

Operator Manual



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Portable Generator Set

EGMBT, P4500 EGMBU, P5000e

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1 Safety Precautions

Thoroughly read the Operator Manual before operating the generator set. Safe operation and top performance can only be obtained when equipment is operated and maintained properly.

The following symbols, found throughout this manual, alert you to potentially dangerous conditions to operators, service personnel, and the equipment.

DANGER: This symbol alerts you to an immediate hazard that will result in severe personal injury or death.

- WARNING: This symbol alerts you to a hazard or unsafe practice that can result in severe personal injury or death.
- CAUTION: This symbol alerts you to a hazard or unsafe practice that can result in personal injury or damage to equipment or property.

1.1 Exhaust Gas Is Deadly

- · Operate the generator set outdoors only. Stay away from the exhaust outlet.
- Make sure generator set exhaust will not enter windows, doors, vents, or air intakes of adjacent buildings, vehicles, or boats.
- NEVER USE THE GENERATOR SET INSIDE a home, garage, crawl space, barn, shed, cabin, boat, boat house, RV, or tent; or in a confined outdoor space such as an alley, ditch, parking garage, or courtyard; or in any other space where exhaust can accumulate. Note that HAZARDOUS CARBON MONOXIDE LEVELS FROM ENGINE EXHAUST CAN ACCUMULATE INDOORS, EVEN WHEN ALL WINDOWS AND DOORS ARE OPEN AND FANS ARE RUNNING.
- Even when you use a generator set correctly, CO may leak into the home. ALWAYS use a battery-powered or battery-backup CO alarm in the home.
- If you feel sick, dizzy, or weak after the generator set has been running, move to fresh air RIGHT AWAY. See a doctor. You could have carbon monoxide poisoning.

Generator exhaust contains poisonous CO (carbon monoxide) that can cause serious injury or death. • You cannot see, taste or smell CO. • Operate only outdoors with exhaust directed away from people and building air intakes.

Never operate generator inside any enclosed or semi-enclosed area. A hazardous CO level can occur even with open doors and ventilation fans.

1.2 Gasoline is Flammable / Explosive

• Refuel the generator set outdoors only.

- Static electric sparks caused by fuel flowing through a service station pump nozzle can ignite gasoline. Never fill the generator set with a service station pump nozzle. Instead, fill a safety tank sitting on the ground and then slowly transfer fuel to the generator set from the safety tank.
- DO NOT fill fuel tanks while the engine is running. A hot engine can ignite the fuel.
- To prevent fire due to fuel leakage, always close the fuel valve and let the generator set cool before transporting it or storing it in a confined space.
- DO NOT SMOKE OR ALLOW AN OPEN FLAME near the generator set. Keep flames, sparks, electrical switches, pilot lights, electrical arcs, arc-producing equipment, and all other sources of ignition well away.

1.3 Generator Voltage is Deadly

- DO NOT CONNECT THE GENERATOR SET DIRECTLY TO ANY BUILDING ELECTRICAL SYSTEM. Back-feed could cause electrocution of utility line workers and could damage equipment. An approved switching device must be used to prevent interconnections. A trained and experienced electrician must make electrical connections when the generator set is used for emergency power.
- Make sure clothing, shoes, and skin are dry when handling electrical equipment.
- Never operate the generator set in rain or snow or when it is sitting on wet ground.

1.4 Moving Parts Can Cause Severe Personal Injury or Death

- Before performing any maintenance on the generator set, disconnect the spark plug wire.
- Always keep hands away from moving parts.
- Do not wear loose clothing or jewelry while servicing the generator set. Loose clothing and jewelry can become caught in moving parts. Jewelry can short out electrical contacts causing sparks, flame, and electrical shock.
- Make sure that fasteners and clamps on the generator set are tight. Keep guards in position over fans, rotors, etc.

1.5 Battery Gases Are Explosive

- Wear safety glasses when servicing batteries.
- Do not smoke.
- To reduce arcing when disconnecting or reconnecting battery cables, always disconnect the negative (–) cable of the battery first and reconnect it last.

1.6 General Precautions

- Keep children away from the generator set.
- Wear hearing protection when near an operating generator set.

- Keep a multi-class ABC fire extinguisher readily at hand. Class A fires involve ordinary combustible materials, such as wood and cloth. Class B fires involve combustible and flammable liquids and gaseous fuels. Class C fires involve live electrical equipment. (ref. NFPA No. 10).
- Benzene and lead may be found in gasoline and have been identified by some state and federal agencies as causing cancer or reproductive toxicity. Do not ingest, inhale, or contact gasoline.
- Used engine oils have been identified by some state and federal agencies as causing cancer or reproductive toxicity. Do not ingest, inhale, or contact used engine oil or its vapors.
- Keep the generator set clean and dry at all times. Excess grease and oil can catch fire and/or accumulate dirt, which can cause overheating.
- Do not store anything on the generator set, such as oil cans, oily rags, chains or wooden blocks. A fire could result or operation could be adversely affected.
- Do not work on the generator set when you are mentally or physically fatigued or have consumed alcohol or drugs.

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2 Introduction

2.1 About This Manual

This manual covers the generator sets listed on the front cover. Study this manual and observe all of its warnings and precautions. Using and maintaining the generator set properly will result in longer generator set life, better performance, and safer operation.

2.2 Model Identification

Be ready to provide the generator set model and serial numbers on the generator set nameplate when contacting Cummins Onan for parts, service, or product information. A typical nameplate and its location on the generator set is illustrated in the Figures below.

WARNING: Many troubleshooting procedures or replacement of parts present hazards that can result in equipment damage and severe personal injury or death. Only trained and experienced service personnnel with knowledge of fuels, electricity, and machinery hazards should perform service procedures. Review the Safety Precautions section of this manual.

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Model No:4EGMBT-6302	Spec: A	Made in China	Model No: 5EGMBU-6303	Spec: A	Made in China
S/N:A07E014562		PH: 1	S/N: A07E014563		PH: 1
AC Volts: 230	KVA:4	kW:4	AC Volts:230	KVA:5	kW: 5
Amps: 17.4	Pf: 1.0	RPM: 3000	Amps:21.7	Pf: 1.0	RPM: 3000
Fuel: GASOLINE	Hz:50	Bat: N/A	Fuel: GASOLINE	Hz:50	Bat:12V
	P4500		P5	000e	

FIGURE 1. NAMEPLATE LOCATION FOR EGMBRT/P4500 AND EGMBU/P5000E GENERATOR SETS



FIGURE 2. COMPONENT LOCATIONS

2.3 How to Obtain Service

When calling for service, parts, or product literature (such as the Service Manual or Parts Catalog) for your generator set, contact the nearest authorized Cummins Onan distributor. Cummins Onan has factory-trained representatives to handle your requests for generator set parts and service. For information on contacting Cummins Onan distributors worldwide, go to the internet site *www.cumminsonan.com*.

2.3.1 Outside North America

If you are outside North America, call Cummins Onan at 1-763-574-5000 from 7:30 AM to 4:00 PM, Central Standard Time, Monday through Friday, or fax 1-763-528-7229.

2.3.2 Information to Have Ready

Before calling for service, have the following information available:

- 1. The complete generator set model number and series number. Refer to the <u>Model</u> <u>Identification</u> section of this manual.
- 2. The date of purchase.
- 3. The nature of the problem. Refer to the **<u>Troubleshooting</u>** section of this manual.

2.3.3 Starting Battery

A starting battery is used in EGMBT/P4500 and EGMBU/P5000e models

The electric starter requires a 12 volt starting battery (12 volt, 14L-A2). The battery is not included with the generator set.

Refer to the "Maintenance" section and any instructions available from the battery manufacturer for battery maintenance. Note that as long as the generator set is run regularly, the automatic battery recharging system on the engine should maintain battery charge.

2.4 Wheel Kit

The assembled wheel kit shown below is optional equipment.



FIGURE 3. WHEEL KIT INSTALLED

2.5 Fuel Requirements

Use clean, fresh unleaded gasoline with an octane rating (anti-knock index) of 87 or higher.

During part of the year, only mandated "oxygenated" gasoline may be available. While "oxygenated" gasoline is acceptable for use, it is not preferable. Using leaded gasoline will result in extra maintenance to remove combustion chamber and spark plug deposits. Do not use starting fluids and do not use gasoline or gasoline additives (de-icers) containing methanol. Methanol is corrosive to fuel system components.

WARNING: Evaporative starting fluids, such as ether, are highly explosive which can result in severe personal injury or death. Do not use starting fluids.

- CAUTION: Methanol is corrosive to fuel system components. Do not use gasoline or gasoline additives containing methanol.
- CAUTION: Avoid using leaded gasoline because of the extra engine maintenance that will be required.
 - WARNING: Gasoline is highly flammable and explosive which can result in severe personal injury or death. Do not smoke if you smell gasoline or are near fuel tanks or gasoline-burning equipment, or are in the area sharing ventilations with such equipment. Keep flames, sparks, electrical switches, pilot lights, arc-producing equipment, and all other sources of ignition well away from the area.

2.6 Generator Set Assembly Instructions

1. Remove the generator set from the box.







2.7 Wheel Kit Assembly Instructions

CAUTION: Improper handling of the generator set can result in equipment damage. Do not turn the generator set on the side, top, or end. Doing so may damage the generator set or cause dangerous fuel or oil leakage. Do not place items on top of the generator set. The wheel kit is designed to support the generator only.

Required Tools

- 10 and 12 mm wrenches, sockets, and ratchet
- Three 6-inch high blocks of wood
- Pliers

Installation Procedure

- 1. Install the handle assembly (handle, bracket, hinge pin, grips, end plugs, two cotter pins, and fasteners).
 - a. Use two long bolts to attach the handle assembly to the frame.
 - b. Tighten securely; do not crush the frame tube.
- 2. Block up the generator set under both frame tubes as shown below. Place a block under the center of the cross-member on the exhaust end.
- 3. Install the leg assembly.
 - a. Install a leg assembly (support leg, rubber pad, and fastener) onto each side of the exhaust end cross-member.
 - b. Use two bolts and nuts for each leg and tighten securely.
- 4. Install the wheel and axle assembly (axle assembly and wheel assemblies).
 - a. Remove the rubber pads secured to the frame where the axle is attached.
 - b. Remove the cotter pins and loose washers from the axle assembly (axle, two loose washers, two cotter pins, and fasteners).
 - c. Install the wheels (flat free tire and wheel); make sure the long hub is to the inside.
 - d. Reinstall the washers and cotter pins on the axle assembly. Bend one leg of each cotter pin.
 - e. Place the axle assembly under the cross member as shown and install four bolts and nuts. Tighten securely.

No.	Des	cription	No.	Description	
1	Frame		4	Support Leg Assembly	
2	Wheel Assembly		5	Wooden Blocks	
3	Axle Assembly		6	Handle Assembly	

FIGURE 5. INSTALLED WHEEL KIT

2.8 Engine Oil Recommendations

Use American Petroleum Institute (API) performance class SL or SJ engine oil or better. Also look for Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) viscosity grade oil (see the table below). Choose the viscosity grade appropriate for the ambient temperature expected until the next scheduled oil change. Refer to the <u>Specifications</u> section for engine oil capacity.

Single-grade SAE 30 oil is best when temperatures are consistently above freezing. Multi-grade oils are better when wide temperature variations are expected.

Expected Ambient Temperatures	SAE Viscosity Grade
30° F (0 C) and higher	30
10° F to 100° F (-12° C to 38° C)	15W-40
0° F to 80° F (-18° C to 27° C)	10W-30 10W-40
-20° F to 50° F (-28° to 10° C)	5W-30

TABLE 1.	OIL VISCOSITY	VS. TEMPERATURE
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3 Starting and Running the Generator Set

3.1 Control Panel

The control panels are illustrated below. The control switches, meters, output receptacles, and circuit breaker reset buttons are grouped for convenient operation.



FIGURE 6. CONTROL PANEL

3.2 Pre-Start Checks

DANGER: EXHAUST GAS IS DEADLY! THE INDOOR USE OF A GENERATOR SET CAN KILL QUICKLY.

Exhaust gases contain carbon monoxide, an odorless and colorless gas. Carbon monoxide is poisonous and can cause unconsciousness, severe personal injury, and death. Symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning include:

• Dizziness

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- Nausea
- Headache
- Weakness and sleepiness
- Throbbing in temples
- Muscular twitching
- Vomiting
- Inability to think coherently

IF YOU OR ANYONE ELSE EXPERIENCE ANY OF THESE SYMPTOMS, GET INTO FRESH AIR IMMEDIATELY. Then:

- Seek immediate advice from poison control, medical center, or 911. Be aware that:
- CO symptoms can be mistaken for flu, dehydration, food poisoning, or other illness.
- Injury or death can occur later when in fresh air and apparently recovering.
- Call the fire department to determine when it is safe to re-enter the area.

Operate the generator set OUTDOORS only. Stay away from and upwind of the exhaust outlet.

Make sure the exhaust will not enter windows, doors, vents, or air intakes of adjacent buildings, vehicles, or boats.

Never use the generator set inside a home, garage, crawl space, barn, shed, cabin, boat, boat house, RV, or tent; or in a confined outdoor space such as an alley, ditch, parking garage, or courtyard; or in any other space where exhaust can accumulate. Hazardous carbon monoxide levels from generator set exhaust can accumulate indoors even when windows and doors are open and fans are running.

Even when you use a generator set correctly, CO may leak into the home. ALWAYS use a battery-powered or battery-backup CO alarm in the home.

If you feel sick, dizzy, or weak after the generator set has been running, move to fresh air RIGHT AWAY. See a doctor. You could have carbon monoxide poisoning.

WARNING



Generator exhaust contains poisonous CO (carbon monoxide) that can cause You cannot see, taste or smell CO.
 Operate only outdoors with exhaust directed away from people and

- building air intakes.
- Never operate generator inside any enclosed or semi-enclosed area. A hazardous CO level can occur even with open doors and ventilation fans.

Before the first start of the day and after every eight hours of operation, perform GENERAL INSPECTIONS and any scheduled maintenance due, as indicated in the Maintenance Schedule. If the generator set has been in storage, return it to service as instructed in the Out-of-Service Protection section.

WARNING: Moving parts can cause severe personal injury or death. Hot exhaust parts can cause severe burns. Make sure all protective guards are properly in place before starting the generator set.

- WARNING: A non-functioning GFCI, or a damaged or overloaded extension cord, can cause electrocution or fire. Test the GFCI for proper operation. Make sure all extension cords are in good condition, are rated for outdoor use, have the proper plugs, and have the proper amp and voltage ratings.
 - WARNING: Gasoline is highly flammable and explosive and can be ignited by static electric sparks caused by fuel flowing through a service station pump nozzle which can result in severe personal injury or death. Never fill the generator set with a service station pump nozzle. Instead, fill a safety tank sitting on the ground and then slowly transfer fuel to the generator set from the safety tank.
 - 1. Locate the generator set outdoors in a dry, level place and chock the wheels, if so equipped.
 - 2. Check fuel and oil levels, and fill as necessary.

WARNING: If the generator neutral supply is not grounded to earth, the user may be left without ground fault protection, which could result in serious personal injury or death. Always make sure the generator neutral supply is grounded to earth before operating the generator set.

- 3. Connect the grounding lug to earth ground in accordance with the local electrical code.
- 4. Test the GFCI for proper operation.
- 5. Make sure that all extension cords are in good condition, are rated for outdoor use and have the proper amp and voltage ratings, and that they are equipped with proper plugs having grounding blades.
- 6. Make sure all tools and appliances have been turned off or are disconnected.

3.3 Starting the Generator Set

WARNING: Operating a generator set in an inappropriate environment can result in a fire which can result in severe personal injury or death. Do not operate the generator set in hazardous environments where it could ignite flammable gasses or combustible materials. To avoid the risk of electrocution, never operate the generator set in rain or snow or when it is sitting on wet ground. Be careful not to touch or allow any combustible materials to touch the muffler which can get very hot.

CAUTION: The voltage surge at startup can damage appliances such as TVs, microwave ovens, computers, etc. Be sure to disconnect all appliances before starting the generator set.

3.3.1 Using the Electric Starter

- 1. Open the fuel valve.
- 2. Pull the choke rod out to close the choke if the engine is cold.
- Press and hold the Start/On/Off switch in the START position until the engine starts. The switch will return to the ON position when released. Gradually push the choke rod in as the engine warms up.
- 4. Let the engine warm up for a few minutes before connecting tools or appliances. See **Power Tools and Appliances**.

3.3.2 Using the Recoil Starter

- 1. Open the fuel valve (see Figure 7).
- 2. Pull the choke rod out to close the choke if the engine is cold (see Figure 8).
- 3. Verify that the On/Off switch is in the ON position.
- 4. With one hand on the generator, grip the recoil handle with the other hand and pull it out quickly and smoothly. Repeat as necessary until the engine starts (see Figure 9).
- 5. As the engine warms up, gradually push the choke rod in.
- 6. Let the engine warm up for a few minutes before connecting tools or appliances. See **Powering Tools and Appliances**.



FIGURE 7. FUEL VALVE







FIGURE 9. RECOIL START HANDLE

3.4 Stopping the Generator Set

- 1. Turn off or disconnect all tools and appliances.
- 2. Let the generator set run for a few minutes to cool down.
- 3. Stop the generator set by pressing and holding the On/Off switch in the Off position until the generator set stops.
- 4. Close the fuel valve.

WARNING: Gasoline is highly flammable and explosive which can result in severe personal injury or death. Always close the fuel valve when the engine is not in use to reduce the risk of fuel spillage.

3.5 **Powering Tools and Appliances**

CAUTION: Continuous overloading can damage the generator set due to overheating. Make sure loading is within the generator set nameplate rating.

3.5.1 Starting the Generator Set

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CAUTION: The voltage surge at startup can damage appliances such as TVs, microwave ovens, computers, etc. Be sure to disconnect all appliances before starting the generator set.

3.5.2 Connecting Tools and Appliances

TABLE 2. TYPICAL POWER DRAW RATINGS OF COMMON TOOLS AND APPLIANCES

Appliance or Tool	Running Watts (Rated) ¹	Starting Watts (Peak) ¹
Ceiling Fan	800	1200
Central Air Conditioner - 10,000 BTU ²	1500	3000
Central Air Conditioner - 24,000 BTU ²	3800	4950
Circular Saw - 7¼"	1400	2300
Clock Radio	100	-
Clothes Dryer - Gas	700	1200
Coffee Maker	1500	-
Computer - 17" Monitor	800	-
Deep Freezer	700	1000
Dishwasher	1500	1500
Electric Water Heater - 40 Gallon ²	4000	-
Furnace Fan	800	1300
Garage Door Opener	750	1200
Hair Dryer	1250	-
Hot Plate	2100	-
Iron	1200	-
Laser Printer	950	-
Lighting	75	-
Microwave Oven	1000	-
Miter Saw - 10"	1650	2400
Oscillating Fan	200	400
Quartz Halogen Work Light	1000	-
Reciprocating Saw	1200	2000
Refrigerator/Freezer	700	1500
Security System ²	500	-
Space Heater	1800	-
Stereo Receiver	450	-
Sump Pump	800	1200
Table Fan - 14"	200	400
Television - 27"	500	-
VCR/DVD Player	100	-
Water Well Pump - 1/3 HP (220V) ²	1000	2000
Window Air Conditioner - 10,000 BTU	1200	2200

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¹The wattage values listed in this table are based on estimated wattage requirements. For exact wattage, check the data plate or the operator's manual for the item you wish to power.

²These units are usually hard-wired and require a professionally-installed transfer switch.

NOTE: Ratings apply to altitudes up to 1000 feet (304.8 m), 85°F (30°C). Total power available will decrease 3.5% for each 1000 feet (304.8 m) above 1000 feet and 2.0% for each 10°F (5.5°C) increase in ambient temperature above 85°F (30°C).

- 1. Make sure the tools and appliances to be connected are rated for the voltages at the generator set power output receptacles.
- 2. Note the kW rating on the generator set nameplate.
- 3. Check the power draw (watts) of each tool or appliance to be connected. Table 2 lists typical tool and appliance ratings in watts.
- 4. Add the watt ratings of all the loads that the generator set will be powering at the same time. Make sure that total wattage will not exceed the generator kW rating.

Example: A generator set rated 5 kW (5000 watts) can power two 1500 watt heaters, a 900 watt circular saw, a 500 watt drill, and a 100 watt light at the same time (4500 watts altogether). However, to operate a second 900 watt saw, it will be necessary to disconnect one of the 1500 watt heaters.

NOTE: A motor draws much more power when starting up than when running. It may be necessary to power fewer tools or appliances when motors and air conditioners are cycling on and off.

- CAUTION: Excessive power draw can overload the generator set. A motor draws much more power when starting up than when running. It may be necessary to power fewer tools or appliances when motors and air conditioners are cycling on and off.
 - 5. Connect the AC power cords to the appropriate receptacles on the control panel. See "Grounding."

3.5.3 High Altitude

Maximum power decreases roughly four percent every 1000 feet (310 meters) of increase in elevation above sea level. When operating the generator set at altitudes above 1000 feet, it may be necessary to power fewer loads at the same time.

3.6 Charging Batteries

To reduce arcing, always stop the generator set before connecting or disconnecting the battery to be charged. Connect the battery to be charged to the DC terminals on the control panel. Make sure polarity is correct: positive (+) to positive (+); negative (–) to negative (–).

WARNING: Ignition of explosive battery gases can cause severe personal injury or death. Arcing at battery terminals can ignite battery gases. Ventilate the area before working on batteries. Wear safety glasses and do not smoke. Always stop the generator set before disconnecting the battery. Always disconnect the negative (–) cable first and reconnect it last.

NOTE:

The battery on electric-start models has its own charging circuit and therefore must not be connected to the DC charging terminals.

3.7 Circuit Breakers

If too many tools or appliances are connected, or a tool or appliance fails due to a short circuit, one or more of the AC or DC circuit breakers on the control panel will trip. Disconnect or turn off as many tools and appliances as possible and reset the circuit breaker by pushing the reset button back in. (It takes at least 10 seconds after tripping to reset.) Turn on or reconnect only as many tools and appliances as the generator set can power.

A tool or appliance probably has a short if it causes a circuit breaker to immediately trip when connected.

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WARNING: Short circuits in faulty electrical tools and appliances can cause electrocution or fire. Read and follow the tool and appliance manufacturer's instructions and warnings regarding use, maintenance, and proper grounding.

3.8 Grounding

Ground the generator set to earth ground by connecting a suitable ground wire to the ground lug terminal on the generator set control panel. The other end of the wire must be connected to a suitable earth ground according to local electrical codes.

Do not connect grounds from tools or appliances to the Ground Lug terminal. Extension cords for tools or appliances with grounding blades must have grounding blades.

WARNING: If the generator neutral supply is not grounded to earth, the user may be left without ground fault protection, which could result in serious personal injury or death. Always make sure the generator neutral supply is grounded to earth before operating the generator set.

3.9 Low Oil Shutdown

The generator set automatically stops if it senses low oil level. If the engine stops while running, or starts but then stops, check the oil level and add oil as necessary. See the <u>Maintenance</u> section of this manual.

3.10 Electrical Interference with Communications or Appliances

If the generator set causes electrical interference with communications devices, move the generator set and device farther apart or shut down the generator set while the device is operating.

3.11 Exercising the Generator Set

Exercise the generator set at least two hours every month if use is infrequent. Run it at approximately 50 percent capacity. A single two-hour exercise period is better than several shorter periods. Exercising a generator set drives off moisture, re-lubricates the engine, replaces stale fuel, and removes oxides from electrical contacts. The result is better starting, more reliable operation, and longer engine life.

3.12 Engine Break-In

Proper engine break-in is necessary for top performance.

- 1. Operate the generator set as it is intended to be operated. However, for the first 1-1/2 hours, if possible, run the generator set at 50 percent capacity, occasionally operating at full power for brief periods. Avoid prolonged low-power operation during break-in.
- 2. Make sure the engine has oil of the proper viscosity for the ambient temperature. See **Engine Oil Recommendations**.
- 3. Check the oil level twice a day or after every 4 hours of operation during the first 20 hours of operation. Change the engine oil after the first 20 hours of operation.

3.13 Out-of-Service Protection

If you are unable to exercise the generator set regularly, and it will not be in use for more than 120 days, the following storage procedure is recommended. Failure to provide out-of-service protection can result in difficult starting, rough engine operation, and reduced engine life.

3.13.1 Storing the Generator Set



WARNING: Fuel additives can cause a risk of personal injury. Read and follow the manufacturer's instructions.



FIGURE 10. CARBURETOR DRAIN

- 1. Add a fuel preservative and stabilizer to the fuel tank, or let the generator set run out of fuel. Follow the manufacturer's instructions for using the fuel additive.
- 2. Shut the fuel valve and drain the carburetor bowl. See the figure above.
- 3. Remove the spark plug. Squirt one tablespoon (about 1 ounce / 30 cm³) of clean engine oil into the spark plug hole. Turn the engine over several revolutions. Replace the spark plug. Pull the recoil starter handle out slowly until compression is felt.

- 4. Change engine oil and attach a tag indicating the viscosity of oil used.
- 5. Disconnect the cables from the starting battery, negative (–) cable first. Store the battery in accordance with the battery manufacturer's recommendations.
- 6. Store the generator set in a dry, protected area.

3.13.2 Returning the Generator Set to Service

- 1. Check the tag on generator set to verify that oil viscosity is correct for the current ambient temperature. Add or change oil as necessary.
- 2. Reconnect the starting battery, negative (-) cable last.
- 3. Clean the air cleaner if dirty.
- 4. Open the fuel valve.
- 5. Start the generator set. Initial start-up may be rough and smoky due to the extra oil in the cylinder. Remove and clean the spark plug if necessary.

4 Maintenance

4.1 Maintenance Schedule

Periodic maintenance is essential for top performance. Use the Table below as a guide. Under hot or dusty operating conditions some maintenance operations should be performed more frequently, as indicated by the footnotes in the table.

Keep a log of maintenance performed and the hours run. Recording maintenance will help you keep it regular and provide a basis for supporting warranty claims. A <u>Maintenance Record</u> form is included at the back of this manual.

WARNING: Accidental starting of the generator set during maintenance can cause severe personal injury or death. Before performing maintenance, disconnect the spark plug wire from the spark plug. For electric start models, disconnect both of the generator set starting battery cables. To reduce the risk of arcing, remove the negative (–) cable first and reconnect it last.



WARNING: Contact with a hot generator set can cause severe burns. Always allow the generator set to cool before performing any maintenance or service.

	SERVICE INTERVAL							
SERVICE THESE ITEMS	EACH USE	AFTER FIRST MONTH / 20 HOURS	EVERY 3 MONTHS / 50 HOURS	EVERY MONTH	EVERY 6 MONTHS / 100 HOURS	EVERY YEAR / 300 HOURS		
General Inspection	X ¹							
Check Oil Level	х							
Change Engine Oil		Х			х			
Clean Air Cleaner			X ²					
Clean Cylinder Cooling Fins			X ²					
Check Starting Battery (if equipped)				х				
Clean Spark Plug					х			
Clean the Spark Arrestor					х			
Clean Fuel Sediment Cup						X ³		
Clean Fuel Tank						X ³		
Adjust Valve Clearance						X ³		
Check fuel line	Every 2 years (Replace if necessary) ³							
See General Inspections.								

TABLE 3. PERIODIC MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE

² Service more frequently when used in dusty environments.

³ These items must be performed by a trained and experienced mechanic (A list of authorized Cummins Onan dealers is available at www.cumminsonan.com).

4.2 General Inspections

The operator should check the following before the first start of the day and after every eight hours of operation:

- 1. Look for fuel leaks around the fuel tank, fuel hose, fuel valve, and carburetor. Close the fuel valve and repair leaks immediately.
- 2. Look and listen for exhaust leaks while the engine is running. Have all leaks repaired before continuing operation.

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- 3. Check for dirt and debris and clean as necessary.
- CAUTION: A clogged flywheel air inlet screen or dirty cooling fins can cause overheating and engine damage. Keep the cooling fins and air inlet screen clean.
 - 4. Check the engine oil level and add oil as necessary. See Changing Engine Oil.

4.3 Changing Engine Oil

WARNING: State and federal agencies have determined that contact with used engine oil can cause cancer and reproductive toxicity. Avoid skin contact and breathing of vapors. Use rubber gloves and wash exposed skin.

Refer to the Periodic Maintenance Schedule Table in the <u>Maintenance Schedule</u> section for scheduled oil changes and Figure 11.

1. Make sure the generator set is level and has been run until warm.

WARNING: Crankcase pressure can blow hot engine oil out of the fill opening, causing severe burns. Always stop the generator set before removing the oil fill cap.

- 2. Stop the generator set and remove the oil fill cap (see Figure 11).
- 3. Remove the oil drain plug and drain the oil into a pan.
- Reinstall the drain plug and refill with new engine oil just to the brim of the fill opening. Use the oil fill tube provided with the generator to fill oil. See <u>Engine Oil Recommendations</u> for the type of engine oil to use and <u>Specifications</u> for engine oil capacity.

CAUTION: Too little oil can cause severe engine damage. Make sure that the oil level is above the Add mark on the dipstick.

- 5. Start the generator set and let it run for a short time while checking for oil leaks.
- 6. Used oil is harmful to the environment. Pour the used oil into a sealed container and deliver it to the nearest recycling center.

No.	Description	No.	Description
1	Oil Filler Cap	4	Upper Level
2	Oil Drain Bolt	5	Lower Level
3	Oil Fill Tube		

FIGURE 11.	OIL CHECK,	FILL,	AND	DRAIN
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4.4 Air Filter Maintenance

Refer to the <u>Maintenance Schedule</u> for scheduled air filter maintenance. Clean more often in dusty environments.

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

WARNING: Using gasoline or flammable solvents to clean components can cause a fire or explosion, which can result in severe personal injury or death. Only use soapy water or a nonflammable solvent for cleaning components.

- CAUTION: Running the engine without an air cleaner causes rapid engine wear. Never run the engine without the air cleaner installed.
 - 1. Remove the filter cover (Item 2 in Figure 12) by unsnapping the two spring clips (Item 1).
 - 2. Remove the two foam filter elements (Item 3) and thoroughly wash them with soap and water. Let them dry thoroughly.
 - 3. Knead in 1 teaspoon (5 cm³) of clean engine oil into each foam filter element. The oil should be distributed evenly throughout each filter element.
 - 4. Reinstall the filter elements, the gray filter first (finer pores), and then the black filter (larger pores).

5. Secure the cover with the spring clips.



FIGURE 12. AIR FILTER

4.5 Battery Maintenance

Refer to the **Periodic Maintenance Schedule** table for scheduled battery maintenance. Carefully follow the battery manufacturer's instructions.

WARNING: Ignition of explosive battery gases can cause severe personal injury or death. Arcing at battery terminals can ignite battery gases. Ventilate the area before working on batteries. Wear safety glasses and do not smoke. Always stop the generator set before disconnecting the battery. Always disconnect the negative (–) cable first and reconnect it last.

- 1. Keep the battery case clean and dry and the terminals tight.
- Connect the Red starter cable (+) to the positive (+) terminal of the battery and the Green cable to the negative terminal. Always disconnect the Green cable (-) first and reconnect it last.
- 3. Make sure the battery is securely clamped in place in its mounting bracket.



CAUTION: If the generator set will be used before a starting battery is installed, insulate the red battery cable terminal with electrical insulating tape to prevent short circuits that can damage the battery charging system.



FIGURE 13. BATTERY MOUNTING

4.6 Fuel Sediment Cup Cleaning

Refer to the <u>Maintenance Schedule</u> section for scheduled cleaning. Have the filter replaced if the fuel has been contaminated or the engine seems to have lost power. Cleaning and replacement must only be performed by an authorized Cummins Onan dealer.

4.7 Spark Plug Maintenance

Refer to the <u>Maintenance Schedule</u> section for scheduled spark plug maintenance. Perform spark plug maintenance sooner if engine performance has deteriorated. To ensure proper engine operation, the spark plug must be properly gapped and free of deposits. A fouled spark plug can cause the engine to misfire, operate erratically, or stop running when a load is applied.

WARNING: Contact with hot generator parts can cause severe burns. Always allow the generator set to cool before performing any maintenance or service.

- 1. Turn off the generator set and allow it to cool down.
- 2. Remove the spark plug cap.
- 3. Clean any dirt from around the spark plug base.
- 4. Use the wrench supplied in the tool kit to remove the spark plug.
- 5. Visually inspect the spark plug. Discard it if the insulator is cracked or chipped. If the spark plug is to be reused, clean it with a wire brush.
- 6. Measure the plug gap with a feeler gauge. Correct as necessary by carefully bending the side electrode. The gap should be 0.70-0.80mm (0.028-0.031 inch).
- 7. Verify that that the spark plug washer is in good condition. Thread the spark plug in by hand to prevent cross-threading.
- 8. After the spark plug is seated, tighten with a spark plug wrench to compress the washer. If installing a new spark plug, tighten 1/2 turn after the spark plug seats to compress the washer. If reinstalling a used spark plug, tighten 1/8-1/4 turn after the spark plug seats to compress the washer.





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No.	Description	No	0.	. Description	
1	Side Electrode	2	2	Metal Brush	

FIGURE 15. SPARK PLUG MAINTENANCE

4.8 Cleaning the Generator Set

Refer to the <u>Maintenance Schedule</u> section for scheduled cleaning of the generator set. Clean more often in dusty environments. Remove spilled oil and fuel from the generator set immediately with a dry rag. Dispose of cleaning rags properly. Use a damp cloth to clean dust and dirt from the generator set. Do not use cleaning solvents, which can damage electrical components.

WARNING: Wear safety glasses to protect your eyes from flying debris when cleaning the generator set with compressed air.



CAUTION: Cleaning the generator set with a pressure washer can cause damage to the generator set by shorting the generator and other electrical components. Do not use a pressure washer to clean the generator set.

Wear safety glasses if using compressed air to clean the engine cooling fins. Do not use a pressure washer to clean the generator set. Water can enter the generator and other electrical components causing shorts that can disable the generator set.

4.9 Cleaning the Spark Arrester

WARNING: Contact with a hot muffler can cause severe burns. Allow the generator set to cool before servicing the muffler.

Refer to the Maintenance Schedule for scheduled spark arrester cleaning.

After letting the generator set cool down, remove the spark arrester screen. Inspect for damage and replace if defective. To clean, lightly tap the screen and clean any deposits with a wire brush. Reinstall the spark arrester and tighten the screw securely.



FIGURE 16. SPARK ARRESTOR

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5 Troubleshooting

The following troubleshooting guide can be used for basic problem diagnosis. If these recommendations do not resolve the problem, contact an authorized Cummins Onan service center.

WARNING: Many troubleshooting procedures or replacement of parts present hazards that can result in equipment damage and severe personal injury or death. Only trained and experienced service personnel with knowledge of fuels, electricity, and machinery hazards should perform service procedures. Review the Safety Precautions section of this manual.

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ENGINE DOES NOT CRANK (ELECTRIC START)

Logic: The engine will not crank.

Possible Causes:

- Low battery
- Bad battery connection

Corrective Action:

- 1. Service the battery if necessary.
- 2. Clean and tighten battery connections.
- 3. If the problem is still not corrected, contact a Cummins Onan service center.

ENGINE CRANKS SLOWLY (ELECTRIC START)

Logic: The engine cranks slowly.

Possible Causes:

- Low battery
- Bad battery connection
- · Engine oil is too heavy
- · Load is connected

- 1. Service the battery if necessary.
- 2. Clean and tighten battery connections.
- 3. Check the engine oil and, if too heavy, replace with recommended oil.
- 4. Disconnect the load before starting.
- 5. If the problem is still not corrected, contact a Cummins Onan service center.



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ENGINE WON'T START

Logic: The generator set will not start.

Possible Causes:

- Out of fuel
- Fuel value closed
- Loose spark plug cable
- Defective spark plug
- Low oil level

Corrective Action:

- 1. Make sure the fuel tank is full.
- 2. Make sure the fuel valve is fully open.
- 3. Make sure the spark plug cable is connected.
- 4. Remove and clean the spark plug; replace it if necessary.
- 5. Check the oil level and add oil as necessary.
- 6. If the problem is still not corrected, contact a Cummins Onan service center.

BLACK EXHAUST

Logic: The exhaust is dark.

Possible Causes:

- Choke stuck in the closed position
- Dirty air cleaner
- Rich fuel mixture

- 1. Make sure the choke is open.
- 2. Clean the air cleaner.
- 3. If the problem is still not corrected, contact a Cummins Onan service center for information on fuel mixtures.

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ENGINE STOPS

Logic: The generator set stops on its own.

Possible Causes:

- Out of fuel
- Low oil level

Corrective Action:

- 1. Make sure the fuel tank is full.
- 2. Check the oil level and add oil as necessary.
- 3. If the problem is still not corrected, contact a Cummins Onan service center.

ENGINE SURGES

Logic: The engine suddenly runs faster than normal.

Possible Causes:

- Loose spark plug cable
- Faulty spark plug
- Generator set not level
- · Dirty fuel strainer

- 1. Make sure the spark plug cable is properly connected or have it serviced, if damaged.
- 2. Remove and clean or replace the spark plug.
- 3. Make sure the generator set is on a level surface.
- 4. Check the fuel strainer and clean if necesary.
- 5. If the problem is still not corrected, contact a Cummins Onan service center.

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NO AC OUTPUT

Logic: The generator set is running but you are not able to operate any tools or appliances.

Possible Causes:

Tripped AC circuit breaker

Corrective Action:

- 1. Remove all loads.
- 2. Reset the circuit breaker.
- 3. Check loads for defects and make sure the total load does not exceed the generator set rating.
- 4. If the problem is still not corrected, contact a Cummins Onan service center.

NO DC OUTPUT

Logic: The engine will not crank.

Possible Causes:

• Tripped DC circuit breaker

- 1. Disconnect the battery.
- 2. Reset the circuit breaker.
- 3. Have the battery tested for shorts and, if necessary, replace the battery.
- 4. If the problem is still not corrected, contact a Cummins Onan service center.

TABLE 4. SPECIFICATIONS FOR EGMBT (P4500) AND EGMBU (P5000E)

GENERATOR	EGMBT (P4500)	EGMBU (P5000e)
AC OUTPUT:		
Frequency (Hertz)	50 Hz	50 Hz
Voltage	230 Volts	230 Volts
Rated Power	4000 Watts	5000 Watts
Max. Output	4500 Watts	5500 Watts
Rated Current	17.4 Amps	21.7 Amps
DC OUTPUT:	12 VDC / 8.3 Amps	12 VDC / 8.3 Amps
ENGINE		

Engine Speed (RPM)	3000	3000		
Fuel	Gasoline	Gasoline		
Engine Oil Capacity*	1.16 US qt (1.1 L)	1.16 US qt (1.1 L)		
Spark Plug Type	F7RTC	F7RTC		
Spark Plug Gap	0.028 in. (0.7 mm)	0.028 in. (0.7 mm)		
Engine Valve Lash (Intake / Exhaust)	0.0039 / 0.006 inches (0.10 / 0.15 mm)	0.0039 / 0.006 inches (0.10 / 0.15 mm)		
Ignition Timing (Fixed)	25° BTDC	25° BTDC		
Starting System	Recoil	Electric Start (Recoil Back-up)		
Displacement	340 cc	389 cc		
GENERATOR SET				
Dry Weight	181 lb (80 kg)	185 lb (83 kg)		
Dimensions:				
Length	26.6 inches (702 mm)	26.6 inches (702 mm)		
Width	21.2 inches (562 mm)	21.2 inches (562 mm)		
Height	21.3 inches (585 mm)	21.3 inches (585 mm)		
Fuel Tank Capacity	6.5 US Gal (24.6L)	6.5 US Gal (24.6L)		
Operating Time at Rated Output	10 Hours	9 Hours		
Starting Battery Requirements	-	12 Volt, Type 14L-A2		
* See Engine Oil Recommendations for recommended engine oil type.				

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7 Maintenance Record

Record all periodic and unscheduled maintenance and service. Refer to the <u>Maintenance</u> section of this manual.

DATE	HOURS RUN	MAINTENANCE OR SERVICE PERFORMED

Record the name, address, and phone number of your authorized Cummins Onan service center.

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