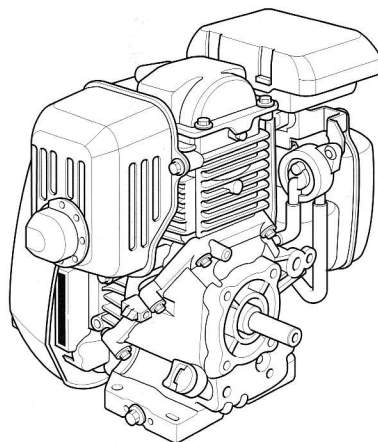


GC135E GC160E



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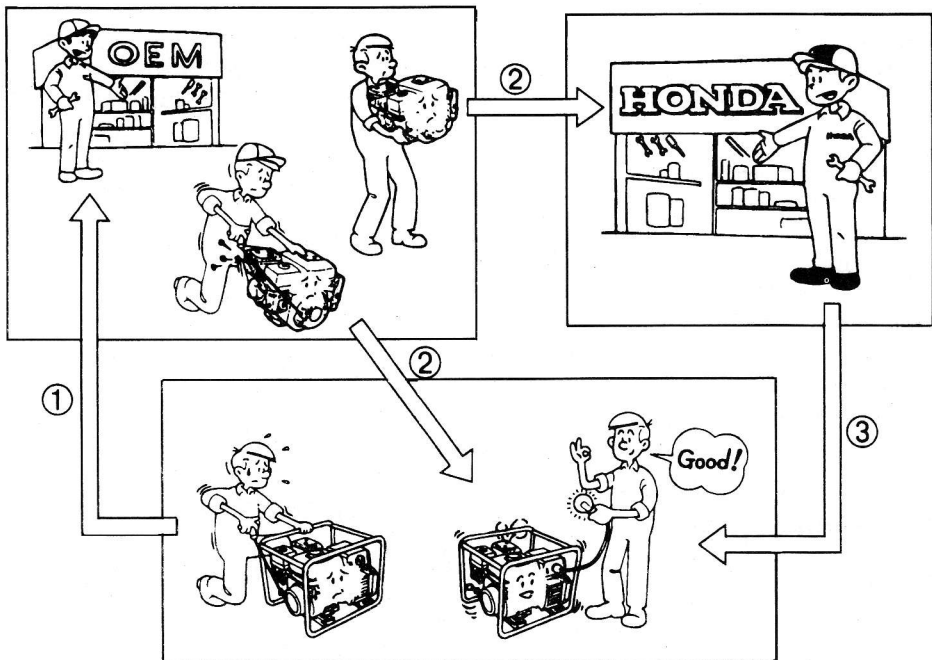
INTERNATIONAL WARRANTY INFORMATION FOR HONDA GENERAL PURPOSE ENGINES

Honda warranty is applicable to particular Honda engine fitted on products manufactured by other firms. The basic warranty is subject to the following:

- Engine service may not be available if the engine model is not sold by local Honda dealers.
- The warranty conditions shall be in accordance with the conditions stipulated by Honda Distributor in the country where service is requested.
- Further service information may be obtained by consulting an authorized Honda engine dealer or the dealer selling the product on which the engine is installed.

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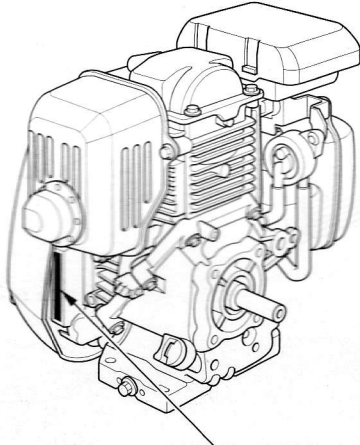
Take your product to the dealer from which you purchased it when service is necessary. If the dealer judges that the Honda engine requires repair, bring the engine only to an authorized Honda engine dealer together with the proof of purchase.



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GC135E GC160E



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WARNING

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This manual covers the operation and maintenance of your engine: GC135E-GC160E

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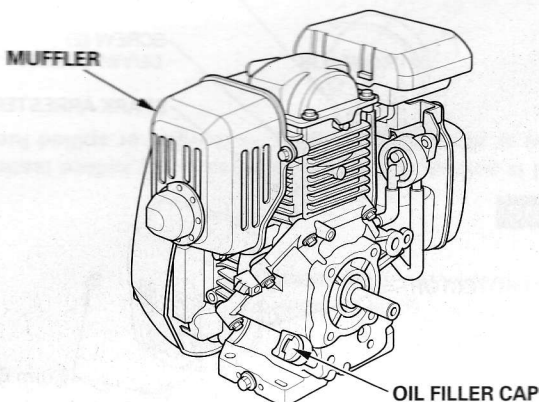
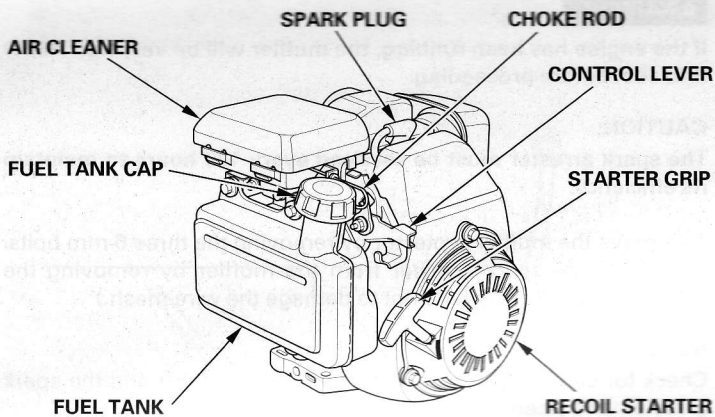
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NOTICE Indicates that equipment or property damage can result if instructions are not followed.

NOTE: Gives helpful information.

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2 COMPONENT IDENTIFICATION



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3 PRE-OPERATION CHECK

1. Engine oil level

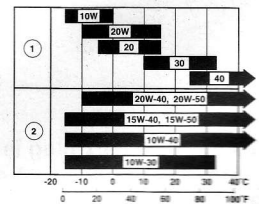
CAUTION:

- Running the engine with insufficient oil can cause serious engine damage.
- Be sure to check the engine on a level surface with the engine stopped.

1. Remove the oil filler cap and check the oil level.
2. If the level is low, add the recommended oil to the edge of the oil filler hole.

Use Honda 4-stroke, or an equivalent high detergent, premium quality motor oil certified to meet or exceed U.S. automobile manufacturer's requirements for service classification SG, SF. Motor oils classified SG, SF will show this designation on the container.

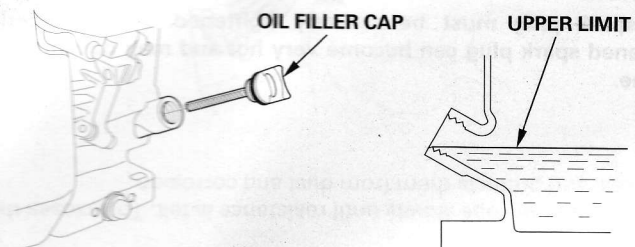
SAE 10W-30 is recommended for general, all temperature use. If single viscosity oil is used, select the appropriate viscosity for the average temperature in your area.



Ambient temperature
① SINGLE VISCOSITY
② MULTI VISCOSITY

CAUTION:

Using nondetergent oil or 2-stroke engine oil could shorten the engine's service life.

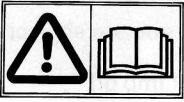


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1 SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

▲WARNING

To ensure safe operation—



• Honda engine is designed to give safe and dependable service if operated according to instructions. Read and understand the Owner's Manual before operating the engine. Failure to do so could result in personal injury or equipment damage.

- Always make a pre-operation inspection (page 6) before you start the engine. You may prevent an accident or equipment damage.
- To prevent fire hazards and to provide adequate ventilation, keep the engine at least 1 meter (3 feet) away from buildings and other equipment during operation. Do not place flammable objects close to the engine.
- Children and pets must be kept away from the area of operation due to a possibility of burns from hot engine components or injury from any equipment the engine may be used to operate.
- Know how to stop the engine quickly, and understand the operation of all controls. Never permit anyone to operate the engine without proper instructions.
- Do not place flammable objects such as gasoline, matches, etc., close to the engine while it is running.
- Refuel in a well-ventilated area with the engine stopped. Gasoline is highly flammable and explosive under certain conditions.
- Do not overfill the fuel tank. There should be no fuel in the filler neck. Make sure that the filler cap is closed securely.

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Safety Instruction

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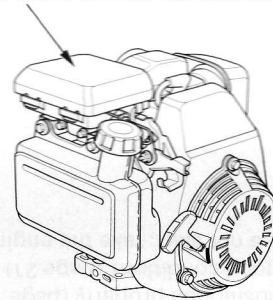
To ensure safe operation—

- If any fuel is spilled, clean it up completely and allow petroleum vapours to dissipate before starting the engine.
- Do not smoke or allow flames or sparks where the engine is refueled or where gasoline is stored.
- Exhaust gas contains poisonous carbon monoxide. Avoid inhalation of exhaust gases. Never run the engine in a closed garage or confined area.
- Place the engine on a stable surface. Do not tilt the engine more than 20° from horizontal. Operating at excessive angles may result in fuel spillage.
- Do not place anything on the engine, as it may create a fire hazard.
- A spark arrester is available as an optional part for this engine. It is illegal in some areas to operate an engine without a spark arrester. Check local laws and regulations before operating.
- The muffler becomes very hot during operation and remains hot for a while after stopping the engine. Be careful not to touch the muffler while it is hot. To avoid severe burns or fire hazards, let the engine cool before transporting it or storing it indoors.

SAFETY INDICATION LOCATION

This indication warns you of potential hazards that can cause serious injury. Read it carefully.

READ OWNER'S MANUAL BEFORE OPERATION.



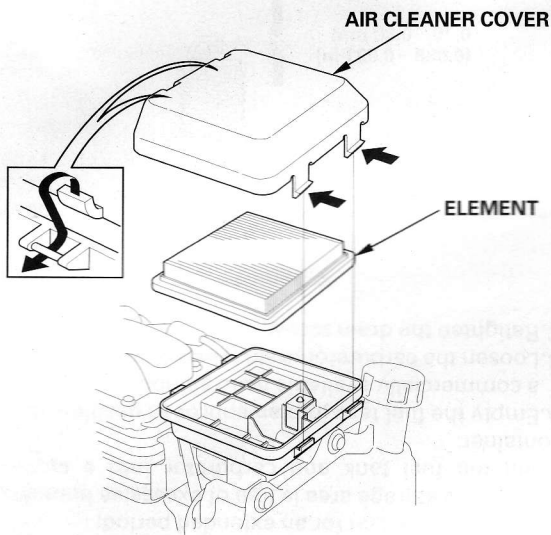
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2. Air cleaner

CAUTION:

Never run the engine without the air cleaner. Rapid engine wear will result.

Remove the air cleaner cover and check the cleaner for dirt or obstruction of the element (page 19).



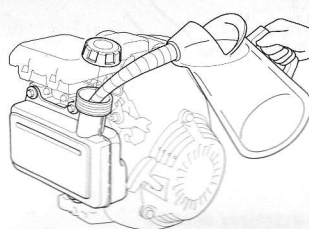
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3. Fuel

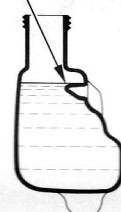
Use automotive unleaded gasoline with a Research Octane Number of 91 or higher (a Pump Octane Number of 86 or higher). Never use stale or contaminated gasoline or an oil/gasoline mixture. Avoid getting dirt or water in the fuel tank.

▲WARNING

- Gasoline is extremely flammable and is explosive under certain conditions.
 - Refuel in a well-ventilated area with the engine stopped. Do not smoke or allow flames or sparks in the area where the engine is refueled or where gasoline is stored.
 - Do not overfill the fuel tank (there should be no fuel above the upper limit mark). After refueling, make sure the fuel tank cap is closed properly and securely.
 - Be careful not to spill fuel when refueling. Spilled fuel or fuel vapor may ignite. If any fuel is spilled, make sure the area is dry before starting the engine.
 - Avoid repeated or prolonged contact with skin or breathing of vapor.
- KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN.



UPPER LIMIT MARK



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Maintenance Schedule

ITEM	REGULAR SERVICE PERIOD (4) Perform at every indicated month or operating hours interval, whichever comes first.	Before	First	Every	Every	Every	Every
		use	month or 5 hrs.	season or 25 hrs.	season or 50 hrs.	year or 100 hrs.	2 years or 250 hrs.
Engine oil	Check	○					
	Change		○		○ (2)		
Air cleaner	Check	○					
	Clean			○ (1)			
	Replace						○
Spark plug	Check—Clean					○	
	Replace						○
Spark arrester (optional part)	Clean					○	
Idle speed	Check—Adjust					○ (3)	
Valve clearance	Check—Adjust					○ (3)	
Combustion chamber	Clean	After every 250 hrs (3)					
Fuel tank and strainer	Clean					○ (3)	
Fuel line	Check	Every 2 years (Replace if necessary) (3)					

NOTE:

- (1): Service more frequently when used in dusty areas.
- (2): Change engine oil every 25 hours when used under heavy load or in high ambient temperature.
- (3): These items should be serviced by an authorized Honda dealer, unless the owner has the proper tools and is mechanically proficient. See the Honda Shop Manual.
- (4): For commercial use, log hours of operation to determine proper maintenance intervals.

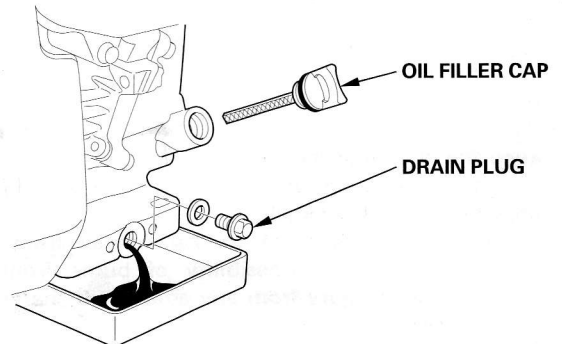
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1. Oil change

Drain the oil while the engine is still warm to assure rapid and complete draining.

1. Remove the oil filler cap and drain plug to drain the oil.
2. Install the drain plug, and tighten it securely.
3. Refill with the recommended oil (see page 6) and check the oil level.
4. Install the oil filler cap.

ENGINE OIL CAPACITY: 0.58 l (0.61 US qt, 0.51 Imp qt)



Wash your hands with soap and water after handling used oil.

NOTE:

Please dispose of used motor oil in a manner that is compatible with the environment. We suggest you take it in a sealed container to your local service station for reclamation. Do not throw it in the trash, pour it on the ground, or down a drain.

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3. Spark plug service

Recommended spark plug:

BPR6ES (NGK)

CAUTION:

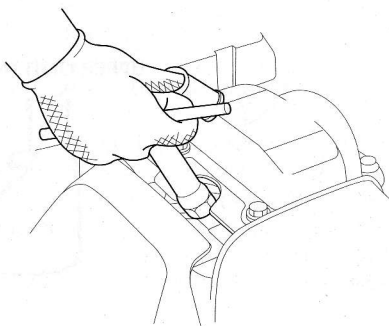
Never use a spark plug of incorrect heat range.

To ensure proper engine operation, the spark plug must be properly gapped and free of deposits.

1. Remove the spark plug cap and use a spark plug wrench to remove each spark plug.

▲WARNING

If the engine has been running, the muffler will be very hot. Be careful not to touch the muffler.



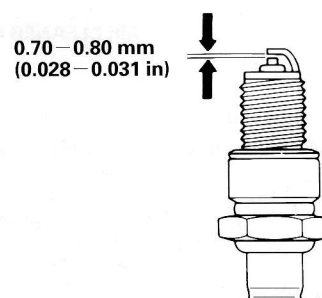
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2. Visually inspect the spark plug. Discard the spark plug if there is apparent wear, or if the insulator is cracked or chipped. Clean the spark plug with a wire brush if it is to be reused.

3. Measure the plug gap with a feeler gauge. Correct as necessary by bending the side electrode.

The gap should be:

0.70—0.80 mm (0.028—0.031 in)



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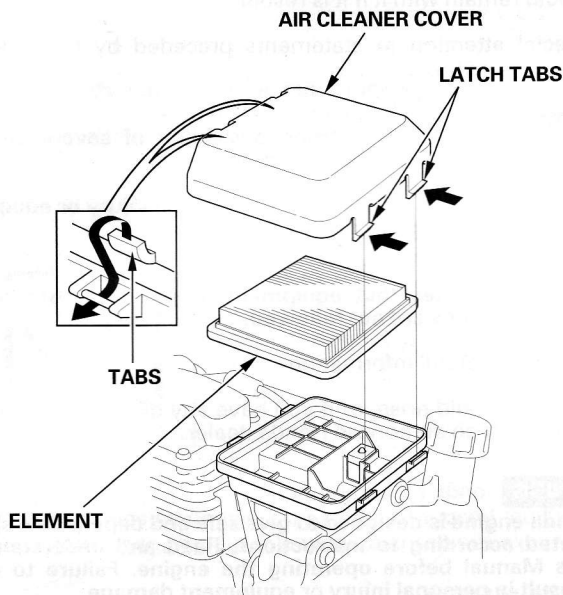
2. Air cleaner service

A dirty air cleaner will restrict air flow to the carburetor. To prevent carburetor malfunction, service the air cleaner regularly. Service more frequently when operating the engine in extremely dusty areas.

CAUTION:

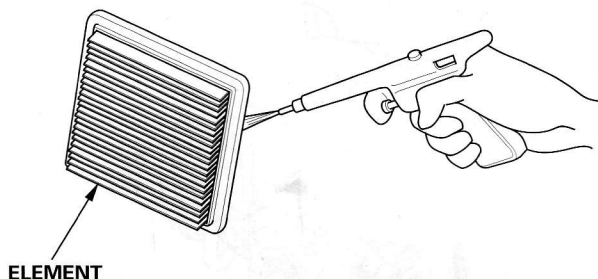
Never run the engine without the air cleaner. Rapid engine wear will result.

1. Press the latch tabs on the fuel tank side of the air cleaner cover, and remove the air cleaner cover.



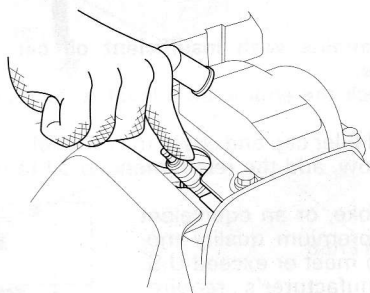
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2. Remove the element. Carefully check the element for holes or tears and replace if damaged.
3. Tap the element lightly several times on a hard surface to remove excess dirt, or blow compressed air through the filter from the inside out. Never try to brush the dirt off; brushing will force dirt into the fibers. Replace the element if it is excessively dirty.
4. Install the element and air cleaner cover.



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4. Check that the spark plug washer is in good condition and thread the spark plug in by hand to prevent cross-threading.



5. After the spark plug is seated, tighten with a spark plug wrench to compress the washer.

NOTE:

When installing a new spark plug, tighten 1/2 turn after the spark plug seats to compress the washer. When reinstalling a used spark plug, tighten 1/8—1/4 turn after the spark plug seats to compress the washer.

CAUTION:

The spark plug must be securely tightened. An improperly tightened spark plug can become very hot and may damage the engine.

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4. Spark arrester maintenance (optional part)

▲WARNING

If the engine has been running, the muffler will be very hot. Allow it to cool before proceeding.

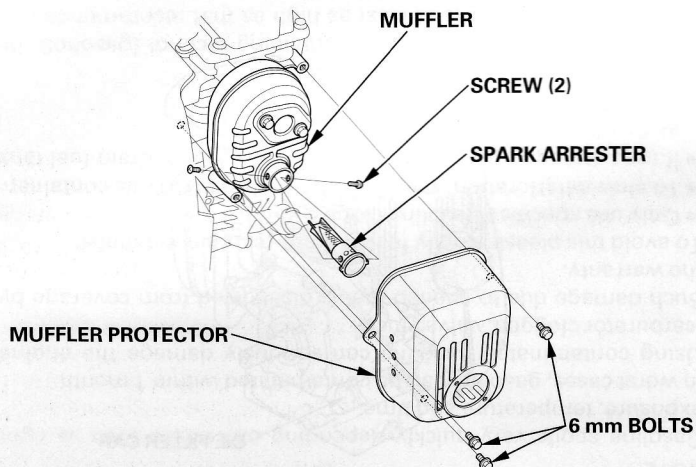
CAUTION:

The spark arrester must be serviced every 100 hours to maintain its efficiency.

1. Remove the muffler protector by removing the three 6 mm bolts.
2. Remove the spark arrester from the muffler by removing the two screws. (Taking care not to damage the wire mesh.)

NOTE:

Check for carbon deposits around the exhaust port and the spark arrester, and clean if necessary.

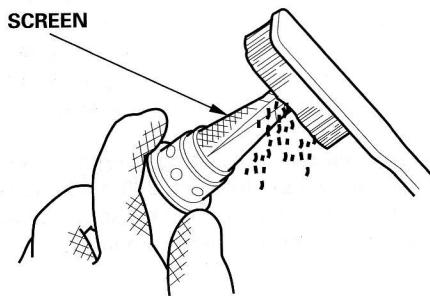


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3. Use a brush to remove carbon deposits from the spark arrester screen.

CAUTION:

Be careful not to damage the spark arrester screen.



NOTE:

The spark arrester must be free of breaks and holes. Replace, if necessary.

4. Install the spark arrester and the muffler in the reverse order of disassembly.

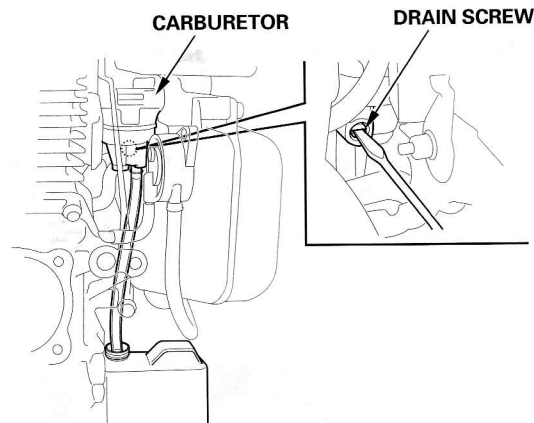
8 TRANSPORTING/STORAGE

▲WARNING

When transporting the engine, keep the engine level to prevent fuel spillage. Fuel vapor or spilled fuel may ignite.

Before storing the unit for an extended period;

1. Be sure the storage area is free of excessive humidity and dust.
2. Drain the fuel tank and carburetor into a suitable gasoline container:
 - A. Empty the fuel tank into an approved gasoline container using a commercially available hand siphon.
 - B. Loosen the carburetor drain screw to drain the carburetor.
 - C. Retighten the drain screw.



▲WARNING

Gasoline is extremely flammable and is explosive under certain conditions. Do not smoke or allow flames or sparks in the area.

3. Is the control lever positioned properly (page 10, 11)?
4. Is the spark plug in good condition? (page 21)
5. If the engine still does not start, take the engine to an authorized Honda dealer.

10 SPECIFICATIONS

Dimensions

Model	GC135E	
Power equipment description code	GCAAE	
Length	330 mm (13.0 in)	
Width	369 mm (14.5 in)	
Height	315 mm (12.4 in)	
Dry weight	11.2 kg (24.7 lbs)	

Engine

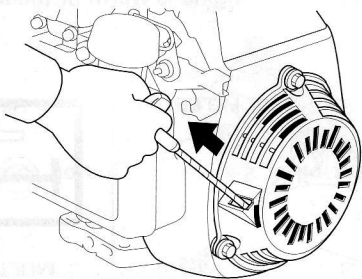
Engine type	4-stroke, overhead cam, 1 cylinder
Displacement	135 cm ³ (8.2 cu-in)
Bore x Stroke	64 × 42 mm (2.5 × 1.7 in)
Max. output	2.9 kW (4.0 PS)/3,600 rpm
Max. torque	8.6 N·m (0.88 kgf-m)/2,500 rpm
Fuel consumption	313 g/kWh (230 g/PSH)
Cooling system	Forced air
Ignition system	Transistor magneto
PTO shaft rotation	Counterclockwise
Fuel tank capacity	1.7 l (0.45 US gal, 0.37 Imp gal)
Engine oil capacity	0.58 l (0.61 US qt, 0.51 Imp qt)
Engine oil	Service classification SF or SG; SAE 10W-30
Spark plug	BPR6ES (NGK)

NOTE:

Specifications may vary according to the types, and are subject to change without notice.

3. Change the engine oil (page 18).

4. Pull the starter rope slowly until resistance is felt. This closes the valves, and protects them from dust and corrosion.



5. Coat areas that may rust with a light film of oil. Cover the engine and store it on a level surface in a dry, dust free area.

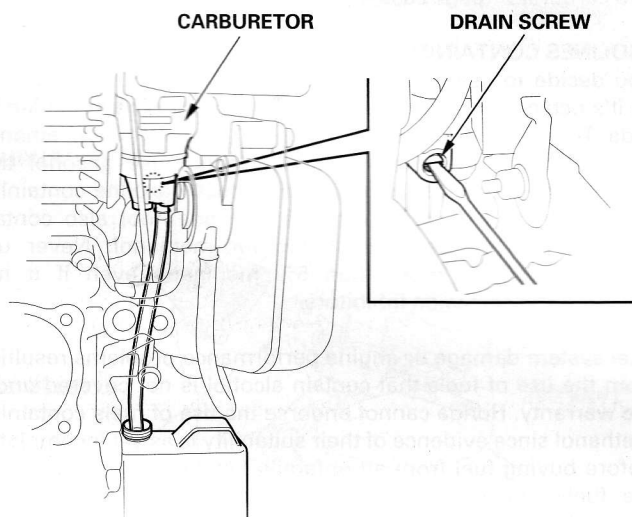
9 TROUBLESHOOTING

When the engine will not start:

1. Is there fuel in the fuel tank?
2. Is gasoline reaching the carburetor?
To check, loosen the drain screw.

▲WARNING

If any fuel is spilled, make sure the area is dry before testing the spark plug or starting the engine. Fuel vapor or spilled fuel may ignite.



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Dimensions

Model	GC160E	
Power equipment description code	GCABE	
Length	337 mm (13.3 in)	
Width	369 mm (14.5 in)	
Height	331 mm (13.0 in)	
Dry weight	11.5 kg (25.4 lbs)	

Engine

Engine type	4-stroke, overhead cam, 1 cylinder
Displacement	160 cm ³ (9.8 cu-in)
Bore x Stroke	64 × 50 mm (2.5 × 2.0 in)
Max. output	3.7 kW (5.0 PS)/3,600 rpm
Max. torque	10.3 N·m (1.05 kgf-m)/2,500 rpm
Fuel consumption	313 g/kWh (230 g/PSH)
Cooling system	Forced air
Ignition system	Transistor magneto
PTO shaft rotation	Counterclockwise
Fuel tank capacity	2.0 ℓ (0.53 US gal , 0.44 Imp gal)
Engine oil capacity	0.58 ℓ (0.61 US qt , 0.51 Imp qt)
Engine oil	Service classification SF or SG; SAE 10W-30
Spark plug	BPR6ES (NGK)

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