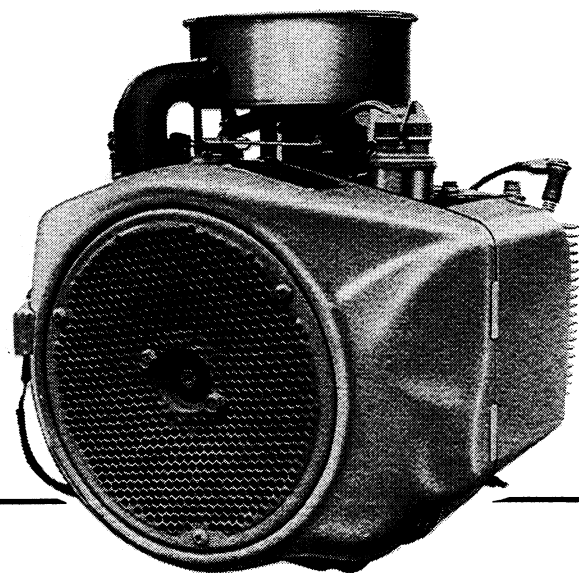


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## Operator's Manual

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# Safety Precautions

It is recommended that you read your engine manual and become thoroughly acquainted with your equipment before you start the engine.

**⚠ DANGER** *This symbol if used warns of immediate hazards which will result in severe personal injury or death.*

**⚠ WARNING** *This symbol refers to a hazard or unsafe practice which can result in severe personal injury or death.*

**⚠ CAUTION** *This symbol refers to a hazard or unsafe practice which can result in personal injury or product or property damage.*

Fuels, electrical equipment, batteries, exhaust gases and moving parts present potential hazards that can result in serious, personal injury. Take care in following these recommended procedures. All local, state and federal codes should be consulted and complied with.

**⚠ WARNING** *This engine is not designed or intended for use in any type of aircraft. Use of this engine in aircraft can result in engine failure and causes serious personal injury or death.*

## General

- Provide appropriate fire extinguishers and install them in convenient locations. Use an extinguisher rated ABC by NFPA.
- Make sure that all fasteners on the engine are secure and accurately torqued. Keep guards in position over fans, driving belts, etc.
- If it is necessary to make adjustments while the engine is running, use extreme caution when close to hot exhausts, moving parts, etc.

## Protect Against Moving Parts

- Do not wear loose clothing in the vicinity of moving parts, such as PTO shafts, flywheels, blowers, couplings, fans, belts, etc.
- Keep your hands away from moving parts.

## Batteries

- Before starting work on the engine, disconnect batteries to prevent inadvertent starting of the engine.
- DO NOT SMOKE while servicing batteries. Lead acid batteries give off a highly explosive hydrogen gas which can be ignited by flame, electrical arcing or by smoking.
- Verify battery polarity before connecting battery cables. Connect negative cable last.

## Fuel System

- DO NOT fill fuel tanks while engine is running.
- DO NOT smoke or use an open flame in the vicinity of the engine or fuel tank. Internal combustion engine fuels are highly flammable.
- Fuel lines must be of steel piping, adequately secured, and free from leaks. Piping at the engine should be approved flexible line. Do not use copper piping for flexible lines as copper will work harden and become brittle enough to break.
- Be sure all fuel supplies have a positive shutoff valve.

## Exhaust System

- Exhaust products of any internal combustion engine are toxic and can cause injury, or death if inhaled. All engine applications, especially those within a confined area, should be equipped with an exhaust system to discharge gases to the outside atmosphere.
- Do not use exhaust gases to heat a compartment.
- Make sure that your exhaust system is free of leaks. Ensure that exhaust manifolds are secure and are not warped by bolts unevenly torqued.

## Exhaust Gas is Deadly!

Exhaust gases contain carbon monoxide, a poisonous gas that can cause unconsciousness and death. It is an odorless and colorless gas formed during combustion of hydrocarbon fuels. Symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning are:

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|---------------------------|------------------------|
| • Dizziness               | • Vomiting             |
| • Headache                | • Muscular Twitching   |
| • Weakness and Sleepiness | • Throbbing in Temples |

If you experience any of these symptoms, get out into fresh air immediately, shut down the unit and do not use until it has been inspected.

The best protection against carbon monoxide inhalation is proper installation and regular, frequent inspections of the complete exhaust system. If you notice a change in the sound or appearance of exhaust system, shut the unit down immediately and have it inspected and repaired at once by a competent mechanic.

## Cooling System

- Coolants under pressure have a higher boiling point than water. DO NOT open a radiator pressure cap when coolant temperature is above 212°F (100°C) or while engine is running.

## Keep the Unit and Surrounding Area Clean

- Make sure that oily rags are not left on or near the engine.
- Remove all unnecessary grease and oil from the unit. Accumulated grease and oil can cause overheating and subsequent engine damage and present a potential fire hazard.

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<b>⚠ WARNING</b>
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***INCORRECT SERVICE OR REPLACEMENT OF PARTS CAN RESULT IN SEVERE PERSONAL INJURY AND/OR EQUIPMENT DAMAGE. SERVICE PERSONNEL MUST BE QUALIFIED TO PERFORM ELECTRICAL AND/OR MECHANICAL SERVICE.***

# Introduction

## KNOW YOUR ENGINE

Read this manual carefully, observing all **WARNINGS** and **CAUTIONS**. Operating instructions, adjustments and periodic maintenance procedures are given so you, the owner, can keep your unit running like new and expect many years of dependable service from it. Remember . . . any machine, regardless of design or type, will perform only in relation to the service it receives. Regularly scheduled maintenance lowers operating costs.

## ENGINE MODEL REFERENCE

Identify your model by referring to the **MODEL** and **SPEC** (specification) **NO.** as shown on the unit nameplate.

Always use this number and the engine serial number when making reference to your engine.

If a major repair or an overhaul is necessary, Onan recommends the work be done by a competent mechanic to ensure that all dimensions, clearances, and torque values are within the specified tolerances.

An engine **SERVICE MANUAL** and complete **PARTS MANUAL** are available at additional cost. Contact your nearest authorized dealer or Onan Parts and Service Center.

This manual contains the SI metric equivalents following immediately in parentheses after the U.S. customary units of measure.

## SPECIFICATIONS

SPECIFICATION	UNIT OF MEASURE	SERIES	
		B43M	B48M
Number of Cylinders	in	2	2
Bore	in (mm)	3.250 (82.55)	3.250 (82.55)
Stroke	in (mm)	2.620 (66.55)	2.875 (73.02)
Displacement	cu in (cm <sup>3</sup> )	43.0 (704)	47.7 (782)
Compression Ratio		6.2 to 1	6.7 to 1
Power at Rated Speed (3600 rpm)	BHP (kW)	16 (11.9)	18 (13.4)
Oil Capacity Without Filter	Qts (litre)	1.7 (1.6)	1.7 (1.6)
Oil Filter Capacity	Qts (litre)	.3 (.3)	.3 (.3)
Valve Clearance (cold)			
Intake	in (mm)	0.005 (0.13)	0.005 (0.13)
Exhaust	in (mm)	0.013 (0.33)	0.013 (0.33)
Spark Plug Gap	in (mm)	0.025 (0.635)	0.025 (0.635)
Breaker Point Gap	in (mm)	0.021 (0.53)	0.021 (0.53)
Ignition Timing (static setting)	BTDC	21°	21°

# Engine Set-Up

Inspect the engine visually. Check for loose or missing parts and any damage that may have occurred in shipment.

**⚠ CAUTION** *Starting engine without oil will result in severe engine damage. Add oil prior to starting engine.*

## BATTERY

The battery and battery cables used for starting the engine should be of sufficient size to provide prompt starting. Undersized battery will result in poor starter operation and a very short starter service life.

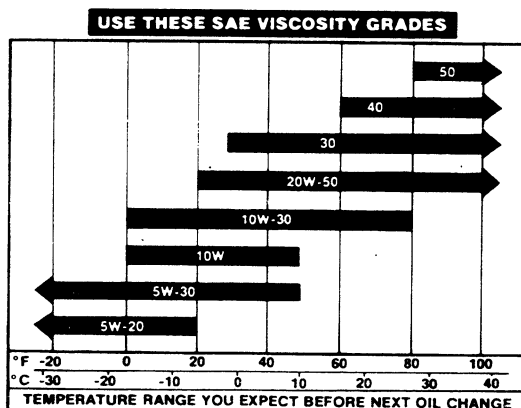
**⚠ WARNING** *Ignition of explosive battery gases can result in severe personal injury. Do not smoke or allow any ignition source near the battery.*

## CRANKCASE OIL RECOMMENDATIONS

Fill crankcase with correct amount of oil. Refer to *Specifications* for crankcase capacity. Use oils meeting the API classification SF, SF/CC, or SF/CD. Refer to chart below to determine the proper viscosity grade of oil to use. Straight weight oils are recommended for severe duty use and at temperatures above 32°F (0°C) for minimum oil consumption.

**⚠ WARNING** *Crankcase pressure can blow out hot oil, which can cause severe personal injury. Do not check oil while the engine is running.*

**⚠ CAUTION** *Excess oil can cause high oil consumption, high operating temperatures, and oil foaming. Do not overfill crankcase.*



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## Oil Level

Check oil level at least every 8 hours of operation. Check more frequently on a new or reconditioned engine as oil consumption is higher until the piston rings seat properly.

When adding oil between oil changes, it is preferable to use the same brand, as various brands of oil may not be compatible together. Refer to *MAINTENANCE* for recommended oil change intervals and procedures.

## FUEL RECOMMENDATIONS

**⚠ WARNING** *Ignition of fuel can result in severe personal injury or death. Do not smoke or allow any spark, pilot light, or arcing equipment near the fuel system.*

Use clean, fresh, unleaded gasoline. Regular leaded gasoline may also be used but is not a preferred fuel. Do not use highly leaded premium gasoline. Use of unleaded gasoline results in less maintenance.

**⚠ CAUTION** *Gasoline de-icers and fuel containing alcohol can cause poor engine performance and engine damage. Do not use fuel system de-icers. Do not use gasoline containing alcohol concentrations greater than ten percent.*

If regular leaded gasoline is used continually, carbon and lead deposits should be removed from the cylinder heads as required because of engine power loss. Unleaded gasoline may be used safely after lead deposits have been removed.

**⚠ WARNING** *Ignition of fuel can result in severe personal injury or death. Never fill the fuel tank when the engine is running.*

## EXHAUST SYSTEM

Exhaust products of any internal combustion engine are toxic and can cause injury, or death if inhaled. All engine applications, especially those within a confined area, should be equipped with an exhaust system to discharge gases to the outside atmosphere.

**⚠ WARNING** *Breathing exhaust gases can result in severe personal injury or death. Use extreme care during installation to ensure a leak-free exhaust system.*

# Operation

## STARTING

Most engines are equipped with a start-stop switch and cable controlled choke and throttle.

1. Place the throttle control in the *SLOW* position and the choke into the *FULL* choke position.
2. Turn the ignition switch on and engage starter. If engine fails to start after 30 seconds determine the cause. Wait one minute before reattempting. If the engine fails to start at first attempt, rust inhibitor oil used at the factory may have fouled the plugs. Remove the plugs, clean in a suitable solvent, dry thoroughly and reinstall. Heavy exhaust smoke when the engine is initially started is normal and usually caused by rust inhibitor oil.
3. When the engine starts, gradually push the choke lever in until the engine runs smoothly. Black smoke from the exhaust and a rough running engine usually indicate over-choking.
4. To stop the engine, turn the ignition switch to the *OFF* position.

## BREAK-IN PROCEDURE

Controlled break-in is the ideal fitting of all internal moving metal parts. Using the proper oil and applying a conscientious maintenance program during this period helps assure satisfactory service from your Onan engine.

Maintain the proper cooling and lubrication during break-in. Run the engine at half load for the first three hours with intermittent periods of full load to control engine break-in.

**▲CAUTION** *Using the wrong grade and weight of oil and high engine operating temperatures during break-in can cause engine damage. Use correct oil grade and weight and provide adequate engine cooling during engine break-in.*

Check the oil level at least every five operating hours. Add oil to keep it at the proper level, but never overfill as overfilling may cause the oil to foam and enter the breather system.

## HOT WEATHER OPERATION

When operating the engine in temperatures above 100°F (38°C), pay particular attention to the following items to prevent damage:

1. Keep the engine cooling fins clean and free of obstruction.

**▲CAUTION** *Plugged or clogged cooling fins can cause overheating and engine damage. Ensure cooling fins are kept clean and debris does not accumulate.*

**▲WARNING** *Contact with rotating machinery can result in severe personal injury or death. Stay clear of rotating components and ensure protective shields and guards are in place and secured before operating machinery.*

2. See that nothing obstructs air flow to and from the engine.
3. Ensure that you are using the proper grade and weight of oil for ambient temperatures. Check the oil level each time you fill the fuel tank.
4. Check the battery water more frequently than every 50 hours which is recommended under normal conditions. High temperatures cause faster evaporation.
5. Change crankcase oil and filter more frequently than recommended under normal conditions.

## COLD WEATHER OPERATION

When the engine is being used in temperatures below 32°F (0°C), check the following items closely:

1. Use the correct grade and weight of oil for the temperature conditions. Change the oil only when the engine is warm. If an unexpected temperature drop occurs when the engine is filled with summer oil, before starting the engine, move it to a warm location until the oil will flow freely.
2. Use fresh fuel. Fill the fuel tank after each day's use to protect against moisture condensation.
3. Keep the battery in a well-charged condition.

## DUST AND DIRT

1. Keep unit clean. Keep cooling system clean.
2. Service air cleaner as frequently as required.
3. Change crankcase oil and filter more often than recommended under normal conditions.

## OUT-OF-SERVICE PROTECTION

Protect an engine that will be out-of-service for more than 30 days as follows:

1. Run the engine until it reaches normal operating temperature.
2. Turn off the fuel supply and run the engine until it stops.
3. Drain oil from oil base while the engine is still warm. Refill with fresh crankcase oil and attach a tag stating viscosity used.

4. Remove spark plugs. Pour 1 ounce (2 tablespoons or 28 grams) of rust inhibitor or SAE #50 oil into the cylinders. Crank the engine over a few times. Reinstall spark plugs.
5. Service air cleaner as outlined in *MAINTENANCE*.
6. Clean governor linkage and protect by wrapping with a clean cloth.
7. Plug exhaust outlet to prevent entrance of moisture, dirt, bugs, etc.
8. Wipe entire unit. Coat rustable parts with a light film of grease or oil.
9. Provide a suitable cover for the entire unit.
10. If battery equipped, disconnect and follow standard battery storage procedure.

## RETURNING UNIT TO SERVICE

1. Remove cover and all protective wrapping. Remove plug from exhaust outlet.
2. Check tag on oil base and verify that oil viscosity is still correct for existing ambient temperatures.
3. Clean and check battery. Measure specific gravity (1.260 at 77°F [25°C]) and verify level to be at split ring. If specific gravity is low, charge until correct value is obtained. If the level is low, add distilled water and charge until specific gravity is correct.
4. Check that fuel filter and fuel lines are secure, with no leaks.
5. Check carburetor, adjust if necessary.
6. Connect battery.
7. Start engine. Exhaust smoke is normal when the engine is started and is usually caused by the rust inhibitor oil.

## ▲WARNING

### EXHAUST GAS IS DEADLY!

***Exhaust gases from all fuels (including diesel, gasoline, liquid propane, natural gas) contain carbon monoxide, an odorless and colorless gas. Carbon monoxide is poisonous and can cause unconsciousness and death. Symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning can include:***

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|---|---|
| ● <b><i>Dizziness</i></b>               | ● <b><i>Throbbing in Temples</i></b>          |
| ● <b><i>Nausea</i></b>                  | ● <b><i>Muscular Twitching</i></b>            |
| ● <b><i>Headache</i></b>                | ● <b><i>Vomiting</i></b>                      |
| ● <b><i>Weakness and Sleepiness</i></b> | ● <b><i>Inability to Think Coherently</i></b> |

***IF YOU OR ANYONE ELSE EXPERIENCE ANY OF THESE SYMPTOMS, GET OUT INTO THE FRESH AIR IMMEDIATELY. If symptoms persist, seek medical attention. Shut down the unit and do not operate until it has been inspected and repaired.***

***Protection against carbon monoxide inhalation includes proper installation, ventilation and regular, frequent visual and audible inspections of the complete exhaust system.***

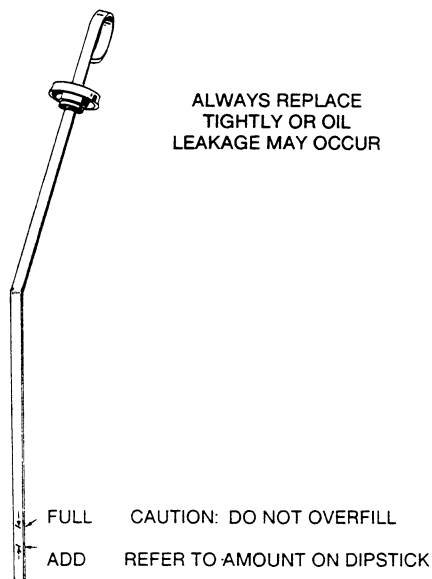
# Maintenance

**⚠ WARNING** *Accidental starting of the engine can result in severe personal injury or death. Disconnect the negative battery cable and spark plug wires while servicing engine, controls, or associated equipment.*

## DAILY CHECKS OR EVERY 8 HOURS

The operator should daily make a complete visual and audible inspection of the engine. Check the following before starting the engine for the first time each day:

1. Check all fuel lines and fittings for possible leakage.
2. Inspect exhaust system for possible leakage and cracks. Locate leaks in muffler and piping while the engine is operating. Repair all leaks immediately after they are detected for personal safety.
3. Inspect air cleaner system for leaks. Make certain all clamps and fittings are tight and free of potential leaks.
4. Check crankcase oil level with the engine off. If engine has been run, allow a minimum of 10 minutes for the oil to drain down before checking. If oil level is at or below ADD mark on dipstick (Figure 1), add sufficient oil of the proper viscosity as specified in *ENGINE SET-UP* to bring oil level to the FULL mark. Do not operate engine with oil level below the ADD mark.



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FIGURE 1. CRANKCASE OIL FILL

## OIL CHANGE

Refer to the *Periodic Maintenance Schedule* for oil change intervals.

Run engine until thoroughly warm before draining oil. Stop the engine, place a pan under the drain outlet and remove the oil drain plug or open the drain valve. After the oil is completely drained, replace the drain plug or close the drain valve. Refill with oil of the correct API classification and appropriate SAE viscosity grade for the temperature conditions (refer to *ENGINE SET-UP*).

**⚠ WARNING** *Hot crankcase oil can cause burns if it comes in contact with skin. Wear protective clothing and keep fingers and hands clear when draining oil.*

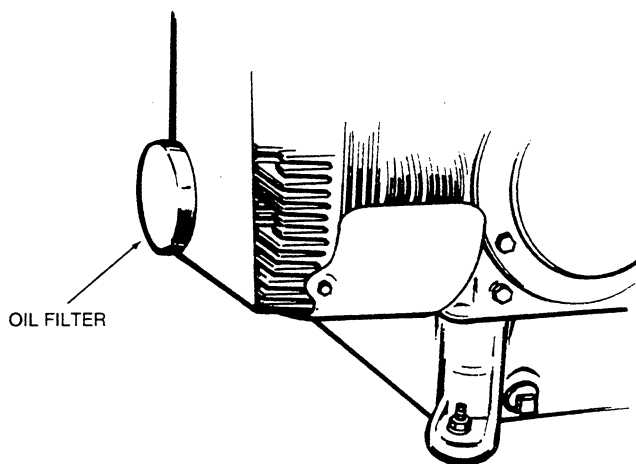
Oil level should be to the FULL mark of the dipstick. Start engine and run for a short time to check for oil leaks around the drain plug.

## OIL FILTER CHANGE

Refer to the *Periodic Maintenance Schedule* for oil filter change intervals.

Spin off oil filter element and discard it. Thoroughly clean filter mounting surface and install new element, making sure new gasket is inserted in the element. Apply a thin film of oil to the gasket. Spin element down by hand until gasket just touches mounting pad and then turn down an additional 1/2-3/4 turn. Do not overtighten.

With oil in crankcase, start engine and check for leaks around filter element. Retighten only as much as necessary to eliminate leaks. Do not overtighten.



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FIGURE 2. OIL FILTER CHANGE



## IGNITION

### Spark Plugs

Refer to *Periodic Maintenance Schedule* for spark plug service interval. Replace spark plugs that show signs of fouling or electrode erosion. Refer to *Specifications* for spark plug gap.

### Breaker Points

Refer to *Periodic Maintenance Schedule* for breaker point checking and replacement intervals. Replace sooner if points are pitted or burned. See **ADJUSTMENTS**.

## COOLING SYSTEM

Refer to *Periodic Maintenance Schedule* for cooling system service interval. Clean cooling fins and chaff screen sooner if required. Remove any dust, dirt or oil which may have accumulated.

## BATTERY

Disconnect negative ground strap from the battery before working on any part of the electrical system or engine.

Disconnect positive terminals before charging battery to avoid damaging ignition system alternator or regulator.

**▲WARNING** *Ignition of explosive battery gases can result in severe personal injury. Do not smoke or allow any ignition source near the battery.*

### Cleaning Battery

Keep the battery clean by wiping it with a damp cloth whenever dirt appears excessive.

If corrosion is present around the terminal connections, remove battery cables and wash the terminals with an ammonia solution or a solution consisting of 1/4 pound of baking soda added to 1 quart of water.

Be sure the vent plugs are tight to prevent cleaning solution from entering the cells.

After cleaning, flush the outside of the battery, the battery compartment, and surrounding areas with clear water.

Keep the battery terminals clean and tight. After making connections, coat the terminals with a light application of petroleum jelly or non-conductive grease to retard corrosion.

### Checking Specific Gravity

Use a battery hydrometer to check the specific gravity of the electrolyte in each battery cell.

Hold the hydrometer vertical and take the reading. Correct the reading by adding four gravity points (0.004) for every five degrees the electrolyte temperature is above 80°F (27°C) or subtracting four gravity points for every five degrees below 80°F (27°C). A fully charged battery will have a corrected specific gravity of 1.260. Charge the battery if the reading is below 1.215.

### Checking Electrolyte Level

Refer to *Periodic Maintenance Schedule* for checking electrolyte level interval.

Fill the battery cells to the bottom of the filler neck. If cells are low on water, add distilled water and recharge. If one cell is low, check case for leaks. Keep the battery case clean and dry. An accumulation of moisture will lead to a more rapid discharge and battery failure.

**▲CAUTION** *Water added to battery electrolyte in freezing weather can damage the battery. Do not add water to battery unless the engine is run long enough (two or three hours) to ensure a thorough mixing of water and electrolyte.*

### Storing Battery

If the engine is to be stored for more than 30 days, remove the battery. With the electrolyte level at the bottom of the split ring, charge the battery before storing it. After every 30 days the battery is in storage, bring it back up to full charge. To reduce self-discharge, store the battery in as cool a place as possible so long as the electrolyte does not freeze.

## CRANKCASE BREATHER

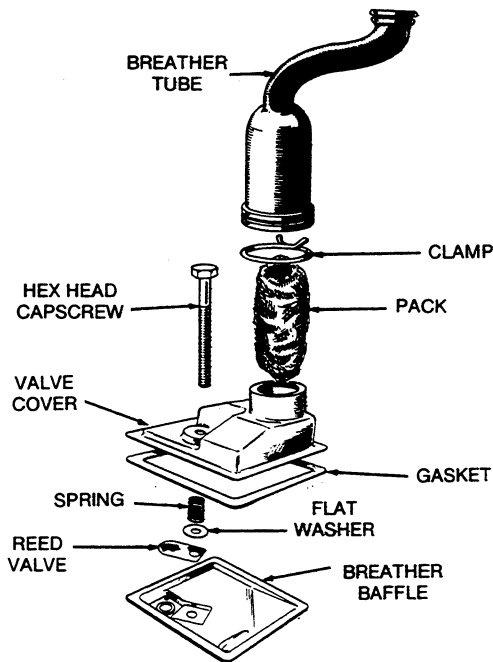
Refer to *Periodic Maintenance Schedule* for crankcase breather service interval. Service sooner if crankcase becomes pressurized as evidenced by oil leaks at the seals or excessive oil in the air cleaner housing.

**⚠WARNING** *Most parts cleaning solvents are flammable and can cause severe personal injury or death if used improperly. Follow the manufacturer's recommendations when cleaning parts.*

Remove the breather tube from the valve cover (Figure 3). Remove the pack, capscrew, flatwasher, valve cover and gasket, spring, flatwasher, reed valve, and breather baffle. Discard gasket and clean all parts in parts cleaning solvent.

**⚠CAUTION** *Overtightening the valve cover can cause engine damage. Do not overtighten valve cover.*

The reed valve must be flat with no sign of a crease. Assemble using a new gasket. Torque capscrew to 1-2 ft-lbs (1-3 Nm).



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FIGURE 3. CRANKCASE BREATHER

## EXHAUST SYSTEM

Make regular visual and audible inspections of the exhaust system throughout the entire life of the engine. Locate leaks in muffler and piping while the engine is operating. Repair all leaks immediately after they are detected for personal safety.

**⚠WARNING** *Breathing exhaust gases can result in severe personal injury or death. Inspect exhaust system audibly and visually for leaks daily and repair leaks immediately.*

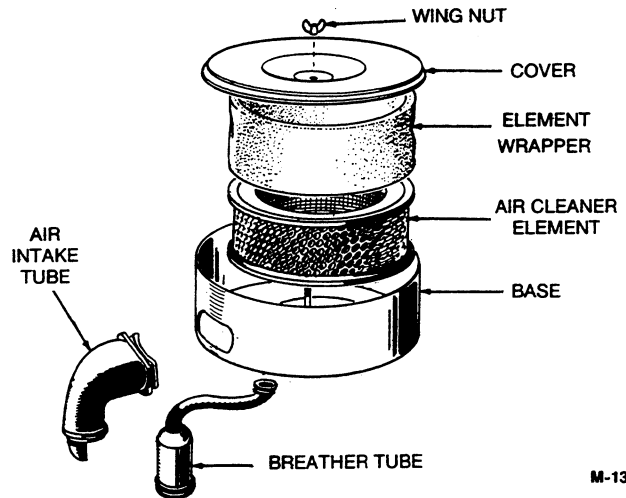
## AIR CLEANER

### Air Cleaner Element

Refer to *Periodic Maintenance Schedule* for air cleaner service and replacement interval. Service or replace more often when operating under severe operating conditions. Service by gently tapping element on a flat surface.

### Element Wrapper (Pre-Cleaner)

Refer to *Periodic Maintenance Schedule* for element wrapper service interval. Wash in water and detergent and squeeze dry like a sponge. Rinse with water (Figure 4). Allow to dry, then coat evenly with two tablespoons (28 grams) of SAE 30 engine oil. Knead into and wring out excess oil from element wrapper. Failure to adequately wring out excess oil from the wrapper may cause drop in engine horsepower due to an increased restriction of inlet air. Install over air cleaner element.



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1. WASH
2. SQUEEZE DRY
3. COAT WITH OIL
4. INSTALL OVER PAPER ELEMENT

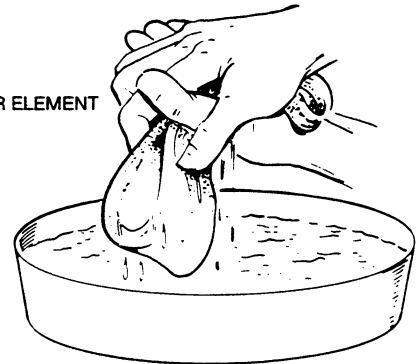


FIGURE 4. AIR CLEANER ASSEMBLY

## PERIODIC MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE

Follow a regular schedule of inspection and servicing, based on operating hours. Keep an accurate logbook of maintenance, servicing, and operating time. Use the factory recommended Periodic Maintenance Schedule (based on favorable operating conditions) to serve as a guide to get long and efficient engine life. Regular

service periods are recommended for normal service and operating conditions. For severe duty, extreme temperature, etc., service more frequently. Neglecting routine maintenance can result in engine failure or permanent damage.

For any abnormalities in operation, unusual noises from the engine or accessories, loss of power, overheating, etc., contact your nearest Onan Service Center.

## PERIODIC MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE

SERVICE THESE ITEMS	AFTER EACH CYCLE OF INDICATED HOURS				
	8	25	50	100	200
Inspect Engine Generally	X <sup>1</sup>				
Check Oil Level	X				
Service Air Cleaner		X <sup>2</sup>			
Change Crankcase Oil (with Filter)		X <sup>3</sup>	X <sup>2</sup>		
Change Crankcase Oil (without Filter)		X <sup>2</sup>			
Check Battery Electrolyte Level			X		
Clean Cooling Fins			X <sup>2</sup>		
Replace Oil Filter		X <sup>3</sup>		X <sup>2</sup>	
Check or Replace Spark Plugs				X	
Check Breaker Points				X	
Replace Points and Condenser					X
Clean Breather Valve					X <sup>2</sup>
Replace Air Cleaner Element					X <sup>2</sup>
Check Valve Clearance			X <sup>3</sup>		X <sup>4</sup>
Compression Check					X <sup>4</sup>
Clean Carbon and Lead Deposits (Cylinder Head)					X <sup>4,5</sup>

X<sup>1</sup> - Check for fuel leaks. With engine running, visually and audibly check exhaust system for leaks.

X<sup>2</sup> - Perform more often when running under severe operating conditions.

X<sup>3</sup> - Initial break-in check only.

X<sup>4</sup> - For detailed maintenance, contact an Onan Service Center or refer to the SERVICE MANUAL.

X<sup>5</sup> - For engines running on unleaded fuel this interval may be extended to 400 hours.

**▲WARNING** *Breathing exhaust gases can result in severe personal injury or death. Do not use air cleaner, exhaust elbow, or connecting parts as a supporting step. Damage to these and connecting parts can cause an exhaust leak.*

# Adjustments

## MARVEL SCHEBLER CARBURETOR

The carburetor idle and main mixture screws were set for maximum efficiency at the factory and should normally not be disturbed. If adjustments seem necessary, first be sure the ignition system is working properly and is not the source of the problem.

If adjustment is needed, proceed as follows:

1. Turn both mixture screws (Figure 5) in until lightly seated, then back the idle mixture screw out 1-1/8 turns and the main mixture screw out 1-1/4 turns.

### CAUTION

*Overtightening the mixture adjustment screw will cause carburetor damage. Turn mixture adjustment screw in only until light tension can be felt.*

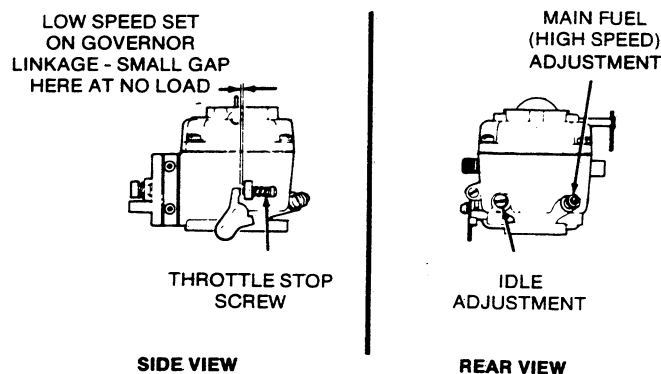


FIGURE 5. CARBURETOR ADJUSTMENTS

2. Start the engine and allow it to warm up thoroughly (at least 10 minutes).
3. Move the engine speed control to the slow position.
4. Determine if the engine has a governor low speed adjustment screw (Figure 6).
5. Pull the governor back so the throttle stop screw is against its stop. Continue to hold the governor arm in this position while completing the adjustments described in steps 6 through 8.
6. If the governor does not have a low speed adjustment screw, adjust the throttle stop screw to obtain 1200 RPM. If the governor does have a low speed adjustment screw, adjust the throttle stop screw to obtain 1100 RPM.

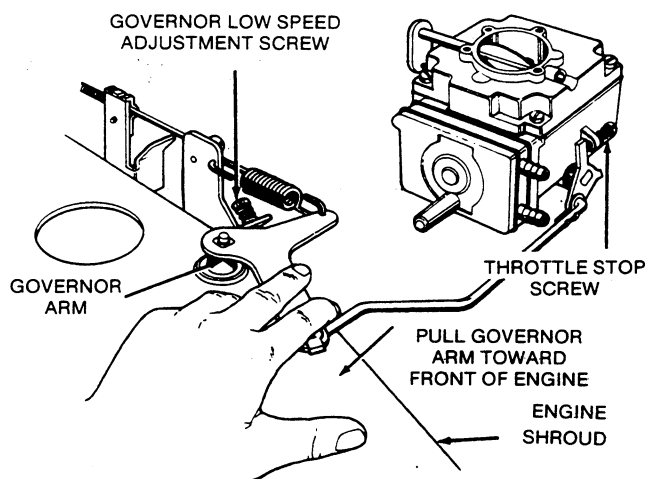


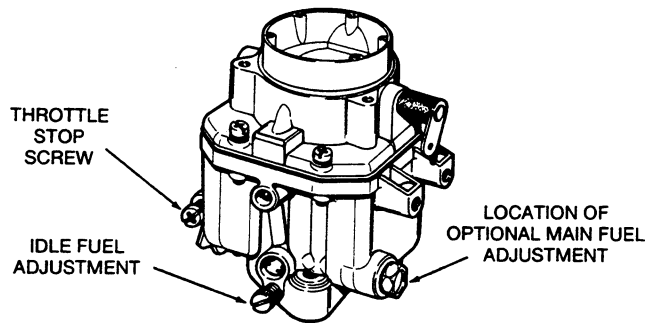
FIGURE 6. GOVERNOR SPEED ADJUSTMENT

7. Turn the idle adjustment screw, in until engine speed drops and then out until engine speed drops again. Over a narrow range between these two settings, engine speed will be at its maximum. Set the idle adjustment screw about 1/8 turn outward from the midpoint of this range.
8. Re-adjust the throttle stop screw to obtain the RPM specified in step #6 and release the governor arm.
9. Engines without a governor low speed adjustment screw require no further low speed adjustments. Engines with a governor low speed adjustment screw require the following low speed adjustment:
  - A. Check to see that the governor linkage moves freely and is not binding.
  - B. Adjust the governor low speed adjustment screw to obtain 1200 RPM.
10. Check the main mixture adjustment by rapidly accelerating the engine from idle to full. The engine should accelerate evenly and without hesitation. If it does not, turn the main adjustment screw out in 1/8 turn increments until the engine accelerates smoothly, but do not turn it out more than 1/2 turn beyond the original setting.

## NIKKI CARBURETOR

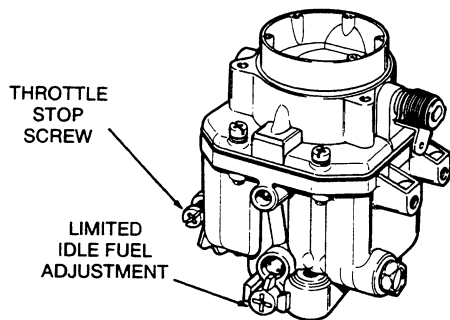
The carburetor mixture adjustments were set for maximum efficiency at the factory and should normally not be disturbed. If adjustments seem necessary, first be sure the ignition system is working properly and is not the source of the problem.

There are two Nikki carburetors available with this engine. If adjustment seems necessary, determine which Nikki you have (Figure 7) and proceed with appropriate sections.



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Nikki Full Adjustment



FS-1406-2

Nikki Limited Idle Mixture

FIGURE 7. CARBURETOR IDENTIFICATION AND ADJUSTMENTS

- 1A. **Nikki full adjustment carburetor.** Turn idle mixture screw in until lightly seated, then back idle mixture screw out  $3/4$  turn. On engines equipped with optional main fuel adjustment, turn main mixture screw in until lightly seated then back the main mixture screw out  $1-1/4$  turns to  $1-1/2$  turns.

### CAUTION

*Overtightening the mixture adjustment screw will cause carburetor damage. Turn mixture adjustment screw in only until light tension can be felt.*

- 1B. **Nikki limited idle mixture carburetor.** Idle fuel adjustment is restricted to  $1/4$  of a turn by a limiting cap. There is no main fuel adjustment screw.

2. Start the engine and allow it to warm up thoroughly (at least 10 minutes).

Some equipment manufacturer's may require higher throttle stop speed and governor low speed rpm settings. Refer to equipment manufacturer's Operator's Manual for the correct rpm settings. When rpm settings are not specified by the equipment manufacturer use the rpm settings listed in steps 3 and 5.

3. Move the engine speed control to the slow position. Bend or turn the low speed stop (Figure 8) on the governor so that the throttle stop screw on the carburetor controls engine speed. Adjust the throttle stop screw for 1000 rpm idle.

- 4A. **Nikki full adjustment carburetor.** Determine the best idle mixture setting by first turning the idle adjustment screw in until engine speed drops and then outward until engine speed drops again. Over a narrow range between these two settings, engine speed remains at its highest. Set the adjustment screw about  $1/8$  turn outward (rich) from the midpoint of this range.

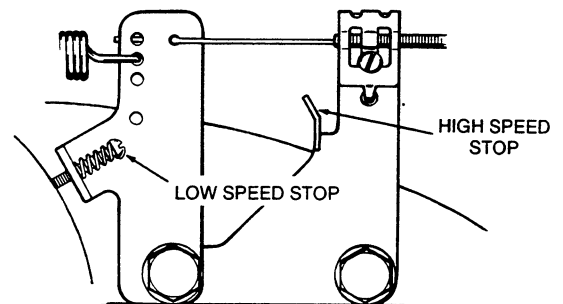
- 4B. **Nikki limited idle mixture carburetor.** Do not attempt to adjust the idle mixture setting. Proceed with the next step.

5. Readjust the throttle stop screw for 1000 rpm idle, then adjust the governor low speed stop for 1100 rpm idle.

6. Move the engine speed control to the fast position. Bend the high speed stop on the governor so the engine runs at the vehicle manufacturer's recommended speed.

7. **Main fuel adjustment (if equipped):**

Check the main mixture adjustment by rapidly accelerating the engine from idle to full speed. The engine should accelerate evenly and without hesitation. If it does not, turn the main adjustment screw out in  $1/8$  turn increments until the engine accelerates smoothly, but do not turn it out more than  $1/2$  turn beyond the original setting.



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Side Pull Governor Assembly

FIGURE 8. GOVERNOR SPEED ADJUSTMENT

## BREAKER POINTS

The timing is adjusted during initial engine assembly and is fixed by the point gap adjustment. To maintain maximum engine efficiency, change the breaker as recommended in the *Periodic Maintenance Schedule*.

### Replacement and Adjustment

1. Remove spark plugs.
2. Remove breaker box cover. Rotate crankshaft clockwise (facing flywheel) until points are fully open.
3. Remove condenser (screw A) and detach condenser lead and coil lead screw (screw B, Figure 9).
4. Remove two Allen screws (C) and lift breaker assembly from engine.
5. Replace condenser and point assembly with new parts and reinstall using above procedure in reverse order of removal.
6. Adjust point gap by rotating crankshaft clockwise (facing flywheel) by hand until the points are fully open. Set the point gap (using flat feeler gauge) to gap specified in *Specifications* by adjusting the Allen socket head screw (D) inward or outward (Figure 9). Make sure feeler gauge is clean and free of any grease, oil or dirt.

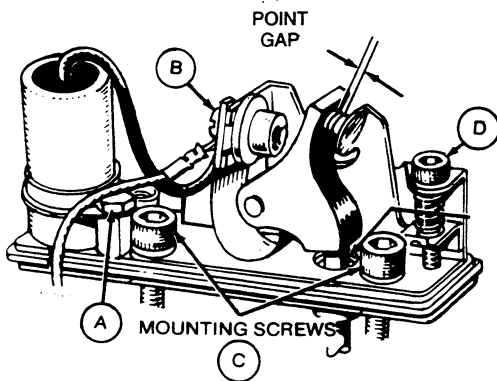


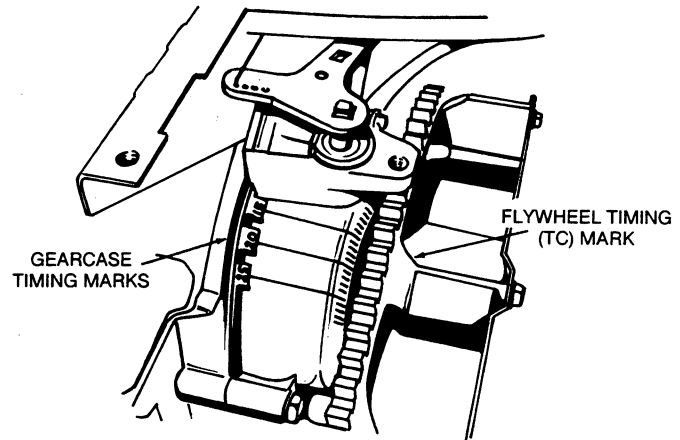
FIGURE 9. SETTING POINT GAP

7. Replace breaker box cover, coil wire, spark plugs, and spark plug cables.

### Timing Test

As a check for proper ignition timing a continuity test may be performed:

1. Adjust breaker points.
2. Remove blower housing to expose timing marks on top of gearcase cover and flywheel (Figure 10).



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FIGURE 10. TIMING MARKS

3. Rotate flywheel clockwise until timing mark is aligned with the mark corresponding to 21° BTC on top of gearcase cover.
4. Connect an ohmmeter or a continuity test lamp set across the ignition breaker points. Touch one test prod to the coil lead terminal (screw B, Figure 9).
5. Touch the other test prod to a good ground on the engine.
6. Turn crankshaft against rotation (counterclockwise) until the points close. Then slowly turn the crankshaft with rotation (clockwise).
7. The lamp should go out or continuity lost just as the points break which is where ignition occurs. If timing is early (advanced) the point gap is too large. If timing is late (retarded) the point gap is too small. Adjust point gap accordingly.





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