

# DT9.9A DT15A

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## OWNER'S MANUAL

# IMPORTANT

## ▲ WARNING/ ▲ CAUTION/ NOTICE/ NOTE

Please read this manual and follow its instructions carefully. To emphasize special information, the symbol ▲ and the words **WARNING**, **CAUTION**, **NOTICE** and **NOTE** have special meanings. Pay special attention to the messages highlighted by these signal words.

### ▲ WARNING

Indicates a potential hazard that could result in death or serious injury.

### ▲ CAUTION

Indicates a potential hazard that could result in minor or moderate injury.

### NOTICE

Indicates a potential hazard that could result in damage to the motor or boat.

#### NOTE:

*Indicates special instructions to make maintenance easier or instructions clearer.*

## IMPORTANT NOTICE TO OWNERS

### ▲ WARNING

Failure to take the proper precautions may increase the risk of death or severe injury to you and your passengers.

- Prior to first-time use of your outboard motor, familiarize yourself thoroughly with the contents of this owner's manual. Be aware of all outboard motor features and all safety and maintenance requirements.
- Inspect the boat and motor before each trip. See the **INSPECTION BEFORE BOATING** section for important items.

- Become thoroughly familiar with all operating and handling characteristics of your boat and motor. Practice at low and moderate speeds until you are competent at handling the boat and motor. Do not attempt to operate at maximum performance until you are completely familiar with all of these characteristics.
- Carry boating safety and emergency equipment. This important equipment includes; flotation aids for each person (plus one throwable buoyant cushion in any boat 16 feet or longer), fire extinguisher, sound signaling device, visual distress signals, anchor, bilge pump, bucket, compass, emergency starter rope, extra fuel and oil, first aid kit, flashlight, food and water, mirror, paddles, tool kit, and transistor radio. Be sure you are carrying the equipment appropriate for your trip before launching.
- Never start the engine or let it run indoors or where there is little or no ventilation. Exhaust gas contains carbon monoxide, a gas that is colorless and odorless and can cause death or severe injury.
- Instruct your passengers on how to operate the boat, how to deal with emergencies, and how to operate safety and emergency equipment.
- Do not hold onto the motor cover or any other parts of your outboard motor while getting on or off your boat.
- Ensure that everyone wears a life jacket on board.
- Never operate the boat while under the influence of alcohol or other drugs.
- Distribute all weight load evenly in the boat.
- Have all scheduled maintenance performed. Consult your authorized Suzuki marine dealer as required.
- Do not modify or remove any outboard motor standard equipment. To do so may make the motor unsafe to use.
- Learn and obey all applicable navigation rules.
- Pay attention to all weather forecasts. Do not set out if weather is unsettled.
- Use extreme caution when purchasing replacement parts or accessories. Suzuki strongly recommends that you use only genuine Suzuki replacement parts/accessories or their equivalent. Inappropriate or poor quality replacement parts or accessories can create unsafe operating conditions.

- Never remove the flywheel cover (except for when emergency starting).

**NOTE:**

*Mounting radio transceiver or navigational equipment antennae too close to the engine cowling can cause electrical noise interference. Suzuki recommends that antennae be mounted at least one meter (40 inches) away from the engine cowling.*

**This manual should be considered a permanent part of the outboard motor and should remain with the outboard motor when resold or otherwise transferred to a new owner or operator. Please read this manual carefully before operating your new Suzuki and review the manual from time to time. It contains important information on safety, operation, and maintenance.**

## FOREWORD

Thank you for choosing a Suzuki outboard motor. Please read this manual carefully and review it from time to time. It contains important information on safety, operation, and maintenance. A thorough understanding of the information presented in this manual will help you experience safe, enjoyable boating.

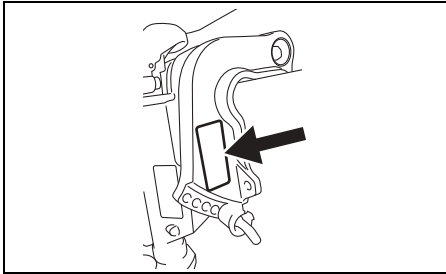
All information in this manual is based on the latest product information available at the time of publication. Due to improvements or other changes, there may be discrepancies between this manual and your outboard motor. Suzuki reserves the right to make changes at any time without notice.

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## IDENTIFICATION NUMBER LOCATION

The model and identification numbers of your outboard motor are stamped on a plate attached to the clamp bracket. It is important to know these numbers when you place a parts order or if your motor is stolen.



## FUEL AND OIL

### GASOLINE

Suzuki highly recommends that you use alcohol-free unleaded gasoline whenever possible, with a minimum octane rating of 91 (Research method). However, blends of unleaded gasoline and alcohol with equivalent octane content may be used, provided the guidelines that follow are met.

#### **NOTICE**

**Use of leaded gasoline can cause engine damage. Use of improper or poor quality fuel can affect performance and may damage your motor and fuel system.**

**Use only unleaded gasoline. Do not use fuel having lower than the recommended octane, or fuel that may be stale or contaminated by dirt/water etc.**

### Gasoline Containing MTBE

Unleaded gasoline containing MTBE (Methyl Tertiary Butyl Ether) may be used in your outboard motor if the MTBE content is not greater than 15%. This oxygenated fuel does not contain alcohol.

### Gasoline/Ethanol Blends

Blends of unleaded gasoline and ethanol (grain alcohol), also known as gasohol, are commercially available in some areas. Gasoline containing a maximum of 10% ethanol may be used in your outboard motor without jeopardizing the New Outboard Motor Limited Warranty.

### Gasoline/Methanol Blends

Blends of unleaded gasoline and methanol (wood alcohol) are also commercially available in some areas. **DO NOT USE** fuels containing more than 5% methanol under any circumstances. Fuel system damage or outboard motor performance problems resulting from the use of such fuels are not the responsibility of Suzuki and may not be covered under the New Outboard Motor Limited Warranty.

Fuel containing 5% or less methanol may be suitable for use in your outboard motor if they contain cosolvents and corrosion inhibitors.

### Pump Labeling for Gasoline/Alcohol Blends

In some states, pumps that dispense gasoline/alcohol blends are required to be labeled for the type and percentage of alcohol content, and whether important additives are present. Such labels may provide enough information for you to determine if a particular blend of fuel meets the requirements listed above. In other states, pumps may not be clearly labeled as to the content or type of alcohol and additives. If you are not sure that the fuel you intend to use meets these requirements, check with the service station operator or the fuel suppliers.

**NOTE:**

If you are not satisfied with the operation or fuel economy of your outboard motor when you are using gasoline/alcohol blends, you should switch back to unleaded gasoline containing no alcohol.

Be sure that any gasoline/alcohol blend you use has octane ratings of at least 91 octane (Research method).

If engine pinging is experienced, substitute another brand as there are differences between brands.

Unleaded gasoline will extend spark plug life.

**▲ WARNING**

Gasoline is extremely flammable and toxic. It can cause a fire and can be hazardous to people and pets.

Always take the following precautions when refueling:

- Never permit anyone other than an adult to refill the fuel tank.
- If you use a portable fuel tank, always stop the motor and remove the fuel tank from the boat to refill it.
- Do not fill the fuel tank all the way to the top or fuel may overflow when it expands due to heating by the sun.
- Be careful not to spill fuel. If you do, wipe it up immediately.
- Do not smoke, and keep away from open flames and sparks.

**NOTICE**

Gasoline kept in the fuel tank for long periods of time will produce varnish and gum, which can damage the engine.

Always use fresh gasoline.

**NOTICE**

Fuels containing alcohol can cause paint damage, which is not covered under the New Outboard Motor Limited Warranty.

Be careful not to spill fuel containing alcohol while refueling. If fuel is spilled, wipe it up immediately.

**NOTE:**

The fuel tank supplied with this motor is its dedicated fuel reservoir and should not be used as a fuel storage container.

**ENGINE OIL**

Use the SUZUKI CCI OIL, NMMA certified TC-W3™ oil or equivalent 2-cycle outboard motor oil.

**NOTICE**

Mixing different types of oil can cause the oil to gel, resulting in damage to your outboard motor.

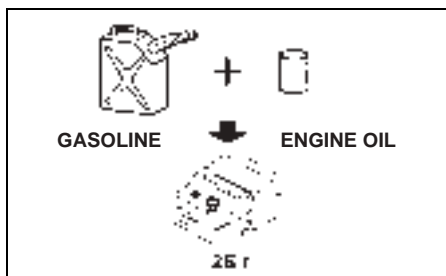
Do not mix different types of oil.

**NOTICE**

Use of poor quality engine oil can adversely affect engine performance and life.

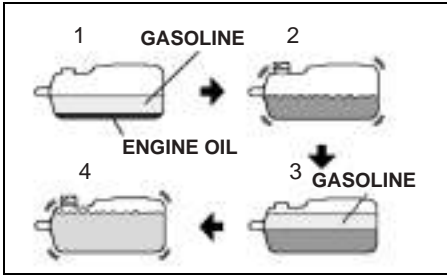
SUZUKI recommends that you use the SUZUKI CCI OIL, NMMA certified TC-W3™ oil or equivalent 2-cycle outboard motor oil.

**FUEL MIXING**



During the first 5 hours of engine operation (break-in period), you should use a 25 : 1 gasoline/oil mixture. After the first 5 hours of operation, you should use a 50 : 1 gasoline/oil mixture.

1. Pour engine oil in quantity proportional to mixture ratio into the fuel tank.  
Pour gasoline in quantity proportional to half of mixture ratio into the fuel tank.
2. Tighten the fuel tank cap firmly and shake the fuel tank so as to mix well gasoline with engine oil.
3. Add gasoline in quantity proportional to half of mixture ratio into the fuel tank.
4. Tighten the fuel tank cap firmly and shake the fuel tank so as to mix well gasoline with engine oil.



## GEAR OIL

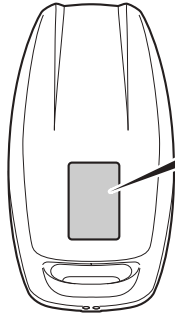


Suzuki recommends the use of SUZUKI OUTBOARD MOTOR GEAR OIL. If it is not available, use SAE 90 hypoid gear oil which is rated GL-5 under the API classification system.

# LOCATION OF SAFETY LABELS

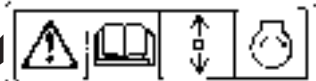
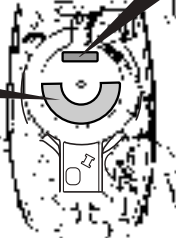
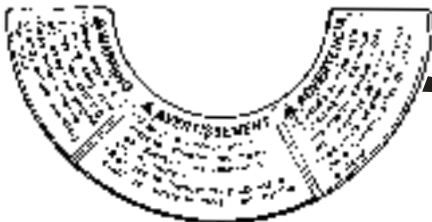
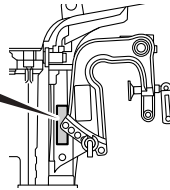
Read and follow all of the labels on your outboard motor or fuel tank. Make sure you understand all of the labels.

Keep the labels on your outboard motor or fuel tank. Do not remove them for any reason.



<b>WARNING</b>	
<b>▲</b>	<b>AVERTISSEMENT</b>
<b>ADVERTENCIA</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fuel can leak creating a fire hazard if you lay motor on its side. Drain fuel completely from vapor separator or carburetor before laying motor on its side.</li> <li>• See owner's manual for details.</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Le carburant risque de fuir et de présenter un danger d'incendie si le moteur est placé sur le côté. Vidanger entièrement le carburant du séparateur de vapeurs ou du carburateur avant de procéder.</li> <li>• Pour plus de détail, voir le manuel du propriétaire.</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Si pone el motor apoyado en uno de sus lados, el combustible se puede derramar creando peligro de incendio. Vacíe completamente el combustible del separador de vapores o del carburador antes de apoyar el motor en uno de sus lados.</li> <li>• Consulte el manual del propietario para conocer detalles.</li> </ul>	

	<b>▲ WARNING AVERTISSEMENT</b>
	Secure both mounting bolts and clamps to avoid motor drop. See owner's manual for details.
	Fixer les deux boulons de montage et des brides pour éviter la chute du moteur. Voir le manuel du propriétaire.



## Label symbol meanings

These symbols mean as follows;

: General warning symbol  
(Caution or Warning)

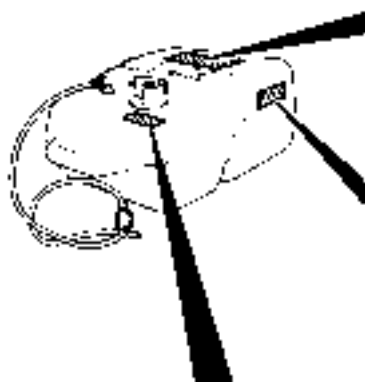
: Read owner's manual carefully

: Remote control lever/gear shift lever operation-two direction; Forward/Neutral/Reverse

: Engine start

: Hazard caused by fire





# GASOLINE

**EXTREMELY FLAMMABLE**

FOR USE AS FUEL ONLY. NOT TO BE USED FOR ANY OTHER PURPOSES.

**DANGER**

EXTREMELY FLAMMABLE LIQUID AND VAPOR. IRRITANT TO EYES AND SKIN. HARMFUL TO AQUATIC LIFE.

**CAUTION**

DO NOT USE IN ENCLOSED SPACES. DO NOT USE NEAR OPEN FLAMES OR SPARKS. DO NOT USE IN PROXIMITY TO ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT. DO NOT USE IN PROXIMITY TO CHILDREN AND PETS. DO NOT USE IN PROXIMITY TO FOOD OR DRINK. DO NOT USE IN PROXIMITY TO CLOTHING OR OTHER FLAMMABLE MATERIALS.

**GASOLINE  
EXTREMELY FLAMMABLE  
REMOVE FROM BOAT FOR FILLING**

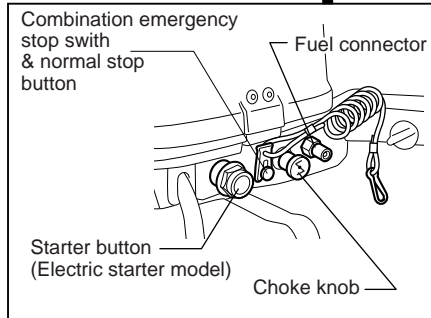
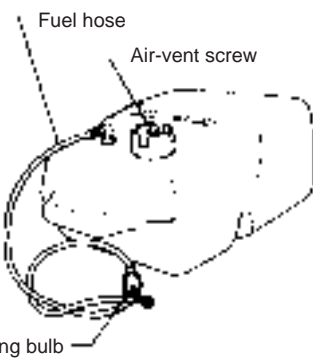
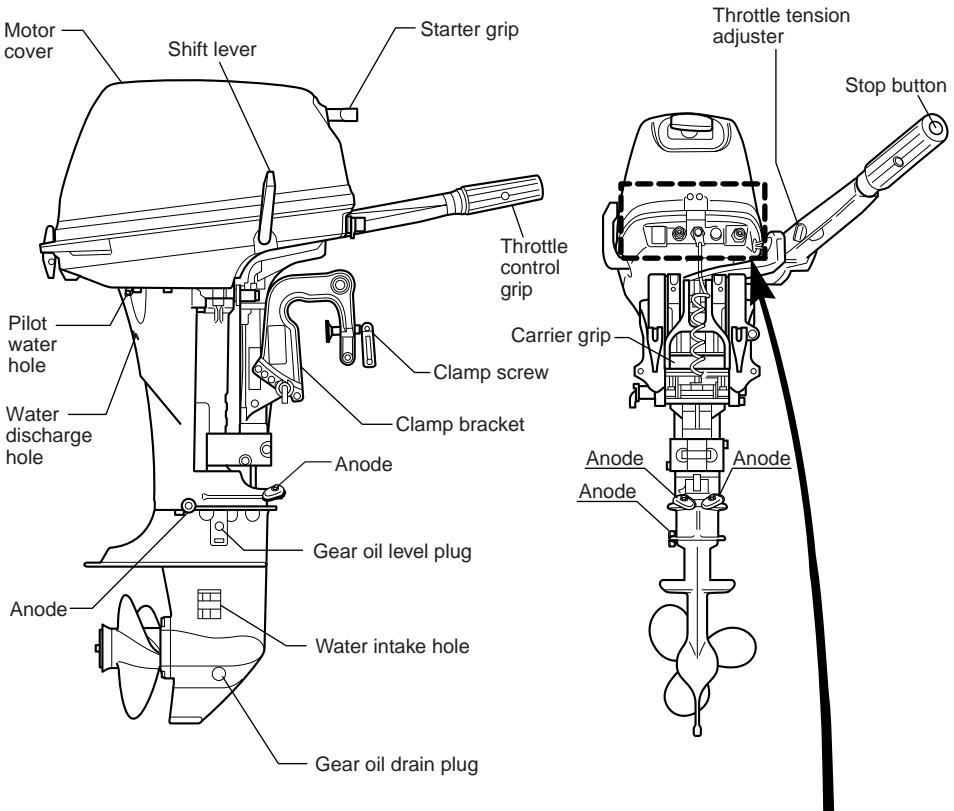


**GASOLINA  
PELIGRO FLAMABLE  
QUITARLO DEL BARCO PARA PLENAR**

<b>⚠ WARNING</b>	<b>⚠ AVERTISSEMENT</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Do not over fill. Fill to safe fill level as indicated on the gauge.</li> <li>Store in well ventilated area.</li> <li>Fuel is to be stored to reduce the likelihood of shelling and mechanical damage.</li> <li>Remove tank from boat for filling.</li> <li>Open vent on cap before unclogging engine.</li> <li>Replace cap gasket if it shows signs of wearing or if it is broken or missing.</li> <li>Do not over tighten threaded fittings.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ne pas sur-remplir le réservoir. Remplir le réservoir jusqu'au niveau, indiqués sur le voyant de niveau.</li> <li>Stockage dans une zone bien ventilée.</li> <li>Le carburant doit être stocké pour réduire les risques de fissures et de dommages mécaniques.</li> <li>Retirer le réservoir du bateau pour le remplir.</li> <li>Avant de débrancher le capot, ouvrir le bouchon de ventilation.</li> <li>Remplacer le joint du capot si celui-ci présente des signes de détérioration ou s'il est cassé ou manquant.</li> <li>Né pas trop serrer les raccords à vis.</li> </ul>

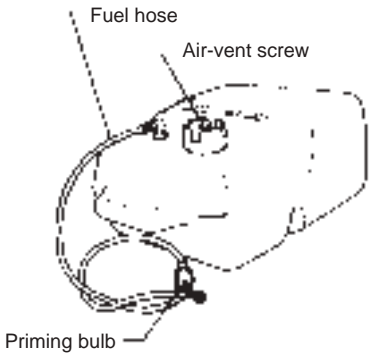
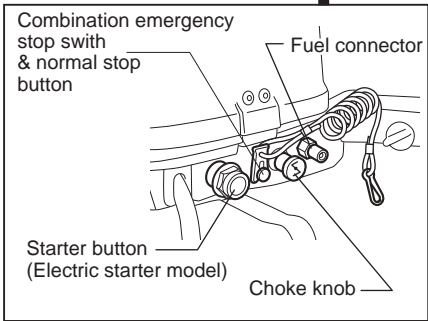
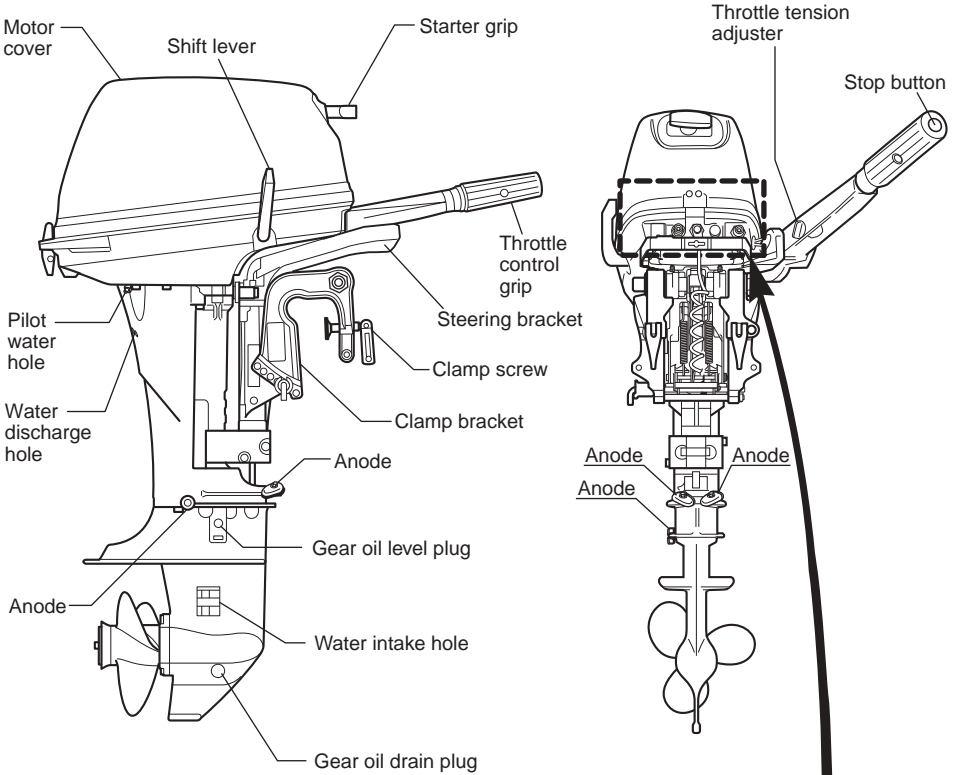
# LOCATION OF PARTS

## TYPE A: Model with carrier grip



### FUEL TANK

# TYPE B: Model with steering bracket



## FUEL TANK

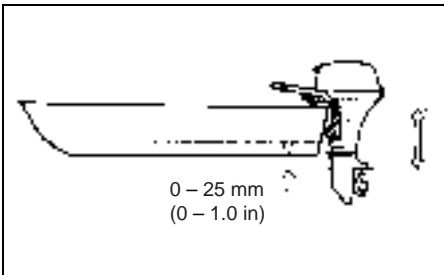
# MOTOR MOUNTING

## ▲ WARNING

Overpowering your boat can be hazardous. Excessive horsepower will have an adverse effect on hull safety and may cause operating/handling difficulties. The boat may also sustain stress and hull damage.

Never install an outboard motor with horsepower exceeding the manufacturer's recommended maximum horsepower listed on the boat's "Certification Plate". Contact your authorized Suzuki marine dealer if you are unable to locate the hull "Certificate Plate".

Proper transom height is important for good performance. A motor mounted on a transom that is too high causes the propeller to slip resulting in wasted power or overheating. A motor mounted on a transom that is too low will increase drag, causing reduced speed. Make sure that when the motor is lowered all the way down, the anti-cavitation plate is located 0 – 25 mm (0 – 1.0 in) below the bottom of the boat.

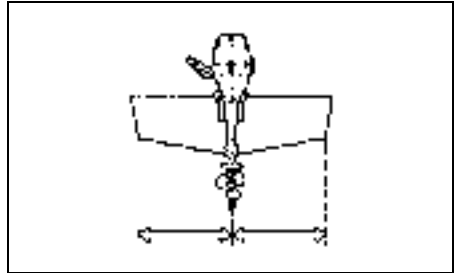


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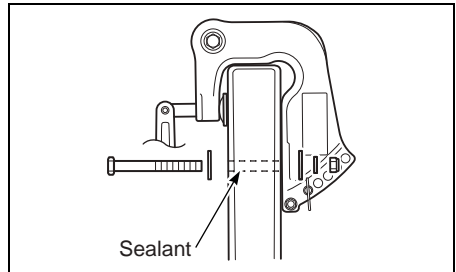
Operating your outboard motor with the anti-cavitation plate above water can cause overheating and severe damage to your outboard motor.

Do not operate your outboard motor with the anti-cavitation plate above water.

Center the motor on the transom and secure it by alternately tightening the clamp bracket screws by hand. Make sure you accurately center the motor, or the boat will pull to one side during operation.



Install 8 mm bolts, washers, lock washers and nuts (locally purchased), as illustrated and tighten the bolts sequentially. Be sure to seal the holes with sealant to prevent water leakage.



After installing the motor, check to make sure that steering and tilt movement are not obstructed by any part of the boat. Also make sure that the battery cable (if provided) doesn't interfere with movement of the motor.

## **⚠ WARNING**

If the motor is not properly secured to the transom, it can come off.

Be sure to bolt the motor to the transom. The motor may come off if it is held only by the clamp screws. Occasionally check the clamp screws for tightness.

## **NOTICE**

If you attempt to mount the outboard to the transom without having mechanical experience or without being certain where to drill holes, you can seriously damage the boat.

If you do not have mechanical experience or are not sure of where to drill holes in the boat's transom, you should have your motor mounted by your authorized Suzuki marine dealer.

# **BATTERY INSTALLATION**

## **BATTERY REQUIREMENT ELECTRIC STARTER MODEL**

Choose a 12 Volt cranking-type lead acid battery that meets the specifications shown below.

**450 Marine Cranking Amps (MCA)/ABYC, or 330 Cold Cranking Amps (CCA)/SAE or 70 Reserve Capacity (RC) Minutes/SAE or 12 Volt, 35 AH**

### **NOTE:**

- *The specifications listed above are the minimum battery rating requirements for starting the engine.*
- *Additional electrical loads from the boat will require larger capacity batteries. Consult your Suzuki dealer to determine the proper battery sizing for your boat and engine combination.*
- *Dual-purpose (Cranking/Deep-cycle) batteries can be used if they meet the minimum specifications listed above (MCA, CCA, or RC).*
- *Do not use a Deep Cycle battery for the main cranking battery.*
- *The use of Maintenance-Free, sealed, or Gel-Cell batteries is not recommended because they may not be compatible with Suzuki's charging system.*
- *When connecting batteries in parallel, they must be of the same type, capacity, manufacturer, and of similar age. When replacement is necessary, they should be replaced as a set. Consult your Suzuki dealer for proper battery installation information.*

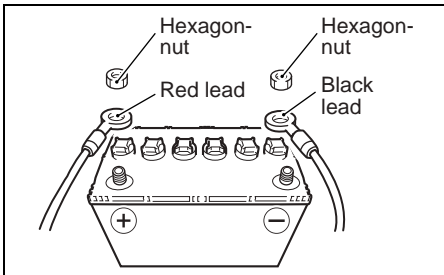
## BATTERY INSTALLATION

Secure the battery in a dry area of the boat, away from vibration.

### NOTE:

- It is recommended that the battery be installed in an enclosed battery case.
- When connecting batteries, hexagon-nuts must be used to secure battery leads to battery posts.

To hook up the battery, first connect the red lead from the motor to the positive battery terminal, then connect the black lead to the negative battery terminal.



### ⚠ WARNING

If you place the battery near the fuel tank, a spark from the battery may ignite the gas-line, causing a fire and/or an explosion.

Do not place the fuel tank in the same compartment/area as the battery.

To remove the battery, first disconnect the black lead from the negative terminal, then disconnect the red lead from the positive terminal.

Suzuki recommends that you install the terminal cap on the positive battery terminal to prevent an accidental short circuit of battery terminals.

If a terminal cap is required, contact your authorized Suzuki marine dealer.

### ⚠ WARNING

Batteries produce flammable hydrogen gas and may explode if they are near flames or sparks.

Never smoke or cause sparks when working near the battery. Keep the battery away from open flames. To avoid creating a spark when charging the battery, connect the battery charger cables to the proper terminals before turning the charger on.

### ⚠ WARNING

Battery acid is poisonous and corrosive. It can cause severe injury and can damage painted surfaces.

Avoid contact with eyes, skin, clothing, and painted surfaces. If battery acid comes in contact with any of these, flush immediately with large amounts of water. If acid contacts the eyes or skin, get immediate medical attention.

### NOTICE

The electrical system or its components may be damaged if proper battery precautions are not followed.

- Be sure to attach battery leads correctly.
- Do not disconnect battery leads from the battery while the engine is running.

# USE OF ELECTRICAL ACCESSORIES

The amount of power (DC12V) available for accessories, however, depends on the operating condition of the motor. For getting a detailed information, please inquire of your authorized Suzuki Marine Dealer.

## NOTICE

If you connect electrical accessories directly to the power receptacle of the motor, the electrical accessories could be damaged.

Connect lights and electrical accessories for the boat to the battery. Consult your authorized Suzuki marine dealer for information about correct wiring.

# PROPELLER SELECTION AND INSTALLATION

## PROPELLER SELECTION

It is essential to use a propeller on your outboard motor that is properly matched to your boat's operating characteristics. The speed of the engine when you operate your boat at full throttle depends on the propeller you use.

## NOTICE

Installing a propeller with either too much or too little pitch will cause incorrect maximum engine speed, which may result in severe damage to the motor.

Ask your authorized Suzuki marine dealer to assist you in selecting a suitable propeller for your boat.

Full throttle operating range	DT9.9A	4500 – 5500 r/min. (min <sup>-1</sup> )
	DT15A	4800 – 5600 r/min. (min <sup>-1</sup> )

# PROPELLER INSTALLATION

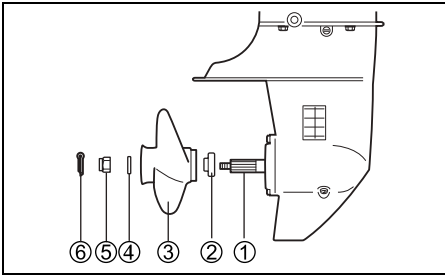
## ⚠ WARNING

Failure to take proper precautions when installing or removing the propeller can result in severe personal injury.

When installing or removing the propeller:

- Always shift into “Neutral” and remove the emergency stop switch lock plate so that the motor cannot be started accidentally.
- Wear gloves to protect hands, and “lock” the propeller by placing a block of wood between the blades and the anti-cavitation plate.

To install a propeller on your outboard motor, use the following procedure:



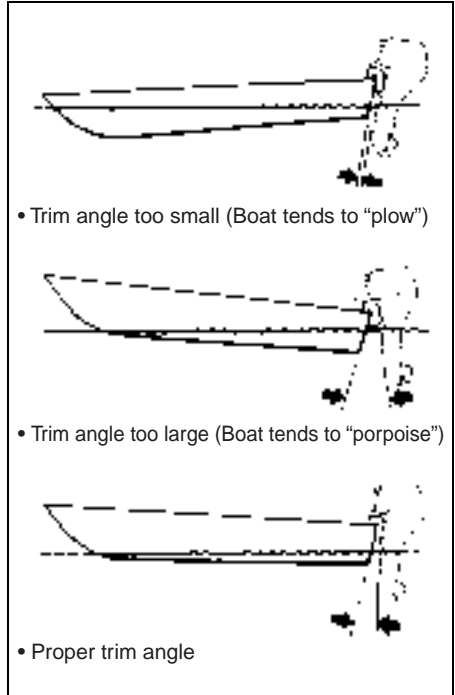
1. Coat the propeller shaft splines ① liberally with Suzuki water resistant grease to help prevent corrosion.
2. Place the stopper ② on the shaft.
3. Align the propeller ③ with the propeller shaft splines and slide the propeller onto the shaft.
4. Place the washer ④ on the shaft.
5. Install the propeller nut ⑤ and tighten it with a torque wrench to 16 – 20 N·m (1.6 – 2.0 kg·m/12 – 14 lb·ft).
6. Insert the cotter pin ⑥ and bend it so that the nut can't come off.

To remove the propeller, reverse the above procedure.

# ADJUSTMENT

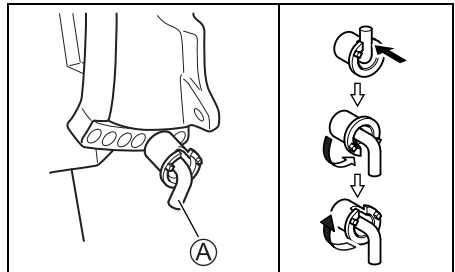
## TRIM ANGLE ADJUSTMENT

To help maintain steering stability and good performance, always maintain the proper trim angle as shown in the illustration. The appropriate trim angle varies depending on the combination of the boat, engine, and propeller, as well as operating conditions.



To adjust the trim angle:

1. Hold the motor in the fully tilted up position.
2. Reposition the tilt pin A in the desired holes.





3. Lower the motor back down.

To lower the bow, move the pin towards the boat. To raise the bow, move the pin away from the boat.

### **⚠ WARNING**

Trim angle greatly affects steering stability. If the trim angle is too small, the boat may “plow” or “bow steer”. If the trim angle is too large, the boat may “chine walk” from side to side or “porpoise” up and down. These conditions, which result in loss of steering control, can cause occupants to be thrown overboard.

Always maintain proper trim angle based on the combination of your boat, engine, and propeller, as well as operating conditions.

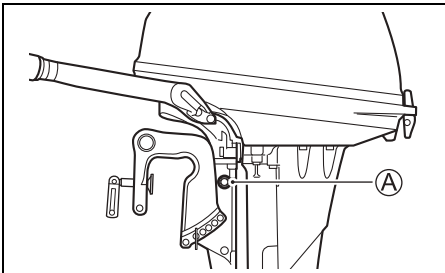
### **⚠ WARNING**

If you operate the motor with the tilt pin removed, you may not be able to control steering as expected.

Do not operate the motor with the tilt pin removed.

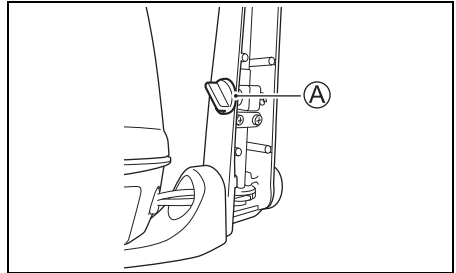
## **STEERING TENSION ADJUSTMENT**

The steering on your outboard motor should be smooth and not tight. Adjust the steering tension so that there is only a slight resistance to steering movement. To increase the steering tension, turn the steering tension bolt Ⓐ clockwise. To decrease the steering tension, turn the steering tension bolt counterclockwise.



## **THROTTLE TENSION ADJUSTMENT**

The tension of the throttle control grip can be adjusted according to your preference. To increase the tension, turn the throttle tension adjuster Ⓐ clockwise. To decrease the tension, turn the adjuster counterclockwise.

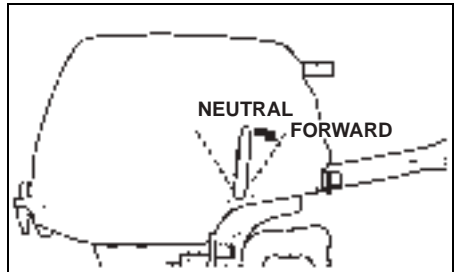


## **IDLE SPEED ADJUSTMENT**

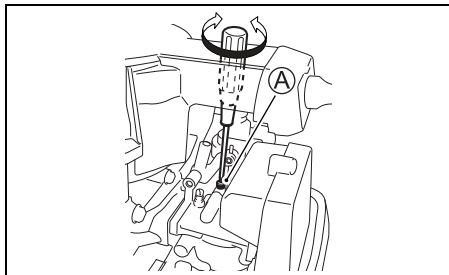
The idle speed of your outboard motor has been factory-adjusted to provide a smooth, stable idle.

If it is necessary to adjust the idle speed, use the following procedure.

1. Warm up the engine for about 5 minutes.
2. Make sure that the throttle grip is fully closed and set the shift lever to the “FORWARD” position.



- Turn the idle adjustment screw **A** clockwise to increase idle speed or counterclockwise to decrease idle speed.



Idle speed (in gear)	700 – 800 r/min. (min <sup>-1</sup> )
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**NOTE:**

If idle speed cannot be set within the specified range, contact your authorized Suzuki Marine Dealer.

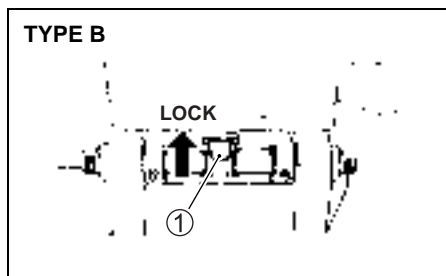
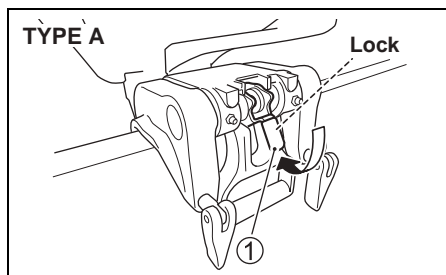
## OPERATION OF TILTING SYSTEMS

### TILT LOCK LEVER

The tilt lock lever **1** has two positions.

#### “Lock” Position

Use this position whenever you operate the motor in “REVERSE” gear and whenever you operate the motor in deep water where you do not expect to encounter underwater objects. Placing the tilt lock lever in the “lock” position prevents the motor from lifting out of the water due to forces such as propeller thrust during operation in “REVERSE” gear or rapid deceleration.



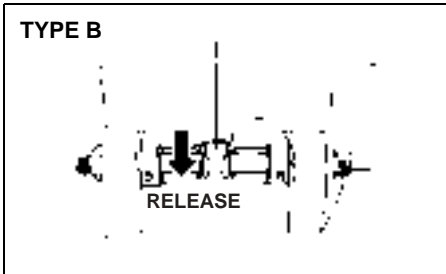
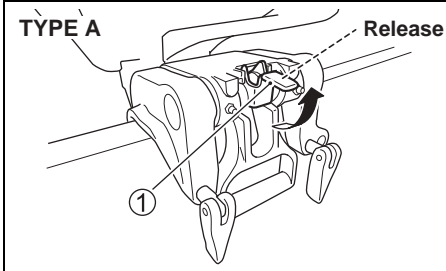
### NOTICE

If you strike an underwater object with the tilt lock lever in the “LOCK” position, your outboard motor or boat may be damaged.

When operating the motor in an area where you may encounter underwater objects, move the tilt lock lever to the “RELEASE” position and operate the motor only at very low speeds.

## “Release” Position

Use this position whenever you operate the motor in “FORWARD” gear in shallow water. Placing the tilt lock lever in the “release” position allows the motor to tilt up if you strike an underwater object, reducing the chance of damage to the motor. Refer to the OPERATION IN SHALLOW WATER section for details on shallow water operation.



## ⚠ WARNING

When you operate the motor with the tilt lock lever in the “Release” position, the tilt lock will not work. As a result, forces such as from propeller thrust during operation in “REVERSE” gear, rapid deceleration, and striking an underwater object can cause the motor to lift out of the water, resulting in personal injury.

When using the “Release” position, proceed with caution and only at very low speed.

## TILT UP LOCK ARM

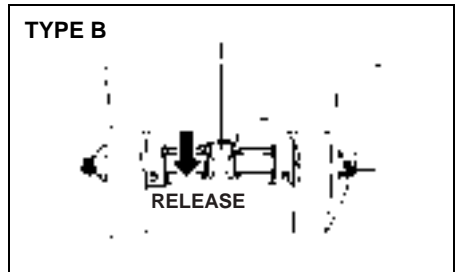
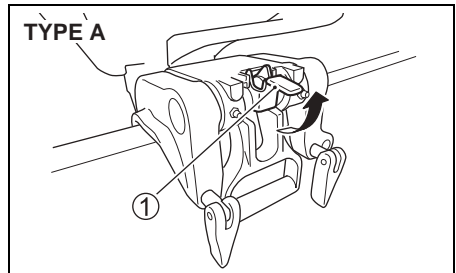
The tilt up lock arm is used to hold the motor in the fully tilted up position. To hold the motor in the fully raised position:

## ⚠ WARNING

If you place your hands near the mounting bracket or under the motor when tilting it, your hands can be crushed if the motor slips from your grasp.

Never place your hands near the mounting bracket or under the motor when tilting it.

1. Shift into “NEUTRAL”.
2. Move the tilt lock lever ① to the “release” position.

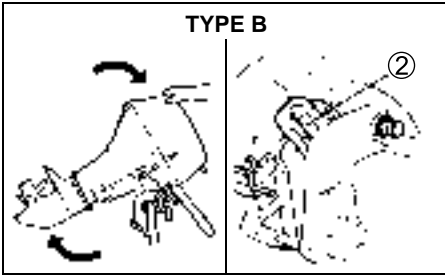
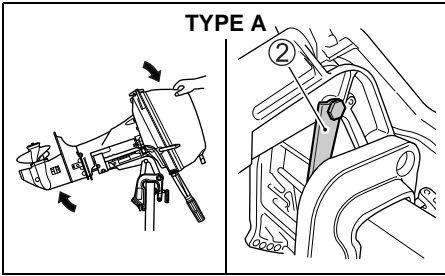


## NOTICE

If you use the throttle grip handle to raise or lower the motor, the handle may break.

Never use the throttle grip handle to raise or lower the motor.

- Grab the handle on the back of the motor cover and tilt the motor all the way up until it is automatically locked in the fully tilted up position by the tilt up lock arm ②.



### ⚠ WARNING

If you do not take proper precautions when tilting up the motor, fuel may leak out.

Disconnect the fuel line whenever you leave the motor tilted up for a long period of time.

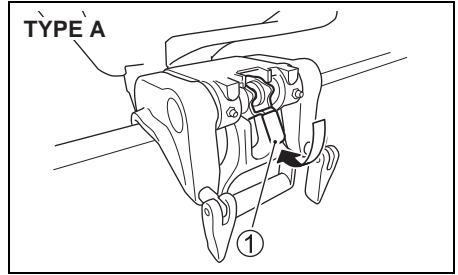
### NOTICE

If you use the tilt up lock arm to hold the motor in the fully tilted position for trailering, the tilt up lock arm could release resulting in damage to the motor.

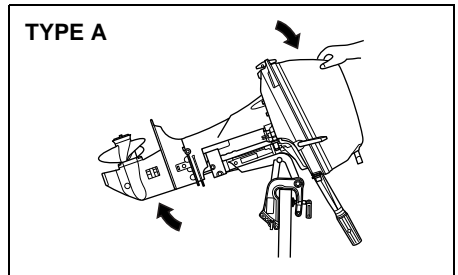
When trailering your boat, never use the tilt up lock arm to hold the motor in the fully tilted position.

To lower the motor back down:  
(TYPE A)

- Move the tilt lock lever ① to the lock position.

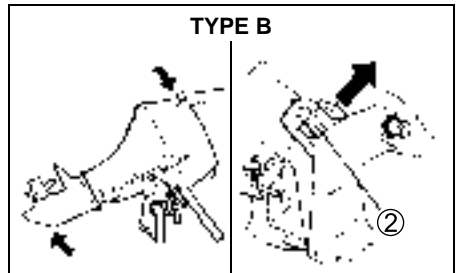


- Pull the motor slightly towards you and slowly let the motor down.

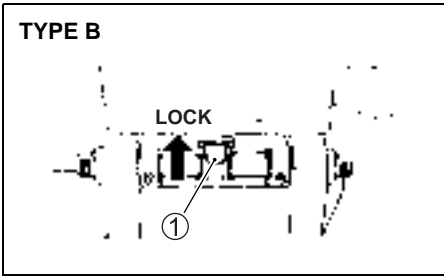


(TYPE B)

- To lower the motor, draw it slightly towards you, pull the tilt up lock arm ② towards you, and slowly let the motor down.



2. Move the tilt lock lever ① to the lock position.



### Alternative power source

#### NOTICE

If your outboard motor is used for auxiliary propulsion and it is left in the down position when the main engine is powering the boat, the outboard motor or boat could be damaged.

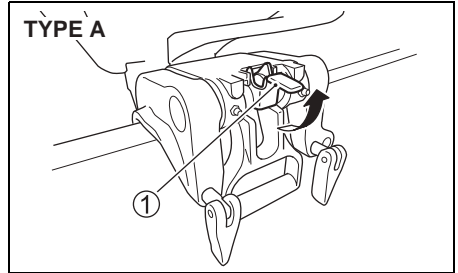
Make sure that the motor is tilted out of the water and locked whenever it is not being used.

## SHALLOW WATER POSITION

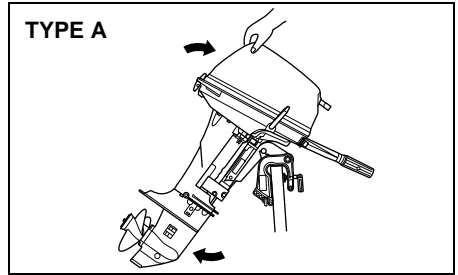
(TYPE A)

To set the shallow water position:

1. Shift into "NEUTRAL".
2. Move the tilt lock lever ① to the release position.



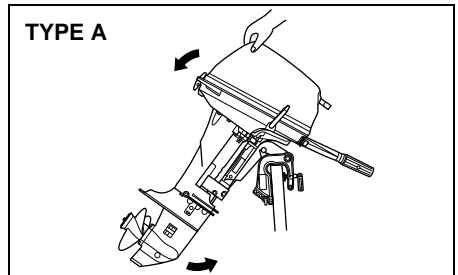
3. Slowly tilt the motor up until you hear it make a "click" sound.



4. Slowly lower the motor. It will stop in a position that is slightly tilted up from the normal trim angle.

#### NOTE:

There are two shallow water positions. Use whichever one is appropriate, depending on the depth of the water.



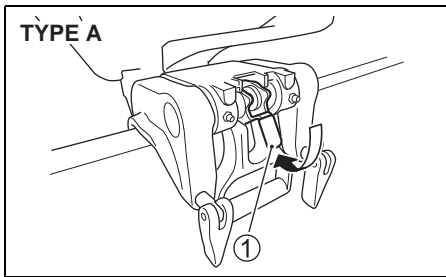
## **⚠ WARNING**

When the shallow water position is used, the tilt lock will not work. As a result, forces such as from propeller thrust during operation in “REVERSE” gear, rapid deceleration, and striking an underwater object can cause the motor to lift out of the water, resulting in personal injury.

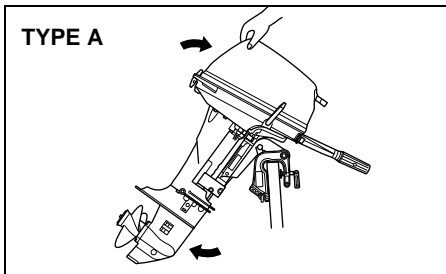
When using the shallow water position, proceed with caution and only at very low speeds.

To lower the motor back down:

1. Move the tilt lock lever ① to the lock position.



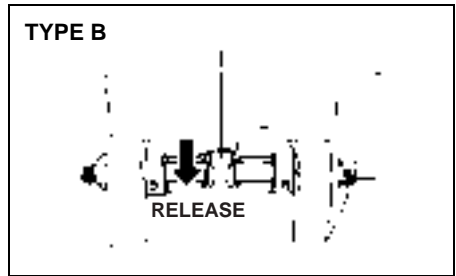
2. Pull the motor slightly towards you and slowly let the motor down.



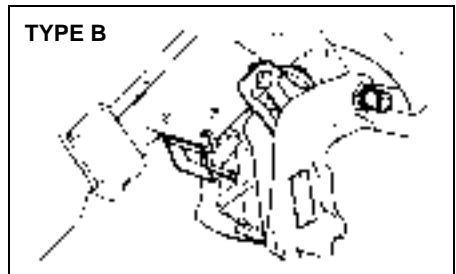
(TYPE B)

To set the shallow water position:

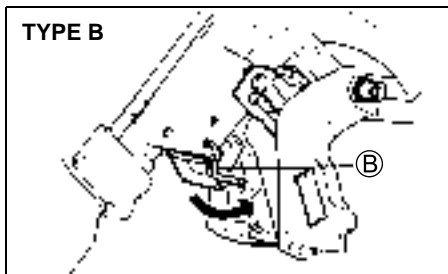
1. Shift into “NEUTRAL”.
2. Move the tilt lock lever ① to the release position.



3. Tilt the motor up until it is locked in the fully tilted up position. Refer to the TILT UP LOCK ARM section for details on how to tilt up the motor.



4. Pull the shallow water lever **B** towards you.



5. Slowly lower the motor until the shallow water lever rests against the tilt pin, in a position that is slightly tilted from the normal trim angle.

Refer to the TILT UP LOCK ARM section for details on how to lower the motor.

### **▲ WARNING**

When the shallow water position is used, the tilt lock will not work. As a result, forces such as from propeller thrust during operation in “REVERSE” gear, rapid deceleration, and striking an underwater object can cause the motor to lift out of the water, resulting in personal injury.

When using the shallow water position, proceed with caution and only at very low speeds.

## **INSPECTION BEFORE BOATING**

### **▲ WARNING**

Failure to inspect your boat and motor before beginning a trip can be hazardous.

Before boating, always perform the inspections described in this section.

- **Make sure that you have enough fuel for the intended run.**
- **Check the battery solution level.**  
The level should be kept between the **MAX** and the **MIN** level lines at all times. If the level drops below the **MIN** level line, refer to **MAINTENANCE** section.
- **Make sure that the battery leads are securely connected to the battery terminals.**
- **Visually check the propeller to make sure it is not damaged.**
- **Make sure that the motor is securely mounted to the transom.**
- **Make sure that the tilt pin is securely installed in the proper position.**
- **Make sure the starter rope is free from any evidence of fraying or wear.**
- **Make sure you have the boating safety and emergency equipment on board.**

# BREAK-IN

The first 5 hours of engine operation are the most important in the life of your engine.

Proper operation during this break-in period will help ensure maximum life and performance from your engine. The following guidelines will explain proper break-in procedures.

## NOTICE

Failure to follow the break-in procedures described below can result in severe engine damage.

Be sure to follow the engine break-in procedures described below.

**Break-in period:** 5 hours

### Break-in procedure

1. Use a 25 : 1 gasoline/oil mixture during the first 5 hours of engine operation to help ensure proper break-in. Use the SUZUKI CCI OIL, NMMA certified TC-W3™ oil or equivalent 2-cycle outboard motor oil for the pre-mixed fuel.
2. Allow sufficient idling time (more than 5 minutes) for the engine to warm up after cold engine starting.

## NOTICE

Running at high speed without sufficient warm-up may cause severe engine damage such as piston seizure.

Always allow sufficient idling time (5 minutes) for the engine to warm-up before running at high speed.

3. During the first 3 hours of operation, do not use more than 1/2 throttle.

4. Remaining 2 hours:

Safe boating conditions permitting, operate the engine in gear at desired engine speed.

You may occasionally use full throttle; however do not operate the engine continuously at full throttle for more than 30 seconds at any time.

## NOTICE

Running continuously at full throttle for more than 30 seconds at a time during the last 2 hours of break-in operation may cause severe engine damage such as seizure.

During the last 2 hours of break-in operation, do not operate at wide open throttle for more than 30 seconds at a time.

### NOTE:

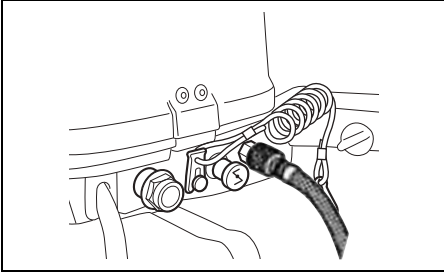
After the break-in period, use an usual gasoline/oil mixture 50 : 1 recommended in the FUEL AND OIL section.



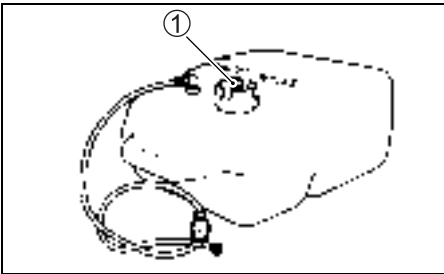
# OPERATION

## BEFORE ATTEMPTING TO START THE ENGINE

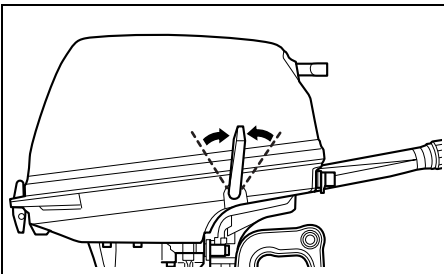
1. The motor has been lowered into the water.
2. The fuel hose is securely connected to the fuel tank and the motor.



3. Twist the air-vent screw ① on the fuel tank cap counterclockwise to open the vent.



4. Shift the motor into "NEUTRAL".

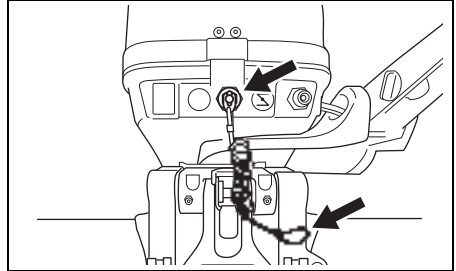


## NOTICE

When the motor is in gear, the recoil starter cannot be operated and attempting to use it can damage the recoil starter.

**Make sure that the motor is in "NEUTRAL" before pulling the recoil starter rope.**

5. The lock plate is in place and the end of the emergency stop switch cord is attached to a part of your body.



## ⚠ WARNING

Failure to properly attach the emergency stop switch cord or to take proper precautions to help ensure that the emergency stop switch works as intended may result in serious injury or death to the operator or passengers.

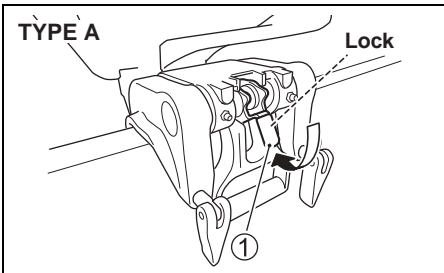
Always take the following precautions:

- Make sure that the emergency stop switch cord is fastened securely to the operator's wrist or to an appropriate clothing area (belt etc.).
- Ensure that no obstructions impede or restrict emergency stop switch operation.
- Be careful not to pull the stop switch cord or knock out the lock plate during normal operation. The motor will stop abruptly, and the loss of forward motion may unexpectedly throw occupants forward.

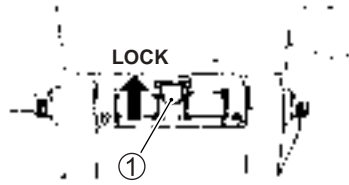
### NOTE:

A spare plastic lock plate is provided for temporary use only. Remove it from the cord and place it in a safe place on board your boat. If you lose or break the emergency stop switch cord/lock plate assembly, replace it as soon as possible so that you can resume normal use of the emergency stop switch.

6. Set the tilt lock lever ① to the "Lock" position.



## TYPE B



## STARTING THE ENGINE

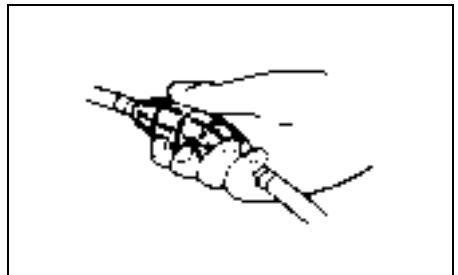
### ⚠ WARNING

Exhaust gas contains carbon monoxide, a dangerous gas that is difficult to detect because it is colorless and odorless. Breathing carbon monoxide can cause death or severe injury.

Never start the engine or let it run indoors or where there is little or no ventilation.

### NOTE:

- If the engine fails to start, check the emergency stop switch lock plate. If the lock plate is not in position, the engine cannot be started.
  - The starter motor can operate even with the lock plate not in position; however, the engine cannot be started.
1. Squeeze the fuel line priming bulb several times until you feel resistance.



### NOTE:

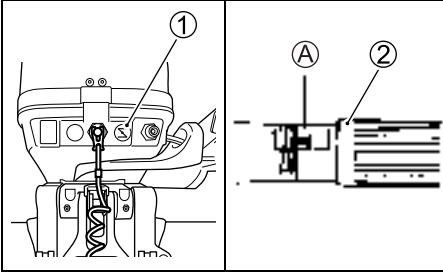
Do not squeeze the priming bulb while the engine is running, as the carburetor may overflow.

2. If the engine is cold:

Pull the choke knob ① fully out. Align the arrow mark on the throttle control grip ② with slightly open position A.

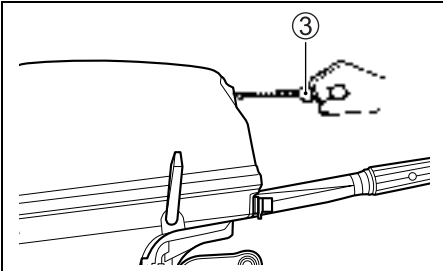
If the engine is warm:

Align the arrow mark on the throttle control grip ② with slightly open position A. Do not use the choke.



3. a) Recoil starter model

Firmly grasp the starter grip ③ and pull slowly until resistance is felt. When you feel it engage, pull the rope sharply to start the engine. Do not release the rope when it is pulled out. Hold the rope and allow it to recoil slowly.



### ▲ WARNING

If the battery cables are not connected to a battery and they contact each other while the engine is running, it could cause electrical system damage and could present a fire hazard.

If you are not using a battery with an electric starter models, you must insulate the terminal ends of the battery cables so that they will not touch each other.

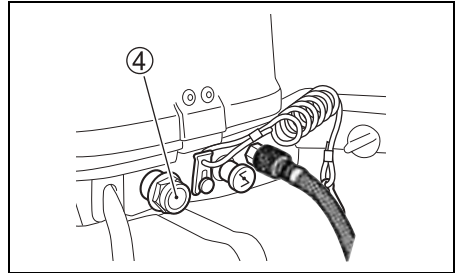
### NOTICE

If you pull the starter grip while the engine is running, the starter system can be damaged.

Never pull the starter grip while the engine is running.

b) Electric starter model

Push the starter button ④.



### NOTICE

If you push the starter button for more than 5 seconds, the starter system could be damaged.

Never push the starter button for more than 5 seconds.

### NOTICE

If you push the starter button while the engine is running, the starter system could be damaged.

Never push the starter button while the engine is running.

NOTE:

If the engine fails to start after 5 seconds, wait 10 seconds and try again.

4. After starting, use the throttle control grip ② to bring the engine to idle.
5. Push the choke knob in.

NOTE:

In cold weather, you may have to leave the choke knob out for a longer period of time for the engine to warm up.

6. Warm up the engine for about 5 minutes.

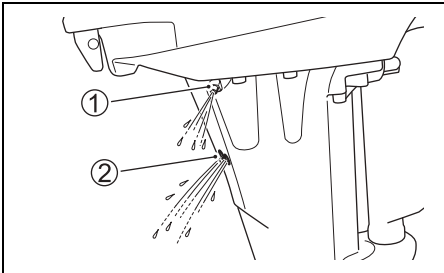
### NOTICE

Operating the engine at high RPM or “wide open throttle” immediately after starting the engine without allowing the engine to warm up may cause engine failure.

Always allow the engine to warm up sufficiently before operating it at high speeds.

### Cooling water check

As soon as the engine starts, water should spray out of the pilot water hole ①, indicating that the water pump is working properly. After the engine warms up, water should start spraying out of the water discharge hole ②, indicating that the cooling system is working properly. If you notice that water does not spray out of either of these holes, stop the engine as soon as possible and consult your Suzuki Marine Dealer.



### NOTICE

Never operate your outboard motor when there is no water coming out of the pilot water hole or water discharge hole, or severe damage can result.

After starting the engine, check to make sure that there is water coming out of the pilot water hole or water discharge hole.

### ▲ WARNING

Operating the boat when the emergency stop switch is not operating properly can be hazardous.

Before starting off, check to make sure that the emergency stop switch operates properly.

#### NOTE:

If may take several minutes for the engine to warm up enough for water to start spraying out from the water discharge hole.

### EMERGENCY STARTING

#### NOTE:

The electric starter models are equipped with a recoil starter as the back-up system for emergency starting. Therefore, an additional emergency starter rope is not provided.

If you must get the engine running, but are unable to do so because of recoil starter system failure, you can use the emergency starting procedure to start the engine.

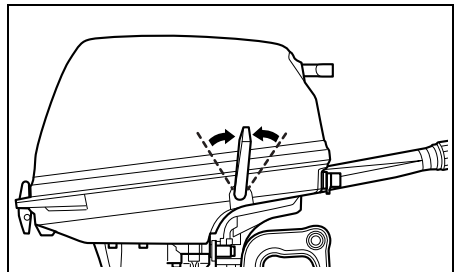
### ▲ WARNING

If you touch electrical components when rope-starting the engine, you can get a severe electrical shock.

When rope-starting the engine, be careful not to touch electrical components such as ignition coils or spark plug leads.

To start the engine when the recoil starter fails:

1. Shift the motor into “NEUTRAL”.

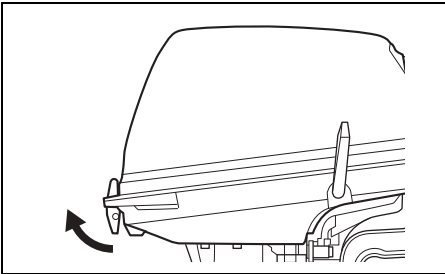


## **▲ WARNING**

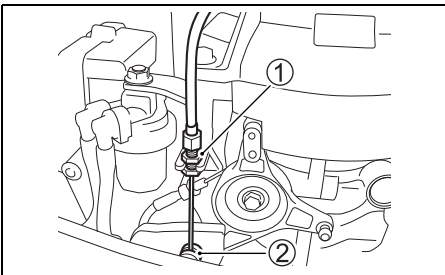
When you use the emergency starting procedure, the start-in-gear protection system will not work. If the shift lever is not in the “NEUTRAL” position, the boat can start off unexpectedly when the engine is started, throwing occupants or causing an accident.

Make sure that the shift lever is in the “NEUTRAL” position before attempting to start the motor using the emergency starting procedure.

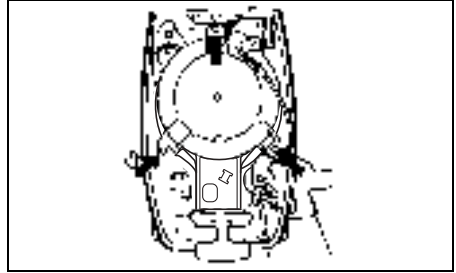
2. Remove the motor cover by turning the lock lever in the direction of the arrow and lifting the cover off.



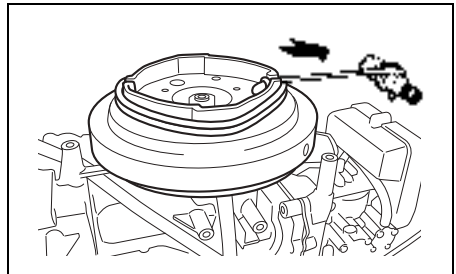
3. Loosen the lock nut ①, take off the NSI cable from the bracket and separate the end of cable from the cam ②.



4. Remove the three bolts securing the recoil starter assembly in place.  
Lift off the recoil starter assembly.



5. Tie a knot in one end of the emergency starter rope located in the tool kit. Tie the other end around the screw-driver handle in the tool kit.
6. Hook the knotted end of the rope in the pulley notch and wind the rope around the pulley in a clockwise direction.
7. Put the emergency stop switch lock plate in place.
8. After following steps of the normal starting procedure, pull the emergency starter rope sharply to start the engine.



## **▲ WARNING**

If you attempt to reinstall the recoil starter assembly or motor cover after starting the engine you can be injured.

Do not attempt to reinstall the recoil starter assembly or motor cover after starting the engine.

## **⚠ WARNING**

When the engine is running, there are many moving parts that could cause severe personal injury.

When the engine is running, keep your hands, hair, clothing, etc., away from the engine.

### **NOTE:**

Be sure to have the starter system repaired as soon as possible. You should not continue to use the emergency starting procedure for routine engine starting.

## **SHIFTING AND SPEED CONTROL**

### **NOTICE**

Severe engine damage may occur if (a) engine speed is not allowed to return to idle and boat speed is not reduced when shifting from "FORWARD" to "REVERSE" or from "REVERSE" to "FORWARD", or (b) care is not taken when operating the boat in reverse.

Always allow the engine speed to return to idle before shifting. Exercise caution and use minimal speed when operating the boat in reverse. Be sure the handle/shift lever is in the desired position before accelerating.

### **NOTICE**

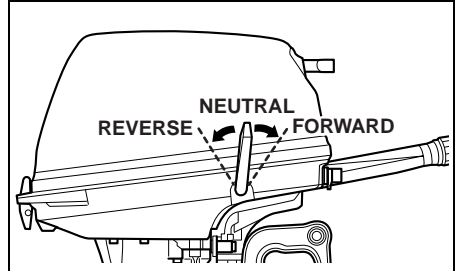
If you shift gears when the engine is not running, the shifting mechanism can be damaged.

Avoid shifting gears when the engine is not running.

## **Shifting**

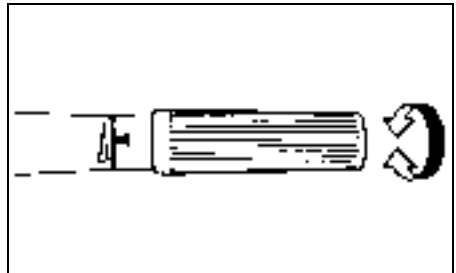
To shift the motor into "FORWARD", set the throttle control grip to the idle position and pull the shift lever towards you firmly.

To shift into "REVERSE", put the tilt lock lever into the "lock" position, set the throttle to the idle position, and push the shift lever away from you firmly.



## **Speed Control**

After shifting, control the engine speed by twisting the throttle control grip.



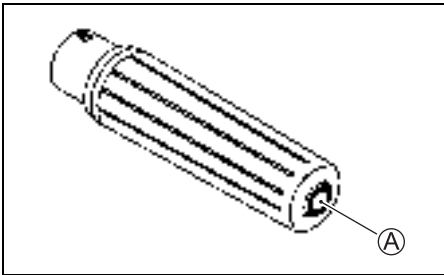
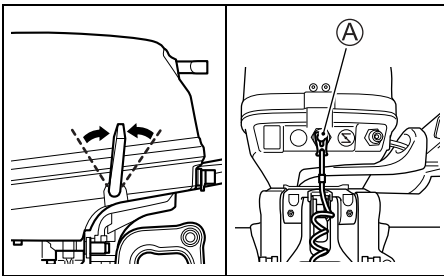
## STOPPING THE ENGINE

### NOTE:

When it is necessary to stop the engine in an emergency, pull the emergency stop switch lock plate out of the emergency stop switch by pulling the emergency stop switch cord.

To stop the engine:

1. Turn the throttle control grip to the idle position.
2. Shift into "NEUTRAL".
3. After operating at full throttle, cool off the engine a few minutes by allowing it to idle or troll at low speed.
4. Push and hold in the stop button (A) until the engine stops.



5. After stopping the engine, disconnect the fuel connector from outboard motor.

### ⚠ WARNING

If you leave the motor stopped for a long period of time with the fuel line connected, fuel can leak out.

Disconnect the fuel line, whenever you leave the motor stopped for a long period of time.

6. Turn the air-vent screw on the fuel tank cap clockwise to shut the vent.

## MOORING

The motor should be tilted up out of the water when you moor the boat in shallow water or if the motor will not be used for some time, to protect it from damage by underwater obstacles at low tide or corrosion from salt water.

Refer to the TILT UP LOCK ARM section for details on how to tilt up the motor.

### ⚠ WARNING

If you leave the motor tilted up for a long period of time with the fuel line connected, fuel can leak out.

Disconnect the fuel line whenever you leave the motor tilted up for a long period of time.

### NOTICE

Improperly securing your boat may cause damage to your boat or motor, or other property damage.

Do not allow your motor to rub against quay walls, piers or other boats when the boat is tied up.

## OPERATION IN SHALLOW WATER

When operating your outboard motor in shallow water, use the shallow water position to tilt the motor slightly from the normal trim angle. When using the shallow water position, however, you should only operate the motor at slow speeds. Refer to the SHALLOW WATER POSITION section.

### **⚠ WARNING**

When the shallow water position is used, the tilt lock will not work. As a result, forces such as from propeller thrust during operation in “REVERSE” gear, rapid deceleration, and striking an underwater object can cause the motor to lift out of the water, resulting in personal injury.

When using the shallow water position, proceed with caution and only at very low speeds.

### **NOTICE**

If you do not take proper precautions when operating your boat in shallow water, your outboard motor or boat could be damaged.

- When you operate your motor in shallow water using the shallow water position, make sure that the water intake holes remain in the water at all times and that water is always spraying out of the water discharge hole.
- Do not allow your motor to hit bottom, particularly when operating in “REVERSE” gear, or serious damage can result. When the motor hits bottom while operating in “REVERSE” gear, the shock acts directly on the transom, and both the motor and the boat could be damaged.

## OPERATION IN SALT WATER

After operating the motor in salt water, you should flush the water passages with clean, fresh water as outlined in the FLUSHING THE WATER PASSAGES section. If you do not flush the water passages, salt can corrode the motor and shorten its life.

## OPERATION IN FREEZING WEATHER

When operating your outboard motor in freezing temperatures, you should keep the lower unit submerged in the water at all times.

When taking motor out of the water, stand it up in a vertical position until the cooling system drains completely.

### **NOTICE**

If you leave your outboard motor out of the water in freezing temperatures with water still in the cooling system, the water can freeze and expand, causing severe damage to the motor.

When your outboard is in the water in freezing temperatures, keep the lower unit submerged in the water at all times. When the motor is stored out of the water in freezing temperatures stand it up in the vertical position so that the cooling system drains completely.



# MOTOR REMOVAL AND TRANSPORTING

## MOTOR REMOVAL

1. Make sure that the engine has stopped completely.
2. Remove the fuel hose from the motor.
3. Disconnect the battery cable from the battery. (Electric starter model)
4. Remove the motor cover.
5. Place rags below the carburetor to soak drained fuel.
6. Loosen the carburetor drain screw **A** and drain the gasoline.  
After draining, retighten the drain screw.

### **⚠ WARNING**

Gasoline is extremely flammable and toxic. It can cause a fire and can be hazardous to people and pets.

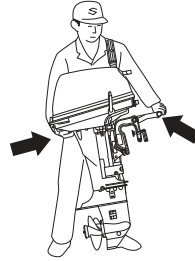
Use a proper, safe container to store any gasoline drained from the outboard motor. Keep gasoline away from sparks, flames, people, and pets.



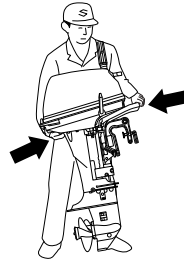
7. Install the motor cover.
8. Remove the mounting bolts.
9. Loosen the clamp screws.

10. Lift the motor off the transom.
11. Stand the motor vertically and drain the water from the lower unit.

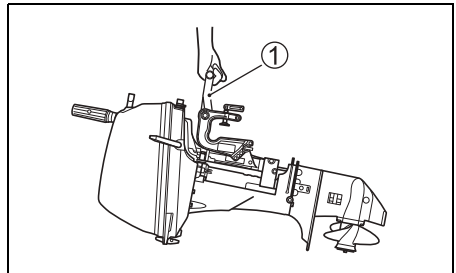
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**TYPE B**

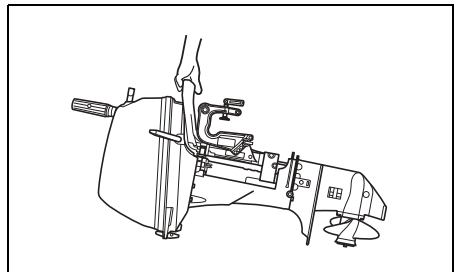


12. (TYPE A)  
To carry, hold the motor by gripping the carrier grip **1**.



(TYPE B)

- To carry, hold the motor by gripping the steering bracket.



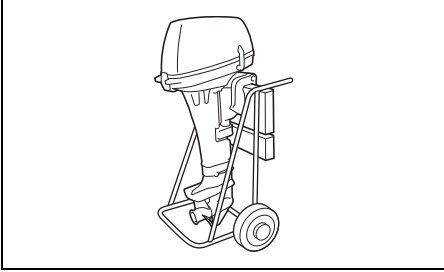
## MOTOR TRANSPORTING

When transporting the motor, place the motor either vertically or horizontally.

### Vertical transport:

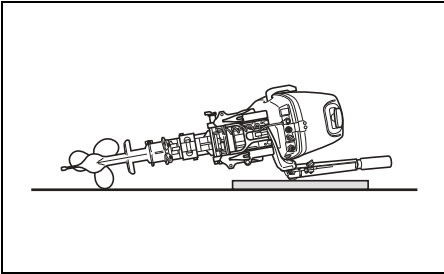
Attach the motor to the carrier by securing clamp bracket with two clamp screws.

Never use display stand for transportation of the motor.



### Horizontal transport:

Raise the tiller handle and rest the motor on a case protector with the port side downwards as shown.



## ▲ WARNING

Spilled fuel or fuel vapor can cause a fire and is hazardous to health.

Always take the following precautions:

- Drain the fuel from the fuel line and carburetor before transporting the boat/outboard motor and before removing the motor from the boat.
- DO NOT lay motor on its side without draining fuel.
- Keep the motor away from open flames or sparks.
- Wipe up spilled fuel immediately.

## NOTICE

If you do not take proper precautions when transporting your outboard, it can be damaged.

- Do not rest the engine in the position shown below, as water may enter the cylinder through the exhaust port or the outer casings may be damaged.
- Do not place the engine on its side before the cooling water has drained from it completely, as water may enter the cylinder through the exhaust port and cause problems.

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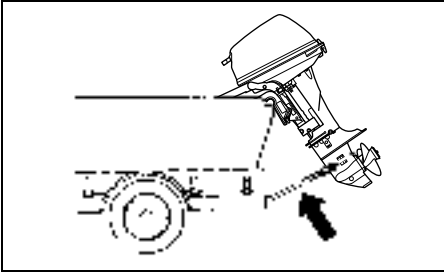
## NOTICE

If you let the lower unit of your outboard sit higher than the power head during transporting or storing, water may trickle into the power head, causing damage to the engine.

Never let the lower unit sit higher than the power head when transporting or storing your outboard.

# TRAILERING

When trailering your boat with the motor attached, keep the motor in the normal operating position unless there is not enough ground clearance. If you need more ground clearance, trailer the motor in a tilted position using a transom saver bar or similar device to support the weight of the motor.



## **NOTICE**

If you use the tilt up lock arm to hold the motor in the fully tilted up position when trailering the boat, towing motion or poor road surfaces may cause unexpected tilt lock release, resulting in damage to the motor and the tilt lock mechanism.

Never use the tilt up lock arm to hold the motor in the fully tilted up position when trailering the boat. Use a transom saver bar or similar device to support the weight of the motor.

# INSPECTION AND MAINTENANCE

## MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE

It is important to inspect and maintain your outboard motor regularly. Follow the chart below. At each interval, be sure to perform the indicated service. Maintenance intervals should be judged by number of hours or number of months, whichever comes first.

**▲ WARNING**

**Exhaust gas contains carbon monoxide, a dangerous gas that is difficult to detect because it is colorless and odorless. Breathing carbon monoxide can cause death or severe injury.**

**Never start the engine or let it run indoors or where there is little or no ventilation.**

Interval Item to be serviced	Initial 20 hrs. or 1 month	Every 100 hrs. or 12 months	Every 200 hrs. or 12 months	Every 300 hrs. or 36 months
Spark plug	-	I	I	I
Fuel line	I	I	I	I
Gear oil	R	R	R	R
Lubrication	I	I	I	I
Anodes	I	I	I	I
Bonding wires	I	I	I	I
Battery	I	I	I	I
* Fuel filter	I	I	I	I
Replace every 400 hours or 2 years.				
* Carburetor	I	I	I	I
* Idle speed	I	-	I	-
* Water pump	-	-	I	-
* Water pump impeller	-	-	I	R
* Propeller nut & pin	I	I	I	I
* Bolts & Nuts	T	T	T	T
* Thermostat	-	I	I	I

I: Inspect and clean, adjust, lubricate, or replace, if necessary T: Tighten R: Replace

**▲ WARNING**

Improper maintenance or failure to perform recommended maintenance can be hazardous. Poor maintenance or lack of maintenance increases the chance of an accident or equipment damage.

Be sure to have maintenance performed according to the schedule in the above chart. Suzuki recommends that only your authorized Suzuki marine dealer or a qualified service mechanic perform maintenance on those items in the chart above which are marked with an asterisk (\*). You may perform maintenance on the unmarked items by referring to the instructions in this section if you have mechanical experience. If you are not sure whether you can successfully complete any of the unmarked maintenance jobs, ask your authorized Suzuki marine dealer to do the maintenance for you.

**▲ WARNING**

The safety of you and your passengers depends on how well you maintain your outboard motor.

Follow all inspection and maintenance instructions carefully. If you do not have prior mechanical experience, do not attempt to perform maintenance on your outboard motor. You could be injured or may damage the motor.

**NOTICE**

The maintenance intervals in the chart were established for normal usage of your outboard motor. If your outboard motor is used under severe conditions such as frequent full throttle operation or frequent operation in muddy, silty, sandy, acidic, or shallow water, you may need to perform maintenance more often than indicated in the chart. Failure to perform maintenance more frequently could result in damage.

Consult your authorized Suzuki marine dealer regarding appropriate maintenance intervals for your usage conditions. When replacing parts on your outboard motor, Suzuki strongly recommends that you use genuine Suzuki parts or their equivalent.

## SPARK PLUG

Your outboard motor comes equipped with the following "standard" spark plug for normal usage.

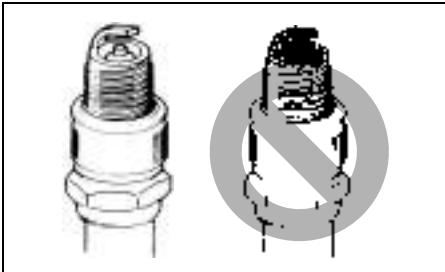
NGK BR7HS-10	Standard
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### NOTICE

Non-resistor types of spark plugs will interfere with the function of the electronic ignition, causing misfiring, or causing problems with other electronic boat equipment and accessories.

Use **ONLY** resistor type spark plugs in your outboard motor.

A normally operating spark plug is very light-brown in color. If the standard plug is not suitable for your operating, consult your authorized Suzuki outboard motor dealer.



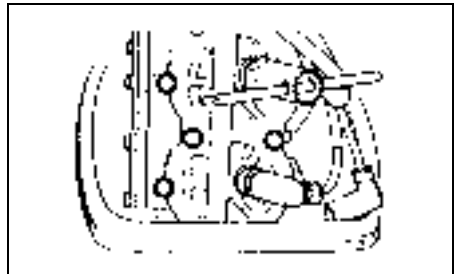
### NOTICE

Use of improper spark plugs or improperly tightening spark plugs can cause severe engine damage.

- Do not experiment with other spark plug brands unless you can determine that they are directly equivalent to the specified brand, or you may experience engine damage which will not be covered under warranty. Note that aftermarket cross-reference charts may not be accurate.
- To install a spark plug; seat it as far as possible by hand, then use a wrench to tighten it to either the recommended torque setting or the specified rotation angle.

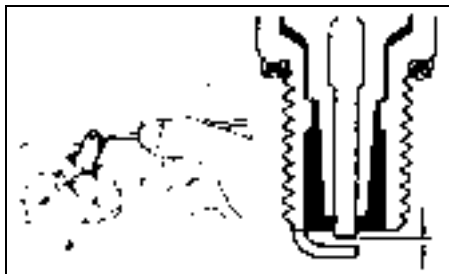
Tightening torque	
25 – 28 N·m (2.5 – 2.8 kg·m, 18.1 – 20.0 lb-ft)	
Rotation angle	
New plug	1/2 – 3/4 of a turn
Re-use plug	1/12 – 1/8 of a turn

- Do not overtighten or cross-thread a spark plug, as this will damage the aluminum threads of the cylinder head.



To maintain a strong spark, you should clean and adjust the plugs at the intervals shown in the maintenance chart. Remove carbon deposits from the spark plugs using a small wire brush or spark plug cleaner, and adjust the gap according to the following chart:

Spark plug gap	0.9 – 1.0 mm (0.035 – 0.039 in.)
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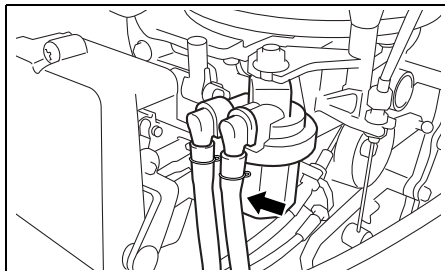
1. Excessive wear    2. Breakage    3. Melting  
4. Erosion    5. Yellow deposits    6. Oxidation

**NOTE:**

*If the spark plug condition is found as shown in the illustration above, ensure it is replaced with new one. Otherwise, it will cause difficulty in starting the engine, increase fuel consumption, and result in engine troubles.*

## FUEL LINE

Inspect the fuel line for leaks, cracks, swelling, or other damage. If the fuel line is damaged in any way, it must be replaced. Consult your authorized Suzuki Marine Dealer if it is necessary to replace them.



### ▲ WARNING

**Fuel leakage can contribute to an explosion or fire, resulting in serious personal injury.**

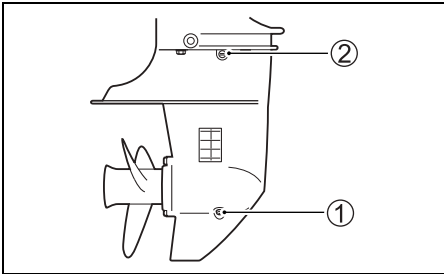
**Have your authorized Suzuki marine dealer replace the fuel line if there is any evidence of leaking, cracking or swelling.**

## GEAR OIL

To check the gear oil level, remove the upper oil level plug and look into the hole. The oil level should be at the bottom edge of the hole. If the oil level is low, add the specified gear oil until the level reaches the bottom edge of the hole. Then, reinstall and tighten the plug.

To change the gear oil:

1. Make sure the motor is in an upright position. Place a drain pan under the lower casing.
2. Remove the gear oil drain plug ①, then remove the gear oil level plug ②.



3. After the oil has drained completely, inject the specified gear oil into the lower drain hole until it just starts to come out of the upper hole. Approximately 250 ml (8.5/8.8 US/Imp. oz.) of oil will be required.
4. Reinstall and tighten the gear oil level plug ②, then quickly reinstall and tighten the gear oil drain plug ①.

### NOTE:

To avoid insufficient injection of gear oil, check the gear oil level 10 minutes after doing the procedure in the step 4. If the oil level is low, slowly inject the gear oil up to the correct level.

## ▲ WARNING

**Gear oil can cause injury to people or pets. Repeated, prolonged contact with used gear oil may cause skin cancer. Even brief contact with used oil may irritate skin.**

- Keep new and used oil away from children and pets.
- Wear a long-sleeve shirt and waterproof gloves when handling oil.
- Wash with soap if oil contacts your skin.
- Launder any clothing or rags that are wet with oil.

### NOTE:

Recycle or properly dispose of used gear oil. Do not throw it in the trash, or pour it on the ground, down a drain, or into the water.

## NOTICE


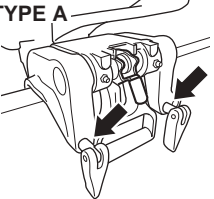

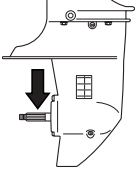
If fishing line wraps around the rotating propeller shaft, the propeller shaft oil seal can become damaged and can allow water to enter the gear case causing severe damage.

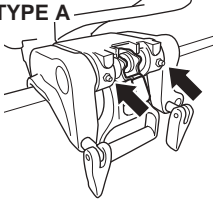

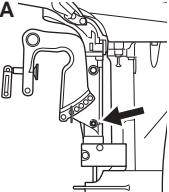

If the gear oil has a milky color, it is contaminated with water. Immediately contact your authorized Suzuki marine dealer for advice. Do not operate your outboard until the oil is changed and the cause of the contamination is corrected.



# LUBRICATION

Proper lubrication is important for the safe, smooth operation and long life of each working part of your outboard motor. The following chart shows the lubrication points of your motor and the recommended lubricant:

LOCATION	LUBRICANT
 <p data-bbox="143 483 277 510">Carb. linkage</p>	<p data-bbox="364 699 515 778">Marine-grade water resistant grease</p>
<p data-bbox="95 531 173 558">TYPE A</p>  <p data-bbox="95 746 173 774">TYPE B</p>  <p data-bbox="143 954 280 981">Clamp screw</p>	
 <p data-bbox="140 1177 285 1204">Propeller shaft</p>	

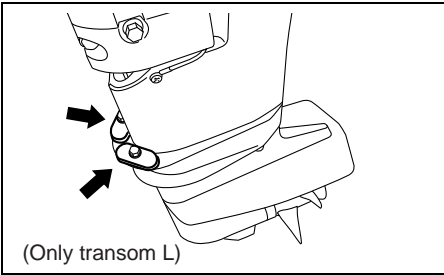
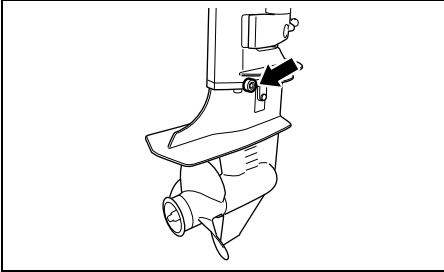
<p data-bbox="599 63 677 90">TYPE A</p>  <p data-bbox="599 279 677 306">TYPE B</p>  <p data-bbox="644 486 789 513">Swivel bracket</p>	<p data-bbox="868 462 1024 566">Marine-grade water resistant grease (Grease Gun)</p>
<p data-bbox="599 534 677 561">TYPE A</p>  <p data-bbox="599 742 677 769">TYPE B</p>  <p data-bbox="632 954 800 981">Steering bracket</p>	

**NOTE:**  
*Before applying grease through the steering bracket grease nipple, lock the motor in the fully tilted up position.*

## ANODES & BONDING WIRES

### Anodes

The motor is protected from exterior corrosion by anodes. These pieces of anodes control electrolysis and prevent corrosion. The anodes will corrode in place of the parts they are protecting. You should periodically inspect each of the anodes and replace them when 2/3 of the metal has corroded away.



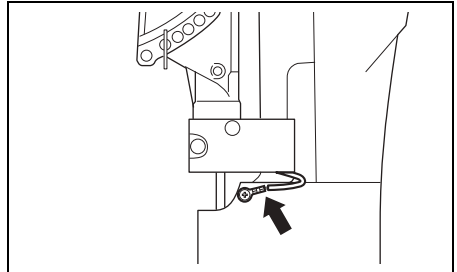
### NOTICE

If anodes are not properly maintained, underwater aluminum surfaces (such as the lower unit) will suffer galvanic corrosion damage.

- Periodically inspect anodes to make sure they have not become detached.
- Do not paint anodes, as this will render them ineffective.
- Periodically clean anodes with a wire brush to remove any coating which might decrease their protective ability.

### Bonding wires (Only transom L)

Bonding wires are used to electrically connect the engine components so they exist in a common ground circuit. This allows them to be protected against electrolysis by the anodes. These wires and their terminals should be checked periodically to be sure they have not been damaged.



## BATTERY

The battery solution level must be kept between the MAX and the MIN level lines at all times. If the level drops below the MIN level line, add **DISTILLED WATER ONLY** until the battery solution level reaches the MAX level line.

### **WARNING**

Battery acid is poisonous and corrosive, and can cause severe injury.

Avoid contact with eyes, skin, clothing, and painted surfaces. If battery acid comes in contact with any of these, flush immediately with large amounts of water. If acid contacts the eyes or skin, get immediate medical attention.

### **WARNING**

If you are not careful when checking or servicing the battery, you can cause a short circuit, which could result in an explosion, fire, or circuit damage.

Disconnect the negative (black) cable when checking or servicing the battery. Be careful not to allow a metal tool or other metal object to touch the battery's positive terminal and the motor at the same time.

### **WARNING**

Battery posts, terminals, and related accessories contain lead and lead compounds that may be hazardous.

Wash hands after handling.

### **NOTICE**

If you add diluted sulphuric acid to the battery after it has been initially serviced, you will damage the battery.

**NEVER** add diluted sulphuric acid to the battery after it has been initially serviced. Follow the battery manufacturer's instructions for specific maintenance procedures.

## FUEL FILTER

The fuel filter must be inspected by authorized Suzuki Marine Dealer periodically. Inspect fuel filter at initial 20 hours (1 month). Inspect fuel filter at every 100 hours (12 months). Replace fuel filter with a new one at every 400 hours (2 years).

# FLUSHING THE WATER PASSAGES

After operation in muddy, brackish, or salt water, you should flush the water passages and motor surface with clean, fresh water.

If you do not flush the water passages, salt can corrode the motor and shorten its life. Flush the water passages as follows.

To flush the water passages, you must obtain a commercially available engine flush device.

## ⚠ WARNING

Exhaust gas contains carbon monoxide, a dangerous gas that is difficult to detect because it is colorless and odorless. Breathing carbon monoxide can cause death or severe injury.

Never start the engine or let it run indoors or where there is little or no ventilation.

## ⚠ WARNING

Failure to take proper precautions when flushing the water passages can be hazardous.

When flushing the water passages, always take the following precautions:

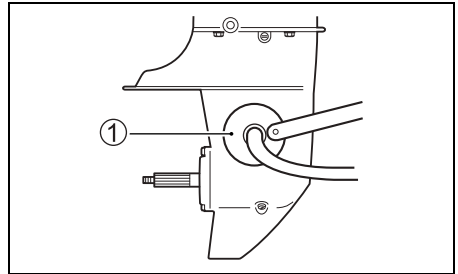
- Make sure that the engine remains in NEUTRAL. If shifted into gear, the propeller shaft will turn and could cause severe personal injury.
- Make sure the motor is properly clamped to a secure stand or boat, and remain in attendance until flushing is completed.
- Keep children and pets away from the area, and stay clear of all moving parts.

## NOTICE

Severe engine damage can occur in as little as 15 seconds if the engine is started without supplying water to the cooling system.

Never start the motor without supplying water to the cooling system.

1. Install the flushing attachment ① so that the water intake holes are covered by the rubber cups on the attachment.
2. Connect a garden hose to the flushing attachment and turn on the water to obtain enough flow so that plenty of excess water is flowing out from around the rubber cups on the attachment.



3. Shift the motor into "NEUTRAL" and remove the propeller. Start the motor and allow it to run at idle.
4. Readjust the water flow, if necessary, so that there is still plenty of excess water flowing out from around the rubber cups.
5. Allow the water to continue circulating for a few minutes.
6. Stop the motor, then turn off the water.
7. Remove the flushing attachment.
8. Clean the motor surface and apply a coat of automotive wax on the external finish of the motor.

# SUBMERGED MOTOR

A motor that has been accidentally submerged in water must be overhauled as soon as possible to prevent corrosion. In the event that your motor is accidentally submerged, take the following steps:

1. Get the motor out of the water as soon as possible.
2. Wash it thoroughly with fresh water to completely remove all salt, mud, and seaweed.
3. Remove the spark plugs. Drain the water from the cylinders through the spark plug holes by manually turning the flywheel several times.
4. Drain the fuel line and the carburetors.

## **WARNING**

**Gasoline is extremely flammable and toxic. It can cause a fire and can be hazardous to people and pets.**

**Keep flames and sparks away from gasoline. Dispose of unwanted fuel properly.**

5. Pour engine oil into the engine through the spark plug holes and carburetors. Turn the engine over by operating the recoil starter so that oil coats the surfaces of the engine's inner parts.

## **NOTICE**

**Severe engine damage may occur if you continue cranking the engine when you encounter friction or resistance.**

**If you encounter friction or resistance while cranking the engine, stop at once and do not attempt to start the engine until you find and correct the problem.**

6. Take the motor to your authorized Suzuki Marine Dealer as soon as possible to be overhauled.

## **NOTICE**

**If the fuel supply is contaminated with water, engine damage may occur.**

**If the boat's fuel tank filler and vent were submerged, inspect the fuel supply to make sure it is not contaminated with water.**

# STORAGE PROCEDURE

## MOTOR STORAGE

When storing your motor for a long period of time (for example, at the end of the boating season), it is recommended that you take your motor to your authorized Suzuki Marine Dealer. However, if you choose to prepare the motor for storage yourself, follow the procedure outlined below:

1. Change the gear oil as outlined in the GEAR OIL section.
2. Fill a fuel stabilizer to the fuel tank according to the instructions on the stabilizer can.
3. Flush the water passages in the motor thoroughly. Refer to the FLUSHING THE WATER PASSAGES section.
4. Readjust the water flow, run the engine at about 1500 r/min. in neutral for five minutes to distribute the stabilized fuel through the engine.
5. Stop the engine. Then turn off the water and disconnect the flushing attachment.
6. Remove the motor cover.
7. Remove the spark plugs.  
Pour a small quantity of the SUZUKI CCI OIL, NMMA certified TC-W3™ oil or equivalent 2-cycle outboard motor oil into the each cylinder through the spark plug hole. Crank the engine through several rotations to coat the internal parts. Reinstall the spark plugs.
8. Lubricate all other specified parts. Refer to the LUBRICATION section.
9. Apply a coat of automotive wax on the external finish of the motor. If paint damage is evident, apply touch up paint before waxing.
10. Store the motor in an upright position in a dry, well-ventilated area.

### WARNING

When the engine is running, there are many moving parts that could cause severe personal injury.

When the engine is running, keep your hands, hair, clothing, etc., away from the engine.

### NOTICE

Severe engine damage can occur in as little as 15 seconds if the engine is started without supplying water to the cooling system.

Never start the motor without supplying water to the cooling system.

## BATTERY STORAGE

### Electric Starter Model

1. When the outboard motor will not be used for a month or longer, remove the battery and store it in a cool, dark place. Completely recharge the battery before reusing it.
2. If the battery will be stored for a long period of time, check the specific gravity of the battery solution at least once a month and recharge the battery when low.

### WARNING

Failure to take proper precautions when charging the battery can be hazardous. Batteries produce explosive vapors that can ignite. Battery acid is poisonous and corrosive, and can cause severe injury.

- Do not smoke and keep battery away from open flames and sparks.
- To avoid creating a spark when charging the battery, connect the battery charger cables to the proper terminals before turning the charger on.
- Handle the battery with extreme care and avoid skin contact with battery acid.
- Wear proper protective clothing (Safety glasses, gloves, etc.)

# AFTER STORAGE

When taking your motor out of storage, follow the procedure below to return it to operating condition:

1. Thoroughly clean the spark plugs. Replace them if necessary.
2. Check the gear-case oil level and if necessary, add gear oil according to the procedure outlined in the GEAR OIL section.
3. Lubricate all moving parts according to the LUBRICATION section.
4. Clean the motor and wax the painted surfaces.
5. Recharge the battery before installing it.

# TROUBLESHOOTING

This troubleshooting guide is provided to help you find the cause of common complaints.

## **NOTICE**

**Failure to troubleshoot a problem correctly can damage your outboard motor. Improper repairs or adjustments may damage the outboard motor instead of fixing it. Such damage may not be covered under warranty.**

**If you are not sure about the proper action to correct a problem, consult your Suzuki marine dealer.**

### **Recoil starter/starter motor will not operate:**

- Shift lever is not in NEUTRAL.
- Fuse is blown out. (Electric start model).

### **Engine will not start (hard to start):**

- Emergency stop switch lock plate is not in position.
- Fuel tank is empty.
- Fuel hose is not properly connected to engine.
- Fuel hose is kinked or pinched.
- Spark plug is fouled.

### **Engine idles unstably or stalls:**

- Choke knob is not pushed in securely.
- Fuel hose is kinked or pinched.
- Spark plug is fouled.

### **Engine speed will not increase (Engine power is low):**

- Engine is overloaded.
- Propeller is damaged.
- Propeller is not properly matched to loads.

### **Engine vibrates excessively:**

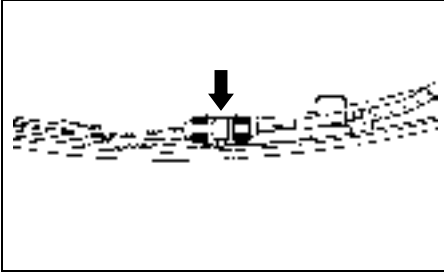
- Engine mounting bolts or clamp screws are loose.
- Foreign object (seaweed etc.) is tangled on propeller.
- Propeller is damaged.

### **Engine overheats:**

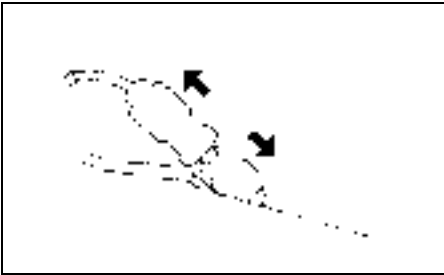
- Cooling water intake(s) are blocked.
- Engine is overloaded.
- Propeller is not properly matched to loads.

## FUSE

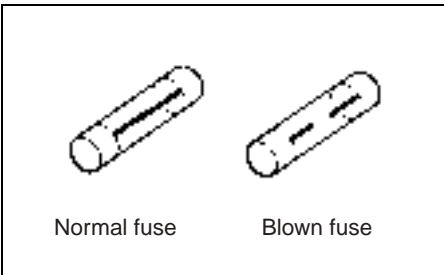
1. Remove the motor cover.
2. Detach the fuse case.



3. Separate the fuse case and remove the fuse.



4. Inspect the fuse and replace with the new fuse if needed.



### NOTE:

*If a fuse is blown, try to determine the root cause and correct it.*

*If the cause is not corrected, the fuse may be blown again.*

## **▲ WARNING**

If you replace a blown fuse with a fuse having a different amperage rating or with a substitute such as aluminum foil or a wire, extensive electrical system damage and a fire may result.

Always replace a blown fuse with a fuse of the same type and rating.

## **NOTICE**

If a new fuse blows in a short time after installation, you may have a major electrical system problem.

Consult your SUZUKI marine dealer.

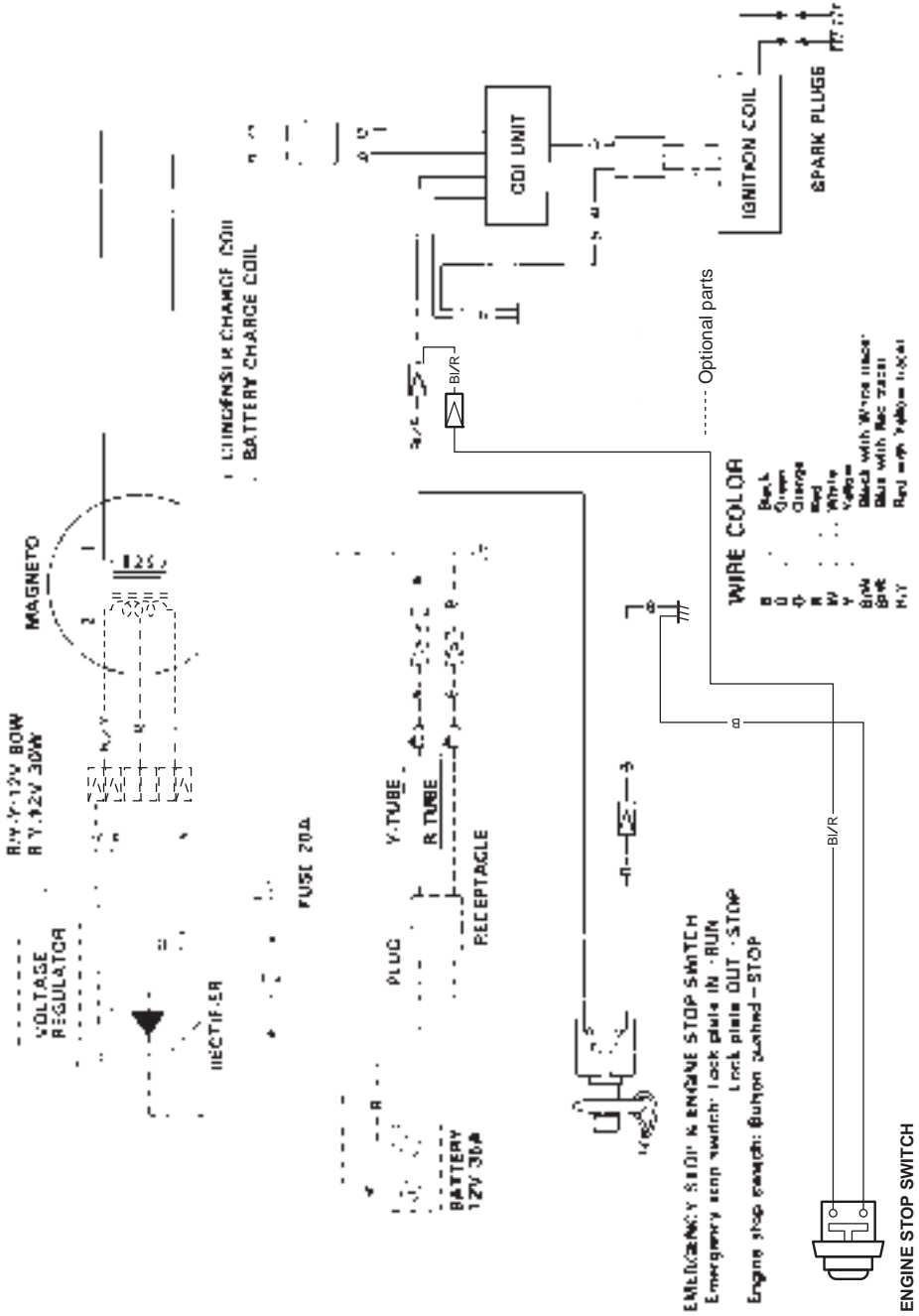


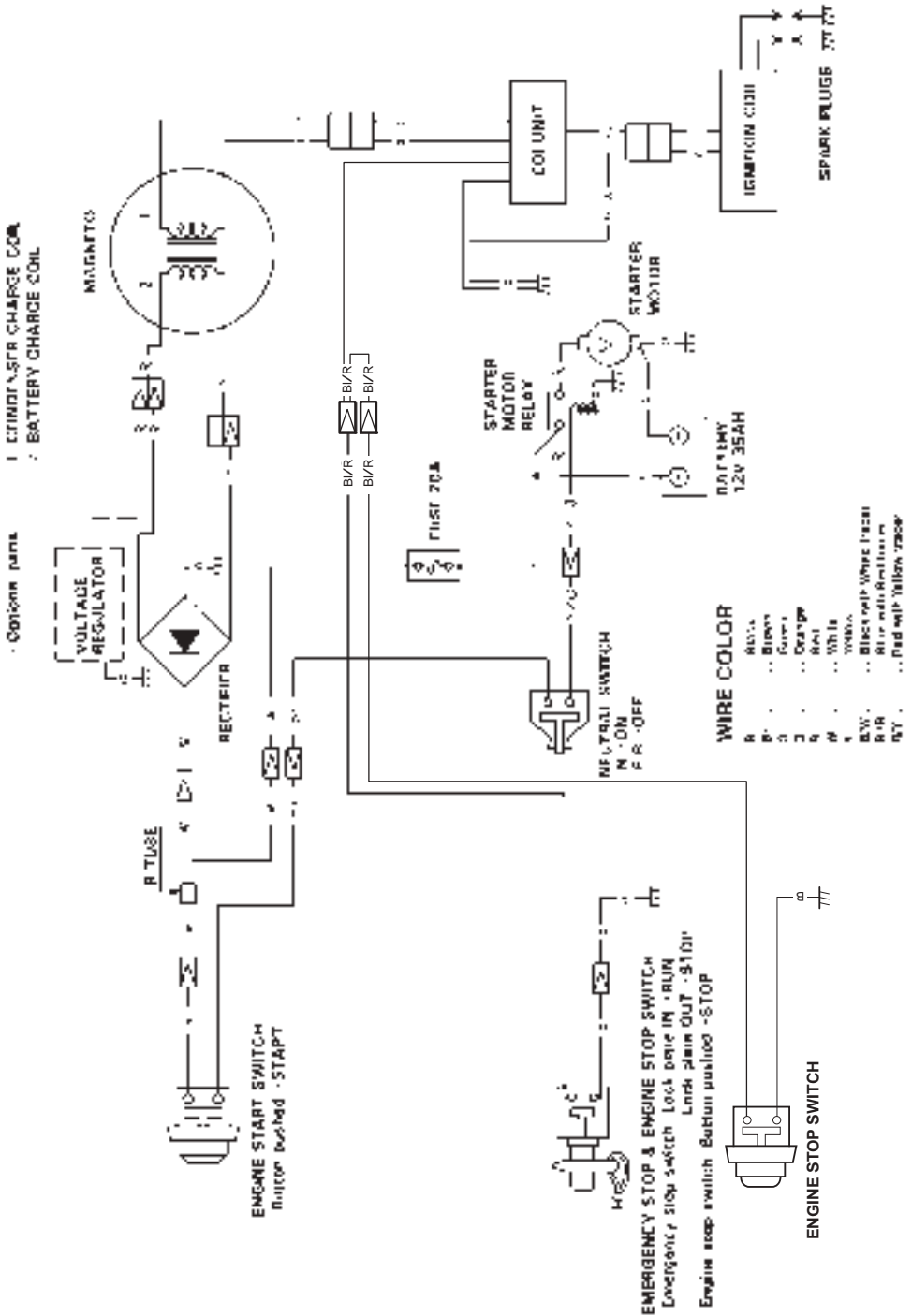
# SPECIFICATIONS

Item	DT9.9A	DT15A
Engine Type	Two Stroke	
Number of Cylinders	2	
Bore and Stroke	59.0 × 52.0 mm (2.32 × 2.05 in.)	
Piston Displacement	284 cm <sup>3</sup> (17.3 cu. in.)	
Maximum Output	7.3 kW (9.9PS)	11.0 kW (15PS)
Full Throttle Operating Range	4500 – 5500 r/min. (min <sup>-1</sup> )	4800 – 5600 r/min. (min <sup>-1</sup> )
Ignition System	SUZUKI PEI	
Fuel-Oil Mixing Ratio	50 : 1	
Gear Oil Capacity	250 cm <sup>3</sup> (ml) (8.5/8.8 US/Imp. oz.)	
Spark Plug	NGK BR7HS-10	
Spark Plug Gap	0.9 – 1.0 mm (0.035 – 0.039 in.)	
Fuel Type	Alcohol-free unleaded gasoline	
Minimum Fuel Octane Rating	91 (Research method)	

# WIRING DIAGRAM

## DT9.9A/15A





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