mm)

Engine power will decrease 3.5% for each 1,000 feet (300 meters) above sea level and 1% for each 10° F (5.6° C) above 77° F (25° C). The engine will operate satisfactorily at an angle up to 15°. Refer to the equipment operator's manual for safe allowable operating limits on slopes.

Service Parts - Model: 290000, 300000, 350000, 380000	
Service Part	Part Number
Air Filter - model 290000	394016
Air Filter - model 300000, 350000, 380000	841359
Air Filter Pre-cleaner	272490
Oil - SAE 30	100028
Oil Filter	842921
Resistor Spark Plug	491055
Long Life Platinum Spark Plug	696202, 5066
Spark Plug Wrench	19374
Spark Tester	19368

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

## Warranty

### Briggs & Stratton Engine Warranty

Effective January 2017

#### Limited Warranty

Briggs & Stratton warrants that, during the warranty period specified below, it will repair or replace, free of charge, any part that is defective in material or workmanship or both. Transportation charges on product submitted for repair or replacement under this warranty must be borne by purchaser. This warranty is effective for and is subject to the time periods



and conditions stated below. For warranty service, find the nearest Authorized Service Dealer in our dealer locator map at BRIGGSandSTRATTON.COM. The purchaser must contact the Authorized Service Dealer, and then make the product available to the Authorized Service Dealer for inspection and testing.

**There is no other express warranty. Implied warranties, including those of merchantability and fitness for a particular purpose, are limited to the warranty period listed below, or to the extent permitted by law.** Liability for incidental or consequential damages are excluded to the extent exclusion is permitted by law. Some states or countries do not allow limitations on how long an implied warranty lasts, and some states or countries do not allow the exclusion or limitation of incidental or consequential damages, so the above limitation and exclusion may not apply to you. This warranty gives you specific legal rights and you may also have other rights which vary from state to state and country to country <sup>4</sup>.

### Standard Warranty Terms 1, 2, 3

Brand / Product Name	Consumer Use	Commercial Use
Vanguard™; Commercial Series	36 months	36 months
Engines Featuring Dura-Bore™ Cast Iron Sleeve	24 months	12 months
All Other Engines	24 months	3 months

<sup>1</sup>These are our standard warranty terms, but occasionally there may be additional warranty coverage that was not determined at time of publication. For a listing of current warranty terms for your engine, go to BRIGGSandSTRATTON.com or contact your Briggs & Stratton Authorized Service Dealer.

<sup>2</sup>There is no warranty for engines on equipment used for prime power in place of a utility or for standby generators used for commercial purposes. Engines used in competitive racing or on commercial or rental tracks are not warrantable.

<sup>3</sup>Vanguard installed on standby generators: 24 months consumer use, no warranty commercial use. Vanguard installed on utility vehicles: 24 months consumer use, 24 months commercial use. Commercial Series with manufacturing date before July 2017, 24 months consumer use, 24 months commercial use.

<sup>4</sup>In Australia - Our goods come with guarantees that cannot be excluded under the Australian Consumer Law. You are entitled to a replacement or refund for a major failure and for compensation for any other reasonably foreseeable loss or damage. You are also entitled to have the goods repaired or replaced if the goods fail to be of acceptable quality and the failure does not amount to a major failure. For warranty service, find the nearest Authorized Service Dealer in our dealer locator map at BRIGGSandSTRATTON.COM, or by calling 1300 274 447, or by emailing or writing to salesenquiries@briggsandstratton.com.au, Briggs & Stratton Australia Pty Ltd, 1 Moorebank Avenue, Moorebank, NSW, Australia, 2170.

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

**Save your proof of purchase receipt. If you do not provide proof of the initial purchase date at the time warranty service is requested, the manufacturing date of the product will be used to determine the warranty period. Product registration is not required to obtain warranty service on Briggs & Stratton products.**

#### About Your Warranty

This limited warranty covers engine-related material and/or workmanship issues only, and not replacement or refund of the equipment to which the engine may be mounted. Routine maintenance, tune-ups, adjustments, or normal wear and tear are not covered under this warranty. Similarly, warranty is not applicable if the engine has been altered or modified or if the engine serial number has been defaced or removed. This warranty does not cover engine damage or performance problems caused by:

1. The use of parts that are not original Briggs & Stratton parts;
2. Operating the engine with insufficient, contaminated, or an incorrect grade of lubricating oil;
3. The use of contaminated or stale fuel, gasoline formulated with ethanol greater than 10%, or the use of alternative fuels such as liquefied petroleum or natural gas on engines not originally designed/manufactured by Briggs & Stratton to operate on such fuels;
4. Dirt which entered the engine because of improper air cleaner maintenance or re-assembly;
5. Striking an object with the cutter blade of a rotary lawn mower, loose or improperly installed blade adapters, impellers, or other crankshaft coupled devices, or excessive v-belt tightness;
6. Associated parts or assemblies such as clutches, transmissions, equipment controls, etc., which are not supplied by Briggs & Stratton;
7. Overheating due to grass clippings, dirt and debris, or rodent nests which plug or clog the cooling fins or flywheel area, or by operating the engine without sufficient ventilation;

8. Excessive vibration due to over-speeding, loose engine mounting, loose or unbalanced cutter blades or impellers, or improper coupling of equipment components to the crankshaft;
9. Misuse, lack of routine maintenance, shipping, handling, or warehousing of equipment, or improper engine installation.

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

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## Briggs & Stratton Emissions Warranty

### U.S. EPA, and Briggs & Stratton Corporation Emissions Control Warranty Statement for Emergency Standby Engines - Your Warranty Rights and Obligations

#### General Information

The U.S. EPA, and Briggs & Stratton (B&S) are pleased to explain the emissions control system warranty on your Model Year 2016 - 2018 and later engine / equipment. In the U.S., new Emergency Standby Engines must be designed, built, and equipped to meet stringent emission standards. Engines less than 25 Hp must meet requirements of 40 CFR Part 1054. Engines greater than 25 Hp and less than 130 Hp must meet requirements of 40 CFR Part 1048. B&S must warrant the emissions control system on your engine / equipment.

See Definition of appropriate use of Emergency Standby below.

The emission-related warranty covers all components whose failure would increase an engine's non-evaporative emissions of any regulated pollutant referenced below.

#### Manufacturer's Warranty Coverage:

Briggs & Stratton warrants that the engine is free from defects in material and workmanship, and is also designed, built, and equipped to conform to applicable regulations under Section 213 of the Clean Air Act, from the time the engine is sold, until the expiration of its warranty period.

This warranty applies to all emission related engine components whose failure would cause engine exhaust emissions to be out of EPA compliance. Further, this warranty also applies to other engine components damaged due to the failure of any of these emissions related components.

If a warrantable emissions related component on your engine is defective, the part will be repaired or replaced by B&S at no cost to you including diagnosis, parts, and labor.

Warranty coverage period is four years from date of original purchase, and is offered to the original purchaser and each subsequent purchaser so long as Owner's Warranty Responsibilities are adhered to.

#### Owner's Warranty Responsibilities:

- Warranty claims shall be filed according to the provisions of the Briggs & Stratton Warranty Policy.
- An engine may not be warrantable if subjected to abuse, misuse, neglect, improper maintenance, unapproved modifications, accidents not caused by Briggs & Stratton engines or equipment, or by acts of God.
- Only those engines used as an Emergency Stationary Engine, as defined below, are warrantable.
- You are responsible for presenting your engine / equipment to a B&S distribution center, servicing dealer, or other equivalent entity, as applicable, as soon as a problem exists. The warranty repairs should be completed in a reasonable amount of time, not to exceed 30 days. If you have any questions regarding your warranty rights and responsibilities, you should contact B&S at 1-800-444-7774 or BRIGGSandSTRATTON.COM.
- If any components not scheduled for maintenance is repaired or replaced under this warranty, the new part will be warranted only for the remaining warranty period.
- If a warrantable component scheduled for maintenance fails prior to its first scheduled replacement, the part will be repaired or replaced by B&S at no charge to the owner. Any such component is only warrantable until the originally scheduled maintenance period has expired.
- Add on or modified parts that are not exempted by the EPA may not be used. The use of any non-exempted add on or modified parts by the owner will be grounds for disallowing a warranty claim. The manufacturer will not be liable to warrant failures or warranted parts caused by the use of a non-exempted add on or modified part.

#### Emergency Stationary Engine Definition

An Emergency Stationary Engine is defined as any stationary internal combustion engine whose operation is limited to emergency situations and required testing and maintenance. Examples include stationary engines used to produce power for critical networks or equipment (including power supplied to portions of a facility) when electric power from the local utility (or the normal power source, if the facility runs on its own power production) is interrupted, or stationary engines used to pump water in the case of fire or flood, etc.

Stationary engines used for peak shaving are not considered emergency stationary engines. Stationary engines used to supply power to an electric grid or that supply power as part of a financial arrangement with another entity are not considered to be emergency engines. Emergency stationary ICE may be operated for the purpose of maintenance checks and readiness testing, provided that the tests are recommended by Federal, State or local government, the manufacturer, the vendor, or the insurance company associated with the engine. Maintenance checks and readiness testing of such units is limited to 100 hours per year. There is no time limit on the use of emergency stationary engines in emergency situations. The owner or operator may petition the Administrator for approval of additional hours to be used for maintenance checks and readiness testing, but a petition is not required if the owner or operator maintains records indicating that Federal, State, or local standards require maintenance and testing of emergency ICE beyond 100 hours per year. Emergency stationary ICE may operate up to 50 hours per year in non-emergency situations, but those 50 hours are counted towards the 100 hours per year provided for maintenance and testing. The 50 hours per year for non-emergency situations cannot be used for peak shaving or to generate income for a facility to supply power to an electric grid or otherwise supply power as part of a financial arrangement with another entity. For owners and operators of emergency engines, any operation other than emergency operation, maintenance and testing, and operation in non-emergency situations for 50 hours per year, as permitted above is prohibited.

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