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A WORD ABOUT SPECIAL TOOLS
Many of the procedures depicted in this manual require the use of special tools. Some of the tools required are available as Generac parts and are listed as such in this manual. Other tools are listed only as Briggs & Stratton parts and must be acquired through a Briggs & Stratton source of supply.

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NOTE: After this heading you can read explanatory statements that require special emphasis.
If the engine is to run properly, four (4) events must occur in the proper sequence and at the correct time. These events are (a) intake, (b) compression, (c) ignition and power, and (d) exhaust.

A INTAKE
The piston is travelling from top dead center (TDC) to bottom dead center (BDC). The cam has opened the intake valve. The piston’s downward movement in the cylinder creates a partial vacuum in the cylinder. Air at atmospheric pressure is drawn into the cylinder through the carburetor and is mixed with fuel in the carburetor. The fuel-air mixture flows through the open intake valve into the cylinder. When the piston reaches BDC, the intake stroke is over.

B COMPRESSION
As the piston reaches bottom dead center (BDC), both the intake and exhaust valves are closed. The piston moves upward toward TDC and the fuel-air mixture is compressed. Just before the piston reaches TDC, ignition occurs.

C IGNITION AND POWER
By the time the piston reaches TDC, combustion is already in progress. The intake and exhaust valves remain closed as the expanding gases of combustion force the piston downward.

D EXHAUST
The exhaust stroke begins when the piston has reached BDC and has started its upward movement. The intake valve is closed. The exhaust valve is open to let gases escape.
Purpose and Scope of Manual

This manual contains all information normally required to service or repair the Model GN-724 V-twin engine. Applicable procedures are carefully explained and illustrated.

For exploded views and listings of engine parts, refer to the Owner's Manual for the specific device on which the engine is used.

When ordering parts, always include the model and serial number of the engine. Be sure to insist on genuine Generac repair parts.

Systematic Check

If the engine will not start and the cause of malfunction is not readily apparent, perform a systematic check in the following order:

1. Ignition
2. Fuel
3. Compression

This check-up, performed in a systematic manner, can usually be done in a matter of minutes. It is the quickest and surest method of determining the cause of failure. The basic check-up procedure is the same for all engine models, while any variation, by model, will be shown under the subject heading.

Check Ignition

If spark does not occur look for -

- Two closed diodes in ground wire harness
- Incorrect armature air gap
- Armature failure
- Shorted wire #18

Check Ignition
(Engine Running)

If engine runs but misses during operation, a quick check to determine if ignition is or is not at fault can be made by installing a spark tester (Generac P/N 0C5969) between the spark plug lead and each spark plug, Fig. 6. A spark miss will be readily apparent when the engine is running. If spark is good but engine misses, check for a fouled spark plug.

Check Ignition
(Fouled Plug or Other Causes)

To check for a fouled spark plug or a non-functioning cylinder, attach the spark tester (Generac P/N 0C5969) between the spark plug lead and each spark plug. Start and run engine at top no load speed. Now ground one spark plug, Fig. 7. The engine should continue to run on the other cylinder. Repeat this test with the other cylinder. If the engine will not continue to run when making this test, the cylinder that is NOT grounded is not functioning and/or the spark plug is fouled. Install a new spark plug before proceeding. If miss continues, problem may be carburetion or compression. See Check Carburetion, Check Compression. Also see Cylinder Balance Test.
Tools Required:
1. Two Ignition Testers (Generac P/N 0C5969)
2. Screwdriver with insulated handle

Attach an ignition tester between the spark plug lead and each spark plug, Fig. 8.

Start and run engine running at top no load speed and note spark at ignition testers. If the spark is equal at both ignition testers, the problem is not ignition related. A spark miss will be readily apparent. Now note RPM of engine. Ground out one cylinder with screwdriver by contacting alligator clip on ignition tester and a good ground on engine, Fig. 9. Note RPM loss. Then ground out the other spark plug and note the RPM loss. If the difference between the two cylinders does not exceed 75 RPM, the amount of work the two cylinders are doing should be considered equal.

Check Fuel
The fuel pressure can be checked using a pressure tester kit (Generac P/N 0C7977). This kit comes with an informative “How To” video.

Check Compression
It has been determined through testing, a simple and accurate indication of compression can be made as follows:

Remove both spark plugs and insert a compression gauge into either cylinder (one cylinder at a time). Turn engine over with engine starter until there is no further increase in pressure. Record this reading. Repeat procedure on other cylinder and record that reading. The difference between both cylinders should not exceed 25%. More than 25% indicates loss of compression in the cylinder with lower pressure. See example.

EXAMPLE:

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<th>Cyl. #2</th>
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<td>75 PSI</td>
<td>55 PSI</td>
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If compression is poor, look for:
- Loose cylinder head bolts
- Blown head gasket
- Burned valves, valve seats and/or loose valve seats
- Insufficient valve clearance
- Warped cylinder head
- Warped valve stems
- Worn bore and/or rings
- Broken connecting rods

Cylinder Leakdown Test
A cylinder leakdown tester may be used to test the sealing capability of the compression components of each cylinder and quickly identify the problem component.

Cylinder Balance Test
If the engine is hard starting, runs rough, misses or lacks power, perform a cylinder balance test to determine whether both cylinders are operating to their full potential.
**Things Which Affect Both Cylinders**

1. Carburetion
2. Crankcase vacuum
3. Ignition timing
   a. A partially sheared flywheel key will effect ignition timing and engine performance.

If the RPM loss is greater than 75 RPM this indicates that the cylinder with the least RPM loss is the weakest of the two cylinders. Look to that cylinder for a problem.

Example.

Engine RPM - Both Cylinders = 3400 RPM
Engine RPM - #1 Cylinder Grounded = 3300 RPM
Engine RPM - #2 Cylinder Grounded = 3100 RPM

Conclusion: #1 cylinder is weakest of the two cylinders.

**Things Which Affect One Cylinder**

1. Spark plug
   a. A fouled spark plug may indicate that carburetor is out of adjustment.
2. Leak in spark plug wire
3. Head gasket
4. Intake manifold
   a. A leak at either end of the intake manifold will only affect one cylinder, not both.
5. Valves
6. Rings
7. Piston
8. Cylinder

The cylinder balance test will also detect a cylinder that is not functioning. When grounding out one cylinder there will be no RPM loss. When the other cylinder is grounded out the engine will stop.

**NOTE:** A twin cylinder engine will run well on one cylinder as long as the power required for the application does not exceed the power produced by the one cylinder.

**Equipment Affecting Engine Operation**

Frequently, what appears to be a problem with engine operation, such as hard starting, vibration, etc., may be the fault of the equipment powered rather than the engine itself. Listed are the most common effects of equipment problems, and what to look for as the most common cause.

**Hard Starting, or Will Not Start**

1. Loose belt - a loose belt like a loose blade can cause a backlash effect, which will counteract engine cranking effort.
2. Starting under load - see if the unit is disengaged when engine is started; or if engaged, should not have a heavy starting load.
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Bore: 2.970" (75.44 mm)
Stroke: 2.890" (73.40 mm)
Displacement: 40.0 cu. in. (656 cc)

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SPECIFICATIONS FOR GN724 OHVI V-TWIN ENGINE
MODEL SERIES .............................................. GN724
ARMATURE AIR GAP ........................................ .008" TO .012"
(.20 TO .30 MM)

FLYWHEEL HOLDER
BRIGGS & STRATTON PART NO. ................. 19321
FLYWHEEL PULLER
BRIGGS & STRATTON PART NO. ................. 19203
FLYWHEEL NUT TORQUE
 FT. LBS .................................................. 150
FLYWHEEL NUT TORQUE
 NM ........................................................... 203.0

See Section 1 For Spark Plug Maintenance And Specifications

GENERAL INFORMATION
Generac GN724 OHVI V-Twin engines use a magneto ignition: an ignition armature with a self-contained transistor module (no moving parts). Two magneto ignition armatures are used, with a flywheel containing a permanent magnet.

NOTE: The magneto ignition system requires a minimum of 350 RPM to produce spark.

ARMATURES

ARMATURE TESTING:
The condition of the ignition armatures can accurately diagnosed using an ignition tester, (Generac P/N 0C5969) as described in "Troubleshooting" in Section 1.

REMOVING ARMATURES:
1. Remove spark plug leads and spark plugs.
2. Remove rotating screen and blower housing.
3. Remove armature screws and lift off armature(s), Fig. 1.
   a. Disconnect stop switch wires at armatures.

Note: The flywheel does not need to be removed to service ignition except to check the flywheel key.

Fig. 1 - Removing Armature

INSTALL ARMATURES:
1. Turn flywheel so magnet is away from armature.
2. Install ground wire onto tab terminal on armature.

Note: Make sure wires are routed over armature mounting posts and away from flywheel.
3. Assemble armature to engine, Fig. 2.
   a. Mounting holes in armature are slotted. Push armature away from flywheel as far as possible and tighten one screw to hold armature in place.
4. Repeat for second armature.

Fig. 2 - Installing Armature
ADJUST ARMATURE AIR GAP:
1. Rotate flywheel until magnet is under armature laminations.
2. Place thickness gauge, .008"-.012" (0.20-.30 mm) between magnet and armature laminations, Fig. 3.
3. Loosen mounting screw so magnet will pull armature down against thickness gauge.
   a. Torque screws to 25 in. lbs. (2.8 Nm).
4. Rotate flywheel to remove thickness gauge.
5. Repeat for second armature.

Note: Route armature ground wire between breather tube and air horn.

FLYWHEEL

REMOVE FLYWHEEL:
1. Remove flywheel nut and washer.
2. Remove fan retainer and fan.

4. Reinstall flywheel nut. Turn nut down flush with top of threads.
5. Install flywheel puller.
6. Tighten puller screws equally until flywheel loosens, Fig. 5.

DO NOT strike flywheel with a hard object or a metal tool as this may cause flywheel to shatter in operation. Always use approved flywheel removal tools.

Inspect Flywheel Key, Keyways, Flywheel and Crankshaft
Check flywheel key for damage. Check flywheel for cracks, broken fins or keyway damage. Also check crankshaft keyways and taper for damage, Fig. 6. Replace crankshaft, if damaged.

Install Flywheel
Note: CLEAN flywheel and crankshaft taper removing all oil, dirt or grease.
1. Assemble flywheel to crankshaft and align keyways.
2. Insert flywheel key into crankshaft.
3. Assemble fan and retainer to flywheel, Fig. 7.
   a. Torque screws to 140 in. lbs. (16.0 Nm).

   ![Fig. 7 - Installing Flywheel And Fan](image)

4. Install washer and flywheel nut.
5. Assemble flywheel to retainer, Fig. 8.
   a. Torque flywheel nut to 150 ft. lbs. (203.0 Nm).

   ![Fig. 8 - Torquing Flywheel Nut](image)

**ENGINE WIRING HARNESS**

The engine wiring harness consists of a ground wire with a diode for each armature and a separate wire for the carburetor solenoid, Fig. 9. The engine wiring harness is connected to the wiring harness provided by the equipment manufacturer. A raised rib on the polarized connector indicates the ground side.

See engine wiring harness diagram, page 12.

![Fig. 9 - Engine Wiring Harness](image)

**Testing Ground Wires**

Use Digital Multimeter to test the ground wires, Fig. 10.

The following test will be made with the meter in the Diode Test position.

![Fig. 10 - Digital Multimeter](image)

In the Diode Test position, the meter will display the forward voltage drop across the diode(s). If the voltage drop is less than 0.7 volts, the meter will "Beep" once as well as display the voltage drop. A continuous tone indicates continuity (shorted diode). An incomplete circuit (open diode) will be displayed as "OL."

1. Insert RED test lead into \( \bullet \bullet \) receptacle in meter.
2. Insert BLACK test lead into the "COM" receptacle in meter.
3. Rotate selector to \( \supset \supset \) (Diode Test) position.
4. Insert RED test lead clip into connector "A" (black wire), Fig. 11.
5. Leave attached for remainder of test.
5. Touch BLACK test lead probe to terminal "B."
   a. If meter "Beeps" once, diode is OK.
   b. If meter makes a continuous tone, diode is defective (shorted). Replace ground harness.
   c. If meter displays "OL," diode is defective (open). Replace ground harness.
6. Now repeat test for terminal "C." Results must be the same.
   See Diode Failure Diagnosis on page 5.

![Fig. 11 - Testing Ground Wire]

**Engine Wiring Harness**

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GOVERNOR

DISASSEMBLE:
Drain oil and remove engine from equipment. Remove spark
plugs. Remove valve covers, depress springs and remove push
rods. Mark push rods so that they may be reassembled in their
original position. If push rods are mixed, it may be necessary
to readjust valve clearances.

Note: Intake push rods are aluminum.
1. Loosen governor lever nut.
   a. Remove governor lever from shaft, Fig. 6.

2. Remove oil pump, Fig. 7.
   a. Remove oil pump cover.
   b. Remove inner rotor.
   c. Remove outer rotor.
   d. Remove drive shaft.

3. Remove sump and discard gasket, Fig. 8.
   a. Remove governor gear and thrust washer

4. Remove governor shaft from sump, Fig. 9.
   a. Remove lower E-ring.
   b. Rotate governor paddle clockwise and slide governor
      shaft out of bushing.
   c. Remove and discard oil seal.

Fig. 6 - Remove Governor Lever

Fig. 7 - Remove Oil Pump

Fig. 8 - Remove Sump

Fig. 9 - Remove Governor Shaft
5. The following tools are required to remove the governor shaft bushing, Fig. 10.
   a. 3/8" drive 5/8" socket.
   b. 1/4" flat washer.
   c. 1/4 - 20 screw and nut.
   d. Flat washer.

   ![Fig. 10 - Bushing Removal Tools](image)

6. Assemble tools as shown.
   a. Tighten nut until bushing is removed, Fig. 11.

   ![Fig. 11 - Remove Governor Shaft Bushing](image)

**Check Governor Gear And Shaft**

**SHAFT:**
1. Check governor gear for burrs or nicks, Fig. 12.
2. Check flyweights for damage or wear.
3. Check governor cup and thrust washer for damage or wear.
4. Check governor gear shaft and bearings for damage or wear.
   Replace as required.

**Fig. 12 - Check Governor Gear And Shaft**

**Install Governor Shaft Bushing**

Lubricate new bushing and governor shaft with engine oil.

1. Assemble governor shaft to sump to act as a pilot for bushing.

**Do not install lower E-ring.**

2. Using Briggs & Stratton Tool P/N 19129, press in bushing until it bottoms, Fig. 13.

3. Install lower E-ring.
   a. Install new oil seal.
   Governor shaft must rotate freely.

   ![Fig. 13 - Install Governor Shaft Bushing](image)
Reassemble

1. Lubricate thrust washer, governor gear and governor cup with engine oil and assemble to shaft, Fig. 14.

2. Install sump with new gasket, Fig. 15. a. Torque screws in sequence shown to 200 in. lbs. (22.6 Nm).

3. Lubricate oil pump components with engine oil and assemble to sump, Fig. 16. Make sure drive shaft is engaged in camshaft.
   a. Install drive shaft.
   b. Install inner rotor.
   c. Install outer rotor.
   d. Install oil pump cover with new O-ring.
   e. Torque screws to 50 in. lbs. (5.6 Nm).

4. Reassemble governor lever to governor shaft, Fig. 17. DO NOT tighten nut at this time.

5. Install push rods in their original positions.
   a. Compress valve springs and insert push rods into recess in rocker arm adjustment screws, Fig. 18.

Note: Intake push rods are aluminum.
6. Install valve covers with new gaskets, Fig. 19.
   a. Torque screws to 100 in. lbs. (11.2 Nm).

3. Start the engine; let it stabilize and warm up at no-load.
4. Turn the speed adjust nut to obtain a frequency reading of 62 Hertz.
5. When frequency is correct at no-load, check the AC voltage reading. If voltage is incorrect, the voltage regulator may require adjustment.

**ADJUST GOVERNOR**

1. Loosen the governor clamp bolt (Figure 3.2).
2. Push the spring end of the governor lever clockwise to the wide open throttle position of the lever.
   - Hold the governor lever at wide open throttle and, with a screwdriver, rotate the governor shaft fully clockwise.
   - Before tightening, verify that the governor lever is pushed all the way onto the governor shaft.
   - While holding the governor shaft fully clockwise and the governor lever at wide open throttle, tighten the governor clamp bolt to 70 inch-pounds (8 N-m).

**NOTE:** If the engine continues to run fast, use a pair of pliers, or tang bender (Briggs P/N 19229 or 19352) to bend the bend tang clockwise to release tension on the lower governor spring.

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**Fig. 19 - Install Valve Covers**

**Fig. 20 - Engine Governor Adjustment**
SECTION 4: CYLINDER HEAD AND VALVES

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Fig. 1 - Remove Cylinder Head

Over Head Valve Train
DISASSEMBLE CYLINDER HEAD

1. Cylinder Head
2. Cylinder Head Gasket
3. Valve Spring Retainer Locks
4. Valve Spring Retainer
5. Valve Spring
6. Valve
7. Intake Valve Stem Seal
8. Valve Guide

Fig. 9 - Cylinder Head Components

1. Remove valves, Fig. 10.

Note: Place a shop rag or short section of rubber fuel line under valves inside combustion chamber to hold valve in place while compressing spring.

Thread rocker arm support screw into cylinder head a few turns and compress spring with valve spring compressor, (Briggs & Stratton P/N 19347). Remove the following:

a. Valve spring retainer locks
b. Valve spring retainer
c. Valve spring
d. IN and EX valve

2. Remove and discard intake valve stem seals, Fig. 11.

Fig. 11 - Remove Valve Stem Seal

Fig. 10 - Remove Valves
INSPECT AND REPAIR
1. Check cylinder head, Fig. 12. Be sure all gasket material is removed from surfaces before checking. Use a gasket scraper if necessary.
   a. Inspect cylinder head for cracks or damage.
   b. Use a surface plate or straightedge and check cylinder head mounting surface for distortion.
   If mounting surfaces are distorted more than .004" (0.1 mm), the cylinder head must be replaced.

*It is not recommended that cylinder head mounting surfaces be resurfaced.*

Fig. 12 - Check Cylinder Head For Distortion

2. Check valve guide bushings for wear using reject gauge, (Briggs & Stratton P/N 19381), Fig. 13.
   If valve guides are worn, the cylinder head must be replaced.

Fig. 13 - Check Valve Guide Bushing

3. Valve seats may be reconditioned using valve seat cutter tool (Briggs & Stratton P/N 19237 and P/N 19343).
   If valve seat is wider than dimension shown in Fig. 14, a narrowing cutter should be used to ensure that contact area of valve seat is centered on face of valve. a. Use a 60° cutter to narrow seat from bottom and a 15° cutter to narrow seat from top, Fig. 18.

*Note: If valve seat is loose or cracked, replace cylinder head.*

Fig. 14 - Valve Seat Dimensions

4. Valve faces may be resurfaced to 45°. See Fig. 15 for dimensions for valves. Lap valves and seats with valve lapping tool, (Briggs & Stratton P/N 19258) and valve lapping compound, (Briggs & Stratton P/N 94150).

Fig. 15 - Valve Dimensions
5. Measure valve stem diameter at specified distance from end of valve, as shown in Fig. 16. Replace if less than 0.233" (5.92 mm).

6. Check valve springs for free length, Fig. 17. Replace if free length is less than 1.320" (33.5 mm).

**Fig. 16 - Measure Valve Stem Diameter**

**ASSEMBLE CYLINDER HEAD**

1. Cylinder Head
2. Cylinder Head Gasket
3. Valve Spring Retainer Locks
4. Valve Spring Retainer
5. Valve Spring
6. Valve
7. Valve Stem Seal
8. Rocker Arm
9. Rocker Arm Support
10. Rocker Arm Support Screw
11. Push Rod

**Fig. 17 - Check Valve Springs**

**Fig. 18 - Cylinder Head Components**
1. Use valve guide driver, (Briggs & Stratton P/N 19416) and install new intake valve stem seal.
   a. Oil inner surface and lip of valve stem seal.
   b. Press seal on to valve guide bushing until it bottoms, Fig. 19.

2. Install valves. Note: Lightly coat valve stems with Valve Guide Lubricant (Briggs & Stratton P/N 93963) before installing valves.

3. Install valve springs with valve spring compressor, Tool (Briggs & Stratton P/N 19347), Fig. 21.

**Fig. 19 - Install Valve Stem Seals**

4. Assemble rocker arms and supports to cylinder head, Fig. 22. Apply Loctite® 242 or similar sealant to threads.
   a. Torque screws to 100 in. lbs. (11.2 Nm).

**Fig. 20 - Install Valves**

**INSTALL CYLINDER HEAD**

1. Place cylinder head gasket over alignment dowels on cylinder block, Fig. 23.

**Fig. 21 - Install Valve Springs**

2. Install cylinder head assembly, Fig. 24.
   a. Torque head bolts in sequence shown to 220 in. lbs. (25.0 Nm).

3. Install push rods. Make sure push rods are inserted in recess in tappets.

*Note: Intake push rods are aluminum.*
4. Compress valve springs and insert push rods into recess in rocker arm adjustment screws, Fig. 25.

**ADJUST VALVES**

1. Set No. 1 cylinder at TDC, compression stroke.
   a. Adjust valves and check, Fig. 26.

2. Set No. 2 cylinder at TDC, compression stroke.
   a. Repeat for No. 2 cylinder.

Valve Clearance (cold) IN and EX .005" (0.13 mm)

3. Install valve covers with new gaskets, Fig. 27.
   a. Torque screws to 100 in. lbs. (11.2 Nm)

**ADJUST GOVERNOR**

WARNING: BEFORE STARTING or running engine, static adjustment of the governor must be completed! Failure to make the static adjustments first could result in engine overspeeding which may result in engine damage, property damage or personal injury.

STATIC GOVERNOR ADJUSTMENT

1. Rotate governor control swivel counter-clockwise as far as it will go (wide open throttle) and hold in this position.
2. Rotate governor shaft clockwise as far it will go.
   a. Torque governor nut to 130 in. lbs. (14.6 Nm).
SECTION 5: ELECTRIC STARTER

TROUBLESHOOTING

NOTE: If a starting problem is encountered, the engine itself should be thoroughly checked to eliminate it as the cause of starting difficulty. It is a good practice to check the engine for freedom of rotation by removing the spark plugs and turning the crankshaft over slowly by hand, to be sure it rotates freely.

WARNING: DO NOT ROTATE ENGINE WITH ELECTRIC STARTER WITH SPARK PLUGS REMOVED. ARcing AT THE SPARK PLUG ENDS MAY IGNITE THE GASOLINE VAPOR EXITING THE SPARK PLUG HOLE.

ENGINE CRANKS SLOWLY:
- a. Additional load affecting performance (see note above).
- b. Discharged battery.
- c. Faulty electrical connection (battery circuit).
- d. Discharged battery (see alternators).
- e. Dirty or worn starter motor commutator, bearing, weak magnets, etc.
- f. Worn brushes or weak brush spring.
- g. Wrong oil viscosity for temperature expected.
- h. Battery leads too long or wire too small.
- i. Battery too small.

ENGINE WILL NOT CRANK:
- a. Faulty safety interlocks.
- b. Discharged or defective battery.
- c. Faulty electrical connections.
- d. Faulty starter motor switch (open circuit).
- e. Open circuit in starter motor.
- f. Brushes sticking, etc.
- g. Faulty solenoid.

STARTER MOTOR SPINS BUT DOES NOT CRANK ENGINE:
- a. Sticking pinion gear due to dirt.
- b. Damaged pinion or ring gear.
- c. Starter clutch slipping.
- d. Battery faulty or damaged.
- e. Incorrect rotation due to reversed motor polarity-all motors rotate counterclockwise viewed from pinion gear.

STARTER MOTOR SPINS BUT WILL NOT STOP:
- a. Defective starter switch.

GENERAL INFORMATION

The starter motor uses a gear type engagement method, similar to an automobile starter. When the starter motor is activated, the pinion gear engages a ring gear attached to the engine flywheel and cranks the engine.

The pinion gear and flywheel ring gear are replaceable.

Fig. 1 - Starter Motor
TEST EQUIPMENT

The following is a list of equipment recommended to test and repair starter motors.

DIGITAL MULTIMETER:

The Digital Multimeter is available from your Briggs & Stratton source of supply. Order as Briggs & Stratton P/N 19357 or 19390. The meter may be used to read volts, ohms, amperes and test diodes (rectifiers), Fig. 2.

The Digital Multimeter will withstand DC input of 10-20 Amps for up to 30 seconds. When checking current draw of 12 volt starter motors, the DC Shunt, Briggs & Stratton P/N 19359, is required.

NOTE: The Digital Multimeter is equipped with two fuses to prevent damage to the meter in the event that the input limits are exceeded. If the meter displays a reading of 0.00 when testing DC output, check fuses in meter. Refer to FLUKE Operators Manual for procedure for checking fuses. Replacement fuse is available from your Briggs & Stratton source of supply. Order (Briggs & Stratton P/N 19449.

DC SHUNT:

Use with Digital Multimeter. The DC Shunt is required when checking starter motor current draw on 12 volt starter motors. Order as Briggs & Stratton P/N 19359, Fig. 3.

Fig. 2 - Digital Multimeter

Fig. 3 - DC Shunt - Briggs & Stratton P/N 19359

A tachometer is available from your Generac Power Systems source of supply. Order as P/N 042223. The tachometer measures from 800 to 50,000 RPM, Fig. 4.

Fig. 4 - Tachometer

TEST BRACKET

A starter motor test bracket may be made as shown in Fig. 5. A growler or armature tester is available from an Automobile Diagnostic service supplier.

Fig. 5 - Test Bracket
TEST STARTER MOTOR

REMOVE STARTER MOTOR:

It is recommended that the starter motor be removed from the engine when testing starter motor performance. Remove rotating screen and blower housing. Remove two starter motor mounting screws. Assemble starter to test bracket and clamp test bracket in vise, Fig. 6.

IMPORTANT: DO NOT clamp motor housing in a vise or strike with a steel hammer. Starter motors contain two ceramic magnets which can be broken or cracked if the motor housing is hit, deformed or dented.

TESTING STARTER MOTOR:

A fully charged 12 volt battery is required.

1. The DC Shunt MUST be installed on the negative (-) battery terminal as shown in Fig. 6.

2. Insert RED test lead into \[ \text{red} \] receptacle in meter and connect to RED post terminal on shunt.

3. Insert BLACK test lead into "COM" receptacle in meter and connect to BLACK post terminal on shunt.

4. Rotate selector to \[ \text{rev} \] position.

5. Activate the starter motor and note reading on meter and tachometer (RPM).

Note: Take reading after meter stabilizes (approximately 2 - 3 seconds).

6. A starter motor in good condition will be within specifications listed.

STARTER MOTOR SPECIFICATIONS:

MINIMUM RPM: .................................................. 6500
MAXIMUM AMPERES: ........................................... 35

If 12 volt starter motor does not perform satisfactorily, see Conditions Affecting Starter Motor Performance.

Fig. 6 - Testing Starter Motor

CONDITIONS AFFECTING STARTER MOTOR PERFORMANCE

1. A binding or seizing condition in the starter motor bearings.

2. A shorted, open or grounded armature.
   a. Shorted, armature (wire insulation worn and wires touching one another). Will be indicated by low or no RPM.
   b. Open armature (wire broken) will be indicated by low or no RPM and excessive current draw.
   c. Grounded armature (wire insulation worn and wire touching armature lamination or shaft). Will be indicated by excessive current draw or no RPM.

3. A defective starter motor switch.

4. Broken, damaged or weak magnets.

5. Starter drive dirty or binding.

STARTER DRIVE

CHECKING STARTER MOTOR DRIVE:

When the starter motor is activated, the pinion gear should engage the flywheel ring gear and crank the engine. If the starter motor drive does not react properly, inspect the helix and pinion gear for freedom of operation, Fig. 7.

The pinion gear should be inspected for damaged teeth. Pinion gear must move freely on helix. The parts may be washed in a solvent such as Stanisol® or Varsol®.
DISASSEMBLE STARTER MOTOR DRIVE:

WARNING: TO PREVENT EYE INJURY always wear eye protection when removing C-ring.

1. Place counterbore side of Briggs & Stratton P/N 19436 (Fig. 8) over retainer and align drive pins with open end of C-Ring.

Important: If retainer has a notch as shown, DO NOT align drive pins with notch. If necessary, rotate notch away from open end of C-Ring.

2. Place palm of hand over tool and push down evenly on tool to compress spring washer.

3. While applying pressure, turn knurled knob clockwise until C-Ring pops off. Discard C-Ring.

4. Remove retainer, return spring, spring washer, pinion gear, and starter clutch.

Fig. 7 - Starter Drive

Fig. 8 - Removing C-Ring

ASSEMBLE STARTER DRIVE:

1. Assemble clutch drive to starter shaft and rotate clutch until it drops into place, Fig. 9.

2. Install pinion gear with beveled side of teeth up. Then install return spring making sure spring is in recess of starter gear.

3. Install spring washer with concave side up. Install retainer.

Fig. 9 - Assemble Starter Drive

4. Place C-Ring over chamfered end of shaft. Align one of the slots of Briggs Tool P/N19435 with open end of C-Ring.

5. Press or drive C-Ring on until it snaps into groove in shaft, Fig. 10.

Fig. 10 - Install C-Ring

DISASSEMBLE STARTER MOTOR:

See Fig. 11 for exploded view of starter motor.

To aid in reassembly, scribe a mark on drive end cap and starter housing for alignment purposes.

1. Remove thru bolts.

2. Remove drive end cap assembly

Replace drive end cap if bushing is worn or damaged.
3. Hold the armature and commutator end cap against a work surface while sliding housing off the armature, Fig. 12.

**NOTE:** This allows the brush retainer to remain assembled to commutator for inspection of brush to commutator contact.

4. Remove end cap and brush retainer with brushes. Replace end cap if bushing is worn or damaged.

**Fig. 11 - Exploded View**

**INSPECT ARMATURE COMMUTATOR:**

The armature commutator may be cleaned with fine sandpaper. DO NOT use emery cloth. Commutator may be machined to no less than 1.230" (31.24 mm), Fig. 13.

Slots between commutator bars should be cleaned with a hack saw blade after cleaning or machining, Fig. 13. The slots can also be cleaned using an aerosol carburetor cleaner or compressed air.

The armature should be checked for shorts with a growler.

**Fig. 13 - Inspect Commutator**

**INSPECT BRUSHES:**

The brushes should be checked for proper seating, weak brush springs, dirt, oil or corrosion. Brush spring pressure should be strong enough to ensure good brush contact with armature. Check to be sure brushes are not sticking in their holders.

Minimum brush dimension is 1/4" (6 mm), Fig. 14.

**Fig. 14 - Inspect Brushes**

**ASSEMBLE STARTER MOTOR:**

1. Assemble brushes in their proper holders.

**Note:** Brush retainers may be made using control wire (Briggs & Stratton P/N 26634) as shown in Fig. 15.
2. Assemble brush retainer to commutator and remove brush retainers.
   a. Assemble end cap to armature shaft.

![Fig. 15 - Assemble Brushes](image)

3. Hold armature and end cap against work surface.
4. Slide housing over armature, aligning notch in housing with terminal on brush retainer, Fig. 16.

![Fig. 16 - Install Starter Housing](image)

5. Assemble spring washer and thrust washer to armature shaft and install drive end cap, Fig. 17.
   a. Torque thru bolts to 50 in. lbs. (5.6 Nm).
6. Install starter drive.

**INSTALL STARTER MOTOR:**
Install starter motor and torque screws to 140 in. lbs. (15.8 N m).
DESCRIPTION

Generac GN724 OHVI V-Twins use a full pressure lubrication system with an oil filter. The gear driven oil pump draws oil from a screened oil pickup in the sump and pumps the oil through the oil filter.

The filtered oil flows through oil galleries in the sump and is distributed to the main bearings, connecting rod bearings and camshaft bearings. Engine oil pressure will vary with oil viscosity, ambient air temperature differences, operating temperatures and engine load. Follow the oil recommendation on page 1 of this section. Oil Pressure - @ 70° F (21 ° C): 15 - 50 psi (1.0 - 3.5 Bar)

A pressure relief valve limits the maximum oil pressure in the system.

PROTECTION SYSTEMS

LOW OIL PRESSURE SWITCH:

This switch (Figure 2.3) has normally closed contacts that are held open by engine oil pressure during cranking and operating. Should oil pressure drop below the 8 psi range, switch contacts close, and the engine shuts down. The unit should not be restarted until oil is added, and the Auto/Off/Manual switch must be turned to OFF and then back to AUTO.

HIGH TEMPERATURE SWITCH:

This switch's (Figure 2) contacts close if the temperature should exceed approximately 140° C (284° F), initiating an engine shutdown. Your generator will automatically restart and the LED will reset once the temperature has returned to a safe operating level.

Use a high quality detergent oil classified "For Service SE" or higher. Use no special additives with recommended oils.
CHECKING THE ENGINE OIL LEVEL

The oil capacity of the GN724 OHVI engine is approximately 2 quarts. To check the engine oil level, proceed as follows:
1. Start the generator by moving the Auto/Off/Manual switch to the MANUAL position. Allow it to run for a short while and then shut it down by moving the switch to the OFF position.
2. Remove the dipstick and wipe it dry with a clean cloth.
3. Install and tighten the dipstick cap; then, remove it again. The oil level should be at the dipstick "Full" mark. If necessary, add oil to the "Full" mark only. DO NOT FILL ABOVE THE "FULL" MARK.

⚠️ Never operate the engine with the oil level below the "Add" mark on the dipstick. Doing this could damage the engine.

4. Install and tighten the dipstick.
5. Reset the Auto/Off/Manual switch to its original position.

CHANGING THE ENGINE OIL

ENGINE OIL RECOMMENDATIONS:

Use oil of American Petroleum Institute (API) Service Class SG, SH or SJ. Select the viscosity based on the air temperature at the time of operation. See the following chart:

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*Organic break-in oil is required before using synthetic oil.

⚠️ Any attempt to crank or start the engine before it has been properly serviced with the recommended oil may result in an engine failure.

OIL CHANGE PROCEDURE:

To change the oil, proceed as follows:
1. Run the engine until it is thoroughly warmed up then shut OFF the engine.
2. Immediately after the engine shuts OFF, pull the oil drain hose (Figure 3) free of its retaining clip. Remove the cap from the hose and drain the oil into a suitable container.

3. After the oil has drained, replace the cap onto the end of the oil drain hose. Retain the hose in the clip.
4. Refill with the proper recommended oil.

CHANGING THE OIL FILTER

Change the engine oil filter as follows:
1. With the oil drained, remove the old oil filter by turning it counterclockwise.

2. Apply a light coating of clean engine oil to the gasket of the new filter.
3. Screw the new filter on by hand until its gasket lightly contacts the oil filter adapter. Then, tighten the filter an additional 3/4 to one turn (Figure 3.4).

4. Refill with the proper recommended oil (see owner’s manual for oil capacities).

5. Start the engine and check for leaks.

**CHECK PRESSURE SWITCH**

Use a Digital multimeter. Set meter to test for continuity.

Remove pressure switch for testing. Connect one continuity tester lead to the switch terminal and the other tester lead to the metal body of the switch, Fig. 5. The tester should indicate continuity when no pressure is applied to the switch. The switch should open (no continuity) when approximately 4.5 PSI (0.3 Bar) is applied. Replace the switch if test results are not to specification.

**Fig. 5 - Checking Pressure Switch**

**CHECK OIL PRESSURE**

1. Oil level must be between the LOW and FULL mark on dipstick. If oil level is low, check for leaks and add to FULL mark.

2. Remove pressure switch.

3. Install oil pressure gauge, Fig. 6.

4. Start and run engine for approximately 5 minutes. 5. Check oil pressure at 3000 RPM.

5. Check oil pressure.

*Oil Pressure @ 70° F (21 ° C): 15 ~ 50 psi (1.0 ~ 3.5 Bar)*

Low oil pressure may be caused by the following reasons:
- Engine RPM Too Low
- Wrong Viscosity or Diluted Oil
- Low Oil Level
- Broken Pressure Relief Spring
- Missing Pressure Relief Plunger
- Worn Bearings
- Damaged Or Defective Oil Pump

High oil pressure may be caused by the following reasons:
- Wrong Viscosity Oil
- Plugged Oil Galleries
- Stuck Pressure Relief Plunger

**CRANKCASE BREATHER**

The crankcase breather is equipped with a reed valve to control and maintain a partial vacuum in the crankcase. The breather is vented to the intake elbow. The breather chamber contains a removable oil vapor collector. Oil vapor is condensed on the collector material and drains back into the crankcase, which minimizes the amount of oil vapor entering the breather.

*Fig. 6 - Checking Oil Pressure*

*Fig. 7 - Crankcase Breather*
CHECK BREATHER:

Remove rotating screen, blower housing and flywheel. See Section 2.
1. Disconnect breather tube from intake elbow, remove three screws and breather. Discard gasket.
2. Check to see that reed valve is not deformed, Fig. 8.

**Fig. 8 - Checking Breather**

*Note: Reed valve must make a complete seal around vent hole.*
3. Remove oil vapor collector and retainer.
4. Check collector for deterioration and replace if necessary.

INSTALL BREATHER:
1. Install oil vapor collector and retainer.

*Note: Push oil vapor collector and retainer in until it bottoms.*
2. Install breather with new gasket, Fig. 9.
   a. Torque screws to 55 in. lbs. (6.2 Nm).
   b. Assemble breather tube to intake elbow.

**Fig. 9 - Install Breather**

DISASSEMBLE OIL PUMP:

Drain oil and remove oil filter. Remove engine from equipment. Remove spark plugs. The oil pump can be inspected or replaced without removing the sump.
1. Remove the following parts, Fig. 10.
   a. Remove oil pump cover
   b. Remove inner rotor.
   c. Remove outer rotor.
   d. Remove shaft.
   e. Remove and discard O-ring

**Fig. 10 - Remove Oil Pump**

2. Check rotors and shaft for any obvious wear and/or damage, Fig. 11. Replace as necessary.
   If pump housing is worn or damaged the sump must be replaced.

**Fig. 11 - Checking Oil Pump**

ASSEMBLE OIL PUMP

1. Lubricate oil pump components with engine oil and assemble to sump, Fig. 12. Make sure drive shaft is engaged in camshaft.
a. Install drive shaft.
b. Install inner rotor.
c. Install outer rotor.
d. Install new O-ring.
e. Install oil pump cover.

2. Torque screws to 50 in. lbs. (5.6 Nm). The oil pump is virtually trouble free and requires very little maintenance.

**Fig. 12 - Assembling Oil Pump**
ENGINE DISASSEMBLY

Drain oil, remove oil filter and remove engine from equipment. Remove spark plugs. Remove cylinder heads. See Section 5. Remove flywheel, disconnect stop switch wires at armatures and remove armatures. See Section 2.

1. Remove the following parts, Fig. 1.
   a. Back plate
   b. Air guide
   c. Starter motor
   d. Oil fill tube and dipstick
   e. Stop switch wiring harness
   f. Breather and oil vapor collector
   g. Alternator

2. Remove oil pump, Fig. 2.
   a. Oil pump cover
   b. Inner rotor
   c. Outer rotor
   d. Drive shaft

3. Remove sump and discard gasket, Fig. 3.
   a. Remove governor gear and thrust washer.

   Fig. 3 - Remove Sump

4. Rotate crankshaft and camshaft until timing marks align and remove camshaft, Fig. 4.
   a. Remove tappets.

   Fig. 4 - Align Timing Marks

Note: Remove any carbon or ridge at the top of cylinder bores to prevent breaking rings when removing piston and connecting rod assemblies.

5. Remove No. 2 connecting rod cap and push connecting rod and piston assembly out of cylinder.
   a. Reassemble cap to rod to prevent interchanging.

6. Repeat for other cylinder.

7. Remove crankshaft.

CLEAN ALL SURFACES OF GASKET MATERIAL. REMOVE OIL SEALS AND THOROUGHLY CLEAN COMPONENTS IN SOLVENT. ORGANIZE COMPONENTS, KEEPING PARTS WHICH ARE AN ASSEMBLY TOGETHER.
Fig. 5 - Remove Piston And Connecting Rod

Fig. 6 - Remove Crankshaft
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CHECK CYLINDER

Check cylinder for cracks, stripped threads or broken fins. Check cylinder bores for damage or scoring.

1. Check cylinder head mounting surface for distortion with a straight edge, Fig. 1.
   If mounting surfaces are distorted more than .004" (0.1 mm), the cylinder must be replaced.

2. Check cylinder bores for wear using telescoping gauge, Briggs Tool PN19404 and dial caliper, Briggs Tool PN19199.

   **Standard Bore Size:** 2.969"-2.970" (75.41-75.43 mm)
   a. Measure cylinder bore in 6 points at right angles as shown, Fig. 3.
   b. If cylinder bore is worn more than .003" (0.075 mm) or more than .0015" (0.035 mm) out of round, it must be resized.

**NOTE:** If cylinder bores are within specification and show no signs of scoring or other damage, new piston rings may be installed providing the cylinder bores are reconditioned using a rigid hone with finishing stones, to restore the proper cross hatch angle in the cylinder bores. The proper cylinder cross hatch ensures proper lubrication and piston ring break in.

Refer to Page 2, "Cylinder Finish" (Cross Hatch) for correct procedure for installing cross hatch.

![Fig. 2 - Check Cylinder Bore](image)

**RESIZING:**

Always resize to exactly .010" (25 mm) or .020" (.51 mm) or .030" (.76 mm) over standard bore size. If this is done accurately, the service oversize rings and pistons will fit perfectly and proper clearances will be maintained.

Cylinders can be quickly resized with a good hone such as Briggs Tool PN19205. Contact your Briggs & Stratton source of supply. Use the stones and lubrication recommended by the hone manufacturers to produce the correct cylinder cross hatch.

**NOTE:** Automatic transmission fluid is an acceptable honing oil. Another acceptable honing oil can be made by mixing 4 parts No. 30 weight oil with 1 part kerosene.

If a boring bar is used, a hone must be used after the boring operation to produce the proper cylinder cross hatch.

Honing is done with a variable speed 1 1/2", portable drill and a honing fixture. See page 5 for dimensions to make your own honing fixture.

Use three crankcase cover mounting screws and fasten cylinder to a honing fixture, Fig. 3.

Clamp honing fixture and cylinder securely in a vise at a convenient work height. Place hone drive shaft in chuck of portable drill and tighten.
Cut a wood block and place inside cylinder to prevent hone from extending further than 3/4" to 1" (19 mm to 25 mm) below cylinder bore.

Place hone in middle of cylinder bore. Tighten adjusting knob with finger until stones fit snugly against cylinder wall. DO NOT FORCE. Connect drive shaft to hone. Be sure that cylinder and hone are centered and aligned with drive shaft and drill spindle.

Lubricate hone as recommended by hone manufacturer. The recommended drill speed is 300 to 700 RPM MAXIMUM and 40-60 strokes per minute. Because cylinder bores normally wear only in the area of ring travel, the cylinder bore will be round above and below ring travel, Fig. 3. Start drill and, as hone spins, move it up and down at the bottom of the cylinder bore. Gradually increase the length of the strokes until hone travels full length of cylinder bore, and no more than 3/4" to 1" above cylinder bore, Fig. 3. Lubricate hone frequently to prevent build up on stones.

As cutting tension decreases, stop hone and tighten adjusting knob following hone manufacturer's recommendations. Check cylinder bore frequently.

**CYLINDER FINISH (CROSS HATCH):**

The finishing stones are used after the cylinder bore has been resized to within .0015" (.04 mm) of the desired size or when reconditioning a cylinder bore. The as finishing stones will produce the correct cross hatch necessary for proper lubrication. The correct cross hatch angle is approximately 45 degrees, Fig. 4.

It is recommended that the cylinder bores be reconditioned to restore the cross hatch when new piston rings are to be installed in a cylinder that is within specification. Be careful not to hone oversize or it will be necessary to resize the cylinder.

**NOTE:** To produce the proper cross hatch finish use a drill speed of approximately 200 RPM and 40-60 Hatch strokes per minute. Lubricate hone liberally to prevent build up on finishing stones.

**CLEANING:**

**IT IS MOST IMPORTANT THAT THE ENTIRE CYLINDER AND CRANKCASE BE THOROUGHLY CLEANED AFTER HONING.**

First wash the cylinder and crankcase carefully in a solvent such as kerosene or commercial solvent. Then thoroughly wash cylinder and crankcase using a stiff brush with soap and hot water. Rinse thoroughly with hot running water. Repeat washing and rinsing until all traces of honing grit are gone.
Honing grit is highly abrasive and will cause rapid wear to all of the internal components of the engine unless it is completely removed.

NOTE: When cylinder and crankcase have been thoroughly cleaned, use a clean white rag or napkin and wipe the cylinder bore. If honing grit is present it will appear as a gray residue on rag. If any honing grit is evident, re-wash and rinse entire cylinder and crankcase and check again. When there is no trace of honing grit on rag, the cylinder is properly cleaned. Then oil cylinder bore to prevent rusting.

BEARINGS

CHECK MAG BEARING:

Check DU magneto bearing for damage. Check for wear using plug gauge Briggs Tool P/N19219, Fig. 5. Try gauge at several locations. If plug gauge is not available see reject dimension below.

Reject Dimension: 1.383" (35.12 mm)
Replace bearing if damaged or worn.

INSTALL MAG BEARING:

1. Place cylinder on cylinder support, Briggs Tool P/N19227 with large opening facing bearing, Fig. 7.
2. Align oil hole in DU bearing with oil hole in cylinder.
3. Press in new bearing to correct depth with bushing driver, Briggs Tool P/N19226.

REMOVE MAG BEARING:

Insert bushing driver, Briggs Tool P/N19226 into bearing from oil seal side. Place a reference mark on driver to indicate proper depth of bushing when installing new bushing.

1. Place cylinder on cylinder support, Briggs Tool P/N19227 with large opening facing DU bearing, Fig. 6.
2. Press out bearing with bushing driver, Briggs Tool P/N 19226.

4. Stake bearing from both sides with 1/4" round punch to prevent bearing from turning, Fig. 8.
   a. Install new oil seal with sealing lips facing in.
   b. Use cylinder support, Briggs Tool P/N19227 and press oil seal until flush with cylinder.

CHECK CAMSHAFT BEARINGS

Check camshaft bearings in cylinder and sump for damage or wear.

Reject Dimension: .6275" (15.93 mm)

If bearings are damaged or worn the cylinder or crankcase cover must be replaced.
CHECK PTO BEARING

Check PTO bearing for damage or wear.

Reject Dimension: 1.629" (41.37 mm)

If PTO bearing is damaged or worn the sump must be replaced.

INSTALL PTO OIL SEAL:

Always install new oil seals whenever engine is disassembled for major servicing. When installing new PTO oil seal, use cylinder support, Briggs Tool P/N19227 and press oil seal slightly below mounting surface. Always lubricate sealing lips with engine oil to prevent damaging seal when installing crankshaft.
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CHECKING CRANKSHAFT:
Inspect crankshaft threads and keyways for damage or wear. If threads or keyways are damaged or worn, replace crankshaft. Check journals for scoring. If journals are scored, replace crankshaft. Check journals for wear. See crankshaft reject sizes.

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Check oil galleries for blockage or obstructions. Check timing gear for damaged teeth. Timing gear is replaceable. See illustrated parts list.

Crankshaft crankpin may re-ground for .020" undersize connecting rods, Fig. 2. See illustrated parts list for part number. See crankshaft grinding dimensions.

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Complete instructions are included with undersize connecting rods.

CHECKING CAMSHAFT:
Inspect gear teeth, lobes and journals for wear and nicks, Fig. 3. Check oil galleries for blockage or obstructions. Camshaft journal and lobe reject sizes are shown below. Replace cam gear if not to specification.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

It is recommended that new piston rings be installed whenever the engine is disassembled for major servicing or overhaul, providing that cylinder bores are within specification.

Remove any carbon or ridge at the top of the cylinder bore. This will prevent breaking the rings when removing the piston and connecting rod from the engine. Remove the connecting rod cap. Push the piston and connecting rod out through the top of the cylinder.

Measure cylinder bores before checking pistons and rings. See Section 10. If cylinder bores) require re-sizing it will not be necessary to check pistons and rings since a new oversized piston assembly will be used.

If the cylinder bore is more than .08 mm (.003") oversize, or .04 mm (.0015") out of round, it must be resized.

DISASSEMBLE PISTON AND CONNECTING ROD

1. Remove piston rings using ring expander, Briggs & Stratton P/N 19340, Fig. 1.
   a. Then remove coil expander.

2. Disassemble piston from connecting rod, Fig. 2.
   a. Remove piston pin locks.
   b. Piston pin is a slip fit in piston and connecting rod.
      Keep pistons and connecting rods together as an assembly.
      Do not mix.

Fig. 2 - Remove Piston Pin Locks

CHECKING PISTON AND RINGS

If the cylinder is not going to be resized and the piston shows no signs of scoring, the piston should be checked.

1. Check side clearance of ring grooves using NEW rings, Fig.
2. If a .005" (0.12 mm) feeler gauge can be inserted, the ring groove is worn. The piston must be replaced.

Fig. 3 - Check Ring Grooves
2. Check ring end gap, Fig. 4.
   a. Clean carbon from end of rings and insert approximately 1" (25 mm) into cylinder.
   
   **Reject Dimension (all): .030" (0.76 mm)**

3. Check piston pin bore, Fig. 5.
   a. Replace if greater than .6745" (17.13 mm) or .0005" (.01 mm) out of round.

![Fig. 4 - Checking Ring End Gap](image)

![Fig. 5 - Check Piston Pin Bore](image)

**CHECKING PISTON PIN AND CONNECTING ROD**

1. Check piston pin, Fig. 6.
   a. Replace if less than .6718" (17.06 mm) or .0005" (.01 mm) out of round.

2. Check connecting rod bearings.

   **Note:** If crankpin bearing is scored or worn the connecting rod must be replaced.

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**Connecting Rod Reject Size**

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**Note:** .020" undersize connecting rods are available for use on a reground crankpin journal. See illustrated parts list.

![Fig. 6 - Check Piston Pin](image)

![Fig. 7 - Check Rod Bearings](image)

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**ASSEMBLE PISTON AND CONNECTING ROD**

Lubricate parts with engine oil and assemble #1 piston and connecting rod, Fig. 8.

1. Arrow on piston must face flywheel side.

2. Number "1" on connecting rod must face PTO side (opposite arrow on piston).
   a. Install piston pin locks with needle nose pliers.

Lubricate parts with engine oil and assemble #2 piston and connecting rod, Fig. 9.

1. Arrow on piston must face flywheel side.

2. Number "2" on connecting rod must face PTO side (opposite arrow on piston).
   a. Install piston pin locks with needle nose pliers.
ASSEMBLE PISTON RINGS TO PISTON

1. Install piston rings using ring expander, Briggs Tool P/N 19340, Fig. 10.
   a. Install oil ring coil expander making sure wire is inserted fully into coil.
   b. Install oil ring.
   c. Install center compression ring then, top compression ring.

Note: Top compression ring may be installed with either side up.

Fig. 8 - Assemble #1 Rod And Piston

Fig. 9 - Assemble #2 Rod And Piston

Fig. 10 - Piston Ring Installation
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INSTALL CRANKSHAFT
Lubricate mag bearing and lips of oil seal with engine oil and install crankshaft.

Fig. 1 - Installing Crankshaft

INSTALL PISTON AND CONNECTING ROD
Note: Install #1 piston and connecting rod first.
1. Oil piston rings, piston skirt, and compress rings with Ring Compressor, Briggs & Stratton P/N 19070, Fig. 2.
   a. Place piston and ring compressor upside down on bench with projections on compressor facing up.
   b. Tighten ring compressor evenly until rings are fully compressed.
   c. Then loosen ring compressor very slightly so that compressor can be rotated on piston skirt while holding connecting rod, Fig. 2.

Fig. 2 - Compressing Rings
2. Lubricate cylinder bores and crankpin and rotate crankshaft until it as at bottom of stroke.
3. Install #1 piston with arrow towards flywheel side, Fig. 3.
   a. Push piston down by hand until connecting rod is seated on crankpin.

Fig. 3 - Installing Piston And Connecting Rod
4. Assemble connecting rod cap to rod with match marks aligned, Fig. 4.
   a. Torque screws to 100 in. lbs. (11.2 Nm).

Fig. 4 - Torque Connecting Rods
5. Rotate crankshaft two revolutions to check for binding. Rod should also be free to move sideways on crankpin.

Repeat for #2 cylinder.

Note: The number 1 on #1 connecting rod and the number 2 on #2 connecting rod must be facing PTO side.

Important: Failure to use a torque wrench can result in loose connecting rod screws causing breakage or tight connecting rod screws causing scoring.

INSTALL CAMSHAFT

Lubricate tappets, cam shaft journals and lobes with engine oil. Assemble timing gear to crankshaft.

1. Install tappets.
2. Align timing marks on cam shaft and crankshaft gear and install cam shaft, Fig. 5.
3. Lubricate thrust washer, governor gear and governor cup and assemble to shaft.

Fig. 5 - Installing Camshaft

INSTALL SUMP

Lubricate PTO and cam gear bearing.

1. Install sump with new gasket.
   a. Torque screws in sequence shown to 200 in. lbs. (22.6 Nm), Fig. 6.
2. Check crankshaft end play.

Specification: 0.002"-.030" (0.020-0.30 mm)

3. Lubricate oil pump components with engine oil and assemble to sump, Fig. 7. Make sure drive shaft is engaged in camshaft.
   a. Install drive shaft.
   b. Install inner rotor.
   c. Install outer rotor.
   d. Install oil pump cover with new O-ring.
   e. Torque screws to 50 in. lbs. (5.6 Nm).

Fig. 6 - Installing Crankcase Cover

Fig. 7 - Assemble Oil Pump

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

1. Install armatures and ground wire assembly.

Note: Push armatures away from crankshaft as far as they will go and temporarily tighten screws.

2. Install air guide.
   a. Torque screws to 45 in. lbs. (5.0 Nm).
3. Install alternator.
   a. Torque screws to 20 in. lbs. (2.2 Nm).
4. Assemble oil fill tube to cylinder and crankcase cover, Fig. 9.
   a. Route alternator wires between oil fill tube mounting boss on cylinder and oil fill tube bracket.
   b. Route wiring harness between oil fill tube and cylinder.
5. Install back plate.
   a. Torque screws to 100 in. lbs. (11.2 Nm).

   **Note:** Route armature ground wire under back plate and between starter motor mounting bosses on cylinder as shown, Fig. 10.

6. Install starter motor.
   a. Torque screws to 140 in. lbs. (15.8 Nm).

7. Install oil vapor collector and retainer.

8. Install breather.
   a. Torque screws to 55 in. lbs. (6.2 Nm).

**INSTALL FLYWHEEL**

**Note:** Clean flywheel and crankshaft taper removing all oil, dirt or grease.

1. Assemble flywheel to crankshaft and align keyways.

2. Insert flywheel key into crankshaft.

3. Assemble fan and retainer to flywheel, Fig. 12.
   a. Torque screws to 140 in. lbs. (16.0 Nm).

4. Install washer and flywheel nut.

5. Assemble flywheel holder, Briggs & Stratton P/N 19321, to retainer, Fig. 13.
   a. Torque flywheel nut to 150 ft. lbs. (203.0 Nm).
**ADJUST ARMATURE AIR GAP**

1. Rotate flywheel until magnet is under armature laminations.
2. Place thickness gauge, .008"-.012" (0.20-.30 mm) between magnet and armature laminations, Fig. 14.
3. Loosen mounting screw so magnet will pull armature down against thickness gauge.
   a. Torque screws to 25 in. lbs. (2.8 Nm).
4. Rotate flywheel to remove thickness gauge.
5. Repeat for second armature.

**INSTALL CYLINDER HEADS**

1. Place cylinder head gasket over alignment dowels on cylinder block.
2. Install cylinder head assembly, Fig. 15.
   a. Torque head bolts in sequence shown to 220 in. lbs. (25.0 Nm).
3. Install push rods. Make sure push rods are inserted in recess in tappets.

**ADJUST VALVES**

1. Set No. 1 cylinder at TDC, compression stroke.
   a. Adjust valves and check, Fig. 17.

**Valve Clearance (cold) IN and EX .005" (0.13 mm)**

   b. Torque adjusting screws and jam nuts to 60 in. lbs. (6.6 Nm).
2. Set No. 2 cylinder at TDC, compression stroke.
   a. Repeat for No. 2 cylinder.

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*Note: Intake push rods are aluminum.*
3. Install valve covers with new gaskets, Fig. 18.
   a. Torque screws to 100 in. lbs. (11.2 Nm).

**ADJUST GOVERNOR**

WARNING: BEFORE STARTING OR RUNNING ENGINE, static adjustment of the governor must be completed! Failure to make the static adjustments first could result in engine overspeeding which may result in engine damage, property damage or personal injury.
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