### Welcome Aboard!

Proper care and maintenance is an important part in keeping your Mercury Product operating at peak efficiency for maximum performance and economy. The enclosed Owner's Registration Card is your key to trouble-free family fun. Refer to your **Operation and Maintenance Manual** for full details of your warranty coverage.

Details of your nearest dealer can be found on **www.marinepower.com** where country maps and full contact information are displayed.

Is your engine properly registered for warranty purpose? Please check on www.marinepower.com. If necessary, please contact your local dealer.

If the outboard motor's serial number plate contains the CE mark in the lower left-hand corner, the following statement applies:

This outboard motor manufactured by Mercury Marine, Fond du Lac, WI, USA or Marine Power Europe Inc. Park Industrel, de Petit-Rechain, Belgium complies with the requirements of the following directives and standards, as amended:

Recreational Craft Directive: 94/25/EC; std. ISO 8665, ISO 11547

Machinery Directive: 98/37/EC.

EMC Directive: 89/336/EC; std. EN50081-1, SAE J551 (CISPR Pub. 12),

EN 50082-1, IEC 61000 PT4-2, IEC 61000 PT4-3

Patrick C. Mackey

President, Mercury Marine, Fond du Lac, WI USA

**European Regulations Contact:** 

Product Environmental Engineering Department, Mercury Marine, Fond du Lac, WI USA

## **TABLE OF CONTENTS**

### WARRANTY INFORMATION

Transfer Of Warranty Warranty Registration United States And Canada Warranty Registration Outside The United States And Canada. Mercury Marine Two Years Limited Warranty (Europe) Mercury Marine One Year Limited Warranty (Confederation of Independent States, Middle-East, Africa) 3 Year Limited Warranty Against Corrosion. Warranty Coverage And Exclusions	1 2 3
GENERAL INFORMATION	
Boater's Responsibilities	
Boat Horsepower Capacity	
Lanyard Stop Switch	9
Protecting People In The Water  Exhaust Emissions	
Selecting Accessories For Your Outboard.	
Safe Boating Suggestions	
Recording Serial Number	
4/5/6 4-stroke Specifications - International	13
INSTALLATION	
Installing Outboard	14
TRANSPORTING	
Carrying, Storing and Transporting Your Outboard When Removed From Boat  Trailering Your Boat	15 16
FUEL & OIL	
Gasoline Recommendations	17
Filling Fuel Tank	17
Engine Oil Recommendations	
Checking Engine Oil	18
FEATURES & CONTROLS	
Features & Controls	20
Tilting Outboard	22
Shallow Water Operation	22
Setting The Operating Angle Of Your Outboard	
Lingilie Over-Opeed i Toteotion Oystem	4

## **TABLE OF CONTENTS**

### **OPERATION**

Pre-Starting Check List	25
Operating In Freezing Temperatures	25
Operating In Freezing Femperatures	
Engine Break-in Procedure	
Starting The Engine	
Gear Shifting	
Stopping The Engine	
Emergency Starting	
MAINTENANCE	
Outboard Care	32
EPA Emissions	32
Inspection And Maintenance Schedule	33
Flushing The Cooling System	33
Top Cowl Removal And Installation	34
Corrosion Control Anode	34
Exterior Care	35
Fuel System	
Propeller Replacement	
Spark Plug Inspection And Replacement	
Lubrication Points	
Changing Engine Oil	
Gearcase Lubrication	
Submerged Outboard	42
STORAGE	
Storage Preparation	43
Protecting External Outboard Components	
Protecting Internal Engine Components	
Gearcase	
Positioning Outboard For Storage	43
OWNER SERVICE ASSISTANCE	
Local Repair Service	45
Service Away From Home	
Parts And Accessories Inquiries	
Service Assistance	
Mercury Marine Service Offices	45



### **Transfer Of Warranty**

The limited warranty is transferable to a subsequent purchaser, but only for the remainder of the unused portion of the limited warranty. This will not apply to products used for commercial applications.

To transfer the warranty to the subsequent owner, send or fax a copy of the bill of sale or purchase agreement, new owner's name, address and engine serial number to Mercury Marine's warranty registration department.

Mercury Marine

Attn: Warranty Registration Department

W6250 W. Pioneer Road

P.O. Box 1939

Fond du Lac, WI 54936-1939

920-929-5054

Upon processing the transfer of warranty, Mercury Marine will send registration verification to the new owner of the product by mail.

There is no charge for this service.

For products purchased outside the United States and Canada, contact the distributor in your country, or the Mercury Marine Service Office closest to you.

### Warranty Registration United States And Canada

 You may change your address at any time, including at time of warranty claim, by calling Mercury Marine or sending a letter or fax with your name, old address, new address, and engine serial number to Mercury Marine's warranty registration department. Your dealer can also process this change of information.

Mercury Marine

Attn: Warranty Registration Department

W6250 W. Pioneer Road

P.O. Box 1939

Fond du Lac, WI 54936-1939

920-929-5054

**NOTE:** Registration lists must be maintained by Mercury Marine and any dealer on marine products sold in the United States, should a safety recall notification under the Federal Safety Act be required.

- To be eligible for warranty coverage, the product must be registered with Mercury Marine. At the time of sale, the dealer should complete the warranty registration and immediately submit it to Mercury Marine via MercNET, E-mail, or mail. Upon receipt of this warranty registration, Mercury Marine will record the registration.
- Upon processing the warranty registration, Mercury Marine will send registration verification by mail to the
  purchaser of the product. If this registration verification is not received within 30 days, please contact your
  selling dealer immediately. Warranty coverage is not effective until your product is registered with Mercury
  Marine.

### Warranty Registration Outside The United States And Canada

- It is important that your selling dealer fills out the Warranty Registration Card completely and mails it to the
  distributor or Marine Power Service Center responsible for administering the warranty registration/claim
  program for your area.
- The Warranty Registration Card identifies your name and address, product model and serial numbers, date of sale, type of use and the selling distributor's/dealer's code number, name and address. The distributor/ dealer also certifies that you are the original purchaser and user of the product.
- 3. A copy of the Warranty Registration Card, designated as the Purchaser's Copy, MUST be given to you immediately after the card has been completely filled out by the selling distributor/dealer. This card represents your factory registration identification, and should be retained by you for future use when required. Should you ever require warranty service on this product, your dealer may ask you for the Warranty Registration Card to verify date of purchase and to use the information on the card to prepare the warranty claim forms.

4. In some countries, the Marine Power Service Center will issue you a permanent (plastic) Warranty Registration Card within 30 days after receiving the Factory Copy of the Warranty Registration Card from your distributor/dealer. If you receive a plastic Warranty Registration Card, you may discard the Purchaser's Copy that you received from the distributor/dealer when you purchased the product. Ask your distributor/ dealer if this plastic card program applies to you.

IMPORTANT: Registration lists must be maintained by the factory and dealer in some countries by law. It is our desire to have ALL products registered at the factory should it ever be necessary to contact you. Make sure your dealer/distributor fills out the warranty registration card immediately and sends the factory copy to the Marine Power International Service Center for your area.

5. For further information concerning the Warranty Registration Card and its relationship to Warranty Claim processing, refer to the International Warranty.

### Mercury Marine Two Years Limited Warranty (Europe)

**WHAT IS COVERED:** Mercury Marine warrants each new Mercury Outboard, Mariner Outboard, Jet Products, Thruster Electric Trolling Motors, Mercruiser Inboard or Sterndrive engine products to be free of defects in material and workmanship during the period described below.

**DURATION OF COVERAGE:** This Limited Warranty provides coverage for two (2) years from the date the product is first sold to a recreational use retail purchaser, or the date on which the product is first put into service, whichever occurs first. Commercial users of these products receive warranty coverage of two (2) years from the date of first retail sale, or the accumulation of 500 hours of operation, whichever occurs first. Commercial use is defined as any work or employment related use of the product, or any use of the product which generates income, for any part of the warranty period, even if the product is only occasionally used for such purposes. The repair or replacement of parts, or the performance of service under this warranty, does not extend the life of this warranty beyond its original expiration date. Unexpired warranty coverage can be transferred to one recreational use to a subsequent recreational use customer upon proper re–registration of the product.

CONDITIONS THAT MUST BE MET IN ORDER TO OBTAIN WARRANTY COVERAGE: Warranty coverage is available only to retail customers that purchase from a Dealer authorized by Mercury Marine to distribute the product in the country in which the sale occurred, and then only after the Mercury Marine specified pre-delivery inspection process is completed and documented. Warranty coverage becomes available upon proper registration of the product by the authorized dealer. Inaccurate warranty registration information regarding recreational use, or subsequent change of use from recreational to commercial (unless properly re-registered) may void the warranty at the sole discretion of Mercury Marine. Routine maintenance outlined in the Operation and Maintenance Manual must be timely performed in order to maintain warranty coverage. If this maintenance is performed by the retail customer Mercury Marine reserves the right to make future warranty coverage contingent on proof of proper maintenance.

WHAT MERCURY WILL DO: Mercury's sole and exclusive obligation under this warranty is limited to, at our option, repairing a defective part, replacing such part or parts with new or Mercury Marine certified re–manufactured parts, or refunding the purchase price of the Mercury product. Mercury reserves the right to improve or modify products from time to time without assuming an obligation to modify products previously manufactured.

HOW TO OBTAIN WARRANTY COVERAGE: The customer must provide Mercury with a reasonable opportunity to repair, and reasonable access to the product for warranty service. Warranty claims shall be made by delivering the product for inspection to a Mercury dealer authorized to service the product. If purchaser cannot deliver the product to such a dealer, written notice must be given to Mercury. We will then arrange for the inspection and any covered repair. Purchaser in that case shall pay for all related transportation charges and/or travel time. If the service provided is not covered by this warranty, purchaser shall pay for all related labor and material, and any other expenses associated with that service. Purchaser shall not, unless requested by Mercury, ship the product or parts of the product directly to Mercury. The warranty registration card is the only valid registration identification and must be presented to the dealer at the time warranty service is requested in order to obtain coverage.

WHAT IS NOT COVERED: This limited warranty does not cover routine maintenance items, tune ups, adjustments, normal wear and tear, damage caused by abuse, abnormal use, use of a propeller or gear ratio that does not allow the engine to run in its recommended wide open throttle RPM range (see the Operation and Maintenance Manual), operation of the product in a manner inconsistent with the recommended operation/duty cycle section of the Operation and Maintenance Manual, neglect, accident, submersion, improper installation (proper installation specifications and techniques are set forth in the installation instructions for the product), improper service, use of an accessory or part not manufactured or sold by us, jet pump impellers and liners, operation with fuels, oils or lubricants which are not suitable for use with the product (see the Operation and Maintenance Manual), alteration or removal of parts, or water entering the engine through the fuel intake, air intake or exhaust system. Use of the product for racing or other competitive activity, or operating with a racing type lower unit, at any point, even by a prior owner of the product, voids the warranty.

Expenses related to haul out, launch, towing, storage, telephone, rental, inconvenience, slip fees, insurance coverage, loan payments, loss of time, loss of income, or any other type of incidental or consequential damages are not covered by this warranty. Also, expenses associated with the removal and/or replacement of boat partitions or material caused by boat design for access to the product are not covered by this warranty.

No individual or entity, including Mercury Marine authorized dealers, has been given authority by Mercury Marine to make any affirmation, representation or warranty regarding the product, other than those contained in this limited warranty, and if made, shall not be enforceable against Mercury Marine.

For additional information regarding events and circumstances covered by this warranty, and those that are not, see the Warranty Coverage section of the Operation and Maintenance Manual, incorporated by reference into this warranty.

### **DISCLAIMERS AND LIMITATIONS:**

THE IMPLIED WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY AND FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE ARE EXPRESSLY DISCLAIMED. TO THE EXTENT THAT THEY CANNOT BE DISCLAIMED, THE IMPLIED WARRANTIES ARE LIMITED IN DURATION TO THE LIFE OF THE EXPRESS WARRANTY. INCIDENTAL AND CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES ARE EXCLUDED FROM COVERAGE UNDER THIS WARRANTY. SOME STATES/COUNTRIES DO NOT ALLOW FOR THE DISCLAIMERS, LIMITATIONS AND EXCLUSIONS IDENTIFIED ABOVE, AS A RESULT, THEY MAY NOT APPLY TO YOU. THIS WARRANTY GIVES YOU SPECIFIC LEGAL RIGHTS, AND YOU MAY ALSO HAVE OTHER LEGAL RIGHTS WHICH VARY FROM STATE TO STATE AND COUNTRY TO COUNTRY.

# Mercury Marine One Year Limited Warranty (Confederation of Independent States, Middle-East, Africa)

**WHAT IS COVERED:** Mercury Marine warrants each new Mercury outboard, Mariner outboard, Jet Products, Thruster Electric Trolling Motors, Mercruiser Inboard or Sterndrive engine products to be free of defects in material and workmanship during the period described below.

**DURATION OF COVERAGE:** This Limited Warranty provides coverage for one (1) year from the date the product is first sold to a recreational use retail purchaser, or the date on which the product is first put into service, whichever occurs first. Commercial users of these products receive warranty coverage of one (1) years from the date of first retail sale, or the accumulation of 500 hours of operation, whichever occurs first. Commercial use is defined as any work or employment related use of the product, or any use of the product which generates income, for any part of the warranty period, even if the product is only occasionally used for such purposes. The repair or replacement of parts, or the performance of service under this warranty, does not extend the life of this warranty beyond its original expiration date. Unexpired warranty coverage can be transferred to a subsequent purchaser upon proper re–registration of the product.

CONDITIONS THAT MUST BE MET IN ORDER TO OBTAIN WARRANTY COVERAGE: Warranty coverage is available only to retail customers that purchase from a Dealer authorized by Mercury Marine to distribute the product in the country in which the sale occurred, and then only after the Mercury Marine specified pre-delivery inspection process is completed and documented. Warranty coverage becomes available upon proper registration of the product by the authorized dealer. Inaccurate warranty registration information regarding recreational use, or subsequent change of use from recreational to commercial (unless properly re-registered) may void the warranty at the sole discretion of Mercury Marine. Routine maintenance outlined in the Operation and Maintenance Manual must be timely performed in order to maintain warranty coverage. If this maintenance is performed by the retail customer Mercury Marine reserves the right to make future warranty coverage contingent on proof of proper maintenance.

WHAT MERCURY WILL DO: Mercury's sole and exclusive obligation under this warranty is limited to, at our option, repairing a defective part, replacing such part or parts with new or Mercury Marine certified re–manufactured parts, or refunding the purchase price of the Mercury product. Mercury reserves the right to improve or modify products from time to time without assuming an obligation to modify products previously manufactured.

HOW TO OBTAIN WARRANTY COVERAGE: The customer must provide Mercury with a reasonable opportunity to repair, and reasonable access to the product for warranty service. Warranty claims shall be made by delivering the product for inspection to a Mercury dealer authorized to service the product. If purchaser cannot deliver the product to such a dealer, written notice must be given to Mercury. We will then arrange for the inspection and any covered repair. Purchaser in that case shall pay for all related transportation charges and/or travel time. If the service provided is not covered by this warranty, purchaser shall pay for all related laborand material, and any other expenses associated with that service. Purchaser shall not, unless requested by Mercury, ship the product or parts of the product directly to Mercury. The warranty registration card is the only valid registration identificationand must be presented to the dealer at the time warranty service is requested in order to obtain coverage.

WHAT IS NOT COVERED: This limited warranty does not cover routine maintenance items, tune ups, adjustments, normal wear and tear, damage caused by abuse, abnormal use, use of a propeller or gear ratio that does not allow the engine to run in its recommended wide open throttle RPM range (see the Operation and Maintenance Manual), operation of the product in a manner inconsistent with the recommended operation/duty cycle section of the Operation and Maintenance Manual, neglect, accident, submersion, improper installation (proper installation specifications and techniques are set forth in the installation instructions for the product), improper service, use of an accessory or part not manufactured or sold by us, jet pump impellers and liners, operation with fuels, oils or lubricants which are not suitable for use with the product (see the Operation and Maintenance Manual), alteration or removal of parts, or water entering the engine through the fuel intake, air intake or exhaust system. Use of the product for racing or other competitive activity, or operating with a racing type lower unit, at any point, even by a prior owner of the product, voids the warranty.

Expenses related to haul out, launch, towing, storage, telephone, rental, inconvenience, slip fees, insurance coverage, loan payments, loss of time, loss of income, or any other type of incidental or consequential damages are not coveredby this warranty. Also, expenses associated with the removal and/or replacement of boat partitions or material caused by boat design for access to the product are not covered by this warranty.

No individual or entity, including Mercury Marine authorized dealers, has been given authority by Mercury Marine to make any affirmation, representation or warranty regarding the product, other than those contained in this limited warranty, and if made, shall not be enforceable against Mercury Marine.

For additional information regarding events and circumstances covered by this warranty, and those that are not, see the Warranty Coverage section of the Operation and Maintenance Manual, incorporated by reference into this warranty.

### **DISCLAIMERS AND LIMITATIONS:**

THE IMPLIED WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY AND FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE ARE EXPRESSLY DISCLAIMED. TO THE EXTENT THAT THEY CANNOT BE DISCLAIMED, THE IMPLIED WARRANTIES ARE LIMITED IN DURATION TO THE LIFE OF THE EXPRESS WARRANTY. INCIDENTAL AND CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES ARE EXCLUDED FROM COVERAGE UNDER THIS WARRANTY. SOME STATES/COUNTRIES DO NOT ALLOW FOR THE DISCLAIMERS, LIMITATIONS AND EXCLUSIONS IDENTIFIED ABOVE, AS A RESULT, THEY MAY NOT APPLY TO YOU. THIS WARRANTY GIVES YOU SPECIFIC LEGAL RIGHTS, AND YOU MAY ALSO HAVE OTHER LEGAL RIGHTS WHICH VARY FROM STATE TO STATE AND COUNTRY TO COUNTRY.

### 3 Year Limited Warranty Against Corrosion

**WHAT IS COVERED:** Mercury Marine warrants that each new Mercury, Mariner, Mercury Racing, Sport Jet, M<sup>2</sup> Jet Drive, Tracker by Mercury Marine Outboard, MerCruiser Inboard or sterndrive engine (Product) will not be rendered inoperative as a direct result of corrosion for the period of time described below.

**DURATION OF COVERAGE:** This limited corrosion warranty provides coverage for three (3) years from either the date the product is first sold, or the date on which the product is first put into service, whichever occurs first. The repair or replacement of parts, or the performance of service under this warranty does not extend the life of this warranty beyond its original expiration date. Unexpired warranty coverage can be transferred to subsequent (non-commercial use) purchaser upon proper re-registration of the product.

CONDITIONS THAT MUST BE MET IN ORDER TO OBTAIN WARRANTY COVERAGE: Warranty coverage is available only to retail customers that purchase from a Dealer authorized by Mercury Marine to distribute the product in the country in which the sale occurred, and then only after the Mercury Marine specified pre-delivery inspection process is completed and documented. Warranty coverage becomes available upon proper registration of the product by the authorized dealer. Corrosion prevention devices specified in the Operation and Maintenance Manual must be in use on the boat, and routine maintenance outlined in the Operation and Maintenance Manual must be timely performed (including without limitation the replacement of sacrificial anodes, use of specified lubricants, and touch-up of nicks and scratches) in order to maintain warranty coverage. Mercury Marine reserves the right to make warranty coverage contingent upon proof of proper maintenance.

WHAT MERCURY WILL DO: Mercury's sole and exclusive obligation under this warranty is limited to, at our option, repairing a corroded part, replacing such part or parts with new or Mercury Marine certified re-manufactured parts, or refunding the purchase price of the Mercury product. Mercury reserves the right to improve or modify products from time to time without assuming an obligation to modify products previously manufactured.

HOW TO OBTAIN WARRANTY COVERAGE: The customer must provide Mercury with a reasonable opportunity to repair, and reasonable access to the product for warranty service. Warranty claims shall be made by delivering the product for inspection to a Mercury dealer authorized to service the product. If purchaser cannot deliver the product to such a dealer, written notice must be given to Mercury. We will then arrange for the inspection and any covered repair. Purchaser in that case shall pay for all related transportation charges and/or travel time. If the service provided is not covered by this warranty, purchaser shall pay for all related labor and material, and any other expenses associated with that service. Purchaser shall not, unless requested by Mercury, ship the product or parts of the product directly to Mercury. Proof of registered ownership must be presented to the dealer at the time warranty service is requested in order to obtain coverage.

WHAT IS NOT COVERED: This limited warranty does not cover electrical system corrosion; corrosion resulting from damage, corrosion which causes purely cosmetic damage, abuse or improper service; corrosion to accessories, instruments, steering systems; corrosion to factory installed jet drive unit; damage due to marine growth; product sold with less than a one year limited Product warranty; replacement parts (parts purchased by customer); products used in a commercial application. Commercial use is defined as any work or employment related use of the product, or any use of the product which generates income, for any part of the warranty period, even if the product is only occasionally used for such purposes.

Corrosion damage caused by stray electrical currents (on-shore power connections, nearby boats, submerged metal) is not covered by this corrosion warranty and should be protected against by the use of a corrosion protection system, such as the Mercury Precision Parts or Quicksilver MerCathode system and/or Galvanic Isolator. Corrosion damage caused by improper application of copper base anti-fouling paints is also not covered by this limited warranty. If anti-fouling protection is required, Tri-Butyl-Tin-Adipate (TBTA) base anti-fouling paints are recommended on Outboard and MerCruiser boating applications. In areas where TBTA base paints are prohibited by law, copper base paints can be used on the hull and transom. Do not apply paint to the outboard or MerCruiser product. In addition, care must be taken to avoid an electrical interconnection between the warranted product and the paint. For MerCruiser product, an unpainted gap of at least 38 mm (1.5 in.) should be left around the transom assembly. Refer to the Operation and Maintenance Manual for additional details.

For additional information regarding events and circumstances covered by this warranty, and those that are not, see the Warranty Coverage section of the Operation and Maintenance Manual, incorporated by reference into this warranty.

### **DISCLAIMERS AND LIMITATIONS:**

THE IMPLIED WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY AND FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE ARE EXPRESSLY DISCLAIMED. TO THE EXTENT THAT THEY CANNOT BE DISCLAIMED, THE IMPLIED WARRANTIES ARE LIMITED IN DURATION TO THE LIFE OF THE EXPRESS WARRANTY. INCIDENTAL AND CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES ARE EXCLUDED FROM COVERAGE UNDER THIS WARRANTY. SOME STATES/COUNTRIES DO NOT ALLOW FOR THE DISCLAIMERS, LIMITATIONS AND EXCLUSIONS IDENTIFIED ABOVE, AS A RESULT, THEY MAY NOT APPLY TO YOU. THIS WARRANTY GIVES YOU SPECIFIC LEGAL RIGHTS, AND YOU MAY ALSO HAVE OTHER LEGAL RIGHTS WHICH VARY FROM STATE TO STATE AND COUNTRY TO COUNTRY.

### Warranty Coverage And Exclusions

The purpose of this section is to help eliminate some of the more common misunderstandings regarding warranty coverage. The following information explains some of the types of services that are not covered by warranty. The provisions set forth following have been incorporated by reference into the Three Year Limited Warranty Against Corrosion Failure, the International Limited Outboard Warranty, and the United States and Canada Limited Outboard Warranty.

Keep in mind that warranty covers repairs that are needed within the warranty period because of defects in material and workmanship. Installation errors, accidents, normal wear, and a variety of other causes that affect the product are not covered.

Warranty is limited to defects in material or workmanship, but only when the consumer sale is made in the country to which distribution is authorized by us.

Should you have any questions concerning warranty coverage, contact your authorized dealer. They will be pleased to answer any questions that you may have.

### GENERAL EXCLUSIONS FROM WARRANTY

- Minor adjustments and tune-ups, including checking, cleaning or adjusting spark plugs, ignition components, carburetor settings, filters, belts, controls, and checking lubrication made in connection with normal services.
- Factory installed jet drive units Specific parts excluded from the warranty are: The jet drive impeller and jet drive liner damaged by impact or wear, and water damaged drive shaft bearings as a result of improper maintenance.
- Damage caused by neglect, lack of maintenance, accident, abnormal operation or improper installation or service.
- 4. Haul out, launch, towing charges, removal and/or replacement of boat partitions or material because of boat design for necessary access to the product, all related transportation charges and/or travel time, etc. Reasonable access must be provided to the product for warranty service. Customer must deliver product to an authorized dealer.
- 5. Additional service work requested by customer other than that necessary to satisfy the warranty obligation.

- 6. Labor performed by other than an authorized dealer may be covered only under following circumstances: When performed on emergency basis (providing there are no authorized dealers in the area who can perform the work required or have no facilities to haul out, etc., and prior factory approval has been given to have the work performed at this facility).
- All incidental and/or consequential damages (storage charges, telephone or rental charges of any type, inconvenience or loss of time or income) are the owner's responsibility.
- 8. Use of other than Mercury Precision or Quicksilver parts when making warranty repairs.
- 9. Oils, lubricants or fluids changed as a matter of normal maintenance is customer's responsibility unless loss or contamination of same is caused by product failure that would be eligible for warranty consideration.
- 10. Participating in or preparing for racing or other competitive activity or operating with a racing type lower unit.
- 11. Engine noise does not necessarily indicate a serious engine problem. If diagnosis indicates a serious internal engine condition which could result in a failure, condition responsible for noise should be corrected under the warranty.
- 12. Lower unit and/or propeller damage caused by striking a submerged object is considered a marine hazard.
- 13. Water entering engine through the fuel intake, air intake or exhaust system or submersion.
- 14. Failure of any parts caused by lack of cooling water, which results from starting motor out of water, foreign material blocking inlet holes, motor being mounted too high or trimmed too far out.
- Use of fuels and lubricants which are not suitable for use with or on the product. Refer to the Maintenance section
- 16. Our limited warranty does not apply to any damage to our products caused by the installation or use of parts and accessories which are not manufactured or sold by us. Failures which are not related to the use of those parts or accessories are covered under warranty if they otherwise meet the terms of the limited warranty for that product.

### **Boater's Responsibilities**

The operator (driver) is responsible for the correct and safe operation of the boat and safety of its occupants and general public. It is strongly recommended that each operator (driver) read and understand this entire manual before operating the outboard.

Be sure at least one additional person on board is instructed in the basics of starting and operating the outboard and boat handling in case the driver is unable to operate the boat.

### **Before Operating Your Outboard**

Read this manual carefully. Learn how to operate your outboard properly. If you have any questions, contact your dealer.

Safety and operating information that is practiced, along with using good common sense, can help prevent personal injury and product damage.

This manual as well as safety labels posted on the outboard use the following safety alerts to draw your attention to special safety instructions that should be followed.

## DANGER

DANGER - indicates an imminently hazardous situation that, if not avoided, will result in death or serious injury.

### WARNING

WARNING - indicates a potentially hazardous situation that, if not avoided, could result in death or serious injury.

### **A CAUTION**

CAUTION - indicates a potentially hazardous situation that, if not avoided, may result in minor or moderate injury or property damage. It may also be used to alert against unsafe practices.

### **Boat Horsepower Capacity**

## **MARNING**

Using an outboard that exceeds the maximum horsepower limit of a boat can: 1) cause loss of boat control 2) place too much weight at the transom altering the designed flotation characteristics of the boat or 3) cause the boat to break apart particularly around the transom area. Overpowering a boat can result in serious injury, death or boat damage.

Do not overpower or overload your boat. Most boats will carry a required capacity plate indicating the maximum acceptable power and load as determined by the manufacturer following certain federal guidelines. If in doubt, contact your dealer or the boat manufacturer.

U.S. COAST GUARD CAPACITY

MAXIMUM HORSEPOWER XXX

MAXIMUM PERSON
CAPACITY (POUNDS) XXX

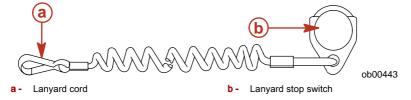
MAXIMUM WEIGHT
CAPACITY XXX

ob00306

### Lanyard Stop Switch

The purpose of a lanyard stop switch is to turn off the engine when the operator moves far enough away from the operator's position (as in accidental ejection from the operator's position) to activate the switch. Tiller handle outboards and some remote control units are equipped with a lanyard stop switch. A lanyard stop switch can be installed as an accessory - generally on the dashboard or side adjacent to the operator's position.

The lanyard is a cord usually between 1220 and 1524 mm (4 and 5 feet) in length when stretched out, with an element on one end made to be inserted into the switch and a snap on the other end for attaching to the operator. The lanyard is coiled to make its at-rest condition as short as possible to minimize the likelihood of lanyard entanglement with nearby objects. Its stretched-out length is made to minimize the likelihood of accidental activation should the operator choose to move around in an area close to the normal operator's position. If it is desired to have a shorter lanyard, wrap the lanyard around the operator's wrist or leg, or tie a knot in the lanyard.



Read the following Safety Information before proceeding.

**Important Safety Information:** The purpose of a lanyard stop switch is to stop the engine when the operator moves far enough away from the operator's position to activate the switch. This would occur if the operator accidentally falls overboard or moves within the boat a sufficient distance from the operator's position. Falling overboard and accidental ejections are more likely to occur in certain types of boats such as low sided inflatables, bass boats, high performance boats, and light, sensitive handling fishing boats operated by a hand tiller. Falling overboard and accidental ejections are also likely to occur as a result of poor operating practices such as sitting on the back of the seat or gunwale at planing speeds, standing at planing speeds, sitting on elevated fishing boat decks, operating at planing speeds in shallow or obstacle infested waters, releasing your grip on a steering wheel or tiller handle that is pulling in one direction, drinking alcohol or consuming drugs, or daring, high speed boat maneuvers.

While activation of the lanyard stop switch will stop the engine immediately, a boat will continue to coast for some distance depending upon the velocity and degree of any turn at shut down. However, the boat will not complete a full circle. While the boat is coasting, it can cause injury to anyone in the boat's path as seriously as the boat would when under power.

## WARNING

Should the operator fall out of the boat, the possibility of serious injury or death from being run over by the boat can be greatly reduced by stopping the engine immediately. Always properly connect both ends of the stop switch lanyard to the stop switch and the operator.

We strongly recommend that other occupants be instructed on proper starting and operating procedures should they be required to operate the engine in an emergency (e.g. if the operator is accidentally ejected).

## **WARNING**

Avoid serious injury or death from deceleration forces resulting from accidental or unintended stop switch activation. The boat operator should never leave the operator's station without first disconnecting the stop switch lanyard from the operator.

Accidental or unintended activation of the switch during normal operation is also a possibility. This could cause any, or all, of the following potentially hazardous situations:

- Occupants could be thrown forward due to unexpected loss of forward motion a particular concern for
  passengers in the front of the boat who could be ejected over the bow and possibly struck by the gearcase
  or propeller.
- Loss of power and directional control in heavy seas, strong current or high winds.
- Loss of control when docking.

# Protecting People In The Water WHILE YOU ARE CRUISING

It is very difficult for a person standing or floating in the water to take quick action to avoid a boat heading in his/her direction, even at slow speed.



Always slow down and exercise extreme caution any time you are boating in an area where there might be people in the water.

Whenever a boat is moving (coasting) and the outboard gear shift is in neutral position, there is sufficient force by the water on the propeller to cause the propeller to rotate. This neutral propeller rotation can cause serious injury.

### WHILE BOAT IS STATIONARY

### **M** WARNING

Stop your engine immediately whenever anyone in the water is near your boat. Serious injury to the person in the water is likely if contacted by a rotating propeller, a moving boat, a moving gearcase, or any solid device rigidly attached to a moving boat or gearcase.

Shift outboard into neutral and shut off the engine before allowing people to swim or be in the water near your boat.

### Exhaust Emissions

### BE ALERT TO CARBON MONOXIDE POISONING

Carbon monoxide is present in the exhaust fumes of all internal combustion engines. This includes the outboards, sterndrives and inboard engines that propel boats, as well as the generators that power various boat accessories. Carbon monoxide is a deadly gas that is odorless, colorless and tasteless.

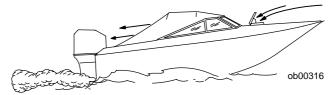
Early symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning which should not be confused with seasickness or intoxication, include headache, dizziness, drowsiness, and nausea.

## **WARNING**

Avoid the combination of a running engine and poor ventilation. Prolonged exposure to carbon monoxide in sufficient concentration can lead to unconsciousness, brain damage, or death.

### **GOOD VENTILATION**

Ventilate passenger area, open side curtains, or forward hatches to remove fumes.



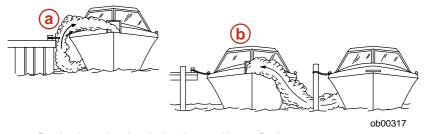
Example of desired air flow through the boat.

### POOR VENTILATION

Under certain running and/or wind conditions, permanently enclosed or canvas enclosed cabins or cockpits with insufficient ventilation may draw in carbon monoxide. Install one or more carbon monoxide detectors in your boat.

Although the occurrence is rare, on a very calm day, swimmers and passengers in an enclosed area of a stationary boat that contains or is near a running engine may be exposed to a hazardous level of carbon monoxide.

### WHILE BOAT IS STATIONARY



- a Running the engine when the boat is moored in a confined space.
- **b** Mooring close to another boat that has its engine running.

### WHILE BOAT IS MOVING



- a Running the boat with the trim angle of the bow too high.
- **b** Running the boat with no forward hatches open.

### Selecting Accessories For Your Outboard

Genuine Mercury Precision or Quicksilver Accessories have been specifically designed and tested for your outboard. These accessories are available from Mercury Marine dealers.

## **WARNING**

Check with your dealer before installation of accessories. The misuse of acceptable accessories or the use of unacceptable accessories can result in serious injury, death, or product failure.

Some accessories not manufactured or sold by Mercury Marine are not designed to be safely used with your outboard or outboard operating system. Acquire and read the installation, operation, and maintenance manuals for all your selected accessories.

### Safe Boating Suggestions

In order to safely enjoy the waterways, familiarize yourself with local and other governmental boating regulations and restrictions, and consider the following suggestions.

**Use flotation devices.** Have an approved personal flotation device of suitable size for each person aboard (it is the law) and have it readily accessible.

**Do not overload your boat.** Most boats are rated and certified for maximum load (weight) capacities (refer to your boat capacity plate). If in doubt, contact your dealer or the boats manufacturer.

**Perform safety checks and required maintenance**. Follow a regular schedule and ensure that all repairs are properly made.

**Know and obey all nautical rules and laws of the waterways**. Boat operators should complete a boating safety course. Courses are offered in the U.S.A. by 1) The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, 2) The Power Squadron, 3) The Red Cross and 4) your state boating law enforcement agency. Inquiries may be made to the Boating Hotline, 1-800-368-5647 or the Boat U.S. Foundation information number 1-800-336-BOAT.

Make sure everyone in the boat is properly seated. Do not allow anyone to sit or ride on any part of the boat that was not intended for such use. This includes the back of seats, gunwales, transom, bow, decks, raised fishing seats, any rotating fishing seat; or anywhere that an unexpected acceleration, sudden stopping, unexpected loss of boat control, or sudden boat movement could cause a person to be thrown overboard or into the boat.

Never be under the influence of alcohol or drugs while boating (it is the law). Alcohol or drug use impairs your judgment and greatly reduces your ability to react quickly.

**Prepare other boat operators.** Instruct at least one other person on board in the basics of starting and operating the outboard, and boat handling, in case the driver becomes disabled or falls overboard.

Passenger boarding. Stop the engine whenever passengers are boarding, unloading, or are near the back (stern) of the boat. Just shifting the outboard into neutral is not sufficient.

**Be alert.** The operator of the boat is responsible by law to maintain a proper lookout by sight and hearing. The operator must have an unobstructed view particularly to the front. No passengers, load, or fishing seats should block the operators view when operating the boat above idle speed.

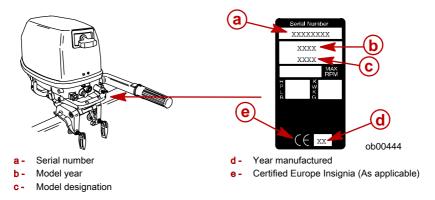
Never drive your boat directly behind a water skier in case the skier falls. As an example, your boat traveling at 40 km/h (25 MPH) will overtake a fallen skier 61 m (200 ft.) in front of you in 5 seconds.

**Watch fallen skiers.** When using your boat for water skiing or similar activities, always keep a fallen or down skier on the operator's side of the boat while returning to assist the skier. The operator should always have the down skier in sight and never back up to the skier or anyone in the water.

**Report accidents.** Boat operators are required by law to file a Boating Accident Report with their state boating law enforcement agency when their boat is involved in certain boating accidents. A boating accident must be reported if 1) there is loss of life or probable loss of life, 2) there is personal injury requiring medical treatment beyond first aid, 3) there is damage to boats or other property where the damage value exceeds \$500.00 or 4) there is complete loss of the boat. Seek further assistance from local law enforcement.

### **Recording Serial Number**

It is important to record this number for future reference. The serial number is located on the outboard as shown.



## 4/5/6 4-stroke Specifications - International

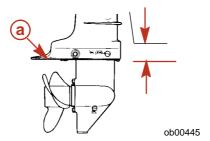
Models	4	5	6	
Horsepower	4	5	6	
Kilowatts	2.98	3.73	4.47	
Full Throttle RPM Range	4500	4500-5500 5000-6000		
Idle Speed in Forward Gear	1100 RP	1100 RPM in Gear 1300 RPM in Neutral		
Number of Cylinders		1		
Piston Displacement		123 cc (7.51 cu. in.)		
Cylinder Bore		59 mm (2.32 in.)		
Piston Stroke		45 mm (1.77 in.)		
Engine Oil Capacity		450 ml (15 fl. oz.)		
Recommended Spark Plug		NGK DCPR6E		
Spark Plug Gap		0.9 mm (0.035 in.)		
Gearcase Lubricant Capacity		195 ml (6.6 fl. oz.)		
Gear ratio		2.15:1		
Recommended Gasoline		Refer to Fuel & Oil		
Recommended Oil		Refer to Fuel & Oil		
Sound at Drivers Ear (ICOMIA 39-94)				
4-Stroke with tiller		80.3		

## **INSTALLATION**

## **Installing Outboard**

### **BOAT TRANSOM HEIGHT REQUIREMENT**

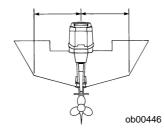
 Measure the transom height of your boat. The anti-ventilation plate should be 25 - 50 mm (1 - 2 in.) below the bottom of the boat.



a - Anti-ventilation plate

### **INSTALLING OUTBOARD ON TRANSOM**

1. Place outboard on center line of transom.



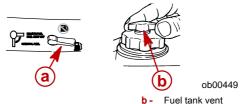
2. Tighten transom clamp handles.



### **TRANSPORTING**

# Carrying, Storing and Transporting Your Outboard When Removed From Boat

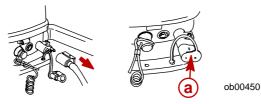
Internal fuel tank models - With the outboard still in the water, close the fuel valve and run engine until it stops. This will drain fuel from the carburetor. Close the fuel tank vent after engine has stopped.



a - Fuel valve

D- I dei talik velit

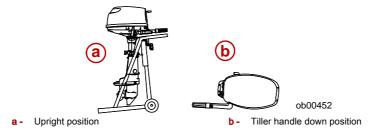
Remote fuel tank models - With the outboard still in the water, disconnect the remote fuel line and run engine until it stops. This will drain fuel from the carburetor. Install the protector cap over the fuel connector.



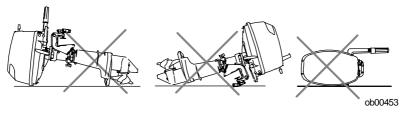
a - Protector cap

Remove outboard and hold it upright until the water is drained out. Keep the outboard in an upright position when carrying.

Carry, transport or store the outboard only in the upright position or tiller handle down position. These positions will prevent oil from draining out of the crankcase.



Never carry, store or transport the outboard in these positions. Engine damage could result from oil draining out of the crankcase.



## **TRANSPORTING**

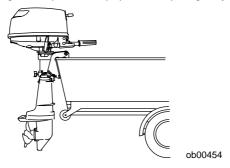
### **Trailering Your Boat**

IMPORTANT: The tilt lock mechanism is not intended to support the outboard in the tilted up position when trailering your boat. Use of the tilt lock mechanism could allow the outboard to bounce and drop down causing damage to the outboard.

Your boat should be trailered with the outboard tilted down (normal operating position).

If additional ground clearance is required, remove the outboard from the boat and store securely. Additional clearance may be needed for railroad crossings, driveways, and trailer bouncing.

Set the gear shift into forward gear. This prevents the propeller from spinning freely.



### **FUEL & OIL**

# Gasoline Recommendations UNITED STATES AND CANADA

Use a major brand of automotive unleaded gasoline with a minimum posted octane rating of 87. Mid-grade automotive gasolines that contain fuel injector cleaner are preferred for added internal engine cleanliness. Leaded gasoline is not recommended.

### INTERNATIONAL

Use a major brand of automotive unleaded gasoline with a minimum posted octane rating of 90RON. Automotive gasolines that contain fuel injector cleaner are preferred for added internal engine cleanliness. Leaded gasoline is acceptable in areas where unleaded gasoline is not available.

### USING REFORMULATED (OXYGENATED) FUELS - UNITED STATES ONLY

This type of fuel is required in certain areas of the United States. The two types of reformulated ingredients in these fuels are alcohol (Ethanol) or Ether (MTBE or ETBE). If Ethanol is the oxygenates that is used in the gasoline, refer to **Alcohol in Gasoline**.

These reformulated fuels are acceptable for use in the Mercury engine.

### ALCOHOL IN GASOLINE

We do not recommend the use of gasoline which contains alcohol because of the possible adverse effect the alcohol may have on the fuel system. In general, if only gasoline containing alcohol is available, it must not contain more than 10% ethanol or 5% methanol, and the addition of a water separating fuel filter is recommended.

If gasoline containing alcohol is used or if you suspect the presence of alcohol in your gasoline, increase your inspection of the fuel system, visually checking for fuel leaks or abnormalities.

Gasoline containing alcohol may cause the following problems to your outboard and fuel system:

- Corrosion of metal parts
- Deterioration of elastomers and plastic parts
- Wear and damage of internal engine parts
- Starting and operating difficulties
- Vapor lock or fuel starvation

Some of these adverse effects are due to the tendency of gasoline containing alcohol to absorb moisture from the air, resulting in a phase of water and alcohol which separates from the gasoline in the fuel tank.

The adverse effects of alcohol are more severe with methanol and are worse with increasing content of alcohol.

### Filling Fuel Tank

## **WARNING**

Avoid serious injury or death from a gasoline fire or explosion. Always stop the engine and do not smoke or allow open flames or sparks in the area while filling fuel tanks.

Fill fuel tanks outdoors away from heat, sparks, and open flames.

Remove portable fuel tanks from boat to refill them.

Always stop engine before refilling tanks.

Do not completely fill the fuel tanks. Leave approximately 10% of the tank volume unfilled. Fuel will expand in volume as its temperature rises and can leak under pressure if the tank is completely filled.

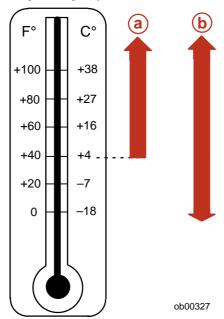
### PORTABLE FUEL TANK PLACEMENT IN THE BOAT

Place the fuel tank in the boat so the vent is higher than the fuel level under normal boat operating conditions.

### **FUEL & OIL**

### **Engine Oil Recommendations**

We recommend the use of Mercury or Quicksilver SAE 10W-30 multi-viscosity 4-Stroke Outboard Oil for general, all-temperature use. If SAE 25W-40 multi-viscosity oil is preferred, use Mercury MerCruiser 4-cycle engine oil or Quicksilver sterndrive & inboard 4-cycle engine oil. Never use 4-cycle engine oil that is not certified to meet or exceed any one or combination of the following American Petroleum Institute (API) Service Classification SH, SG, SF, CF-4, CE, CD, CDII. Severe engine damage may result from use of an inferior oil.



Recommended SAE Viscosity for Engine Oil

- a SAE 25W-40 viscosity oil may be used at temperatures above 4 °C (40 °F)
- **b** SAE 10W-30 viscosity oil is recommended for use in all temperatures.

### **Checking Engine Oil**

IMPORTANT: Do not overfill. Be sure that the outboard is upright (not tilted) when checking oil.

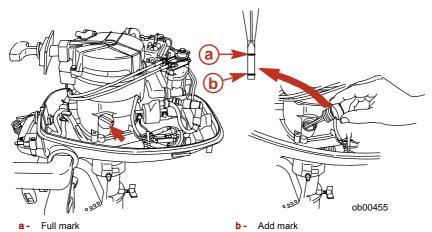
- 1. Position the outboard vertical and remove the top cowl.
- Remove the oil filler cap. Wipe oil off the dipstick and screw the oil filler cap back into the oil fill hole completely. Remove the oil filler cap and check oil level on dipstick. Oil must be between full mark and add mark. If oil level is low, add oil to bring level no higher than full mark.

NOTE: If oil level is at the add mark, add 100 ml (3 oz.) of oil.

IMPORTANT: Inspect oil for signs of contamination. Oil contaminated with water will have a milky color to it; oil contaminated with fuel will have a strong fuel smell. If contaminated oil is noticed, have the engine checked by your dealer.

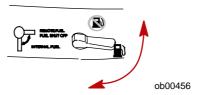
# **FUEL & OIL**

3. Reinstall the oil filler cap and tighten securely.



### Features & Controls

Fuel Shut-Off Valve (4 Hp Models) - Turn valve up to close or down to open. If an optional remote fuel tank is used, turn valve up when using the remote fuel tank. Turn valve down when using the internal fuel tank.

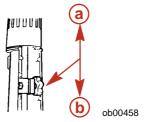


Choke Knob - Pull completely out when starting a cold engine. Push halfway in as engine is warming up. Push in completely after engine is warmed up.



ob00457

Throttle Grip Friction Knob - Turn friction knob to set and maintain the throttle at desired speed. Turn knob up to tighten friction and down to loosen friction.



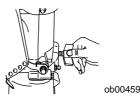
a - Direction to tighten friction

b - Direction to loosen friction

## **WARNING**

Avoid possible serious injury or death from loss of boat control. Maintain sufficient steering friction to prevent the outboard from steering into a full turn if the tiller handle or steering wheel is released.

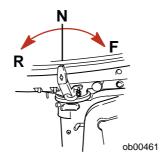
Steering Friction Adjustment - Adjust this knob to achieve the desired steering friction (drag) on the tiller handle. Turn knob clockwise to tighten friction and counterclockwise to loosen friction.



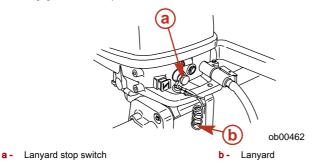
Oil Pressure Indicator - If oil pressure drops too low, the oil pressure indicator light will turn on. If the oil pressure indicator light turns on while the engine is running, stop the engine as soon as possible. Check oil level and add oil as needed. If the oil pressure indicator light should stay on when the oil level is correct, consult your dealer.



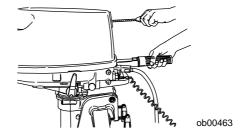
Side Handle Gear Shift - Controls gear shift.



Engine Stop Switch/Lanyard Stop Switch - Push in or pull lanyard to stop engine. The engine will not start unless the lanyard is engaged with the stop switch.



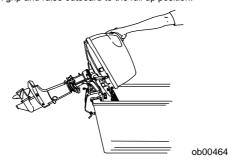
Starter Rope - Pulling the starter rope cranks the engine over for starting.



### **Tilting Outboard**

### **TILTING TO FULL UP POSITION**

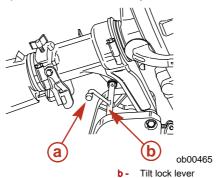
- 1. Stop the engine. Shift the outboard into forward gear.
- 2. Take hold of the top cowl grip and raise outboard to the full up position.



3. The spring loaded tilt lock lever will engage automatically and lock the outboard in full up position.

### LOWERING TO RUN POSITION

1. Raise the outboard and pull up on the tilt release lever. Gently lower outboard down.



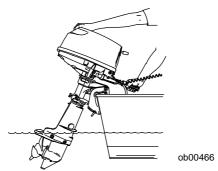
## **Shallow Water Operation**

Tilt release lever

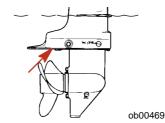
This outboard has a shallow water drive position. This will allow you to tilt the outboard to a higher position to prevent hitting bottom.

### **ENGAGING SHALLOW WATER DRIVE**

 Reduce engine speed to idle in forward gear. Take hold of the top cowl grip and raise outboard to the higher tilt position. The spring loaded tilt lock lever will engage automatically and lock the outboard in the shallow water drive position.

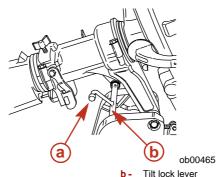


2. Ensure the cooling water intake is submerged.



IMPORTANT: Operate outboard at slow speed for shallow water operation and keep the cooling water intake submerged.

To release outboard back down to run position, tilt outboard up slightly and pull up on the tilt release lever. Gently lower outboard down.



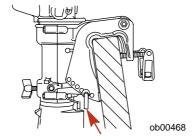
## Setting The Operating Angle Of Your Outboard

Tilt release lever

The vertical operating angle of your outboard is adjusted by changing the position of the tilt pin in the adjustment holes provided. Proper adjustment allows the boat to achieve optimum performance, stability, and minimize steering effort.

The tilt pin should be adjusted so the outboard is positioned to run perpendicular to the water when the boat is running at full speed. This allows the boat to be driven parallel to the water.

Arrange passengers and load in the boat so the weight is distributed evenly.



## **Engine Over-Speed Protection System**

The engine over-speed protection system is activated if the engine speed should exceed the maximum allowable limit. This will protect the engine from mechanical damage.

Anytime the engine over-speed protection system is activated, the engine speed is automatically reduced to within the allowable limit. If engine over-speed continues, have the outboard checked by your dealer.

**NOTE:** Your engine speed should never reach the maximum limit to activate the system unless the propeller is ventilating, an incorrect propeller is being used, or the propeller is faulty.

## **Pre-Starting Check List**

- Operator knows safe navigation, boating, and operating procedures.
- An approved personal flotation device of suitable size for each person aboard and readily accessible (it is the law).
- A ring type life buoy or buoyant cushion designed to be thrown to a person in the water.
- Know your boats maximum load capacity. Look at the boat capacity plate.
- Fuel supply OK.
- Arrange passengers and load in the boat so the weight is distributed evenly and everyone is seated in a
  proper seat.
- Tell someone where you are going and when you expect to return.
- It is illegal to operate a boat while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
- Know the waters and area you will be boating; tides, currents, sand bars, rocks, and other hazards.
- Make inspection checks listed in Maintenance Inspection and Maintenance Schedule.

### **Operating In Freezing Temperatures**

When using your outboard or having your outboard moored in freezing or near freezing temperatures, keep the outboard tilted down at all times so the gearcase is submerged. This prevents trapped water in gearcase from freezing and causing possible damage to the water pump and other components.

If there is a chance of ice forming on the water, the outboard should be removed and drained completely of water. If ice should form at the water level inside the outboard driveshaft housing, it will block water flow to the engine causing possible damage.

### Operating In Salt Water Or Polluted Water

We recommend that you flush the internal water passages of your outboard with fresh water after each use in salt or polluted water. This will prevent a buildup of deposits from clogging the water passages. Refer to **Maintenance** - Flushing The Cooling System.

If you keep your boat moored in the water, always tilt the outboard so the gearcase is completely out of water (except in freezing temperatures) when not in use.

Wash the outboard exterior and flush out the exhaust outlet of the propeller and gearcase with fresh water after each use. Each month, spray Mercury Precision or Quicksilver Corrosion Guard on external metal surfaces. Do not spray on corrosion control anodes as this will reduce the effectiveness of the anodes.

### Engine Break-in Procedure

### **A CAUTION**

Severe damage to the engine can result by not complying with the Engine Break-in Procedure.

- For the first hour of operation, run the engine at varied throttle settings up to 2000 RPM or at approximately half throttle.
- 2. For the second hour of operation, run the engine at varied throttle settings up to 3000 RPM or at three-quarter throttle, and at full throttle for approximately one minute every ten minutes.
- 3. For the next eight hours of operation, avoid continuous operation at full throttle for more than five minutes at a time.

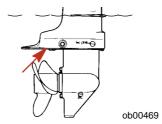
## Starting The Engine

Before starting, read the Pre-Starting Check List, Special Operating Instructions, and Engine Break-in Procedure in the Operation Section.

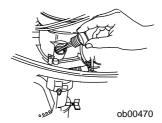
## **A CAUTION**

Never start or operate your outboard (even momentarily) without water circulating through all the cooling water intake holes in the gearcase to prevent damage to the water pump (running dry) or overheating of the engine.

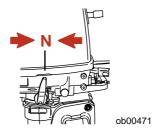
1. Make sure the cooling water intake is submerged.



2. Check the engine oil level.

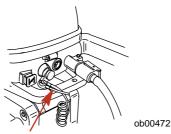


3. Shift outboard to neutral (N) position.



**NOTE:** The engine will not start unless the lanyard is engaged with the stop switch.

4. Attach the lanyard to the stop switch. Refer to General Information - Lanyard Stop Switch.

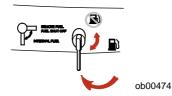


- 5. Starting models with internal fuel tank
  - a. Open the vent on the internal fuel tank.

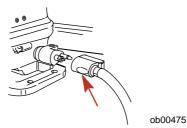


ob00473

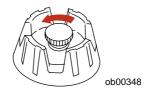
b. Move the fuel shut-off valve to the lower position.



- 6. Starting models with remote fuel tank
  - a. Connect the remote fuel line to the outboard. Make sure connector is snapped into place.



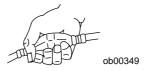
b. Open fuel tank vent on manual venting type tanks.



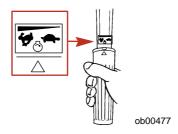
c. 4 Hp Models with optional remote fuel tank - Move the fuel valve to the up position.



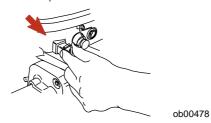
d. Squeeze the fuel line primer bulb several times until it feels firm.



7. Set the throttle grip to start position.

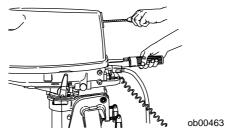


8. If engine is cold, completely pull out the choke. Push in the choke halfway as the engine is warming up. Push in completely after engine is warmed up.



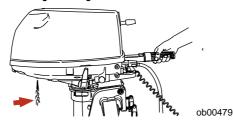
**NOTE:** Starting Flooded Engine - Push in the choke knob. Wait 30 seconds, then continue to crank engine for starting.

9. Pull the starter rope slowly until you feel the starter engage, then pull rapidly to crank the engine. Allow rope to return slowly. Repeat until engine starts.



10. Check for a steady stream of water flowing out of the water pump indicator hole.

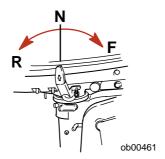
IMPORTANT: If no water is coming out of the water pump indicator hole, stop engine and check cooling water intake for obstruction. No obstruction may indicate a water pump failure or blockage in the cooling system. These conditions will cause the engine to overheat. Have the outboard checked by your dealer. Operating the engine while overheated may cause serious engine damage.



### **Gear Shifting**

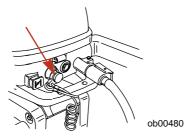
Your outboard has three gear shift positions to provide operation: Forward (F), Neutral (N), and Reverse (R). Reduce throttle speed to idle speed.

Always shift outboard into gear with a quick motion.



## Stopping The Engine

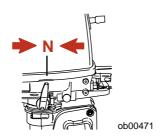
Reduce engine speed and push in the stop switch or pull the lanyard.



## **Emergency Starting**

If the starter rope should break or the rewind starter fails, use the spare starter rope (provided) and follow this procedure.

1. Shift outboard to neutral position.



### WARNING

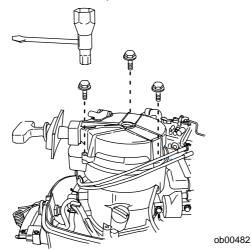
When using the emergency starter rope to start engine, the start at idle speed protection is inoperative. Make sure to have the engine speed set at slow, and the outboard gear shift positioned in neutral to prevent outboard from starting in gear. Sudden unexpected acceleration could result in serious injury or death.

2. Disconnect linkage from rewind starter assembly.



ob00481

Remove three bolts and rewind starter assembly.



## **WARNING**

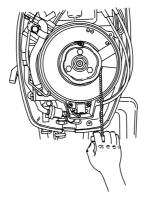
To prevent getting an electrical shock, do not touch any ignition component, wiring, or spark plug wire when starting or running the engine.

## **WARNING**

The exposed moving flywheel can cause serious injury. Keep your hands, hair, clothing, tools, and other objects away from engine when starting or running the engine. Do not attempt to reinstall the rewind starter assembly or top cowl when engine is running.

4. Place the starter rope knot into the starter cup notch and wind the rope clockwise around the cup.

5. Pull the starter rope to start the engine.



ob00483

### MAINTENANCE

### **Outboard Care**

To keep your outboard in the best operating condition, it is important that your outboard receive the periodic inspections and maintenance listed in the Inspection and Maintenance Schedule. We urge you to keep it maintained properly to ensure the safety of you and your passengers, and retain its dependability.

### **A WARNING**

Neglected inspection and maintenance service of your outboard or attempting to perform maintenance or repair on your outboard if you are not familiar with the correct service and safety procedures could cause personal injury, death, or product failure.

Record maintenance performed in Maintenance Log at the back of this book. Save all maintenance work orders and receipts.

### SELECTING REPLACEMENT PARTS FOR YOUR OUTBOARD

We recommend using original Mercury Precision or Quicksilver replacement parts and Genuine Lubricants.

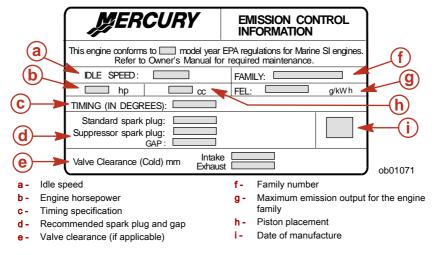
### WARNING

Using a replacement part that is inferior to the original part could result in personal injury, death, or product failure.

### EPA Emissions

### **EMISSION CERTIFICATION LABEL**

An emission certification label, showing emission levels and engine specifications directly related to emissions, is placed on the engine at time of manufacture.



### OWNER RESPONSIBILITY

The owner/operator is required to have routine engine maintenance performed to maintain emission levels within prescribed certification standards.

The owner/operator is not to modify the engine in any manner that would alter the horsepower or allow emissions levels to exceed their predetermined factory specifications.

# Inspection And Maintenance Schedule BEFORE FACH USF

- Check engine oil level. See Fuel & Oil Checking and Adding Engine Oil.
- Visually inspect the fuel system for deterioration or leaks.
- Check outboard for tightness on transom.
- Check propeller blades for damage.

#### **AFTER EACH USE**

- Flush out the outboard cooling system if operating in salt or polluted water. See Flushing the Cooling System.
- Wash off all salt deposits and flush out the exhaust outlet of the propeller and gearcase with fresh water if
  operating in salt water.

#### EVERY 100 HOURS OF USE OR ONCE YEARLY, WHICHEVER OCCURS FIRST

- Lubricate all lubrication points. Lubricate more frequently when used in salt water. See Lubrication Points.
- Change engine oil. The oil should be changed more often when the engine is operated under adverse
  conditions such as extended trolling. See Changing Engine Oil.
- Replace spark plug at first 100 hours or first year. After that, inspect spark plug every 100 hours or once
  yearly. Replace spark plug as needed. See Spark Plug Inspection and Replacement.
- Drain and replace gearcase lubricant. See Gearcase Lubrication.
- Check fuel line filter for contaminants. See Fuel System.
- Check corrosion control anode. Check more frequently when used in salt water. See Corrosion Control
  Anodes.
- Lubricate splines on the driveshaft.<sup>1</sup>
- Replace water pump impeller.<sup>1</sup>
- · Check tightness of bolts, nuts, and other fasteners.

#### BEFORE PERIODS OF STORAGE

Refer to Storage procedure. See Storage section.

## Flushing The Cooling System

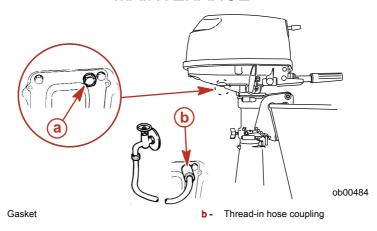
Flush the internal water passages of the outboard with fresh water after each use in salt, polluted, or muddy water. This will help prevent a buildup of deposits from clogging the internal water passages.

Use a Mercury Precision or Quicksilver accessory (or equivalent) flushing attachment.

NOTE: Do not run the engine while flushing the cooling system.

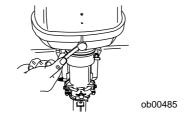
- 1. Remove plug and gasket and thread-in hose coupling.
- Attach a water hose to the hose coupling. Turn on the water gently and flush the cooling system for 3 to 5 minutes.
- 3. Remove the thread-in hose coupling and reinstall plug and gasket.

<sup>1.</sup> These items should be serviced by an authorized dealer.



# Top Cowl Removal And Installation REMOVAL

1. Unlock the rear latch by pushing lever down.



2. Lift rear of cowl and disengage front hook.



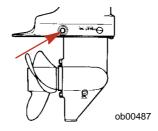
#### INSTALLATION

- 1. Engage the front hook and push cowl back over the cowl seal.
- 2. Push cowl down and move the rear latch lever up to lock.

## **Corrosion Control Anode**

Your outboard has a corrosion control anode installed on the gearcase. An anode helps protect the outboard against galvanic corrosion by sacrificing its metal to be slowly corroded instead of the outboard metals.

The anode requires periodic inspection especially in salt water which will accelerate the erosion. To maintain this corrosion protection, always replace the anode before it is completely eroded. Never paint or apply a protective coating on the anode as this will reduce effectiveness of the anode.



#### **Exterior Care**

Your outboard is protected with a durable baked enamel finish. Clean and wax often using marine cleaners and waxes.

## **Fuel System**

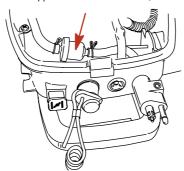
## **A WARNING**

Avoid serious injury or death from gasoline fire or explosion. Carefully follow all fuel system service instructions. Always stop the engine and do not smoke or allow open flames or sparks in the area while servicing any part of the fuel system.

Before servicing any part of the fuel system, stop engine and disconnect the battery. Drain the fuel system completely. Use an approved container to collect and store fuel. Wipe up any spillage immediately. Material used to contain spillage must be disposed of in an approved receptacle. Any fuel system service must be performed in a well-ventilated area. Inspect any completed service work for signs of fuel leakage.

#### **FUEL LINE FILTER**

Inspect the fuel line filter. If the filter appears to be contaminated, remove and replace.



ob00488

IMPORTANT: Visually inspect for fuel leakage from the filter connections by squeezing the primer bulb until firm, forcing fuel into the filter.

#### **FUEL LINE INSPECTION**

Visually inspect the fuel line and primer bulb for cracks, swelling, leaks, hardness, or other signs of deterioration or damage. If any of these conditions are found, the fuel line or primer bulb must be replaced.

## **Propeller Replacement**

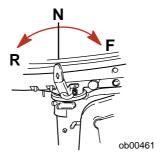
## **M** WARNING

If the propeller shaft is rotated while the engine is in gear, there is the possibility that the engine will crank over and start. To prevent this type of accidental engine starting and possible serious injury caused from being struck by a rotating propeller, always shift outboard to neutral position and remove spark plug leads when you are servicing the propeller.

1. Remove the spark plug lead to prevent engine from starting.



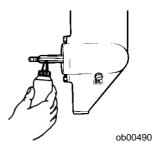
2. Move gear shift lever into neutral.



- 3. Straighten and remove cotter pin.
- 4. Place a block of wood between gearcase and propeller to hold propeller and remove propeller nut.
- Pull propeller straight off shaft. If propeller is seized to the shaft and cannot be removed, have the propeller removed by an authorized dealer.

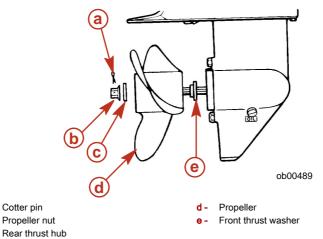
IMPORTANT: To prevent the propeller hub from corroding and seizing to the propeller shaft (especially in salt water), always apply a coat of the recommended lubricant to the entire propeller shaft at the recommended maintenance intervals and also each time the propeller is removed.

Coat the propeller shaft with Quicksilver or Mercury Precision Lubricants Anti-Corrosion Grease or 2-4-C with Teflon.



7. Install front thrust washer, propeller, rear thrust hub, and propeller nut onto the shaft.

8. Place a block of wood between gearcase and propeller to prevent rotation and tighten propeller nut. Secure propeller nut to the shaft with cotter pin.



Spark Plug Inspection And Replacement

Cotter pin

## **WARNING**

Avoid serious injury or death from fire or explosion caused by damaged spark plug boots. Damaged spark plug boots can emit sparks. Sparks can ignite fuel vapors under the engine cowl. To avoid damaging spark plug boots, do not use any sharp object or metal tool such as pliers, screwdriver, etc. to remove spark plug boots.

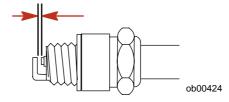
Remove the spark plug boot. Twist the rubber boot slightly and pull off.



Remove the spark plug to inspect. Replace spark plug if electrode is worn or the insulator is rough, cracked, broken, blistered or fouled.



Set the spark plug gap to specification.



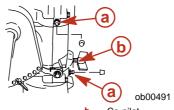
Spark Plug	
Spark plug gap	0.9 mm (0.035 in.)

4. Before installing spark plug, clean off any dirt on the spark plug seat. Install plug finger tight, and then tighten 1/4 turn or torque to specifications.

Description	Nm	lb. in.	lb. ft.
Spark plug	27		20

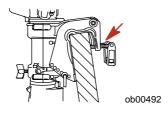
## **Lubrication Points**

- Lubricate the following with Quicksilver or Mercury Precision Lubricants 2-4-C with Teflon or Special Lubricant 101.
  - Co-Pilot Lubricate threads.
  - · Swivel Bracket Lubricate through fittings.



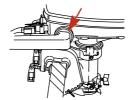
a - Swivel bracket

- **b** Co-pilot
- · Transom Clamp Screws Lubricate threads.



**NOTE:** Lubricating the tiller handle bushing and shift handle detent requires disassembly of the product. These points should be lubricated at least once a year by an authorized dealer.

Tiller Handle Rubber Bushing - Lubricate internal diameter.



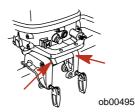
ob00493

Shift Handle Detent - Lubricate detent.

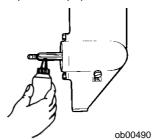


ob00494

- 2. Lubricate the following with Light Weight Oil.
  - Tilt Pivot.



- Lubricate the following with Quicksilver or Mercury Precision Lubricants Anti-Corrosion Grease or 2-4-C with Teflon.
  - Propeller Shaft Refer to Propeller Replacement for removal and installation of the propeller. Coat the
    entire propeller shaft with lubricant to prevent the propeller hub from corroding to the shaft.



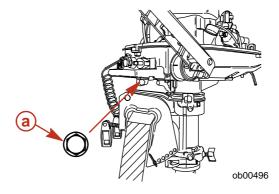
# Changing Engine Oil ENGINE OIL CAPACITY

Engine oil capacaity is approximately 450 ml (15 fl. oz.).

#### OIL CHANGING PROCEDURE

- 1. Place outboard in an upright (not tilted) position.
- Turn the outboard to gain access to the drain plug. Remove drain plug and drain engine oil into an appropriate container. Lubricate the seal on the drain plug with oil and reinstall.

IMPORTANT: Inspect oil for signs of contamination. Oil contaminated with water will have a milky color to it; oil contaminated with fuel will have a stong fuel smell. If contaminated oil is noticed, have the engine checked by your dealer.



a - Drain plug

#### **OIL FILLING**

IMPORTANT: Do not overfill. Be sure that the outboard is upright (not tilted) when checking oil.

Remove the oil fill cap and refill with 450 ml (15 fl. oz.) of oil. Reinstall the oil fill cap.

Idle engine for five minutes and check for leaks. Stop engine and check oil level on dipstick. Add oil if necessary.

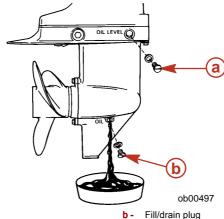
#### Gearcase Lubrication

When adding or changing gearcase lubricant, visually check for the presence of water in the lubricant. If water is present, it may have settled to the bottom and will drain out prior to the lubricant, or it may be mixed with the lubricant, giving it a milky colored appearance. If water is noticed, have the gearcase checked by your dealer. Water in the lubricant may result in premature bearing failure or, in freezing temperatures, will turn to ice and damage the gearcase.

Examine the drained gearcase lubricant for metal particles. A small amount of metal particles indicates normal gear wear. An excessive amount of metal filings or larger particles (chips) may indicate abnormal gear wear and should be checked by an authorized dealer.

#### DRAINING GEARCASE

- 1. Tilt outboard so that the oil drain plug is at the lowest point.
- 2. Place drain pan below outboard.
- 3. Remove vent plug and fill/drain plug and drain lubricant.



Vent plug

#### GEARCASE LUBRICANT CAPACITY

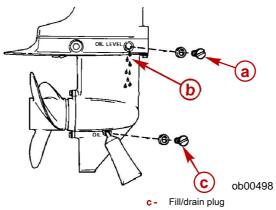
Gearcase lubricant capacity is approximately 195 ml (6.6 fl. oz.).

#### GEARCASE LUBRICANT RECOMMENDATION

Mercury or Quicksilver Premium or High Performance Gear Lubricant.

#### CHECKING LUBRICANT LEVEL AND REFILLING GEARCASE

- 1. Place outboard in a vertical operating position.
- 2. Remove vent plug from vent hole.
- 3. Place lubricant tube into the fill hole and add lubricant until it appears at the vent hole.



- Vent plug
- Lubricant at vent hole

#### IMPORTANT: Replace sealing washers if damaged.

- 4. Stop adding lubricant. Install the vent plug and sealing washer before removing the lubricant tube.
- 5. Remove lubricant tube and reinstall cleaned fill/drain plug and sealing washer.

## **Submerged Outboard**

A submerged outboard will require service within a few hours by an authorized dealer once the outboard is recovered from the water. This immediate attention by a servicing dealer is necessary once the engine is exposed to the atmosphere to minimize internal corrosion damage to the engine.

## STORAGE

## Storage Preparation

The major consideration in preparing your outboard for storage is to protect it from rust, corrosion, and damage caused by freezing of trapped water.

The following storage procedures should be followed to prepare your outboard for out of season storage or prolonged storage (two months or longer).

## **A CAUTION**

Never start or operate your outboard (even momentarily) without water circulating through all the cooling water intake holes in the gearcase to prevent damage to the water pump (running dry) or overheating of the engine.

#### **FUEL SYSTEM**

IMPORTANT: Gasoline containing alcohol (ethanol or methanol) can cause a formation of acid during storage and can damage the fuel system. If the gasoline being used contains alcohol, it is advisable to drain as much of the remaining gasoline as possible from the fuel tank, remote fuel line, and engine fuel system.

Fill the fuel tank and engine fuel system with treated (stabilized) fuel to help prevent formation of varnish and gum. Proceed with following instructions.

- Portable Fuel Tank Pour the required amount of gasoline stabilizer (follow instructions on container) into fuel tank. Tip fuel tank back and forth to mix stabilizer with the fuel.
- Permanently Installed Fuel Tank Pour the required amount of gasoline stabilizer (follow instructions on container) into a separate container and mix with approximately one quart (one liter) of gasoline. Pour this mixture into fuel tank.
- Place the outboard in water or connect flushing attachment for circulating cooling water. Run the engine for ten minutes to fill the engine fuel system.

## **Protecting External Outboard Components**

- Lubricate all outboard components listed in Maintenance Inspection and Maintenance Schedule.
- Touch up any paint nicks. See your dealer for touch-up paint.
- Spray Quicksilver or Mercury Precision Lubricants Corrosion Guard on external metal surfaces (except corrosion control anodes).

## **Protecting Internal Engine Components**

- · Remove the spark plug and inject a small amount of engine oil inside the cylinder.
- Rotate the flywheel manually several times to distribute the oil in the cylinder. Reinstall spark plug.
- Change the engine oil.

#### Gearcase

Drain and refill the gearcase lubricant (refer to Maintenance - Gearcase Lubrication).

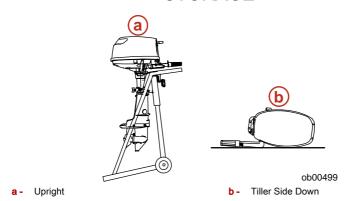
## Positioning Outboard For Storage

## **A CAUTION**

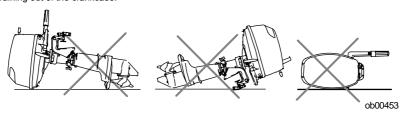
If outboard is stored tilted up in freezing temperature, trapped cooling water or rain water that may have entered the propeller exhaust outlet in the gearcase could freeze and cause damage to the outboard.

 Carry, transport or store the outboard only in the following two positions. These positions will prevent oil from draining out of the crankcase.

## **STORAGE**



2. Never carry, store or transport the outboard in the positions shown below. Engine damage could result from oil draining out of the crankcase.



## OWNER SERVICE ASSISTANCE

## Local Repair Service

Always return your outboard to your local authorized dealer should the need for service arise. Only he has the factory trained mechanics, knowledge, special tools, equipment, and genuine parts and accessories to properly service your engine should the need occur. He knows your engine best.

## Service Away From Home

If you are away from your local dealer and the need arises for service, contact the nearest authorized dealer. Refer to the Yellow Pages of the telephone directory. If, for any reason, you cannot obtain service, contact the nearest Mercury Marine Service Office.

## Parts And Accessories Inquiries

All inquiries concerning genuine replacement parts and accessories should be directed to your local authorized dealer. The dealer has the necessary information to order parts and accessories for you. When inquiring on parts and accessories, the dealer requires the model and serial number to order the correct parts.

#### Service Assistance

Your satisfaction with your outboard product is very important to your dealer and to us. If you ever have a problem, question or concern about your outboard product, contact your dealer or any authorized Mercury Marine dealership. If additional assistance is required, take these steps.

- Talk with the dealership's sales manager or service manager. If this has already been done, then contact the owner of the dealership.
- Should you have a question, concern, or problem that cannot be resolved by your dealership, please contact Mercury Marine Service Office for assistance. Mercury Marine will work with you and your dealership to resolve all problems.

The following information will be needed by the service office:

- Your name and address
- Daytime telephone number
- Model and serial number of your outboard
- · The name and address of your dealership
- Nature of problem

## Mercury Marine Service Offices

For assistance, call, fax, or write. Please include your daytime telephone number with mail and fax correspondence.

United States		
Telephone	(920) 929-5040	Mercury Marine
Fax	(920) 929-5893	W6250 W. Pioneer Road P.O. Box 1939
Website	www.mercurymarine.com	Fond du Lac, WI 54936-1939

Canada		
Telephone	(905) 567-6372	Mercury Marine Ltd.
Fax	(905) 567-8515	2395 Meadowpine Blvd. Mississauga, Ontario L5N 7W6 Canada

# **OWNER SERVICE ASSISTANCE**

Australia, Pacific		
Telephone	(61) (3) 9791-5822	Mercury Marine Australia
Fax	(61) (3) 9793-5880	132-140 Frankston Road Dandenong, Victoria 3164 Australia

Europe, Middle East, Africa		
Telephone	(32) (87) 32 • 32 • 11	Marine Power - Europe, Inc. Parc Industriel de Petit-Rechain
Fax	(32) (87) 31 • 19 • 65	B-4800 Verviers, Belgium

Mexico, Central America, South America, Caribbean		
Telephone	(954) 744-3513	Mercury Marine
Fax	(954) 744-3535	11650 Interchange Circle North Miramar, FL 33025 U.S.A.

Japan		
Telephone	81-053-423-2500	Mercury Marine - Japan
Fax	81-053-423-2510	Anshin-cho 283-1 Hamamatsu Shizuoka-ken, Japan 435-0005 Japan

Asia, Singapore		
Telephone	5466160	Mercury Marine Singapore
Fax	5467789	72 Loyang Way Singapore, 508762