

OWNER'S MANUAL

KOHLER AEGIS® **LV625, LV675, LV680** **LIQUID-COOLED** **VERTICAL CRANKSHAFT**



KOHLER
ENGINES

Safety Precautions

To ensure safe operations please read the following statements and understand their meaning. Also refer to your equipment owner's manual for other important safety information. This manual contains safety precautions which are explained below. Please read carefully.

WARNING

Warning is used to indicate the presence of a hazard that *can* cause *severe* personal injury, death, or substantial property damage if the warning is ignored.

CAUTION

Caution is used to indicate the presence of a hazard that *will* or *can* cause *minor* personal injury or property damage if the caution is ignored.

NOTE

Note is used to notify people of installation, operation, or maintenance information that is important but not hazard-related.

For Your Safety!

These precautions should be followed at all times. Failure to follow these precautions could result in injury to yourself and others.

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|  WARNING |
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| Explosive Fuel can cause fires and severe burns. |
| Stop engine before filling fuel tank. |

Explosive Fuel!

Gasoline is extremely flammable and its vapors can explode if ignited. Store gasoline only in approved containers, in well ventilated, unoccupied buildings, away from sparks or flames. Do not fill the fuel tank while the engine is hot or running, since spilled fuel could ignite if it comes in contact with hot parts or sparks from ignition. Do not start the engine near spilled fuel. Never use gasoline as a cleaning agent.

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|  WARNING |
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| Hot liquid can cause severe burns. |
| Do not loosen radiator cap while engine is operating or warm to the touch. |

Hot Liquid!

The liquid coolant can get extremely hot from operation. Turning the radiator cap when the engine is hot can allow steam and scalding liquid to blow out and burn you severely.

Shut off machine. Only remove radiator cap when cool enough to touch with bare hands. Slowly loosen cap to first stop to relieve pressure before removing completely.

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|  WARNING |
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| Hot Parts can cause severe burns. |
| Do not touch engine while operating or just after stopping. |

Hot Parts!

Engine components can get extremely hot from operation. To prevent severe burns, do not touch these areas while the engine is running, or immediately after it is turned off. Never operate the engine with heat shields or guards removed.

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| California Proposition 65 Warning |
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| <i>Engine exhaust from this product contains chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer, birth defects, or other reproductive harm.</i> |
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Safety Precautions (Cont.)

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|  WARNING |
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| <p>Accidental Starts can cause severe injury or death.</p> <p>Disconnect and ground spark plug leads before servicing.</p> |

Accidental Starts!

Disabling engine. Accidental starting can cause severe injury or death. Before working on the engine or equipment, disable the engine as follows: 1) Disconnect the spark plug lead(s). 2) Disconnect negative (-) battery cable from battery.

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|  CAUTION |
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| <p>Electrical Shock can cause injury.</p> <p>Do not touch wires while engine is running.</p> |

Electrical Shock!

Never touch electrical wires or components while the engine is running. They can be sources of electrical shock.

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|  WARNING |
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| <p>Carbon Monoxide can cause severe nausea, fainting or death.</p> <p>Do not operate engine in closed or confined area.</p> |

Lethal Exhaust Gases!

Engine exhaust gases contain poisonous carbon monoxide. Carbon monoxide is odorless, colorless, and can cause death if inhaled. Avoid inhaling exhaust fumes, and never run the engine in a closed building or confined area.

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|  WARNING |
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| <p>Rotating Parts can cause severe injury.</p> <p>Stay away while engine is in operation.</p> |

Rotating Parts!

Keep hands, feet, hair, and clothing away from all moving parts to prevent injury. Never operate the engine with covers, shrouds, or guards removed.

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|  WARNING |
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| <p>Explosive Gas can cause fires and severe acid burns.</p> <p>Charge battery only in a well ventilated area. Keep sources of ignition away.</p> |

Explosive Gas!

Batteries produce explosive hydrogen gas while being charged. To prevent a fire or explosion, charge batteries only in well ventilated areas. Keep sparks, open flames, and other sources of ignition away from the battery at all times. Keep batteries out of the reach of children. Remove all jewelry when servicing batteries.

Before disconnecting the negative (-) ground cable, make sure all switches are OFF. If ON, a spark will occur at the ground cable terminal which could cause an explosion if hydrogen gas or gasoline vapors are present.

Congratulations – You have selected a fine four-cycle, twin cylinder, liquid-cooled engine. Kohler designs long life strength and on-the-job durability into each engine...making a Kohler engine dependable...dependability you can count on. Here are some reasons why:

- Efficient overhead valve design, and pressure lubrication provide maximum power, torque, and reliability under all operating conditions.
- Dependable, maintenance free electronic ignition ensures fast, easy starts time after time.
- Kohler engines are easy to service. All routine service areas (like the dipstick and oil fill, air cleaner, spark plugs, and carburetor) are easily and quickly accessible.
- Parts subject to the most wear and tear (like the cylinder liner and camshaft) are made from precision formulated cast iron.
- Every Kohler engine is backed by a worldwide network of over 10,000 distributors and dealers. Service support is just a phone call away. Call 1-800-544-2444 (U.S. & Canada) for Sales & Service assistance.

To keep your engine in top operating condition, follow the maintenance procedures in this manual.

Do not use gasoline left over from the previous season, to minimize gum deposits in your fuel system and to ensure easy starting.

Do not add oil to the gasoline. Do not overfill the fuel tank. Leave room for the fuel to expand.

Fuel Type

For best results use only clean, fresh, **unleaded** gasoline with the pump sticker octane rating of 87 or higher. In countries using the Research method, it should be 90 octane minimum.

Unleaded gasoline is recommended as it leaves less combustion chamber deposits. Leaded gasoline may be used in areas where unleaded is not available and exhaust emissions are not regulated. Be aware however, that the cylinder heads may require more frequent service.

Gasoline/Alcohol blends

Gasohol (up to 10% ethyl alcohol, 90% unleaded gasoline by volume) is approved as a fuel for Kohler engines. Other gasoline/alcohol blends are not approved.

Gasoline/Ether blends

Methyl Tertiary Butyl Ether (MTBE) and unleaded gasoline blends (up to a maximum of 15% MTBE by volume) are approved as a fuel for Kohler engines. Other gasoline/ether blends are not approved.

Coolant Recommendations

Use equal parts of ethylene glycol (anti-freeze) and water only. Distilled or deionized water is recommended, especially in areas where the water contains a high mineral content. Propylene glycol based anti-freeze is **not** recommended.

This mixture will provide protection from -37°C (-34°F) to 108°C (226°F). For protection and use outside the indicated temperature limits, follow the anti-freeze manufacturers instructions on the container, but do not exceed 70% anti-freeze.

DO NOT use anti-freeze with stop-leak additive(s), or put any other additives in the cooling system.

Engine Identification Numbers

When ordering parts, or in any communication involving an engine, always give the **Model, Specification, and Serial Numbers** of the engine.

The engine identification numbers appear on a decal affixed to the engine blower housing. Include letter suffixes, if there are any.

Record your engine identification numbers on the identification label (Figure 4) for future reference.

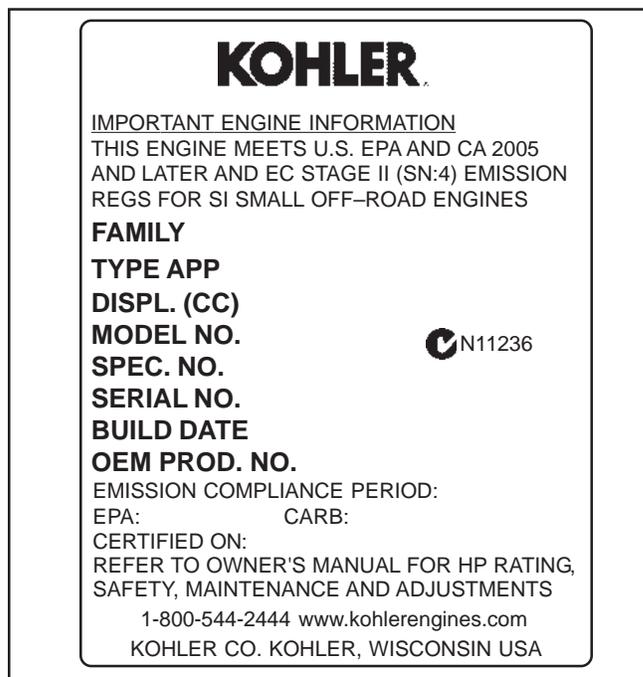


Figure 4. Engine Identification Label.

The Emission Compliance Period referred to on the Emission Control or Air Index label indicates the number of operating hours for which the engine has been shown to meet Federal and CARB emission requirements. The following table provides the Engine Compliance Period (in hours) associated with the category descriptor found on the certification label.

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| EPA | Category C 250 Hours | Category B 500 Hours | Category A 1000 Hours |
| CARB | Moderate 125 Hours | Intermediate 250 Hours | Extended 500 Hours |

Emission Compliance Period (Hours)

Refer to certification label for engine displacement.

Exhaust Emission Control System for models LV625, LV675, and LV680 is EM.

Model Designation

Model LV625 for example: L designates liquid cooled, V designates vertical crankshaft, and 625 is the model designation. A letter suffix designates a specific version as follows:

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| Suffix | Designates |
| S | Electric Start |

Operating Instructions

Also read the operating instructions of the equipment this engine powers.

Pre-Start Checklist

- Check oil level. Add oil if low. Do not overfill.
- Check coolant level. Add coolant if low.
- Check fuel level. Add fuel if low.
- Check radiator, cooling air intake areas and external surfaces of engine. Make sure they are clean and unobstructed.
- Check that the air cleaner components and all shrouds, equipment covers, and guards are in place and securely fastened.
- Check that any clutches or transmissions are disengaged or placed in neutral. This is especially important on equipment with hydrostatic drive. The shift lever must be exactly in neutral to prevent resistance which could keep the engine from starting.



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Cold Weather Starting Hints

1. The cooling system must be filled with coolant capable of providing proper protection against freezing at the lowest temperature expected (see “Coolant Recommendations” on page 5).
2. Be sure to use the proper oil for the temperature expected. See Figure 2 on page 4.
3. Declutch all possible external loads.
4. A warm battery has much more starting capacity than a cold battery.
5. Use fresh winter grade fuel. NOTE: Winter grade gasoline has higher volatility to improve starting. Do not use gasoline left over from summer.

Starting

1. Place the throttle control **midway** between the “**slow**” and “**fast**” positions. Place the choke control into the “**on**” position.
2. Start the engine by activating the key switch. Release the switch as soon as the engine starts.

NOTE: Do not crank the engine continuously for more than 10 seconds at a time. If the engine does not start, allow a 60 second cool down period between starting attempts. Failure to follow these guidelines can burn out the starter motor.

NOTE: Upon start-up, a metallic ticking may occur. This is caused by hydraulic lifter leakdown during storage. Run the engine for 5 minutes. The noise will normally cease in the first minute. If noise continues, run the engine at mid-throttle for 20 minutes. If noise persists, take the engine to your local Kohler Service outlet.

If the starter does not turn the engine over, shut off starter immediately. Do not make further attempts to start the engine until the condition is corrected. Do not jump start using another battery (refer to “Battery” on page 7). See your Kohler Engine Service Dealer for trouble analysis.

3. **For a Cold Engine** – Gradually return the choke control to the “**off**” position after the engine starts and warms up.

The engine/equipment may be operated during the warm up period, but it may be necessary to leave the choke partially on until the engine warms up.

4. **For a Warm Engine** – Return choke to “**off**” position as soon as engine starts.

Stopping

1. Remove the load by disengaging all PTO attachments.
2. Position the throttle control somewhere between half and full throttle; then stop the engine.

Battery

A 12 volt battery is normally used. Refer to the operating instructions of the equipment this engine powers for specific battery requirements.

If the battery charge is not sufficient to crank the engine, recharge the battery (see page 15).

Operating

Angle of Operation

This engine will operate continuously at angles up to 20°. Check oil level to assure crankcase oil level is at the "FULL" mark on the dipstick.

Refer to the operating instructions of the equipment this engine powers. Because of equipment design or application, there may be more stringent restrictions regarding the angle of operation.

NOTE: Do not operate this engine continuously at angles exceeding 20° in any direction. Engine damage could result from insufficient lubrication.

Cooling

NOTE: If debris builds up on the air intake screen, radiator, or other cooling areas, stop the engine immediately and clean. Operating the engine with blocked or dirty air intake and cooling areas can cause extensive damage due to overheating. See "Clean Air Intake/Cooling Area", page 14.

High Temperature Sensor

Some engines are equipped with a high temperature sensor mounted in the cooling system. If the safe operating temperature is exceeded, it will either shut off the engine or activate a warning signal, depending on the application.

If the warning light illuminates or engine kills indicating excessive operating temperatures:

1. Make sure all air intake and cooling surfaces are clean and free of debris.
2. After engine has sufficiently cooled, check the coolant level in system to make sure it is not low. See "Checking Coolant Level", page 10.
3. Check the system for external leaks.
4. If the cause is none of the above or cannot be identified, contact an Authorized Kohler Engine Dealer for appropriate diagnosis and correction.



WARNING: Hot Parts!

Engine components can get extremely hot from operation. To prevent severe burns, do not touch these areas while the engine is running, or immediately after it is turned off. Never operate the engine with heat shields or guards removed.

Engine Speed

NOTE: Do not tamper with the governor setting to increase the maximum engine speed. Overspeed is hazardous and will void the engine warranty. The maximum allowable high idle speed for these engines is 3750 RPM.

Maintenance Instructions

Maintenance, repair, or replacement of the emission control devices and systems, which are being done at the customer's expense, may be performed by any non-road engine repair establishment or individual. Warranty repairs must be performed by an authorized Kohler service outlet.



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Maintenance Schedule

These required maintenance procedures should be performed at the frequency stated in the table. They should also be included as part of any seasonal tune-up.

| Frequency | Maintenance Required |
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| Daily or Before Starting Engine | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fill fuel tank.• Check oil level.• Check coolant level.• Check air cleaner for dirty¹, loose, or damaged parts.• Check air intake screen, radiator, and cooling areas, clean as necessary¹. |
| Every 25 Hours | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Service precleaner element¹. |
| Every 100 Hours | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Replace air cleaner element¹.• Clean and check cooling areas¹. |
| Annually or Every 200 Hours | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Change oil and oil filter (more frequently under severe conditions).• Check spark plug condition and gap.• Replace fuel filter. |
| Annually or Every 500 Hours | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Have solenoid shift starter disassembled and cleaned².• Replace spark plugs. |
| Every 2 Years or Every 1000 Hours | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Change engine coolant. |

¹Perform these maintenance procedures more frequently under extremely dusty, dirty conditions.

²Only required for Denso starters. Not necessary on Delco starters. Have a Kohler Engine Service Dealer perform this service.

Check Oil Level

The importance of checking and maintaining the proper oil level in the crankcase cannot be overemphasized. Check oil **BEFORE EACH USE** as follows:

1. Make sure the engine is stopped, level, and is cool so the oil has had time to drain into the sump.
2. To keep dirt, debris, etc., out of the engine, clean the area around the dipstick before removing it.
3. Unthread and remove the dipstick; wipe oil off. Reinsert the dipstick into the tube and rest the oil fill cap on the tube. Do not thread the cap onto the tube. See Figure 5.



Figure 5. Checking Oil Level.

4. Pull the dipstick out and check the oil level.

The oil level should be up to, but not over, the "FULL" mark on the dipstick. See Figure 6.

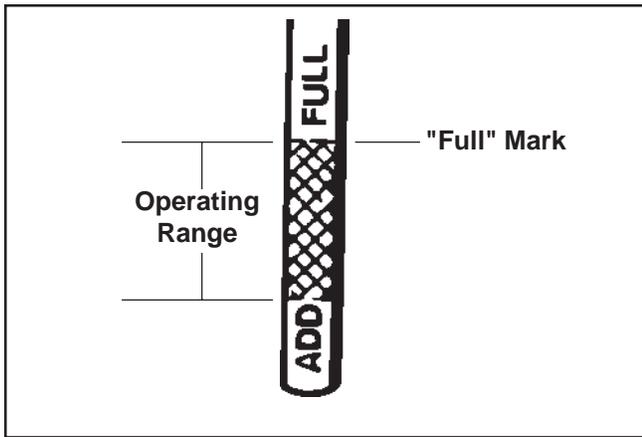


Figure 6. Oil Level Dipstick.

5. If the level is low, add oil of the proper type, up to the “FULL” mark on the dipstick. (Refer to “Oil Type” on page 4.) Always check the level with the dipstick before adding more oil.

NOTE: To prevent extensive engine wear or damage, always maintain the proper oil level in the crankcase. Never operate the engine with the oil level below the “ADD” mark or over the “FULL” mark on the dipstick.

Oil Sentry™

Some engines are equipped with an optional Oil Sentry™ oil pressure switch. If the oil pressure decreases below an acceptable level, the Oil Sentry™ will either shut off the engine or activate a warning signal, depending on the application.

NOTE: Make sure the oil level is checked **BEFORE EACH USE** and is maintained up to the “FULL” mark on the dipstick. This includes engines equipped with Oil Sentry™.

Change Oil and Filter

Change the oil and oil filter **every 200 hours or annually**, whichever comes first (more often under severe conditions). Refill with service class SG, SH, SJ or higher oil, as specified in the “Viscosity Grades” table (Figure 2) on page 4. Always use a genuine Kohler oil filter, Part No. **52 050 02-S**.

Change the oil while the engine is still warm. The oil will flow more freely and carry away more impurities. Make sure the engine is level when filling, checking, or changing the oil.

Change the oil and oil filter as follows (see Figure 7):

1. To keep dirt, debris, etc., out of the engine, clean the area around the oil fill cap/dipstick before removing it.

2. Remove one of the oil drain plugs and the oil fill cap/dipstick. Be sure to allow ample time for complete drainage.
3. Before removing the oil filter, clean the area around the oil filter to keep dirt and debris out of the engine. Remove the old filter and wipe off the filter adapter with a clean cloth.
4. Reinstall the drain plug. Make sure it is tightened to **13.6 N·m (10 ft. lb.)** torque.
5. Place a new replacement filter in a shallow pan with the open end up. Pour new oil, of the proper type, in through the threaded center hole. Stop pouring when the oil reaches the bottom of the threads. Allow a minute or two for the oil to be absorbed by the filter material.
6. Apply a thin film of clean oil to the rubber gasket on the new filter.
7. Install the new oil filter to the filter adapter. Hand tighten the filter clockwise until the rubber gasket contacts the adapter, then tighten the filter an additional **2/3 to 1 turn**.
8. Fill the crankcase with new oil of the proper type, to the “FULL” mark on the dipstick. Refer to “Oil Type” and “Check Oil Level” on pages 4 and 8. Always check the level with the dipstick before adding more oil.
9. Reinstall the oil fill cap/dipstick and tighten securely by turning to the right.

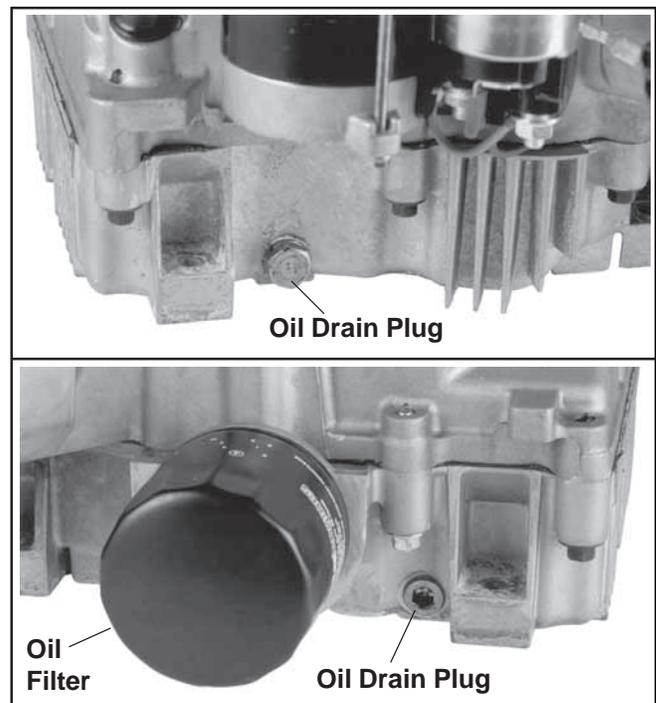


Figure 7. Oil Drain Plugs and Oil Filter.

Cooling System Maintenance and Service

Important service notes:

- Do not operate the engine without coolant in system.
- Do not remove the radiator cap when hot. Engine coolant is hot and under pressure and can cause severe burns.
- To prevent engine overheating and damage, use the recommended anti-freeze mixture in the cooling system.
- To prevent engine damage, do not pour cold water into a hot engine.
- To prevent engine damage, do not use anti-freeze with stop-leak additive(s) or put other additives in the cooling systems.
- Cooling system capacity is approximately 1.4 L (1.47 qt.).

Maintenance

This engine is liquid-cooled, circulating a mixture of ethylene glycol and water for dependable operation. A pump is used to circulate the coolant through the system and radiator. A thermostat contained in the system assures automatic temperature control and rapid warm-up. Correct coolant level and cleaning any debris accumulation from the inlet screen and radiator surfaces are critical to insuring long life, proper system performance, and preventing overheating. Check the coolant level in the overflow reservoir, and clean away any debris accumulation daily or before each use. At the same time, inspect the hoses and all connections for signs of leakage.

Servicing

Engine coolant should be changed **every 2 years or every 1000 hours, whichever comes first**. When changing the engine coolant, the system should also be flushed to remove any contaminants left behind during draining. Following are recommended procedures for checking, draining, flushing, and filling the cooling system.

Checking Coolant Level

The coolant level should be checked at the overflow reservoir, located under the upper blower housing assembly.

1. Unhook the retaining straps and remove the upper blower housing and screen assembly. See Figures 8 and 9.



Figure 8. Unhooking Retaining Straps.

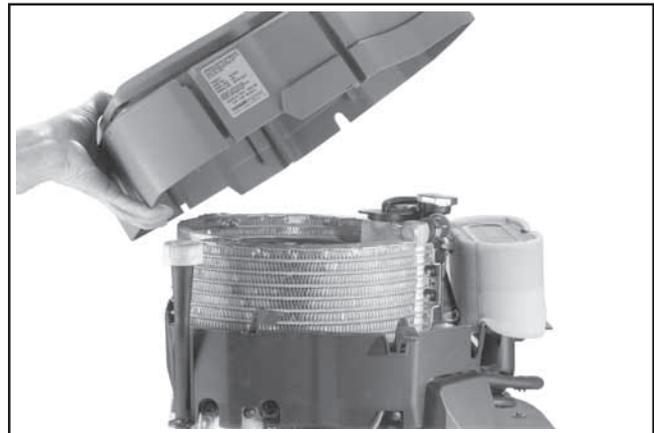


Figure 9. Removing Upper Blower Housing and Screen Assembly.

2. Check the coolant level within the overflow reservoir. Coolant level should be between the “Max. Level” and “Min. Level” marks on the reservoir. See Figure 10. **Do not** operate the engine with the coolant level below the “Min. Level” mark.

Add coolant to the overflow reservoir as required. Use equal parts of ethylene glycol and water only (distilled or deionized water is recommended).



Figure 10. Coolant Levels on Reservoir.

Draining Cooling System

1. Stop the engine and allow it to cool sufficiently.
2. Unhook the four retaining straps, and remove the upper blower housing and screen assembly. See Figures 8 and 9.
3. Check if the radiator is cool to the touch. Slowly loosen the radiator cap to the first stop and allow any pressure to bleed off. Then fully loosen and remove it.

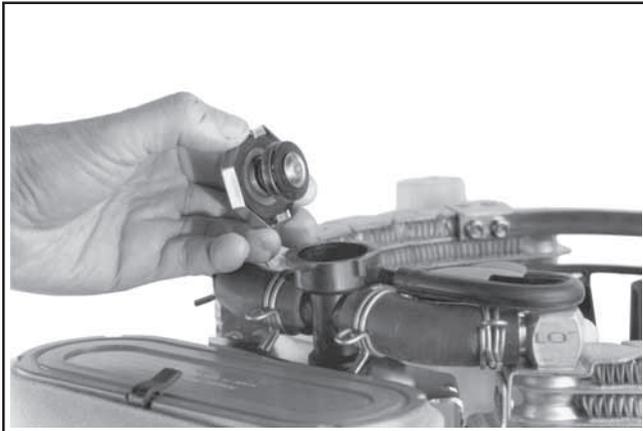


Figure 11. Removing Radiator Cap.

4. Locate and remove the coolant drain plug in the lower side of both cylinder heads. See Figure 12. Drain the coolant into a suitable container. After the coolant has drained, apply pipe sealant with Teflon® (not Teflon® tape) to the threads and reinstall the plugs. Torque the plugs to **13.5 N·m (120 in. lb.)**.

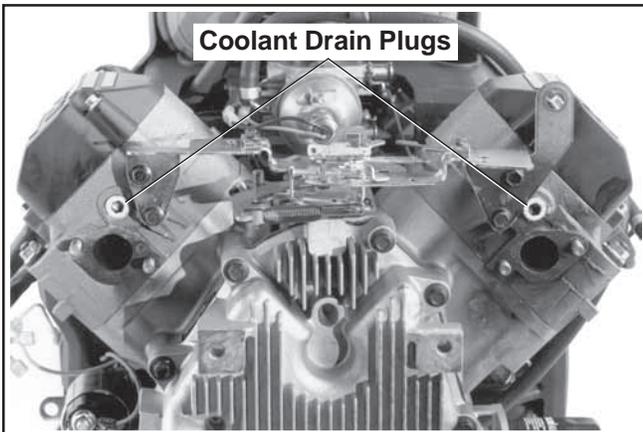


Figure 12. Location of Coolant Drain Plugs.

5. The coolant overflow reservoir has 3 molded protrusions (1 upper, 2 lower, see Figure 14) that fit into corresponding holes in the support brackets. Loosen the two screws that fasten the upper bracket to the radiator. See Figure 13.

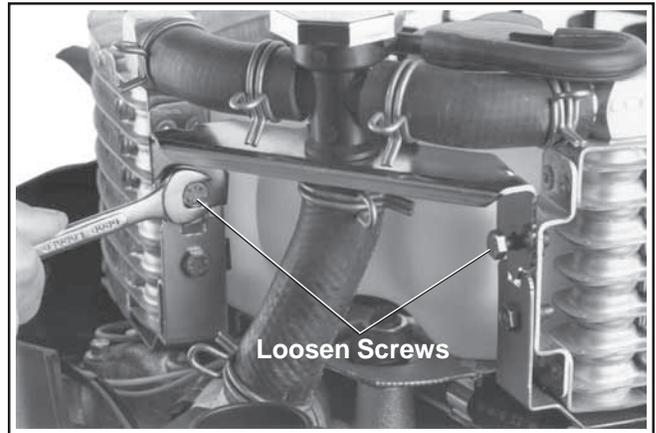


Figure 13. Loosening Screws.

6. Remove the reservoir cap. Carefully tip the bracket away from the reservoir, and lift the reservoir out between the bracket and fan. See Figures 14 and 15. Pour out the contents of the reservoir and wash out or clean as required. Dispose of all the old coolant properly, according to local regulations.

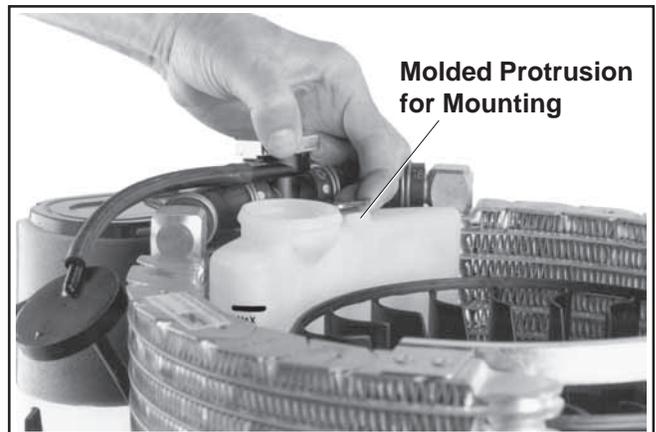


Figure 14. Tipping Bracket Away after Removing Reservoir Cap.



Figure 15. Removing Reservoir.

7. Reinstall the reservoir, engaging the two lower molded protrusions in the mounting holes of the support bracket. Engage the top bracket around the upper protrusion. Hold it in this position and torque the screws to **7.3 N·m (65 in. lb.)**.
8. Reinstall the reservoir cap. Do not kink/pinch the hose.
9. Flush the cooling system (see “Flushing Cooling System”).

Flushing Cooling System

With system properly drained:

1. Fill the cooling system with clean water and a cooling system cleaner recommended for aluminum engines. Follow the directions on the container.
2. Reinstall and tighten the radiator cap.
3. Reinstall the upper blower housing assembly. Secure with the retaining straps.
4. Start and run the engine for five minutes, or until it reaches operating temperature. Stop the engine and allow it to cool.
5. Remove the upper blower housing and drain the cooling system (Refer to “Draining Cooling System”).
6. Fill the cooling system (see “Filling Cooling System”).
7. Reinstall the upper blower housing and screen assembly.

Filling Cooling System

1. Check the condition of cooling system hoses, clamps, and associated components. Replace as required.
2. Mix equal parts of ethylene glycol anti-freeze and distilled or deionized water (see “Coolant Recommendations” on page 5). For extremely cold temperature applications or protection outside the limits listed in the “Coolant Recommendations” Section, refer to the anti-freeze manufacturers instructions on the container, but do not exceed 70% anti-freeze.

3. Fill the radiator with the coolant mixture. Allow coolant to drain into the lower areas. Fill the overflow reservoir to a level between the “Max. Level” and “Min. Level” marks. See Figure 10. Reinstall the radiator and reservoir caps.
4. Reinstall the upper blower housing and screen assembly. Start and run the engine for five minutes. Stop the engine and cool.
5. Remove the blower housing and recheck coolant level in reservoir. Coolant level should be between the “Max. Level” and “Min. Level” marks. Add coolant to reservoir if required. See Figure 10.
6. Reinstall the upper blower housing and screen assembly. Secure with the retaining straps.

Service Precleaner and Air Cleaner Element

This engine is equipped with a replaceable, high density paper air cleaner element surrounded by an oiled foam precleaner, located under the upper blower housing. See Figure 16.

Check the air cleaner and air intake screen **daily or before starting the engine**. Check for a buildup of dirt and debris around the air cleaner system. Keep these areas clean. Also check for loose or damaged components. Replace all bent or damaged air cleaner components. **Do not** operate the engine without the upper blower housing and screen assembly installed.

NOTE: Operating the engine with loose, damaged, or missing air intake components can allow unfiltered air into the engine, causing premature wear and failure.

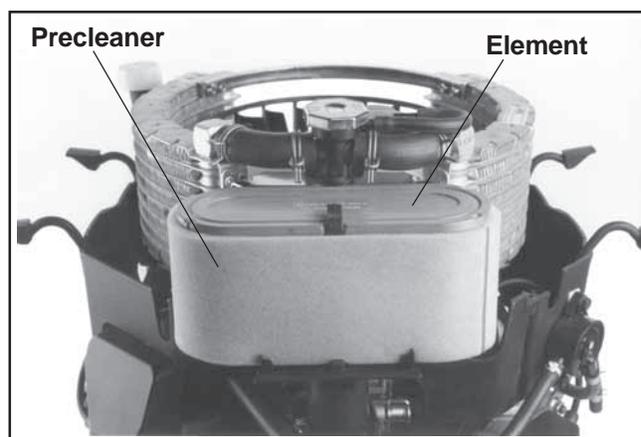


Figure 16. Air Cleaner Assembly.

Service Precleaner

Wash and reoil the precleaner every **25 hours** of operation (more often under extremely dusty or dirty conditions).

1. Unhook the four retaining straps and remove the upper blower housing and screen assembly. See Figures 8 and 9.
2. Remove the foam precleaner from the paper element. See Figure 17.



Figure 17. Removing Precleaner from Paper Element.

3. Wash the precleaner in warm water with detergent. Rinse the precleaner thoroughly until all traces of detergent are eliminated. Squeeze out excess water (do not wring). Allow the precleaner to air dry.
4. Saturate the precleaner with new engine oil. Squeeze out all excess oil.
5. Clean the air cleaner base area, upper blower housing, and screen assembly of any debris accumulation. If required, the screen assembly may also be separated from the upper blower housing by unsnapping it from the underside. See Figures 18, 19, and 20. Check all parts for wear, cracks, or damage. Replace any damaged components.



Figure 18. Clean Away Debris.

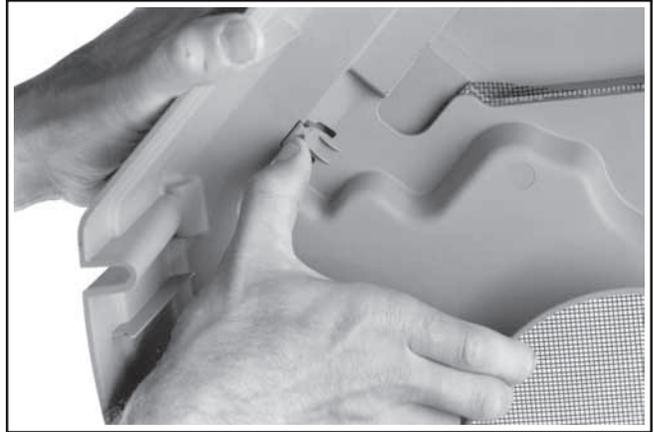


Figure 19. Unsnapping Screen Assembly.



Figure 20. Removing Screen Assembly.

6. Reinstall the precleaner over the paper element, outside the element retaining strap.
7. Reinstall the upper blower housing and screen assembly. Secure with the four retaining straps.
8. When precleaner replacement is necessary, order Kohler Part No. **66 083 03-S**.

Service Paper Element

Every **100 hours** of operation (more often under extremely dusty or dirty conditions), replace the paper element.

1. Unhook the four retaining straps and remove the upper blower housing and screen assembly. See Figures 8 and 9.
2. Remove the foam precleaner from the paper element. See Figure 17. Service or replace the precleaner.

3. Unhook the element retaining strap and remove the paper element from the air cleaner base. See Figure 21.

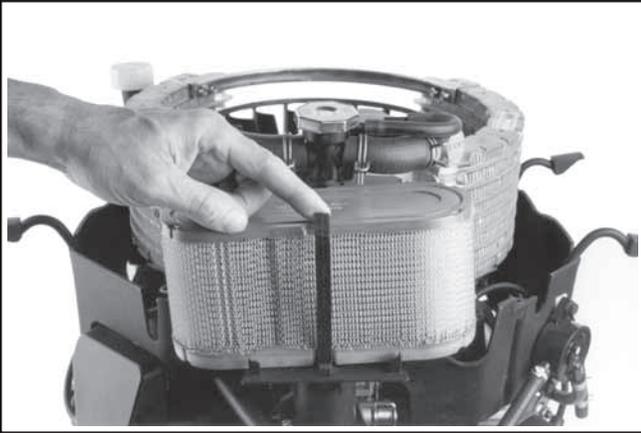


Figure 21. Unhooking Retaining Strap.

4. **Do not wash the paper element or use pressurized air**, as this will damage the element. Replace a dirty, bent, or damaged element with a new genuine Kohler element. Handle new elements carefully. Do not use if the sealing surfaces are bent or damaged.
5. Clean the air cleaner base area, upper blower housing, and screen assembly of any debris accumulation. If required, the screen assembly may also be separated from the blower housing by unsnapping it from the underside. See Figures 18, 19, and 20. Check all parts for wear, cracks, or damage. Replace any damaged components.
6. Install the new paper element, Kohler Part No. **66 083 01-S** and secure with the element retainer strap.
7. Install the precleaner over the paper element, outside the element retaining strap.
8. Reinstall the upper blower housing and screen assembly. Secure with the four retaining straps.

Clean Air Intake/Cooling Areas

To ensure proper air circulation, make sure the air intake screen, radiator, cooling fins, and other external surfaces of the engine are kept clean **at all times**.

Every **100 hours** of operation (more often under extremely dusty, dirty conditions), remove the upper blower housing assembly. Clean the cooling fins of the radiator, external surfaces, and the air intake screen and blower housing assembly as necessary. The screen assembly may also be separated from the upper blower housing to permit more thorough cleaning if required. See Figures 18, 19, and 20. Make sure all parts are reinstalled before starting the engine. If the screen assembly was separated from the blower housing, push the upper retaining clips into the locked position.

Clean the cooling fins of the radiator with a soft brush or blow out using clean, compressed air. See Figure 22. **Do not** use a high pressure washer to clean, to avoid damaging the cooling fins.

NOTE: Operating the engine with a blocked air intake screen, dirty or plugged radiator cooling fins, and/or cooling shrouds removed, will cause engine damage due to overheating.

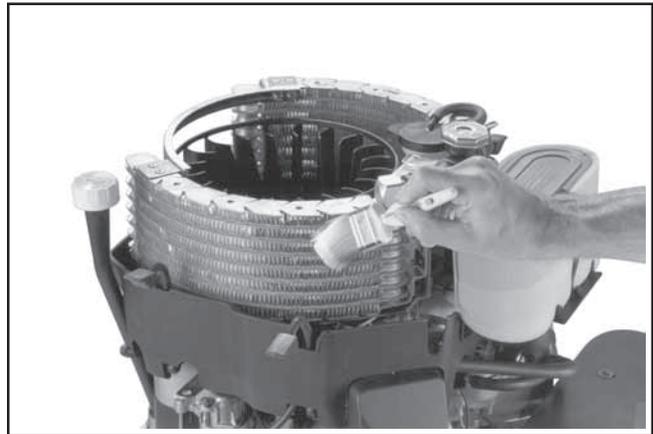


Figure 22. Clean Radiator Cooling Fins.

Ignition System

This engine is equipped with an electronic CD ignition system. Other than periodically checking/replacing the spark plugs, no maintenance or adjustments are necessary or possible with this system.

In the event starting problems should occur which are not corrected by replacing the spark plugs, see your Kohler Engine Service Dealer for trouble analysis.

Check Spark Plugs

Annually or every **200 hours** of operation (whichever comes first), remove the spark plugs, check condition, and reset the gap or replace with new plugs as necessary. Every **500 hours** of operation replace the spark plugs. The standard spark plug is a Champion® RC14YC (Kohler Part No. **66 132 01-S**). Equivalent alternate brand plugs can also be used.

1. Before removing the spark plug, clean the area around the base of the plug to keep dirt and debris out of the engine.
2. Remove the plug and check its condition. Replace the plug if worn or reuse is questionable.

NOTE: Do not clean the spark plug in a machine using abrasive grit. Some grit could remain in the spark plug and enter the engine causing extensive wear and damage.

3. Check the gap using a wire feeler gauge. Adjust the gap to **0.76 mm (0.030 in.)** by carefully bending the ground electrode. See Figure 23.
4. Reinstall the spark plug into the cylinder head. Torque the spark plug to **24.4-29.8 N·m (18-22 ft. lb.)**.

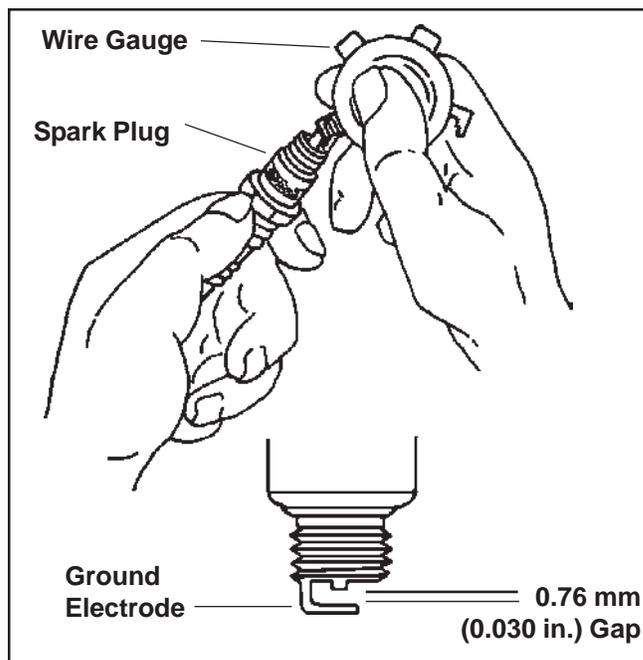


Figure 23. Servicing Spark Plug.

Battery Charging



WARNING: Explosive Gas!

Batteries produce explosive hydrogen gas while being charged. To prevent a fire or explosion, charge batteries only in well ventilated areas. Keep sparks, open flames, and other sources of ignition away from the battery at all times. Keep batteries out of the reach of children. Remove all jewelry when servicing batteries.

Before disconnecting the negative (-) ground cable, make sure all switches are OFF. If ON, a spark will occur at the ground cable terminal which could cause an explosion if hydrogen gas or gasoline vapors are present.

NOTE: Do not apply 12 volt DC to kill terminal of ignition module.

Fuel Filter

Most engines are equipped with an in-line fuel filter. Periodically inspect the filter and replace every **200 operating hours**. Use a genuine Kohler filter, Part No. **24 050 02-S**.

Carburetor Troubleshooting and Adjustments

In compliance with the government emission standards, the carburetor is calibrated to deliver the correct fuel-to-air mixture to the engine under all operating conditions. The carburetor cannot be adjusted, except for low idle speed (RPM). Carburetor servicing is to be performed by an authorized Kohler Engine Service Dealer only. See Figure 24.

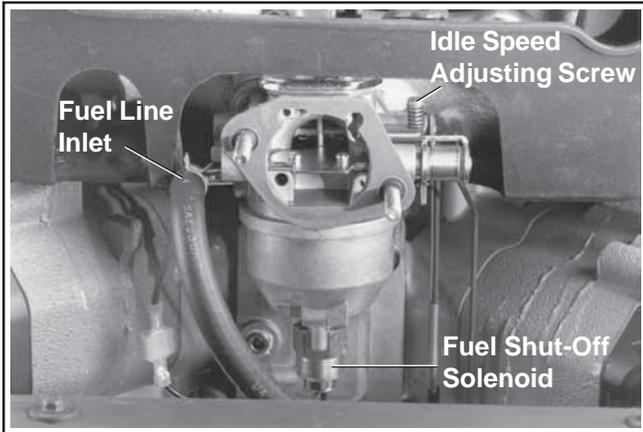


Figure 24. Carburetor.

Troubleshooting

If engine troubles are experienced that appear to be fuel system related, check the following areas before adjusting the carburetor.

- Make sure the fuel tank is filled with clean, fresh gasoline.
- Make sure the fuel tank cap vent is not blocked and that it is operating properly.
- If the fuel tank is equipped with a shut-off valve, make sure it is open.
- If the engine is equipped with an in-line fuel filter, make sure it is clean. Replace the filter if it is dirty or restricted.

- Make sure fuel is reaching the carburetor. This includes checking the fuel lines and fuel pump for restrictions or faulty components, replace as necessary.
- Make sure the air cleaner element and precleaner are clean and properly secured.
- Make sure the air intake screen, blower housing, and cooling surfaces of radiator are clean and free of dirt and debris.
- Make sure cooling system is filled to the proper level.

If, after checking the items listed above, the engine is hard to start, runs roughly, or stalls at low idle speed, it may be necessary to adjust or service the carburetor.

Adjust Carburetor

Start the engine and run at half throttle for 5 to 10 minutes to warm up. The engine must be warm before making final settings.

Low idle speed (RPM) setting:

1. Place the throttle control into the “idle” or “slow” position. Set the low idle speed to **1200 RPM*** (± 75 RPM) by turning the low idle speed adjusting screw **in or out**. Check the speed using a tachometer.

*NOTE: The actual low idle speed depends on the application – refer to equipment manufacturers recommendations. The standard low idle speed is 1200 RPM.

2. If proper operation is not restored after adjusting the low idle speed, carburetor servicing by an authorized Kohler Engine Service Dealer may be required.

Troubleshooting

When troubles occur, be sure to check the simple causes which, at first, may seem too obvious to be considered. For example, a starting problem could be caused by an empty fuel tank. Some common causes of engine troubles are listed in the following table.

Do not attempt to service or replace major engine components, or any items that require special timing or adjustment procedures. Have your Kohler Engine Service Dealer do this work.

| Possible Cause Problem | No Fuel | Improper Fuel | Dirty Air | | Incorrect Oil Level | Engine Overloaded | Dirty Air Cleaner | Faulty Spark Plug |
|---------------------------|------------|------------------|----------------------|------------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| | | | Dirt In Fuel Line | Intake Screen or Radiator | | | | |
| Will Not Start | • | • | • | | • | • | • | • |
| Hard Starting | • | • | • | | | • | • | • |
| Stops Suddenly | • | | • | • | • | • | • | • |
| Lacks Power | | • | • | • | • | • | • | • |
| Operates Erratically | | • | • | • | | • | • | • |
| Knocks or Pings | | • | • | • | | • | | • |
| Skips or Misfires | | • | • | • | | | • | • |
| Backfires | | • | • | | | • | • | • |
| Overheats | | • | • | • | • | • | • | |
| High Fuel Consumption | | | | | | • | • | • |

Storage

If the engine will be out of service for two months or more, use the following storage procedure:

1. Clean the exterior surfaces of the radiator and engine.
2. Change the oil and filter while the engine is still warm from operation. See "Change Oil and Filter" on page 9.
3. The coolant (anti-freeze) mixture should be in good condition and tested to guard against freezing in cold temperatures. The recommended equal parts mixture will normally provide protection down to temperatures of -37°C (-34°F). If storage temperatures will fall below this, the cooling system should be drained. A note should then be attached to the equipment and/or engine as a reminder to refill the cooling system before starting.
4. The fuel system must be completely emptied, or the gasoline must be treated with a stabilizer to prevent deterioration. If you choose to use a stabilizer, follow the manufacturers recommendations, and add the correct amount for the capacity of the fuel system. Fill the fuel tank with clean, fresh gasoline. Run the engine for 2-3 minutes to get stabilized fuel into the carburetor. Close fuel shut-off valve when unit is being stored or transported.

To empty the system, run the engine until the tank and system are empty.

5. Remove the spark plugs. Add one tablespoon of engine oil into each spark plug hole. Install plugs, but do not connect the plug leads. Crank the engine two or three revolutions.

6. Store the engine in a clean, dry place.

Parts Ordering

The engine Specification, Model, and Serial Numbers are required when ordering replacement parts from your Kohler Engine Service Dealer. These numbers are found on the identification plate which is affixed to the engine shrouding. Include letter suffixes if there are any. See "Engine Identification Numbers" on page 5.

Always insist on genuine Kohler parts. All genuine Kohler parts meet strict standards for fit, reliability, and performance.

Major Repair

Major repair information is available in Kohler Engine Service Manuals. However, major repair generally requires the attention of a trained mechanic and the use of special tools and equipment. Your Kohler Engine Service Dealer has the facilities, training, and genuine Kohler replacement parts necessary to perform this service. For Sales & Service assistance call 1-800-544-2444 (U.S. & Canada) or contact your Kohler Engine Dealer or Service Distributor, they're in the Yellow Pages under Engines-Gasoline.

Specifications

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|--------------------------|---|------------------------------------|
| Model: | LV625 | LV675/LV680 |
| Bore: | 3.03 (77) | 3.15 (80) |
| Stroke: | 2.64 (67) | 2.64 (67) |
| Displacement: | 38.1 (624) | 41.1 (674) |
| Power (@3600 RPM): | 20* (14.9) | 23* (17.2)/24* (17.9) |
| Max. Torque: | 35.4 (48.0) @2000 | 38.5 (52.2) @2600/40.0 (54.2)@2400 |
| Compression Ratio: | 8.5:1 | 8.5:1 |
| Dry Weight: | 108 (49) | 108 (49) |
| Oil Capacity (w/filter): | 2.0 (1.9) | 2.0 (1.9) |
| Lubrication: | Full Pressure w/full Flow Filter | |
| Coolant/Anti-Freeze: | Equal Parts of Water and Ethylene Glycol 1.47 (1.4) | |

Exhaust Emission Control System for models LV625, LV675, and LV680 is EM.

*Horsepower ratings exceed Society of Automotive Engineers Small Engine Test Code J1940. Actual engine horsepower is lower and affected by, but not limited to, accessories (air cleaner, exhaust, charging, cooling, fuel pump, etc.), application, engine speed and ambient operating conditions (temperature, humidity, and altitude). Kohler reserves the right to change product specifications, designs and equipment without notice and without incurring obligation.

LIMITED 3 YEAR KOHLER AEGIS® ENGINE WARRANTY

Kohler Co. warrants to the original retail consumer that each new KOHLER AEGIS® engine sold by Kohler Co. will be free from manufacturing defects in materials or workmanship in normal residential service for a period of three (3) years from date of purchase, provided it is operated and maintained in accordance with Kohler Co.'s instructions and manuals.

Our obligation under this warranty is expressly limited, at our option, to the replacement or repair at Kohler Co., Kohler, Wisconsin 53044, or at a service facility designated by us of such parts as inspection shall disclose to have been defective.

EXCLUSIONS:

Mufflers on engines used commercially (non-residential) are warranted for one (1) year from date of purchase, except catalytic mufflers, which are warranted for two (2) years.

This warranty does not apply to defects caused by casualty or unreasonable use, including faulty repairs by others and failure to provide reasonable and necessary maintenance.

The following items are not covered by this warranty:

Engine accessories such as fuel tanks, clutches, transmissions, power-drive assemblies, and batteries, unless supplied or installed by Kohler Co. These are subject to the warranties, if any, of their manufacturers.

KOHLER CO. AND/OR THE SELLER SHALL NOT BE LIABLE FOR SPECIAL, INDIRECT, INCIDENTAL, OR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES OF ANY KIND, including but not limited to labor costs or transportation charges in connection with the repair or replacement of defective parts.

IMPLIED OR STATUTORY WARRANTIES, INCLUDING WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY OR FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE, ARE EXPRESSLY LIMITED TO THE DURATION OF THIS WRITTEN WARRANTY. We make no other express warranty, nor is any one authorized to make any on our behalf.

Some states do not allow limitations on how long an implied warranty lasts, or the exclusion or limitation of incidental or consequential damages, so the above limitation or exclusion may not apply to you.

This warranty gives you specific legal rights, and you may also have other rights, which vary from state to state.

TO OBTAIN WARRANTY SERVICE:

Purchaser must bring the engine to an authorized Kohler service facility. To locate the nearest facility, visit our website, www.kohlerengines.com, and click on SALES AND SERVICE to use the locator function, consult your Yellow Pages or telephone 1-800-544-2444.

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KOHLER CO.
FEDERAL AND CALIFORNIA EMISSION CONTROL SYSTEMS
LIMITED WARRANTY
SMALL OFF-ROAD ENGINES

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the California Air Resources Board (CARB), and Kohler Co. are pleased to explain the Federal and California Emission Control Systems Warranty on your small off-road equipment engine. For California, engines produced in 1995 and later must be designed, built and equipped to meet the state's stringent anti-smog standards. In other states, 1997 and later model year engines must be designed, built and equipped, to meet the U.S. EPA regulations for small non-road engines. The engine must be free from defects in materials and workmanship which cause it to fail to conform with U.S. EPA standards for the first two years of engine use from the date of sale to the ultimate purchaser. Kohler Co. must warrant the emission control system on the engine for the period of time listed above, provided there has been no abuse, neglect or improper maintenance.

The emission control system may include parts such as the carburetor or fuel injection system, the ignition system, and catalytic converter. Also included are the hoses, belts and connectors and other emission related assemblies.

Where a warrantable condition exists, Kohler Co. will repair the engine at no cost, including diagnosis (if the diagnostic work is performed at an authorized dealer), parts and labor.

MANUFACTURER'S WARRANTY COVERAGE

Engines produced in 1995 or later are warranted for two years in California. In other states, 1997 and later model year engines are warranted for two years. If any emission related part on the engine is defective, the part will be repaired or replaced by Kohler Co. free of charge.

OWNER'S WARRANTY RESPONSIBILITIES

- (a) The engine owner is responsible for the performance of the required maintenance listed in the owner's manual. Kohler Co. recommends that you retain all receipts covering maintenance on the engine, But Kohler Co. cannot deny warranty solely for the lack of receipts or for your failure to assure that all scheduled maintenance was performed.
- (b) Be aware, however, that Kohler Co. may deny warranty coverage if the engine or a part has failed due to abuse, neglect, improper maintenance or unapproved modifications.
- (c) For warranty repairs, the engine must be presented to a Kohler Co. service center as soon as a problem exists. Call 1-800-544-2444 or access our web site at: www.kohlerengines.com for the names of the nearest service centers. The warranty repairs should be completed in a reasonable amount of time, not to exceed 30 days.

If you have any questions regarding warranty rights and responsibilities, you should contact Kohler Co. at 1-920-457-4441 and ask for an Engine Service representative.

COVERAGE

Kohler Co. warrants to the ultimate purchaser and each subsequent purchaser that the engine will be designed, built and equipped, at the time of sale, to meet all applicable regulations. Kohler Co. also warrants to the initial purchaser and each subsequent purchaser, that the engine is free from defects in materials and workmanship which cause the engine to fail to conform with applicable regulations for a period of two years.

Engines produced in 1995 or later are warranted for two years in California. For 1997 and later model years, EPA requires manufacturers to warrant engines for two years in all other states. These warranty periods will begin on the date the engine is purchased by the initial purchaser. If any emission related part on the engine is defective, the part will be replaced by Kohler Co. at no cost to the owner. Kohler Co. is liable for damages to other engine components caused by the failure of a warranted part still under warranty.

Kohler Co. shall remedy warranty defects at any authorized Kohler Co. engine dealer or warranty station. Warranty repair work done at an authorized dealer or warranty station shall be free of charge to the owner if such work determines that a warranted part is defective.

Listed below are the parts covered by the Federal and California Emission Control Systems Warranty. Some parts listed below may require scheduled maintenance and are warranted up to the first scheduled replacement point for that part. The warranted parts are:

- Oxygen sensor (if equipped)
- Intake manifold (if equipped)
- Exhaust manifold (if equipped)
- Catalytic muffler (if equipped)
- Fuel metering valve (if equipped)
- Spark advance module (if equipped)
- Crankcase breather
- Ignition module(s) with high tension lead
- Gaseous fuel regulator (if equipped)
- Electronic control unit (if equipped)
- Carburetor or fuel injection system
- Fuel lines (if equipped)
- Air filter, fuel filter, and spark plugs (only to first scheduled replacement point)

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LIMITATIONS

This Emission Control Systems Warranty shall not cover any of the following:

- (a) repair or replacement required because of misuse or neglect, improper maintenance, repairs improperly performed or replacements not conforming to Kohler Co. specifications that adversely affect performance and/or durability and alterations or modifications not recommended or approved in writing by Kohler Co.,
- (b) replacement of parts and other services and adjustments necessary for required maintenance at and after the first scheduled replacement point,
- (c) consequential damages such as loss of time, inconvenience, loss of use of the engine or equipment, etc.,
- (d) diagnosis and inspection fees that do not result in eligible warranty service being performed, and
- (e) any add-on or modified part, or malfunction of authorized parts due to the use of add-on or modified parts.

MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR REQUIREMENTS

The owner is responsible for the proper use and maintenance of the engine. Kohler Co. recommends that all receipts and records covering the performance of regular maintenance be retained in case questions arise. If the engine is resold during the warranty period, the maintenance records should be transferred to each subsequent owner. Kohler Co. reserves the right to deny warranty coverage if the engine has not been properly maintained; however, Kohler Co. may not deny warranty repairs solely because of the lack of repair maintenance or failure to keep maintenance records.

Normal maintenance, replacement or repair of emission control devices and systems may be performed by any repair establishment or individual; however, **warranty repairs must be performed by a Kohler authorized service center.** Any replacement part or service that is equivalent in performance and durability may be used in non-warranty maintenance or repairs, and shall not reduce the warranty obligations of the engine manufacturer.



FOR SALES AND SERVICE INFORMATION
IN U.S. AND CANADA, CALL **1-800-544-2444**

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