



# **YAMAHA**



**F250  
LF250**

# **OWNER'S MANUAL**

**U.S.A. Edition**

**LIT-18626-07-16**

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## **WARNING**

**The engine exhaust from this product contains chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer, birth defects or other reproductive harm.**

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**Read this owner's manual carefully before operating your outboard motor.**

# Important manual information

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## To the owner

Thank you for choosing a Yamaha outboard motor. This Owner's Manual contains information needed for proper operation, maintenance and care. A thorough understanding of these simple instructions will help you obtain maximum enjoyment from your new Yamaha. If you have any question about the operation or maintenance of your outboard motor, please consult a Yamaha dealer.

In this Owner's Manual particularly important information is distinguished in the following ways.



The Safety Alert Symbol means ATTENTION! BECOME ALERT! YOUR SAFETY IS INVOLVED!

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### WARNING

**Failure to follow WARNING instructions could result in severe injury or death to the machine operator, a bystander, or a person inspecting or repairing the outboard motor.**

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### CAUTION:

**A CAUTION indicates special precautions that must be taken to avoid damage to the outboard motor.**

### NOTE:

A NOTE provides key information to make procedures easier or clearer.

Yamaha continually seeks advancements in product design and quality. Therefore, while this manual contains the most current product information available at the time of printing, there may be minor discrepancies between

your machine and this manual. If there is any question concerning this manual, please consult your Yamaha dealer.

### NOTE:

The F250TR, LF250TR and the standard accessories are used as a base for the explanations and illustrations in this manual. Therefore some items may not apply to every model.

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**F250, LF250**

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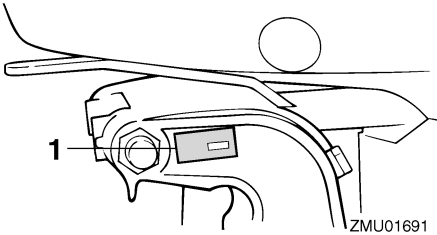
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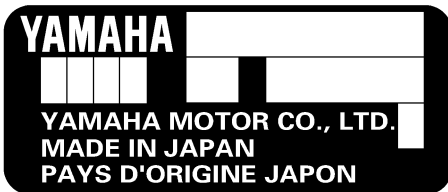
### Outboard motor serial number

The outboard motor serial number is stamped on the label attached to the port side of the clamp bracket.

Record your outboard motor serial number in the spaces provided to assist you in ordering spare parts from your Yamaha dealer or for reference in case your outboard motor is stolen.



1. Outboard motor serial number location



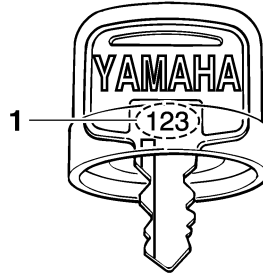
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### Key number

If a main key switch is equipped with the motor, the key identification number is stamped on your key as shown in the illustration. Record this number in the space provided for reference in case you need a new key.

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1. Key number

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## Emission control information

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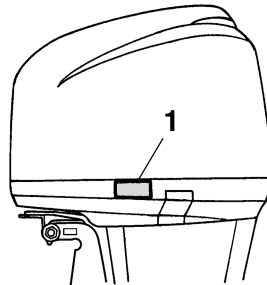
### North American models

This engine conforms to U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regulations for marine SI engines. See the label affixed to your engine for details.

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### Approval label of emission control certificate

This label is attached to the bottom cowling. New Technology; (4-stroke) MFI



1. Approval label location

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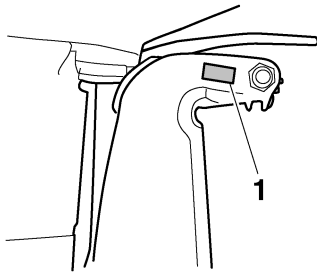
EMISSION CONTROL INFORMATION		MFI
ENGINE FAMILY : _____		
THIS ENGINE CONFORMS TO _____ CALIFORNIA AND U.S. EPA EMISSION REGULATIONS FOR SI MARINE ENGINES. REFER TO THE OWNER'S MANUAL FOR MAINTENANCE SPECIFICATIONS AND ADJUSTMENTS.		
FEL : _____ g/kw-hr	IDLE SPEED : _____ %	rpm IN NEUTRAL
SPARK PLUG : _____	SPARK PLUG GAP (mm) : _____	
DISPLACEMENT : _____ cm³	FUEL : GASOLINE	
ADVERTISED POWER : _____ kw	VALVE LASH (mm) IN : _____	EX : _____
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### Manufactured date label

This label is attached to the clamp bracket or the swivel bracket.



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1. Manufactured date label location

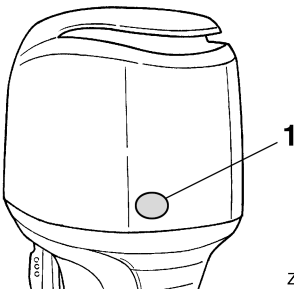
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### Star labels

Your outboard motor is labeled with a California Air Resources Board (CARB) star label. See below for a description of your particular label.



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1. Star labels location

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### One Star—Low Emission

The one-star label identifies engines that meet the Air Resources Board's 2001 exhaust emission standards. Engines meeting these standards have 75% lower emissions than conventional carbureted two-stroke engines. These engines are equivalent to the U.S. EPA's 2006 standards for marine engines.



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### Two Stars—Very Low Emission

The two-star label identifies engines that meet the Air Resources Board's 2004 exhaust emission standards. Engines meeting these standards have 20% lower emissions than One Star-Low-Emission engines.





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## Three Stars—Ultra Low Emission

The three-star label identifies engines that meet the Air Resources Board's 2008 exhaust emission standards. Engines meeting these standards have 65% lower emissions than One Star-Low-Emission engines.



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## Safety information

- Before mounting or operating the outboard motor, read this entire manual. Reading it should give you an understanding of the motor and its operation.
- Before operating the boat, read any owner's or operator's manuals supplied with it and all labels. Be sure you understand each item before operating.
- Do not overpower the boat with this outboard motor. Overpowering the boat could result in loss of control. The rated power of the outboard should be equal to or less than the rated horsepower capacity of the boat. If the rated horsepower capacity of the boat is unknown, consult the dealer or boat manufacturer.
- Do not modify the outboard. Modifications could make the motor unfit or unsafe to use.
- Incorrect propeller selection and incorrect use may not only cause engine damage, but also adversely affect fuel consumption. Consult your dealer for correct use.
- Never operate after drinking alcohol or taking drugs. About 50% of all boating fatalities involve intoxication.
- Have an approved personal flotation device (PFD) on board for every occupant. It is a good idea to wear a PFD whenever boating. At a minimum, children and non-swimmers should always wear PFDs, and everyone should wear PFDs when there are potentially hazardous boating conditions.
- Gasoline is highly flammable, and its vapors are flammable and explosive. Handle and store gasoline carefully. Make sure there are no gas fumes or leaking fuel before starting the engine.
- This product emits exhaust gases which contain carbon monoxide, a colorless, odorless gas which may cause brain damage or death when inhaled. Symptoms include nausea, dizziness, and drowsiness. Keep cockpit and cabin areas well ventilated. Avoid blocking exhaust outlets.
- Check throttle, shift, and steering for proper operation before starting the engine.
- Attach the engine stop switch lanyard cord to a secure place on your clothing, or your arm or leg while operating. If you accidentally leave the helm, the cord will pull from the switch, stopping the engine.

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- Know the marine laws and regulations where you will be boating—and obey them. For basic boating rules, see “Rules of the road” on page 5.
- Stay informed about the weather. Check weather forecasts before boating. Avoid boating in hazardous weather.
- Tell someone where you are going: leave a Float Plan with a responsible person. Be sure to cancel the Float Plan when you return.
- Use common sense and good judgment when boating. Know your abilities, and be sure you understand how your boat handles under the different boating conditions you may encounter. Operate within your limits, and the limits of your boat. Always operate at safe speeds, and keep a careful watch for obstacles and other traffic.
- Always watch carefully for swimmers during the engine operation.
- Stay away from swimming areas.
- When a swimmer is in the water near you shift into neutral and shut off the engine.
- Do not illegally discard empty containers used to replace or replenish oil. For the correct processing of empty containers, consult the dealer where you purchased the oil.
- When replacing oils used to lubricate the product (engine or gear oil), be sure to wipe away any spilt oil. Never pour oil without using a funnel or similar device. If necessary, verify the necessary replacement procedure with the dealer.
- Never illegally discard (dump) the product. Yamaha recommends consulting the dealer on discarding the product.

Be informed about boating safety. Additional publications and information can be obtained from many organizations, including the following:

## **United States Coast Guard**

Consumer Affairs Staff (G-BC)

Office of Boating, Public, and Consumer Affairs

U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters

Washington, D.C. 20593-0001

Boating Safety Hotline: 1-800-368-5647

## **National Marine Manufacturers Association (NMMA)**

401 N. Michigan Ave.

Chicago, IL 60611

## **Marine Retailers Association of America**

155 N. Michigan Ave.

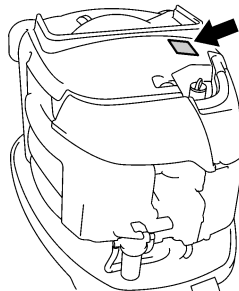
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## **Important labels**

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## **Warning labels**



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## **Label**

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## **WARNING**

- Be sure shift control is in neutral before starting engine. (except 2HP)
- Do not touch or remove electrical parts when starting or during operation.
- Keep hands, hair, and clothes away from flywheel and other rotating parts while engine is running.

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## Label (counter rotation models)

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### WARNING

**Use only a counterclockwise rotation propeller with this engine.**

**Counterclockwise propellers are marked with a letter “L” after the size indication.**

**The wrong type of propeller could cause the boat to go in an unexpected direction, which could lead to an accident.**

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## Basic boating rules (Rules of the road)

Just as there are rules which apply when you are driving on streets and high ways, there are waterway rules which apply when you are driving your boat. These rules are used internationally, and are also enforced by the United States Coast Guard and local agencies. You should be aware of these rules, and follow them whenever you encounter another vessel on the water.

Several sets of rules prevail according to geographic location, but are all basically the same as the International Rules of the Road. The rules presented here in your Owner's Manual are condensed, and have been provided for your convenience only. Consult your local U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary or Department of Motor Vehicles for a complete set of rules governing the waters in which you will be using your boat.

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## Steering and sailing rules and sound signals

Whenever two vessels on the water meet one another, one vessel has the right-of-way; it is called the “stand-on” vessel. The vessel which does not have the right-of-way is called

the “give-way” or “burdened” vessel. These rules determine which vessel has the right-of-way, and what each vessel should do.

### Stand-on vessel

The vessel with the right-of-way has the duty to continue its course and speed, except to avoid an immediate collision. When you maintain your direction and speed, the other vessel will be able to determine how best to avoid you.

### Give-way vessel

The vessel which does not have the right-of-way has the duty to take positive and timely action to stay out of the way of the Stand-On vessel. Normally, you should not cross in front of the vessel with the right-of-way. You should slow down or change directions briefly and pass behind the other vessel. You should always move in such a way that the operator of the other vessel can see what you are doing.

### “The general prudential rule”

This rule is called Rule 2 in the International Rules and says,

“In obeying and construing these rules due regard shall be had to all dangers of navigation and collision, and to any special circumstances, which may render a departure from the above rules necessary in order to avoid immediate danger.”

In other words, follow the standard rules except when a collision will occur unless both vessels try to avoid each other. If that is the case, both vessels become “Give-Way” vessels.

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## Rules when encountering vessels

There are three main situations which you may encounter with other vessels which could lead to a collision unless the Steering Rules are followed:

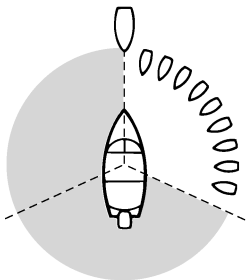
**Meeting:** (you are approaching another vessel head-on)

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**Crossing:** (you are traveling across the other vessel's path)

**Overtaking:** (you are passing or being passed by another vessel)

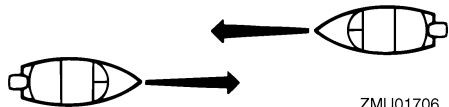
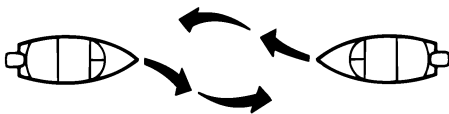
In the following illustration, your boat is in the center. You should give the right-of-way to any vessels shown in white area (you are the Give-Way vessel). Any vessels in the shaded area must yield to you (they are the Give-Way vessels). Both you and the meeting vessel must alter course to avoid each other.



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## Meeting

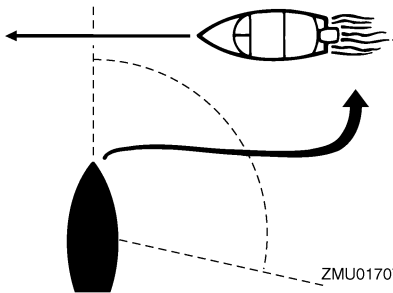
If you are meeting another power vessel head on, and are close enough to run the risk of collision, neither of you has the right-of-way! Both of you should alter course to avoid an accident. You should keep the other vessel on your port (left) side. This rule doesn't apply if both of you will clear one another if you continue on your set course and speed.



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## Crossing

When two power driven vessels are crossing each other's path close enough to run the risk of collision, the vessel which has the other on the starboard (right) side must keep out of the way of the other. If the other vessel is on your right, you must keep out of its way; you are the Give-Way vessel. If the other vessel is on your port (left) side, remember that you should maintain course and direction, provided the other vessel gives you the right-of-way as it should.



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## Overtaking

If you are passing another vessel, you are the "Give-Way" vessel. This means that the other vessel is expected to maintain its course and speed. You must stay out of its way until you are clear of it. Likewise, if another vessel is passing you, you should maintain your speed and direction so that the other vessel can steer itself around you.

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## Other special situations

There are three other rules you should be aware of when driving your boat around other vessels.

### Narrow channels and bends

When navigating in narrow channels, you should keep to the right when it is safe and practical to do so. If the operator of a power-driven vessel is preparing to go around a bend that may obstruct the view of other water

vessels, the operator should sound a prolonged blast on the whistle (4 to 6 seconds). If another vessel is around the bend, it too should sound the whistle. Even if no reply is heard, however, the vessel should still proceed around the bend with caution. If you navigate such waters with your boat, you will need to carry a portable air horn, available from local marine supply stores.

## **Fishing vessel right-of-way**

All vessels which are fishing with nets, lines or trawls are considered to be “fishing vessels” under the International Rules. Vessels with trolling lines are not considered fishing vessels. Fishing vessels have the right-of-way regardless of position. Fishing vessels cannot, however, impede the passage of other vessels in narrow channels.

## **Sailing vessel right-of-way**

Sailing vessels should normally be given the right-of-way. The exceptions to this are:

1. When the sailing vessel is overtaking the power-driven vessel, the power-driven vessel has the right-of-way.
2. Sailing vessels should keep clear of any fishing vessel.
3. In a narrow channel, a sailing vessel should not hamper the safe passage of a power-driven vessel which can navigate only in such a channel.

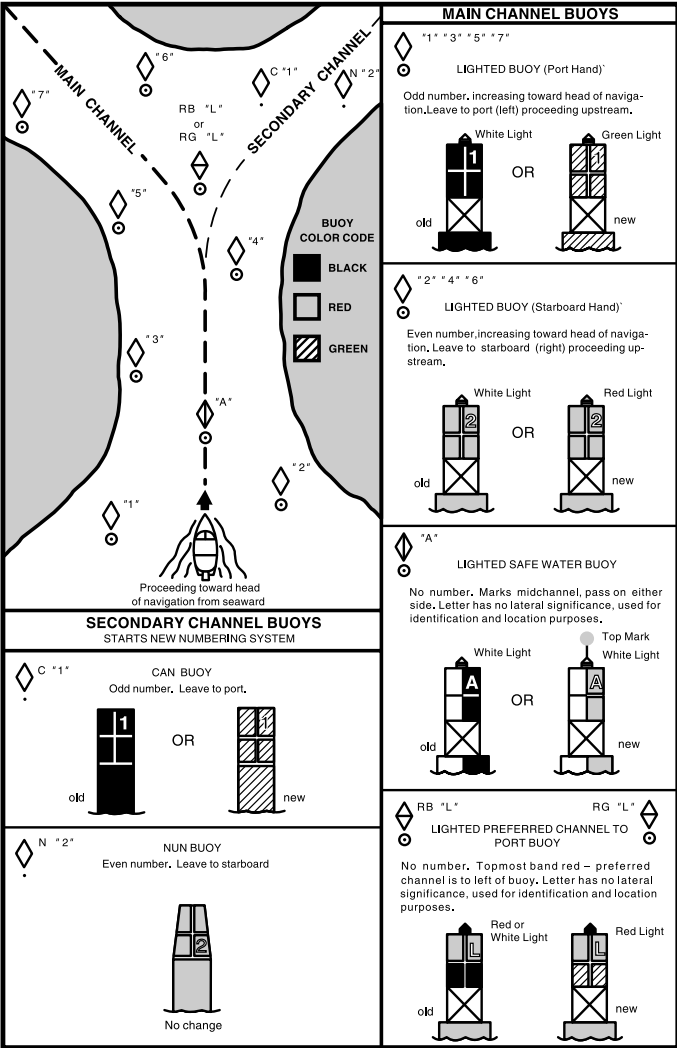
## **Reading buoys and other markers**

The waters of the United States are marked for safe navigation by the lateral system of buoyage. Simply put, buoys and markers have an arrangement of shapes, colors, numbers and lights to show which side of the buoy a boater should pass on when navigating in a particular direction. The markings on these buoys are oriented from the perspective of being entered from seaward (the boater is going towards the port). This means that red buoys are passed on the starboard (right) side when

proceeding from open water into port, and black buoys are to port (left) side. When navigating out of port, your position with respect to the buoys should be reversed; red buoys should be to port and black buoys to starboard.

Many bodies of water used by boaters are entirely within the boundaries of a particular state. The Uniform State Waterway Marking System has been devised for these waters. This system uses buoys and signs with distinctive shapes and colors to show regulatory or advisory information. These markers are white with black letters and orange boarders. They signify speed zones, restricted areas, danger areas, and general information. Remember, markings may vary by geographic location. Always consult local boating authorities before driving your boat in unfamiliar waters.

# General information



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## Fueling instructions

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**WARNING**

**GASOLINE AND ITS VAPORS ARE HIGHLY FLAMMABLE AND EXPLOSIVE!**

- Do not smoke when refueling, and keep away from sparks, flames, or other sources of ignition.
- Stop engine before refueling.
- Refuel in a well-ventilated area. Refuel portable fuel tanks off the boat.

# General information

- Take care not to spill gasoline. If gasoline spills, wipe it up immediately with dry rags.
- Do not overfill the fuel tank.
- Tighten the filler cap securely after refueling.
- If you should swallow some gasoline, inhale a lot of gasoline vapor, or get gasoline in your eyes, get immediate medical attention.
- If any gasoline spills onto your skin, immediately wash with soap and water. Change clothing if gasoline spills on it.
- Touch the fuel nozzle to the filler opening or funnel to help prevent electrostatic sparks.

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## CAUTION:

Use only new clean gasoline which has been stored in clean containers and is not contaminated with water or foreign matter.

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## Gasoline

Recommended gasoline:  
Premium unleaded gasoline with a minimum octane rating of 89 (Pump Octane Number) =  $(R+M)/2$

## Gasohol

There are two types of gasohol: gasohol containing ethanol and that containing methanol. Gasohol containing ethanol can be used if ethanol content does not exceed 10% and the fuel meets minimum octane ratings. Yamaha does not recommend gasohol containing methanol because it can cause fuel system damage or engine performance problems.


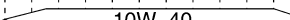
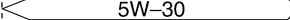
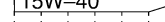
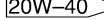
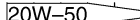
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## Engine oil

Recommended engine oil:  
YAMALUBE 4-M FC-W oil or 4-stroke motor oil with a combination of the following SAE and API oil classifications  
Engine oil type SAE:  
10W-30 or 10W-40  
Engine oil grade API:  
SE, SF, SG, SH, SJ, SL  
Engine oil quantity (excluding oil filter):  
5.6 L (5.92 US qt) (4.93 Imp.qt)

## NOTE:

If the recommended engine oil grades are not available, select an alternative from the following chart according to the average temperatures in your area.

SAE								API	
-4	14	32	50	68	86	104	122°F		
-20	-10	0	10	20	30	40	50°C		
								SE	
								SF	
								SG	
								SH	
								SJ	
								SL	
								SH	
									SJ
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## CAUTION:

All 4-stroke engines are shipped from the factory without engine oil.

# General information



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## Battery requirement

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### CAUTION:

**Do not use a battery that does not meet the specified capacity. If a battery which does not meet specifications is used, the electric system could perform poorly or be overloaded, causing electric system damage.**

For electric start models, choose a battery which meets the following specifications.

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### Battery specifications

Minimum cold cranking amps (CCA/SAE):
512.0 A
Minimum marine cranking amps (MCA/ABYC):
675.0 A
Minimum reserve capacity (RC/SAE):
182 minutes

### NOTE:

The engine cannot be started if battery voltage is too low.

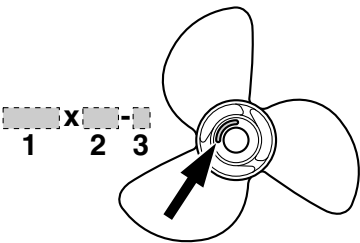
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## Propeller selection

The performance of your outboard motor will be critically affected by your choice of propeller, as an incorrect choice could adversely affect performance and could also seriously

damage the motor. Engine speed depends on the propeller size and boat load. If engine speed is too high or too low for good engine performance, this will have an adverse effect on the engine.

Yamaha outboard motors are fitted with propellers chosen to perform well over a range of applications, but there may be uses where a propeller with a different pitch would be more appropriate. For a greater operating load, a smaller-pitch propeller is more suitable as it enables the correct engine speed to be maintained. Conversely, a larger-pitch propeller is more suitable for a smaller operating load. Yamaha dealers stock a range of propellers, and can advise you and install a propeller on your outboard that is best suited to your application.



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1. Propeller diameter in inches
2. Propeller pitch in inches
3. Type of propeller (propeller mark)

### NOTE:

Select a propeller which will allow the engine to reach the middle or upper half of the operating range at full throttle with the maximum boat load. If operating conditions such as light boat loads then allow the engine r/min to rise above the maximum recommended range, reduce the throttle setting to maintain the engine in the proper operating range.



For instructions on propeller removal and installation, see page 61.

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## **Start-in-gear protection**

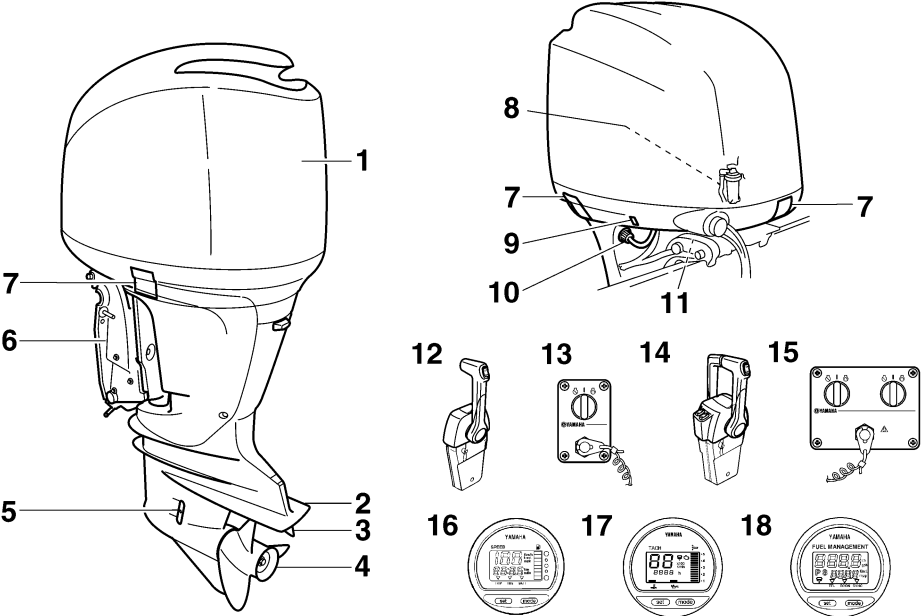
Yamaha outboard motors or Yamaha-approved remote control units are equipped with start-in-gear protection device(s). This feature permits the engine to be started only when it is in neutral. Always select neutral before starting the engine.

# Basic components

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## Main components

**NOTE:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\* May not be exactly as shown; also may not be included as standard equipment on all models.

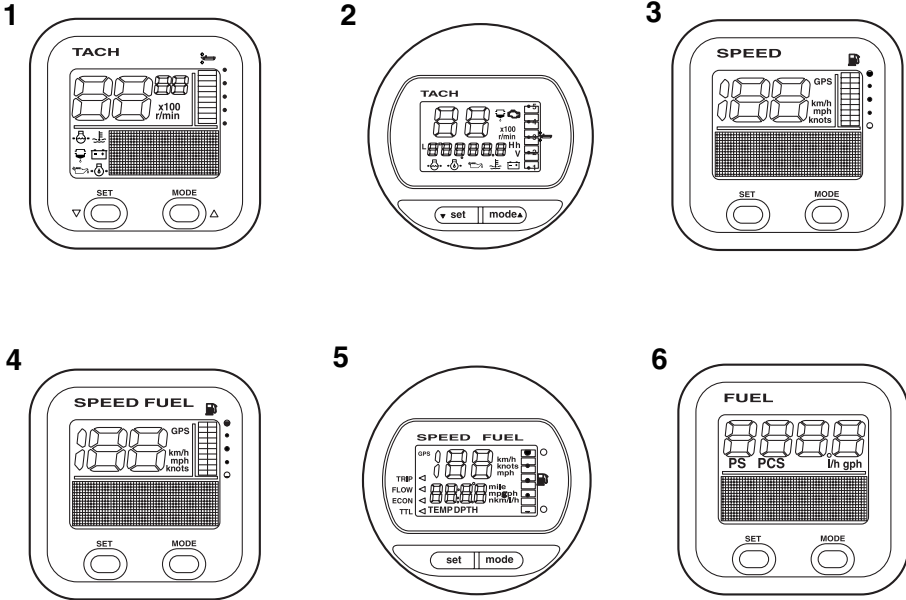


ZMU05148

- 1. Top cowling
- 2. Anti-cavitation plate
- 3. Trim tab (anode)
- 4. Propeller\*
- 5. Cooling water inlet
- 6. Clamp bracket
- 7. Top cowling lock lever(s)
- 8. Water separator
- 9. Power trim and tilt switch
- 10. Flushing device
- 11. Tilt support lever
- 12. Remote control box (binnacle mount type)\*
- 13. Switch panel (for use with binnacle type)\*
- 14. Remote control box (binnacle mount type)\*
- 15. Switch panel (for use with binnacle type)\*
- 16. Digital speedometer\*

- 17. Digital tachometer\*
- 18. Fuel management meter\*

# Basic components



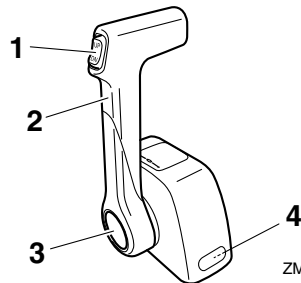
ZMU05429

1. Tachometer unit (Square type)\*
2. Tachometer unit (Round type)\*
3. Speedometer unit (Square type)\*
4. Speed & fuel meter unit (Square type)\*
5. Speed & fuel meter unit (Round type)\*
6. Fuel management meter (Square type)\*

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## Remote control

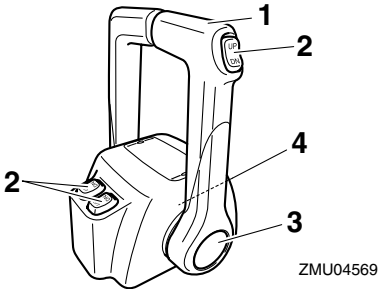
The remote control lever actuates both the shifter and the throttle. The electrical switches are mounted on the remote control box.



ZMU04572

1. Power trim and tilt switch
2. Remote control lever
3. Free accelerator
4. Throttle friction adjuster

# Basic components

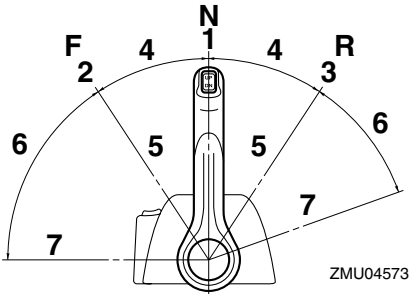


- 1. Remote control lever
- 2. Power trim and tilt switch
- 3. Free accelerator
- 4. Throttle friction adjuster

EMU26190

## Remote control lever

Moving the lever forward from the neutral position engages forward gear. Pulling the lever back from neutral engages reverse. The engine will continue to run at idle until the lever is moved about 35° (a detent can be felt). Moving the lever farther opens the throttle, and the engine will begin to accelerate.

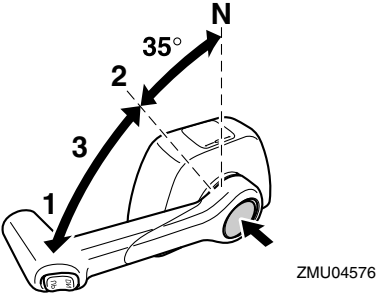


- 1. Neutral "N"
- 2. Forward "F"
- 3. Reverse "R"
- 4. Shift
- 5. Fully closed
- 6. Throttle
- 7. Fully open

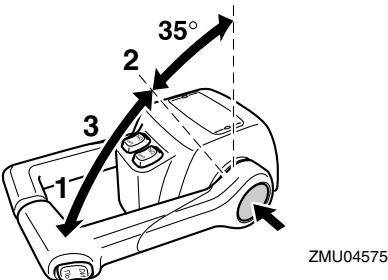
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## Free accelerator

To open the throttle without shifting into either forward or reverse, push the free accelerator button and move the remote control lever.



- 1. Fully open
- 2. Fully closed
- 3. Free accelerator



- 1. Fully open
- 2. Fully closed
- 3. Free accelerator

## NOTE:

- The free accelerator button can only be used when the remote control lever is in the neutral position.
- After the button is pushed, the throttle begins to open after the remote control lever is moved at least 35°.
- After using the free accelerator, return the remote control lever to the neutral position. The free accelerator button will return auto-

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matically to its set position. The remote control will then engage forward and reverse normally.

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## Throttle friction adjuster

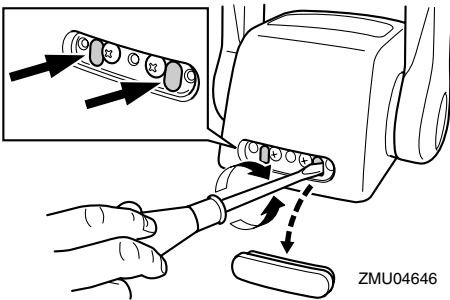
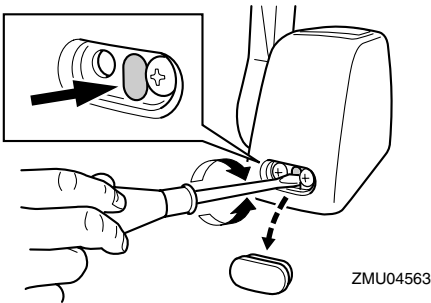
A friction device provides adjustable resistance to movement of the throttle grip or the remote control lever, and can be set according to operator preference.

To increase resistance, turn the adjuster clockwise. To decrease resistance, turn the adjuster counterclockwise.

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### WARNING

**Do not overtighten the friction adjuster. If there is too much resistance, it could be difficult to move the remote control lever or throttle grip, which could result in an accident.**



When constant speed is desired, tighten the adjuster to maintain the desired throttle setting.

EMU25990

## Engine stop lanyard switch

The lock plate must be attached to the engine stop switch for the engine to run. The lanyard should be attached to a secure place on the operator's clothing, or arm or leg. Should the operator fall overboard or leave the helm, the lanyard will pull out the lock plate, stopping ignition to the engine. This will prevent the boat from running away under power.

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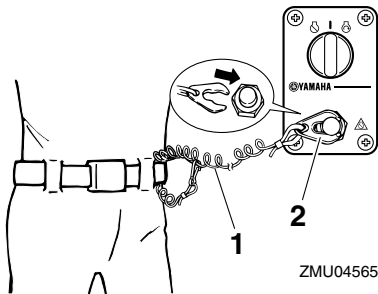
### WARNING

- **Attach the engine stop switch lanyard to a secure place on your clothing, or your arm or leg while operating.**
- **Do not attach the lanyard to clothing that could tear loose. Do not route the lanyard where it could become entangled, preventing it from functioning.**
- **Avoid accidentally pulling the lanyard during normal operation. Loss of engine power means the loss of most steering control. Also, without engine power, the boat could slow rapidly. This could cause people and objects in the boat to be thrown forward.**

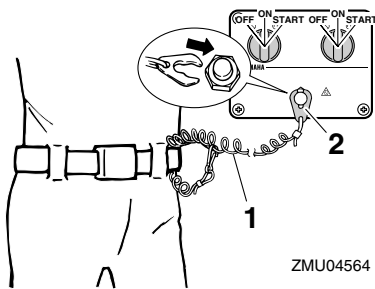
### NOTE:

The engine cannot be started with the lock plate removed.

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- 1. Lanyard
- 2. Lock plate



- 1. Lanyard
- 2. Lock plate

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## Main switch

The main switch controls the ignition system; its operation is described below.

### ● “OFF” (off)

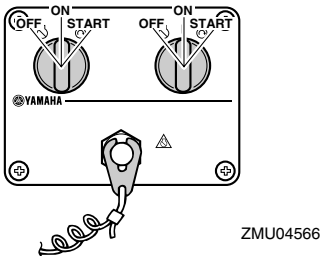
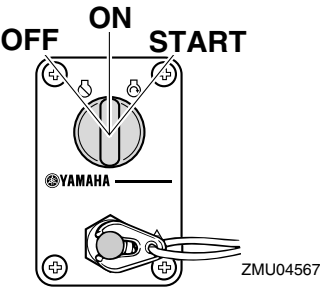
With the main switch in the “OFF” (off) position, the electrical circuits are off, and the key can be removed.

### ● “ON” (on)

With the main switch in the “ON” (on) position, the electrical circuits are on, and the key cannot be removed.

### ● “START” (start)

With the main switch in the “START” (start) position, the starter motor turns to start the engine. When the key is released, it returns automatically to the “ON” (on) position.

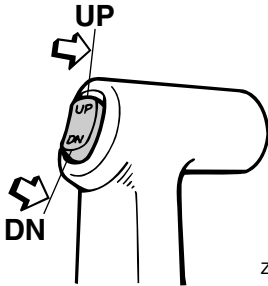


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## Power trim and tilt switch on remote control or tiller handle

The power trim and tilt system adjusts the outboard motor angle in relation to the transom. Pressing the switch “UP” (up) trims the outboard motor up, then tilts it up. Pressing the switch “DN” (down) tilts the outboard motor down and trims it down. When the switch is released, the outboard motor will stop in its current position.

**NOTE:** For instructions on using the power trim and tilt switch, see pages 41 and 43.



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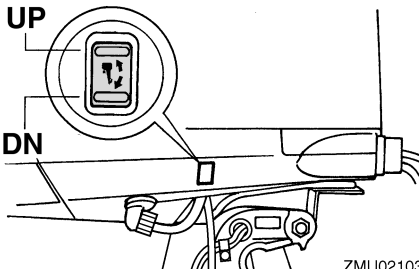
## Power trim and tilt switch on bottom engine cowling

The power trim and tilt switch is located on the side of the bottom engine cowling. Pressing the switch “UP” (up) trims the outboard motor up, then tilts it up. Pressing the switch “DN” (down) tilts the outboard motor down and trims it down. When the switch is released, the outboard motor will stop in its current position.

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### WARNING

Use the power trim and tilt switch located on the bottom engine cowling only when the boat is at a complete stop with the engine off. Attempting to use this switch while the boat is moving could increase the risk of falling overboard and could distract the operator, increasing the risk of collision with another boat or an obstacle.



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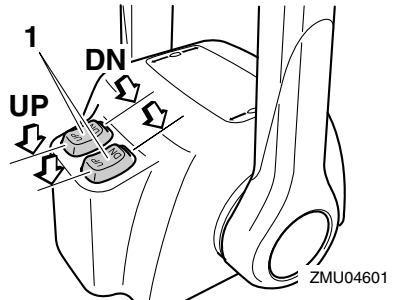
### NOTE:

For instructions on using the power trim and tilt switch, see page 43.

EMU26161

## Power trim and tilt switches (twin bin-nacle type)

The power trim and tilt system adjusts the outboard motor angle in relation to the transom. Pushing the switch “UP” (up) trims the outboard motor up, then tilts it up. Pressing the switch “DN” (down) tilts the outboard motor down and trims it down. When the switch is released, the outboard motor will stop in its current position.



ZMU04601

1. Power trim and tilt switch

### NOTE:

- On the dual engine control, the switch on the remote control grip controls both outboard motors at the same time.
- For instructions on using the power trim and tilt switches, see pages 41 and 43.

EMU26241

## Trim tab with anode

The trim tab should be adjusted so that the steering control can be turned to either the right or left by applying the same amount of force.

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## WARNING

An improperly adjusted trim tab could cause difficult steering. Always test run after the trim tab has been installed or replaced to be sure steering is correct. Be sure you have tightened the bolt after adjusting the trim tab.

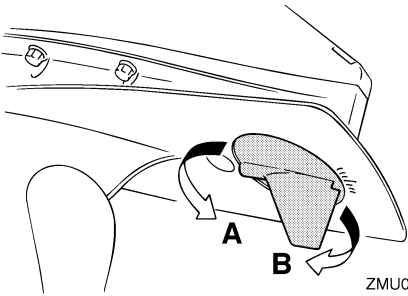
If the boat tends to veer the left (port side), turn the trim tab rear end to the port side “A” in the figure. If the boat tends to veer the right (starboard side), turn the trim tab end to the starboard side “B” in the figure.

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## CAUTION:

The trim tab also serves as an anode to protect the engine from electrochemical corrosion. Never paint the trim tab as it will become ineffective as an anode.

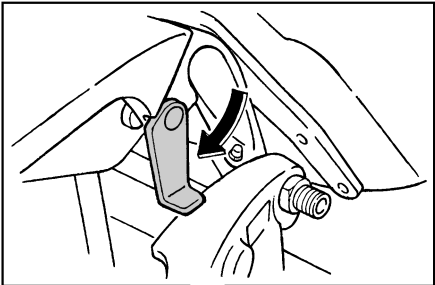
### 3. Cap



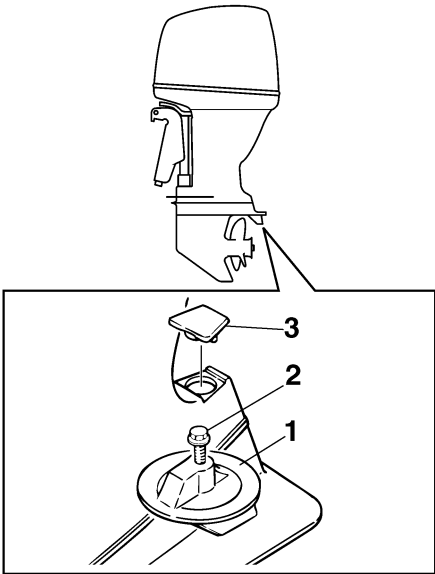
EMU26340

## Tilt support lever for power trim and tilt or hydro tilt model

To keep the outboard motor in the tilted up position, lock the tilt support lever to the clamp bracket.



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- 1. Trim tab
- 2. Bolt



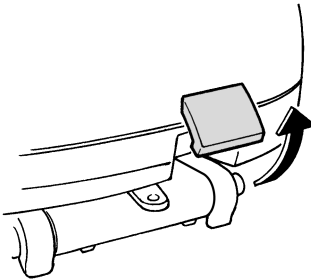
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## Top cowling lock lever (pull up type)

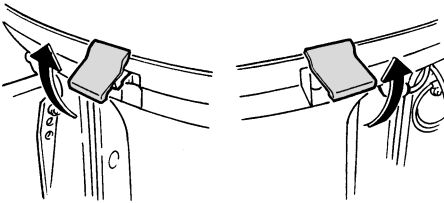
To remove the top cowling, pull up the lock lever(s) and lift off the cowling. To install the top cowling, place it in its original position, and then move the lever(s) downward to lock it in place.

### NOTE:

- When installing the cowling, check to be sure it fits properly in the rubber seal.
- Be sure to check that the gap between the top cowling and the bottom cowling is even all around the cowling. If the top cowling is loose or the gap is not even, reinstall the cowling.



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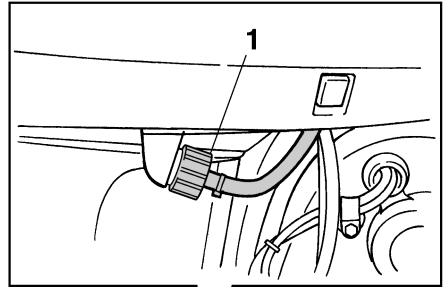
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## Flushing device

This device is used to clean the cooling water passages of the motor using a garden hose and tap water.

### NOTE:

For details on usage, see page 50.



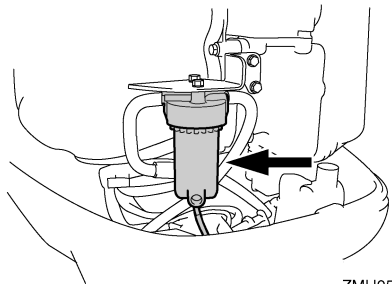
1. Flushing device

ZMU02108

EMU31702

## Water separator

This engine has a combination fuel filter/water separator and associated warning system. If water separated from the fuel exceeds a specific volume, the warning device will activate.



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Activation of warning device

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- The water separator warning indicator will blink.
- The buzzer will sound intermittently only when the gear shift is in neutral.
- If the warning system has activated, stop the engine and consult a Yamaha dealer immediately.

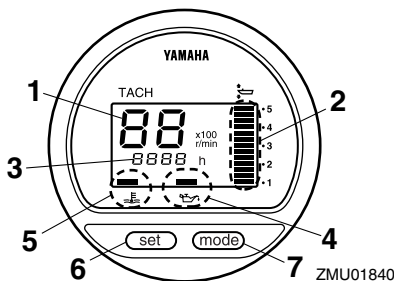
EMU31410

## Digital tachometer

The tachometer shows the engine speed and has the following functions.

### NOTE:

All segments of the display will light momentarily after the main switch is turned on and will return to normal thereafter.



1. Tachometer
2. Trim meter
3. Hour meter
4. Low oil pressure warning indicator
5. Overheat warning indicator
6. Set button
7. Mode button

### NOTE:

The water separator warning indicator and engine trouble warning indicator on the digital tachometer do not operate for this engine.

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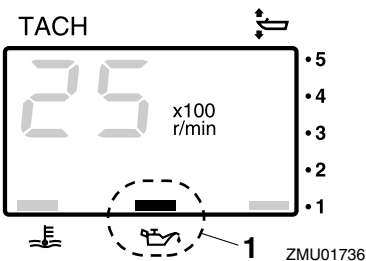
## Low oil pressure warning indicator

If oil pressure drops too low, the warning indicator will start to blink. For further information, see page 32.

ECM00020

### CAUTION:

- Do not continue to run the engine if the low oil pressure warning indicator is on and the engine oil level is lower. Serious engine damage will occur.
- The low oil pressure warning indicator does not indicate the engine oil level. Use the oil dipstick to check the remaining oil quantity. For further information, see page 36.



1. Low oil pressure warning indicator

EMU26581

## Overheat warning indicator (digital type)

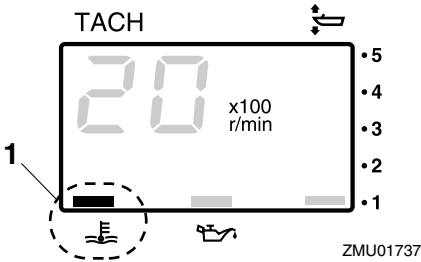
If the engine temperature rises too high, the warning indicator will start to blink. For further information on reading the indicator, see page 32.

ECM00050

### CAUTION:

Do not continue to run the engine if the overheat warning indicator is on. Serious engine damage will occur.

# Basic components

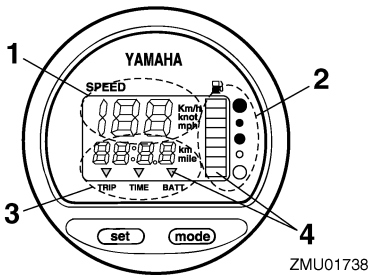


1. Overheat warning indicator

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## Speedometer (digital type)

This gauge shows the boat speed.



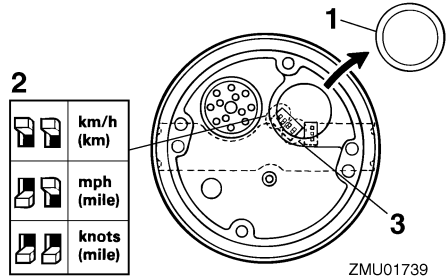
1. Speedometer
2. Fuel gauge
3. Trip meter/clock/voltmeter
4. Warning indicator(s)

### NOTE:

After the main switch is first turned on, all segments of the display come on as a test. After a few seconds, the gauge will change to normal operation. Watch the gauge when turning on the main switch to make sure all segments come on.

### NOTE:

The speedometer displays km/h, mph, or knots, according to operator preference. Select the desired unit of measurement by setting the selector switch on the back of the gauge. See the illustration for settings.



1. Cap
2. Selector switch (for speed unit)
3. Selector switch (for fuel sensor)

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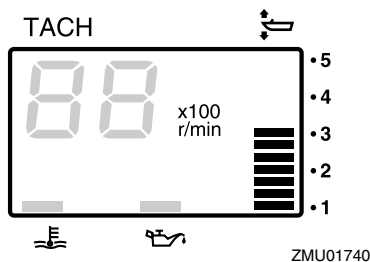
## Trim meter (digital type)

This meter shows the trim angle of your outboard motor.

### NOTE:

- Memorize the trim angles that work best for your boat under different conditions. Adjust the trim angle to the desired using the power trim and tilt switch.
- If the trim angle of your motor exceeds the trim operating range, the top segment on the trim meter display will blink.

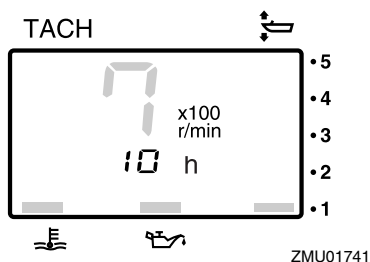
# Basic components



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## Hour meter (digital type)

This meter shows the number of hours the engine has been run. It can be set to show the total number of hours or the number of hours for the current trip. The display can also be turned on and off.



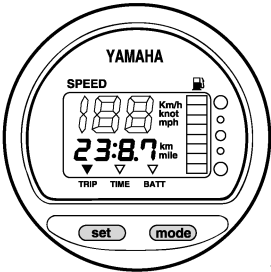
- Changing the display format  
Pressing the “mode” (mode) button changes the display format in the following pattern:  
Total hours→Trip hours→Display off
- Resetting the trip hours  
Simultaneously pressing the “set” (set) and “mode” (mode) buttons for more than 1 second while the trip hours are displayed resets the trip counter to 0 (zero).

**NOTE:** \_\_\_\_\_  
The total number of hours the engine has been run cannot be reset.

EMU26690

## Trip meter

This gauge displays the distance the boat has traveled since the gauge was last reset. Press the “mode” (mode) button repeatedly until the indicator on the face of the gauge points to “TRIP” (trip). To reset the trip meter to zero, press the “set” (set) and “mode” (mode) buttons at the same time.



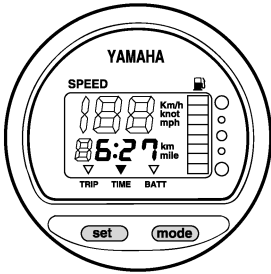
- NOTE:** \_\_\_\_\_
- The trip distance is shown in kilometers or miles depending upon the unit of measurement selected for the speedometer.
  - The trip distance is kept in memory by battery power. The stored data will be lost if the battery is disconnected.

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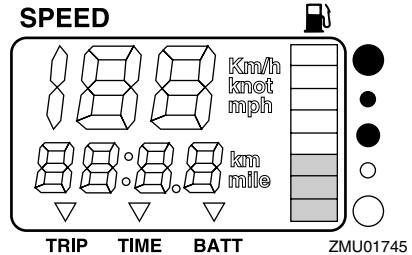
## Clock

Press the “mode” (mode) button repeatedly until the indicator on the face of the gauge points to “TIME” (time). To set the clock, be sure the gauge is in the “TIME” (time) mode. Press the “set” (set) button; the hour display will begin blinking. Press the “mode” (mode) button until the desired hour is displayed. Press the “set” (set) button again, the minute display will begin blinking. Press the “mode” (mode) button until the desired minute is displayed. Press the “set” (set) button again to start the clock.

# Basic components



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## NOTE:

The clock operates on battery power. Disconnecting the battery will stop the clock. Reset the clock after connecting the battery.

EMU26710

## Fuel gauge

The fuel level is indicated by eight segments. When all segments are showing, the fuel tank is full.

ECM00860

## CAUTION:

The Yamaha fuel tank sensor differs from conventional sensors. Incorrectly setting the selector switch on the gauge will give false readings. Consult your Yamaha dealer on how to correctly set the selector switch.

## NOTE:

The fuel level reading can be affected by the position of the sensor in the fuel tank and the attitude of the boat in the water. Operation with bow-up trim or continuous turning can give false readings.

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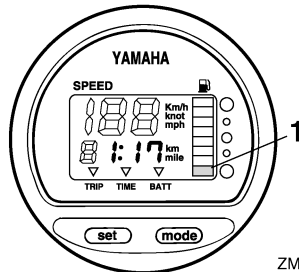
## Fuel warning indicator

If the fuel level decreases to one segment, the fuel level warning segment will begin to blink.

ECM00880

## CAUTION:

Do not continue to operate the engine with full throttle if a warning device has activated. Get back to the port within trolling engine speed.



ZMU01746

1. Fuel level warning segment

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## Low battery voltage warning indicator

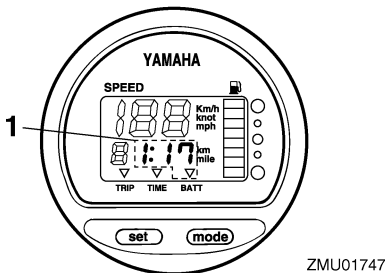
If battery voltage drops, the display will automatically turn on and begin to blink.

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## CAUTION:

Get back to the port soon if a warning device has activated. For charging the battery, consult your Yamaha dealer.

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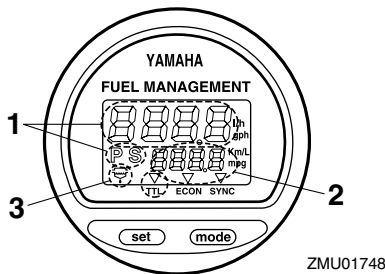


1. Low battery indicator

EMU26740

## Fuel management meter

The fuel management meter shows the state of the fuel consumption while the engine is running.



1. Fuel flow meter
2. Fuel consumption meter / Fuel economy meter / Twin engine speed synchronizer
3. Water separator warning indicator (operates only if the sensor has been installed)

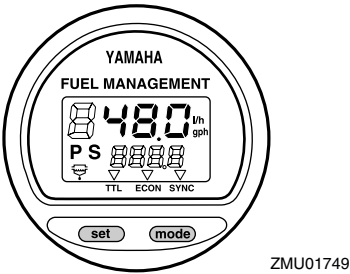
**NOTE:** After the main switch is first turned on, all segments of the display come on as a test. After a few seconds, the gauge will change to normal operation. Watch the gauge when turning on the main switch to make sure all segments come on.

EMU26750

## Fuel flow meter

The fuel flow meter displays the amount of fuel flow over a one hour period, at the current rate of engine operation.

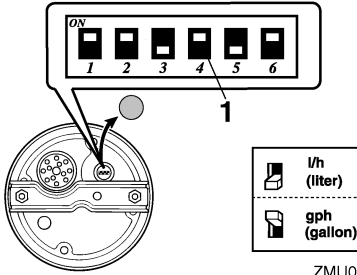
If twin engines are installed on your boat, the fuel flow meter displays the total fuel flow of both the port and starboard engines. It also displays “P S” (for port and starboard).



Use the “set” (set) button to rotate the fuel flow display in the following order:

- Press the “set” (set) button once to display the fuel flow of the starboard engine. An “S” (for starboard) will also be displayed.
- Press the “set” (set) button a second time to display the fuel flow of the port engine. A “P” (for port) will also be displayed.
- Press the “set” (set) button a third time to return the display to the total fuel flow of both engines. “P S” (for port and starboard) will also be displayed to indicate both the port and starboard engines.

**NOTE:** The fuel flow meter displays gallons/hour or liters/hour according to operator preference. Select the desired unit of measurement by setting the selector switch on the back of the gauge during installation.



1. Selector switch

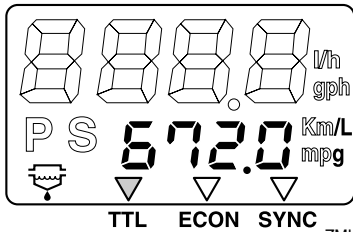
- The fuel consumption meter and fuel economy meter will indicate the same unit of measurement.

EMU26760

## Fuel consumption meter

This gauge displays the total amount of fuel consumed since the gauge was last reset. Press the “mode” (mode) button repeatedly until the indicator on the face of the gauge points to total “TTL” (total). To reset the total fuel consumption to zero, press the “set” (set) and “mode” (mode) buttons at the same time.

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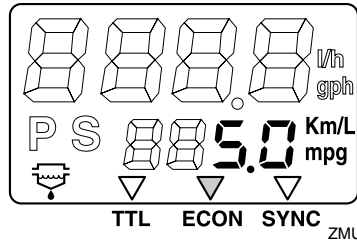


EMU26770

## Fuel economy

This gauge displays the distance per liter or gallon when cruising, and is only for reference use by the operator. Press the “mode” (mode) button repeatedly until the indicator on the face of the gauge points to “ECON” (economy).

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### NOTE:

If twin engines are installed on your boat, the gauge will only display the total fuel economy of both engines.

### NOTE:

- Fuel consumption varies greatly with boat design, weight, propeller used, engine trim angle, sea conditions (including wind), and throttle position. Fuel consumption also varies slightly with the type of water (salt, fresh, and contaminate levels), air temperature and humidity, cleanliness of the boat bottom, engine mounting height, skill of the operator, and individual gasoline formulation (winter or summer fuel and amount of additives).
- The Yamaha digital speedometer and fuel management meter calculates speed, miles traveled, and fuel economy by water movement at the stern of the boat. This distance can vary greatly from the actual distance traveled because of water currents, sea swells, and the condition of the water speed sensor (partially plugged or damaged).
- Individual engines may slightly vary in their fuel consumption due to manufacturing variations. These variations can be even greater if the engines are of different year models. In addition, variations in propellers,

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even of the same basic dimensions of the same design, can also cause a slight variation in fuel consumption.

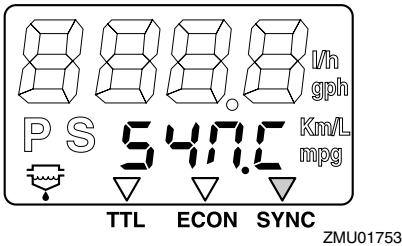
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## Twin-engine speed synchronizer

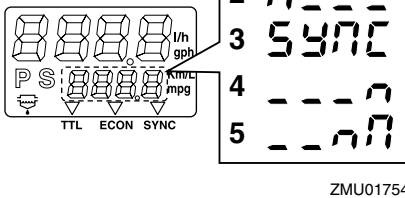
This gauge displays the difference in engine speed (r/min) between the port and starboard engines for reference purposes when synchronizing the two engines' speeds.

Press the "mode" (mode) button repeatedly until the indicator on the face of the gauge points to "SYNC" (synchronizer).

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1. Port engine speed is higher
2. Port engine speed is slightly higher
3. Engine speed is synchronized evenly between port and starboard engines
4. Starboard engine speed is slightly higher
5. Starboard engine speed is higher

## NOTE:

If the two engines' speeds are not synchronized while cruising, they can be synchronized by adjusting trim angle or throttle.

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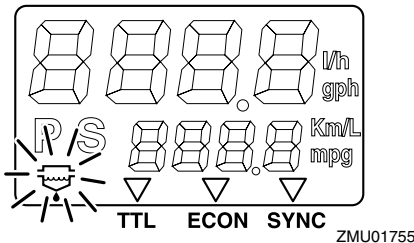
## Water separator warning indicator

This indicator will blink when water has accumulated in the water separator. In such an event, stop the engine and drain the water from the separator.

## NOTE:

This indicator only operates when a water separator sensor is equipped.

## FUEL MANAGEMENT



EMU31640

## Command link multifunction meters

Command link multifunction meters have 6 kinds of meter units; tachometer unit (square or round types), speedometer unit (square type), speed & fuel meter unit (square or round types), and fuel management meter (square type). The indicator system is slightly different between the round and square types. Check the model and type of your unit carefully. This manual describes mainly the warning indicators. For more details on setting meters or changing indicator systems, see the attached operation manual.

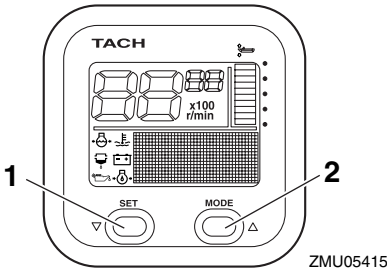


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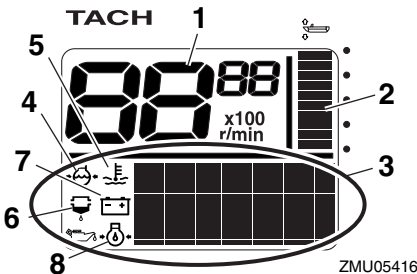
## Tachometer unit

The tachometer shows the engine revolutions per minute. It has functions of trim meter, adjusting trolling speed, cooling water/engine temperature display, battery voltage display, total hour/trip hour display, oil pressure display, water detection warning, engine trouble warning, and periodic maintenance notification. If optional sensors are connected to the unit, cooling water pressure display will be available. For the optional sensor, consult your Yamaha dealer. The tachometer unit is available in round or square types. Check your tachometer unit type.



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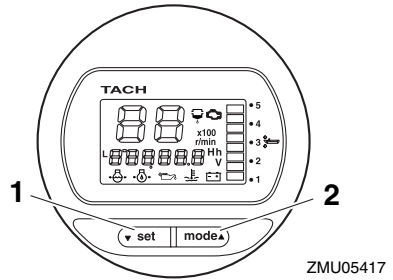
1. Set button
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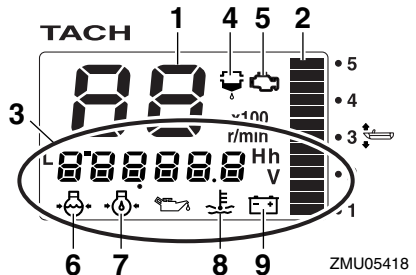
1. Tachometer
2. Trim meter
3. Multifunction display
4. Cooling water pressure
5. Cooling water/engine temperature

6. Water detection warning indicator
7. Battery voltage
8. Oil pressure (4-stroke models)



ZMU05417

1. Set button
2. Mode button



ZMU05418

1. Tachometer
2. Trim meter
3. Multifunction display
4. Water detection warning indicator
5. Engine trouble warning/maintenance indicator
6. Cooling water pressure
7. Oil pressure (4-stroke models)
8. Cooling water/engine temperature
9. Battery voltage

### NOTE:

The tachometer unit shows various kinds of information according to the setting made using the "set" (set) and "mode" (mode) buttons. For details, see the attached operation manual.

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## Preoperation checks

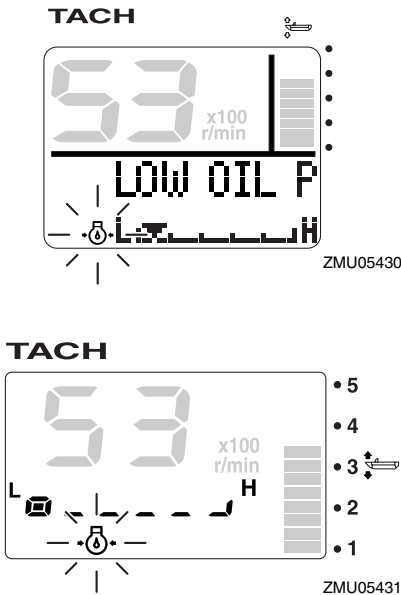
Place the gear shift lever in neutral and turn the main switch to “ON” (on). After all the displays come on and the total hour display comes on, the gauge will change to normal operation. If the buzzer sounds and the water separator warning indicator blinks, consult your Yamaha dealer immediately.

## NOTE:

To stop the buzzer, press the “set” (set) or “mode” (mode) button.

## Low oil pressure warning

When the engine oil pressure drops too low, the low oil pressure warning indicator will start to blink, and the engine speed will automatically decrease to about 2000 r/min.



Stop the engine immediately if the buzzer sounds and the low oil pressure warning indicator blinks. Check the engine oil quantity and replenish oil if necessary. If the warning de-

vice has activated while the appropriate engine oil quantity is maintained, consult your Yamaha dealer.

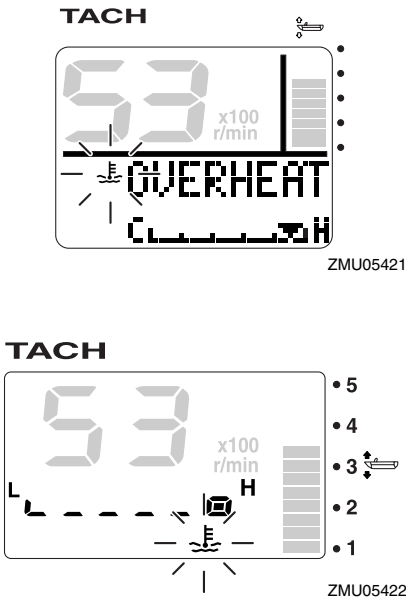
ECM01600

## CAUTION:

**Do not continue to run the engine if the low oil pressure warning device has activated. Serious engine damage will occur.**

## Overheat warning

If the engine temperature rises too high while cruising, the overheat warning indicator will start to blink. The engine speed will automatically decrease to about 2000 r/min.



Stop the engine immediately if the buzzer sounds and the overheat warning device has activated. Check the cooling water inlet for clogging.

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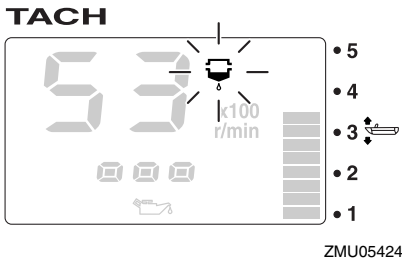
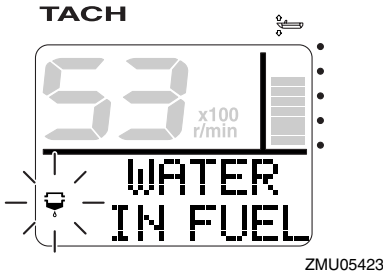
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## CAUTION:

- Do not continue to run the engine if the overheat warning indicator blinks. Serious engine damage will occur.
- Do not continue to operate the engine if a warning device has activated. Consult your Yamaha dealer if the problem cannot be located and corrected.

### Water separator warning

This indicator will blink when water has accumulated in the water separator (fuel filter) while cruising. In such an event, stop the engine immediately and see page 71 of this manual to drain the water from the fuel filter. Get back to the port soon and consult a Yamaha dealer immediately.



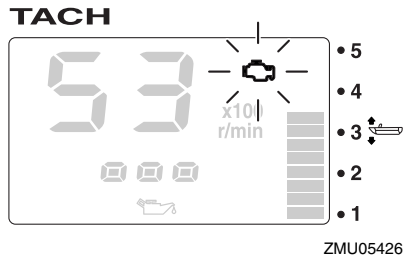
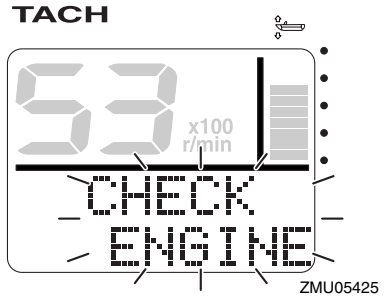
ECM00910

## CAUTION:

Gasoline mixed with water could cause damage to the engine.

### Engine trouble warning

This indicator will blink when the engine malfunctions while cruising. Get back to the port soon and consult a Yamaha dealer immediately.



ECM00920

## CAUTION:

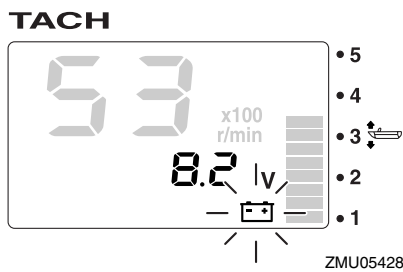
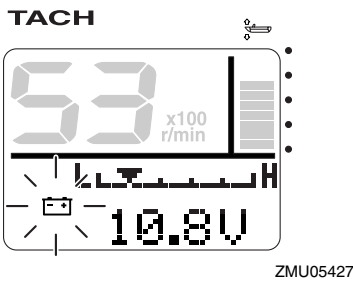
In such an event, the engine will not operate properly. Consult a Yamaha dealer immediately.

### Low battery voltage warning

When the battery voltage drops, the low battery voltage warning indicator and the battery voltage value will start to blink. Get back to the

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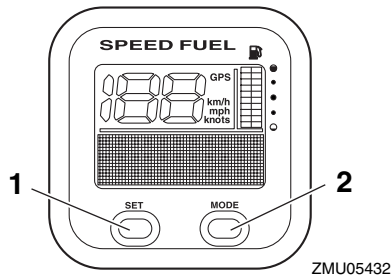
port soon if the low battery voltage warning device has activated. For charging the battery, consult your Yamaha dealer.



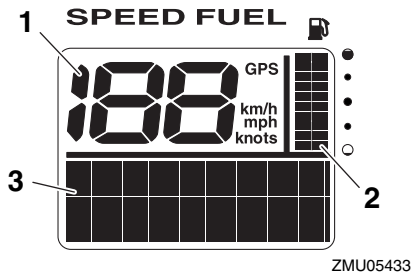
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## Speed & fuel meter unit

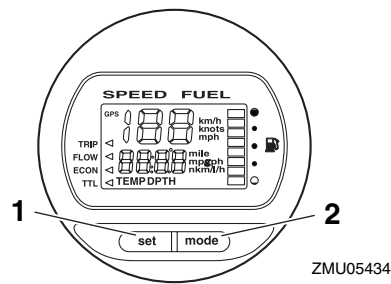
This unit shows the boat speed and has the functions of fuel meter, total fuel consumption display, fuel economy display, fuel flow display, and system voltage display. If optional sensors are connected to the unit, trip display, water surface temperature display, depth display, and clock will be available. For the optional sensor, consult your Yamaha dealer. The speed & fuel meter unit is available in round or square types. Check your speed & fuel meter unit type.



- 1. Set button
- 2. Mode button

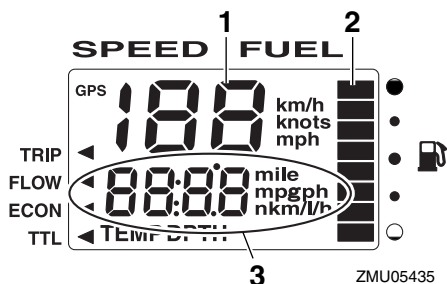


- 1. Speedometer
- 2. Fuel meter
- 3. Multifunction display



- 1. Set button
- 2. Mode button

# Basic components



1. Speedometer
2. Fuel meter
3. Multifunction display

## NOTE:

After the main switch is first turned on, all the displays come on as a test. After a few seconds, the gauge will change to normal operation.

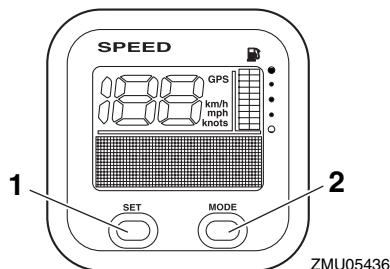
## NOTE:

The speed & fuel meter unit shows various kinds of information according to the setting made with the “set” (set) and “mode” (mode) buttons. For details, see the attached operation manual.

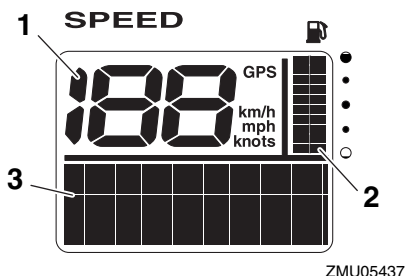
EMU31620

## Speedometer unit

This unit shows the boat speed and has functions of fuel meter and system voltage display. If optional sensors are connected to the unit, trip display, water surface temperature display, depth display, and clock will be available. For the optional sensor, consult your Yamaha dealer.



1. Set button
2. Mode button



1. Speedometer
2. Fuel meter
3. Multifunction display

## NOTE:

After the main switch is first turned on, all the displays come on as a test. After a few seconds, the gauge will change to normal operation.

## NOTE:

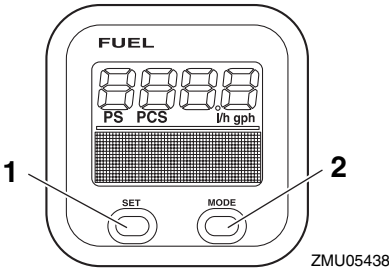
The speedometer unit shows various kinds of information according to the setting made using the “set” (set) and “mode” (mode) buttons. In addition, the speedometer can show the desired unit of measurement such as km/h, mph, or knots. For details, see the attached operation manual.

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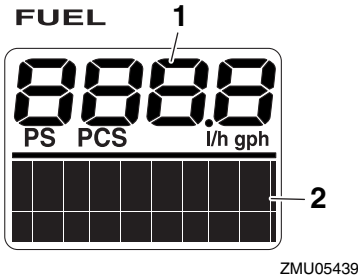
EMU31630

## Fuel management meter

This meter has functions of fuel flow meter, total consumption display, fuel economy display, and remaining fuel display.



- 1. Set button
- 2. Mode button



- 1. Fuel flow meter
- 2. Multifunction display

### NOTE:

After the main switch is first turned on, all the displays come on as a test. After a few seconds, the gauge will change to normal operation.

### NOTE:

The fuel management meter shows various kinds of information when the operator uses the "set" (set) and "mode" (mode) buttons. For details, see the attached operation manual.

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## Warning system

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### CAUTION:

Do not continue to operate the engine if a warning device has activated. Consult your Yamaha dealer if the problem cannot be located and corrected.

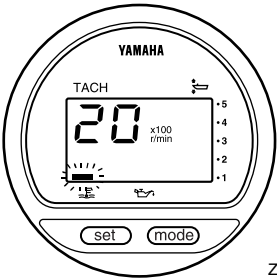
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### Overheat warning (twin engines)

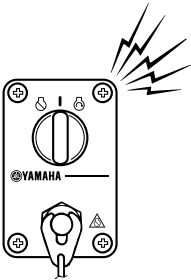
This engine has an overheat warning device. If the engine temperature rises too high, the warning device will activate.

Activation of warning device

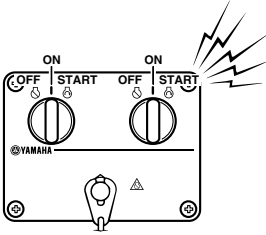
- The engine speed will automatically decrease to about 2000 r/min.
- If equipped with an overheat warning indicator, it will light or blink.



- The buzzer will sound.



- The buzzer will sound.



ZMU04584

If the warning system has activated, stop the engine and check the cooling water inlet for clogging.

## NOTE: \_\_\_\_\_

Dual engine drive users:

Should the overheat warning system of one engine activate, the engine will slow down and the buzzer will sound. This will cause the other engine to slow down and the buzzer to sound. To switch off the warning activation on the engine not affected by overheating, turn off the main switch of the engine overheating.

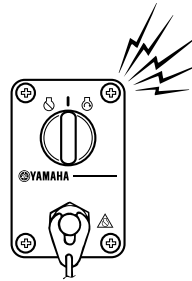
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## Low oil pressure warning

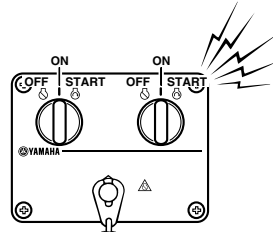
If the oil pressure drops too low, the warning device will activate.

Activation of warning device

- The engine speed will automatically decrease to about 2000 r/min.
- The low oil pressure warning indicator will light or blink.



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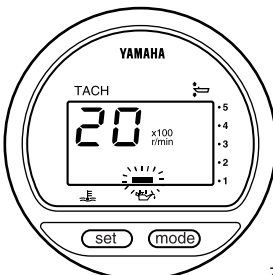
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If the warning system has activated, stop the engine as soon as it is safe to do so. Check the oil level and add oil as needed. If the oil level is correct and the warning device does not switch off, consult your Yamaha dealer.

ECM00100

## CAUTION: \_\_\_\_\_

**Do not continue to run the engine if the low oil pressure warning indicator is on. Serious engine damage could occur.**



ZMU01828

# Operation

EMU26901

## Installation

ECM00110

### CAUTION:

Incorrect engine height or obstructions to smooth water flow (such as the design or condition of the boat, or accessories such as transom ladders or depth finder transducers) can create airborne water spray while the boat is cruising. Severe engine damage may result if the motor is operated continuously in the presence of airborne water spray.

### NOTE:

During water testing check the buoyancy of the boat, at rest, with its maximum load. Check that the static water level on the exhaust housing is low enough to prevent water entry into the powerhead, when water rises due to waves when the outboard is not running.

EMU31790

## Mounting the outboard motor

EWM00820

### WARNING

- Overpowering a boat could cause severe instability. Do not install an outboard motor with more horsepower than the maximum rating on the capacity plate of the boat. If the boat does not have a capacity plate, consult the boat manufacturer.
- The information presented in this section is intended as reference only. It is not possible to provide complete instructions for every possible boat and motor combination. Proper mounting depends in part on experience and the specific boat and motor combination.

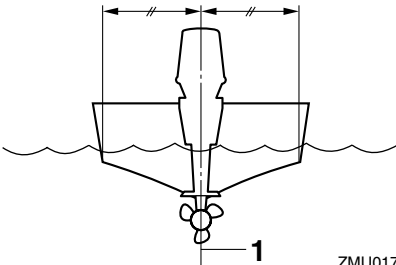
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### WARNING

Improper mounting of the outboard motor could result in hazardous conditions such as poor handling, loss of control, or fire hazards. Observe the following:

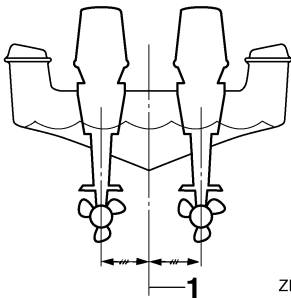
- For permanently mounted models, your dealer or other person experienced in proper rigging should mount the motor. If you are mounting the motor yourself, you should be trained by an experienced person.

Mount the outboard motor on the center line (keel line) of the boat, and ensure that the boat itself is well balanced. Otherwise the boat will be hard to steer. For boats without a keel or which are asymmetrical, consult your dealer.



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1. Center line (keel line)



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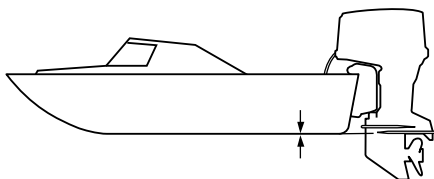
1. Center line (keel line)



EMU26930

## Mounting height (boat bottom)

To run your boat at optimum efficiency, the water resistance (drag) of the boat and outboard motor must be made as little as possible. The mounting height of the outboard motor greatly affects the water resistance. If the mounting height is too high, cavitation tends to occur, thus reducing the propulsion; and if the propeller tips cut the air, the engine speed will rise abnormally and cause the engine to overheat. If the mounting height is too low, the water resistance will increase and thereby reduce engine efficiency. Mount the outboard motor so that the anti-cavitation plate is in alignment with the bottom of the boat.



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## NOTE:

- The optimum mounting height of the outboard motor is affected by the boat/motor combination and the desired use. Test runs at different heights can help determine the optimum mounting height. Consult your Yamaha dealer or boat manufacturer for further information on determining the proper mounting height.
- For instructions on setting the trim angle of the outboard motor, see page 41.

EMU30173

## Breaking in engine

Your new engine requires a period of break-in to allow mating surfaces of moving parts to wear in evenly. Correct break-in will help ensure proper performance and longer engine life.

ECM00800

## CAUTION:

**Failure to follow the break-in procedure could result in reduced engine life or even severe engine damage.**

EMU27081

## Procedure for 4-stroke models

Run the engine under load (in gear with a propeller installed) for 10 hours as follows.

1. First hour:  
Run the engine at 2000 r/min or at approximately half throttle.
2. Second hour:  
Run the engine at 3000 r/min or at approximately three-quarter throttle.
3. Remaining eight hours:  
Run the engine at any speed. However, avoid operating at full throttle for more than 5 minutes at a time.
4. After the first 10 hours:  
Operate the engine normally.

EMU27103

## Preoperation checks

EWV00080

## WARNING

**If any item in the preoperation check is not working properly, have it inspected and repaired before operating the outboard motor. Otherwise an accident could occur.**

ECM00120

## CAUTION:

**Do not start the engine out of water. Overheating and serious engine damage can occur.**

# Operation

EMU31800

## Fuel

- Check to be sure you have plenty of fuel for your trip.
- Make sure there are no fuel leaks or gasoline fumes.
- Check fuel line connections to be sure they are tight.
- Check the water in the fuel filter with the water separator warning device. Place the gear shift lever in neutral and turn the main switch to "ON" (on). If the buzzer sounds and the water separator warning indicator blinks, consult your Yamaha dealer immediately.

EMU31710

## Controls

- Check throttle, shift, and steering for proper operation before starting the engine.
- The controls should work smoothly, without binding or unusual free play.
- Look for loose or damaged connections.

EMU31720

## Stop switches

- Confirm that turning the main switch to the "OFF" (off) position stops the engine.
- Confirm that removing the lock plate from the engine stop switch stops the engine.
- Confirm that the engine cannot be started with the lock plate removed from the engine stop switch.

EMU27150

## Engine

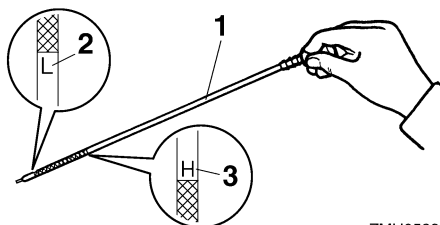
- Check the engine and engine mounting.
- Look for loose or damaged fasteners.
- Check the propeller for damage.
- Check that the battery is in good condition and the battery connections are secure.

EMU31341

## Checking the engine oil level

1. Put the outboard motor in an upright position (not tilted).
2. Remove oil dipstick and wipe it clean.

3. Completely insert the dipstick and remove it again.
4. Check the oil level using the dipstick to be sure the level falls between the upper level mark "H" and lower level mark "L". Fill with oil if it is below the lower level mark "L", or drain to the specified level if it is above the upper level mark "H".



ZMU05334

1. Oil dipstick
2. Lower level mark "L"
3. Upper level mark "H"

## NOTE:

Be sure to completely insert the dipstick into the dipstick guide.

EMU30021

## Filling fuel

EW/M00060



## WARNING

Gasoline and its vapors are highly flammable and explosive. Keep away from sparks, cigarettes, flames, or other sources of ignition.

1. Remove the fuel tank cap.
2. Carefully fill the fuel tank.
3. Securely close the cap after filling the tank. Wipe up any spilled fuel.

EMU27270

## Ring Free Fuel Additive

Gasoline is a precise blend of many different substances, each chosen to give certain characteristics. Gasoline blends have been

changing in recent years in response to concerns about pollution and resulting emissions regulations. One of the most obvious changes has been the elimination of lead from most fuels.

As gasoline has changed, the amount of additives such as aromatics and oxygenates has increased. These additives are important for the engines in passenger cars, but they can have detrimental effects in marine engines, because of increased deposits in the combustion chamber. When enough deposits collect, piston rings begin sticking. Performance drops and engine wear increases dramatically.

While many additives available may reduce deposits, Yamaha recommends the use of **Ring Free Fuel Additive**, available from your Yamaha dealer. **Ring Free Fuel Additive** has repeatedly proven its ability to clean combustion deposits from inside the engine, notably the critical piston-ring-land area, and fuel system components. Follow product labeling for use instructions.

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## Operating engine

EMU31810

### Priming fuel system

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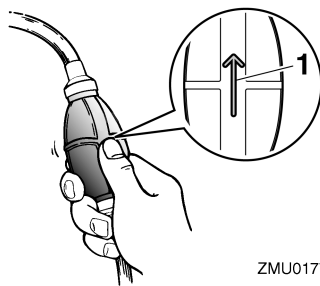


#### **WARNING**

- **Before starting the engine, make sure that the boat is tightly moored and that you can steer clear of any obstructions. Be sure there are no swimmers in the water near you.**
- **Gasoline is highly flammable, and its vapors are flammable and explosive. Refrain from smoking, and keep away from open flames and sparks.**
- **This product emits exhaust gases which contain carbon monoxide, a colorless, odorless gas which could cause brain**

**damage or death when inhaled. Symptoms include nausea, dizziness, and drowsiness. Keep cockpit and cabin areas well ventilated. Avoid blocking exhaust outlets.**

1. If there is a fuel joint or a fuel cock on the boat, firmly connect the fuel line to the joint or open the fuel cock.
2. Squeeze the primer pump, with the arrow pointing up, until you feel it become firm.



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1. Arrow

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### Starting engine

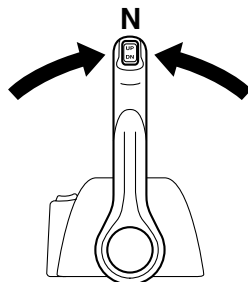
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#### **Electric start and remote control models**

1. Place the remote control lever in "N" (neutral).

#### **NOTE:**

The start-in-gear protection device prevents the engine from starting except when in neutral.



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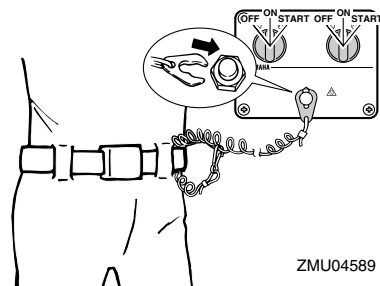
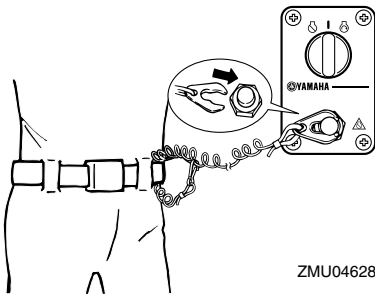
# Operation

2. Attach the engine stop switch lanyard to a secure place on your clothing, or your arm or leg. Then install the lock plate on the other end of the lanyard into the engine stop switch.

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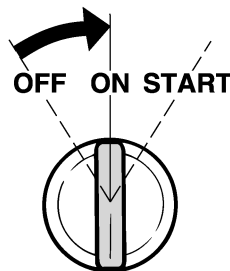
- Attach the engine stop switch lanyard to a secure place on your clothing, or your arm or leg while operating.
- Do not attach the lanyard to clothing that could tear loose. Do not route the lanyard where it could become entangled, preventing it from functioning.
- Avoid accidentally pulling the lanyard during normal operation. Loss of engine power means the loss of most steering control. Also, without engine power, the boat could slow rapidly. This could cause people and objects in the boat to be thrown forward.



3. Turn the main switch to “ON” (on).

## NOTE:

Dual engine users: When the main switch is turned on, the buzzer operates for a few seconds then stops automatically. The buzzer also operates if one of the engines stalls.

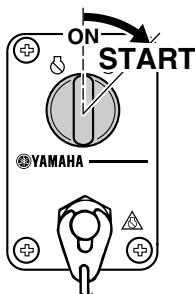


4. Turn the main switch to “START” (start), and hold it for a maximum of 5 seconds.
5. Immediately after the engine starts, release the main switch to return it to “ON” (on).

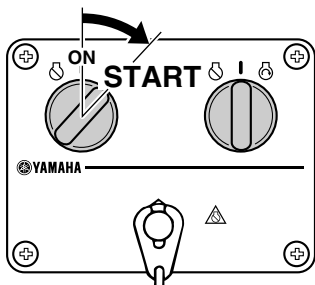
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## CAUTION:

- Never turn the main switch to “START” (start) while the engine is running.
- Do not keep the starter motor turning for more than 5 seconds. If the starter motor is turned continuously for more than 5 seconds, the battery will be quickly discharged, thus making it impossible to start the engine. The starter can also be damaged. If the engine will not start after 5 seconds of cranking, return the main switch to “ON” (on), wait 10 seconds, then crank the engine again.



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## Warming up engine

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### Electric start models

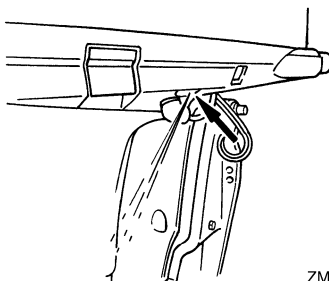
1. After starting the engine, allow it to idle for 3 minutes to warm up. Failure to do so will shorten engine life.
2. Be sure the low oil pressure warning indicator remains off after starting the engine.
3. Check for a steady flow of water from the cooling water pilot hole.

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### CAUTION:

- If the low oil pressure warning indicator blinks after the engine starts, stop the engine. Otherwise serious engine damage could occur. Check the oil level and add oil if necessary. Consult your Yamaha dealer if the cause for the low oil pressure warning indicator cannot be found.

- A continuous flow of water from the pilot hole shows that the water pump is pumping water through the cooling passages. If water is not flowing out of the pilot hole at all times while the engine is running, overheating and serious damage could occur. Stop the engine and check whether the cooling water inlet on the lower case or the cooling water pilot hole is blocked. Consult your Yamaha dealer if the problem cannot be located and corrected.
- If the cooling passage is frozen, it may take awhile for water to start flowing out of the pilot hole.



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## Shifting

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### ! WARNING

Before shifting, make sure there are no swimmers or obstacles in the water near you.

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### CAUTION:

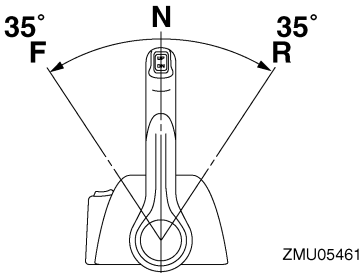
Warm up the engine before shifting into gear. Until the engine is warm, the idle speed may be higher than normal. High idle speed can prevent you from shifting

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back to neutral. If this occurs, stop the engine, shift to neutral, then restart the engine and allow it to warm up.

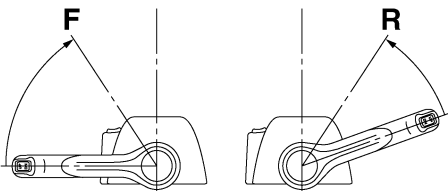
To shift out of neutral

1. Pull the neutral interlock trigger up (if equipped).
2. Move the remote control lever firmly and crisply forward (for forward gear) or backward (for reverse gear) about 35° (a detent can be felt).

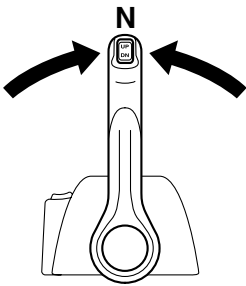


To shift from in gear (forward/reverse) to neutral

1. Close the throttle so that the engine slows to idle speed.



2. After the engine is at idle speed in gear move the remote control lever firmly and crisply into the neutral position.



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## Braking

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### WARNING

- Do not use the reverse function to slow down or stop the boat as it could cause you to lose control, be ejected, or impact the steering wheel or other parts of the boat. This could increase the risk of serious injury. It could also damage the shift mechanism.
- Do not shift into reverse while traveling at planing speeds. Loss of control, boat swamping, or damage to the boat could occur.

The boat is not equipped with a separate braking system. It is stopped by water resistance after the throttle lever is moved back to idle. The stopping distance varies depending on gross weight, water surface conditions, and wind direction.

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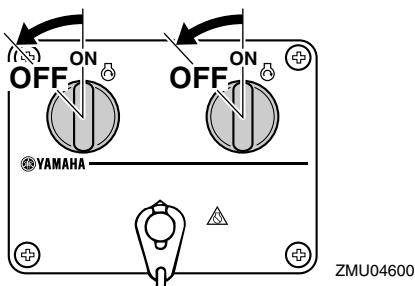
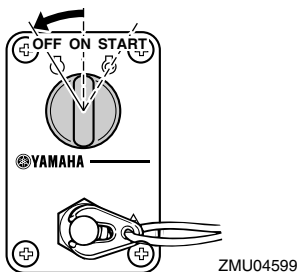
## Stopping engine

Before stopping the engine, first let it cool off for a few minutes at idle or low speed. Stopping the engine immediately after operating at high speed is not recommended.

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### Procedure

1. Turn the main switch to "OFF" (off).



2. Remove the key if the boat will be left unattended.

## NOTE:

The engine can also be stopped by pulling the lanyard and removing the clip from the engine stop switch, then turning the main switch to "OFF" (off).

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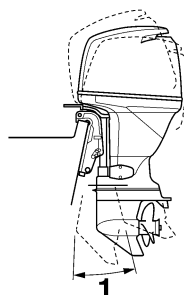
## Trimming outboard motor

The trim angle of the outboard motor helps determine the position of the bow of the boat in the water. Correct trim angle will help improve performance and fuel economy while reducing strain on the engine. Correct trim angle depends upon the combination of boat, engine, and propeller. Correct trim is also affected by variables such as the load in the boat, sea conditions, and running speed.

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## WARNING

Excessive trim for the operating conditions (either trim up or trim down) can cause boat instability and can make steering the boat more difficult. This increases the possibility of an accident. If the boat begins to feel unstable or is hard to steer, slow down and/or readjust the trim angle.



1. Trim operating angle

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## Adjusting trim angle Power trim and tilt models

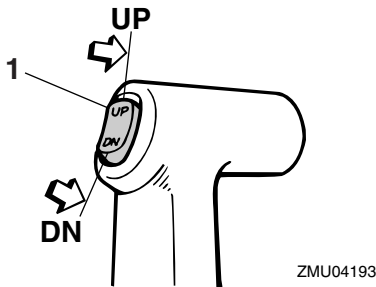
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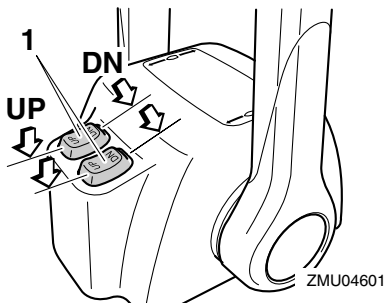
- Be sure all people are clear of the outboard motor when adjusting the tilt angle, also be careful not to pinch any body parts between the drive unit and clamp bracket.
- Use caution when trying a trim position for the first time. Increase speed gradually and watch for any signs of instability or control problems. Improper trim angle can cause loss of control.
- If equipped with a power trim and tilt switch located on the bottom cowling, use the switch only when the boat is at a complete stop with the engine off. Do not adjust the trim angle with this switch while the boat is moving.

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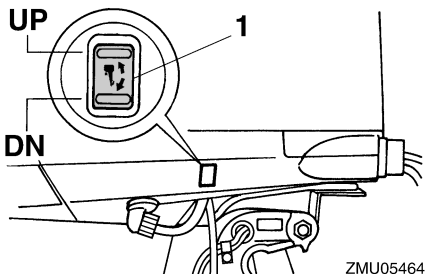
Adjust the outboard motor trim angle using the power trim and tilt switch.



1. Power trim and tilt switch



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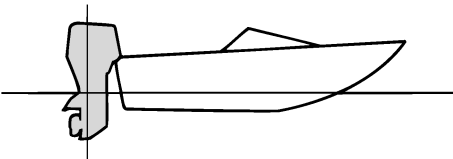
To raise the bow (trim-out), press the switch “UP” (up).  
To lower the bow (trim-in), press the switch “DN” (down).

Make test runs with the trim set to different angles to find the position that works best for your boat and operating conditions.

EMU27911

## Adjusting boat trim

When the boat is on plane, a bow-up attitude results in less drag, greater stability and efficiency. This is generally when the keel line of the boat is up about 3 to 5 degrees. With the bow up, the boat may have a greater tendency to steer to one side or the other. Compensate for this as you steer. The trim tab can also be adjusted to help offset this effect. When the bow of the boat is down, it is easier to accelerate from a standing start onto plane.

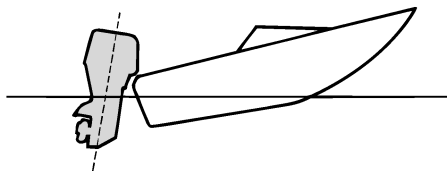


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## Bow Up

Too much trim-out puts the bow of the boat too high in the water. Performance and economy are decreased because the hull of the boat is pushing the water and there is more air drag. Excessive trim-out can also cause the propeller to ventilate, which reduces performance further, and the boat may “porpoise” (hop in the water), which could throw the operator and passengers overboard.

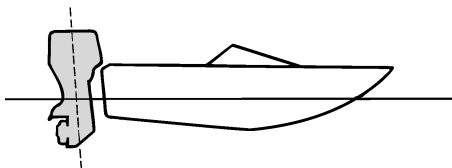




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## Bow Down

Too much trim-in causes the boat to “plow” through the water, decreasing fuel economy and making it hard to increase speed. Operating with excessive trim-in at higher speeds also makes the boat unstable. Resistance at the bow is greatly increased, heightening the danger of “bow steering” and making operation difficult and dangerous.



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## NOTE:

Depending on the type of boat, the outboard motor trim angle may have little effect on the trim of the boat when operating.

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## Tilting up and down

If the engine will be stopped for some time or if the boat is moored in shallows, the outboard motor should be tilted up to protect the propeller and lower case from damage by collision with obstructions, and also to reduce salt corrosion.

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## WARNING

Be sure all people are clear of the outboard motor when tilting up and down, also be careful not to pinch any body parts between the drive unit and engine bracket.

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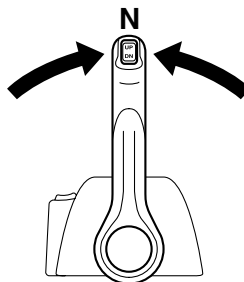
## CAUTION:

- Before tilting the outboard motor, follow the procedure under “Stopping engine” in this chapter. Never tilt the outboard motor while the engine is running. Severe damage from overheating can result.
- To prevent the cooling water passages from becoming frozen when the ambient temperature is 5°C or below, tilt the outboard motor up after it has been stopped 30 seconds or more.

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## Procedure for tilting up (power trim and tilt models / power tilt models)

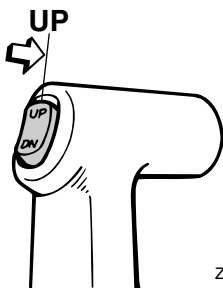
1. Place the remote control lever / gear shift lever in neutral.



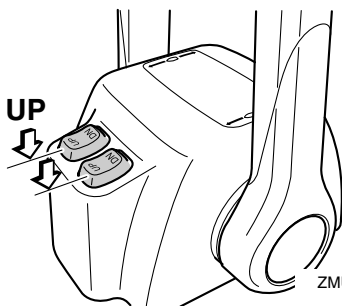
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2. Disconnect the fuel line from the outboard motor or close the fuel cock.
3. Press the power trim and tilt switch / power tilt switch “UP” (up) until the outboard motor has tilted up completely.

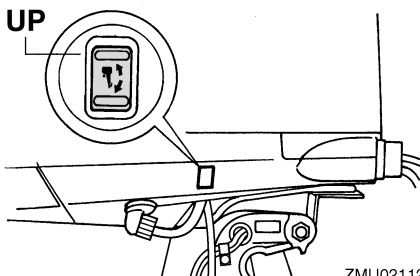
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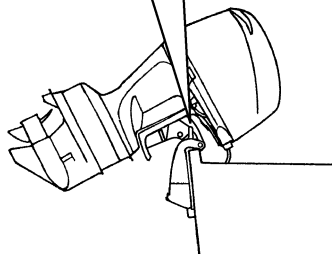
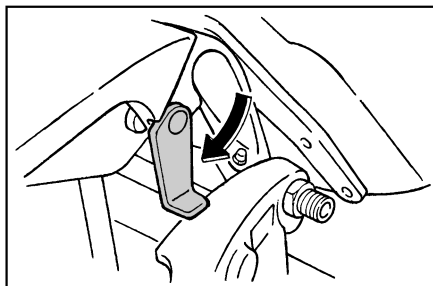


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4. Push the tilt support knob into the clamp bracket or pull the tilt support lever toward you to support the engine.



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## WARNING

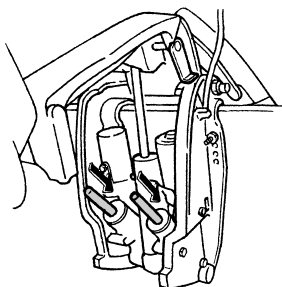
After tilting the outboard motor, be sure to support it with the tilt support knob or tilt support lever. Otherwise the outboard motor could fall back down suddenly if oil in the power trim and tilt unit loses pressure.

5. Models equipped with trim rods: Once the outboard motor is supported with the tilt support lever, press the power trim and tilt switch / power tilt switch "DN" (down) to retract the trim rods.

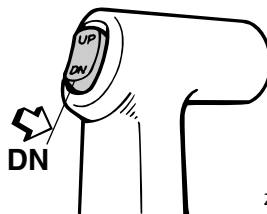
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## CAUTION:

Be sure to retract the trim rods completely during mooring. This protects the rods from marine growth and corrosion which could damage the power trim and tilt mechanism.



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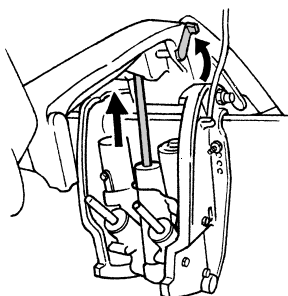


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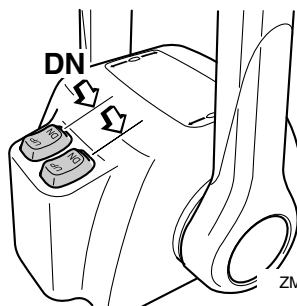
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## Procedure for tilting down (power trim and tilt models / power tilt models)

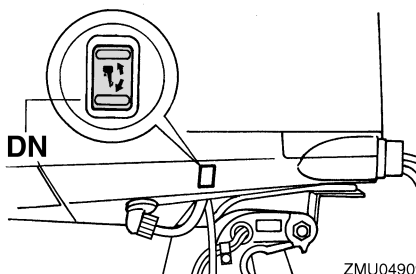
1. Push the power trim and tilt switch / power tilt switch "UP" (up) until the outboard motor is supported by the tilt rod and the tilt support lever / tilt support knob becomes free.
2. Release the tilt support lever or pull out the tilt support knob.



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3. Push the power trim and tilt switch / power tilt switch "DN" (down) to lower the outboard motor to the desired position.

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## Cruising in shallow water

The outboard motor can be tilted up partially to allow operation in shallow water.

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## Power trim and tilt models / power tilt models

The outboard motor can be tilted up partially to allow operation in shallow water.

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## WARNING

- Place the gear shift in neutral before setting up for shallow water cruising.
- Return the outboard motor to its normal position as soon as the boat is back in deeper water.

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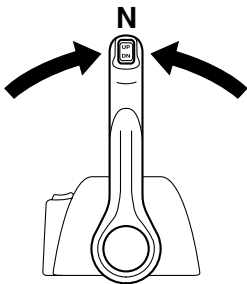
## CAUTION:

- If the engine speed is suddenly increased when the outboard motor is partially tilted up, the power trim and tilt unit could be damaged.
- Do not tilt the outboard motor up so that the cooling water inlet on the lower unit is above the surface of the water when setting up for and cruising in shallow water. Otherwise severe damage from overheating can result.

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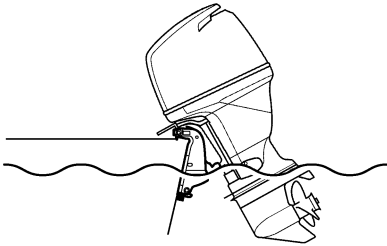
## Procedure for power trim and tilt / power tilt models

1. Place the remote control lever / gear shift lever in neutral.



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2. Slightly tilt the outboard motor up to the desired position using the power trim and tilt switch / power tilt switch.



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3. To return the outboard motor to the normal running position, press the power trim and tilt switch / power tilt switch and slowly tilt the outboard motor down.

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## Cruising in other conditions

### Cruising in salt water

After operating in salt water, flush the cooling water passages with fresh water to prevent them from becoming clogged with salt deposits.

### NOTE:

For cooling system flushing instructions, see page 48.

### Cruising in turbid water

Yamaha strongly recommends that you use the optional chromium-plated water pump kit (not available for some models) if you use the outboard motor in turbid or muddy water conditions.

EMU31480

## Specifications

### NOTE:

“(AL)” stated in the specification data below represents the numerical value for the aluminum propeller installed.

Likewise, “(SUS)” represents the value for stainless steel propeller installed and “(PL)” for plastic propeller installed.

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### Dimension:

Overall length:

892 mm (35.1 in)

Overall width:

634 mm (25.0 in)

Overall height X:

1829 mm (72.0 in)

Overall height U:

1956 mm (77.0 in)

Transom height X:

643 mm (25.3 in)

Transom height U:

770 mm (30.3 in)

Weight (without propeller) X:

274.0 kg (604 lb)

Weight (without propeller) U:

280.0 kg (617 lb)

### Performance:

Full throttle operating range:

5000–6000 r/min

Maximum output:

183.9 kW@5500 r/min (250 HP@5500 r/min)

Idling speed (in neutral):

650 ±50 r/min

### Engine:

Type:

4-stroke V

Displacement:

3352.0 cm<sup>3</sup> (204.54 cu.in)

Bore × stroke:

94.0 × 80.5 mm (3.70 × 3.17 in)

Ignition system:

TCI

Spark plug (NGK):

LFR6A-11

Spark plug gap:

1.0–1.1 mm (0.039–0.043 in)

Control system:

Remote control

Starting system:

Electric

Starting carburetion system:

Electronic fuel injection

Valve clearance (cold engine) IN:

0.17–0.23 mm (0.0067–0.0091 in)

Valve clearance (cold engine) EX:

0.31–0.37 mm (0.0122–0.0146 in)

Min. cold cranking amps (CCA/SAE):

512.0 A

Min. marine cranking amps (MCA/ABYC):

675.0 A

Min. reserve capacity (RC/SAE):

182 minutes

Alternator output for battery DC:

46.0 A

### Drive unit:

Gear positions:

Forward-neutral-reverse

Gear ratio:

2.00 (30/15)

Trim and tilt system:

Power trim and tilt

Propeller mark:

F250TR T / M

LF250TR TL / ML

### Fuel and oil:

Recommended fuel:

Premium unleaded gasoline

Min. pump octane:

89

Recommended engine oil:

4-stroke outboard motor oil

Engine oil grade API:

API SE, SF, SG, SH, SJ, SL

Engine oil type SAE:

SAE10W30 or SAE10W40

Lubrication:

Wet sump

Engine oil quantity (excluding oil filter):

5.6 L (5.92 US qt) (4.93 Imp.qt)

Recommended gear oil:

Hypoid gear oil SAE#90

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Gear oil quantity:

F250TR 918.0 cm<sup>3</sup> (31.04 US oz) (32.38 Imp.oz)

LF250TR 803.0 cm<sup>3</sup> (27.15 US oz) (28.32 Imp.oz)

## Tightening torque for engine:

Spark plug:

25.0 Nm (18.4 ft-lb) (2.55 kgf-m)

Propeller nut:

55.0 Nm (40.6 ft-lb) (5.61 kgf-m)

Engine oil drain bolt:

28.0 Nm (20.7 ft-lb) (2.86 kgf-m)

Engine oil filter:

18.0 Nm (13.3 ft-lb) (1.84 kgf-m)

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## Transporting and storing outboard motor

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### WARNING

Never get under the lower unit while it is tilted, even if a motor support bar is used. Severe injury could occur if the outboard motor accidentally falls.

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### CAUTION:

Do not use the tilt support lever or knob when trailering the boat. The outboard motor could shake loose from the tilt support and fall. If the motor cannot be trailered in the normal running position, use an additional support device to secure it in the tilt position.

The outboard motor should be trailered and stored in the normal running position. If there is insufficient road clearance in this position, then trailer the outboard motor in the tilt position using a motor support device such as a transom saver bar. Consult your Yamaha dealer for further details.

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## Storing outboard motor

When storing your Yamaha outboard motor for prolonged periods of time (2 months or longer), several important procedures must be performed to prevent excessive damage. It is advisable to have your outboard motor serviced by an authorized Yamaha dealer prior to storage. However, you, the owner, with a minimum of tools, can perform the following procedures.

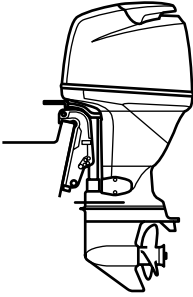
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### CAUTION:

- To prevent problems which can be caused by oil entering the cylinder from the sump, keep the outboard motor in the attitude shown when transporting and storing it. Do not store or transport the outboard motor on its side (not upright).
- Do not place the outboard motor on its side before the cooling water has drained from it completely, otherwise water may enter the cylinder through the exhaust port and cause engine trouble.
- Store the outboard motor in a dry, well-ventilated place, not in direct sunlight.

### NOTE:

The last time you use your Yamaha outboard motor before storing it for a prolonged period, add one ounce of Yamaha Fuel Conditioner and Stabilizer to each gallon of fuel in the fuel tank.



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## Procedure

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### Conditioning and stabilizing fuel

Fill the fuel tank with fresh fuel and add one ounce of “Yamaha Fuel Conditioner and Stabilizer” (Part No. LUB-FUELC-12-00) to each gallon of fuel.

### NOTE:

The use of “Yamaha Fuel Conditioner and Stabilizer” eliminates the need to drain the fuel system. Consult your Yamaha dealer or other qualified mechanic if the fuel system is to be drained instead.

EMU31900

### Engine anti-rust measure

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### CAUTION:

**Do not perform this procedure while the engine is running. The water pump may be damaged and severe damage from overheating can result.**

### NOTE:

This procedure is performed while the top cowling is removed.

1. Remove the spark plug(s).
2. Pour a teaspoonful of clean engine oil into each cylinder.
3. Crank the engine several times manually.
4. Reinstall the spark plug(s).

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### Washing the outboard motor

### NOTE:

This procedure is performed while the top cowling is installed.

1. Wash the outboard motor body using fresh water.
2. Drain the cooling water completely out of the motor. Clean the body thoroughly.

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### Lubrication

1. Grease the spark plug threads and install the spark plug(s) and torque to proper specification. For information on spark plug installation, see page 54.
2. Change the gear oil. For instructions, see page 63. Inspect the oil for the presence of water that indicates a leaky seal. Seal replacement should be performed by an authorized Yamaha dealer prior to use.
3. Grease all grease fittings. For further details, see page 54.

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### Cleaning and anticorrosion measures

1. Wash down the exterior of the outboard motor with fresh water and dry off completely.
2. Spray the outboard motor exterior with “Yamaha Silicone Protectant” (Part No. LUB-SILCNE-13-00).
3. Wax the cowling with a non-abrasive wax such as “Yamaha Silicone Wax” (Part No. ACC-11000-15-02).

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### Battery care

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### WARNING

**Battery electrolytic fluid is dangerous; it contains sulfuric acid and therefore is poisonous and highly caustic.**

**Always follow these preventive measures:**

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- **Avoid bodily contact with electrolytic fluid as it can cause severe burns or permanent eye injury.**
- **Wear protective eye gear when handling or working near batteries.**

## **Antidote (EXTERNAL):**

- **SKIN** - Flush with water.
- **EYES** - Flush with water for 15 minutes and get immediate medical attention.

## **Antidote (INTERNAL):**

- **Drink large quantities of water or milk followed by milk of magnesia, beaten egg, or vegetable oil. Get immediate medical attention.**

Batteries also generate explosive hydrogen gas; therefore, you should always follow these preventive measures:

- **Charge batteries in a well-ventilated area.**
- **Keep batteries away from fire, sparks, or open flames (for example: welding equipment, lighted cigarettes, and so on.)**
- **DO NOT SMOKE when charging or handling batteries.**

**KEEP BATTERIES AND ELECTROLYTIC FLUID OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN.**

Batteries vary among manufacturers. Therefore the following procedures may not always apply. Consult your battery manufacturer's instructions.

## Procedure

1. Disconnect and remove the battery from the boat. Always disconnect the black negative cable first to prevent the risk of shorting.
2. Clean the battery casing and terminals. Fill each cell to the upper level with distilled water.

3. Store the battery on a level surface in a cool, dry, well-ventilated place out of direct sunlight.
4. Once a month, check the specific gravity of the electrolyte and recharge as required to prolong battery life.

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## **Flushing power unit**

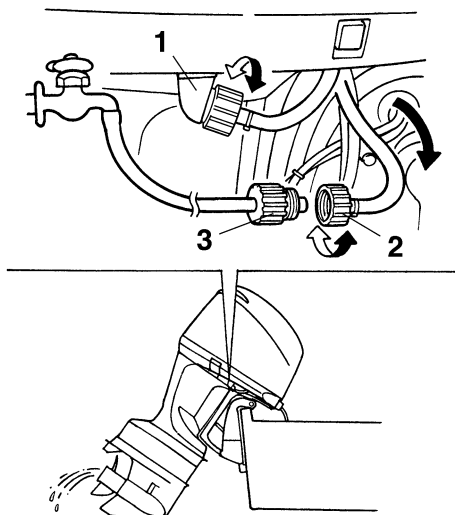
Perform this procedure right after operation for the most thorough flushing.

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## **CAUTION:**

**Do not perform this procedure while the engine is running. The water pump may be damaged and severe damage from overheating can result.**

1. After shutting off the engine, unscrew the garden hose connector from the fitting on the bottom cowl.



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1. Fitting
2. Garden hose connector
3. Garden hose adapter



2. Screw the garden hose adapter onto a garden hose, which is connected to a fresh water supply, and then connect it to the garden hose connector.
3. With the engine off, turn on the water tap and let the water flush through the cooling passages for about 15 minutes. Turn off the water and disconnect the garden hose adapter from the garden hose connector.
4. Reinstall the garden hose connector onto the fitting on the bottom cowling. Tighten the connector securely.

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## CAUTION:

**Do not leave the garden hose connector loose on the bottom cowling fitting or let the hose hang free during normal operation. Water will leak out of the connector instead of cooling the engine, which can cause serious overheating. Be sure the connector is tightened securely on the fitting after flushing the engine.**

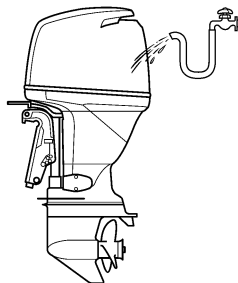
## NOTE:

- When flushing the engine with the boat in the water, tilting up the outboard motor until it is completely out of the water will achieve better results.
- For cooling system flushing instructions, see page 48.

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## Cleaning the outboard motor

After use, wash the exterior of the outboard motor with fresh water. Flush the cooling system with fresh water.



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## NOTE:

For cooling system flushing instructions, see page 48.

EMU28460

## Checking painted surface of motor

Check the motor for scratches, nicks, or flaking paint. Areas with damaged paint are more likely to corrode. If necessary, clean and paint the areas. A touch-up paint is available from your Yamaha dealer.

EMU28486

## Periodic maintenance

EWMO1070

## ! WARNING

**Be sure to turn off the engine when you perform maintenance unless otherwise specified. If you or the owner is not familiar with machine servicing, this work should be done by your Yamaha dealer or other qualified mechanic.**

**Maintenance, replacement, or repair of the emission control devices and systems may be performed by any marine engine repair establishment or individual. All warranty repairs, however, including those to the emission control system, must be performed by an authorized Yamaha marine dealership.**

# Maintenance

A service manual is available for purchase through your Yamaha dealer for owners who have the mechanical skills, tools, and other equipment necessary to perform maintenance not covered by this owner's manual.

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## Replacement parts

If replacement parts are necessary, use only genuine Yamaha parts or parts of the same type and of equivalent strength and materials.

EMU30563

## Maintenance chart

### NOTE:

- Refer to the sections in this chapter for explanations of each owner-specific action.
- The maintenance cycle on these charts assume usage of 200 hours per year and regular flushing of the cooling water passages. Maintenance frequency should be adjusted when operating the engine under adverse conditions such as extended trolling.
- Disassembly or repairs may be necessary depending on the outcome of maintenance checks.
- Expendable or consumable parts and lubricants will lose their effectiveness over time and through normal usage regardless of the warranty period.
- When operating in salt water, turbid or muddy water, the engine should be flushed with clean water after each use.

The “●” symbol indicates the check-ups which you may carry out yourself.

The “○” symbol indicates work to be carried out by your Yamaha dealer.

Item	Actions	Initial		Every	
		10 hours (1 month)	50 hours (3 months)	100 hours (6 months)	200 hours (1 year)
Anode(s) (external)	Inspection / replacement		●/○	●/○	
Anode(s) (cylinder head, thermostat cover)	Inspection / replacement				○
Battery	Inspection / charging	●/○			
Cooling water passages	Cleaning		●	●	
Cowling clamp	Inspection				●
Fuel filter (can be disassembled)	Inspection / replacement	●	●	●	
Fuel system	Inspection	●	●	●	
Gear oil	Change	●		●	
Greasing points	Greasing			●	

# Maintenance

Item	Actions	Initial		Every	
		10 hours (1 month)	50 hours (3 months)	100 hours (6 months)	200 hours (1 year)
Idling speed	Inspection				○
PCV (Pressure Control Valve)	Inspection				○
Power trim and tilt unit	Inspection				○
Propeller and cotter pin	Inspection / replacement		●	●	
Shift link / shift cable	Inspection / adjustment				○
Thermostat	Inspection / replacement				○
Throttle link / throttle cable / throttle pick-up timing	Inspection / adjustment				○
Water pump	Inspection / replacement				○
Engine oil	Inspection / change	●		●	
Oil filter (cartridge)	Change				○
Spark plug(s)	Cleaning / adjustment / replacement	●			●
Timing belt	Inspection / replacement			○	○

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## Maintenance chart (additional)

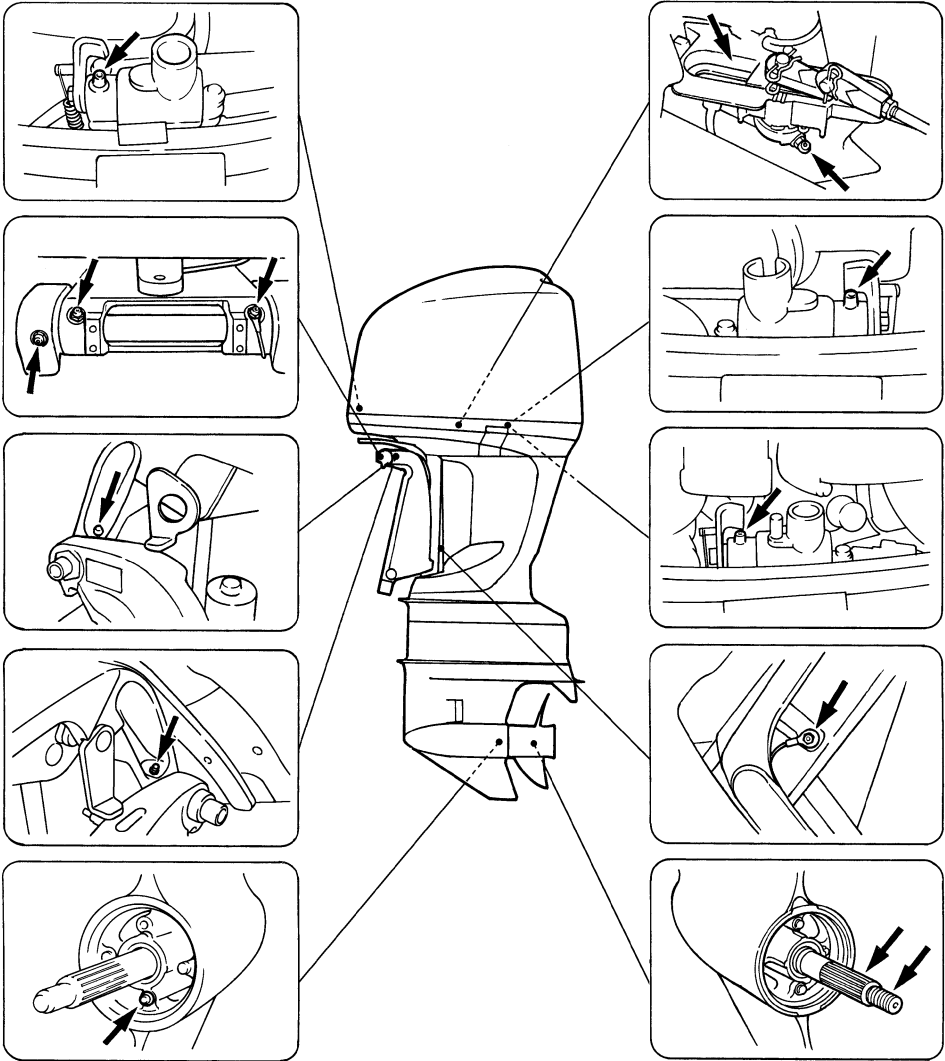
Item	Actions	Every	
		500 hours (2.5 years)	1000 hours (5 years)
Timing belt	Replacement		○
Valve clearance (DOHC)	Inspection / adjustment	○	
Fuel filter (low-pressure fuel pump to vapor separator tank)	Replacement		○
OCV (oil control valve) filter	Replacement		○
Anode(s) (exhaust cover, cooling water passage cover, Rectifier Regulator cover)	Replacement		○
Exhaust guide, exhaust manifold	Inspection / replacement		○

# Maintenance

EMU28931

## Greasing

Yamaha marine grease (Water resistant grease)



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EMU30771

## Cleaning and adjusting spark plug

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**WARNING**

When removing or installing a spark plug,

be careful not to damage the insulator. A damaged insulator could allow external sparks, which could lead to explosion or fire.

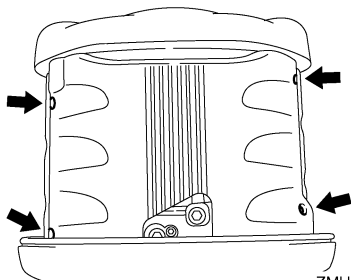
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## CAUTION:

- Do not use any tools to remove or install the spark plug cap, otherwise the ignition coil coupler may get damaged. The spark plug cap may be difficult to remove because the rubber seal on the end of the cap fits tightly. To remove the spark plug cap, simply twist it back and forth while pulling it out; to install it, twist it back and forth while pushing it in.
- Be sure to use the specified spark plug, otherwise the engine may not operate properly.

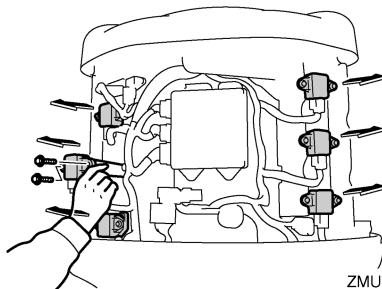
The spark plug is an important engine component and is easy to inspect. The condition of the spark plug can indicate something about the condition of the engine. For example, if the center electrode porcelain is very white, this could indicate an intake air leak or carburetion problem in that cylinder. Do not attempt to diagnose any problems yourself. Instead, take the outboard motor to a Yamaha dealer. You should periodically remove and inspect the spark plug because heat and deposits will cause the spark plug to slowly break down and erode.

1. Remove the bolts that are securing the ignition coil cover, and then remove the cover.



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2. Remove the bolts that are securing the spark plug cap, and then remove the cap.

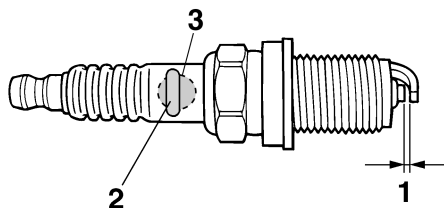


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3. Remove the spark plug. If electrode erosion becomes excessive, or if carbon and other deposits are excessive, you should replace the spark plug with another of the correct type.

Standard spark plug:  
LFR6A-11

4. Before fitting the spark plug, measure the electrode gap with a wire thickness gauge; adjust the gap to specification if necessary.



ZMU01797

1. Spark plug gap
2. Spark plug part number
3. Spark plug I.D. mark (NGK)

Spark plug gap:  
1.0–1.1 mm (0.039–0.043 in)

# Maintenance

- When fitting the plug, wipe off any dirt from the threads, and then screw it in to the correct torque.

Spark plug torque:  
25.0 Nm (18.4 ft-lb) (2.55 kgf-m)

## NOTE:

If a torque-wrench is not available when you are fitting a spark plug, a good estimate of the correct torque is 1/4 to 1/2 turn past finger-tight. Have the spark plug adjusted to the correct torque as soon as possible with a torque-wrench.

- Install the spark plug cap and tighten the bolts.
- Install the ignition coil cover and tighten the bolts.

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## Checking fuel system

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### WARNING

Gasoline and its vapors are highly flammable and explosive. Keep away from sparks, cigarettes, flames, or other sources of ignition.

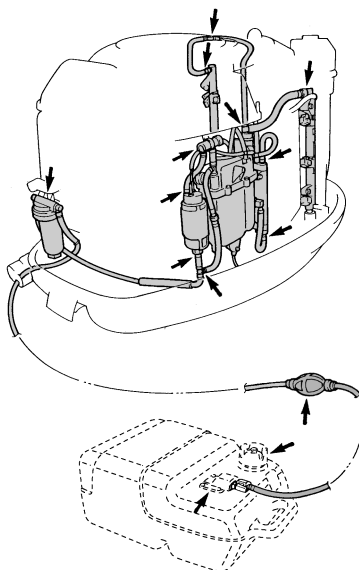
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### WARNING

Leaking fuel can result in fire or explosion.

- Check for fuel leakage regularly.
- If any fuel leakage is found, the fuel system must be repaired by a qualified mechanic. Improper repairs can make the outboard unsafe to operate.

Check the fuel lines for leaks, crack, or malfunction. If a problem is found, your Yamaha dealer or other qualified mechanic should repair it immediately.



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## Checkpoints

- Fuel system parts leakage
- Fuel line joint leakage
- Fuel line cracks or other damage
- Fuel connector leakage

EMU29087

## Changing engine oil

EWM00760

### WARNING

- Avoid draining the engine oil immediately after stopping the engine. The oil is hot and should be handled with care to avoid burns.
- Be sure the outboard motor is securely fastened to the transom or a stable stand.

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## CAUTION:

**Change the engine oil after the first 10 hours of operation, and every 100 hours or at 6-month intervals thereafter. Otherwise the engine will wear quickly.**

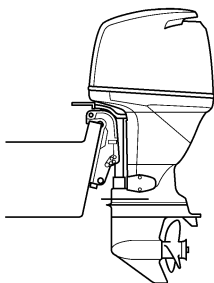
## NOTE:

Change the engine oil when the oil is still warm.

The engine oil can be extracted with an oil changer (recommended), or drained by removing the oil drain screw.

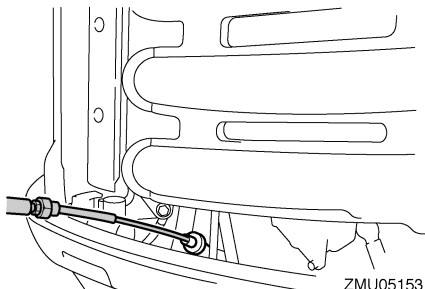
Extracting the oil with an oil changer (normal oil change)

1. Put the outboard motor in an upright position (not tilted).



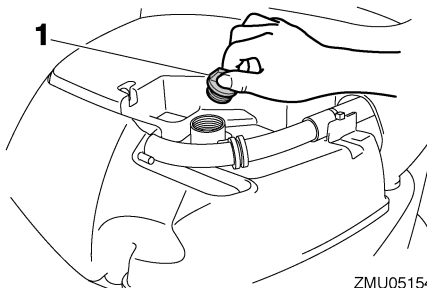
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2. Pull out the dipstick and use the oil changer to extract the oil.



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3. Remove the oil filler cap. Add the correct amount of oil through the filler hole, and install the filler cap.



ZMU05154

1. Oil filler cap

Recommended engine oil:  
4-stroke outboard motor oil  
Engine oil quantity (excluding oil filter):  
5.6 L (5.92 US qt) (4.93 Imp.qt)

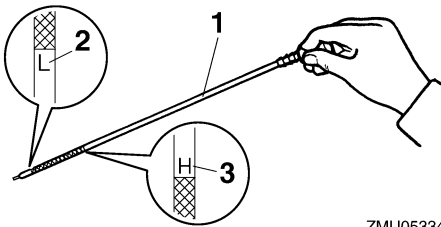
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## CAUTION:

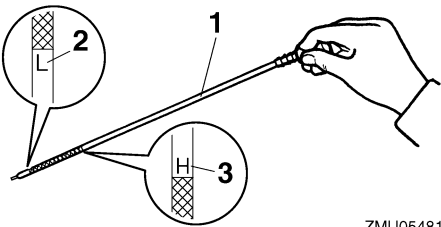
- Do not overfill the oil, and be sure the outboard motor is upright (not tilted) when checking and changing the engine oil.
- If the oil level is above the upper level mark, drain until the level meets the specified capacity. Overfilling the oil could cause leakage or damage.

4. Remove oil dipstick and wipe it clean.
5. Completely insert the dipstick and remove it again.
6. Check the oil level using the dipstick to be sure the level falls between the upper level mark "H" and lower level mark "L". Fill with oil if it is below the lower level mark "L", or drain to the specified level if it is above the upper level mark "H".

# Maintenance



ZMU05334



ZMU05481

1. Oil dipstick
  2. Lower level mark "L"
  3. Upper level mark "H"
7. Start the engine and make sure that the low oil pressure warning indicator remains off. Also, make sure that there are no oil leaks.

ECM01620

**CAUTION:** If the low oil pressure warning indicator comes on or if there are oil leaks, stop the engine and find the cause. Continued operation with a problem could cause severe engine damage. Consult your Yamaha dealer if the problem cannot be located and corrected.

8. Turn off the engine and wait 3 minutes. Recheck the oil level using the dipstick to be sure the level falls between the upper level mark "H" and lower level mark "L". Fill with oil if it is below the lower level mark "L", or drain to the specified level if it is above the upper level mark "H".

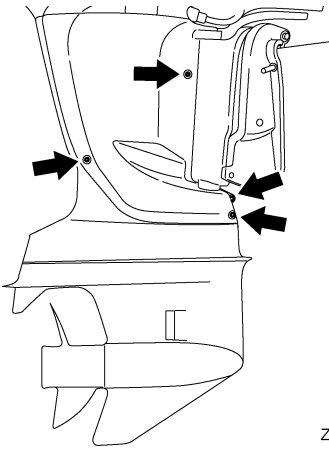
1. Oil dipstick
  2. Lower level mark "L"
  3. Upper level mark "H"
9. Dispose of used oil according to local regulations.

**NOTE:**

- For more information on the disposal of used oil, consult your Yamaha dealer.
- Change the oil more often when operating the engine under adverse conditions such as extended trolling.

## Draining the oil by removing the oil drain screw

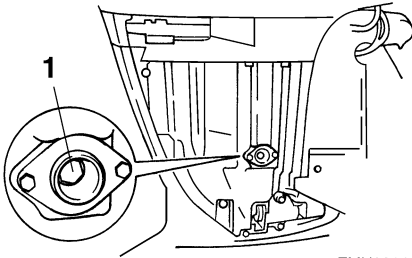
1. Remove the four bolts to remove the apron from the starboard side.



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2. Tilt the outboard motor 5–10 degrees up, then turn it entirely to the starboard side until the drain screw is directly below.
3. Prepare a suitable container that holds a larger amount than the engine oil capacity. Loosen and remove the drain screw while holding the container under the drain hole. Let the oil drain completely. Wipe up any spilled oil immediately.



ZMU02145

1. Drain screw
4. Put a new gasket on the oil drain screw. Apply a light coat of oil to the gasket and install the drain screw.

Drain screw tightening torque:  
28.0 Nm (20.7 ft-lb) (2.86 kgf-m)

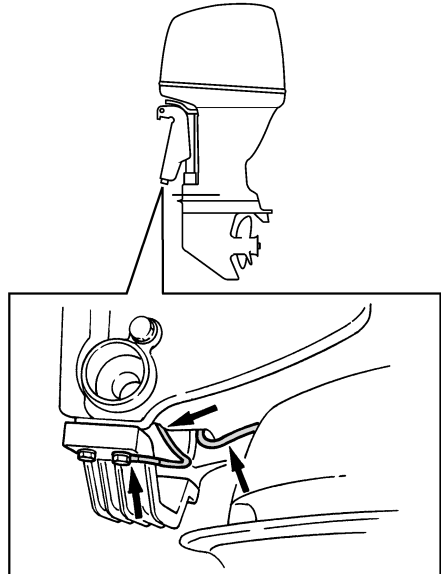
**NOTE:** \_\_\_\_\_

- If a torque wrench is not available when you are installing the drain screw, finger tighten the screw just until the gasket comes into contact with the surface of the drain hole. Then tighten 1/4 to 1/2 turn more. Tighten the drain screw to the correct torque with a torque wrench as soon as possible.
  - Apply grease to the apron retaining bolts before tightening them.
5. Add the engine oil and check the oil level. Refer to steps 3 to 9 in the previous oil changing procedure with the oil changer.

EMU29112

## Checking wiring and connectors

- Check that each grounding wire is properly secured.
- Check that each connector is engaged securely.



ZMU02146

EMU29120

## Exhaust leakage

Start the engine and check that no exhaust leaks from the joints between the exhaust cover, cylinder head, and body cylinder.

EMU29130

## Water leakage

Start the engine and check that no water leaks from the joints between the exhaust cover, cylinder head, and body cylinder.

EMU29140

## Engine oil leakage

Check for oil leaks on the around the engine.

**NOTE:** \_\_\_\_\_

If any leaks are found, consult your Yamaha dealer.

# Maintenance

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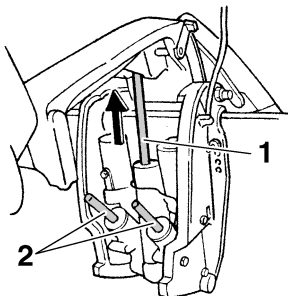
## Checking power trim and tilt system

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### **WARNING**

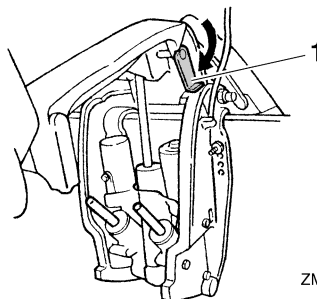
- **Never get under the lower unit while it is tilted, even when the tilt support lever is locked. Severe injury could occur if the outboard motor accidentally falls.**
- **Make sure no one is under the outboard motor before performing this test.**

1. Check the power trim and tilt unit for any sign of oil leaks.
2. Operate each of the power trim and tilt switches on the remote control and engine bottom cowling (if equipped) to check that all switches work.
3. Tilt the outboard motor up and check that the tilt rod and trim rods are extended completely.



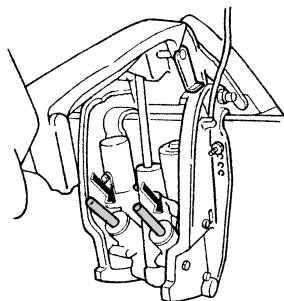
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1. Tilt rod
  2. Trim rods
4. Use the tilt support lever to lock the motor in the up position. Operate the tilt down switch briefly so the motor is supported by the tilt support lever.



ZMU05472

1. Tilt support lever
5. Check that the tilt rod and trim rods are free of corrosion or other flaws.
  6. Activate the tilt-down switch until the trim rods have retracted completely into the cylinders.



ZMU05473

7. Activate the trim-up switch until the tilt rod is fully extended. Unlock the tilt support lever.
8. Tilt the outboard motor down. Check that the tilt rod and trim rods operate smoothly.

### **NOTE:** \_\_\_\_\_

Consult your Yamaha dealer if any operation is abnormal.

EMU29171

## Checking propeller

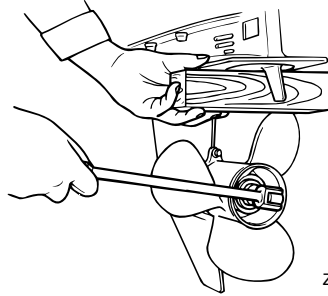
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### WARNING

You could be seriously injured if the engine accidentally starts when you are near the propeller.

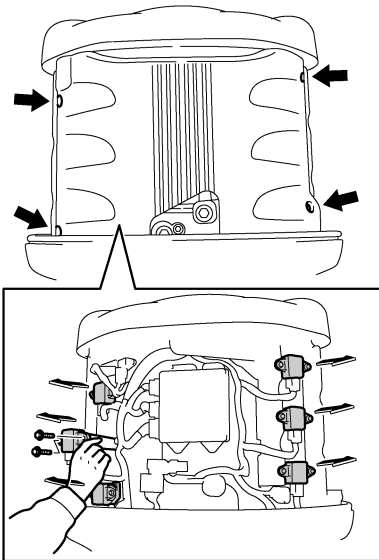
- Before inspecting, removing, or installing the propeller, remove the spark plug caps from the spark plugs. Also, place the shift control in neutral, turn the main switch to "OFF" (off) and remove the key, and remove the lanyard from the engine stop switch. Turn off the battery cut-off switch if your boat has one.
- Do not use your hand to hold the propeller when loosening or tightening the propeller nut. Put a wood block between the anti-cavitation plate and the propeller to prevent the propeller from turning.



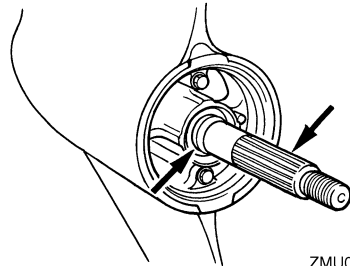
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### Checkpoints

- Check each of the propeller blades for wear, erosion from cavitation or ventilation, or other damage.
- Check the propeller shaft for damage.
- Check the splines / shear pin for wear or damage.
- Check for fish line tangled around the propeller shaft.



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- Check the propeller shaft oil seal for damage.

### NOTE:

If the shear pin equipped: it is designed to break if the propeller hits a hard underwater obstacle to help protect the propeller and drive mechanism. The propeller will then spin freely on the shaft. If this happens, the shear pin must be replaced.

# Maintenance

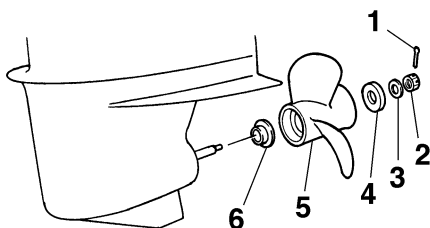
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## Removing the propeller

EMU29194

### Spline models

1. Straighten the cotter pin and pull it out using a pair of pliers.
2. Remove the propeller nut, washer, and spacer (if equipped).



ZMU02148

1. Cotter pin
  2. Propeller nut
  3. Washer
  4. Spacer
  5. Propeller
  6. Thrust washer
3. Remove the propeller and thrust washer.

EMU30670

## Installing the Propeller

EMU29242

### Spline models

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### WARNING

On counter rotation models, be sure to use a propeller intended for counterclockwise rotation. These propellers are identified with the letter “L” after the size indication on the propeller. Otherwise the boat could move in the opposite direction from that expected.

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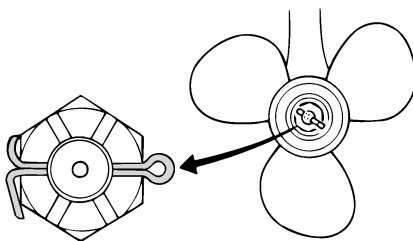
### CAUTION:

- Be sure to install the thrust washer before installing the propeller, otherwise the lower case and propeller boss could be damaged.
- Be sure to use a new cotter pin and bend the ends over securely. Otherwise the propeller could come off during operation and be lost.

1. Apply Yamaha marine grease or a corrosion resistant grease to the propeller shaft.
2. Install the thrust washer and propeller on the propeller shaft.
3. Install the spacer and washer. Tighten the propeller nut to the specified torque.

Propeller nut tightening torque:  
55.0 Nm (40.6 ft-lb) (5.61 kgf-m)

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



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### NOTE:

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

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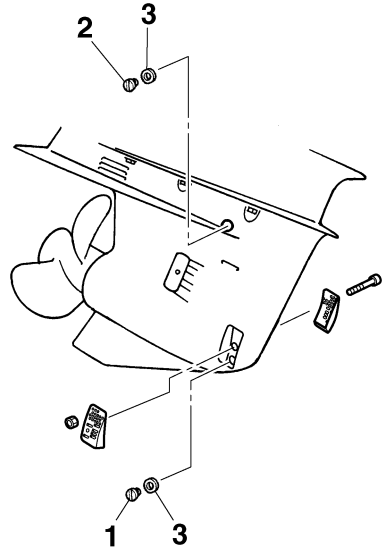
## Changing gear oil

EWMO0800

### WARNING

- Be sure the outboard motor is securely fastened to the transom or a stable stand. You could be severely injured if the outboard motor falls on you.
- Never get under the lower unit while it is tilted, even when the tilt support lever or knob is locked. Severe injury could occur if the outboard motor accidentally falls.

1. Tilt the outboard motor so that the gear oil drain screw is at the lowest point possible.
2. Place a suitable container under the gear case.
3. Remove the cooling water inlet covers on both sides of the gear case. Be careful not to lose the bolt and nut.
4. Remove the gear oil drain screw and gasket.



ZMU05487

1. Gear oil drain screw
2. Oil level plug
3. Gasket

### NOTE:

- If a magnetic gear oil drain screw is equipped, remove all metal particles from the screw before installing it.
- Always use new gaskets. Do not reuse the removed gaskets.

5. Remove the oil level plug and gasket to allow the oil to drain completely.

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### CAUTION:

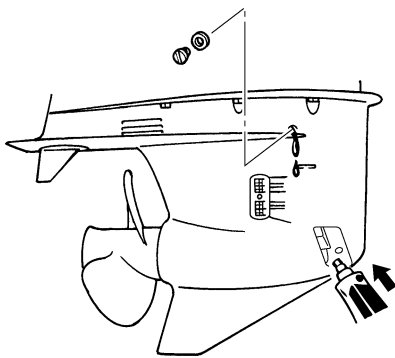
Inspect the used oil after it has been drained. If the oil is milky, water is getting into the gear case which can cause gear damage. Consult a Yamaha dealer for repair of the lower unit seals.

# Maintenance

**NOTE:** \_\_\_\_\_  
For disposal of used oil, consult your Yamaha dealer.

- 6. With the outboard motor in a vertical position, and using a flexible or pressurized filling device, inject the gear oil into the gear oil drain screw hole.

Recommended gear oil:  
Hypoid gear oil SAE#90  
Gear oil quantity:  
F250TR 918.0 cm<sup>3</sup> (31.04 US oz)  
(32.38 Imp.oz)  
LF250TR 803.0 cm<sup>3</sup> (27.15 US oz)  
(28.32 Imp.oz)



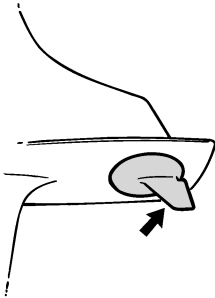
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- 7. Put a new gasket on the oil level plug. When the oil begins to flow out of the oil level plug hole, insert and tighten the oil level plug.
- 8. Put a new gasket on the gear oil drain screw. Insert and tighten the gear oil drain screw.
- 9. Securely install the cooling water inlet covers on both sides of the gear case using the bolt and nut removed earlier.

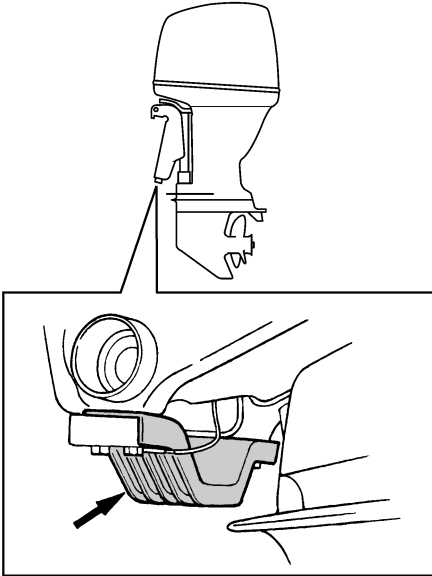
**Inspecting and replacing anode(s)**  
Yamaha outboard motors are protected from corrosion by sacrificial anodes. Inspect the external anodes periodically. Remove scales from the surfaces of the anodes. Consult a Yamaha dealer for replacement of external anodes.

**CAUTION:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Do not paint anodes, as this would render them ineffective.**

**NOTE:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Inspect ground leads attached to external anodes on equipped models. Consult a Yamaha dealer for inspection and replacement of internal anodes attached to the power unit.



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EMU29320

## Checking battery (for electric start models)

EWMO0330

### **WARNING**

Battery electrolytic fluid is dangerous; it contains sulfuric acid and therefore is poisonous and highly caustic.

Always follow these preventive measures:

- Avoid bodily contact with electrolytic fluid as it can cause severe burns or permanent eye injury.
- Wear protective eye gear when handling or working near batteries.

Antidote (EXTERNAL):

- SKIN - Flush with water.
- EYES - Flush with water for 15 minutes and get immediate medical attention.

Antidote (INTERNAL):

- Drink large quantities of water or milk followed by milk of magnesia, beaten egg, or vegetable oil. Get immediate medical attention.

Batteries also generate explosive hydrogen gas; therefore, you should always follow these preventive measures:

- Charge batteries in a well-ventilated area.
- Keep batteries away from fire, sparks, or open flames (for example: welding equipment, lighted cigarettes, and so on.)
- DO NOT SMOKE when charging or handling batteries.

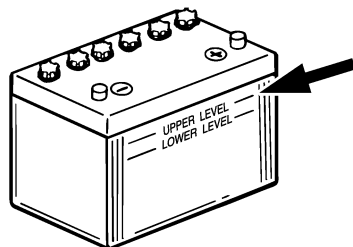
**KEEP BATTERIES AND ELECTROLYTIC FLUID OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN.**

ECM00360

### **CAUTION:**

- A poorly maintained battery will quickly deteriorate.
- Ordinary tap water contains minerals harmful to a battery, and should not be used for topping up.

1. Check the electrolyte level at least once a month. Fill to the manufacturer's recommended level when necessary. Top up only with distilled water (or pure de-ionized water suitable to use in batteries).



ZMU01810

# Maintenance

2. Always keep the battery in a good state of charge. Installing a voltmeter will help you monitor your battery. If you will not use the boat for a month or more, remove the battery from the boat and store it in a cool, dark place. Completely recharge the battery before using it.
3. If the battery will be stored for longer than a month, check the specific gravity of the fluid at least once a month and recharge the battery when it is low.

## NOTE:

Consult a Yamaha dealer when charging or re-charging batteries.

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## Connecting the battery

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## WARNING

**Mount the battery holder securely in a dry, well-ventilated, vibration-free location in the boat. Install a fully charged battery in the holder.**

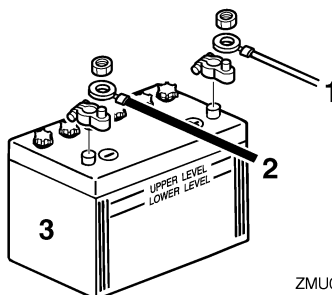
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## CAUTION:

- **Make sure the main switch (on applicable models) is “OFF” (off) before working on the battery.**
- **Reversal of the battery cables will damage the electrical parts.**
- **If you connect the battery cables in the reverse order, consult a Yamaha dealer immediately.**
- **Connect the red battery cable first when installing the battery and disconnect the black battery cable first when removing it. Otherwise, the electrical parts can will be damaged.**

- **The electrical contacts of the battery and cables must be clean and properly connected, or the battery will not start the engine.**

Connect the RED battery cable to the POSITIVE (+) terminal first. Then connect the BLACK battery cable to the NEGATIVE (-) terminal.



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1. Red cable
2. Black cable
3. Battery

## Connecting an accessory battery (optional)

1. Remove the accessory battery coupler cover from the outboard motor.
2. Connect the accessory battery coupler to the coupler of the accessory battery cable (optional). Use a connecting cable between the (-) terminals of the starting battery and accessory battery. See the illustrations of the wiring connections. This cable must be made from wire thicker than the starting battery cable.

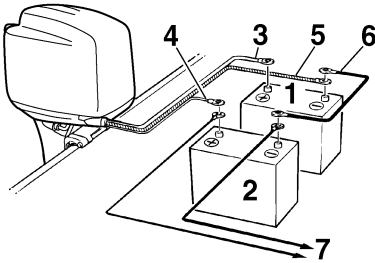
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## WARNING

**Use of smaller wire could lead to a fire.**





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1. Battery for starting
2. Battery for accessories
3. Large red lead for starting battery
4. Small red lead for accessory battery charging (optional part)
5. Large black lead
6. Negative connecting cable
7. Power for accessories

## NOTE:

If connecting an accessory battery, consult your Yamaha dealer about correct wiring.

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## Disconnecting the battery

Disconnect the BLACK cable from the NEGATIVE (-) terminal first. Then disconnect the RED cable from the POSITIVE (+) terminal.

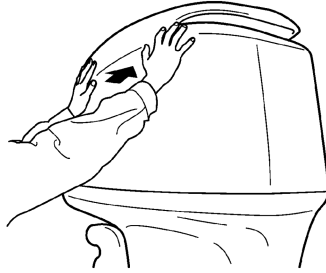
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## Checking top cowling

Check the fitting of the top cowling by pushing it with both hands. If the top cowling is loose, reinstall the cowling. If the top cowling is still loose after reinstalling it, have it repaired by your Yamaha dealer.

## NOTE:

Be sure to check that the gap between the top cowling and the bottom cowling is even all around the cowling.



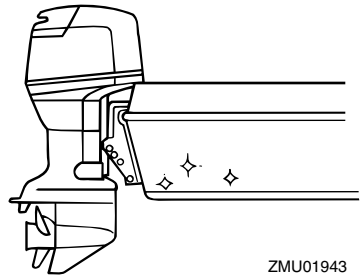
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## Coating the boat bottom

A clean hull improves boat performance. The boat bottom should be kept as clean of marine growth as possible. If necessary, the boat bottom can be coated with an anti-fouling paint approved for your area to inhibit marine growth.

Do not use anti-fouling paint which includes copper or graphite. These paints can cause more rapid engine corrosion.



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# Trouble Recovery

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## Troubleshooting

A problem in the fuel, compression, or ignition systems can cause poor starting, loss of power, or other problems. This section describes basic checks and possible remedies, and covers all Yamaha outboard motors. Therefore some items may not apply to your model.

If your outboard motor requires repair, bring it to your Yamaha dealer.

If the engine trouble warning indicator is flashing, consult your Yamaha dealer.

### **Starter will not operate.**

Q. Is battery capacity weak or low?

A. Check battery condition. Use battery of recommended capacity.

Q. Are battery connections loose or corroded?

A. Tighten battery cables and clean battery terminals.

Q. Is fuse for electric start relay or electric circuit blown?

A. Check for cause of electric overload and repair. Replace fuse with one of correct amperage.

Q. Are starter components faulty?

A. Have serviced by a Yamaha dealer.

Q. Is shift lever in gear?

A. Shift to neutral.

### **Engine will not start (starter operates).**

Q. Is fuel tank empty?

A. Fill tank with clean, fresh fuel.

Q. Is fuel contaminated or stale?

A. Fill tank with clean, fresh fuel.

Q. Is fuel filter clogged?

A. Clean or replace filter.

Q. Is starting procedure incorrect?

A. See page 37.

Q. Has fuel pump malfunctioned?

A. Have serviced by a Yamaha dealer.

Q. Are spark plug(s) fouled or of incorrect type?

A. Inspect spark plug(s). Clean or replace with recommended type.

Q. Are spark plug cap(s) fitted incorrectly?

A. Check and re-fit cap(s).

Q. Is ignition wiring damaged or poorly connected?

A. Check wires for wear or breaks. Tighten all loose connections. Replace worn or broken wires.

Q. Are ignition parts faulty?

A. Have serviced by a Yamaha dealer.

Q. Is engine stop switch lanyard not attached?

A. Attach lanyard.

Q. Are engine inner parts damaged?

A. Have serviced by a Yamaha dealer.

### **Engine idles irregularly or stalls.**

Q. Are spark plug(s) fouled or of incorrect type?

A. Inspect spark plug(s). Clean or replace with recommended type.

Q. Is fuel system obstructed?

A. Check for pinched or kinked fuel line or other obstructions in fuel system.

Q. Is fuel contaminated or stale?

A. Fill tank with clean, fresh fuel.

Q. Is fuel filter clogged?

A. Clean or replace filter.

Q. Have ignition parts failed?

A. Have serviced by a Yamaha dealer.

Q. Has warning system activated?

A. Find and correct cause of warning.

Q. Is spark plug gap incorrect?

A. Inspect and adjust as specified.

Q. Is ignition wiring damaged or poorly connected?

A. Check wires for wear or breaks. Tighten all loose connections. Replace worn or broken wires.

Q. Is specified engine oil not being used?

A. Check and replace oil as specified.

Q. Is thermostat faulty or clogged?

A. Have serviced by a Yamaha dealer.

Q. Are carburetor adjustments incorrect?

A. Have serviced by a Yamaha dealer.

Q. Is fuel pump damaged?

A. Have serviced by a Yamaha dealer.

Q. Is air vent screw on fuel tank closed?

A. Open air vent screw.

Q. Is choke knob pulled out?

A. Return to home position.

Q. Is motor angle too high?

A. Return to normal operating position.

Q. Is carburetor clogged?

A. Have serviced by a Yamaha dealer.

Q. Is fuel joint connection incorrect?

A. Connect correctly.

Q. Is throttle valve adjustment incorrect?

A. Have serviced by a Yamaha dealer.

Q. Is battery cable disconnected?

A. Connect securely.

## **Warning buzzer sounds or indicator lights.**

Q. Is cooling system clogged?

A. Check water intake for restriction.

Q. Is engine oil level low?

A. Fill oil tank with specified engine oil.

Q. Is heat range of spark plug incorrect?

A. Inspect spark plug and replace it with recommended type.

Q. Is specified engine oil not being used?

A. Check and replace oil with specified type.

Q. Is engine oil contaminated or deteriorated?

A. Replace oil with fresh, specified type.

Q. Is oil filter clogged?

A. Have serviced by a Yamaha dealer.

Q. Has oil feed/injection pump malfunctioned?

A. Have serviced by a Yamaha dealer.

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Q. Is load on boat improperly distributed?

A. Distribute load to place boat on an even plane.

Q. Is water pump or thermostat faulty?

A. Have serviced by a Yamaha dealer.

Q. Is there excess water in fuel filter cup?

A. Drain filter cup.

## **Engine power loss.**

Q. Is propeller damaged?

A. Have propeller repaired or replaced.

Q. Is propeller pitch or diameter incorrect?

A. Install correct propeller to operate outboard at its recommended speed (r/min) range.

Q. Is trim angle incorrect?

A. Adjust trim angle to achieve most efficient operation.

Q. Is motor mounted at incorrect height on transom?

A. Have motor adjusted to proper transom height.

Q. Has warning system activated?

A. Find and correct cause of warning.

Q. Is boat bottom fouled with marine growth?

A. Clean boat bottom.

Q. Are spark plug(s) fouled or of incorrect type?

A. Inspect spark plug(s). Clean or replace with recommended type.

Q. Are weeds or other foreign matter tangled on gear housing?

A. Remove foreign matter and clean lower unit.

Q. Is fuel system obstructed?

A. Check for pinched or kinked fuel line or other obstructions in fuel system.

Q. Is fuel filter clogged?

A. Clean or replace filter.

Q. Is fuel contaminated or stale?

A. Fill tank with clean, fresh fuel.

Q. Is spark plug gap incorrect?

A. Inspect and adjust as specified.

Q. Is ignition wiring damaged or poorly connected?

A. Check wires for wear or breaks. Tighten all loose connections. Replace worn or broken wires.

Q. Have electrical parts failed?

A. Have serviced by a Yamaha dealer.

Q. Is specified fuel not being used?

A. Replace fuel with specified type.

Q. Is specified engine oil not being used?

A. Check and replace oil with specified type.

Q. Is thermostat faulty or clogged?

A. Have serviced by a Yamaha dealer.

Q. Is air vent screw closed?

A. Open the air vent screw.

Q. Is fuel pump damaged?

A. Have serviced by a Yamaha dealer.

Q. Is fuel joint connection incorrect?

A. Connect correctly.

Q. Is heat range of spark plug incorrect?

A. Inspect spark plug and replace it with recommended type.

Q. Is high pressure fuel pump drive belt broken?

A. Have serviced by a Yamaha dealer.

Q. Is engine not responding properly to shift lever position?

A. Have serviced by a Yamaha dealer.

## **Engine vibrates excessively.**

Q. Is propeller damaged?

A. Have propeller repaired or replaced.

Q. Is propeller shaft damaged?

A. Have serviced by a Yamaha dealer.

Q. Are weeds or other foreign matter tangled on propeller?

A. Remove and clean propeller.

Q. Is motor mounting bolt loose?

A. Tighten bolt.

Q. Is steering pivot loose or damaged?

A. Tighten or have serviced by a Yamaha dealer.

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## **Temporary action in emergency**

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### **Impact damage**

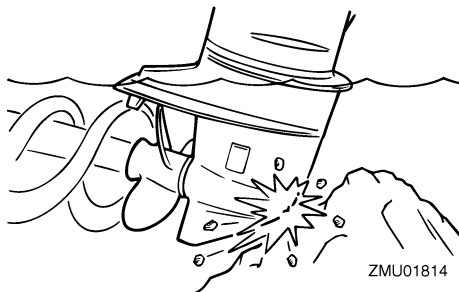
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**WARNING**

**The outboard motor can be seriously damaged by a collision while operating or trailering. Damage could make the outboard motor unsafe to operate.**

If the outboard motor hits an object in the water, follow the procedure below.



1. Stop the engine immediately.
2. Inspect the control system and all components for damage. Also inspect the boat for damage.
3. Whether damage is found or not, return to the nearest harbor slowly and carefully.
4. Have a Yamaha dealer inspect the outboard motor before operating it again.

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### **Running single engine**

When using only engine in an emergency, be sure to keep the unused one tilted up and operate the other engine at low speed.

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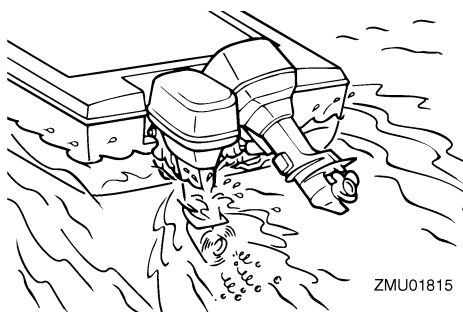
### **CAUTION:**

**If the boat is operated with one engine in the water but not running, water may run into the exhaust pipe due to wave action, causing engine trouble.**

### **NOTE:**

When you are maneuvering at low speed, such as near a dock, it is recommended that both engines be running with one in neutral gear if possible.

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## Replacing fuse

If a fuse has blown, remove the electrical cover, open the fuse holder and remove the fuse with a fuse puller (if equipped). Replace it with a spare one of the proper amperage.

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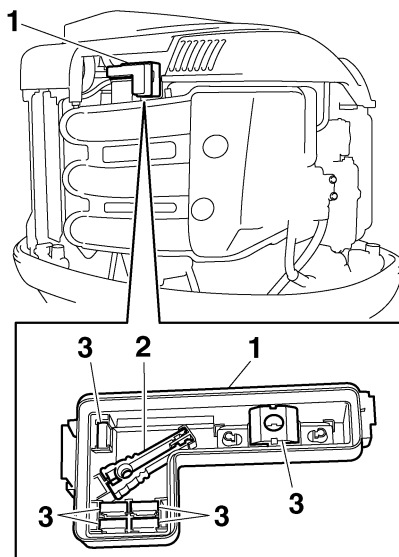


## WARNING

**Be sure to use the specified fuse. An incorrect fuse or a piece of wire could allow excessive current flow. This could cause electric system damage and a fire hazard.**

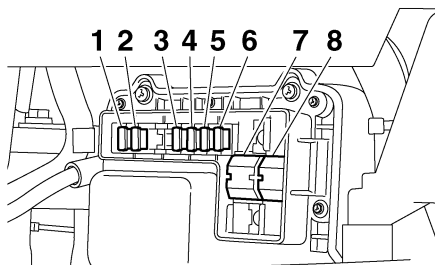
## NOTE:

Consult your Yamaha dealer if the new fuse immediately blows again.



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1. Electrical cover
2. Fuse puller
3. Spare fuse (5 A, 10 A, 15 A, 20 A, 30 A, 80 A)



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1. Electric throttle valve / ECM (Electronic control module) fuse (10 A)
2. Ignition coil / Fuel injector / Variable camshaft timing / ECM (Electronic control module) fuse (30 A)
3. Main switch / PTT switch fuse (20 A)
4. Starter relay fuse (30 A)
5. Fuel feed pump fuse (5 A)
6. Fuel pump fuse (15 A)
7. Engine main fuse (80 A)
8. (Label for the 8th fuse, not described in the list)

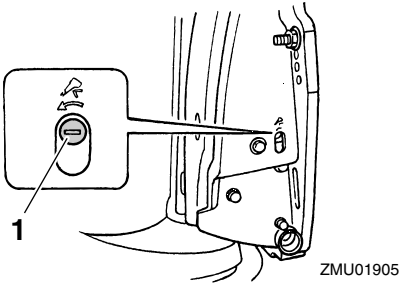
## 8. Isolator fuse (80 A)

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### Power trim and tilt / power tilt will not operate

If the engine cannot be tilted up or down with the power trim and tilt / the power tilt because of a discharged battery or a failure with the power trim and tilt unit / the power tilt unit, the engine can be tilted manually.

1. Loosen the manual valve screw by turning it counterclockwise until it stops.



1. Manual valve screw
2. Put the engine in the desired position, then tighten the manual valve screw by turning it clockwise.

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### Water separator warning indicator blinks while cruising

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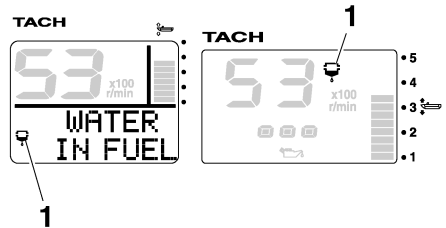


Gasoline is highly flammable, and its vapors are flammable and explosive.

- Do not perform this procedure on a hot or running engine. Allow the engine to cool.
- There will be fuel in the fuel filter. Keep away from sparks, cigarettes, flames or other sources of ignition.
- This procedure will allow some fuel to spill. Catch fuel in a rag. Wipe up any spilled fuel immediately.

- The fuel filter must be reassembled carefully with the O-ring, filter cup, and hoses in place. Improper assembly or replacement could result in a fuel leak, which could result in a fire or explosion hazard.

If the water separator warning indicator on the tachometer blinks, perform the following procedure.

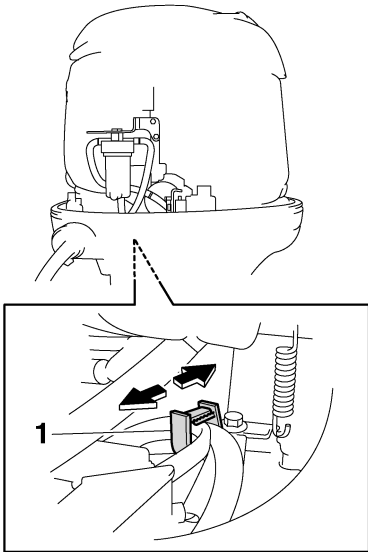


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1. Water separator warning indicator

1. Stop the engine.
2. Remove the top cowl.
3. Remove the holder.

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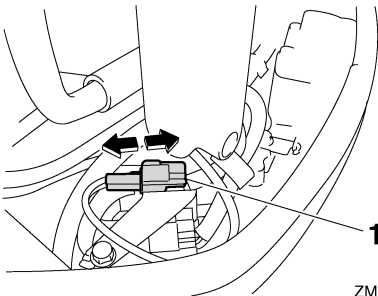


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- 1. Holder
- 4. Disconnect the water detection switch coupler.

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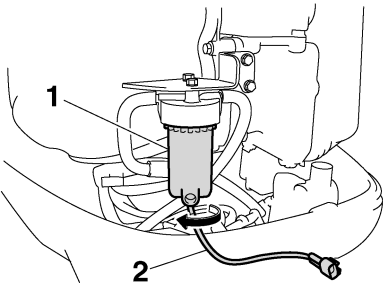
**CAUTION:** Be careful not to get any water on the water detection switch coupler, otherwise a malfunction could occur.



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- 1. Water detection switch coupler
- 5. Unscrew the filter cup from the filter housing.

**NOTE:** Be careful not to twist the water detection switch lead when unscrewing the filter cup.



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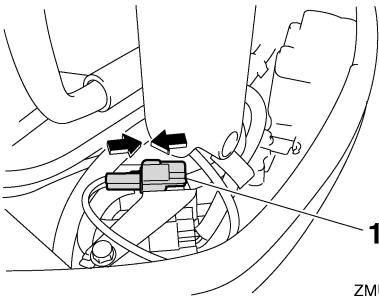
- 1. Filter cup
- 2. Water detection switch lead
- 6. Drain the water in the filter cup by soaking it up with a rag.

**NOTE:** Properly dispose of the rag.

- 7. Firmly screw the filter cup onto the filter housing.

**NOTE:** Be careful not to twist the water detection switch lead when screwing the filter cup onto the filter housing.

- 8. Connect the water detection switch coupler securely until a click is heard.



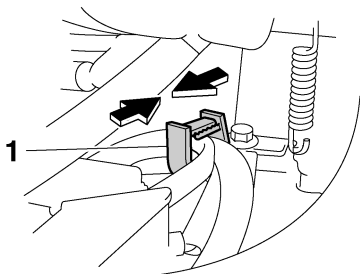
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- 1. Water detection switch coupler



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9. Fasten the water detection switch lead with the holder.
4. Spray "Fogging Oil" or supply engine oil through the intake manifold and spark plug holes while rotating the flywheel manually.
5. Take the outboard motor to a Yamaha dealer as soon as possible.



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1. Holder
10. Install the top cowling.
11. Start the engine and make sure that the water separator warning indicator remains off.

## NOTE:

Have a Yamaha dealer inspect the outboard motor after returning to port.

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## Treatment of submerged motor

If the outboard motor is submerged, immediately take it to a Yamaha dealer. Otherwise some corrosion may begin almost immediately.

If you cannot immediately take the outboard motor to a Yamaha dealer, follow the procedure below in order to minimize engine damage.

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## Procedure

1. Thoroughly wash away mud, salt, seaweed, and so on, with fresh water.
2. Remove the spark plugs and face the spark plug holes downward to allow any water, mud, or contaminants to drain.
3. Drain the fuel from the vapor separator, fuel filter, and fuel line.

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## CAUTION:

**Do not attempt to run the outboard motor until it has been completely inspected.**

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## Important warranty information for U.S.A. and Canada

**Welcome to the Yamaha Family!**

**Congratulations on the purchase of your new Yamaha marine power. Yamaha is committed to exceptional customer satisfaction, and we want your ownership experience to be a satisfying one. Please read the following warranty information to help ensure satisfaction with your Yamaha.**

Yamaha is ready to stand behind your purchase with strong warranty coverage. To be sure you receive all the benefits of warranty, please take the following steps:

1. Be sure your new Yamaha is registered for warranty. Your boat dealer should do this at the time of sale. Make sure your dealer gives you a copy of the completed Yamaha registration card for your records. If you are unsure whether or not your Yamaha is registered, complete the Warranty Registration card found inside the cover of the Owner's Manual. Mail it to the distributor for the country in which you live (see step 6 for the correct address). If your Yamaha is not properly registered, a warranty repair could be unnecessarily delayed while registration records are checked.
2. Read the Limited Warranty statement which follows these instructions. This warranty applies to Yamaha outboard motors sold in the United States, whether purchased separately or when supplied as original equipment by a boat builder. The terms also apply to original equipment packages sold in Canada, with coverage provided by Yamaha Motor Canada (see "Warranty Guide" for Canadian models). This warranty explains the conditions of the warranty, including the obligations that your dealer and you as the owner have under the warranty. For example, your Yamaha outboard must receive a proper pre-delivery inspection (PDI) by the selling dealer. Failure to take this important step could jeopardize warranty coverage!
3. If you need warranty repairs, you must take your Yamaha outboard to an authorized Yamaha outboard dealer. Be aware that not all selling boat dealers are authorized Yamaha dealers. Only authorized dealers have the factory training, special tools, and Yamaha support needed to perform warranty repairs.
4. If you are away from home, or your selling dealer is not an authorized Yamaha dealer, use the following toll-free numbers to find the nearest Yamaha dealer.

**United States Dealer Locations: 1-800-692-6242**

**Canada Dealer Locations: 1-800-267-8577**

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5. Your warranty applies specifically to repairs made in the country of purchase. If your U.S.-purchased Yamaha needs warranty service while in Canada, or your Canadian purchased Yamaha needs service while in the United States, Yamaha will assist the local dealer whenever possible. However, some products available in one country may not be sold or serviced in the other.
6. If you need any additional information about your Yamaha or warranty coverage which your dealer cannot provide, please contact us directly.

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**Kennesaw, GA 30144**  
**Attention: Customer Relations Department**

**Telephone No. (866) 894-1626**  
**Fax No. (770) 420-6106**

**Yamaha Motor Canada Ltd.**  
**480 Gordon Baker Road**  
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## YAMAHA MOTOR CORPORATION, U.S.A. FOUR-STROKE OUTBOARD MOTOR THREE-YEAR LIMITED WARRANTY

Yamaha Motor Corporation, U.S.A. hereby warrants that new Yamaha 1999-or-later model four-stroke outboard motors originally distributed by Yamaha Motor Corporation, U.S.A. will be free from defects in material and workmanship for the period of time stated herein, subject to certain stated limitations. Warranty coverage for outboards distributed by non-US Yamaha affiliated companies may be different.

**PERIOD OF WARRANTY.** Any new Yamaha 1999-or-later model four-stroke outboard motor purchased and registered with Yamaha Motor Corporation, U.S.A. for pleasure use in the United States, will be warranted against defects in material or workmanship for a period of three (3) years from the date of purchase, subject to exclusions noted herein. Any Yamaha outboard motor purchased and utilized for commercial applications will be warranted for a period of one (1) year from the date of purchase, subject to exclusions noted herein. Yamaha peripheral equipment included with the motor, such as gauges, fuel tanks, and hoses, remote control boxes, and wiring external from the motor unit, will be warranted for one (1) year from the date of purchase of either pleasure or commercial use. Replacement parts used in warranty repairs will be warranted for the balance of the applicable warranty period.

The second and third year of warranty (if applicable) shall be limited to covering the cost of parts and labor for major components only. The major components covered are:

### **Power Unit Section**

- Power Head
- Intake Manifold
- Carburetor Assembly and its Related Components
- Fuel Injection System and its Related Components
- Fuel and Oil Pump Assemblies
- Ignition System (Standard and Microcomputer)

### **Lower Unit Section**

- Exhaust System
- Upper Casing
- Lower Unit Assembly

### **Bracket Section**

- Bracket System
- Power Trim and Tilt Assembly

**WARRANTY REGISTRATION.** To be eligible for warranty coverage, the outboard motor must be registered with Yamaha Motor Corporation, U.S.A. Warranty registration can be accomplished by any authorized Yamaha Outboard Motor Dealer. Upon receipt of the registration, an Owner's Warranty Card will be sent by Yamaha to the registered purchaser.

**OBTAINING REPAIRS UNDER WARRANTY.** To receive repairs under this warranty, a valid Owner's Warranty Card must be presented to an authorized Yamaha Outboard Motor Dealer.

During the period of warranty, any authorized Yamaha outboard dealer will, free of charge, repair or replace, at Yamaha's option, any parts adjudged defective by Yamaha due to faulty workmanship or material from the factory. All replaced parts will become the property of Yamaha Motor Corporation, U.S.A.

**CUSTOMER'S RESPONSIBILITY.** Under the terms of this warranty, the customer will be responsible for ensuring that the outboard motor is properly operated, maintained, and stored as specified in the applicable Owner's Manual.

The owner of the outboard motor shall give notice to an authorized Yamaha Outboard Motor Dealer of any and all apparent defects within ten (10) days of discovery and make the motor available at that time for inspection and repairs at the dealer's place of business.

**GENERAL EXCLUSIONS FROM WARRANTY.** This warranty will not cover the repair of damage if the damage is a result of abuse or neglect of the product. Examples of abuse and neglect include, but are not limited to:

1. Racing or competition use, modification of original parts, abnormal strain.
2. Lack of proper maintenance and off season storage as described in the Owner's Manual, installation of parts or accessories that are not equivalent in design and quality genuine Yamaha parts.
3. Operation of the motor at an rpm other than specified, use of lubricants or oils that are not suitable for outboard motor use.
4. Damage as a result of accidents, collisions, contact with foreign materials, or submersion.
5. Growth of marine organism on motor surfaces.
6. Normal deterioration.

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**SPECIFIC PARTS EXCLUDED FROM WARRANTY.** Parts replaced due to normal wear or routine maintenance such as oil, spark plugs, shear pins, propellers, hubs, fuel and oil filters, brushes for the starter motor and power tilt motor, water pump impellers, and anodes, are not covered by warranty.

Charges for removal of the motor from a boat and transporting the motor to and from an authorized Yamaha Outboard Motor Dealer are excluded from warranty coverage.

Specific parts excluded from the second and third year of warranty (if applicable) are:

- Top and Bottom Cowling
- Electric Components (other than ignition system)
- Rubber Components (such as hoses, tubes, rubber seals, fittings, and clamps)

**TRANSFER OF WARRANTY.** Transfer of the warranty from the original purchaser to any subsequent purchaser is possible by having the motor inspected by an authorized Yamaha Outboard Motor Dealer and requesting the dealer to submit a change of registration to Yamaha Motor Corporation, U.S.A. within ten (10) days of the transfer.

***YAMAHA MOTOR CORPORATION, U.S.A. MAKES NO OTHER WARRANTY OF ANY KIND, EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED. ALL IMPLIED WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY AND FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE WHICH EXCEED THE OBLIGATIONS AND TIME LIMITS STATED IN THIS WARRANTY ARE HEREBY DISCLAIMED BY YAMAHA MOTOR CORPORATION, U.S.A. AND EXCLUDED FROM THIS WARRANTY.***

***SOME STATES DO NOT ALLOW LIMITATIONS ON HOW LONG AN IMPLIED WARRANTY LASTS, SO THE ABOVE LIMITATIONS MAY NOT APPLY TO YOU. ALSO EXCLUDED FROM THIS WARRANTY ARE ANY INCIDENTAL OR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES INCLUDING LOSS OF USE. SOME STATES DO NOT ALLOW THE EXCLUSION OR LIMITATION OF INCIDENTAL OR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES, SO THE ABOVE 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.***

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## **IMPORTANT WARRANTY INFORMATION IF YOU USE YOUR YAMAHA OUTSIDE THE USA OR CANADA**

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**Congratulations on the purchase of your new Yamaha Products. Yamaha is committed to exceptional customer satisfaction, and we want your ownership experience to be a satisfying one. Please read the following warranty information to help ensure satisfaction with your Yamaha.**

This model was manufactured as a USA specification model, and the warranty statement shown in this manual is for the United States market.

Please note the following information:

1. As explained in the Limited Warranty Statement, the Yamaha warranty covers your Yamaha when it is registered and used in the United States or Canada.
2. If you need repairs while temporarily using your Yamaha in another country, contact the local authorized Yamaha distributor for that country. Yamaha will work with that distributor to make the needed repairs as quickly as possible. If you have to pay for a repair that you believe your warranty would have covered at home, present all repair orders, receipts, or other related documents to your local dealer when you return home. He will be able to contact Yamaha on your behalf to see if any refund can be provided.

### **NOTE:**

Your Yamaha model may not be sold in some countries. Therefore, a Yamaha dealer outside the United States or Canada may not have all of the replacement parts or technical information available to provide proper service. This may unavoidably delay repairs. Thank you for your understanding should this happen.

3. If your Yamaha is registered or used primarily outside the United States or Canada, the warranty printed in this manual does not apply to you. Contact the dealer who sold the Yamaha marine power unit to you for customer support information.

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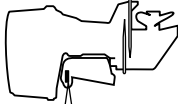
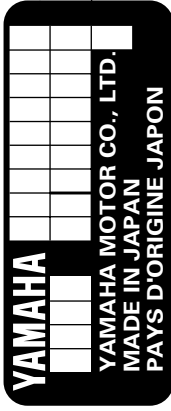
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## OUTBOARD MOTOR WARRANTY REGISTRATION ENREGISTREMENT DE LA GARANTIE DU MOTEUR HORS-BORD

Please complete and mail this card. This information is necessary to accurately register your unit for warranty.  
Veuillez signer ci-dessous pour attester que le montage et l'inspection ont été faits dans le respect des directives d'inspection et que la marche à suivre pour la garantie et l'entretien a été expliquée à l'acheteur au détail.

OUTBOARD MOTOR MODEL AND SERIAL NUMBER (From I.D. label on clamp bracket)

MODÈLE ET NO. DE SÉRIE DU MOTEUR HORS-BORD (sur l'étiquette d'identification de la presse de fixation)



(For Dealer Use Only)

(A l'usage du concessionnaire)

YAMAHA DEALER NUMBER  
NO. DU CONCESSIONNAIRE  
YAMAHA

DEALER NAME  
NOM DU  
CONCESSIONNAIRE

DATE SOLD

DATE DE

LIVRAISON

MONTH

MOIS

DAY

JOUR

YEAR

ANNÉE

OWNER'S NAME

NOM DU

PROPRIÉTAIRE

ADDRESS

ADRESSE

FIRST

PRÉNOM

LAST

NOM DE FAMILLE

STREET

RUE

CITY

VILLE

STATE/PROVINCE

PROVINCE

ZIP

CODE POSTAL

PHONE NUMBER ( )

NUMÉRO DE TÉLÉPHONE

PLACE  
POSTAGE  
HERE

**ATTN: WARRANTY DEPARTMENT**