

SAFETY

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MARINE PRODUCTS AND THE SAFETY OF PEOPLE WHO USE THEM



WARNING



This Safety section contains information relevant to the safety of boaters and people that service boats. Please read this section carefully and share it with all shop technicians. Always follow common shop safety practices. If you have not had training related to common shop safety practices, you should do so not only to protect yourself, but also to protect the people around you.

It is impossible for this manual to cover every potentially hazardous situation you may encounter. However, your understanding and adherence to the recommendations contained in this manual and use of good judgment when servicing outboards will help promote safety. Always be alert and careful: a good foundation for safety.

Enjoyable boating is the goal of people who design and build marine products. To reach this goal, manufacturers are careful to make sure:

- Product user is informed; and
- Products are safe and reliable.

It is up to you, the people who...

- Rig boats;
- Fix machinery; and
- Maintain equipment

...to keep the products safe **and** reliable.

This section talks about safe boating and how you can help make it safe. Some of these safety issues you will know, others you may not.

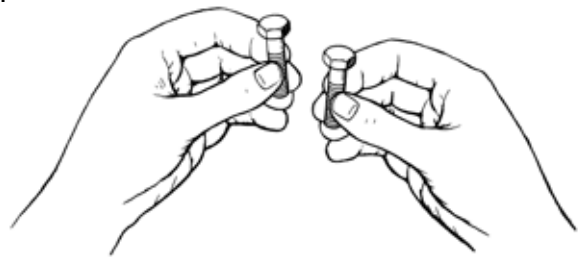
First!

A word about parts... Plain parts; special parts; all parts!

DO NOT SUBSTITUTE PARTS

“They look the same, but are they the same?”

- Same size?
- Same strength?
- Same material?
- Same type?

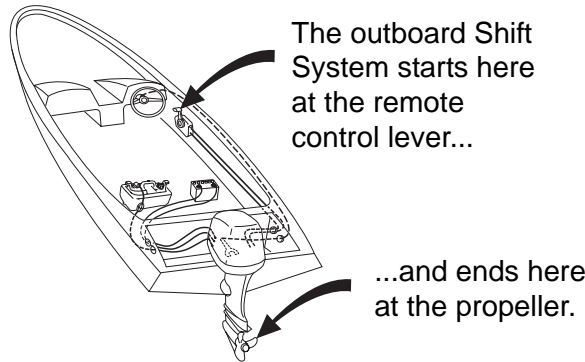


Don't substitute unless **you know** they are the **same** in **all** characteristics.

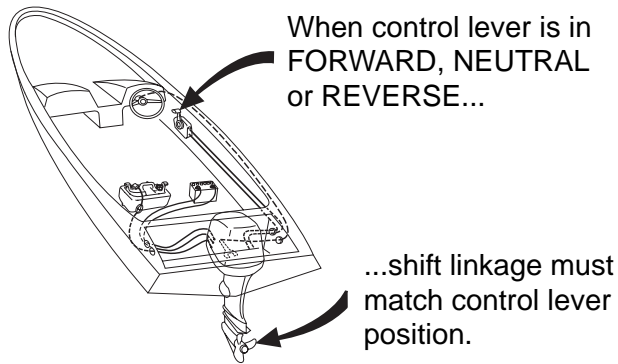
Second!

- Special locking bolts and nuts are often used to hold steering, shift, and throttle remote control cables to the outboard.
- When you take any outboard off a boat, keep track of special nuts and bolts. Do not mix with other parts. Store them on the outboard, then they are there when you need them.
- When the outboard is returned to the boat, use only the special nuts and bolts to hold remote steering, shift, and throttle cables to the outboard.

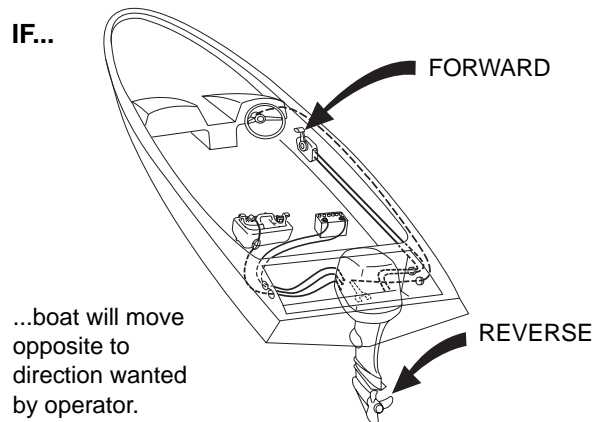
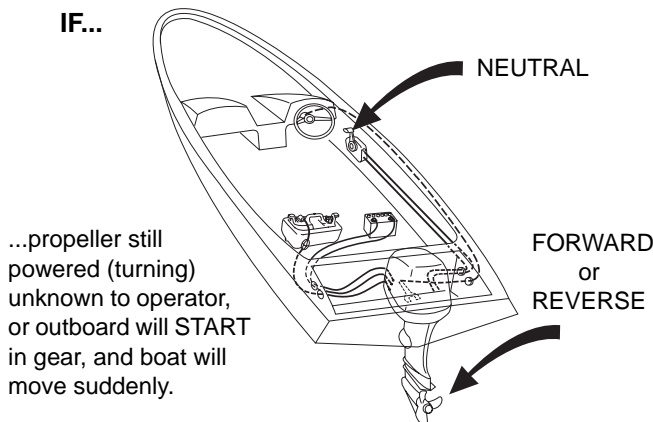
Outboard Shift Systems and Safety



What is most important?



What could happen?



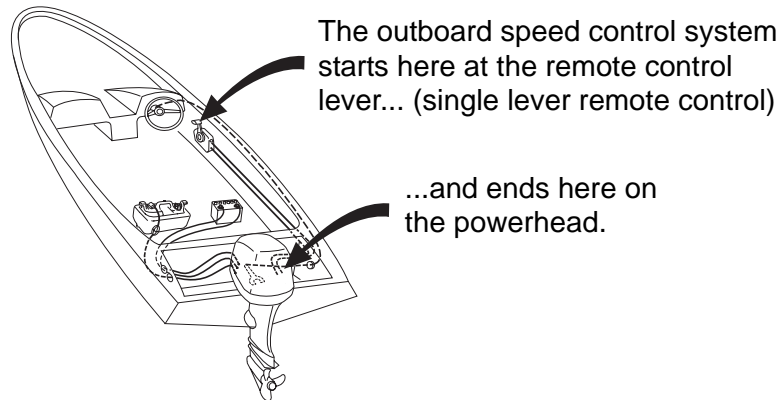
How can loss of shift control be minimized?

When rigging or after servicing

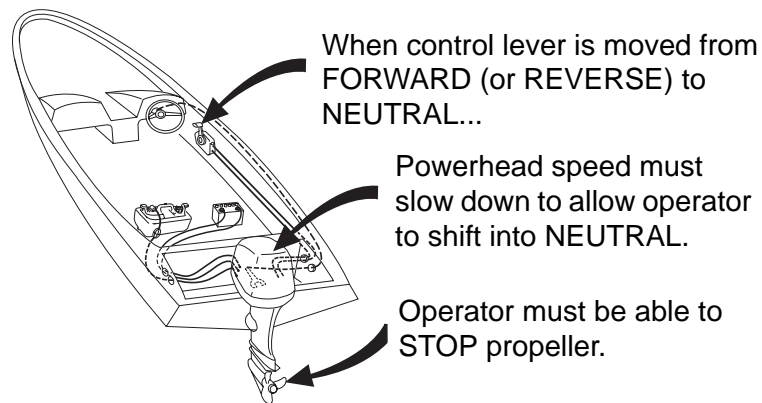
Read, understand, and follow manufacturer's instructions

- Follow warnings marked "⚠" closely.
- Assemble parts carefully.
- Make adjustments carefully.
- Test your work. Do not guess. Make sure propeller does just what the operator wants and nothing else.
- Do not shift gears on a stopped outboard. Adjustments can be lost and parts weakened.

Outboard Speed Control System and Safety



What is most important?



What could happen?

If Operator cannot slow down the outboard or shift into NEUTRAL gear (stop propeller), Operator could panic and lose control of boat.

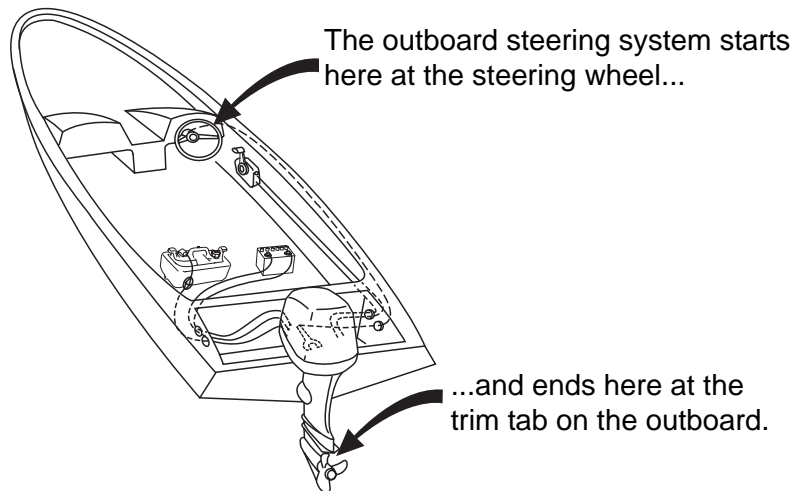
How can loss of speed control be minimized?

When rigging or after servicing

Read, understand, and follow manufacturer's instructions

- Follow warnings marked "⚠" closely.
- Assemble parts carefully.
- Make adjustments carefully.
- Test your work. Do not guess. Make sure speed control system does just what the operator wants and nothing else.
- Make sure full throttle can be obtained so Operator will not overload parts.

Outboard Steering Control System and Safety



What is most important?

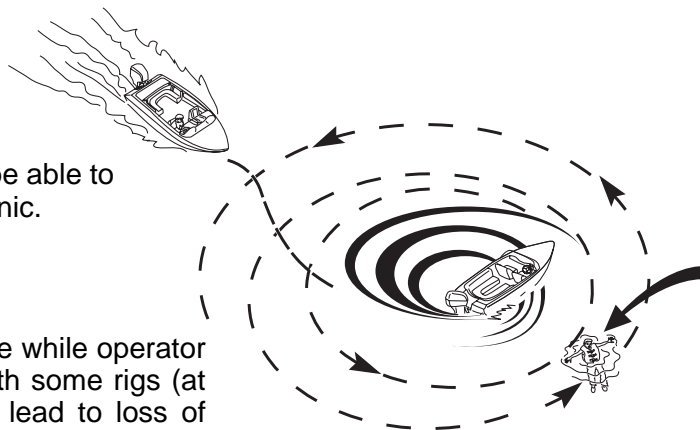
The steering system:

- Must not come apart;
- Must not jam; and
- Must not be sloppy or loose.

What could happen?

- If steering system comes apart, boat might turn suddenly and circle. Persons thrown into the water could be hit.

- If steering jams, operator may not be able to avoid obstacles. Operator could panic.
- If steering is loose, boat may weave while operator tries to steer a straight course. With some rigs (at high speed), loose steering could lead to loss of boat control.



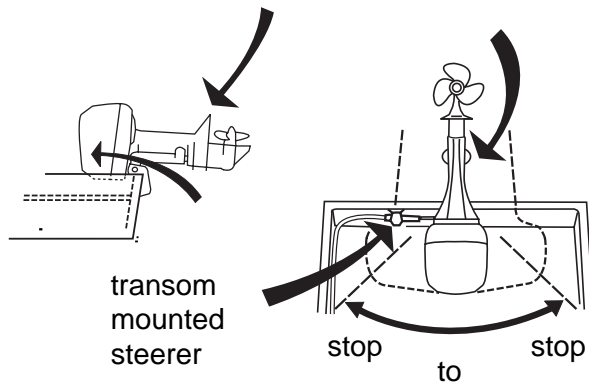
How can loss of steering control be minimized?

When rigging or after servicing

- Use a steering system recommended by the outboard manufacturer which meets Marine Industry Safety Standards (ABYC).
- **Read, understand, and follow** manufacturer's **instructions**
- Follow warnings marked "⚠" closely.
- Assemble parts carefully.
- Make adjustments carefully.
- Keep parts moving freely. Lubricate parts as shown in manual.
- Use the bolts, nuts and washers supplied with steering attachment kits—they are a special locking type that will not loosen, rust, or weaken.

Transom Mounted Steering Systems – Check to Uncover Possible Trouble!

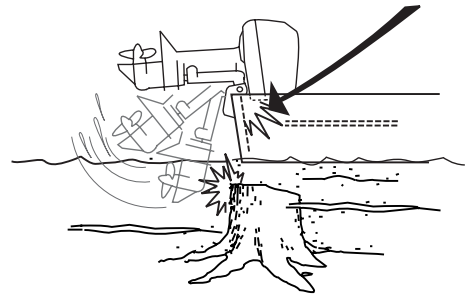
Tilt outboard into boat, then turn it.



During this procedure, steering parts:

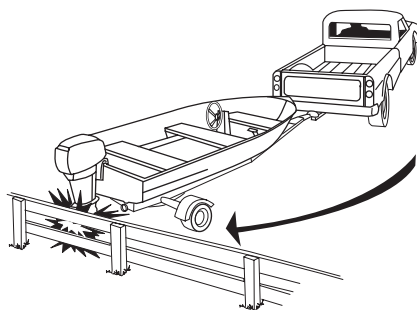
- Must not bind; and
- Must not touch other boat, outboard, or accessory parts in transom area.

Why? A hard blow to the outboard's gearcase can result in damage to steering parts.



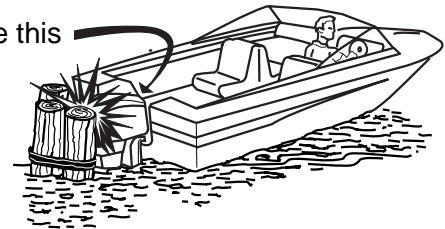
Be aware that raising or lowering outboard on transom can change a set-up which was OK earlier. If moved up or down even one-half inch, run test again to make sure steering parts are free and clear.

Check for damaged parts. Blows to the outboard like this



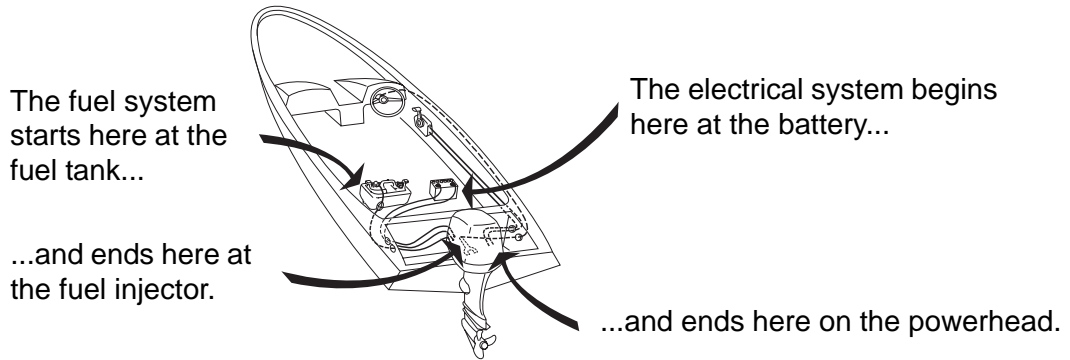
or this can put heavy loads on steering parts. Look for:

- Cracked parts, including steering parts, swivel brackets, and transom brackets;
- Bent parts; and
- Loose nuts and bolts.



Replace damaged parts. If weakened, parts could fail later on the water when least expected.

Outboard Fuel, Electrical System, and Safety



What is most important?

- Fuel leakage must be eliminated.
- Stray electric sparks must be avoided.

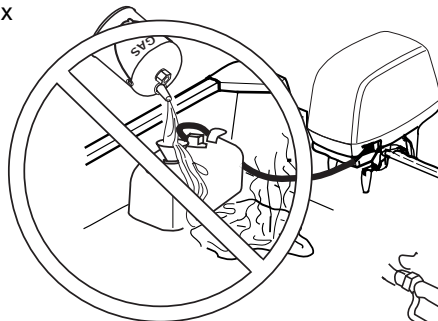
What could happen?

- **When not boating**, fuel leaking in car trunk or van, or place where portable tank is stored (basement or cottage), could be ignited by any open flame or spark (furnace pilot light, etc.).
- **When boating**, fuel leaking under the engine cover could be ignited by a damaged or deteriorated electrical part or loose wire connection making stray sparks.

How Can Fire and Explosion Be Minimized?

- **Read, understand, and follow** manufacturer's instructions
- Follow warnings marked "⚠" closely.
- **Do not** substitute fuel or electrical systems parts with other parts which may look the same. Some electrical parts, like starter motors, are of special design to prevent stray sparks outside their cases.
- Replace wires, sleeves, and boots which are cracked or torn or look in poor condition.

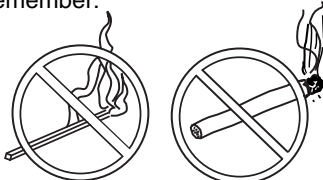
When mixing and refueling, always mix gas and oil outside...



Always fill the tank outside the boat

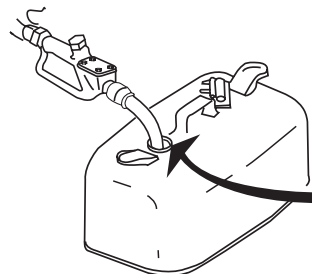
Fumes are hard to control. They collect and hide in the bottom of the boat.

Remember:



Do not use electrical devices such as cellular phones in the vicinity of a fuel leak or while fueling.

If you use a funnel, it has to be metal to ground the spout to the tank.



To avoid those static electric sparks, ground (touch) the spout against the tank.

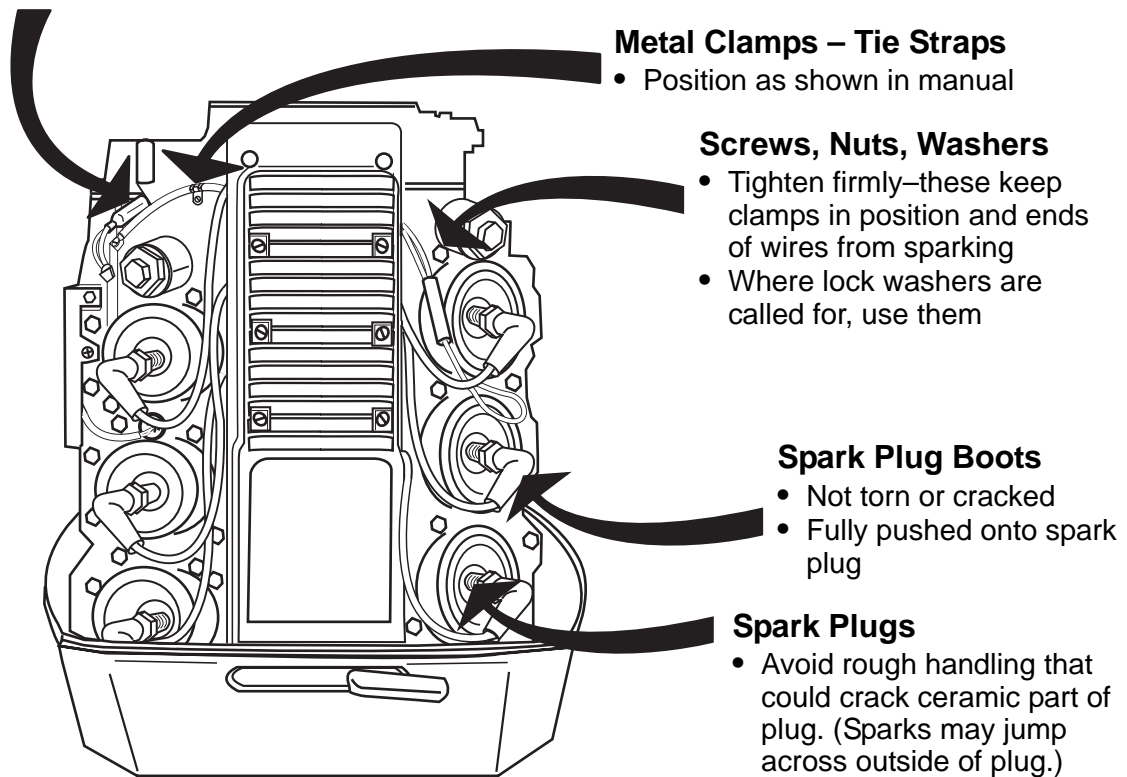
If electrical parts are replaced or even removed from the outboard, check the following:

Wire and high voltage lead routing

- As shown in service manual
- Away from moving parts which could cut wires or wire insulation
- Away from engine cover latches which can catch and cut insulation from high voltage spark plug leads

Sleeves, boots, shields

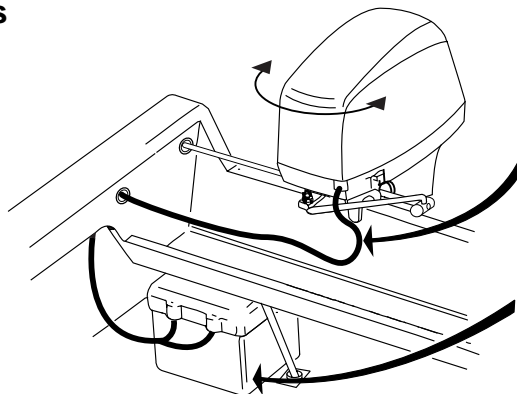
- In position (to avoid shock hazard)
- Not torn or cracked



In transom area:

All Connections

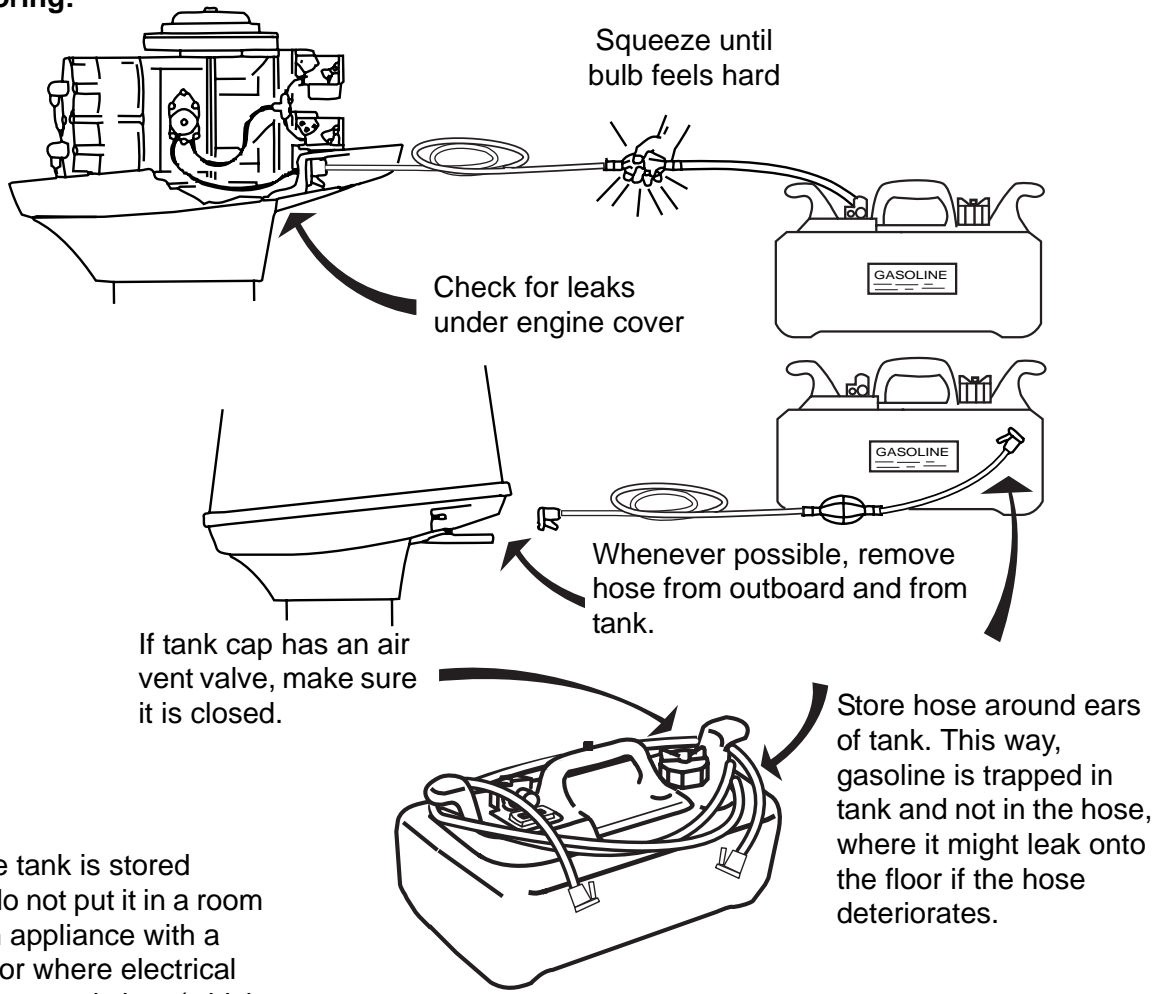
- Clean
 - Tight
- (Prevents sparks)



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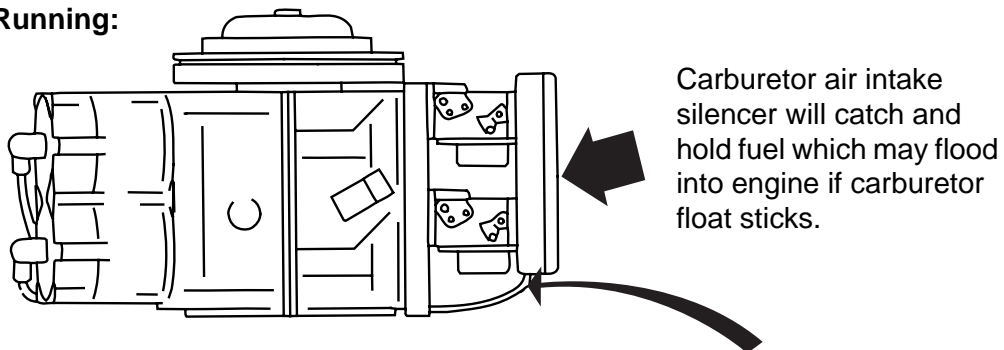
After repair on any part of the fuel system, pressure test engine portion of fuel system as shown:

When Storing:



If gasoline tank is stored indoors, do not put it in a room having an appliance with a pilot light or where electrical appliances or switches (which may spark) will be used.

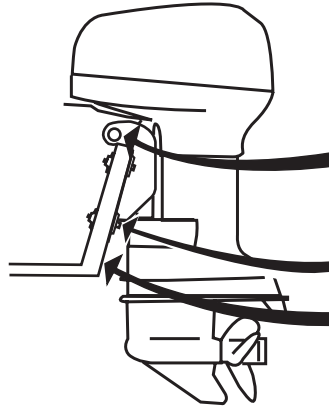
When Running:



- Make sure silencer and its gaskets are on engine and drain hose is in place.
- Air silencer mounting screws are special lock screws. Use only the special screws.

Outboard Mounting System and Safety

The mounting system includes:



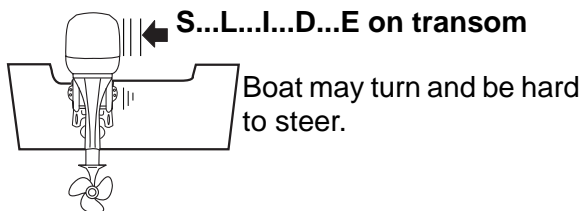
- outboard parts
- bolts, nuts, and washers
- boat's transom

What is most important?

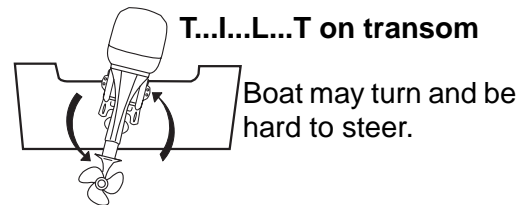
- Outboard must **stay** in position on boat's transom.

What could happen?

Outboard may

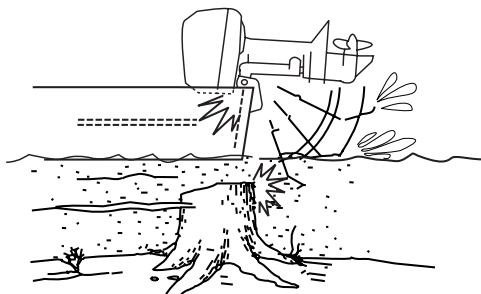


Outboard may

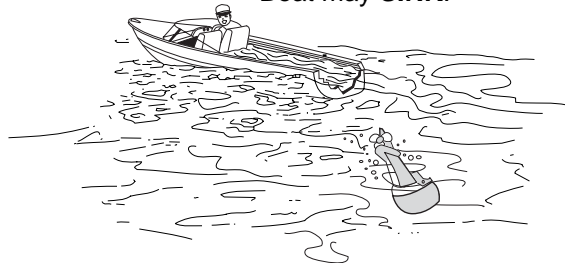


- If outboard hits something solid and does not stay on the transom, boat occupants may be injured from the outboard or its parts entering the boat.

Boat's transom could break away.



Outboard may be lost overboard.
Boat may **SINK**.

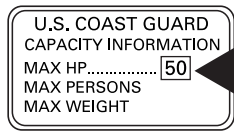


How Can Loss of Mounting Be Minimized?

- **Read, understand, and follow** manufacturer's instructions.
- Follow warnings marked "⚠" closely.

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If weakened, parts could fail later on the water, when not expected

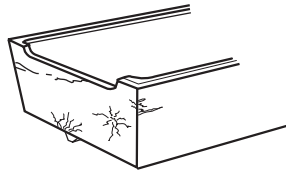


If boat plate shows...

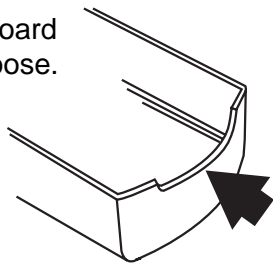
Use only
or smaller



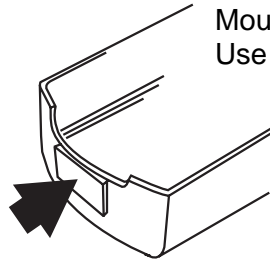
When rigging or fixing any boat, if transom looks weak, tell the owner.



If transom is curved, outboard may come loose.



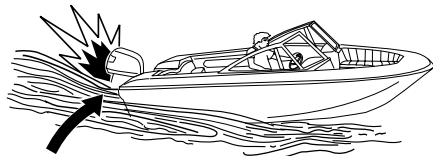
Mount on flat surface only.
Use shims to make surface flat.



Use bolts, nuts, and washers supplied with outboard. They are usually special, and will not rust or weaken.

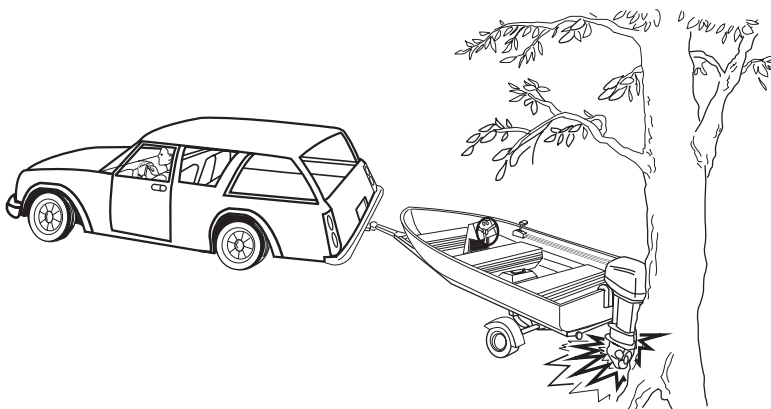


If owner tells you "I hit something really hard..."



Check for a high speed blow to the lower unit.

OR...



"I was backing up and I think the outboard may have hit a tree or something."

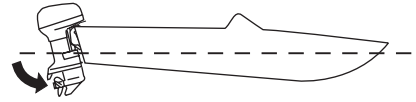
Check for a slow, heavy squash to the outboard.

- Look for damaged parts and loosened nuts and bolts in both the steering and mounting systems. Replace damaged parts.

Outboard Hydraulic Tilt/Trim Shock Absorption System and Safety

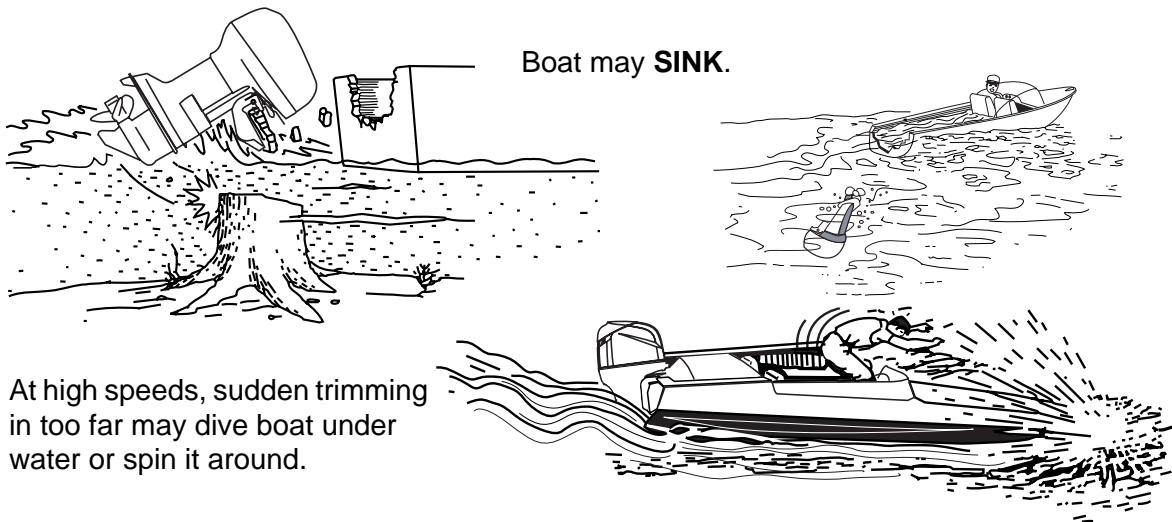
What is most important?

- Shock absorption system must always be ready to absorb some blows to the lower parts of the outboard.
- Outboard must not trim in too far suddenly.



What can happen?

Without shock protection, a blow like this could cause serious damage to the outboard and injury to boat occupants from the outboard or its parts entering the boat. Transom could break away and outboard may be lost overboard.

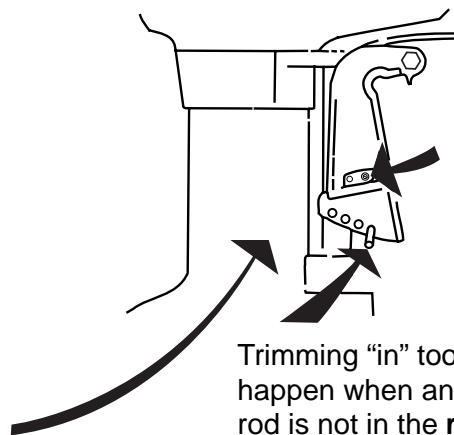


Boat may **SINK**.

At high speeds, sudden trimming in too far may dive boat under water or spin it around.

How can possible conditions be minimized?

- **Read, understand, and follow** manufacturer's **instructions**.
- Follow warnings marked "⚠" closely.
- Test your work whenever possible.
- If oil leaks are seen in service areas, determine source. Keep reservoir filled.
- If outboard is hydraulic tilt/trim model, always return rod to hole position determined by boat operator and make sure angle adjusting rod retain is in locked position.

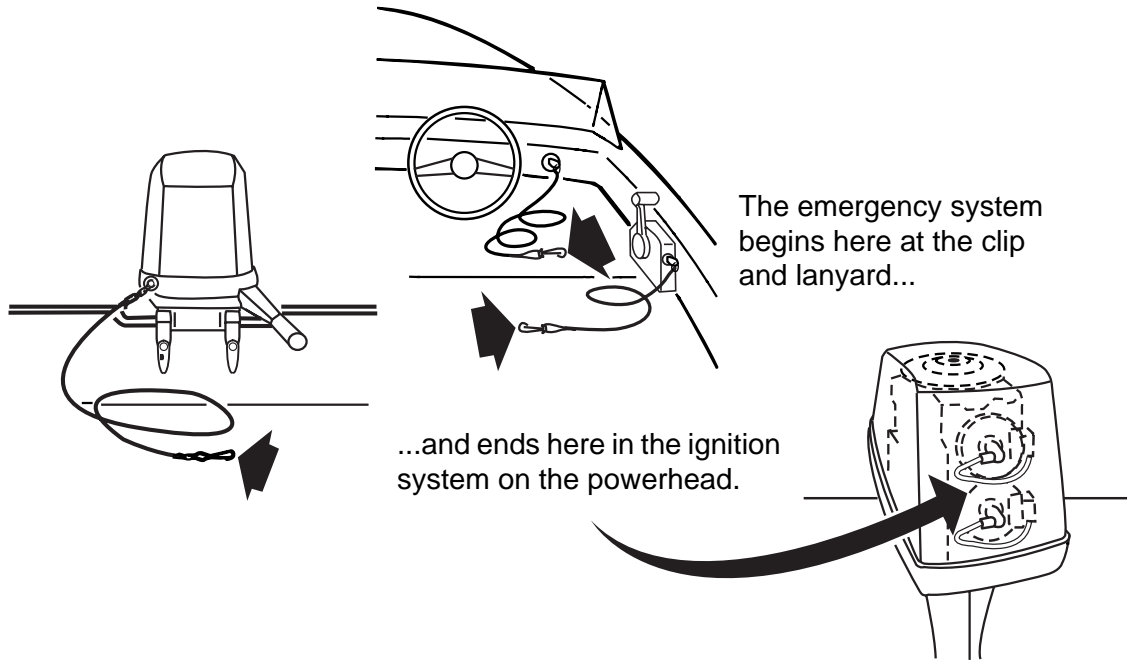


Make sure manual release valve is closed tight. Torque to 45 to 55 in. lbs. (5.1 to 6.2 N-m).

If left open, outboard has no shock protection.

Trimming "in" too far can happen when angle adjusting rod is not in the **right** hole or is not in **any** hole (lost).

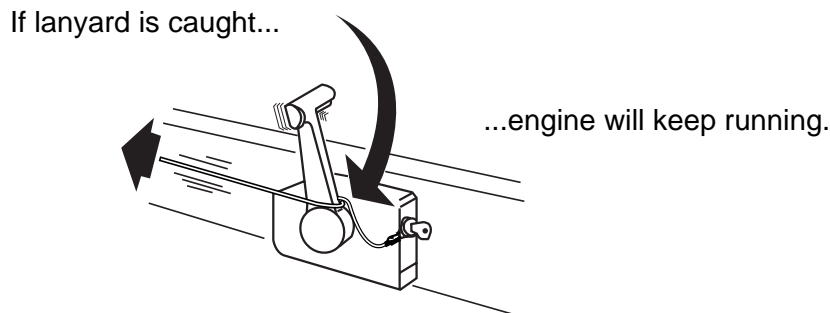
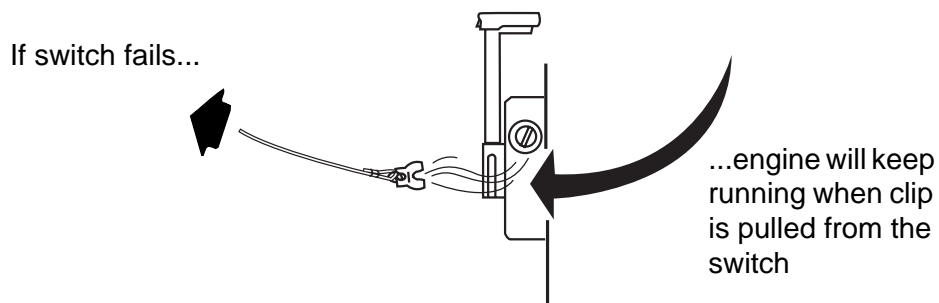
Outboard Emergency Stop System and Safety



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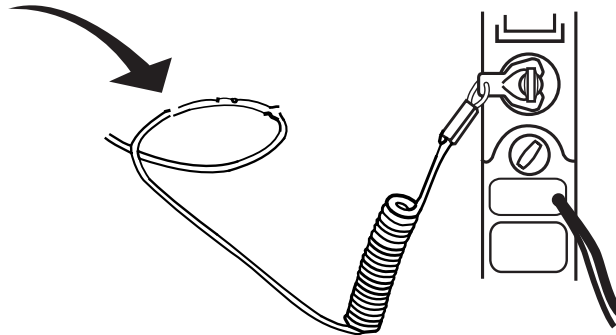
- The emergency stop system must **STOP** the engine when the clip is removed or the lanyard pulled from the emergency stop / key switch.

What could happen?

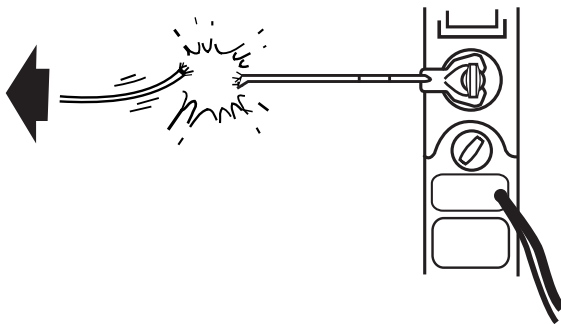


What could happen?

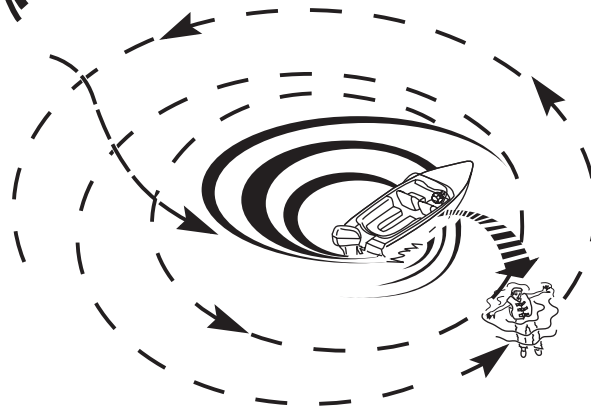
If lanyard is cut or frayed...



...lanyard or clip may break when pulled...



If engine does **NOT** stop when lanyard is pulled, an operator thrown from the boat could be hit as boat circles area. Or, boat may not turn but leave area as a runaway. Operator may drown and boat **WILL** run into something.



How can failure of the emergency stop system be minimized?

- **Read, understand, and follow** manufacturer's instructions
 - Follow warnings marked "⚠" closely.
 - Assemble parts carefully.
 - Inspect lanyard for cuts or fraying; clip for wear. Replace with original parts. Do not substitute.
 - Locate control box and other items in area to keep lanyard from being caught.
 - **ALWAYS TEST EMERGENCY STOP SYSTEM. PULL LANYARD. ENGINE MUST STOP. IF IT DOES NOT, REPAIR BEFORE NEXT USE.**
- When rigging or after servicing**

Summing up

Now you know some things that can take the joy out of boating.

No doubt about it—proper safety takes time!

- Reading and understanding instructions
- Re-reading warnings marked “⚠”
- Putting parts together correctly
- Making correct adjustments
- Testing your work

And making sure

- Worn or damaged parts are replaced
- Replaced parts are like originals in every way
- Customer is told of things which need attention

But, do you really want the alternative?

MARINE PRODUCTS AND THE SAFETY OF PEOPLE WHO FIX THEM

The first part of this Safety section talked about safe boating and how you, the technician, can help keep it safe for the boater. But what about you? Technicians can be hurt while:

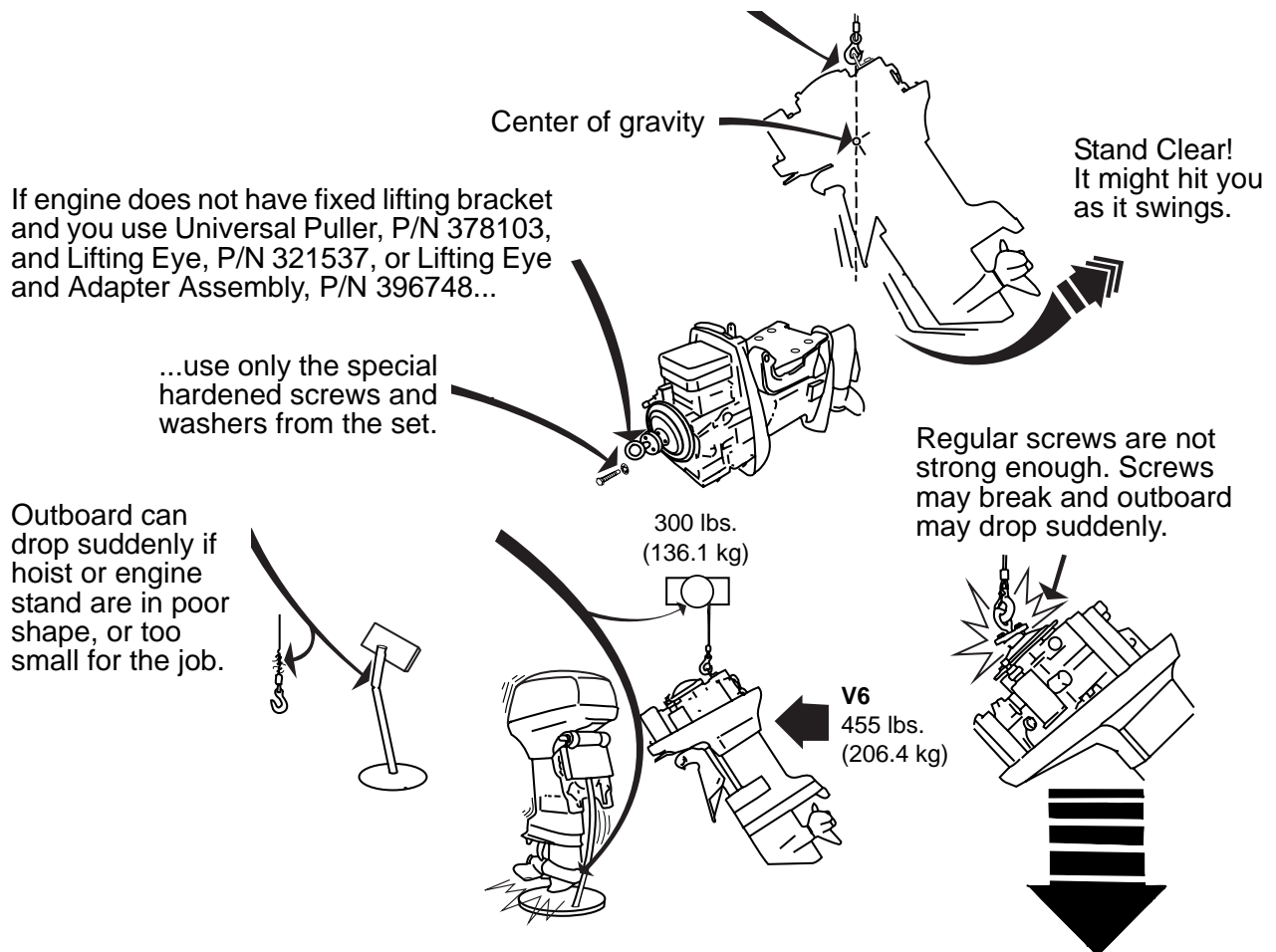
- Rigging boats
- Troubleshooting problems
- Fixing components
- Testing their work

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Handling Outboards

When lifting outboards

Some outboards have a fixed lift bracket bolted to the powerhead. Because outboard will want to hang like this when off the floor...

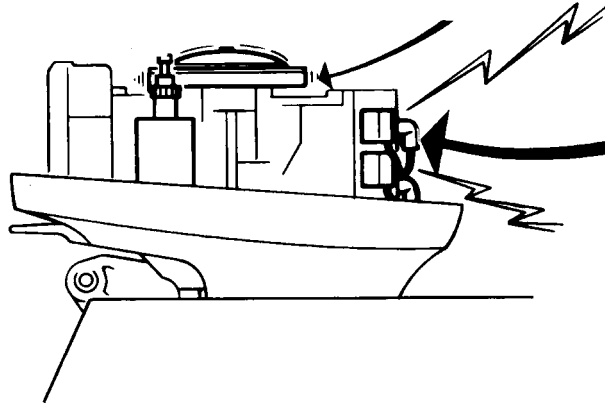


- Make sure shop aids have extra capacity, and keep them in good repair.

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Running outboard with engine cover removed

Engine cover is a guard. When you remove cover/guard to work on the outboard, remember: loose clothing (open shirt sleeves, neckties), hair, jewelry (rings, watches, bracelets), hands and arms can be caught by the spinning flywheel.



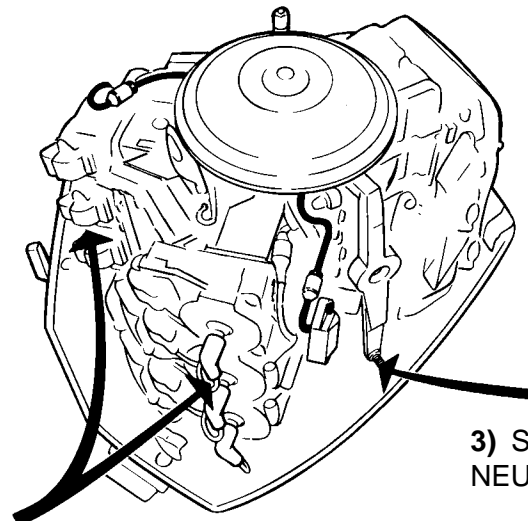
Handling high voltage parts like spark plugs and coils can shock you and may cause you to recoil into the rotating flywheel.

- Two people working together on a live outboard must look out for each other. Never, ever, use the key to start the outboard before signaling your partner. He may be leaning over the outboard with hands on the flywheel, handling a “hot” electrical part, or near the propeller.

Outboard starting at the wrong time

When you do things that turn the flywheel like:

- Off-season storage fogging (oiling) of outboard;
- Removing propeller with a powered tool;
- Electrical system checks;
- Servicing the flywheel; or
- Any other actions **ALWAYS...**



1) Turn key switch OFF

2) Twist and remove ALL spark plug leads

3) Shift to NEUTRAL

Check prop shaft. Is outboard really in NEUTRAL?

NO SPARK



NO START



NO SURPRISES

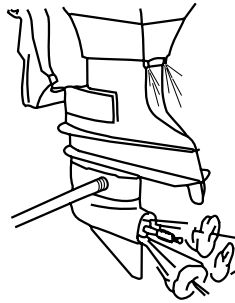
Running outboard too fast (Overspeeding)

- “Too fast” means running faster than outboard normally runs on boat.

Running too fast can happen when:

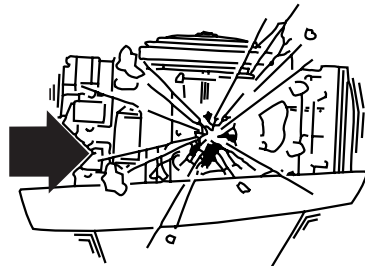
1) Using a flushing device...

Turn on water before starting outboard. Keep engine speed below 2000 RPM. With no load, outboard will run too fast very easily. Wear eye protectors.



2) Running with the wrong test wheel...

This may happen if outboard runs too fast.



Use the right test wheel.

Running outboards: Exhaust fumes



DANGER



DO NOT run the engine indoors or without adequate ventilation or permit exhaust fumes to accumulate in confined areas. Engine exhaust contains carbon monoxide which, if inhaled, can cause serious brain damage or death.

- Whenever running the engine, assure there is proper ventilation to avoid the accumulation of carbon monoxide (CO), which is odorless, colorless, and tasteless, and can lead to unconsciousness, brain damage, or death if inhaled in sufficient concentrations. CO accumulation can occur while docked, anchored, or underway, and in many confined areas such as the boat cabin, cockpit, swim platform, and heads. It can be worsened or caused by weather, mooring and operating conditions, and other boats. Avoid exhaust fumes from the engine or other boats, provide proper ventilation, shut off the engine when not needed, and be aware of the risk of backdrafting and conditions that create CO accumulation. In high concentrations, CO can be fatal within minutes. Lower concentrations are just as lethal over long periods of time.

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Running outboards: Propellers



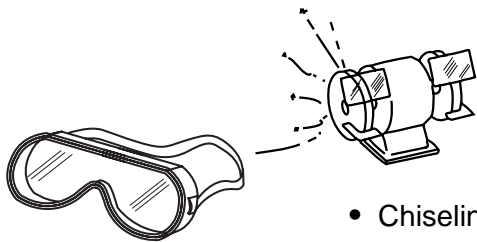
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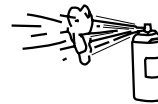
Contact with a rotating propeller is likely to result in serious injury or death. Assure the engine and prop area is clear of people and objects before starting engine or operating boat. Do not allow anyone near a propeller, even when the engine is off. Blades can be sharp and the propeller can continue to turn even after the engine is off. Always shut off the engine when near people in the water.

Eye protection

Eyes need protection when:



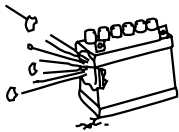
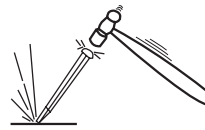
• Grinding



• Spraying cleaners and paints

• Chiseling

Tip: When steel on steel, use plastic- or brass-type hammers. They don't chip off as easily as steel hammers.



• Acid



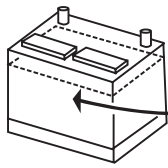
• Ends of cables

Protect eyes from:

Wear Safety Glasses

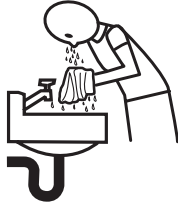


Handling Lead/Acid Batteries



Strong acid solution
(sulfuric acid)

If solution gets into eyes, wash
and contact a doctor immediately.



If spilled or
splashed on any
part of body...

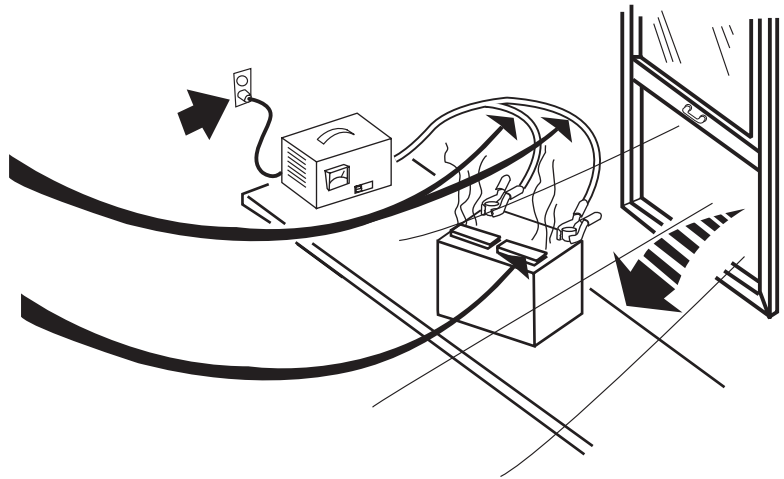


Wash with
lots of water.



Charging lead acid batteries

- 1) Attach and remove these cables with charger UNPLUGGED from 110 V wall socket. (This prevents shocks if charger is defective.)
- 2) Observe correct polarity when connecting these larger leads.
- 3) Always charge in a well ventilated area. Charging causes acid solution to give off hydrogen gas through the vents in the caps. **Make sure vents are open.** If clogged, pressure inside may build. Battery may EXPLODE.



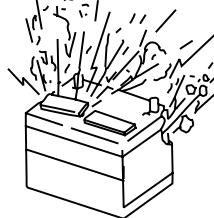
Battery gas is explosive!

While charging or discharging, remember:

- No smoking
- No flames
- No sparks



Never remove charger cables from battery posts. It is a sure way to make a lot of sparks in an area surrounded by battery gas.



DO NOT check battery charge by placing metal objects across posts. You will make sparks and serious burns are possible.



After charging:

- Shut off charger
- Pull charger plug out of 110 V outlet
- Take charger cables off battery posts

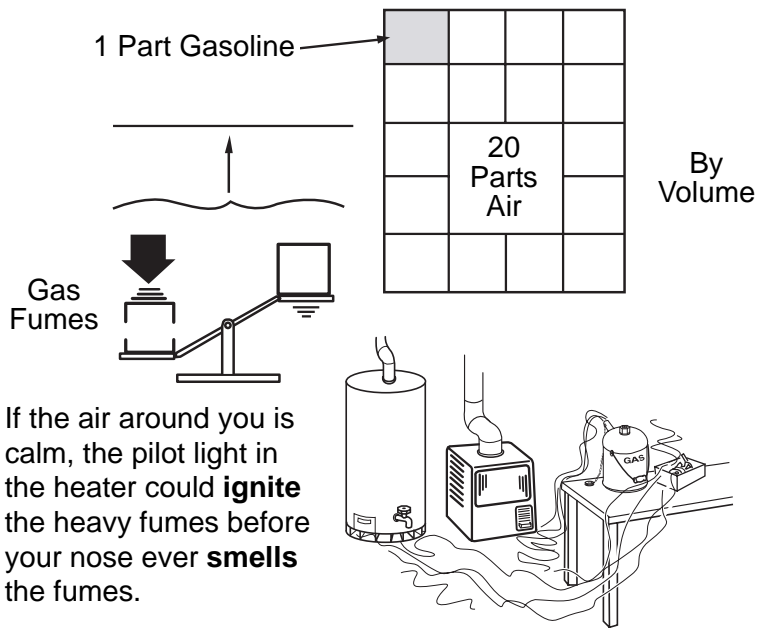
SAFETY

Gasoline – Handle With Care!

Gasoline vapor and air mixtures explode easily and violently when mixed as shown...

When you smell ANY odor of gasoline, explosion is possible.

Gasoline fumes are heavy and will sink to the lowest point in the boat or room and will STAY there, WAITING...



What can you do?



Store gasoline in sturdy, approved, sealed gas can and keep outside.

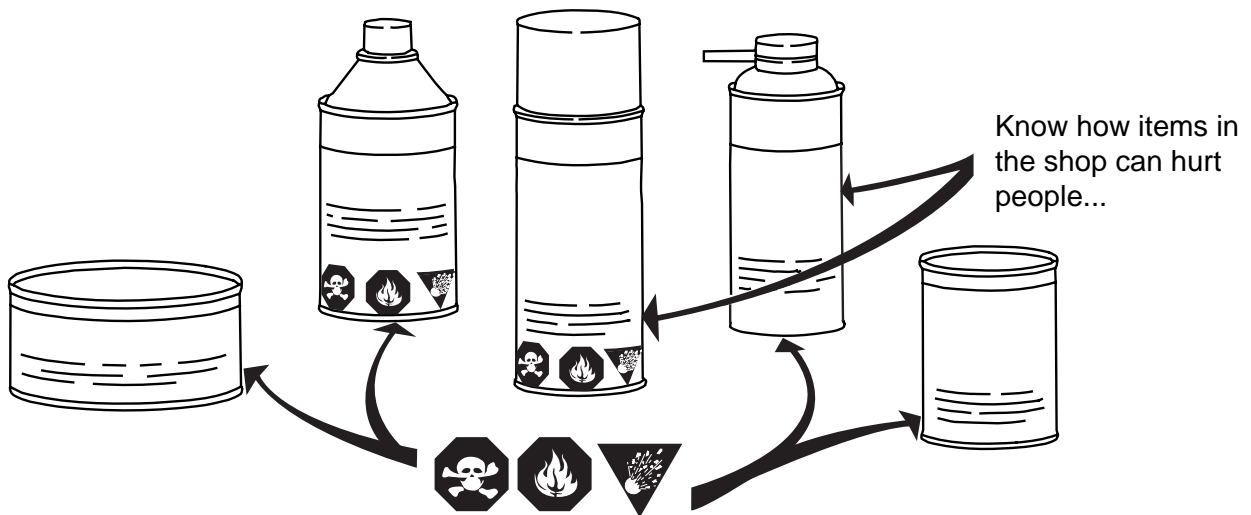
- Always store gasoline outside in a safe can (flame arrester and pressure relief valve in pour spout).
- Fill portable tanks outside of boat. Spillage will collect in bottom of boat.
- Use fuel as fuel **ONLY**, **not** for a cleaner or degreaser.
- If fumes are smelled in shop, basement, or garage, **immediately**:
 - Put out open flames, cigarettes, sparking devices;
 - Wipe up spill or leak;
 - Get towels and rags outside fast;
 - Open doors and windows; and
 - Check **lowest** area for fumes.

Be aware of items in and around repair area which can ignite fumes. Control them if fumes are smelled.

- Matches, cigarettes, blow torches, welders
- Electric motors (with unsealed cases)
- Electric generators (with unsealed cases)
- Light switches
- Appliance pilot lights or electric ignitors (furnace, dryer, water heaters)
- Loose wires on running outboards
- Other variables which may ignite fumes

How many of these are in your repair area?

Hazardous Products



READ

- “How and where to use”
- “How to give First Aid.” Have recommended First Aid materials on hand should an emergency arise
- “How to dispose of can”

It’s all on the **back of the can or bottle label**.

And remember: Little children are very curious and will try to taste everything so **keep containers away from children!**



Safety Awareness Test

The Technician's Safety Awareness Test....

- 1) Did you read this Safety section from page S-1 to page S-24?
- 2) Are you ready to take responsibility for the safe maintenance practices and procedures of your repair shop, co-workers, and technicians?
- 3) Do you understand all the safety precautions and instructions contained in this entire service manual?
- 4) Will you follow all safety warnings, precautions, instructions and recommendations outlined in this service manual?
- 5) Do you understand that the service manual as a whole and this Safety section, in particular, contain essential information to help prevent personal injury and damage to equipment and your customers?
- 6) Have you received training related to common shop safety practices to protect yourself and others around you?
- 7) When replacement parts are required, will you use *Evinrude®/Johnson® Genuine Parts* or parts with equivalent characteristics, including type, strength and material?
- 8) Are you ready to follow the recommendations in this service manual before you service any boat or outboard?
- 9) Do you understand that safety-related accidents can be caused by carelessness, fatigue, overload, preoccupation, unfamiliarity of operator with the product, drugs and alcohol, just to name a few?

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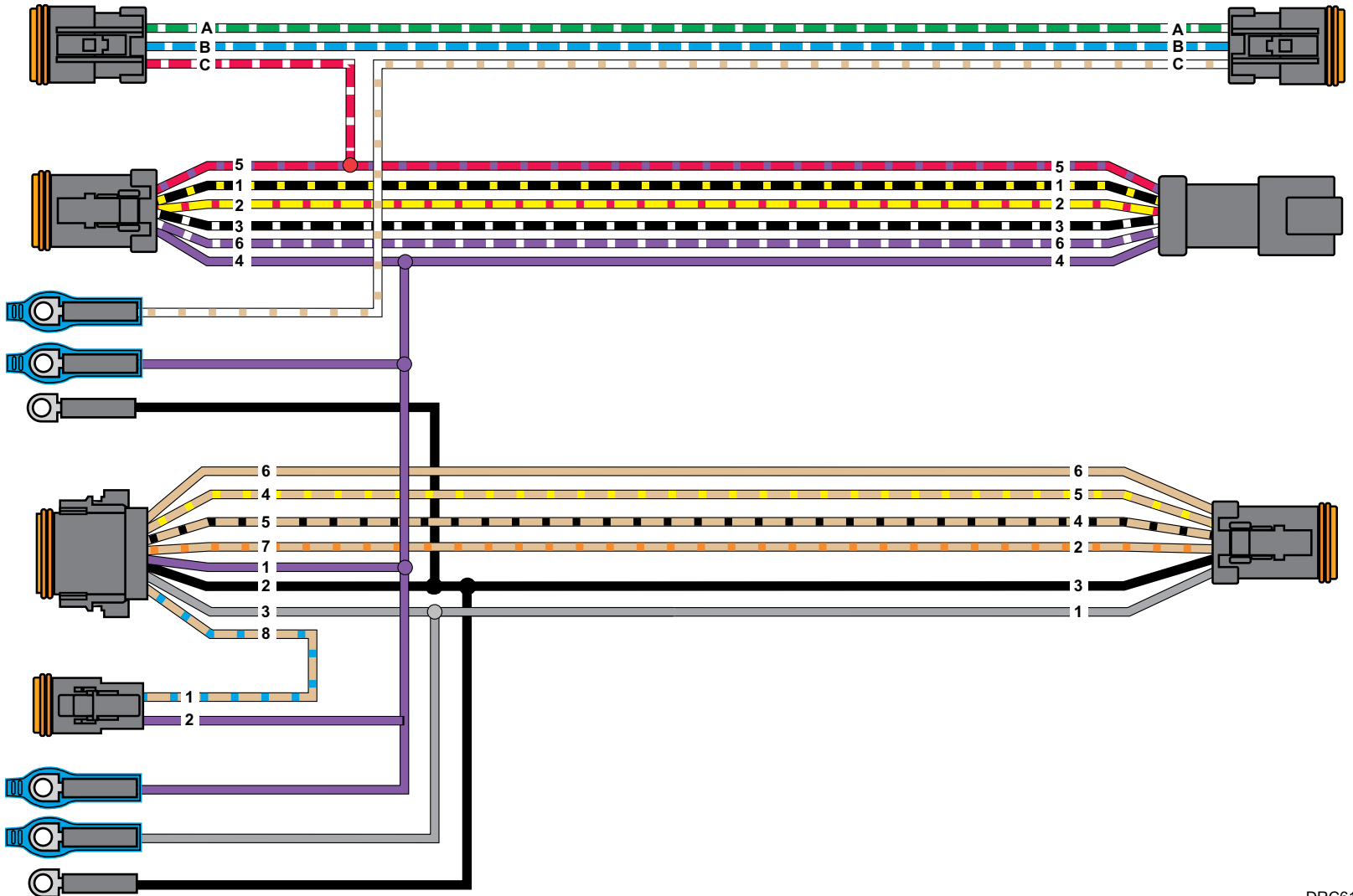
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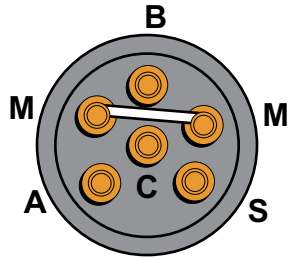
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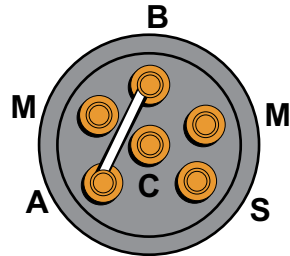
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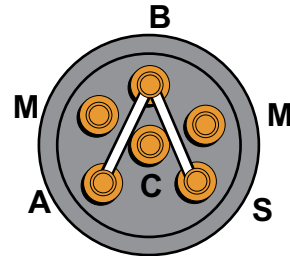
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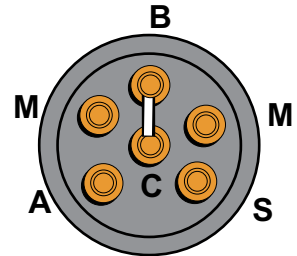
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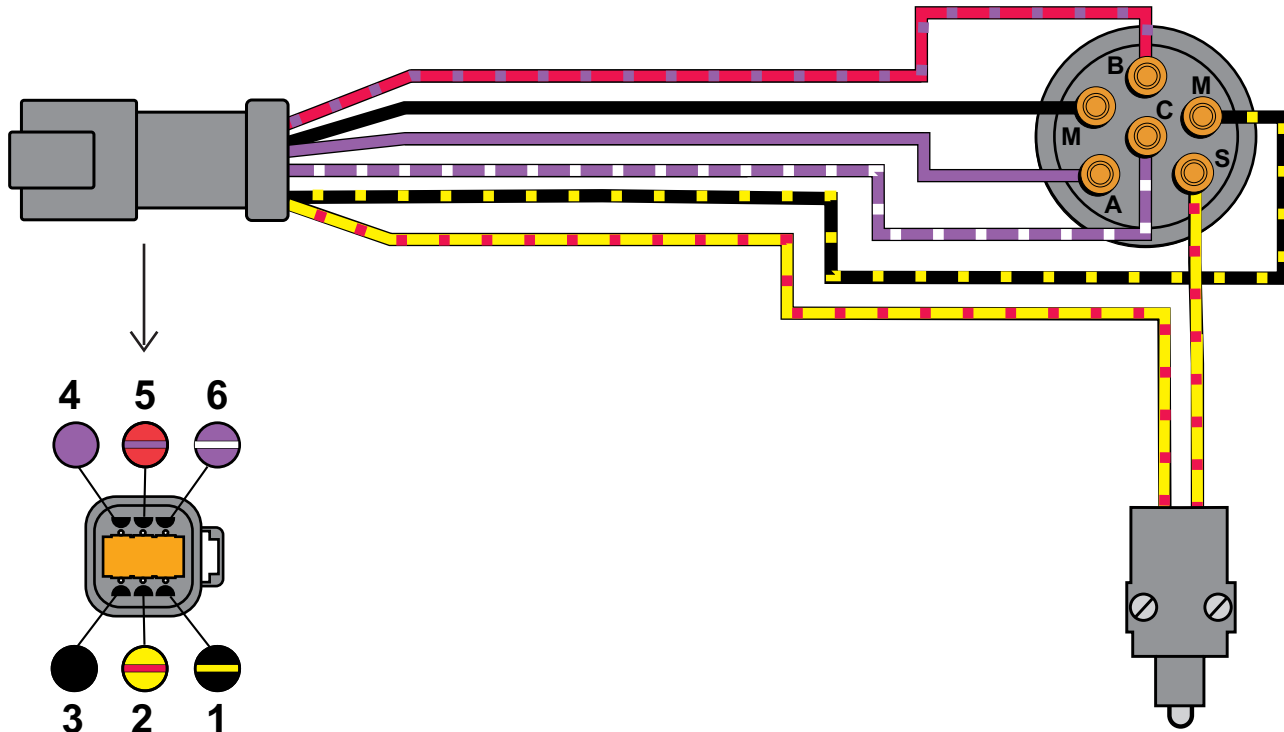
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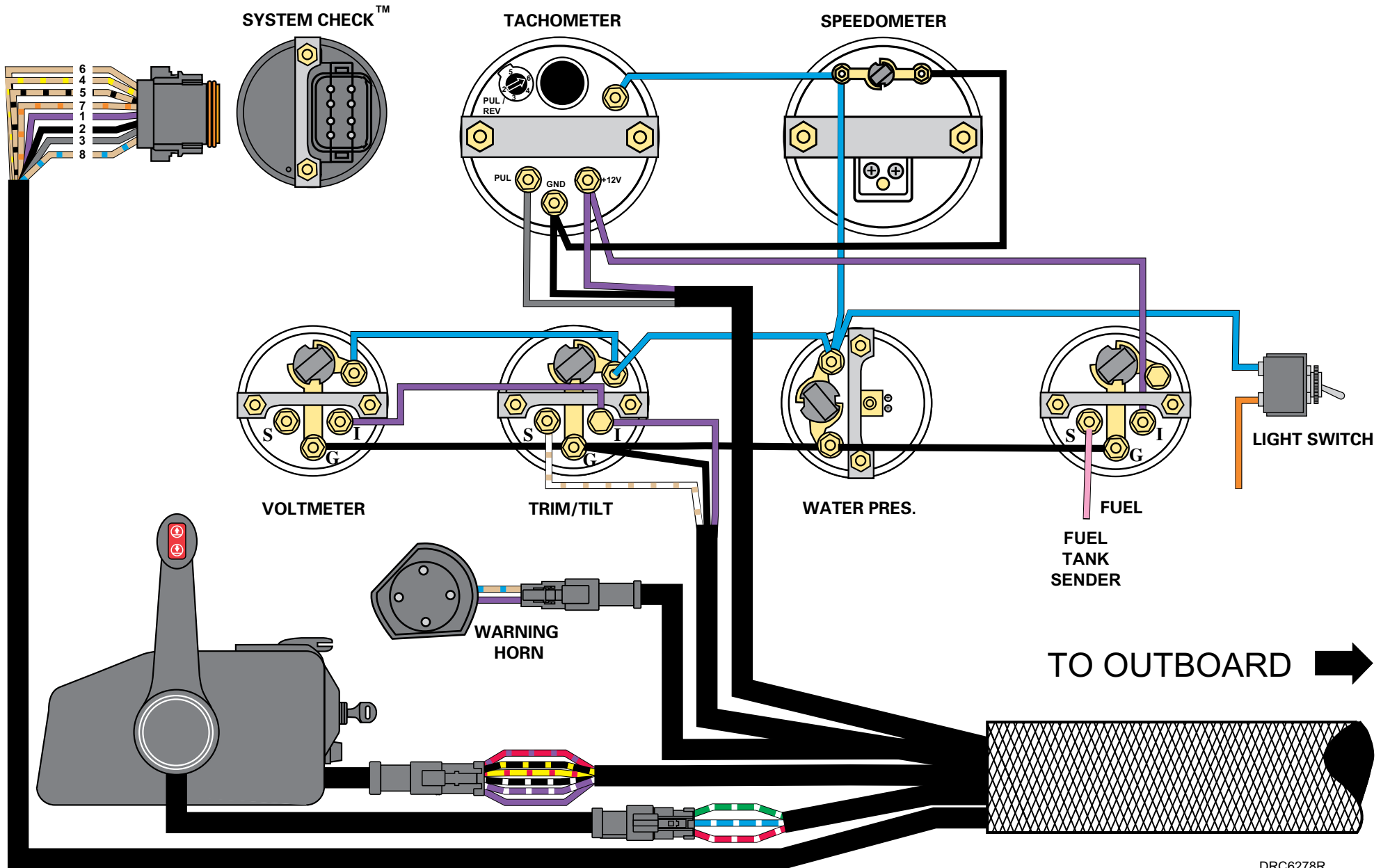
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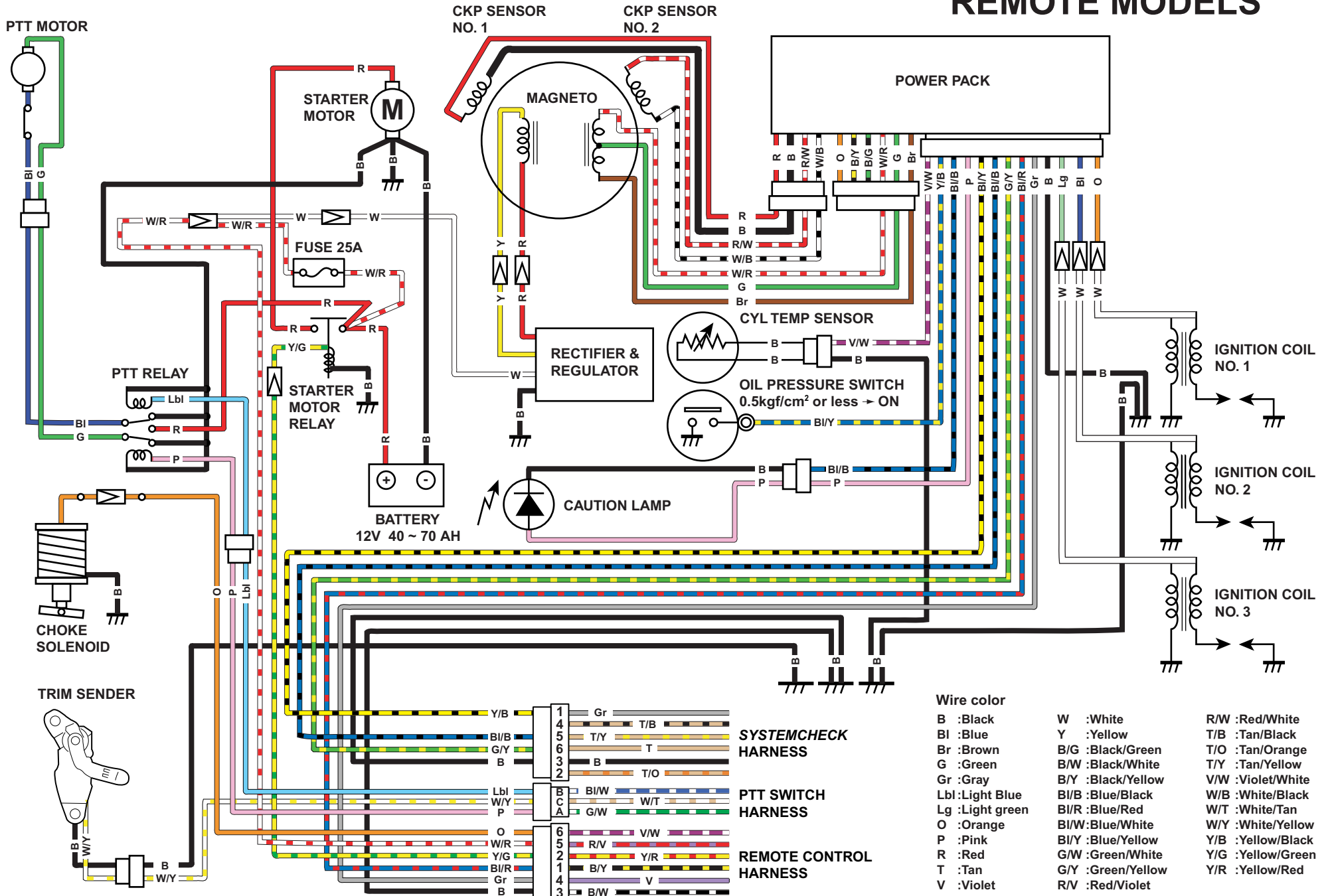
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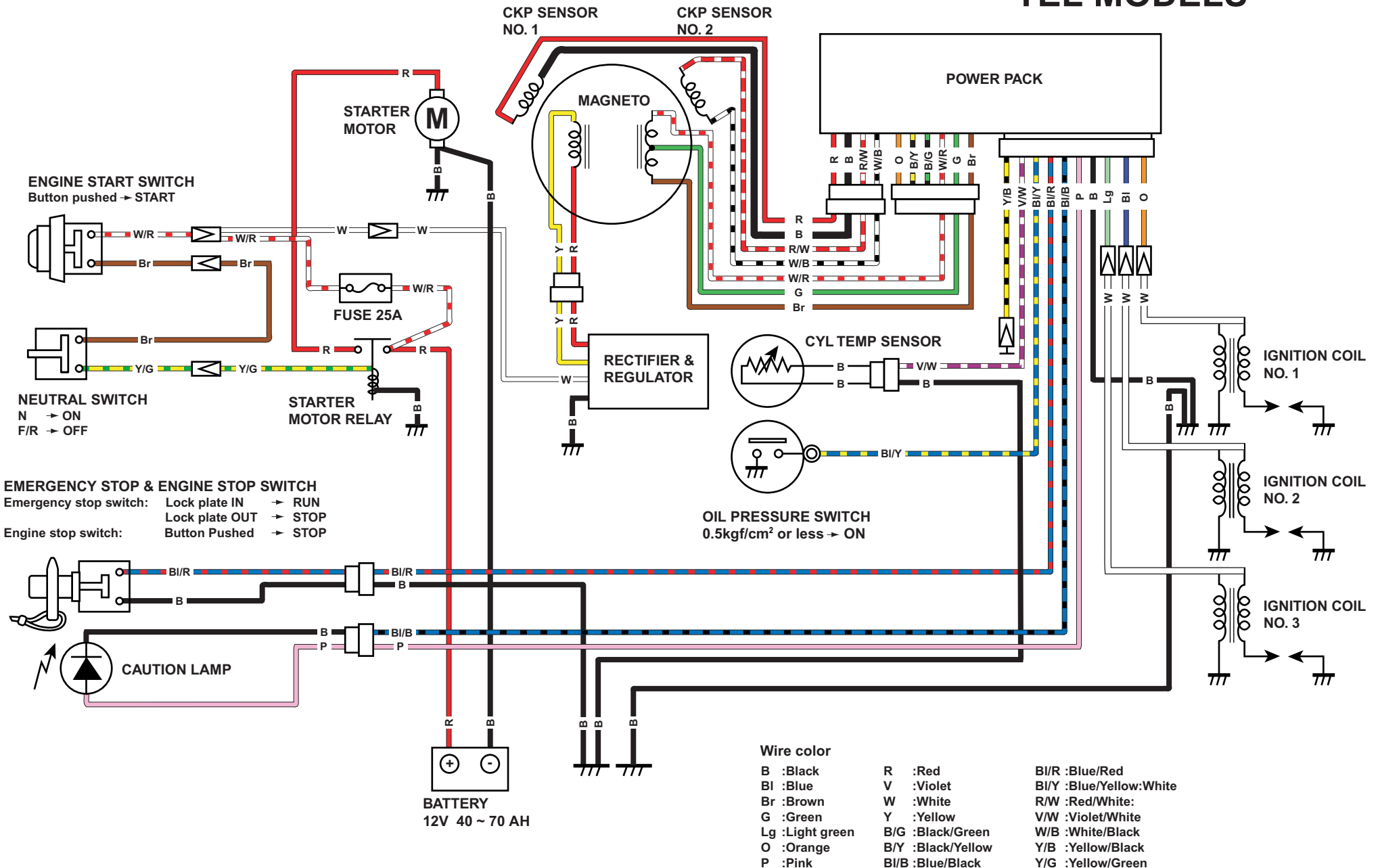
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