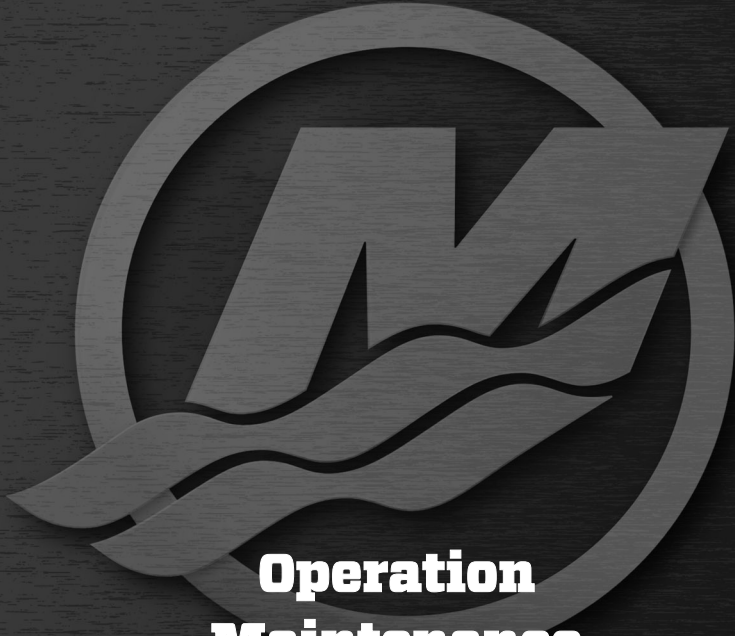




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**Operation
Maintenance
and
Installation
Manual**

25/30 EFI FourStroke

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Welcome

You have selected one of the finest marine power packages available. It incorporates numerous design features to ensure operating ease and durability. With proper care and maintenance, you will enjoy using this product for many boating seasons. To ensure maximum performance and carefree use, we ask that you thoroughly read this manual.

The Operation and Maintenance Manual contains specific instructions for using and maintaining your product. We suggest that this manual remain with the product for ready reference whenever you are on the water.

Thank you for purchasing one of our products. We sincerely hope your boating will be pleasant!

Mercury Marine, Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, U.S.A.

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Mercury Marine




Read This Manual Thoroughly

IMPORTANT: If you do not understand any portion of this manual, contact your dealer. Your dealer can also provide a demonstration of actual starting and operating procedures.

Notice

Throughout this publication, and on your power package, warnings, cautions,

and notices, accompanied by the International Hazard Symbol , may be used to alert the installer and user to special instructions concerning a particular service or operation that may be hazardous if performed incorrectly or carelessly. Observe them carefully.

These safety alerts alone cannot eliminate the hazards that they signal. Strict compliance with these special instructions while performing the service, plus common sense operation, are major accident prevention measures.

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CAUTION

Indicates a hazardous situation which, if not avoided, could result in minor or moderate injury.

NOTICE

Indicates a situation which, if not avoided, could result in engine or major component failure.

IMPORTANT: Identifies information essential to the successful completion of the task.

NOTE: Indicates information that helps in the understanding of a particular step or action.

IMPORTANT: The operator (driver) is responsible for the correct and safe operation of the boat, the equipment aboard, and the safety of all occupants aboard. We strongly recommend that the operator read this Operation and Maintenance Manual and thoroughly understand the operational instructions for the power package and all related accessories before the boat is used.

California Proposition 65



WARNING: This product can expose you to chemicals including gasoline engine exhaust, which is known to the State of California to cause cancer and birth defects or other reproductive harm. For more information go to www.P65Warnings.ca.gov.

The serial numbers are the manufacturer's keys to numerous engineering details that apply to your Mercury Marine power package. When contacting Mercury Marine about service, **always specify model and serial numbers.**

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The product you have purchased comes with a **limited warranty** from Mercury Marine; the terms of the warranty are set forth in the Warranty Manual included with the product. The Warranty Manual contains a description of what is covered, what is not covered, the duration of coverage, how to best obtain warranty coverage, **important disclaimers and limitations of damages**, and other related information. Please review this important information.

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Identification Records

Please record the following applicable information:

Outboard		
Engine Model and Horsepower		
Engine Serial Number		
Gear Ratio		
Propeller Number	Pitch	Diameter
Watercraft Identification Number (WIN) or Hull Identification Number (HIN)		Purchase Date
Boat Manufacturer	Boat Model	Length
Exhaust Gas Emissions Certification Number (Europe Only)		

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Boater's Responsibilities

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

Be sure that at least one additional person onboard 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.

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Boat Horsepower Capacity

WARNING

Exceeding the boat's maximum horsepower rating can cause serious injury or death. Overpowering the boat can affect boat control and flotation characteristics or break the transom. Do not install an engine that exceeds the boat's maximum power rating.

GENERAL INFORMATION

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

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High-Speed and High-Performance Boat Operation

If your outboard is to be used on a high-speed or high-performance boat with which you are unfamiliar, we recommend that you do not operate it at its high speed capability without first requesting an initial orientation and familiarization demonstration ride with your dealer or an operator experienced with your boat/outboard combination. For additional information, obtain a copy of our **Hi-Performance Boat Operation** booklet from your dealer, distributor, or Mercury Marine.

Propeller Selection

The propeller on your outboard is one of the most important components in the propulsion system. An improper propeller choice can significantly affect the performance of your boat and could result in damage to the outboard engine.

When choosing a propeller, a full selection of aluminum and stainless steel propellers specifically designed for your outboard are available through Mercury Marine. To view the entire product offering and find the correct propeller that is best suited for your application, visit www.mercmarinepropellers.com or see your local authorized Mercury dealer.

SELECTING THE CORRECT PROPELLER

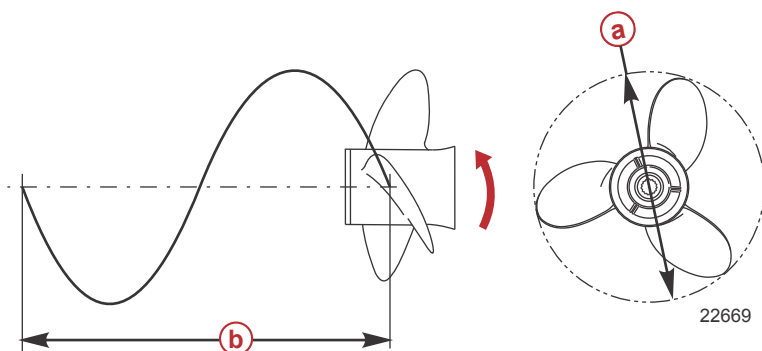
An accurate tachometer for measuring engine speed is important in choosing the correct propeller.

Choose a propeller for your boating application that will allow the engine to operate within the specified full throttle operating range. When operating the boat at full throttle under normal load conditions, the engine RPM should be in the upper half of the recommended full throttle RPM range. Refer to **Specifications**. If engine RPM is above that range, select a propeller of increased pitch in order to reduce engine RPM. If engine RPM is below the recommended range, select a propeller of reduced pitch to increase engine RPM.

GENERAL INFORMATION

IMPORTANT: To ensure proper fit, and performance, Mercury Marine recommends the use of Mercury or Quicksilver branded propellers and mounting hardware.

Propellers are designated by the diameter, pitch, number of blades, and material. The diameter and pitch are stamped (cast) into the side or the end of the propeller hub. The first number represents the diameter of the propeller and the second number represents the pitch. For example, 14x19 represents a propeller with a 14 inch diameter and 19 inches of pitch.



- a** - Diameter
- b** - Pitch - Travel during one revolution

The following are some propeller basics that will help you determine the correct propeller for your boating application.

Diameter - The diameter is the distance across the imaginary circle that is made when the propeller rotates. The correct diameter for each propeller has been predetermined for the design of your outboard. However, when more than one diameter is available for the same pitch, use a larger diameter for heavy boat applications and a smaller diameter for lighter applications.

Pitch - The pitch is the theoretical distance, in inches, that a propeller travels forward during one revolution. Pitch can be thought of similar to gears in a car. The lower the gear, the faster the car will accelerate, but with lower overall top speed. Likewise, a lower pitch propeller will accelerate quickly, but top-end speed will be reduced. The higher the propeller pitch the faster the boat will usually go; though typically slowing acceleration.

Determining the correct pitch size - First, check the full throttle RPM under normal load condition. If the full throttle RPM is within the recommended range, select a replacement or upgrade propeller with the same pitch as the current propeller.

- Adding 1 inch of pitch will reduce the full throttle RPM by 150 to 200
- Subtracting 1 inch of pitch will increase full throttle RPM by 150 to 200

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- Upgrading from a 3-blade propeller to a 4-blade propeller will generally decrease full throttle RPM by 50 to 100

IMPORTANT: Avoid damage to the engine. Never use a propeller that allows the engine to exceed the recommended full throttle RPM range when under normal full throttle operation.

PROPELLER MATERIAL

Most propellers manufactured by Mercury Marine are made from either aluminum or stainless steel. Aluminum is suitable for general purpose use and is standard equipment on many new boats. Stainless steel is over five times more durable than aluminum and typically provides performance gains in acceleration and top end speed due to design efficiencies. Stainless steel propellers also come in a larger variety of sizes and styles that allow you to dial in the ultimate performance for your boat.

3 BLADE VS. 4 BLADE

Available in many sizes of both aluminum and stainless, 3 and 4-blade propellers have unique performance characteristics. In general, 3-blade propellers offer good all around performance and higher top speed than 4-blade propellers. However, 4-blade propellers are usually faster to plane and more efficient at cruising speeds, but lack the top end speed of a 3-blade propeller.

Outboard Remote Control Models

The remote control connected to your outboard must be equipped with a start in neutral only protection device. This prevents the engine from starting when the shift is actuated in any position other than neutral.

▲ WARNING

Starting the engine with the drive in gear can cause serious injury or death. Never operate a boat that does not have a neutral-safety-protection device.



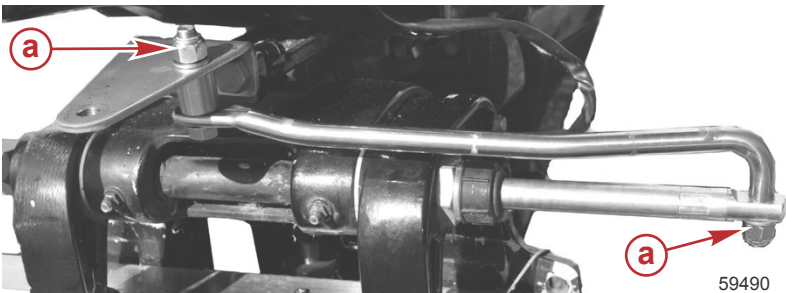
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Remote Steering Notice

The steering link rod that connects the steering cable to the engine must be fastened utilizing self-locking nuts. These self-locking nuts must never be replaced with nonlocking nuts. Nonlocking nuts may loosen and vibrate off, allowing the link rod to disengage.

⚠ WARNING

Improper fasteners or improper installation procedures can result in loosening or disengagement of the steering link rod. This can cause a sudden, unexpected loss of boat control, resulting in serious injury or death due to occupants being thrown within or out of the boat. Always use required components and follow instructions and torque procedures.



a - Self-locking nuts

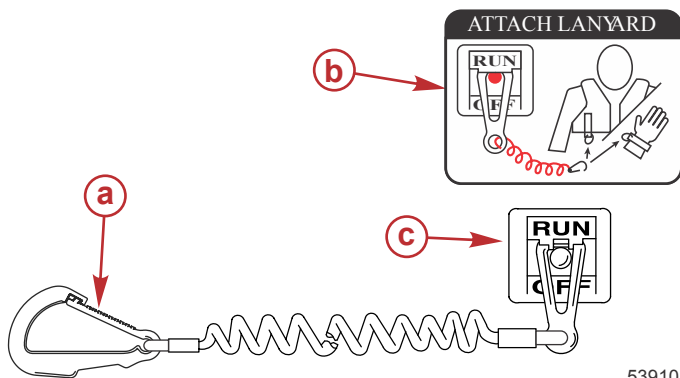
Lanyard Stop Switch

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.

A decal near the lanyard stop switch is a visual reminder for the operator to attach the lanyard to their personal flotation device (PFD) or wrist.

GENERAL INFORMATION

The lanyard cord is usually 122–152 cm (4–5 feet) in length when stretched out, with an element on one end made to be inserted into the switch and a clip on the other end for attaching to the operator's PFD or wrist. 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.



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- a - Lanyard cord clip
- b - Lanyard decal
- c - Lanyard stop switch

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.

GENERAL INFORMATION

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.

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 (if the operator is accidentally ejected).

⚠ WARNING

If the operator falls out of the boat, stop the engine immediately to reduce the possibility of serious injury or death from being struck by the boat. Always properly connect the operator to the stop switch using a lanyard.

⚠ 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.

KEEP THE LANYARD STOP SWITCH AND LANYARD CORD IN GOOD OPERATING CONDITION

Before each use, check to ensure the lanyard stop switch works properly. Start the engine and stop it by pulling the lanyard cord. If the engine does not stop, have the switch repaired before operating the boat.

Before each use, visually inspect the lanyard cord to ensure it is in good working condition and that there are no breaks, cuts, or wear to the cord. Check that the clips on the ends of the cord are in good condition. Replace any damaged or worn lanyard cords.

GENERAL INFORMATION

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 THE BOAT IS STATIONARY

▲ WARNING

A spinning propeller, a moving boat, or any solid device attached to the boat can cause serious injury or death to swimmers. Stop the engine immediately whenever anyone in the water is near your boat.

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

Passenger Safety Message - Pontoon Boats and Deck Boats

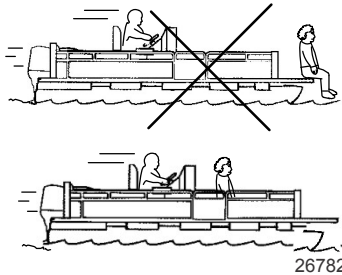
Whenever the boat is in motion, observe the location of all passengers. Do not allow any passengers to stand or use seats other than those designated for traveling faster than idle speed. A sudden reduction in boat speed, such as plunging into a large wave or wake, a sudden throttle reduction, or a sharp change of boat direction, could throw them over the front of the boat. Falling over the front of the boat between the two pontoons will position them to be run over by the outboard.

BOATS HAVING AN OPEN FRONT DECK

No one should ever be on the deck in front of the fence while the boat is in motion. Keep all passengers behind the front fence or enclosure.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Persons on the front deck could easily be thrown overboard or persons dangling their feet over the front edge could get their legs caught by a wave and pulled into the water.



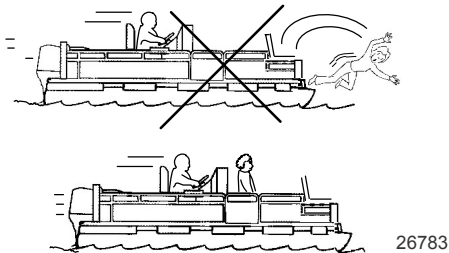
⚠ WARNING

Sitting or standing in an area of the boat not designed for passengers at speeds above idle can cause serious injury or death. Stay back from the front end of deck boats or raised platforms and remain seated while the boat is in motion.

BOATS WITH FRONT MOUNTED, RAISED PEDESTAL FISHING SEATS

Elevated fishing seats are not intended for use when the boat is traveling faster than idle or trolling speed. Sit only in seats designated for traveling at faster speeds.

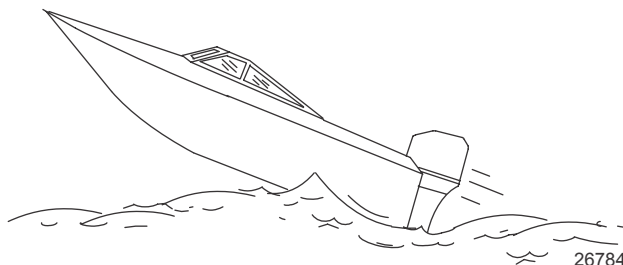
Any unexpected, sudden reduction in boat speed could result in the elevated passenger falling over the front of the boat.



GENERAL INFORMATION

Wave and Wake Jumping

Operating recreational boats over waves and wake is a natural part of boating. However, when this activity is done with sufficient speed to force the boat hull partially or completely out of the water, certain hazards arise, particularly when the boat enters the water.



The primary concern is the boat changing direction while in the midst of the jump. In such case, the landing may cause the boat to veer violently in a new direction. Such a sharp change in direction can cause occupants to be thrown out of their seats, or out of the boat.

⚠ WARNING

Wave or wake jumping can cause serious injury or death from occupants being thrown within or out of the boat. Avoid wave or wake jumping whenever possible.

There is another less common hazardous result from allowing your boat to launch off a wave or wake. If the bow of your boat pitches down far enough while airborne, upon water contact it may penetrate under the water surface and submarine for an instant. This will bring the boat to a nearly instantaneous stop and can send the occupants flying forward. The boat may also steer sharply to one side.

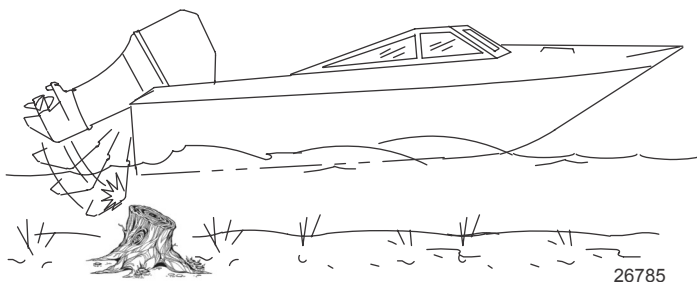
Impact with Underwater Hazards

Your outboard may be equipped with a hydraulic trim and tilt system that also contains a shock absorbing feature. This feature helps the outboard withstand damage in the case of impact with an underwater object at low to moderate speeds. At higher speeds, the force of the impact may exceed the system's ability to absorb the energy of the impact and cause serious product damage.

No impact protection exists while in reverse. Use extreme caution when operating in reverse to avoid striking underwater objects.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Reduce speed and proceed with caution whenever you drive a boat in shallow water areas or in areas where you suspect underwater obstacles may exist that could be struck by the outboard or the boat bottom. **The most significant action you can take to help reduce injury or impact damage from striking a floating or underwater object is to control the boat speed. Under these conditions, boat speed should be kept to the minimum planing speed, typically 24 to 40 km/h (15 to 25 mph).**



▲ WARNING

Avoid serious injury or death from all or part of an outboard or drive unit coming into the boat after striking a floating or underwater object. When operating in waters where objects may be at the surface or just under the surface of the water, reduce your speed and keep a vigilant lookout.

Examples of objects that can cause engine damage are dredging pipes, bridge supports, wing dams, trees, stumps, and rocks.

Striking a floating or underwater object could result in any of an infinite number of situations. Some of these situations could yield the following:

- Part of the outboard or the entire outboard could break loose and fly into the boat.
- The boat could move suddenly in a new direction. A sharp change in direction can cause occupants to be thrown out of their seats or out of the boat.
- The boat's speed could rapidly reduce. This will cause occupants to be thrown forward or even out of the boat.
- The outboard or boat could sustain impact damage.

After striking a submerged object, stop the engine as soon as possible and inspect it for any broken or loose parts. If damage is present or suspected, the outboard should be taken to an authorized dealer for a thorough inspection and necessary repair.

The boat should also be checked for any hull fractures, transom fractures, or water leaks. If water leaks are discovered after an impact, immediately activate the bilge pump.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Operating a damaged outboard could cause additional damage to other parts of the outboard or could affect control of the boat. If continued running is necessary, do so at greatly reduced speeds.

▲ WARNING

Operating a boat or engine with impact damage can result in product damage, serious injury, or death. If the vessel experiences any form of impact, have an authorized Mercury Marine dealer inspect and repair the vessel or power package.

SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS FOR HAND-TILLED OUTBOARDS

No person or cargo should occupy the area directly in front of the outboard while the boat is in motion. If an underwater obstacle is struck, the outboard will tilt up and could seriously injure anyone occupying this area.

Models with Clamp Screws:

Some outboards come with transom bracket clamp screws. The use of clamp bracket screws alone is insufficient to properly and safely secure the outboard to the transom. Proper installation of the outboard includes bolting the engine to the boat through the transom. Refer to **Engine Installation - Installing Outboard** for more complete installation information.

▲ WARNING

Failure to correctly fasten the outboard could result in the outboard propelling off the boat transom resulting in property damage, serious injury, or death. Before operation, the outboard must be correctly installed with the required mounting hardware.

This product must be secured to the transom with the required mounting hardware. If the outboard strikes an underwater object, the required mounting hardware prevents the outboard from propelling off the transom. A decal on the swivel bracket reminds the installer of the potential hazard.



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Exhaust Emissions

BE ALERT TO CARBON MONOXIDE POISONING

Carbon monoxide (CO) is a deadly gas that is present in the exhaust fumes of all internal combustion engines, including the engines that propel boats, and the generators that power boat accessories. By itself, CO is odorless, colorless, and tasteless, but if you can smell or taste engine exhaust, you are inhaling CO.

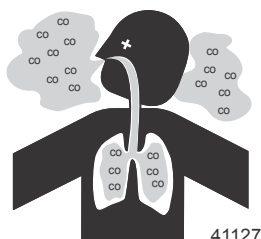
Early symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning, which are similar to the symptoms of seasickness and intoxication, include headache, dizziness, drowsiness, and nausea.

▲ WARNING

Inhaling engine exhaust gases can result in carbon monoxide poisoning, which can lead to unconsciousness, brain damage, or death. Avoid exposure to carbon monoxide.

Stay clear from exhaust areas when engine is running. Keep the boat well-ventilated while at rest or underway.

STAY CLEAR OF EXHAUST AREAS



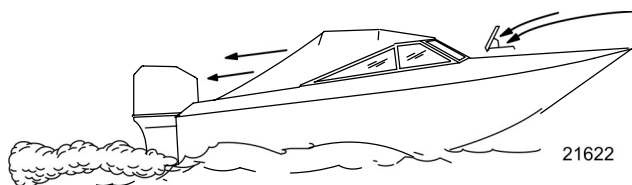
Engine exhaust gases contain harmful carbon monoxide. Avoid areas of concentrated engine exhaust gases. When engines are running, keep swimmers away from the boat, and do not sit, lie, or stand on swim platforms or boarding ladders. While underway, do not allow passengers to be positioned immediately behind the boat (platform dragging, teak/body surfing). This dangerous practice not only places a person in an area of high engine exhaust concentration, but also subjects them to the possibility of injury from the boat propeller.

GOOD VENTILATION

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

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Example of desired air flow through the boat:

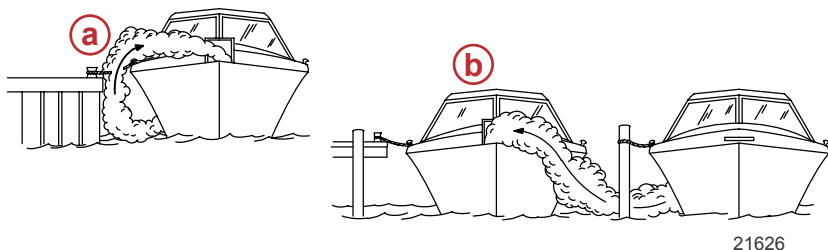


POOR VENTILATION

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.

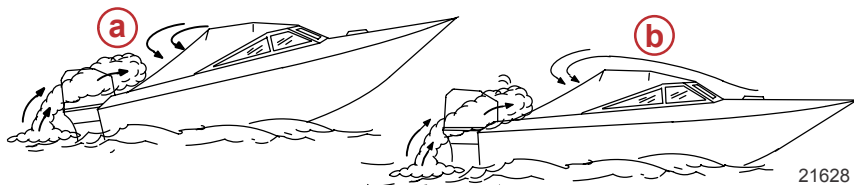
Although the occurrence is rare, on a very calm day, swimmers and passengers in an open area of a stationary boat that contains, or is near, a running engine may be exposed to a hazardous level of carbon monoxide.

1. Examples of poor ventilation while the boat is stationary:



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

2. Examples of poor ventilation while the boat is moving:



- a** - Operating the boat with the trim angle of the bow too high
- b** - Operating the boat with no forward hatches open (station wagon effect)

GENERAL INFORMATION

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.

IMPORTANT: Check with your dealer before installing accessories. The misuse of approved accessories or the use of nonapproved accessories can damage the product.

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 Recommendations

To safely enjoy the waterways, familiarize yourself with local and all other governmental boating regulations and restrictions and consider the following suggestions.

Know and obey all nautical rules and laws of the waterways.

- We recommend that all powerboat operators complete a boating safety course. In the U.S., the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, the Power Squadron, the Red Cross, and your state or provincial boating law enforcement agency provide courses. For more information in the U.S., call the Boat U.S. Foundation at 1-800-336-BOAT (2628).

Perform safety checks and required maintenance.

- Follow a regular schedule and ensure that all repairs are properly made.

Check safety equipment onboard.

- Here are some suggestions of the types of safety equipment to carry when boating:
 - Approved fire extinguishers
 - Signal devices: flashlight, rockets or flares, flag, and whistle or horn
 - Tools necessary for minor repairs
 - Anchor and extra anchor line
 - Manual bilge pump and extra drain plugs
 - Drinking water
 - Radio
 - Paddle or oar
 - Spare propeller, thrust hubs, and an appropriate wrench
 - First aid kit and instructions
 - Waterproof storage containers

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- Spare operating equipment, batteries, bulbs, and fuses
- Compass and map or chart of the area
- Personal flotation device (one per person onboard)

Watch for signs of weather change and avoid foul weather and rough-sea boating.

Tell someone where you are going and when you expect to return.

Passenger boarding.

- Stop the engine whenever passengers are boarding, unloading, or are near the back (stern) of the boat. Shifting the drive unit into neutral is not sufficient.

Use personal flotation devices.

- Federal law requires that there be a U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jacket (personal flotation device), correctly sized and readily accessible for every person onboard, plus a throwable cushion or ring. We strongly advise that everyone wear a life jacket at all times while in the boat.

Prepare other boat operators.

- Instruct at least one person onboard in the basics of starting and operating the engine and boat handling in case the driver becomes disabled or falls overboard.

Do not overload your boat.

- Most boats are rated and certified for maximum load (weight) capacities (refer to your boat's capacity plate). Know your boat's operating and loading limitations. Know if your boat will float if it is full of water. When in doubt, contact your authorized Mercury Marine dealer or the boat manufacturer.

Ensure that 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 backs of seats, gunwales, transom, bow, decks, raised fishing seats, and any rotating fishing seat. Passengers should not sit or ride anywhere that sudden 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. Ensure that all passengers have a proper seat and are in it before any boat movement.

Never operate a boat while under the influence of alcohol or drugs. It is the law.

- Alcohol or drugs can impair your judgment and greatly reduce your ability to react quickly.

Know your boating area and avoid hazardous locations.

Be alert.

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- 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 operator's view when the boat is above idle or planing transition speed. Watch out for others, the water, and your wake.

Never drive your boat directly behind a water-skier.

- Your boat traveling at 40 km/h (25 mph) will overtake a fallen skier who is 61 m (200 ft) in front of you in five seconds.

Watch fallen skiers.

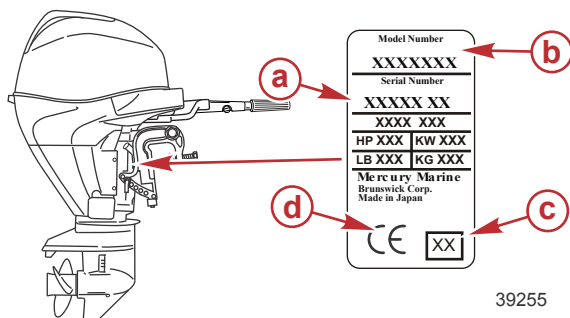
- When using your boat for waterskiing or similar activities, always keep a fallen or down skier on the operator's side of the boat while returning to attend to the skier. The operator should always have the down skier in sight and never back up to the skier or anyone in the water.

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.



- a** - Serial number
- b** - Model designation
- c** - Year manufactured
- d** - Certified Europe Insignia (as applicable)

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Model Year Production Code

The serial number decal lists the year of manufacture as an alpha code. This code can be deciphered into a corresponding number utilizing the following table.



Serial number decal alpha code

Model Year Manufactured Code										
Alpha Production Code	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	K	X
Corresponding Number	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0

Examples:

- XX = 2000
- HK = 2089
- AG = 2017

Specifications

Models	25	30
Power	18.4 kw (25 hp)	22.1 kw (30 hp)
Full throttle RPM range	5000–6000 RPM	5250–6250 RPM
Idle speed in forward gear	850 ± 25 RPM	
Number of cylinders	3	
Piston displacement	526 cc (32.09 cid)	
Cylinder bore	61.0 mm (2.40 in.)	
Stroke	60 mm (2.36 in.)	
Valve clearance (cold)		
Intake valve	0.13–0.17 mm (0.005–0.007 in.)	
Exhaust valve	0.18–0.22 mm (0.007–0.008 in.)	
Recommended spark plug	NGK DCPR6E	

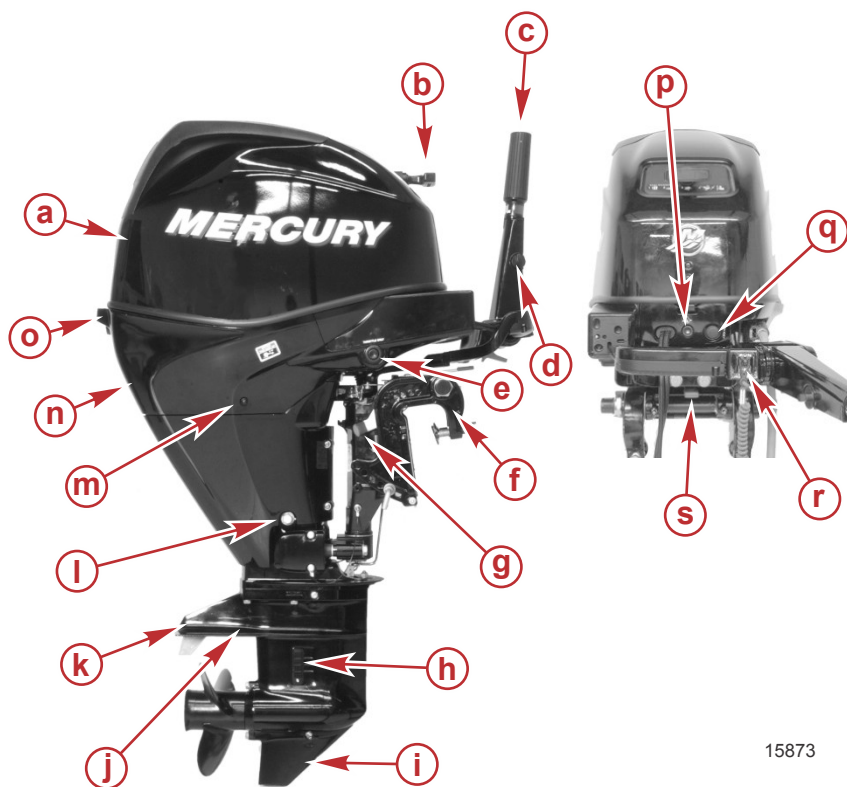
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Models	25	30
Spark plug gap	0.8–0.9 mm (0.031–0.035 in.)	
Gear ratio	1.92:1	
Recommended gasoline	Refer to Fuel and Oil	
Recommended oil	Refer to Fuel and Oil	
Gearcase lubricant capacity	350 ml (11.8 fl oz)	
Engine oil capacity	1.8 liter (1.9 US qt)	
Battery rating	465 marine cranking amps (MCA) or 350 cold cranking amps (CCA)	
Emission control system	Electronic engine control (EC) Multiport fuel injection (MFI)	
Sound at drivers ear (ICOMIA 39-94) dBA	80.9	
Tiller handle vibration (ICOMIA 38-94) m/s ²	5.3	

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Component Identification

MANUAL TILT MODEL



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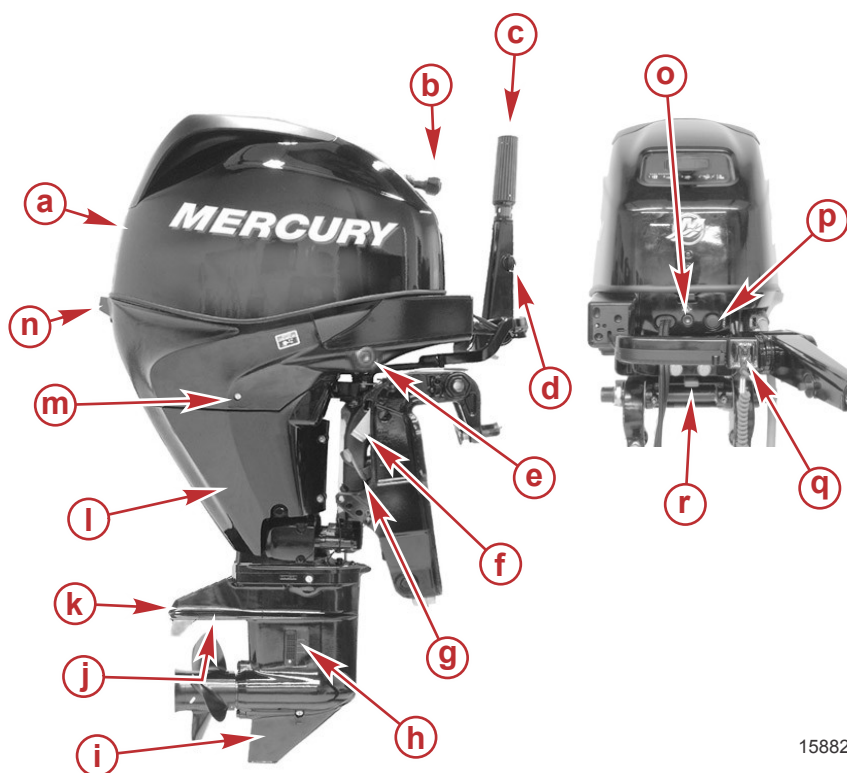
- a** - Top cowl
- b** - Manual start handle
- c** - Engine stop switch
- d** - Throttle friction adjustment knob
- e** - Throttle only button
- f** - Transom brackets
- g** - Tilt lock lever
- h** - Primary cooling water intake
- i** - Gearcase
- j** - Secondary cooling water intake
- k** - Anti-ventilation plate
- l** - Oil drain screw
- m** - Water pump indicator hole

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- n** - Bottom cowl
- o** - Cowl latch
- p** - Warning light
- q** - Starting button (electric start models)
- r** - Lanyard stop switch
- s** - Steering friction adjustment lever

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MANUAL GAS ASSIST TILT MODEL



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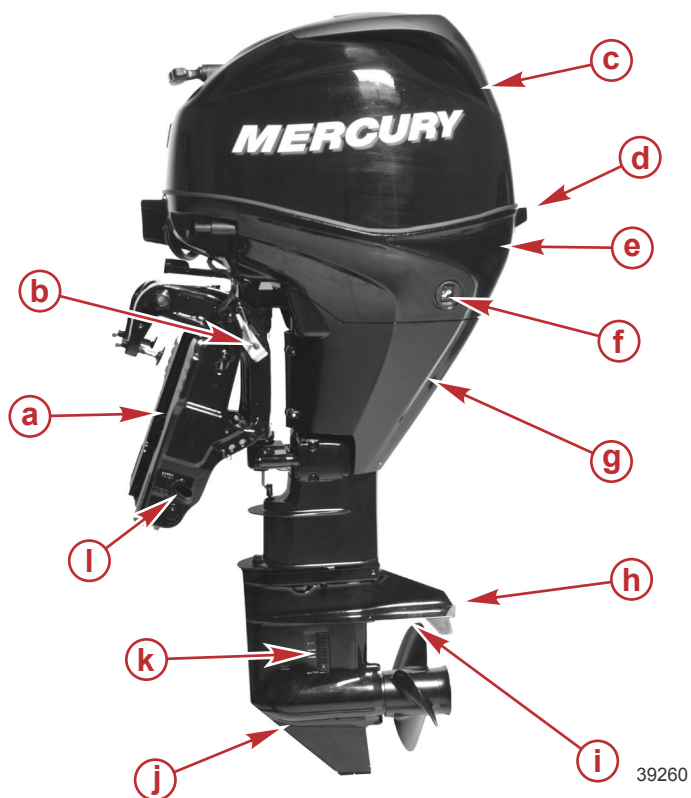
- a** - Top cowl
- b** - Manual start handle
- c** - Engine stop switch
- d** - Throttle friction adjustment knob
- e** - Throttle only button
- f** - Tilt support lever
- g** - Gas assist tilt lever
- h** - Primary cooling water intake
- i** - Gearcase
- j** - Secondary cooling water intake
- k** - Anti-ventilation plate
- l** - Chaps
- m** - Water pump indicator hole
- n** - Cowl latch
- o** - Warning light

GENERAL INFORMATION

- p** - Starting button (electric start models)
- q** - Lanyard stop switch
- r** - Steering friction adjustment lever

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POWER TRIM MODEL



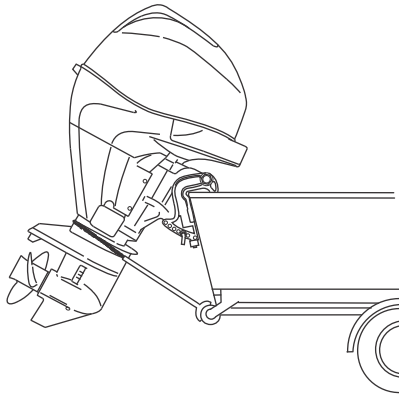
- a** - Transom brackets
- b** - Tilt support lever
- c** - Top cowl
- d** - Cowl latch
- e** - Bottom cowl
- f** - Auxiliary tilt switch
- g** - Chaps
- h** - Anti-ventilation plate
- i** - Secondary cooling water intake
- j** - Gearcase
- k** - Primary cooling water intake
- l** - Manual tilt release valve

TRANSPORTING

Trailing Boat/Outboard

Trail your boat with the outboard tilted down in a vertical operating position. Shift the engine into reverse.

If additional ground clearance is required, the outboard should be tilted up using an accessory outboard support device. Refer to your local dealer for recommendations. Additional clearance may be required for railroad crossings, driveways and trailer bouncing.



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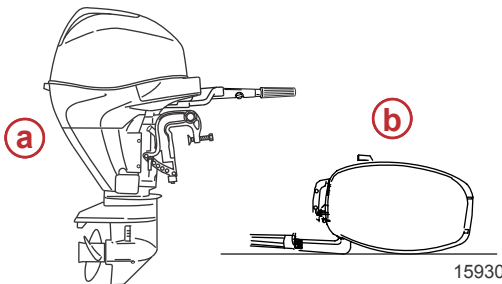
IMPORTANT: Do not rely on the power trim/tilt system or tilt support lever to maintain proper ground clearance for trailering. The outboard tilt support lever is not intended to support the outboard for trailering.

Shift the outboard to reverse gear. This prevents the propeller from spinning freely.

Transporting Your Outboard When Removed From Boat

IMPORTANT: Ensure the proper procedures are followed for transportation and storage of the outboard to avoid the possibility of oil leaks.

To prevent problems which can be caused by oil entering the cylinders from the sump, transport and store the outboard only in one of the two positions shown.



a - Upright

b - Tiller handle side down

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Fuel Requirements

IMPORTANT: Use of improper gasoline can damage your engine. Engine damage resulting from the use of improper gasoline is considered misuse of the engine and will not be covered under the limited warranty.

FUEL RATINGS

Mercury outboard engines will operate satisfactorily with any major brand of unleaded gasoline that meets the following specifications:

USA and Canada - A posted pump octane rating of 87 (R+M)/2, minimum, for most models. Premium gasoline 91 (R+M)/2 octane is also acceptable for most models. **Do not** use leaded gasoline.

Outside USA and Canada - A posted pump octane rating of 91 RON, minimum, for most models. Premium gasoline (95 RON) is also acceptable for all models. **Do not** use leaded gasoline.

USING REFORMULATED (OXYGENATED) GASOLINE (USA ONLY)

Reformulated gasoline is required in certain areas of the USA and is acceptable for use in your Mercury Marine engine. The only oxygenate currently in use in the USA is alcohol (ethanol, methanol, or butanol).

GASOLINE CONTAINING ALCOHOL

Bu16 Butanol Fuel Blends

Fuel blends of up to 16.1% butanol (Bu16) that meet the published Mercury Marine fuel rating requirements are an acceptable substitute for unleaded gasoline. Contact your boat manufacturer for specific recommendations on your boat's fuel system components (fuel tanks, fuel lines, and fittings).

Methanol and Ethanol Fuel Blends

IMPORTANT: The fuel system components on your Mercury Marine engine will withstand up to 10% alcohol (methanol or ethanol) content in the gasoline. Your boat's fuel system may not be capable of withstanding the same percentage of alcohol. Contact your boat manufacturer for specific recommendations on your boat's fuel system components (fuel tanks, fuel lines, and fittings).

Be aware that gasoline containing methanol or ethanol may cause increased:

- Corrosion of metal parts
- Deterioration of rubber or plastic parts
- Fuel permeation through the rubber fuel lines
- Likelihood of phase separation (water and alcohol separating from the gasoline in the fuel tank)

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WARNING

Fuel leakage is a fire or explosion hazard, which can cause serious injury or death. Periodically inspect all fuel system components for leaks, softening, hardening, swelling, or corrosion, particularly after storage. Any sign of leakage or deterioration requires replacement before further engine operation.

IMPORTANT: If you use gasoline that contains or might contain methanol or ethanol, you must increase the frequency of inspection for leaks and abnormalities.

IMPORTANT: When operating a Mercury Marine engine on gasoline containing methanol or ethanol, do not store the gasoline in the fuel tank for long periods. Cars normally consume these blended fuels before they can absorb enough moisture to cause trouble; boats often sit idle long enough for phase separation to take place. Internal corrosion may occur during storage if alcohol has washed protective oil films from internal components.

Low Permeation Fuel Hose Requirement

Required for outboards manufactured for sale, sold, or offered for sale in the United States.

- The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) requires that any outboard manufactured after January 1, 2009, must use low permeation fuel hose for the primary fuel hose connecting the fuel tank to the outboard.
- Low permeation hose is USCG Type B1-15 or Type A1-15, defined as not exceeding 15 g/m²/24 h with CE 10 fuel at 23 °C as specified in SAE J 1527 - marine fuel hose.

EPA Pressurized Portable Fuel Tank Requirements

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) requires portable fuel systems that are produced after January 1, 2011, for use with outboard engines to remain fully sealed (pressurized) up to 34.4 kPa (5.0 psi). These tanks may contain the following:

- An air inlet that opens to allow air to enter as the fuel is drawn out of the tank.
- An air outlet that opens (vents) to the atmosphere if pressure exceeds 34.4 kPa (5.0 psi).

Fuel Demand Valve (FDV) Requirement

Whenever a pressurized fuel tank is used, a fuel demand valve is required to be installed in the fuel hose between the fuel tank and primer bulb. The fuel demand valve prevents pressurized fuel from entering the engine and causing a fuel system overflow or possible fuel spillage.

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The fuel demand valve has a manual release. The manual release can be used (pushed in) to open (bypass) the valve in case of a fuel blockage in the valve.



- a** - Fuel demand valve - installed in the fuel hose between the fuel tank and primer bulb
- b** - Manual release
- c** - Vent/water drain holes

Mercury Marine's Pressurized Portable Fuel Tank

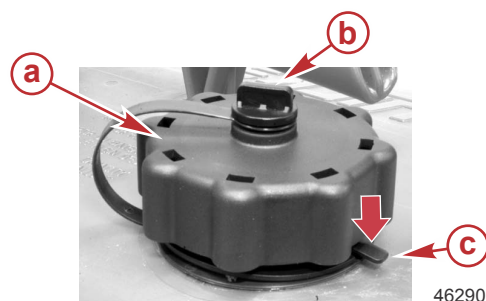
Mercury Marine has created a new portable pressurized fuel tank that meets the preceding EPA requirements. These fuel tanks are available as an accessory or are provided with certain portable outboard models.

SPECIAL FEATURES OF THE PORTABLE FUEL TANK

- The fuel tank has a two-way valve which allows air to enter the tank as the fuel is drawn to the engine, and also opens to vent to the atmosphere if internal pressure in the tank exceeds 34.4 kPa (5.0 psi). A hissing noise may be heard as the tank vents to the atmosphere. This is normal.
- The fuel tank includes a fuel demand valve that prevents pressurized fuel from entering the engine and causing a fuel system overflow or possible fuel spillage.
- When installing the fuel tank cap, turn the cap to the right until you hear a click. This signals that the fuel cap is fully seated. A built-in device prevents overtightening.
- The fuel tank has a manual vent screw which should be closed for transportation and open for operation and cap removal.

Since sealed fuel tanks are not vented, they will expand and contract as the fuel expands and contracts during heating and cooling cycles of the outside air. This is normal.

REMOVING THE FUEL CAP



- a** - Fuel cap
- b** - Manual vent screw
- c** - Tab lock

IMPORTANT: Contents may be under pressure. Rotate the fuel cap 1/4 turn to relieve pressure before opening.

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1. Open the manual vent screw on top of the fuel cap.
2. Turn the fuel cap until it contacts the tab lock.
3. Press down on the tab lock. Rotate the fuel cap 1/4 turn to relieve the pressure.
4. Press down on the tab lock again and remove the cap.

DIRECTIONS FOR USING THE PRESSURIZED PORTABLE FUEL TANK

1. When installing the fuel tank cap, turn the cap to the right until you hear a click. This signals that the fuel cap is fully seated. A built-in device prevents overtightening.
2. Open the manual vent screw on top of the cap for operation and cap removal. Close the manual vent screw for transportation.
3. For fuel hoses that have quick disconnects, disconnect the fuel line from the engine or fuel tank when not in use.
4. Follow **Filling Fuel Tank** instructions for fueling.

Filling Fuel Tank

WARNING

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

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

Remove the portable fuel tanks from the boat to fill them.

Always stop the engine before filling the 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

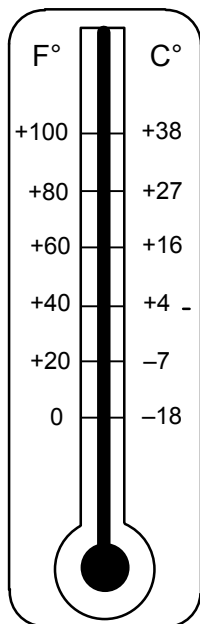
Place the fuel tank in the boat so the vent is higher than the fuel level under normal boat operating conditions.

Engine Oil Recommendations

Mercury or Quicksilver NMMA FC-W certified SAE 10W-30 4-Stroke Marine Engine Oil is recommended for general, all-temperature use. If NMMA certified synthetic blend oil is preferred, use Mercury or Quicksilver SAE 25W-40 Synthetic Blend Marine 4-Stroke Engine Oil. If the recommended Mercury or Quicksilver NMMA FC-W certified outboard oils are not available, a major FC-W certified 4-stroke outboard oil may be used.

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IMPORTANT: The use of nondetergent oils, multi-viscosity oils (other than Mercury or Quicksilver NMMA FC-W certified oil or a major brand NMMA FC-W certified oil), synthetic oils, low quality or oils that contain solid additives are not recommended.



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Recommended SAE viscosity for engine oil

- a** - Mercury or Quicksilver SAE 25W-40 Synthetic Blend Marine 4-Stroke Engine Oil may be used at temperatures above 4 °C (40 °F)
- b** - Mercury or Quicksilver SAE 10W-30 4-Stroke Marine Engine Oil is recommended for use in all temperatures

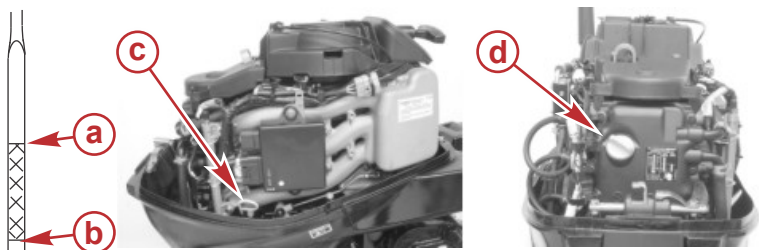
Checking and Adding Engine Oil

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

1. Turn the engine off. Have the outboard in a level operating position. Remove the top cowl.

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2. Pull out the dipstick. Wipe it with a clean rag or towel and push it back in all the way.



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- a - Full mark
- b - Add mark
- c - Dipstick
- d - Oil fill cap

3. Pull the dipstick back out again and observe the oil level. Oil must be between full mark and add mark. If the oil level is low, remove the oil fill cap and fill to (but not over) the upper oil level.

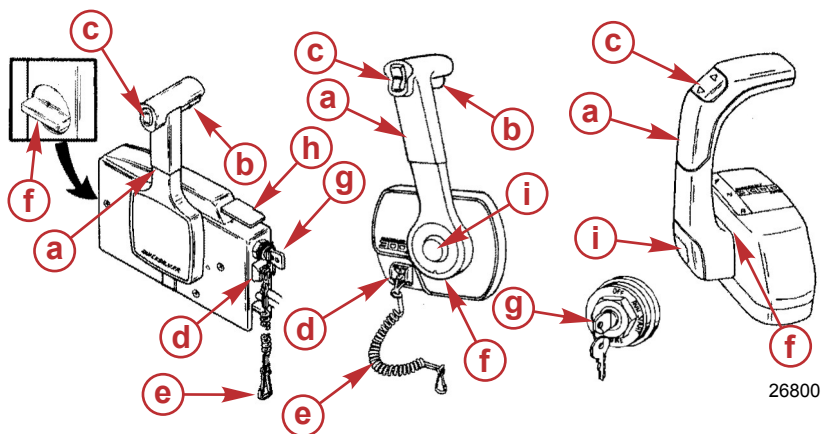
NOTE: Under certain conditions, the operating temperature of 4-stroke outboard engines may not get hot enough to evaporate the normal fuel and moisture that accumulate in the crankcase. These conditions include operating at idle for long periods, repeated short trips, slow speed or quick stop-and-go operation, and operating in cooler climates. This additional fuel and moisture that collects in the crankcase eventually ends up in the oil sump and will add to the total volume of oil that appears on the dipstick reading. This increase in oil volume is known as oil dilution. Outboard engines can typically handle large amounts of oil dilution without causing durability problems. However, to ensure extended life of the outboard engine, Mercury recommends that the oil and filter be changed regularly following the oil change interval and using the recommended oil quality. It is further recommended that if your outboard is operated frequently in the conditions described above, that more frequent oil change intervals be considered.

4. Push the dipstick back in all the way. Install the oil fill cap hand-tight.

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Remote Control Features

Your boat may be equipped with one of the Mercury Precision or Quicksilver remote controls shown. If not, consult your dealer for a description of the functions and operations of the remote control.



- a** - Control handle – forward, neutral, reverse
- b** - Neutral release lever
- c** - Trim/tilt switch (if equipped) – Refer to **Features and Controls – Power Trim and Tilt**
- d** - Lanyard stop switch – Refer to **General Information – Lanyard Stop Switch**
- e** - Lanyard – Refer to **General Information – Lanyard Stop Switch**
- f** - Throttle friction adjustment – Console controls require cover removal for adjustment
- g** - Ignition key switch – "OFF," "ON," "START"
- h** - Fast idle lever – Refer to **Operation – Starting the Engine**
- i** - Throttle only button – Refer to **Operation – Starting the Engine**

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Tiller Handle Model Features

- Throttle only button - Pressing in the button while the outboard is in neutral allows the boat operator to increase engine RPM for warm-up, without shifting the engine into gear.

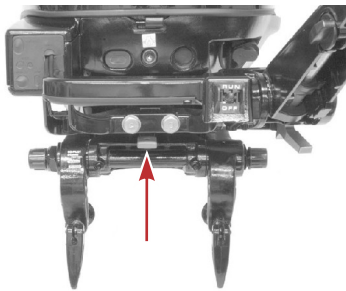


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- Steering friction adjustment - Adjust this lever to achieve the desired steering friction (drag) on the tiller handle. Move lever to the left to tighten friction or move to the right to loosen friction.

▲ WARNING

Insufficient friction adjustment can cause serious injury or death due to loss of boat control. When setting the friction adjustment, maintain sufficient steering friction to prevent the outboard from steering into a full turn if the tiller handle or steering wheel is released.

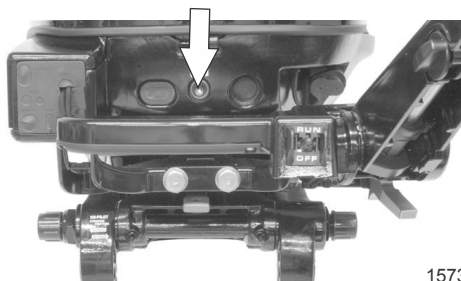


- a** - Tighten friction
- b** - Loosen friction

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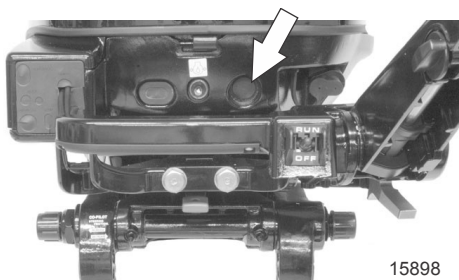
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- Warning light - The warning light will turn on or flash to alert the operator to the warning system situations. Refer to **Warning System**.



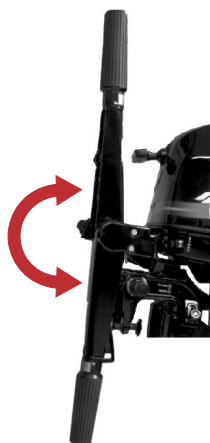
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- Electric start button (electric start models) - Press to start the engine.



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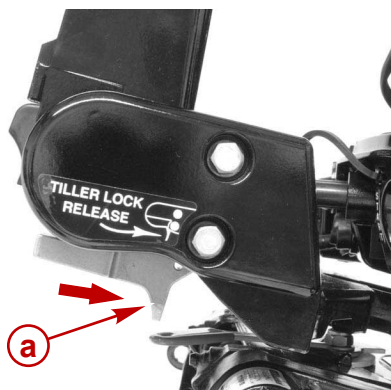
- Tiller handle - Handle can be tilted 180° for convenient handling during transportation and storage.



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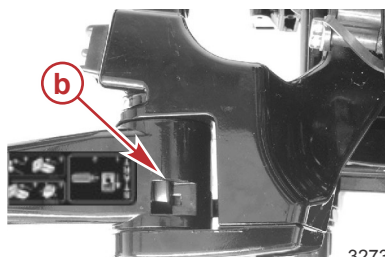
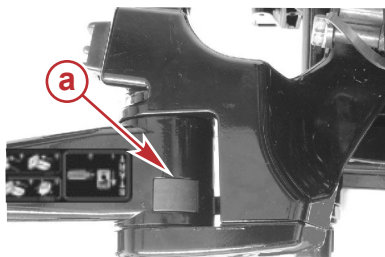
- Tiller lock release lever - Push lever to move tiller handle from one position to another.



a - Tiller lock release lever

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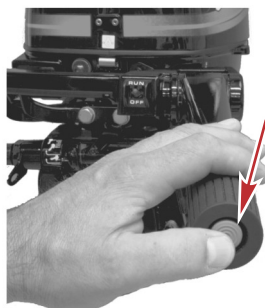
- Tiller handle lock cap - Remove the lock cap on top of tiller handle to lock in up position. Push tiller lock release lever to release the handle from the locked up position.



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- a** - Lock cap
- b** - Locking mechanism

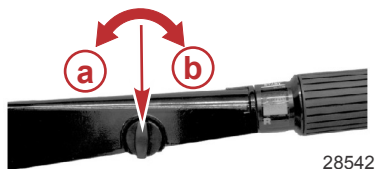
- Engine stop switch



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- Throttle grip friction knob - Turn friction knob to set and maintain the throttle at desired speed. Turn the knob clockwise to tighten the friction or turn the knob counterclockwise to loosen the friction.



- a** - Loosen friction (counterclockwise)
- b** - Tighten friction (clockwise)

- Lanyard stop switch - Refer to **General Information - Lanyard Stop Switch**.



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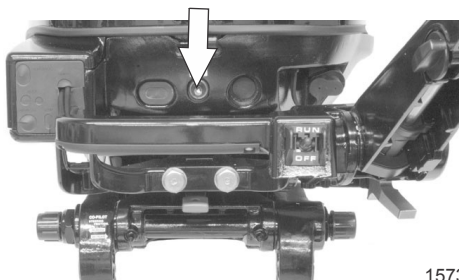
Warning System

WARNING HORN

Remote control models will have the warning horn located inside the remote control or connected to the ignition key switch. Tiller handle models will have the warning horn located in the engine cowl.

WARNING LIGHT

The warning light will turn on or flash to alert the operator to the warning system situations listed in the following chart.



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WARNING SYSTEM OPERATION

The warning horn will emit either a continuous beep or intermittent short beeps and engine speed will be limited. This will alert the operator and help identify the following listed situations.

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Warning System				
Function	Sound	Warning Light	Description	Engine Speed Limited to 2800 RPM
Start up	One beep	On for 5 seconds	Normal system test	
Engine over temperature	Continuous	On	Engine overheat	X
Low oil pressure	Continuous	On	Low oil pressure	X
Engine overspeed	Continuous	On	Engine speed exceeds maximum allowable RPM	
Water temp or MAP sensor out of range	Intermittent short beep	Flashes	Engine speed will be limited. Consult your dealer for assistance.	X

ENGINE OVERHEAT

If the engine overheats, immediately reduce throttle speed to idle. Shift outboard into neutral and check for a steady stream of water coming out of the water pump indicator hole.



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If no water is coming out of the water pump indicator hole, or flow is intermittent, stop engine and check cooling water intake holes for obstruction. If no obstruction is found, this may indicate a blockage in the cooling system or a water pump problem. Have the outboard checked by your dealer. Operating the engine while overheated will cause engine damage.

If a steady flow of water is coming out of the water pump indicator hole and the engine continues to overheat, consult your dealer. Operating an overheated engine will cause engine damage.

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NOTE: *Should overheating occur and you are stranded, stop the engine and allow it to cool down. This will usually allow some additional low speed (idle) running time before the engine starts to overheat again.*

LOW OIL PRESSURE

The warning system will be activated if the oil pressure drops too low. First, stop the engine and check the oil level. Add oil if necessary. If the oil is at the recommended level and the warning horn continues to sound, consult your dealer. Engine speed will be limited to 2800 RPM, however, you should not continue to run engine.

ENGINE OVERSPEED LIMITER

Some causes of engine overspeed are as follows:

- Propeller ventilation
- A propeller which has an incorrect pitch or diameter
- Propeller hub slippage
- Outboard mounted too high on the transom
- Tilting the outboard out beyond a vertical position
- Cavitation of the propeller due to rough water or obstruction in the boat hull

When the engine overspeed limiter is activated, the engine timing will be momentarily retarded to decrease the engine speed. Excessive overspeed (above 6300 RPM) will result in cutout of the cylinders to prevent operation above this limit.

Tiller Handle Models with Manual Gas Assist Tilt

Models equipped with a gas assisted tilt system allows the operator to lock the outboard at any tilt position from full down to full up.

This tilt system is designed to be adjusted when the outboard is idling in neutral or with the engine turned off.

Before operating, the outboard must be locked in its tilt position by moving the lock lever to the lock position.

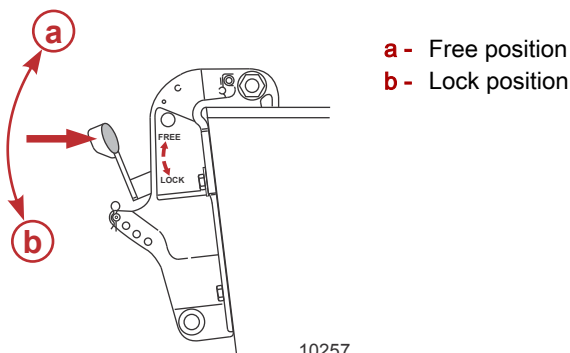
WARNING

Operating the engine without engaging the tilt lock lever can cause serious injury or death. The outboard can tilt upwards when decelerating or operating in reverse, causing loss of boat control. Always lock the outboard in its run position before operating.

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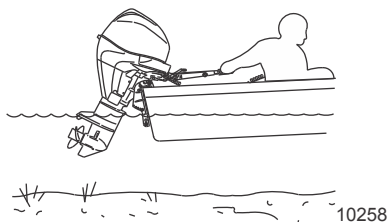
BASIC TILTING OPERATION

Move lock lever to the free position. Tilt outboard to desired position and lock in place by moving the tilt lock lever back to the lock position.



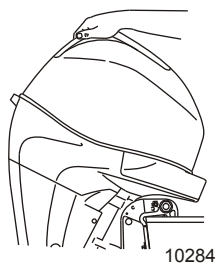
SHALLOW WATER OPERATION

When operating your boat in shallow water, the outboard can be adjusted and locked at a higher tilt angle. Operate your outboard at slow speed while tilted up for shallow water operation. Keep the cooling water intake holes submerged in the water and continue to check for water discharge from the water pump indicator hole.



TILTING OUTBOARD TO FULL UP POSITION

1. Stop the engine. Move the lock lever to the free position. Take hold of the top cowl grip and raise outboard to full tilt up position. Lock the outboard in place by moving the lock lever to the lock position.



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2. Engage the tilt support lever.
3. Lower outboard to rest on the tilt support lever.

LOWERING OUTBOARD TO RUN POSITION

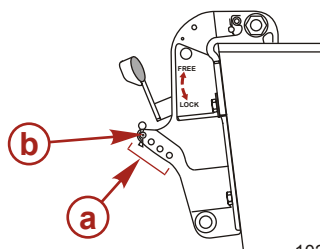
1. Move the lock lever to the free position. Tilt up the outboard slightly and release the tilt support lever. Lower outboard to run position.
2. Move the lock lever to the lock position.



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OPERATING ANGLE ADJUSTMENT

The transom brackets have four holes for adjusting the vertical operating angle (forward stop movement) of the outboard. Use the tilt pin for adjustments in the four holes.



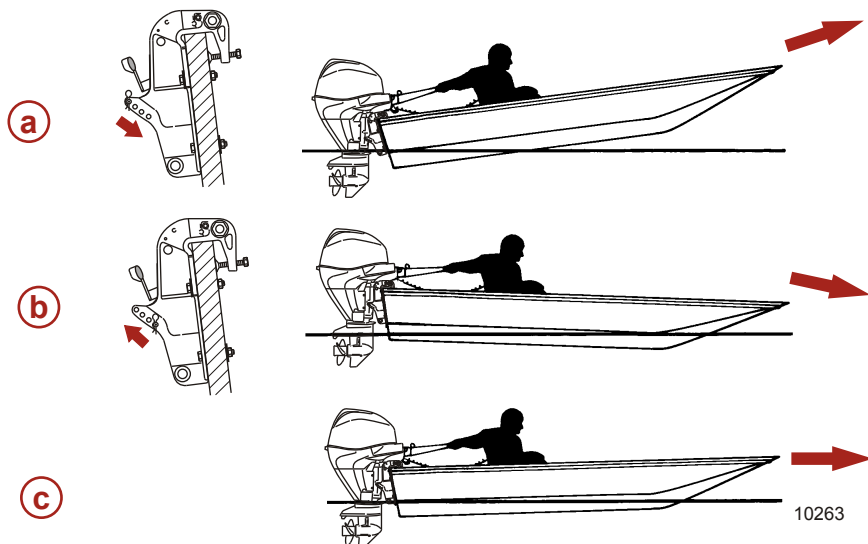
- a** - Transom bracket holes
- b** - Tilt pin

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Adjust the operating angle of the outboard so that the outboard runs perpendicular to the water when the boat is at full speed.

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



- a** - Too much angle (bow up) - adjust in
- b** - Not enough angle (bow down) - adjust out
- c** - Angle adjusted properly (bow slightly up)

NOTE: The outboard should be locked against the tilt pin during operation by setting the tilt lock lever to the lock position.

Consider the following lists carefully when adjusting the operating angle of your outboard.

Adjusting the outboard close to the boat transom can:

- Lower the bow.
- Result in quicker planing off, especially with a heavy load or a stern heavy boat.
- Generally improve the ride in choppy water.
- Increase steering torque or pull to the right (with the normal right hand rotation propeller).
- In excess, can lower the bow of some boats to a point where they begin to plow with their bow in the water while on plane. This can result in an unexpected turn in either direction (called bow steering or oversteering) if any turn is attempted or if a significant wave is encountered.

Adjusting the outboard away from the boat transom can:

- Lift the bow out of the water.
- Generally increase top speed.

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- Increase clearance over submerged objects or a shallow bottom.
- Increase steering torque or pull to the left at a normal installation height (with the normal right hand rotation propeller).
- In excess, can cause boat porpoising (bouncing) or propeller ventilation.

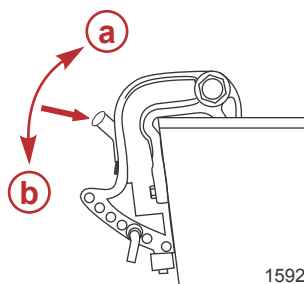
Tiller Handle Models with Manual Tilt

BASIC TILTING OPERATION

The tilt feature allows the operator to tilt the outboard to a higher tilt angle for operation in shallow water, or tilt the outboard to the full up position.

When running the outboard, keep the tilt lever in the release position. This allows the outboard to return to the running position if the outboard should ever hit an underwater obstacle and be lifted up.

Moving the tilt lever to the tilt position will allow the outboard to lock into the shallow water drive position or the full up position.



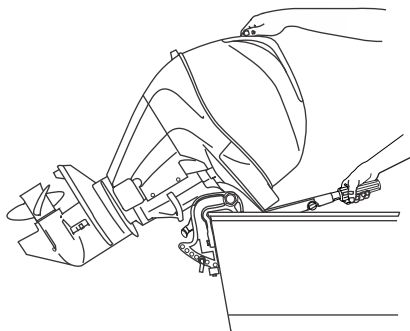
a - Release position

b - Tilt position

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TILTING OUTBOARD TO FULL UP POSITION

1. Stop the engine.
2. Shift the outboard to forward gear position.
3. Position the tilt lever to the tilt position.
4. Take hold of the top cowl grip and tilt the outboard all the way up until it locks in place.



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LOWERING OUTBOARD DOWN TO RUN POSITION

Position the tilt lever to the release position. Raise the outboard slightly to release it from its locked position and gently lower it.

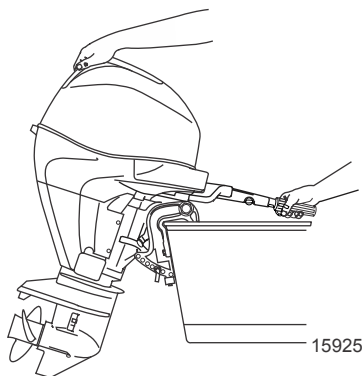
SHALLOW WATER OPERATION

The shallow water drive position on the outboard allows you to position the outboard at a higher tilt angle to prevent hitting bottom.

IMPORTANT: Before tilting the outboard into shallow water drive position, reduce the engine speed to idle and shift the engine into forward gear.

IMPORTANT: While in shallow water drive position, do not operate the outboard in reverse. Operate the outboard at slow speed and keep the cooling water intake submerged.

1. Reduce the engine speed to idle.
2. Shift the engine into forward gear position.
3. Position the tilt lever to the tilt position.
4. Take hold of the top cowl grip and tilt up the outboard until it locks in the shallow water running position.
5. To release the outboard out of shallow water drive, position the tilt lever to the release position, and slightly lift up the outboard, and then gently lower it down.



SETTING THE OPERATION ANGLE OF YOUR OUTBOARD

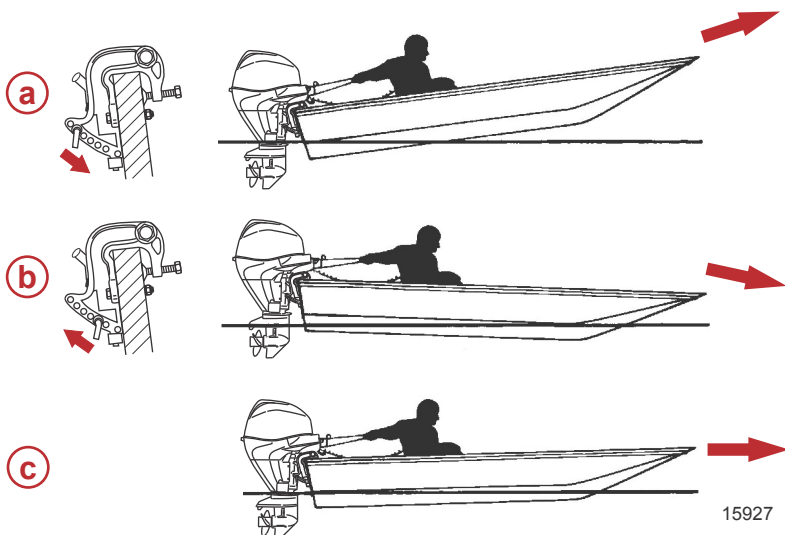
The vertical operating angle of your outboard is adjusted by changing the position of the tilt pin in the six adjustment holes provided. Proper adjustment allows the boat to run stable, achieve optimum performance, and minimize steering effort.

NOTE: Refer to the following lists when adjusting the operating angle of your outboard.

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.

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



- a** - Too much angle (stern down - bow up)
- b** - Not enough angle (stern up - bow down)
- c** - Angle adjusted properly (bow slightly up)

Consider the following lists carefully when adjusting the operating angle of your outboard.

Adjusting the outboard close to the boat transom can:

- Lower the bow.
- Result in quicker planing off, especially with a heavy load or a stern heavy boat.
- Generally improve the ride in choppy water.
- Increase steering torque or pull to the right (with the normal right-hand rotation propeller).
- In excess, can lower the bow of some boats to a point where they begin to plow with their bow in the water while on plane. This can result in an unexpected turn in either direction (called bow steering or oversteering) if any turn is attempted, or if a significant wave is encountered.

Adjusting the outboard away from the boat transom can:

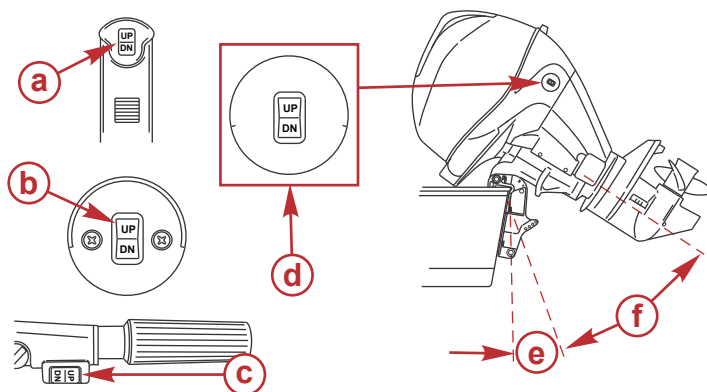
- Lift the bow out of the water.
- Generally increase top speed.
- Increase clearance over submerged objects or a shallow bottom.

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- Increase steering torque or pull to the left at a normal installation height (with the normal right hand rotation propeller).
- In excess, can cause boat porpoising (bouncing) or propeller ventilation.

Power Trim and Tilt (if Equipped)

Your outboard has a trim/tilt control called power trim. This enables the operator to easily adjust the position of the outboard by pressing the trim switch. Moving the outboard in closer to the boat transom is called trimming in or down. Moving the outboard further away from the boat transom is called trimming out or up. The term trim generally refers to the adjustment of the outboard within the first 20° range of travel. This is the range used while operating your boat on plane. The term tilt is generally used when referring to adjusting the outboard further up and out of the water. With the engine turned off, the outboard can be tilted out of the water. At low idle speed, the outboard can also be tilted up past the trim range to permit, for example, shallow water operation.



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- a** - Remote control trim switch
- b** - Panel mount trim switch
- c** - Tiller handle trim switch
- d** - Cowl mounted trim switch (option)
- e** - Trim range of travel
- f** - Tilt range of travel

POWER TRIM OPERATION

With most boats, operating around the middle of the trim range will give satisfactory results. However, to take full advantage of the trimming capability there may be times when you choose to trim your outboard all the way in or out. Along with an improvement in some performance aspects comes a greater responsibility for the operator, and this is being aware of some potential control hazards.

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The most significant control hazard is a pull or torque that can be felt on the steering wheel or tiller handle. This steering torque results from the outboard being trimmed so that the propeller shaft is not parallel to the water surface.

WARNING

Trimming the outboard beyond a neutral steering condition may result in a pull on the steering wheel or tiller handle and loss of boat control. Maintain control of the boat if trimming beyond a neutral steering condition.

Consider the following lists carefully.

1. Trimming in or down can:
 - Lower the bow.
 - Result in quicker planing off, especially with a heavy load or a stern heavy boat.
 - Generally improve the ride in choppy water.
 - Increase steering torque or pull to the right (with the normal right-hand rotation propeller).
 - In excess, can lower the bow of some boats to a point where they begin to plow with their bow in the water while on plane. This can result in an unexpected turn in either direction (called bow steering or oversteering) if any turn is attempted, or if a significant wave is encountered.

WARNING

Operating the boat at high speeds with the outboard trimmed too far under can create excessive bow steer, resulting in the operator losing control of the boat. Install the trim limit pin in a position that prevents excessive trim under and operate the boat in a safe manner.

- In rare circumstances, the owner may decide to limit the trim in. This can be accomplished by repositioning the tilt stop pin into whatever adjustment hole in the transom bracket is desired.
2. Trimming out or up can:
 - Lift the bow higher out of the water.
 - Generally increase top speed.
 - Increase clearance over submerged objects or a shallow bottom.
 - Increase steering torque or pull to the left at a normal installation height (with the normal right-hand rotation propeller).
 - In excess, can cause boat porpoising (bouncing) or propeller ventilation.
 - Cause engine overheating if any cooling water intake holes are above the waterline.

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TILTING OPERATION

To tilt the outboard, shut off the engine and press the trim/tilt switch or auxiliary tilt switch to the up position. The outboard will tilt up until the switch is released or it reaches its maximum tilt position.

1. Engage the tilt support lever by rotating the lever down.
2. Lower the outboard to rest on the tilt support lever.
3. Disengage the tilt support lever, by slightly tilting up the outboard and releasing the tilt support bracket. Lower the outboard.



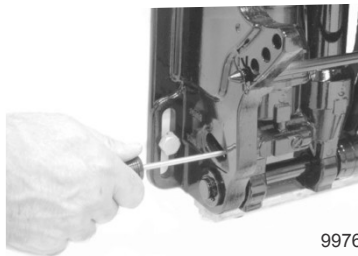
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MANUAL TILTING

If the outboard cannot be tilted using the power trim/tilt switch, the outboard can be manually tilted.

NOTE: *The manual tilt release valve must be tightened before operating the outboard to prevent the outboard from tilting up during reverse operation.*

Turn out the manual tilt release valve three turns counterclockwise. This allows manual tilting of the outboard. Tilt the outboard to the desired position and tighten the manual tilt release valve.

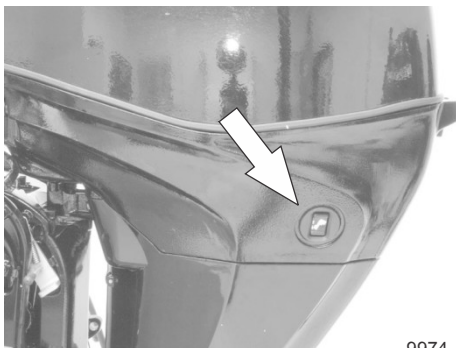


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AUXILIARY TILT SWITCH

The auxiliary tilt switch can be used to tilt the outboard up or down using the power trim system.



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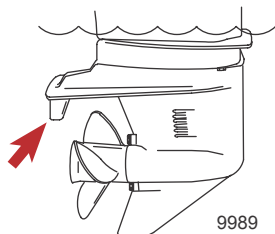
SHALLOW WATER OPERATION

When operating your boat in shallow water, you can tilt the outboard beyond the maximum trim range to prevent hitting bottom.

1. Reduce the engine speed below 2000 RPM.
2. Tilt the outboard up. Make sure all the water intake holes stay submerged at all times.
3. Operate the engine at slow speed only.

Trim Tab Adjustment

Propeller steering torque will cause your boat to pull in one direction. This steering torque is a normal result from your outboard not trimmed with the propeller shaft parallel to the water surface. The trim tab can help to compensate for this steering torque in many cases and can be adjusted within limits to reduce any unequal steering effort.



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NOTE: Trim tab adjustment will have little effect reducing steering torque if the outboard is installed with the anti-ventilation plate approximately 50 mm (2 in.) or more above the boat bottom.

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MODELS WITHOUT POWER TRIM

Operate your boat at normal cruising speed trimmed to desired position by installing the tilt pin in the desired tilt pin hole. Turn your boat left and right and note the direction the boat turns more easily.

If adjustment is necessary, loosen trim tab bolt and make small adjustments at a time. If the boat turns more easily to the left, move the trailing edge of trim tab to the left. If the boat turns more easily to the right move the trailing edge of trim tab to the right. Retighten bolt and retest.

MODELS WITH POWER TRIM

Operate your boat at normal cruising speed, trimmed to desired position. Turn your boat left and right and note the direction the boat turns more easily.

If adjustment is necessary, loosen trim tab bolt and make small adjustments at a time. If the boat turns more easily to the left, move the trailing edge of trim tab to the left. If the boat turns more easily to the right move the trailing edge of trim tab to the right. Tighten bolt and retest.

OPERATION

Prestarting 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 the trapped water in the 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 Saltwater 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.

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Prestarting Instructions

1. Connect the remote fuel line to the outboard. Make sure connector is snapped into place.



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2. Check the engine oil level.

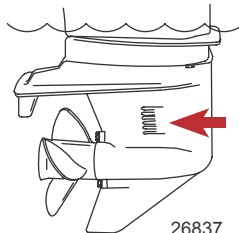


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NOTICE

Without sufficient cooling water, the engine, the water pump, and other components will overheat and suffer damage. Provide a sufficient supply of water to the water inlets during operation.

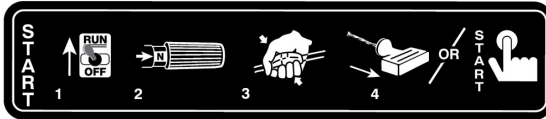
3. Make sure the cooling water intake is submerged.



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4. Tiller handle models with manual or electric start, have a quick reference decal on the tiller handle that shows the sequence for starting the engine.



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Tiller handle starting sequence decal

Engine Break-in Procedure

IMPORTANT: Failure to follow the engine break-in procedures can result in poor performance throughout the life of the engine and can cause engine damage. Always follow break-in procedures.

1. For the first hour of operation, run the engine at varied throttle settings up to 3500 RPM or at approximately half throttle.
2. For the second hour of operation, run the engine at varied throttle settings up to 4500 RPM or at three-quarter throttle, and during this period of time, run it 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 - Remote Control Models

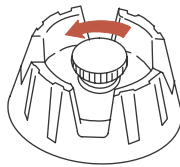
Before starting, read the **Prestarting Check List**, **Prestarting Instructions**, and **Engine Break-in Procedure** in the **Operation** section.

NOTICE

Without sufficient cooling water, the engine, the water pump, and other components will overheat and suffer damage. Provide a sufficient supply of water to the water inlets during operation.

NOTE: If the outboard has run out of fuel, or has been in storage for an extended period of time, additional attempts to start the engine will be required to purge the fuel system of air.

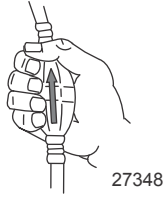
1. Open the fuel tank vent screw (in filler cap) on the manual venting type fuel tanks.



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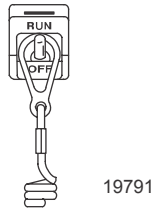
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2. Position the fuel line primer bulb so the arrow on the side of the bulb is pointing up. Squeeze the fuel line primer bulb several times until it feels firm.

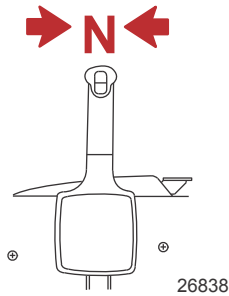


IMPORTANT: To prevent engine flooding, do not squeeze the primer bulb after the engine has warmed up.

3. Set the lanyard stop switch to RUN position. Refer to **General Information - Lanyard Stop Switch**.



4. Shift the outboard to neutral (N) position.

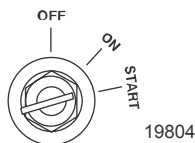


5. Move the neutral fast idle speed feature to the fully closed position.

NOTE: Starting flooded engine - Advance the neutral fast idle speed feature to the maximum fast idle speed position and continue to crank the engine for starting. Immediately reduce engine speed after engine starts.

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- Turn the ignition key to the START position. If the engine fails to start in ten seconds, return the key to ON position, wait 30 seconds and try again.



- After the engine starts, 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 the 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.

WARMING UP ENGINE

Before beginning operation, allow the engine to warm up at idling speed for three minutes.

Starting the Engine - Tiller Handle Models

Before starting, read the **Prestarting Check List**, **Prestarting Instructions**, and **Engine Break-in Procedure** in the **Operation** section.

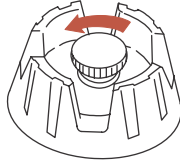
NOTICE

Without sufficient cooling water, the engine, the water pump, and other components will overheat and suffer damage. Provide a sufficient supply of water to the water inlets during operation.

NOTE: If the outboard has run out of fuel, or has been in storage for an extended period of time, additional attempts to start the engine will be required to purge the fuel system of air.

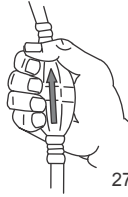
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2. Position the fuel line primer bulb so the arrow on the side of the bulb is pointing up. Squeeze the fuel line primer bulb several times until it feels firm.



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IMPORTANT: To prevent the engine flooding, do not squeeze the primer bulb after the engine has warmed up.

3. Set the lanyard stop switch to RUN position. Refer to **General Information - Lanyard Stop Switch**.



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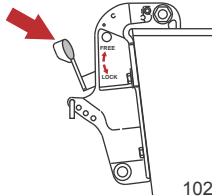
4. Set the tiller handle grip to neutral start position.



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5. Models with gas assist tilt - Position the tilt lock lever to the lock position.



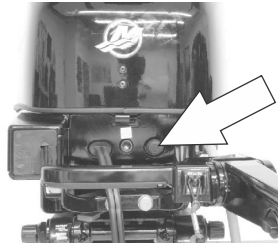
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6. Manual starting models - Pull the starter rope slowly, until you feel the starter engage, then pull rapidly to crank the engine. Allow rope to return slowly. Repeat until engine starts.



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7. Electric starting models - Push the starter button and crank the engine. Release button when engine starts. Do not operate starter motor continuously for longer than ten seconds at a time. If engine fails to start in ten seconds, wait 30 seconds and try again.



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



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IMPORTANT: If no water is coming out of the water pump indicator hole, stop the 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.

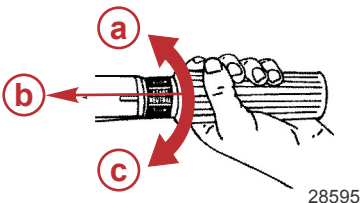
WARMING UP ENGINE

Before beginning operation, allow the engine to warm up at idling speed for three minutes.

Gear Shifting

IMPORTANT: Observe the following:

- Never shift the outboard into or out of gear unless the engine speed is at idle. Shifting at higher than engine idle speed could cause damage to the gearcase.
- Do not shift the outboard into reverse when the forward motion of the boat is greater than a no wake speed. Shifting into reverse at higher boat speeds could cause the engine to stall, and in some situations, this could cause water to be drawn into the cylinders, resulting in severe engine damage.
- Do not shift the outboard into reverse when the engine is not running. Damage to the shift linkage could occur.
- Your outboard has three gear shift positions to provide operation: Forward (F), Neutral (N), and Reverse (R).
- **Tiller handle models** - Reduce the engine speed to idle before shifting.

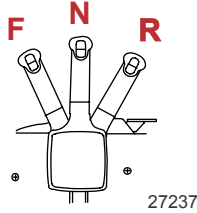


- a - (R) Reverse
- b - (N) Neutral
- c - (F) Forward

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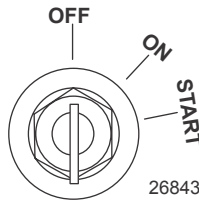
- **Remote control models** - When shifting, always stop at neutral position and allow the engine speed to return to idle.



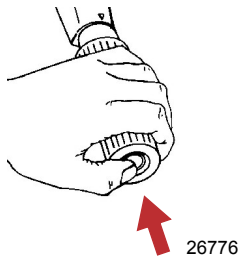
- Always shift the outboard into gear with a quick motion.
- After shifting the outboard into gear, advance the remote control lever or rotate the throttle grip (tiller handle) to increase speed.

Stopping the Engine

1. **Remote control models** - Reduce the engine speed and shift the outboard to neutral position. Turn the ignition key to "OFF" position.



2. **Tiller handle models** - Reduce the engine speed and shift the outboard to neutral position. Push in the engine stop button or turn the ignition key to "OFF" position.

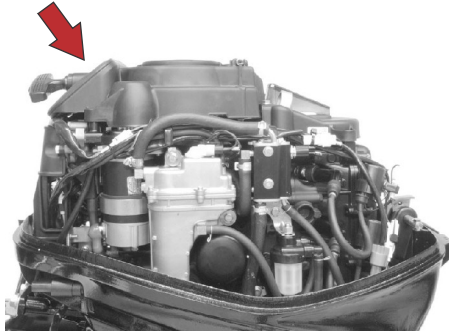


Emergency Starting

If the starter system fails, use the spare starter rope (provided) and follow procedure.

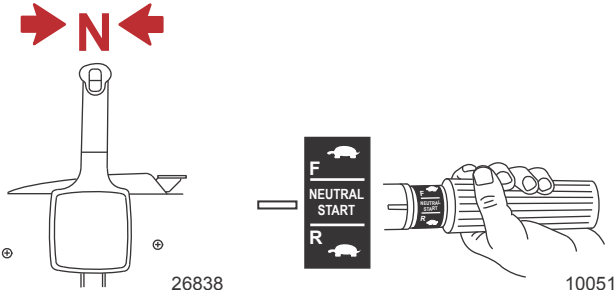
OPERATION

1. Remove the flywheel cover or manual starter assembly.



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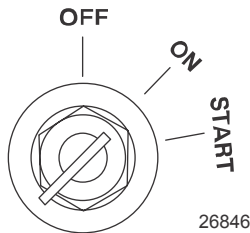
2. Shift the outboard to neutral ("N") position.



⚠ WARNING

The neutral-speed-protection device is inoperative when starting the engine with the emergency starter rope. Set the engine speed at idle and the gear shift in neutral to prevent the outboard from starting in gear.

3. Electric Start Models - Turn the ignition key to "ON" position.



OPERATION

▲ WARNING

High voltage is present any time the key is turned on, especially when starting or operating the engine. Do not touch ignition components or metal test probes and stay clear of spark plug leads when performing live tests.

▲ 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 flywheel cover or top cowl when engine is running.

4. Place the starter rope knot into the flywheel notch and wind the rope clockwise around the flywheel.
5. Pull the starter rope to start the engine.



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Cleaning Care Recommendations

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.

Record maintenance performed in the **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.

DO NOT USE CAUSTIC CLEANING CHEMICALS

IMPORTANT: Do not use caustic cleaning chemicals on the outboard power package. Some cleaning products contain strong caustic agents such as hull cleaners with hydrochloric acid. These cleaners can degrade some of the components they come in contact with including critical steering fasteners.

Damage to steering fasteners may not be obvious during visual inspection and this damage may lead to catastrophic failure. Some caustic cleaning chemicals may cause or accelerate corrosion. Exercise caution when using cleaning chemicals around the engine and follow the recommendations on the packaging of the cleaning product.

CLEANING GAUGES

IMPORTANT: Never use high-pressure water to clean gauges.

Routine cleaning of the gauges is recommended to prevent a buildup of salt and other environmental debris. Crystallized salt can scratch the gauge display lens when using a dry or damp cloth. Ensure that the cloth has a sufficient amount of fresh water to dissolve and remove salt or mineral deposits. Do not apply aggressive pressure on the display lens while cleaning.

When water marks cannot be removed with a damp cloth, mix a 50/50 solution of warm water and isopropyl alcohol to clean the display lens. **Do not use** acetone, mineral spirits, turpentine type solvents, or ammonia based cleaning products. The use of strong solvents or detergents may damage the coating, the plastics, or the rubber keys on the gauges. If the gauge has a sun cover available, it is recommended that the cover be installed when the unit is not in use to prevent UV damage to the plastic bezels and rubber keys.

CLEANING REMOTE CONTROLS

IMPORTANT: Never use high-pressure water to clean remote controls.

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Routine cleaning of the remote control external surfaces is recommended to prevent a buildup of salt and other environmental debris. Use a cloth towel which has a sufficient amount of fresh water to dissolve and remove salt or mineral deposits.

When water marks cannot be removed with a damp cloth, mix a 50/50 solution of warm water and isopropyl alcohol to clean the remote control. **Do not use acetone, mineral spirits, turpentine type solvents, or ammonia based cleaning products.** The use of strong solvents or detergents may damage the coating, the plastics, or the rubber components on the remote control.

CLEANING CARE FOR TOP AND BOTTOM COWLS

IMPORTANT: Dry wiping (wiping the plastic surface when it is dry) will result in minor surface scratches. Always wet the surface before cleaning. Do not use detergents containing hydrochloric acid. Follow the cleaning and waxing procedure.

Cleaning and Waxing Procedure


1. Before washing, rinse the cowls with clean water to remove dirt and dust that may scratch the surface.
2. Wash the cowls with clean water and a mild nonabrasive soap. Use a soft clean cloth when washing.
3. Dry thoroughly with a soft clean cloth.
4. Wax the surface using a nonabrasive automotive polish (polish designed for clear coat finishes). Remove the applied wax by hand using a clean soft cloth.
5. To remove minor scratches, use Mercury Marine Cowl Finishing Compound (92-859026K 1).

CLEANING CARE FOR THE POWERHEAD (SALTWATER USE)

If the outboard is operated in saltwater, remove the top cowl and flywheel cover. Inspect the powerhead and powerhead components for salt buildup. Wash off any salt buildup from the powerhead and powerhead components with fresh water. Keep water spray out of the air filter/intake and alternator. After washing, allow the powerhead and components to dry. Apply Quicksilver or Mercury Precision Lubricants Corrosion Guard spray on the external metal surfaces of the powerhead and powerhead components. Do not allow the Corrosion Guard spray to come in contact with the alternator drive belt or belt pulleys.

IMPORTANT: Do not allow lubricant or Corrosion Guard spray to come in contact with the alternator drive belt or the belt pulleys. The alternator drive belt could slip and be damaged if it becomes coated with any lubricant or Corrosion Guard spray.

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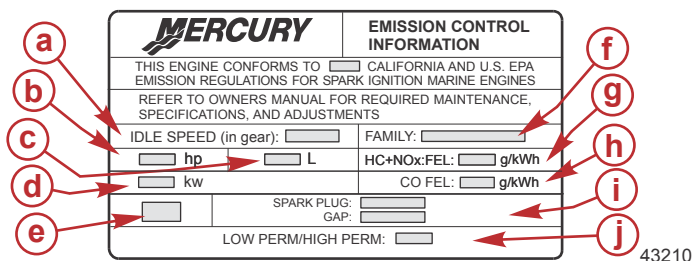
Tube Ref No.	Description	Where Used	Part No.
 120	Corrosion Guard	External metal surfaces of the powerhead and powerhead components.	92-802878 55

EPA Emissions Regulations

All new outboards manufactured by Mercury Marine are certified to the United States Environmental Protection Agency, as conforming to the requirements of the regulations for the control of air pollution from new outboard motors. This certification is contingent on certain adjustments set to factory standards. For this reason, the factory procedure for servicing the product must be strictly followed and, wherever practicable, returned to the original intent of the design. **Maintenance, replacement, or repair of the emission control devices and systems may be performed by any marine spark ignition (SI) engine repair establishment or individual.**

EMISSION CERTIFICATION LABEL

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



The diagram shows an emission certification label with the following fields and callouts:

- a**: Idle speed (in gear)
- b**: Engine horsepower (hp)
- c**: Piston displacement (L)
- d**: Engine power - kilowatts (kw)
- e**: Date of manufacture
- f**: US EPA engine family name
- g**: Regulated emission limit for the engine family (HC+NOx:FEL)
- h**: Regulated emission limit for the engine family (CO FEL)
- i**: Recommended spark plug and gap
- j**: Percent of fuel line permeation

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OWNER RESPONSIBILITY

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

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

Inspection and Maintenance Schedule

DAILY CHECKS

- Check the engine oil level
- Check the lanyard stop switch
- Inspect the fuel system for leaks
- Inspect the engine tightness on the transom
- Check the steering system for binding
- Check the propeller for damage
- Inspect the hydraulic steering fittings and hoses for leaks or signs of damage, if equipped
- Check the hydraulic steering fluid level, if equipped

AFTER EACH USE

- Wash the power package exterior with fresh water
- Flush the outboard cooling system, saltwater or brackish water only

ANNUALLY OR 100 HOURS

- Grease the engine, if applicable
- Change the engine oil and filter, if equipped
- Inspect the thermostat, saltwater or brackish water only
- Add Quickleen to the fuel tank, once per year, per engine
- Apply antiseize to the spark plug threads
- Replace the gear lubricant
- Inspect the corrosion control anodes
- Lubricate the propeller shaft splines
- Replace all filters on the suction side of the fuel system—dealer item
- Lubricate the driveshaft splines—dealer item
- Check the tightness on all the fasteners—dealer item
- Check the torque of the outboard mounting hardware—dealer item
- Check the battery condition and tightness of the battery cable connection, if equipped—dealer item

THREE YEARS OR 300 HOURS

- Replace the spark plugs
- Replace the water pump impeller—dealer item
- Inspect the carbon fiber reeds, if equipped—dealer item
- Inspect the wire harness connectors—dealer item

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- Check the remote control cable adjustment, if equipped—dealer item
- Replace the high-pressure fuel filter, if equipped—dealer item
- Replace the accessory drive belt, if equipped—dealer item
- Check the power trim fluid level, if equipped—dealer item
- Inspect the engine motor mounts—dealer item

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.

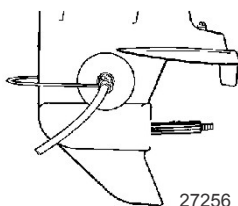
Use a Mercury Precision or Quicksilver accessory (or equivalent) flushing attachment.


IMPORTANT: The engine must be run during flushing in order to open the thermostat and circulate water through the water passages.

▲ WARNING

Rotating propellers can cause serious injury or death. Never operate the boat out of the water with a propeller installed. Before installing or removing a propeller, place the drive unit in neutral and engage the lanyard stop switch to prevent the engine from starting. Place a block of wood between the propeller blade and the anti-ventilation plate.

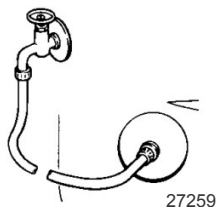
1. Remove the propeller. Refer to **Propeller Replacement**. Install the flushing attachment so the rubber cups fit tightly over the cooling water intake.



Flushing Device	91-44357Q 2
 <p>9192</p>	<p>Attaches to the water intakes; provides a fresh water connection when flushing the cooling system or operating the engine.</p>

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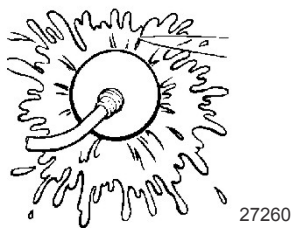
2. Attach a water hose to the flushing attachment. Turn on the water and adjust the flow so water is leaking around the rubber cups to ensure the engine receives an adequate supply of cooling water.



3. Start the engine and run it at idle speed in neutral shift position.

IMPORTANT: Do not run the engine above idle when flushing.

4. Adjust the water flow (if necessary) so excess water continues leaking out from around the rubber cups to ensure the engine is receiving an adequate supply of cooling water.



5. Check for a steady stream of water flowing out of the water pump indicator hole. Continue flushing the outboard for 3 to 5 minutes, carefully monitoring water supply at all times.
6. Stop the engine, turn off the water, and remove the flushing attachment. Install the propeller.

Top Cowl Removal and Installation

REMOVAL

1. Unlock the rear latch by pulling lever up.



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2. Lift rear of cowl and disengage front hook.



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INSTALLATION

1. Lower the top cowl over the engine. Bring the front of the cowl down first and engage the front hook, then lower the cowl into its seated position with the bottom cowl.
2. Apply some downward pressure on the bottom cowl and then lock the cowl in place by pushing in the cowl latch. Ensure the top cowl is securely fastened by pulling up on the back of the cowl.

Battery Inspection

The battery should be inspected at periodic intervals to ensure proper engine starting capability.

IMPORTANT: Read the safety and maintenance instructions which accompany your battery.

1. Turn off the engine before servicing the battery.
2. Ensure the battery is secure against movement.
3. Battery cable terminals should be clean, tight, and correctly installed. Positive to positive and negative to negative.
4. Ensure the battery is equipped with a nonconductive shield to prevent accidental shorting of battery terminals.

Fuel System

⚠ WARNING

Fuel is flammable and explosive. Ensure that the key switch is off and the lanyard is positioned so that the engine cannot start. Do not smoke or allow sources of spark or open flame in the area while servicing. Keep the work area well ventilated and avoid prolonged exposure to vapors. Always check for leaks before attempting to start the engine, and wipe up any spilled fuel immediately.

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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 sign of fuel leakage.

FUEL LINE INSPECTION

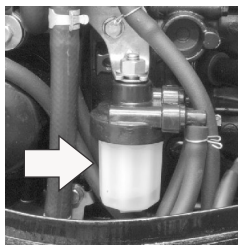
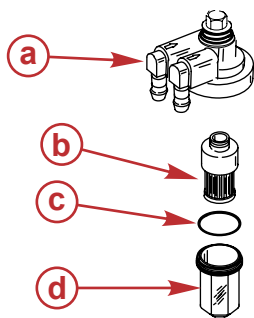
Visually inspect the fuel line and primer bulb for cracks, swelling, leaks, hardness, or other signs of deterioration or damage. If any of these conditions are found, the fuel line or primer bulb must be replaced.

FUEL FILTER (LOW PRESSURE)

Check the fuel filter for water accumulation or sediment. If water is in the fuel, remove the sight bowl and drain the water. If the filter appears to be contaminated, remove and replace.

REMOVAL

1. Read **Fuel System** servicing information and **Warning**, preceding.
2. Pull out the filter assembly from mount. Hold on to the cover to prevent it from turning and remove the sight bowl. Empty contents into an approved container.
3. Pull out the filter element and replace it if necessary.



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- a** - Cover
- b** - Filter element
- c** - O-ring seal
- d** - Sight bowl

INSTALLATION

1. Push the filter element into the cover.
2. Place the O-ring seal into its proper position on the sight bowl and screw the sight bowl hand-tight into the cover.
3. Push filter assembly back into mount.

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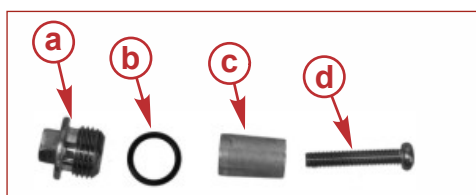
IMPORTANT: Visually inspect for fuel leakage from the filter by squeezing the primer bulb until firm, forcing fuel into the filter.

Corrosion Control Anode

Your outboard has corrosion control anodes at different locations. An anode helps protect the outboard against galvanic corrosion by sacrificing its metal to be slowly corroded instead of the outboard metals.

Each anode requires periodic inspection, especially in saltwater 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.

One anode is installed in the engine block. Remove the flange screw at the location shown. Remove the screw securing the anode. Fasten the anode to the flange screw. Tighten the screw to the specified torque. Install the flange screw with a new O-ring. Tighten the flange screw to the specified torque.



- a** - Flange screw
- b** - O-ring
- c** - Anode
- d** - Screw

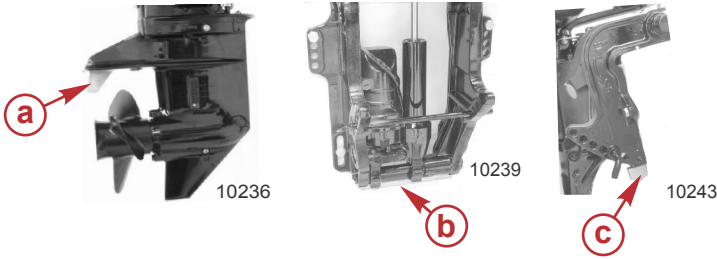


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Description	Nm	lb-in.	lb-ft
Flange screw	6	53	–
Screw	6	53	–

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The second anode is the trim tab and the third anode is installed on the transom brackets.



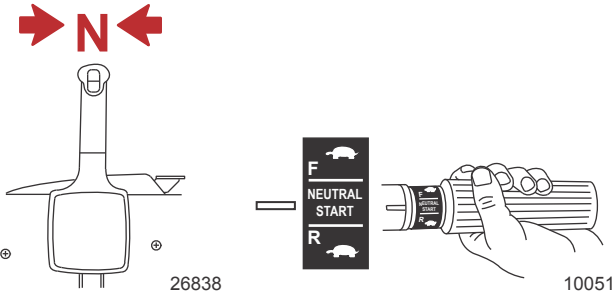
- a - Trim tab
- b - Transom bracket anode - long
- c - Transom bracket anode - short

Propeller Replacement

⚠ WARNING

Rotating propellers can cause serious injury or death. Never operate the boat out of the water with a propeller installed. Before installing or removing a propeller, place the drive unit in neutral and engage the lanyard stop switch to prevent the engine from starting. Place a block of wood between the propeller blade and the anti-ventilation plate.

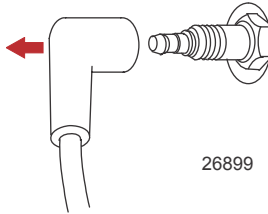
1. Shift the outboard to neutral (N) position.



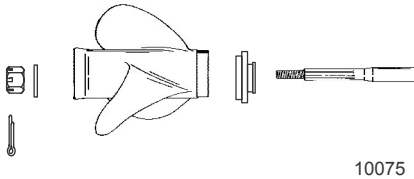
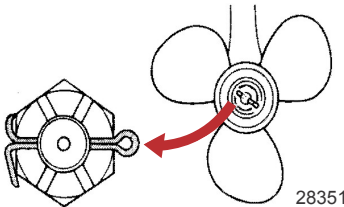
IMPORTANT: Refer to Spark Plug Inspection and Replacement for removing spark plug leads.

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2. Remove the spark plug leads to prevent the engine from starting.

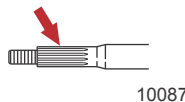


3. Straighten and remove the cotter pin.
4. Place a block of wood between the gearcase and the propeller to hold the propeller and remove the propeller nut.
5. Pull the propeller straight off shaft. If propeller is seized to the shaft and cannot be removed, have the propeller removed by an authorized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





IMPORTANT: To prevent the propeller hub from corroding and seizing to the propeller shaft (especially in saltwater), 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.

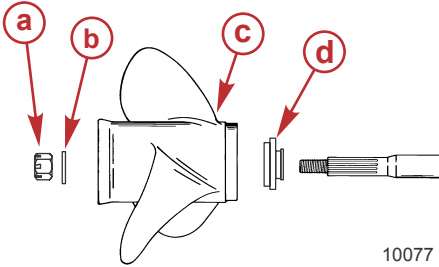
6. Coat the propeller shaft with Extreme Grease or 2-4-C with PTFE.



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Tube Ref No.	Description	Where Used	Part No.
	Extreme Grease	Propeller shaft	8M0071842
	2-4-C with PTFE	Propeller shaft	92-802859A 1

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



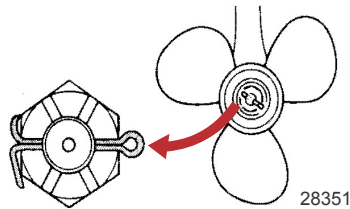
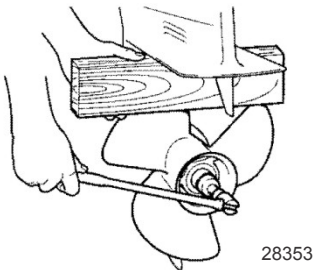
- a** - Propeller nut
- b** - Rear thrust washer
- c** - Propeller
- d** - Front thrust hub

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8. Place a block of wood between the gearcase and the propeller and torque the propeller nut to specification.

NOTE: If the propeller nut does not align with the propeller shaft hole after tightening to the specified torque, then tighten the nut further to align it with the hole.

9. Align the propeller nut with the propeller shaft hole. Insert a new cotter pin in the hole and bend the cotter pin ends.



Description	Nm	lb-in.	lb-ft
Propeller nut	25	-	18

10. Install the spark plug leads.

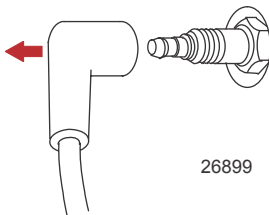
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Spark Plug Inspection and Replacement

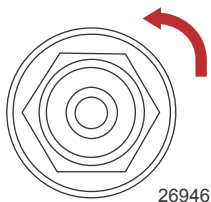
⚠ WARNING

Damaged spark plug boots may emit sparks that can ignite fuel vapors under the engine cowl, resulting in serious injury or death from a fire or explosion. To avoid damaging the spark plug boots, do not use any sharp object or metal tool to remove the spark plug boots.

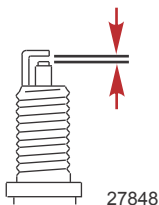
1. Remove the spark plug leads. Twist the rubber boots slightly and pull off.



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



3. Set the spark plug gap to specifications.



Spark Plug Gap

Spark plug	0.80–0.90 mm (0.031–0.035 in.)
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4. Before installing spark plugs, clean off any dirt on the spark plug seats. Install plugs finger-tight, and then tighten to the specified value.

Description	Nm	lb-in.	lb-ft
Spark plug	20	177	–

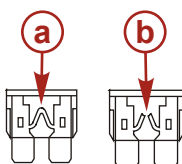
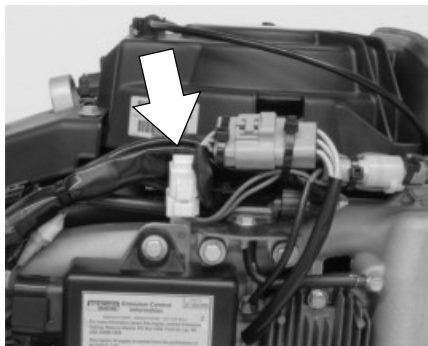
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Fuse Replacement - Electric Start Models

IMPORTANT: Always carry spare SFE 20 amp fuses.

The electric starting circuit is protected from overload by an SFE 20 amp fuse. If the fuse is blown, the electric starter motor will not operate. Try to locate and correct the cause of the overload. If the cause is not found, the fuse may blow again.

Open the fuse holder and look at the silver colored band inside the fuse. If band is broken, replace the fuse. Replace fuse with a new fuse with the same rating.



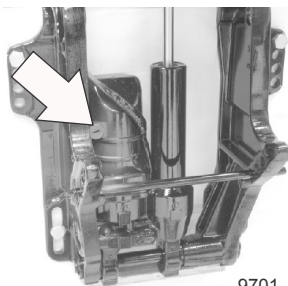
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- a** - Good fuse
- b** - Blown fuse

Timing Belt Inspection

Inspect the timing belt and have it replaced by an authorized dealer if any of the following conditions are found.

- Cracks in the back of the belt or in the base of the belt teeth.
- Excessive wear at the roots of the cogs.
- Rubber portion swollen by oil.
- Belt surfaces roughened.
- Signs of wear on edges or outer surfaces of belt.





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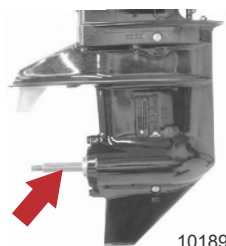
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Lubrication Points



1. Lubricate the following with Extreme Grease or 2-4-C with PTFE.

Tube Ref No.	Description	Where Used	Part No.
	Extreme Grease	Propeller shaft	8M0071842
	2-4-C with PTFE	Propeller shaft	92-802859A 1

- 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 and seizing to the shaft.

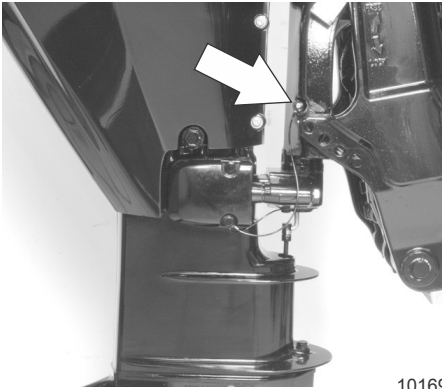


2. Lubricate the following with 2-4-C with PTFE or Extreme Grease.

Tube Ref No.	Description	Where Used	Part No.
	Extreme Grease	Swivel bracket, tilt tube, transom clamp screws, steering cable grease fitting	8M0071842
	2-4-C with PTFE	Swivel bracket, tilt tube, transom clamp screws, steering cable grease fitting	92-802859A 1

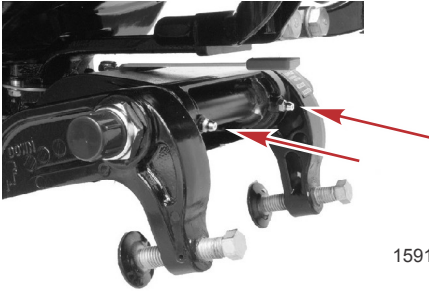
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- Swivel bracket - Lubricate through fitting.



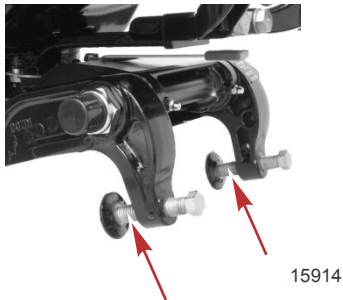
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- Tilt tube - Lubricate through fittings.



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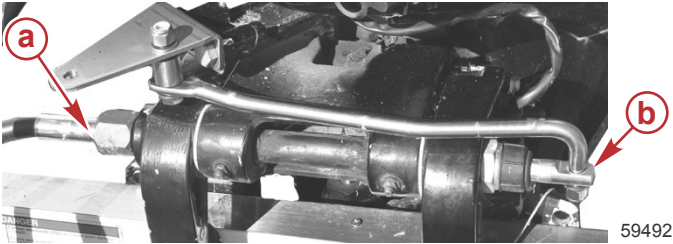
- Lubricate threads on transom clamp screws (if equipped).



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- Steering cable grease fitting (if equipped) - Rotate the steering wheel to fully retract the steering cable end into the outboard tilt tube. Lubricate through fitting.

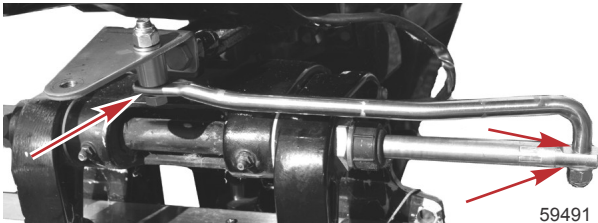


- a** - Fitting
- b** - Steering cable end

⚠ WARNING

Incorrect cable lubrication can cause hydraulic lock, leading to serious injury or death from loss of boat control. Completely retract the end of the steering cable before applying lubricant.

3. Lubricate the following with lightweight oil.
 - Steering link rod pivot points - Lubricate pivot points.



Checking Power Trim Fluid

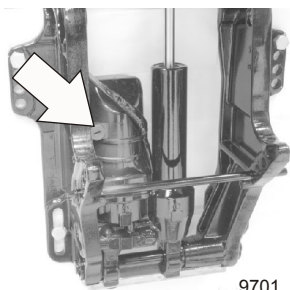
1. Tilt the outboard to the full up position and engage the tilt support lock.

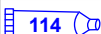


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2. Remove the fill cap and check the fluid level. The fluid level should be even with the bottom of the fill hole. Add Quicksilver or Mercury Precision Lubricants Power Trim and Steering Fluid. If not available, use automotive (ATF) automatic transmission fluid.



Tube Ref No.	Description	Where Used	Part No.
 114	Power Trim and Steering Fluid	Power trim system	92-858074K01

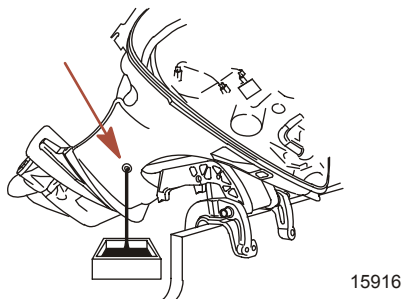
Changing Engine Oil

ENGINE OIL CAPACITY

Engine oil capacity is approximately 1.8 liter (1.9 quarts).

OIL CHANGING PROCEDURE

1. Tilt the outboard up to the trailer position.
2. Turn the steering on the outboard so that the drain hole is facing downward. Remove drain plug and drain engine oil into an appropriate container. Lubricate the seal on the drain plug with oil and install.

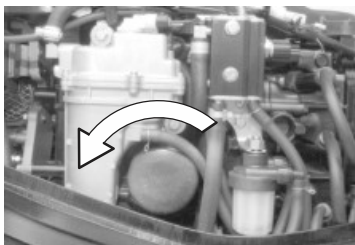


CHANGING OIL FILTER

1. Place a rag or towel below the oil filter to absorb any spilled oil.

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2. Unscrew old filter by turning the filter to the left.

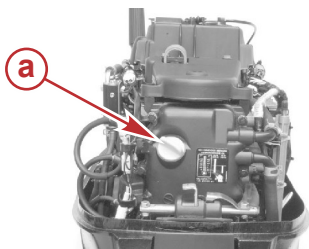


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3. Clean the mounting base. Apply film of clean oil to filter gasket. Do not use grease. Screw new filter on until gasket contacts base, then tighten 3/4 to 1 turn.

OIL FILLING

1. Remove the oil fill cap and add oil to proper operating level.
2. Idle engine for five minutes and check for leaks. Stop engine and check oil level on dipstick. Add oil if necessary.



a - Oil fill cap

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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.

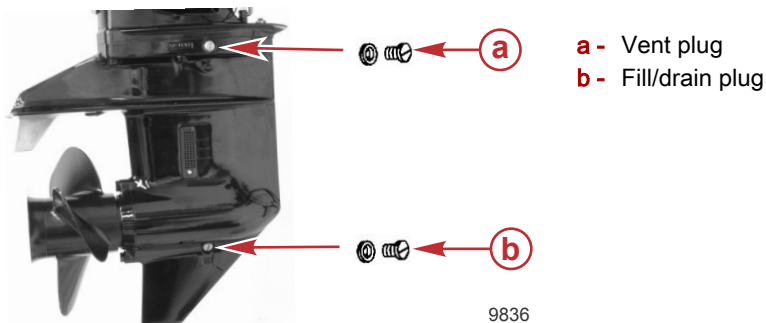
Examine the drained gearcase lubricant for metal particles. A small amount of metal particles indicates normal gear wear. An excessive amount of metal filings or larger particles (chips) may indicate abnormal gear wear and should be checked by an authorized dealer.

DRAINING GEARCASE

1. Place the outboard in a vertical operating position.
2. Place the drain pan below outboard.

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3. Remove the vent plug and fill/drain plug and drain lubricant.



GEARCASE LUBRICANT CAPACITY

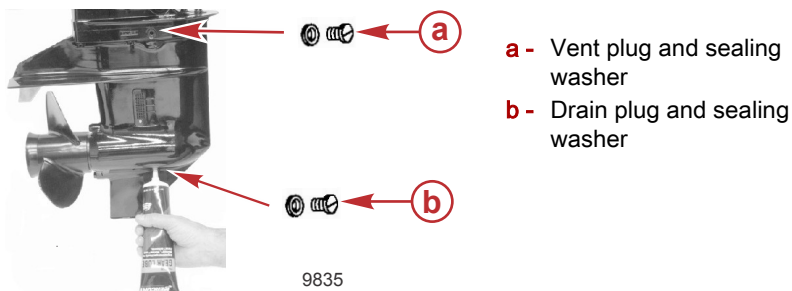
Gearcase lubricant capacity is approximately 350 ml (11.8 fl oz).

GEARCASE LUBRICANT RECOMMENDATION

Mercury or Quicksilver Premium or High Performance Gear Lubricant.

CHECKING LUBRICANT LEVEL AND REFILLING GEARCASE

1. Place the outboard in a vertical operating position.
2. Remove the vent plug.
3. Remove the drain plug. Place lubricant tube into the fill hole and add lubricant until it appears at the 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 the lubricant tube and install cleaned fill/drain plug and sealing washer.

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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).

NOTICE


Without sufficient cooling water, the engine, the water pump, and other components will overheat and suffer damage. Provide a sufficient supply of water to the water inlets during operation.

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 the 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 1 liter (1 U.S. quart) 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.


Flushing Device	91-44357Q 2
 9192	Attaches to the water intakes; provides a fresh water connection when flushing the cooling system or operating the engine.

Protecting External Outboard Components

- Lubricate all outboard components listed in **Maintenance - Inspection and Maintenance Schedule**.

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- 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).

Tube Ref No.	Description	Where Used	Part No.
 120	Corrosion Guard	External metal surfaces	92-802878 55

Protecting Internal Engine Components

- Remove the spark plugs and inject a small amount of engine oil inside of each cylinder.
- Rotate the flywheel manually several times to distribute the oil in the cylinders. Install the spark plugs.
- Change the engine oil.

Gearcase

- Drain and refill the gearcase lubricant. Refer to **Gearcase Lubrication**.

Positioning Outboard for Storage

Store outboard in an upright (vertical) position to allow water to drain out of the outboard.

NOTICE

Storing the outboard in a tilted position can damage the outboard. Water trapped in the cooling passages or rain water collected in the propeller exhaust outlet in the gearcase can freeze. Store the outboard in the full down position.

Battery Storage

- Follow the battery manufacturer's instructions for storage and charging.
- Remove the battery from the boat and check water level. Charge if necessary.
- Store the battery in a cool, dry place.
- Periodically check the water level and charge the battery during storage.

TROUBLESHOOTING

Starter Motor Will Not Crank the Engine (Electric Start Models)

POSSIBLE CAUSES

- Blown fuse in the starting circuit. Refer to **Maintenance** section.
- Outboard is not shifted to neutral position.
- Weak battery or battery connections are loose or corroded.
- Ignition key switch failure.
- Wiring or electrical connection faulty.
- Starter motor or starter solenoid failure.

Engine Will Not Start

POSSIBLE CAUSES

***NOTE:** If the outboard has run out of fuel, or has been in storage for an extended period of time, additional attempts to start the engine will be required to purge the fuel system of air.*

- Lanyard stop switch not in "RUN" position.
- Incorrect starting procedure. Refer to **Operation** section.
- Old or contaminated gasoline.
- Engine flooded. Refer to **Operation** section.
- Fuel is not reaching the engine.
 - Fuel tank is empty.
 - Fuel tank vent not open or restricted.
 - Fuel line is disconnected or kinked.
 - Primer bulb not squeezed.
 - Primer bulb check valve is faulty.
 - Fuel filter is obstructed. Refer to **Maintenance** section.
 - Fuel pump failure.
 - Fuel tank filter obstructed.
- Open 20-amp fuse. Refer to **Maintenance** section.
- Ignition system component failure.
- Wiring or electrical connection faulty.
- Spark plugs fouled or defective. Refer to **Maintenance** section.

Engine Runs Erratically

POSSIBLE CAUSES

- Overheating - Warning horn not working.
- Low oil pressure. Check oil level.
- Spark plugs fouled or defective. Refer to **Maintenance** section.
- Incorrect setup and adjustments.

TROUBLESHOOTING

- Fuel is being restricted to the engine.
 - a. Engine fuel filter is obstructed. Refer to **Maintenance** section.
 - b. Fuel tank filter obstructed.
 - c. Stuck antisiphon valve located on permanently built-in type fuel tanks.
 - d. Fuel line is kinked or pinched.
- Fuel pump failure.
- Ignition system component failure.

Performance Loss

POSSIBLE CAUSES

- Low oil pressure. Check the oil level.
- Throttle not fully open.
- Damaged or improper size propeller.
- Incorrect engine timing, adjustments, or setup.
- Boat overloaded or load improperly distributed.
- Excessive water in bilge.
- Boat bottom is dirty or damaged.

Battery Will Not Hold Charge

POSSIBLE CAUSES

- Battery connections are loose or corroded.
- Low electrolyte level in battery.
- Worn out or inefficient battery.
- Excessive use of electrical accessories.
- Defective rectifier, alternator, or voltage regulator.

OWNER SERVICE ASSISTANCE

Service Assistance

LOCAL REPAIR SERVICE

If you need service for your Mercury-outboard-powered boat, take it to your authorized dealer. Only authorized dealers specialize in Mercury products and have factory-trained mechanics, special tools and equipment, and genuine Quicksilver parts and accessories to properly service your engine.

NOTE: *Quicksilver parts and accessories are engineered and built by Mercury Marine specifically for your power package.*

SERVICE AWAY FROM HOME

If you are away from your local dealer and the need arises for service, contact the nearest authorized dealer. If, for any reason, you cannot obtain service, contact the nearest Regional Service Center. Outside the United States and Canada, contact the nearest Marine Power International Service Center.

STOLEN POWER PACKAGE

If your power package is stolen, immediately advise the local authorities and Mercury Marine of the model and serial numbers and to whom the recovery is to be reported. This information is maintained in a database at Mercury Marine to aid authorities and dealers in the recovery of stolen power packages.

ATTENTION REQUIRED AFTER SUBMERSION

1. Before recovery, contact an authorized Mercury dealer.
2. After recovery, immediate service by an authorized Mercury dealer is required to reduce the possibility of serious engine damage.

REPLACEMENT SERVICE PARTS

WARNING

Avoid fire or explosion hazard. Electrical, ignition, and fuel system components on Mercury Marine products comply with federal and international standards to minimize risk of fire or explosion. Do not use replacement electrical or fuel system components that do not comply with these standards. When servicing the electrical and fuel systems, properly install and tighten all components.

Marine engines are expected to operate at or near full throttle for most of their lives. They are also expected to operate in both fresh and saltwater environments. These conditions require numerous special parts.

OWNER SERVICE ASSISTANCE

PARTS AND ACCESSORIES INQUIRIES

Direct any inquiries concerning Quicksilver replacement parts and accessories to your local authorized dealer. The dealer has the necessary information to order parts and accessories for you if they are not in stock. Only authorized dealers can purchase genuine Quicksilver parts and accessories from the factory. Mercury Marine does not sell to unauthorized dealers or retail customers. When inquiring about parts and accessories, the dealer requires the **engine model** and **serial numbers** to order the correct parts.

RESOLVING A PROBLEM

Satisfaction with your Mercury product is important to your dealer and to us. If you ever have a problem, question or concern about your power package, contact your dealer or any authorized Mercury dealership. If you need additional assistance:

1. Talk with the dealership's sales manager or service manager. Contact the owner of the dealership if the sales manager and service manager have been unable to resolve the problem.
2. If your question, concern, or problem cannot be resolved by your dealership, please contact the 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 Customer Service:

- Your name and address
- Your daytime telephone number
- The model and serial numbers of your power package
- The name and address of your dealership
- The nature of the problem

CONTACT INFORMATION FOR MERCURY MARINE CUSTOMER SERVICE

For assistance, call, fax, or write to the geographic office in your area. Please include your daytime telephone number with mail and fax correspondence.

United States, Canada		
Telephone	English +1 920 929 5040 Français +1 905 636 4751	Mercury Marine W6250 Pioneer Road P.O. Box 1939 Fond du Lac, WI 54936-1939
Fax	English +1 920 929 5893 Français +1 905 636 1704	
Website	www.mercurymarine.com	

OWNER SERVICE ASSISTANCE

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Asia, Singapore		
Telephone	+65 65466160	Brunswick Asia Pacific Group T/A Mercury Marine Singapore Pte Ltd 29 Loyang Drive Singapore, 508944
Fax	+65 65467789	

Ordering Literature

Before ordering literature, have the following information about your power package available:

Model		Serial Number	
Horsepower		Year	

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For additional literature for your Mercury Marine power package, contact your nearest Mercury Marine dealer or contact:

OWNER SERVICE ASSISTANCE

Mercury Marine		
Telephone	Fax	Mail
(920) 929-5110 (USA only)	(920) 929-4894 (USA only)	Mercury Marine Attn: Publications Department P.O. Box 1939 Fond du Lac, WI 54936-1939

OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA

Contact your nearest Mercury Marine authorized service center to order additional literature that is available for your particular power package.

Submit the following order form with payment to:	Mercury Marine Attn: Publications Department W6250 Pioneer Road P.O. Box 1939 Fond du Lac, WI 54936-1939
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ENGINE INSTALLATION

Installation Information

MERCURY MARINE VALIDATED ENGINE MOUNTING HARDWARE

IMPORTANT: Mercury Marine provides validated fasteners and installation instructions, including torque specifications, with all of our outboards so they can be properly secured to boat transoms. Improper installation of the outboard can cause performance and reliability issues that can lead to safety concerns. Follow all of the instructions relating to the outboard installation. **DO NOT** mount any other accessory onto the boat with the fasteners provided with the outboard. For example, do not mount tow sport bars or boarding ladders onto the boat using the mounting hardware included with the outboard. Installing other products onto the boat that utilize the outboard mounting hardware will compromise the ability of that hardware to properly and safely secure the outboard to the transom.

Outboards that require validated mounting hardware will have the following decal on the transom clamp.



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BOAT HORSEPOWER CAPACITY

▲ WARNING
Exceeding the boat's maximum horsepower rating can cause serious injury or death. Overpowering the boat can affect boat control and flotation characteristics or break the transom. Do not install an engine that exceeds the boat's maximum power rating.

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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

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START IN GEAR PROTECTION

WARNING

Starting the engine with the drive in gear can cause serious injury or death. Never operate a boat that does not have a neutral-safety-protection device.

The remote control connected to the outboard must be equipped with a start in neutral only protection device. This prevents the engine from starting in gear.

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.

IMPORTANT: Check with your dealer before installing accessories. The misuse of approved accessories or the use of nonapproved accessories can damage the product.

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.

LOW PERMEATION FUEL HOSE REQUIREMENT

Required for outboards manufactured for sale, sold, or offered for sale in the United States.

- The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) requires that any outboard manufactured after January 1, 2009 must use low permeation fuel hose for the primary fuel hose connecting the fuel tank to the outboard.
- Low permeation hose is USCG Type B1-15 or Type A1-15, defined as not exceeding 15/gm²/24 h with CE 10 fuel at 23 °C as specified in SAE J 1527 - marine fuel hose.

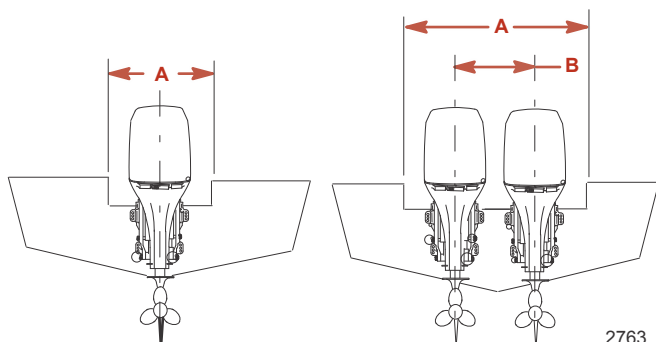
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ELECTRIC FUEL PUMP

If an electric fuel pump is used, the fuel pressure must not exceed 27.58 kPa (4 psi) at the engine. If necessary, install a pressure regulator to regulate the pressure.

Installing Outboard

INSTALLATION SPECIFICATIONS



a - Minimum transom opening

b - Engine centerline for dual engines

Minimum Transom Opening	
Single engine (remote)	48.3 cm (19 in.)
Single engine (tiller)	76.2 cm (30 in.)
Dual engines	101.6 cm (40 in.)

Engine Centerline	
Minimum	66 cm (26 in.)

TOP COWL REMOVAL AND INSTALLATION

Top Cowl Removal

1. Unlock the cowl latch located at the rear of the engine by lifting the latch up.

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2. Lift up on the rear of the cowl and disengage the front hook.

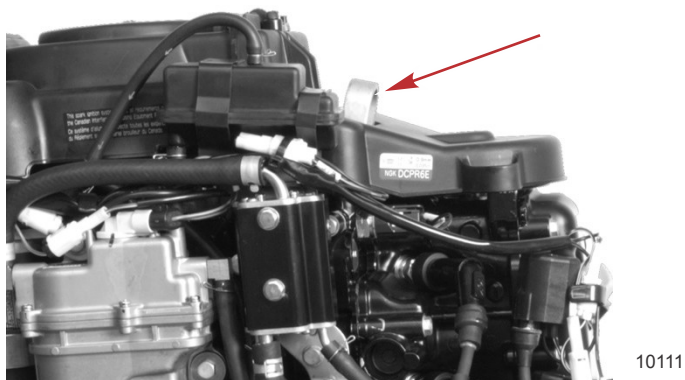


Top Cowl Installation

1. Engage the front hook and push the top cowl onto the lower cowl.
2. Push the cowl latch down to lock the cowl in place.

LIFTING OUTBOARD

Use the lifting eye located aft of the flywheel to support the engine when installing the outboard.



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INSTALLING THE OUTBOARD ON THE TRANSOM (MANUAL TILT MODELS)

⚠ WARNING

Failure to correctly fasten the outboard could result in the outboard propelling off the boat transom resulting in property damage, serious injury, or death. Before operation, the outboard must be correctly installed with the required mounting hardware.

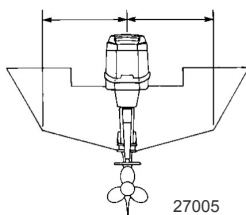
This product must be secured to the transom with the required mounting hardware. If the outboard strikes an under water object, the required mounting hardware prevents the outboard from propelling off the transom. A decal on the swivel bracket reminds the installer of the potential hazard.



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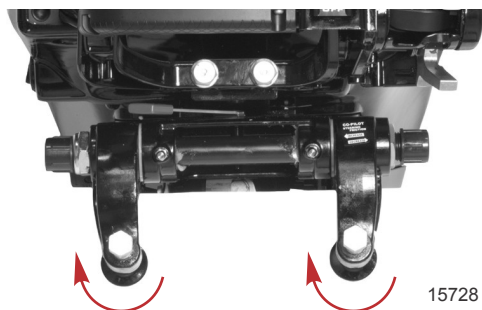
IMPORTANT: Models not equipped with power trim or gas assist must have the transom clamps contacting the top of the transom, and the clamp screws tightened, prior to drilling the mounting bolt holes through the transom.

1. Place outboard on centerline of transom.

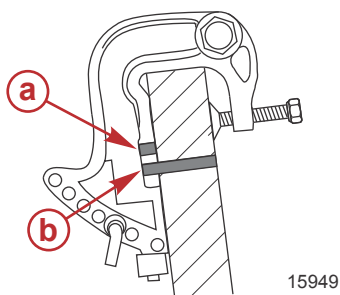


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2. Tighten the transom clamp bolts.

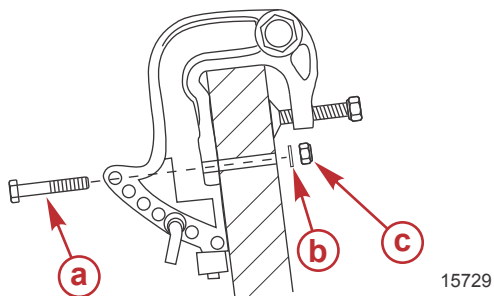


3. Use a long drill bit to drill the two lower 8 mm (0.315 in.) holes through the transom using the transom clamps as a template for the bolt hole pattern.



- a** - Upper transom clamp hole
- b** - Lower transom clamp hole

4. Apply marine sealer to shanks of bolts. Do not apply marine sealer to the threads of the bolts.
5. Secure the engine to the transom with the mounting hardware supplied with the engine. Tighten mounting hardware securely.



- a** - Bolt (2)
- b** - Washer (2)
- c** - Locknut (2)

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INSTALLING THE OUTBOARD ON THE TRANSOM (POWER TRIM AND GAS ASSIST)

⚠ WARNING

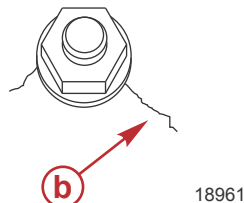
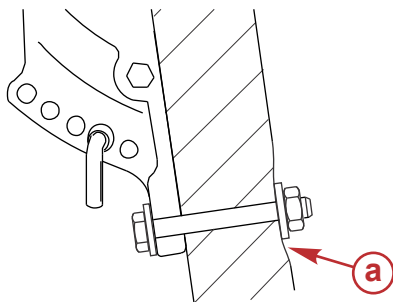
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IMPORTANT: Determine the strength of the boat transom. The outboard mounting locknuts and bolts should be able to hold 75 Nm (55 lb-ft) of torque without the boat transom yielding or cracking. If the boat transom yields or cracks under this torque, the construction of the transom may not be adequate. The boat transom must be strengthened or the load carrying area increased.



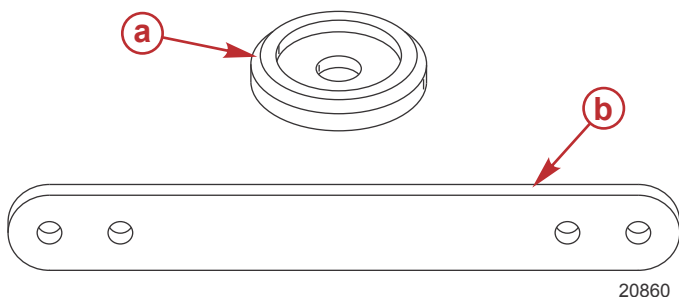
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- a** - Transom yielding under bolt torque
- b** - Transom cracking under bolt torque

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When first determining transom strength, use a dial torque wrench. If the bolt or nut continues to turn without the torque reading on the dial increasing, it is an indication that the transom is yielding. The load area can be increased by using a larger washer or a transom reinforcement plate.

NOTE: The inside holes on the transom reinforcement plate are for the lower transom bolts and the outside holes are for the upper transom bolts.

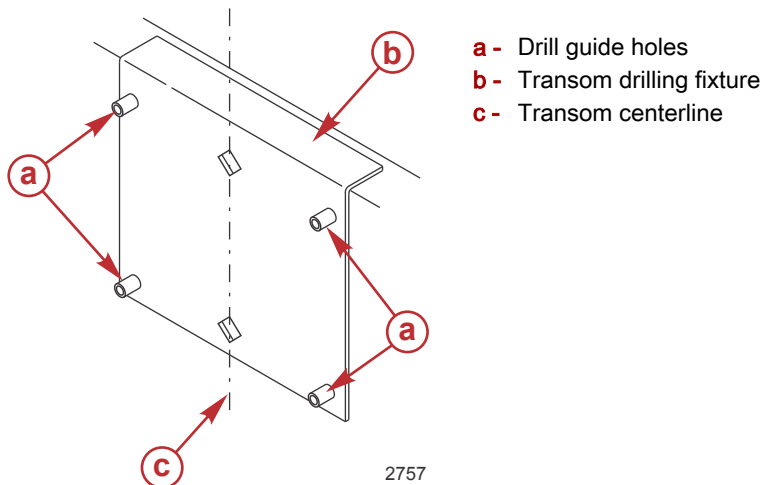


a - Large transom washer

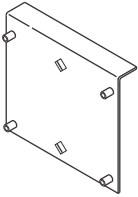
b - Transom reinforcement plate

Description	Part Number
Large transom washer	67-896392
Transom reinforcement plate	67-896305

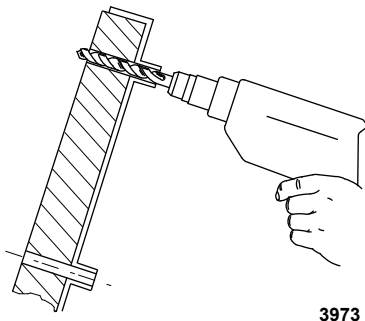
1. Use the transom drilling fixture for drilling the transom mounting holes.



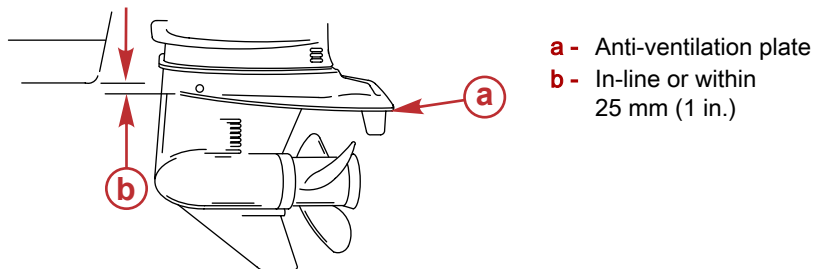
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Transom Drilling Fixture	91-98234A2
 5489	Aids in engine installation by acting as a template for engine mounting holes.

2. Drill four 13.5 mm (17/32 in.) mounting holes.



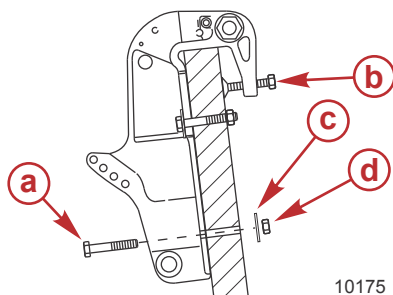
3. Install the outboard so that the anti-ventilation plate is in-line or within 25 mm (1 in.) of the bottom of the boat.



4. Apply marine sealer to shanks of bolts. Do not apply marine sealer to the threads of the bolts.
5. Fasten outboard with provided mounting hardware shown. Tighten the locknuts to the specified torque.

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The outboard must be secured to the transom with the two transom bracket clamp screws and four 13 mm (1/2 in.) diameter mounting bolts and locknuts provided. Install two bolts through the upper set of mounting holes and two bolts through the lower set of mounting slots.



- a** - Bolt (4)
- b** - Transom clamp bolt
- c** - Washer (4)
- d** - Locknut (4)

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Description	Nm	lb-in.	lb-ft
Outboard mounting locknuts and bolts	75	-	55

STEERING BRACKET, STEERING CABLE INSTALLATION

1. Install the steering bracket with two washers and two 30 x 80 mm bolts. Tighten the steering bracket bolts to the specified torque.

Description	Nm	lb-in.	lb-ft
Steering bracket bolt	30	-	22

2. Lubricate entire steering cable end with 2-4-C with PTFE.



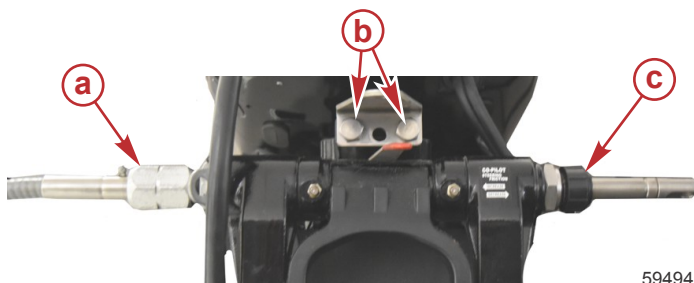
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Tube Ref No.	Description	Where Used	Part No.
95	2-4-C with PTFE	Steering cable end	92-802859A 1

3. Install the steering cable seal onto the end of the tilt tube.

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4. Insert the steering cable into the tilt tube and secure with the steering cable nut. Tighten the steering cable nut to the specified torque.



- a** - Steering cable nut
- b** - Steering bracket bolt and washer (2)
- c** - Steering cable seal

Description	Nm	lb-in.	lb-ft
Steering cable nut	47.5	-	35

STEERING LINK ROD FASTENERS

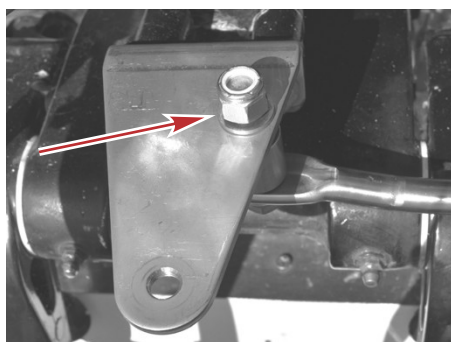
IMPORTANT: The steering link rod that connects the steering cable to the engine must be fastened using the steering link rod fastening hardware supplied with the engine. Never replace the locknuts with nonlocking nuts. Nonlocking nuts may loosen and vibrate off, allowing the link rod to disengage.

⚠ WARNING

Improper fasteners or improper installation procedures can result in loosening or disengagement of the steering link rod. This can cause a sudden, unexpected loss of boat control, resulting in serious injury or death due to occupants being thrown within or out of the boat. Always use required components and follow instructions and torque procedures.

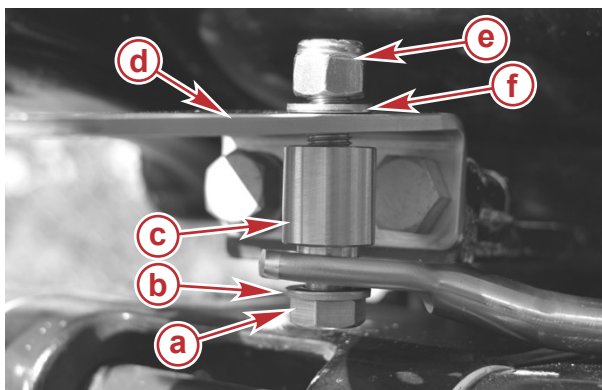
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1. Install the steering link rod onto the steering bracket aft threaded hole.



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2. Assemble the steering link rod onto the steering bracket with the bolt, two washers, spacer, and a locknut. Do not tighten the bolt or locknut at this time.

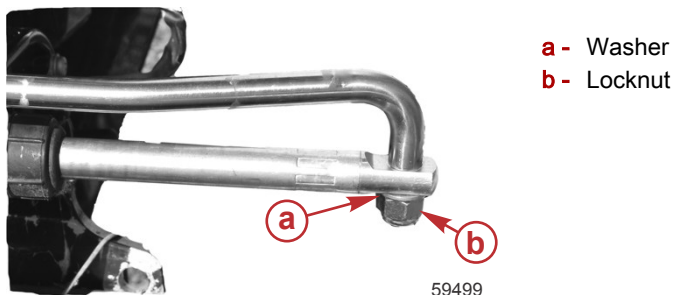


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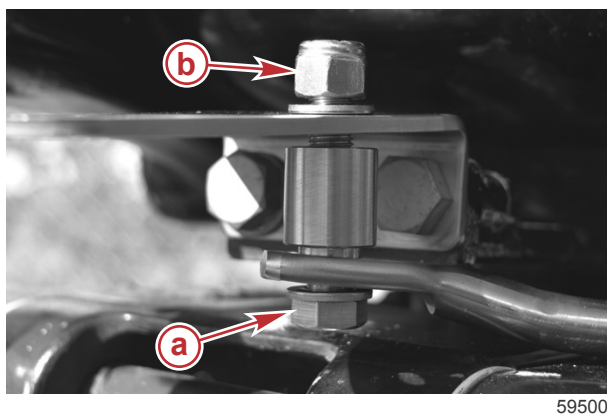
- a** - Bolt
- b** - Washer
- c** - Spacer
- d** - Steering bracket
- e** - Locknut
- f** - Washer

ENGINE INSTALLATION

3. Install the loose end of the steering link onto the steering cable and secure with a washer and locknut. Tighten the locknut securely and then back the nut off 1/4 turn.



4. Tighten the link rod bolt to the specified torque.
5. Secure the link rod bolt so it does not loosen and tighten the locknut to the specified torque.

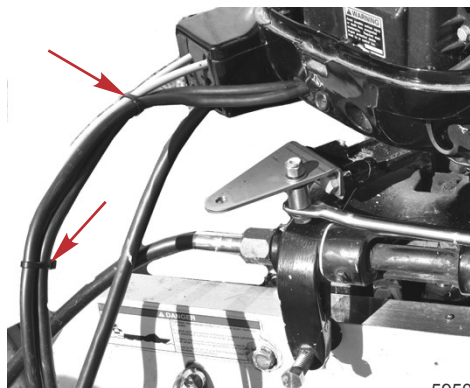


- a - Link rod bolt
- b - Locknut

Description	Nm	lb-in.	lb-ft
Link rod bolt	27	-	20
Locknut	27	-	20

ENGINE INSTALLATION

6. Secure the battery cables to the throttle/shift cable with two cable ties to prevent contact with the steering components.

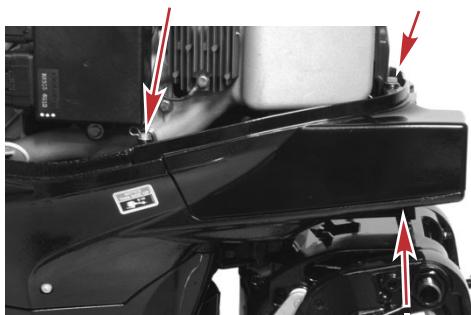


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Electrical Harness, Battery Connection, Fuel Tanks

REMOTE WIRING HARNESS

1. Remove the three access cover bolts. Remove the access cover and cable rubber grommet.

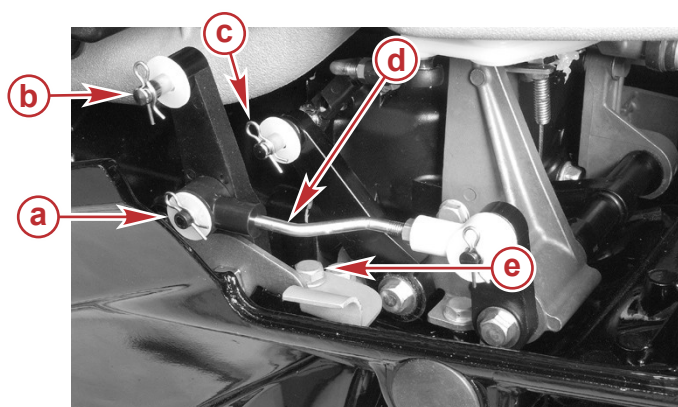


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2. Remove the cotter pin retainers and washers from the shift actuating lever, shift link, and throttle actuating lever.
3. Remove the shift link from the shift actuating lever.

ENGINE INSTALLATION

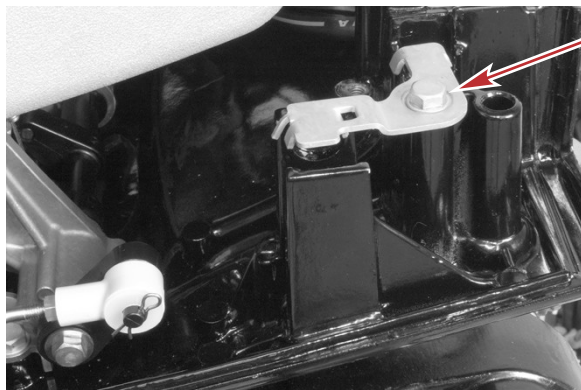
- Loosen the bolt securing the control harness retainer bracket.



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- a** - Shift link, cotter pin retainer, and washer
- b** - Shift actuating lever, cotter pin retainer, and washer
- c** - Throttle actuating lever, cotter pin retainer, and washer
- d** - Shift link
- e** - Bolt securing harness retainer bracket

- Remove the bolt securing the cable barrel retainer to the cowl.

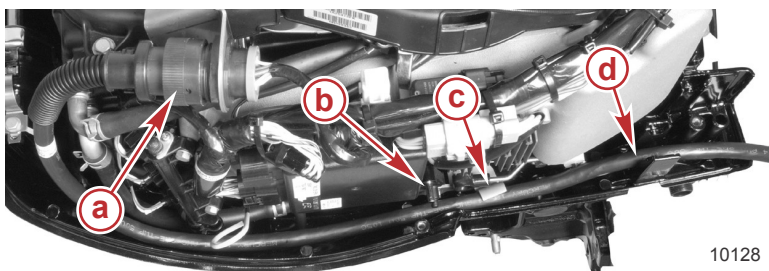


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- Connect the remote harness to the engine harness connector.
- Route the harness below the shift actuating lever pin.

ENGINE INSTALLATION

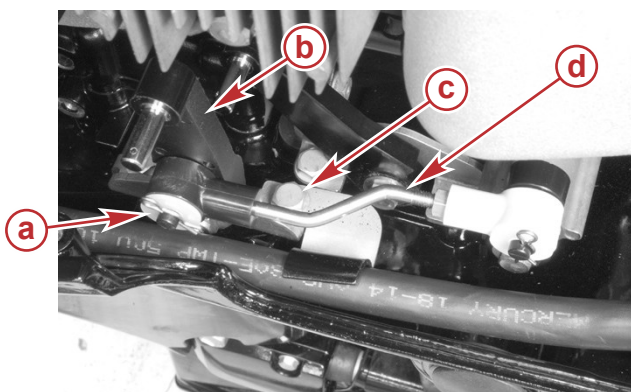
8. Route the harness between the barrel support.



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- a** - Harness connector
- b** - Shift actuating lever pin
- c** - Harness retainer bracket
- d** - Barrel support

9. Ensure the harness retainer bracket is over the remote harness. Secure harness retainer bracket with bolt. Tighten bolt to the specified torque.
10. Install the shift link to the shift actuating lever.



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- a** - Washer and cotter pin retainer securing shift link
- b** - Shift actuating lever
- c** - Harness retainer bracket bolt
- d** - Shift link

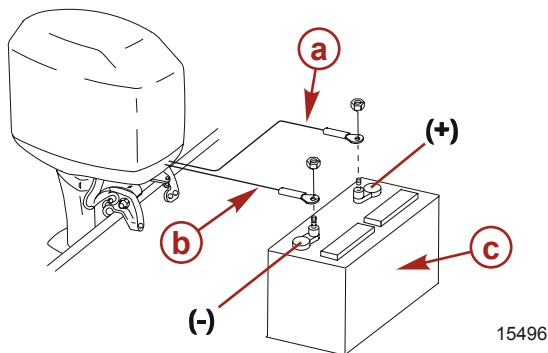
Description	Nm	lb-in.	lb-ft
Bolt	6	53	-

ENGINE INSTALLATION

BATTERY CABLE CONNECTIONS

IMPORTANT: To prevent damage to the engine charging system when the battery cables are not connected to a battery, ensure the battery cable ends are thoroughly insulated.

Single Outboard

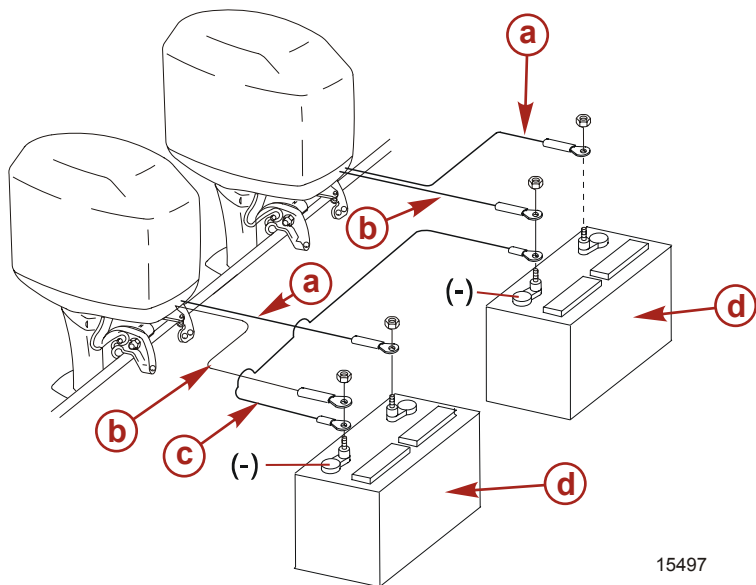


- a** - Red sleeve - positive (+)
- b** - Black sleeve - negative (-)
- c** - Cranking battery

ENGINE INSTALLATION

Dual Outboards

Connect a common ground cable (wire size same as engine battery cables) between negative (-) terminals on starting batteries.



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- a** - Red sleeve - positive (+)
- b** - Black sleeve - negative (-)
- c** - Ground cable
- d** - Cranking battery

FUEL TANKS

Portable Fuel Tank

Select a suitable location in the boat within the engine fuel line length limitations and secure the tank in place.

Permanent Fuel Tank

Permanent fuel tanks should be installed in accordance with industry and federal safety standards, which include recommendations applicable to grounding, antisiphon protection, ventilation, etc.

Control Cable Installation

THROTTLE CABLE INSTALLATION

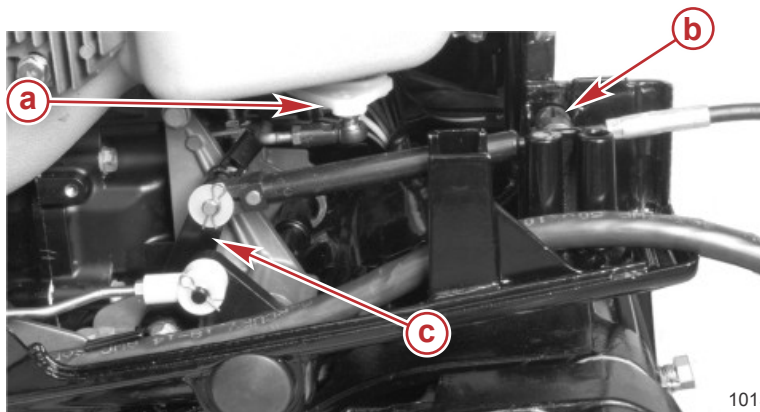
Install cables into the remote control following the instructions provided with the remote control.

ENGINE INSTALLATION

1. Move the remote control handle from neutral into forward and advance the handle to full speed position.

NOTE: *The throttle cable is the second cable to move when moving the control box out of neutral.*

2. Install the throttle cable to the throttle actuating lever. Secure with a washer and cotter pin retainer.
3. Adjust the throttle cable barrel, so when barrel is installed into the throttle cable barrel support, no play can be felt when lightly pushing the throttle cam with your finger.



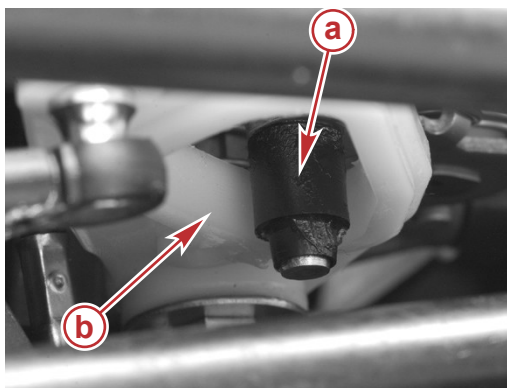
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- a** - Throttle cam (no play can be felt when lightly pushing)
- b** - Throttle cable barrel support
- c** - Throttle actuating lever

4. Slowly return the remote control handle back to the neutral detent position.
5. Inspect cam roller to ensure it is not contacting the cam.

ENGINE INSTALLATION

6. Adjust the throttle cable barrel if the cam roller is touching the cam.



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- a** - Throttle cam
- b** - Cam roller

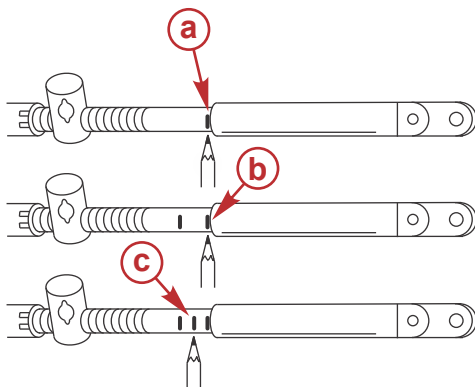
SHIFT CABLE INSTALLATION

Install cables into the remote control following the instructions provided with the remote control.

1. Locate the center point of the slack or lost motion that exists in the shift cable as follows:
 - a. Move the remote control handle from neutral into forward and advance the handle to full speed position. Slowly return the handle back to the neutral. Place a mark ("a") on the cable end guide.
 - b. Move the remote control handle from neutral into reverse and advance the handle to full speed position. Slowly return the handle back to the neutral. Place a mark ("b") on the cable end guide.

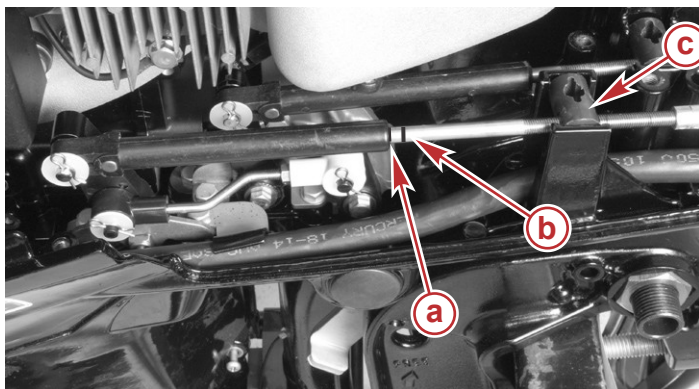
ENGINE INSTALLATION

- c. Make a center mark ("c"), midway between marks ("a" and "b"). Align the cable end guide with this center mark when installing cable to the engine.



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2. Ensure the engine is in neutral.
3. Ensure the control box is in neutral.
4. Install the shift cable on shift actuating lever. Secure with washer and cotter pin retainer. Adjust cable barrel so the center mark on the cable guide is in alignment when the shift cable barrel is in the barrel support in the cowl.



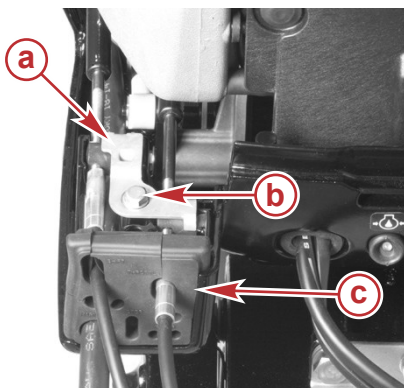
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- a - Center mark on cable guide
- b - First mark on cable guide
- c - Cable barrel

5. Check shift cable adjustments as follows:
 - a. Shift remote control into forward. The propeller shaft should be locked in gear. If not, adjust the barrel closer to the cable end.

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- b. Shift remote control into reverse while turning propeller. The propeller shaft should be locked in gear. If not, adjust the barrel away from the cable end. Repeat steps a through c.
 - c. Shift remote control back to neutral. The propeller shaft should turn freely without drag. If not, adjust the barrel closer to the cable end. Repeat steps a through c.
6. Install the cable grommet.
 7. Secure the throttle and shift cable barrels with the cable barrel retainer.
 8. Tighten the cable barrel retainer bolt to the specified torque.

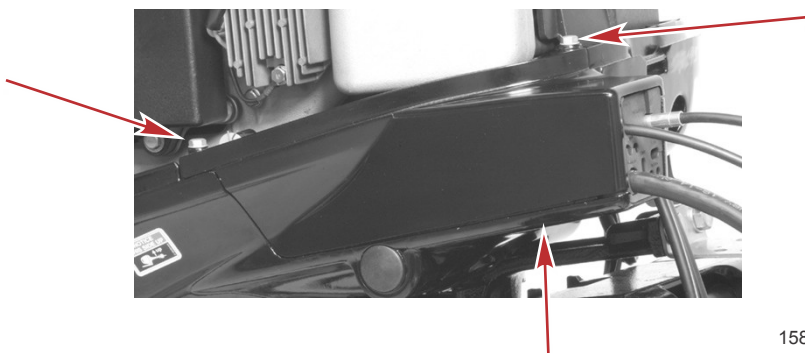


- a** - Cable barrel retainer
- b** - Cable barrel retainer bolt
- c** - Cable grommet

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Description	Nm	lb-in.	lb-ft
Cable barrel retainer bolt	6	53	–

9. Install the access cover and secure with three bolts. Tighten bolts to the specified torque.



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Description	Nm	lb-in.	lb-ft
Access cover bolt (3)	10	88	–

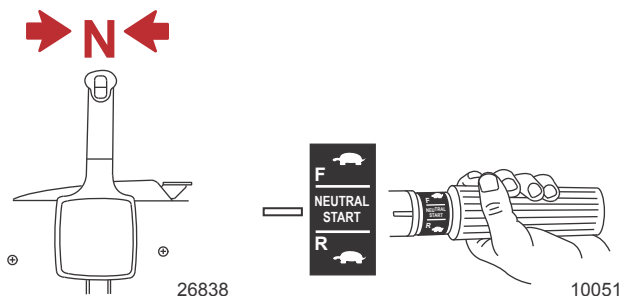
ENGINE INSTALLATION

Installing Propeller

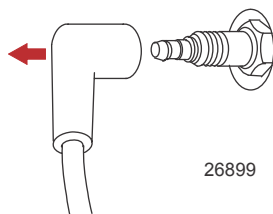
⚠ WARNING

Rotating propellers can cause serious injury or death. Never operate the boat out of the water with a propeller installed. Before installing or removing a propeller, place the drive unit in neutral and engage the lanyard stop switch to prevent the engine from starting. Place a block of wood between the propeller blade and the anti-ventilation plate.

1. Shift the outboard to neutral (N) position.

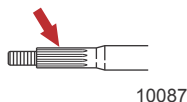



2. Remove the spark plug leads to prevent the engine from starting.




3. Coat the propeller shaft with Extreme Grease or 2-4-C with PTFE.

IMPORTANT: To prevent the propeller hub from corroding and seizing to the propeller shaft (especially in saltwater), 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.

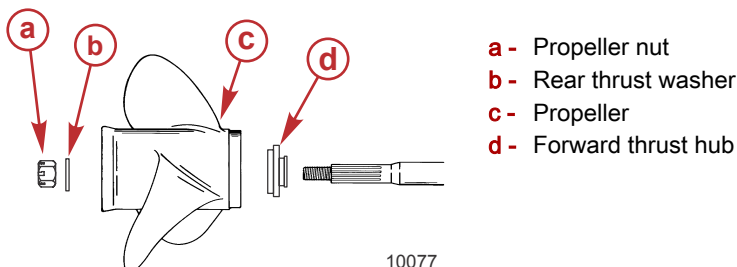


Tube Ref No.	Description	Where Used	Part No.
	Extreme Grease	Propeller shaft	8M0071842

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Tube Ref No.	Description	Where Used	Part No.
 95	2-4-C with PTFE	Propeller shaft	92-802859A 1

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

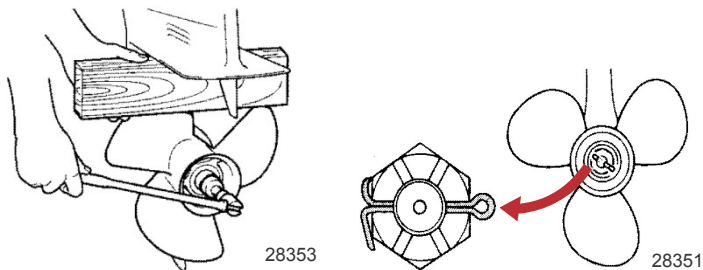


- a - Propeller nut
- b - Rear thrust washer
- c - Propeller
- d - Forward thrust hub

5. Place a block of wood between the gearcase and the propeller and torque the propeller nut to specification.

NOTE: If the propeller nut does not align with the propeller shaft hole after tightening to the specified torque, then tighten the nut further to align it with the hole in the propeller shaft.

6. Align the propeller nut with the propeller shaft hole. Insert a new cotter pin in the hole and bend the cotter pin ends.



Description	Nm	lb-in.	lb-ft
Propeller nut	25	-	18

MAINTENANCE LOG

Maintenance Log

Record all maintenance performed on your outboard here. Be sure to save all work orders and receipts.

Date	Maintenance Performed	Engine Hours