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**VF200**  
**VF225**  
**VF250**

## **OWNER'S MANUAL**

**⚠ Read this manual carefully before operating this outboard motor.**

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**6CB-28199-3D-E0**



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**Read this manual carefully before operating this outboard motor. Keep this manual onboard in a waterproof bag when boating. This manual should stay with the outboard motor if it is sold.**

# Important manual information

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## To the owner

Thank you for selecting 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.



: This is the safety alert symbol. It is used to alert you to potential personal injury hazards. Obey all safety messages that follow this symbol to avoid possible injury or death.

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### WARNING

**A WARNING indicates a hazardous situation which, if not avoided, could result in death or serious injury.**

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### NOTICE

**A NOTICE indicates special precautions that must be taken to avoid damage to the outboard motor or other property.**

### TIP:

A TIP 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.

To ensure long product life, Yamaha recommends that you use the product and perform the specified periodic inspections and maintenance by correctly following the instructions in the owner's manual. Any damage resulting from neglect of these instructions is not covered by warranty.

Some countries have laws or regulations restricting users from taking the product out of the country where it was purchased, and it may be impossible to register the product in the destination country. Additionally, the warranty may not apply in certain regions. When planning to take the product to another country, consult the dealer where the product was purchased for further information.

If you purchased this outboard motor used, see your Yamaha dealer to have it registered in your name in Yamaha records.

### TIP:

The VF200LA, VF200XA, VF225LA, VF250LA, VF250XA 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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## Outboard motor safety

Observe these precautions at all times.

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### Propeller

People can be injured or killed if they come in contact with the propeller. The propeller can keep moving even when the motor is in neutral, and sharp edges of the propeller can cut even when stationary.

- Stop the engine when a person is in the water near you.
- Keep people out of reach of the propeller, even when the engine is off.

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### Rotating parts

Hands, feet, hair, jewelry, clothing, personal flotation device (PFD) straps, etc., can become entangled with internal rotating parts of the engine, resulting in serious injury or death.

Keep the top cowling in place whenever possible. Do not remove or replace the top cowling with the engine running.

Only operate the engine with the top cowling removed according to the specific instructions in the manual. Keep hands, feet, hair, jewelry, clothing, PFD straps, etc., away from any exposed moving parts.

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### Hot parts

During and after operation, engine parts are hot enough to cause burns. Avoid touching any parts under the top cowling until the engine has cooled.

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### Electric shock

Do not touch any electrical parts while starting or operating the engine. They can cause shock or electrocution.

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### Power trim and tilt

Body parts can be crushed between the outboard motor and the clamp bracket when the outboard motor is trimmed or tilted. Keep body parts out of this area at all times. Make sure that no one is in this area before operating the power trim and tilt mechanism.

The power trim and tilt switches operate even when the main switch is turned to the “OFF” (off) position. Keep people away from the power trim and tilt switches whenever working around the outboard motor.

Never get under the outboard motor while it is tilted, even when the tilt support shaft is installed or the tilt support lever is locked. Severe injury could occur if the outboard motor accidentally falls.

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### Engine shut-off cord (lanyard)

Attach the engine shut-off cord so that the engine stops if the operator falls overboard or leaves the helm. This prevents the boat from running away under power and leaving people stranded, or running over people or objects.

Always attach the engine shut-off cord to a secure place on your clothing or your arm or leg while operating. Do not remove it to leave the helm while the boat is moving. Do not attach the engine shut-off cord to clothing that could tear loose, or route the engine shut-off cord where it could become entangled, preventing it from functioning.

Do not route the engine shut-off cord where it is likely to be accidentally pulled out. If the engine shut-off cord is pulled during operation, the engine will shut off and you will lose most steering control. The boat could slow rapidly, throwing people and objects forward.

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## Gasoline

**Gasoline and its vapors are highly flammable and explosive.** Always, refuel according to the procedure on page 57 to reduce the risk of fire and explosion.

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## Gasoline exposure and spills

Take care not to spill gasoline. If gasoline spills, wipe it up immediately with dry rags. Dispose of rags properly.

If any gasoline spills onto your skin, immediately wash with soap and water. Change clothing if gasoline spills on it.

If you swallow gasoline, inhale a lot of gasoline vapor, or get gasoline in your eyes, get immediate medical attention. Never siphon fuel by mouth.

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## Carbon monoxide

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.

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## Modifications

Do not attempt to modify this outboard motor. Modifications to your outboard motor may reduce safety and reliability, and render the outboard unsafe or illegal to use.

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## Boating safety

This section includes a few of the many important safety precautions that you should follow when boating.

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## Alcohol and drugs

Never operate after drinking alcohol or taking drugs. Intoxication is one of the most com-

mon factors contributing to boating fatalities.

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## Personal flotation devices (PFDs)

Have an approved PFD on board for every occupant. Yamaha recommends that you must 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.

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## People in the water

Always watch carefully for people in the water, such as swimmers, skiers, or divers, whenever the engine is running. When someone is in the water near the boat, shift into neutral and stop the engine.

Stay away from swimming areas. Swimmers can be hard to see.

The propeller can keep moving even when the motor is in neutral. Stop the engine when a person is in the water near you.

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## Passengers

Consult your boat manufacturer's instructions for details about appropriate passenger locations in your boat and be sure all passengers are positioned properly before accelerating and when operating above an idle speed. Standing or sitting in non-designated locations may result in being thrown either overboard or within the boat due to waves, wakes, or sudden changes in speed or direction. Even when people are positioned properly, alert your passengers if you must make any unusual maneuver. Always avoid jumping waves or wakes.

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## Overloading

Do not overload the boat. Consult the boat capacity plate or boat manufacturer for maximum weight and number of passengers. Be

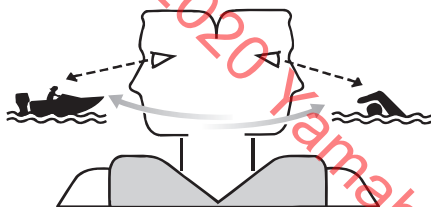


sure that weight is properly distributed according to the boat manufacturer's instructions. Overloading or incorrect weight distribution can compromise the boat's handling and lead to an accident, capsizing or swamping.

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## Avoid collisions

Scan constantly for people, objects, and other boats. Be alert for conditions that limit your visibility or block your vision of others.



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Operate defensively at safe speeds and keep a safe distance away from people, objects, and other boats.

- Do not follow directly behind other boats or waterskiers.
- Avoid sharp turns or other maneuvers that make it hard for others to avoid you or understand where you are going.
- Avoid areas with submerged objects or shallow water.
- Ride within your limits and avoid aggressive maneuvers to reduce the risk of loss of control, ejection, and collision.
- Take early action to avoid collisions. Remember, boats do not have brakes, and stopping the engine or reducing throttle can reduce the ability to steer. If you are not sure that you can stop in time before hitting an obstacle, apply throttle and turn in another direction.

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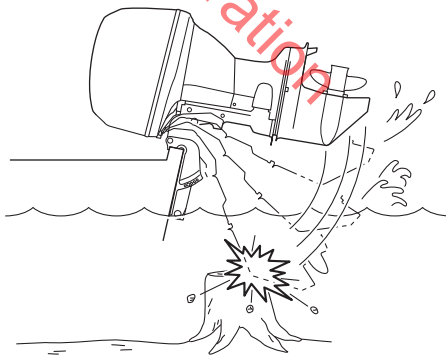
## Collisions with floating or submerged objects

If the outboard motor hits a floating object or an obstacle in the water while cruising, the following could occur:

- The passengers and any loose equipment or luggage could be thrown forward due to the sudden deceleration.
- Parts of the outboard motor could come loose as a result of the impact and could be thrown into the boat.
- The boat or outboard motor could be damaged as a result of the impact.

When you operate the boat in an area where there might be floating objects or obstacles in the water, be sure to adjust the trim angle of the outboard motor, slow down, and operate carefully. For further information, see page 69.

If the outboard motor hits a floating object or an obstacle in the water, make sure that there are no abnormalities with the boat and the outboard motor. If anything abnormal is found, return to the nearest harbor at low speed and have a Yamaha dealer inspect the outboard motor.



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## **Weather**

Stay informed about the weather. Check weather forecasts before boating. Avoid boating in hazardous weather.

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## **Accident reporting**

Boat operators are required by law to file a Boating Accident Report with their boating law enforcement agency if their boat is involved in any of the following accidents:

1. There is loss of life or probable loss of life.
2. There is personal injury that requires medical attention beyond first aid.
3. There is property damage to boats or other property over a certain amount.
4. There is complete loss of a boat.

Contact local law enforcement personnel if a report is necessary.

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## **Boat education and training**

### **For U.S.A.**

Operators should take a boating safety course. This may be required in your state. Many of the organizations listed in the next section can provide information about courses in your area.

You may also want to consider an Internet-based program for basic boater education. The Online Boating Safety Course provided by the BoatU.S. Foundation, is approved by the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA) and recognized by the United States Coast Guard. Most, but not all, states accept this course to meet their minimum requirements. While it cannot replace an in-depth course such as one offered by the U.S. Coast Guard, U.S. Power Squadron, or other organization, this online course does provide a general overview of the basics in boating safety, require-

ments, navigation, and operation. Upon successful completion of the course, the user can download a certificate of completion immediately or, for a small charge, request one by mail. To take this free course, go to [boatus.org](http://boatus.org).

### **For Canada**

All operators of pleasure craft must illustrate competency by means of a Pleasure Craft Operators Card with the exception of Personal Water Craft used for rental purposes which require a rental checklist be completed. Pleasure Craft Operators Cards can be obtained following the completion of a competency course, with an online option. Details can be found on Transport Canada's website. [www.tc.gc.ca](http://www.tc.gc.ca)

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## **Passenger training**

Make sure at least one other passenger is trained to operate the boat in the event of an emergency.

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## **Boating safety publications**

Be informed about boating safety. Additional publications and information can be obtained from many boating organizations.

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## **Laws and regulations**

Know the marine laws and regulations where you will be boating—and obey them. Several sets of rules prevail according to geographic location, but all are basically the same as the International Rules of the Road. The rules presented in the following section are condensed—and have been provided for your convenience only.

Contact the U.S. Coast Guard, the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators, or your local Power Squadron for a complete set of rules governing the waters in which you will be using your boat.

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## **Boating organizations**

The following organizations provide boating safety training and information about boating safety and laws.

### **In the U.S.A.**

#### **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

<http://www.uscgboating.org/>

#### **United States Power Squadrons**

1-888-FOR-USPS (1-888-367-8777)

<http://www.usps.org/>

#### **Boat Owners Association of The United States**

1-800-336-BOAT (1-800-336-2628)

<http://www.boatus.com/>

#### **National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA)**

1500 Leestown Road, Suite 330

Lexington, KY 40511 859-225-9497

<http://www.nasbla.org/>

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

200 East Randolph Drive

Suite 5100

Chicago, IL 60601

<http://www.nmma.org/>

#### **Marine Retailers Association of America**

155 N. Michigan Ave.

Chicago, IL 60304

<http://www.mraa.com/>

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#### **National Marine Manufacturers Association Canada**

14 McEwan Drive

Suite 8

Bolton, ON

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<http://www.nmma.org/>

### **In Australia**

#### **Boating Industry Association of Australia**

<http://www.biaa.com.au/>

### **In New Zealand**

#### **NZ Marine Industry Association**

<http://www.nzmarine.com/>

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## **Basic boating rules (Rules of the road)**

Just as there are rules that apply when you are driving on streets and highways, there are waterway rules that apply when you are driving your boat. These rules are used internationally. (For U.S.A.: 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.

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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 that 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.

## Safety information

### 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 that 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 that you may encounter with other vessels which could lead to a collision unless the Steering Rules are followed:

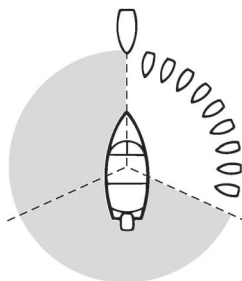
**Meeting:** (you are approaching another vessel head-on)

**Crossing:** (you are traveling across the oth-

er 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

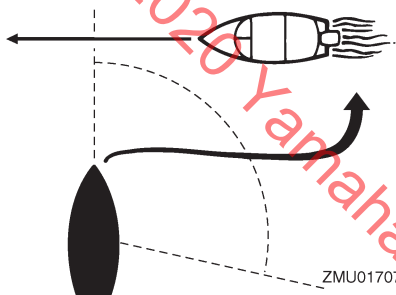
If you are meeting another power vessel head-on, and are close enough to run the risk of collision, neither of you has the right-of-way. Both of you should alter course to avoid an accident. You should keep the other vessel on your port (left) side. This rule doesn't apply if both of you will clear one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



## 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 that 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 that 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 boat-

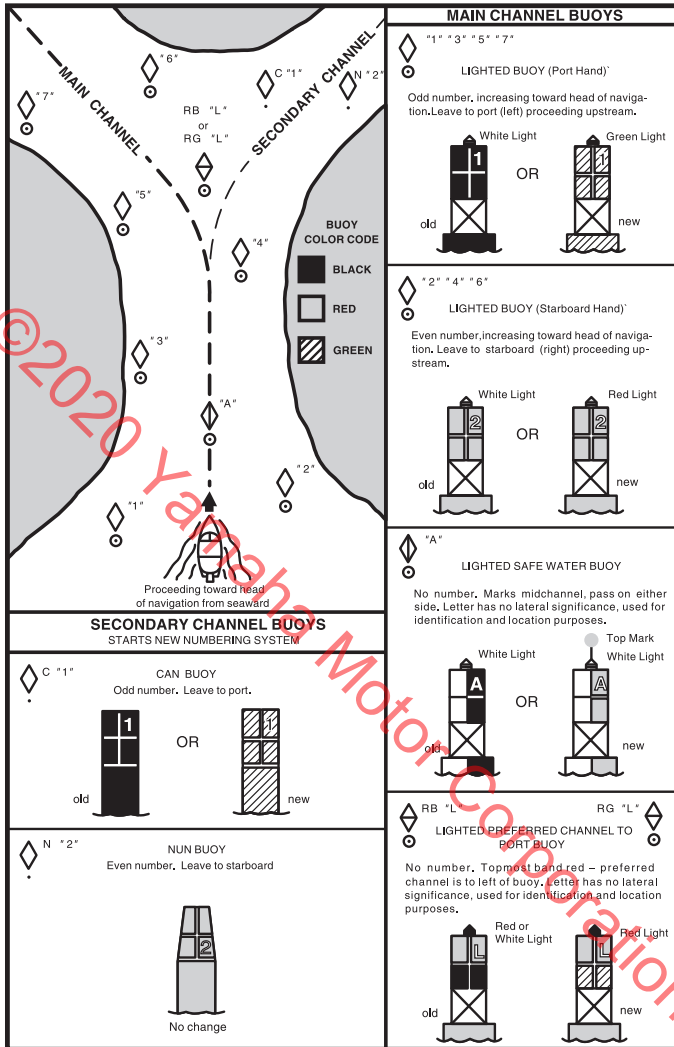
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er is going towards the port). This means that red buoys are passed on the starboard (right) side when proceeding from open water into port, and black buoys are to port (left) side. When navigating out of port, your position with respect to the buoys 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 borders. 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.



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# General information

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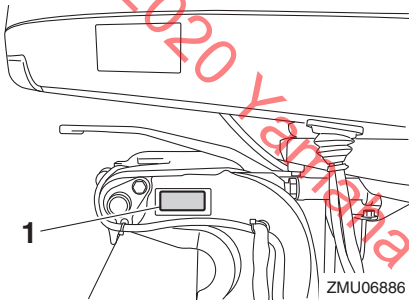
## Identification numbers record

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### Outboard motor serial number

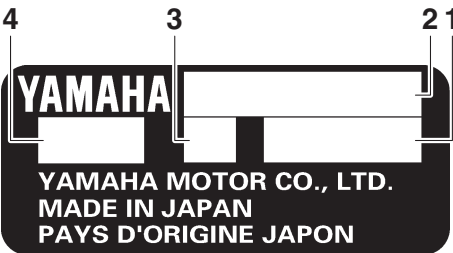
The outboard motor serial number is stamped on the label attached to the port side of the clamp bracket.

Write down your outboard motor serial number in the spaces provided in the following illustration to assist you in ordering spare parts from your Yamaha dealer or for reference if your outboard motor is stolen.



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1. Outboard motor serial number location



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- 1. Serial number
- 2. Model name
- 3. Motor transom height
- 4. Approved model code

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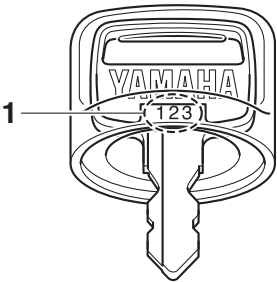
### Key number

A main switch key is included with the switch

panel or remote control box. The key identification number is stamped on your key as shown in the illustration. Write down this number in the space provided for reference when ordering a new key.



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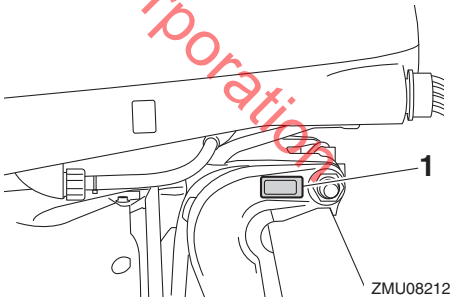
1. Key number

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### Compliance mark label

Engines affixed with this label conform to the regulations for each country.

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



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1. Compliance mark label location

### Regulatory Compliance Mark (RCM)

Engines affixed with this mark conform to certain portion(s) of the Australian Radio



Communications Act.



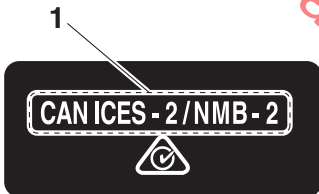
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1. Regulatory Compliance Mark (RCM)

## ICES-002 Compliance Label

Engines affixed with this mark meet all requirements of the Canadian Interference Causing Equipment Regulations.



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1. ICES-002 Compliance Label

# General information

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## Read manuals and labels

Before operating or working on this outboard motor:

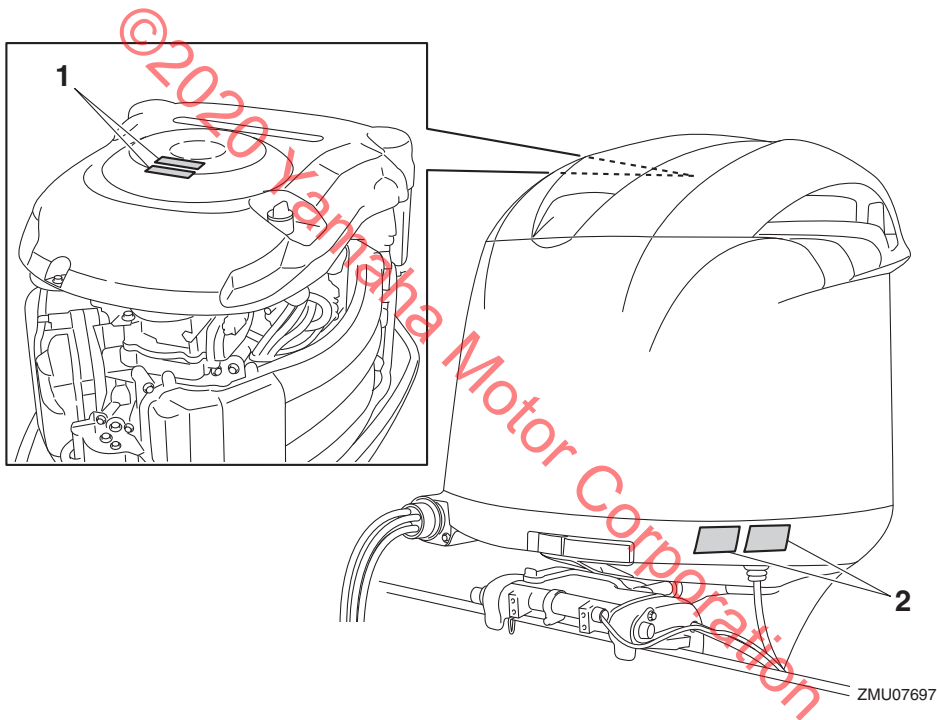
- Read this manual.
- Read any manuals supplied with the boat.
- Read all labels on the outboard motor and the boat.

If you need any additional information, contact your Yamaha dealer.

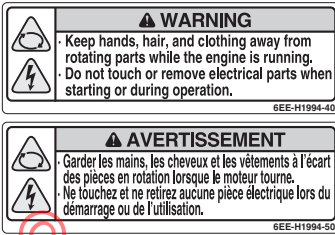
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## Warning labels

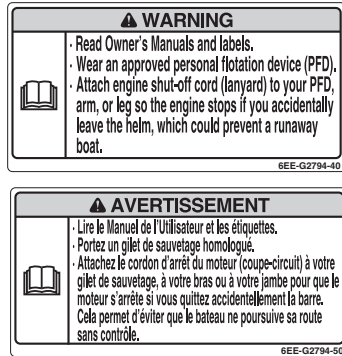
If these labels are damaged or missing, contact your Yamaha dealer for replacements.



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## Contents of labels

The above warning labels mean as follows.

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### **WARNING**

- Keep hands, hair, and clothing away from rotating parts while the engine is running.
- Do not touch or remove electrical parts when starting or during operation.

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EWM01672

### **WARNING**

- Read Owner's Manuals and labels.
- Wear an approved personal flotation device (PFD).
- Attach engine shut-off cord (lanyard) to your PFD, arm, or leg so the engine

ZMU06191

stops if you accidentally leave the helm, which could prevent a runaway boat.

# General information

EMU35133

## Symbols

The following symbols mean as follows.

Notice/Warning



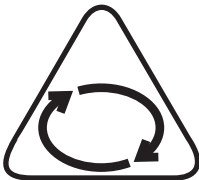
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Read Owner's Manual



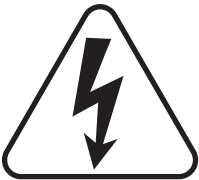
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Hazard caused by continuous rotation



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Electrical hazard



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EMU48010

## Engine data recording

This model's ECM stores certain engine data to assist in the diagnosis of malfunctions and for research, statistical analysis and development purposes.

Although the sensors and recorded data will vary by model, the main data points are:

- Engine status and engine performance data

This data will be uploaded only when a special Yamaha diagnostic tool is attached to the engine, such as when maintenance checks or service procedures are performed. Yamaha will not disclose this data to a third party except in the following cases. In addition, Yamaha may provide engine data to a contractor in order to outsource services related to the handling of the engine data. Even in this case, Yamaha will require the contractor to properly handle the engine data we provided and Yamaha will appropriately manage the data.

- With the consent of the boat owner
- Where obligated by law
- For use by Yamaha in litigation
- For general Yamaha-conducted research purposes when the data is not related to an individual engine or owner

# Specifications and requirements

EMU40501

## Specifications

### TIP:

“(SUS)” indicates that the specification is for the outboard motor when it is equipped with a stainless steel propeller.

EMU2821Z

### Dimension and weight:

Overall length:

959 mm (37.8 in)

Overall width:

664 mm (26.1 in)

Overall height L:

1749 mm (68.9 in) (VF200A,  
VF225A, VF250A)

Overall height X:

1893 mm (74.5 in) (VF200A,  
VF250A)

Motor transom height L:

493 mm (19.4 in) (VF200A, VF225A,  
VF250A)

Motor transom height X:

643 mm (25.3 in) (VF200A, VF250A)

Dry weight (SUS) L:

239 kg (527 lb) (VF200A, VF225A,  
VF250A)

Dry weight (SUS) X:

259 kg (571 lb) (VF200A, VF250A)

### Performance:

Full throttle operating range:

5000–6000 r/min

Rated power:

147.1 kW (200 HP) (VF200A)

165.5 kW (225 HP) (VF225A)

183.8 kW (250 HP) (VF250A)

Idle speed (in neutral):

650–750 r/min (VF200XA, VF250XA)

700–800 r/min (VF200LA, VF225LA,

VF250LA)

### Power unit:

Type:

4-stroke DOHC V6 24 valves

Total displacement:

4169 cm<sup>3</sup> (254.4 c.i.)

Bore × stroke:

96.0 × 96.0 mm (3.78 × 3.78 in)

Ignition system:

TCI

Spark plug (NGK):

LFR6A-11

Spark plug gap:

1.0–1.1 mm (0.039–0.043 in)

Steering system:

Remote steering

Starting system:

Electric starter

Starting carburetion system:

Fuel injection

Valve clearance IN (cold engine):

0.17–0.24 mm (0.0067–0.0094 in)

Valve clearance EX (cold engine):

0.31–0.38 mm (0.0122–0.0150 in)

Battery rating (CCA/SAE):

680–1150 A

Battery rating (MCA/ABYC):

770–1370 A

Battery rating (RC/SAE):

160 minutes

Battery rating (CCA/EN):

640–1080 A

Battery rating (20HR/IEC):

80 Ah

Maximum generator output:

50 A

### Lower unit:

Gear shift positions:

Forward-neutral-reverse

Gear ratio:

1.75 (21/12)

# Specifications and requirements

Trim and tilt system:

Power trim and tilt

Propeller mark:

M/T (VF200XA, VF250XA)

T (VF200LA, VF225LA, VF250LA)

## Fuel and oil:

Recommended fuel:

Mid-grade unleaded gasoline (For North America), Premium unleaded gasoline (VF225A, VF250A)

Regular unleaded gasoline (VF200A)

Min. pump octane number (PON):

86 (VF200A)

89 (VF225A, VF250A)

Min. research octane number (RON):

90 (VF200A)

94 (VF225A, VF250A)

Recommended engine oil:

YAMALUBE 4M FC-W or 4-stroke outboard motor oil



Recommended engine oil grade 1:

SAE 5W-30/10W-30

API SE/SF/SG/SH/SJ/SL

Engine oil quantity (without oil filter replacement):

6.4 L (6.76 US qt, 5.63 Imp.qt)

Engine oil quantity (with oil filter replacement):

6.7 L (7.08 US qt, 5.90 Imp.qt)

Lubrication system:

Wet sump

Recommended gear oil:

Yamalube Marine Gearcase Lube HD or Hypoid gear oil

Recommended gear oil grade:

SAE 90 API GL-4 / SAE 80W API GL-5 / SAE 90 API GL-5

Gear oil quantity:

1.040 L (1.099 US qt, 0.915 Imp.qt)

EMU33556

## Installation requirements

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### Boat horsepower rating

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**Overpowering a boat can cause severe instability.**

Before installing the outboard motor(s), confirm that the total horsepower of your outboard motor(s) does not exceed the boat's maximum horsepower rating. See the boat's capacity plate or contact the manufacturer.

EMU40491

### Mounting outboard motor

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- Improper mounting of the outboard motor could result in hazardous conditions such as poor handling, loss of control, or fire hazards.
- Because the outboard motor is very heavy, special equipment and training is required to mount it safely.

Your dealer or other person experienced in proper rigging should mount the outboard motor using correct equipment and complete rigging instructions. For further information, see page 49.

EMU33582

## Remote control requirements

EWM01581



- If the engine starts in gear, the boat can move suddenly and unexpectedly, possibly causing a collision or throwing passengers overboard.
- If the engine ever starts in gear, the start-in-gear protection device is not

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**working correctly and you should discontinue using the outboard. Contact your Yamaha dealer.**

The remote control unit must be equipped with a start-in-gear protection device(s). This device prevents the engine from starting unless it is in neutral.

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## Battery requirements

EMU44724

### Battery specifications

Standard lead-acid, AGM, gel-cell, and maintenance-free batteries are permitted. Use a fully charged battery that meets the following specifications. The battery is an important component necessary to obtain sure engine starting and to maintain engine performance.

The engine may not start if the battery voltage is too low.

#### For North America

It is necessary to meet only two of the three specifications (CCA, MCA, and RC) in one of the following combinations:

- CCA/SAE and RC
- MCA/ABYC and RC

#### **Battery rating (CCA/SAE):**

680–1150 A

#### **Battery rating (MCA/ABYC):**

770–1370 A

#### **Battery rating (RC/SAE):**

160 minutes

#### For Oceania

It is necessary to meet the following specifications.

#### **Battery rating (CCA/EN):**

640–1080 A

#### **Battery rating (20HR/IEC):**

80 Ah

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### NOTICE

- **Do not use a battery that does not meet the specified capacity. If a battery that does not meet specifications is used, the electric system could perform poorly or be overloaded, causing electric system damage.**
- **Do not use a battery which exceeds the maximum CCA rating. If the batteries are used in parallel circuit, use new batteries of the same type and make sure that the total battery rating never exceeds the maximum CCA rating.**

EMU36293

### Mounting battery

Mount the battery holder securely in a dry, well-ventilated, vibration-free location in the boat. **WARNING! Do not put flammable items, or loose heavy or metal objects in the same compartment as the battery. Fire, explosion or sparks could result.**

[EWM01921]

### Battery cable

The battery cable size and length are critical. Consult your Yamaha dealer about the battery cable size and length.

EMU46171

## Propeller selection

Next to selecting an outboard motor, selecting the right propeller is one of the most important purchasing decisions a boater can make. The type, size, and design of your propeller have a direct impact on acceleration, top speed, fuel economy, and even engine life. Yamaha designs and manufactures propellers for every Yamaha outboard motor and every application.

Your Yamaha dealer can help you select the right propeller for your boating needs. Select

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a propeller that will allow the engine to reach the middle or upper half of the operating range at full throttle with the maximum boat-load. Generally, select a larger pitch propeller for a smaller operating load and a smaller pitch propeller for a heavier load. If you carry loads that vary widely, select the propeller that lets the engine run in the proper range for your maximum load but remember that you may need to reduce your throttle setting to stay within the recommended engine speed range when carrying lighter loads.  
VF200LA, VF225LA, VF250LA:

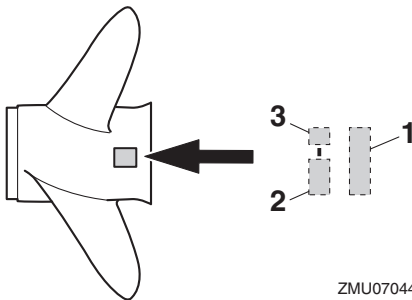
Yamaha recommends "Ventless Design For new 4-stroke VMAX SHO" for your propeller. For further information, consult your Yamaha dealer.

VF200XA, VF250XA:

Yamaha recommends to use a propeller suitable for the "Shift Dampener System (SDS)". For further information, consult your Yamaha dealer.

To check the propeller, see page 92.

### Propeller example



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

EMU25771

### 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.

EMU41096

### Engine oil requirements

Select the engine oil to use from the following recommended engine oils.

#### Recommended engine oil:

YAMALUBE 4M FC-W or 4-stroke outboard motor oil

#### Recommended engine oil grade 1:

SAE 5W-30/10W-30

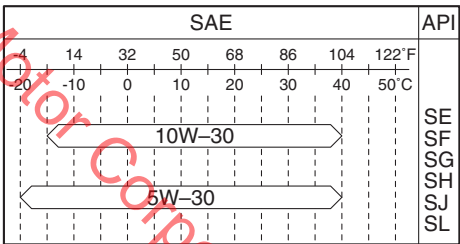
API SE/SF/SG/SH/SJ/SL

#### Engine oil quantity (without oil filter replacement):

6.4 L (6.76 US qt, 5.63 Imp.qt)

#### Engine oil quantity (with oil filter replacement):

6.7 L (7.08 US qt, 5.90 Imp.qt)



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EMU36361

### Fuel requirements

EMU44791

#### Gasoline

Use a good quality gasoline that meets the minimum octane requirement. If knocking or pinging occurs, use a different brand of gasoline or premium unleaded fuel. Yamaha recommends that you use alcohol-free gasoline (see Gasoline with Ethanol) whenever possible.

The use of a poor quality gasoline may result



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in starting and running problems. If you encounter drivability problems, which you suspect could be related to the fuel you are using, Yamaha recommends that you switch to a recognized high quality brand of gasoline, such as a gasoline that is advertised as Top Tier Detergent Gasoline. (North America only) **NOTICE: Failure to comply with these recommendations may also result in unscheduled maintenance, fuel system damage, and internal engine damage.**

[ECM04480]

## For North America

### Recommended fuel:

Mid-grade unleaded gasoline  
(VF225A, VF250A)

Regular unleaded gasoline (VF200A)

### Min. pump octane number (PON):

86 (VF200A)

89 (VF225A, VF250A)

## For Oceania

### Recommended fuel:

Premium unleaded gasoline (VF225A,  
VF250A)

Regular unleaded gasoline (VF200A)

### Min. research octane number (RON):

90 (VF200A)

94 (VF225A, VF250A)

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## NOTICE

- **Do not use leaded gasoline. Leaded gasoline can seriously damage the engine.**
- **Avoid getting water and contaminants in the fuel tank. Contaminated fuel can cause poor performance or engine damage. Use only fresh gasoline that has been stored in clean containers.**

## Gasoline with Ethanol

Two types of gasoline are commonly avail-

able in the U.S.A., Canada, Australia and New Zealand for use in automobiles and boats: conventional gasoline without Ethanol and gasoline with Ethanol, which is typically referred to as E10 gasoline. According to federal regulations, E10 gasoline may contain up to 10% Ethanol.

A high quality gasoline without Ethanol is the preferred fuel for your Yamaha outboard motor. However, if gasoline with Ethanol is the only fuel available in your area, your Yamaha outboard motor is calibrated to run properly on fresh E10 gasoline that meets the minimum octane requirement specified for this model.

ECM02402

## NOTICE

**Never use a gasoline for your outboard motor that contains more than 10% Ethanol, such as E15 which contains 15% Ethanol or E85 which contains 85% Ethanol, or gasoline containing any amount of Methanol. These fuels can cause starting and running problems, as well as serious fuel system and internal engine damage.**

Gasoline containing ethanol has several properties that may cause boat fuel system problems.

- Ethanol is a strong solvent (cleaning agent) that can clean gum and varnish deposits from a boat's fuel system, particularly in older boats, as well as tanks and pipes used in gasoline distribution. These released deposits contaminate the fuel and can cause problems, such as clogged fuel filters, carburetors, or fuel injectors, which could result in engine damage.
- Ethanol may dissolve resins used in the construction of fiberglass fuel tanks. The dissolved resins contaminate the fuel and can cause problems, such as clogged fuel

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filters, carburetors, or fuel injectors, which could result in engine damage.

- Ethanol is hygroscopic (has a strong attraction to water). Therefore, any water that inadvertently enters the fuel system, including moisture that is absorbed from the air, will mix with the ethanol in the gasoline. If the amount of water is excessive, the ethanol and water mixture will separate from the gasoline in a layer at the bottom of the fuel tank. This ethanol and water mixture is very corrosive to aluminum fuel tanks and fuel system components.
- The usable life span of E10 gasoline may be shorter than the normal length of off-season boat storage, causing starting and running problems related to stale fuel.

For more information on using fuel containing ethanol, visit: <http://www.yamaha-motor.com>

## Gasoline Filtration

Yamaha outboard motors are equipped with internal fuel filters. However, excessive water or debris entering your engine's fuel system could prematurely clog the internal filters, causing starting and running problems, fuel system damage, and internal engine damage. Therefore, it is recommended that an external 10-micron water-separating fuel filter be installed on your boat and serviced frequently. Consult your authorized Yamaha dealer for a 10-micron filter that meets your engine's requirements.

EMU41342

## Gasoline Additives

Gasoline blends change to meet automobile emission regulations and economic conditions. Additives, added by gasoline distributors, necessary for proper automobile engine operation and durability, may not be sufficient for typical boat applications. Intake

valve and combustion chamber deposits may accumulate in boat engines more rapidly than encountered in automotive use. In addition, gasoline used for boating will typically age longer between refills than gasoline used in automobiles, resulting in stale and unusable gasoline that may cause starting and running problems, fuel system damage, and internal engine damage.

Yamaha recommends the use of two Yamalube gasoline additives to reduce internal deposits and extend the storage life of gasoline. Continuous use of Yamalube Ring Free Fuel Additive Plus reduces harmful internal deposits. Yamalube Fuel Stabilizer & Conditioner Plus added to fresh gasoline will help protect the fuel system from varnishing while helping to keep the gasoline's octane level from decreasing excessively during storage. Other additives may also be available on the market that may have varying degrees of effectiveness. Consult your Yamaha dealer concerning what may work best for the locally available gasoline and environmental conditions.

EMU36881

## Muddy or acidic water

Yamaha strongly recommends that you have your dealer install the optional chromium-plated water pump kit if you use the outboard motor in muddy or acidic water conditions. However, depending on the model it might not be required.

EMU41354

## Anti-fouling paint

A clean hull is required to maintain your boat's performance. Boats moored in the water should be protected from marine growth (barnacles, mussels, and marine plants). If approved by regulations for your area, the bottom of the hull can be coated with an anti-

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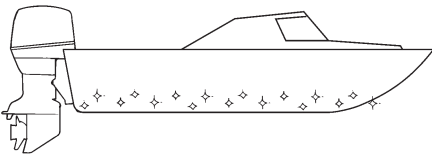
fouling paint to inhibit marine growth.

Anti-fouling paints specifically formulated for use on aluminum may be applied to the outboard motor. The original Yamaha paint surface may be scuffed lightly before applying anti-fouling paint, but do not remove the original paint. Removal of the original paint will increase the rate of corrosion.

ECM04821

## NOTICE

- **Anti-fouling paint for fiberglass and wood may contain materials, such as copper, graphite, and tin, that can cause corrosion if applied to aluminum boats and outboard motor components. Never apply these types of paint to your outboard motor because rapid corrosion damage could occur.**
- **Anti-fouling paint can increase drag (friction) between the boat and the water, and possibly affect performance. If the effects are too great, reducing propeller pitch may be necessary.**



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Sacrificial anodes are attached to the outboard motor to provide corrosion protection and must never be painted.

Sacrificial anodes made from a different material may be necessary for maximum corrosion protection due to your local water conditions. Please consult your Yamaha dealer.

ECM02421

## NOTICE

**Painted sacrificial anodes will not provide corrosion protection.**

EMU40302

## Outboard motor disposal requirements

Never illegally discard (dump) the outboard motor. Yamaha recommends consulting the dealer about discarding the outboard motor.

EMU36353

## Emergency equipment

Keep the following items onboard in case there is trouble with the outboard motor.

- A tool kit with assorted screwdrivers, pliers, wrenches (including metric sizes), and electrical tape.
- Waterproof flashlight with extra batteries.
- An extra engine shut-off cord (lanyard) with clip.
- Spare parts, such as an extra set of spark plugs.

Consult your Yamaha dealer for details.

EMU25223

## Emission control information

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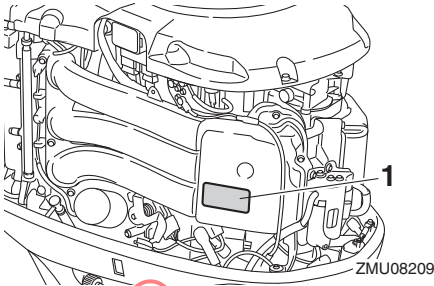
This engine conforms to U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regulations for marine SI engines. See the label affixed to your engine for details.

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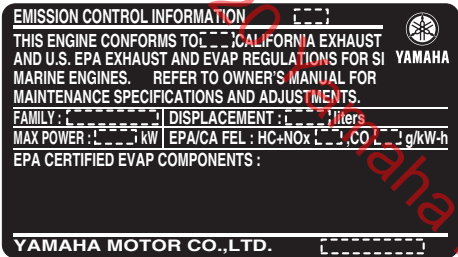
## Approval label of emission control certificate

This label is attached at the location shown.  
New Technology; (4-stroke) MFI

# Specifications and requirements



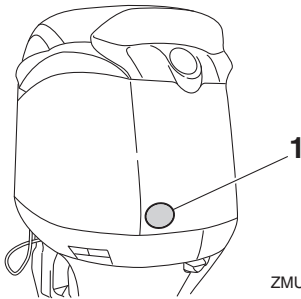
1. Approval label location



EMU25275

## 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.



1. Star label location

EMU40331

## One Star—Low Emission

The one-star label identifies engines that meet the Air Resources Board's Personal Watercraft and Outboard marine engine 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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EMU40341

## Two Stars—Very Low Emission

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



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# Specifications and requirements

EMU40351

## Three Stars—Ultra Low Emission

The three-star label identifies engines that meet the Air Resources Board's Personal Watercraft and Outboard marine engine 2008 exhaust emission standards or the Sterndrive and Inboard marine engine 2003-2008 exhaust emission standards. Engines meeting these standards have 65% lower emissions than One Star-Low-Emission engines.



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## Four Stars—Super Ultra Low Emission

The four-star label identifies engines that meet the Air Resources Board's Sterndrive and Inboard marine engine 2009 exhaust emission standards. Personal Watercraft and Outboard marine engines may also comply with these standards. Engines meeting these standards have 90% lower emissions than One Star-Low-Emission engines.



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# Components

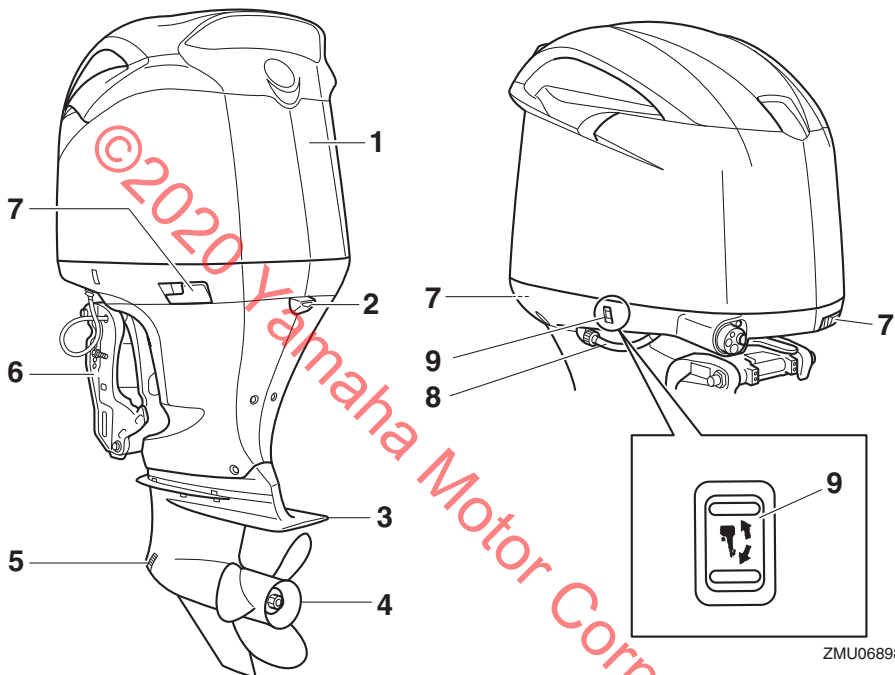
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## Components diagram

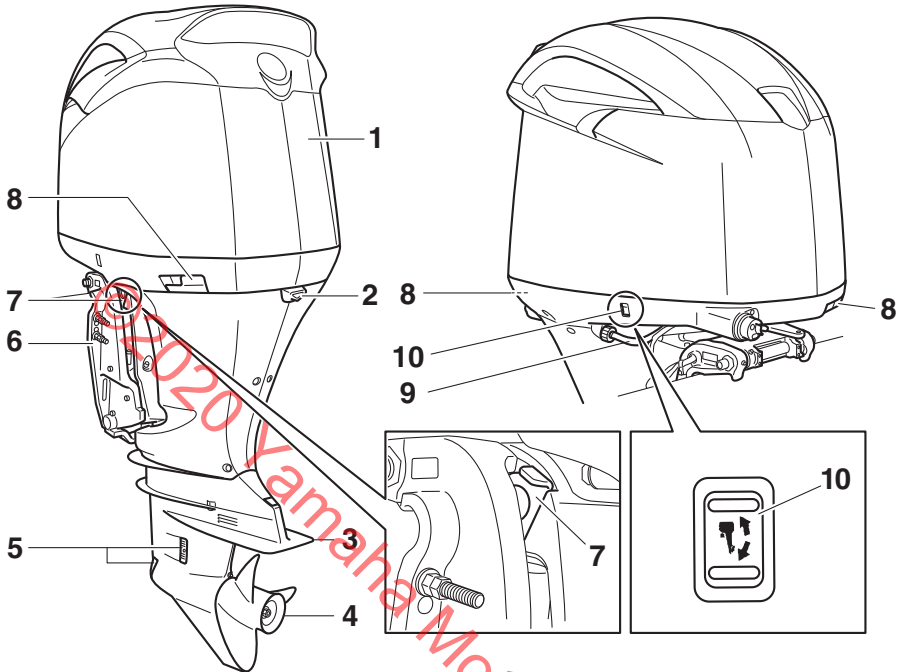
### TIP:

\* May not be exactly as shown; also may not be included as standard equipment on all models (order from dealer).

**VF200LA, VF225LA, VF250LA**



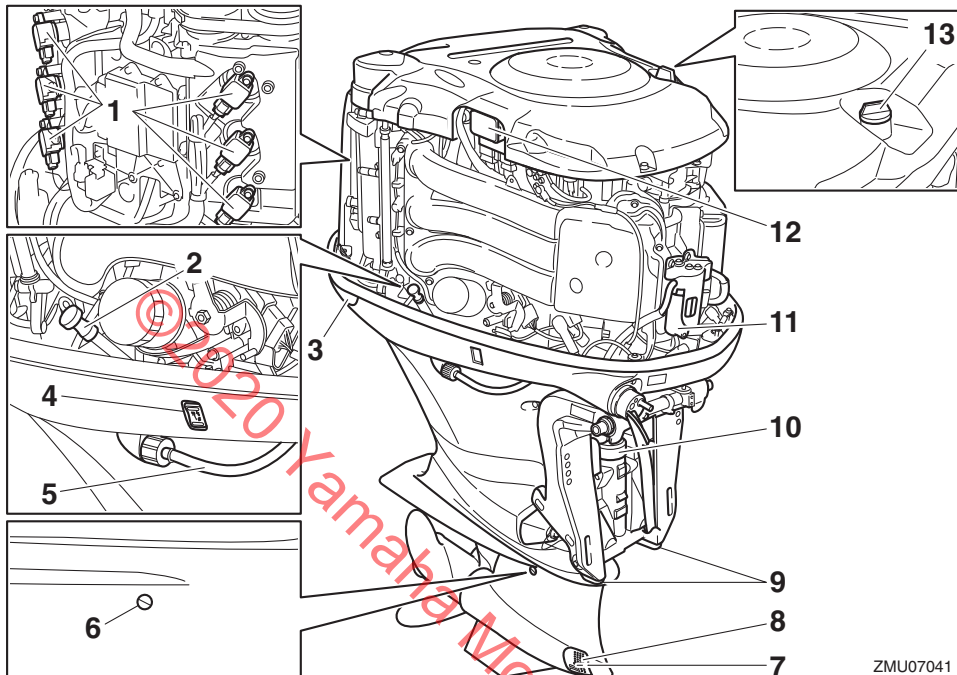
## VF200XA, VF250XA



1. Top cowling
2. Idle hole
3. Anti-cavitation plate
4. Propeller\*
5. Cooling water inlet
6. Clamp bracket
7. Tilt support lever
8. Cowling lock lever
9. Flushing device
10. Power trim and tilt switch

# Components

VF200LA, VF225LA, VF250LA

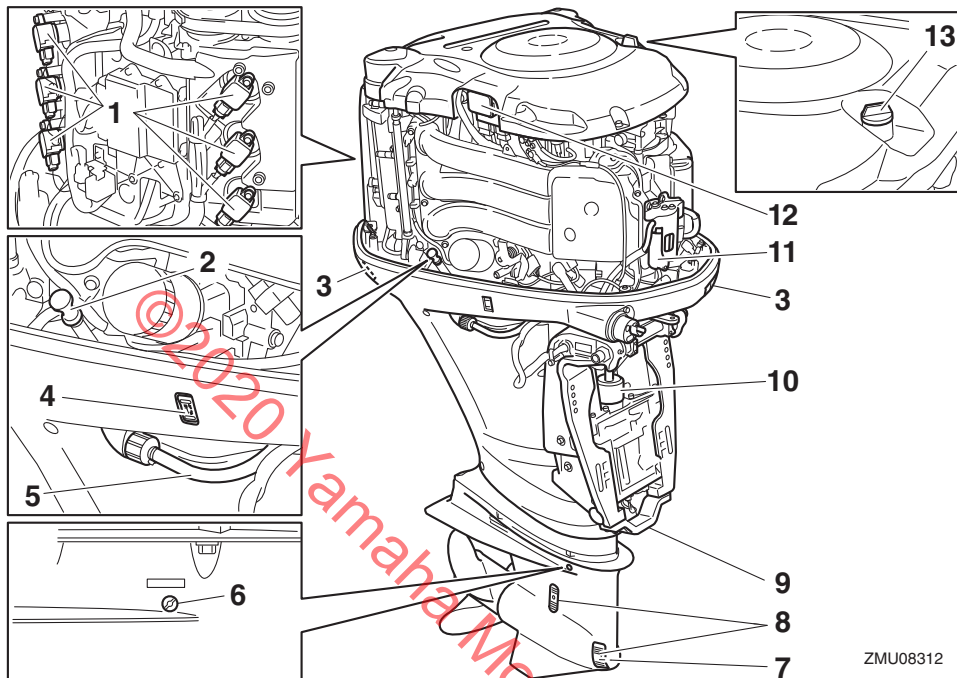


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1. Ignition coil
2. Oil dipstick
3. Cowling lock lever
4. Power trim and tilt switch
5. Flushing device
6. Oil level plug
7. Gear oil drain screw
8. Cooling water inlet
9. Anode
10. Power trim and tilt unit
11. Fuel filter
12. Fuse box
13. Oil filler cap



## VF200XA, VF250XA



1. Ignition coil
2. Oil dipstick
3. Cowling lock lever
4. Power trim and tilt switch
5. Flushing device
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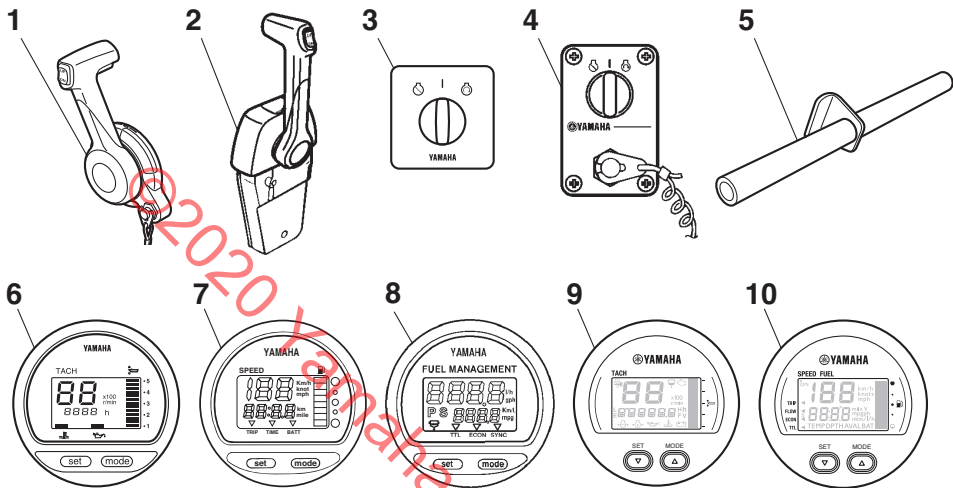
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# Components

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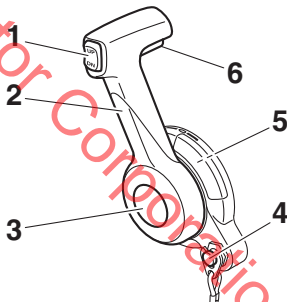
## Optional items

The following items are available from your Yamaha dealer. For details, consult your Yamaha dealer.



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- 1. Remote control box (side mount type)
- 2. Remote control box (binnacle mount type)
- 3. Switch panel (for use with side-mount type)
- 4. Switch panel (for use with binnacle type)
- 5. Tilt support shaft
- 6. Digital tachometer
- 7. Digital speedometer
- 8. Fuel management meter
- 9. 6Y8 Multifunction tachometer
- 10. 6Y8 Multifunction speed & fuel meter



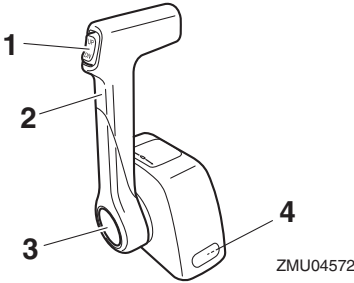
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## Remote control box

The remote control box is equipped with the remote control lever and electrical switches.

- 1. Power trim and tilt switch
- 2. Remote control lever
- 3. Free accelerator button
- 4. Engine shut-off switch
- 5. Throttle friction adjuster
- 6. Neutral interlock trigger

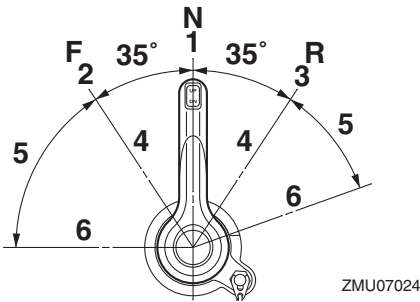


1. Power trim and tilt switch
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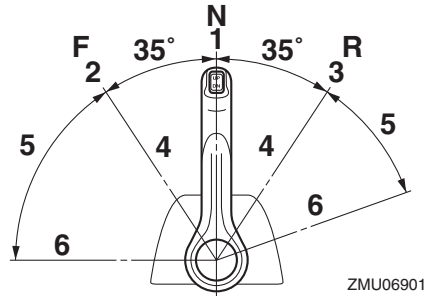
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## Remote control lever

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. Fully closed
5. Throttle
6. Fully open



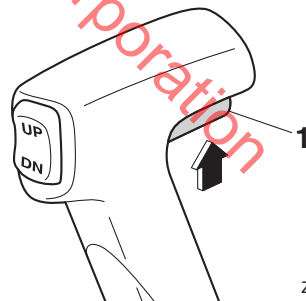
1. Neutral "N"
2. Forward "F"
3. Reverse "R"
4. Fully closed
5. Throttle
6. Fully open

EMU40631

## Neutral interlock trigger

The neutral interlock prevents the remote control lever from accidentally being moved forward or rearward from the neutral position.

To move the remote control lever forward or rearward from the neutral position, pull the neutral interlock trigger up, and then move the remote control lever.



1. Neutral interlock trigger

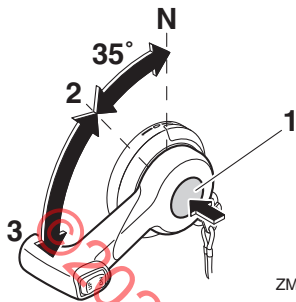
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## Free accelerator

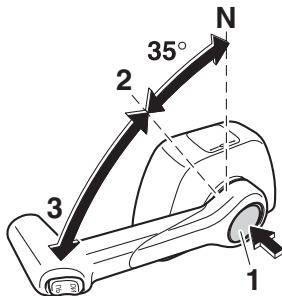
To open the throttle without shifting into ei-

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ther forward or reverse, push the free accelerator button and move the remote control lever.



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



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

## TIP:

- The free accelerator button can only be pushed 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 au-

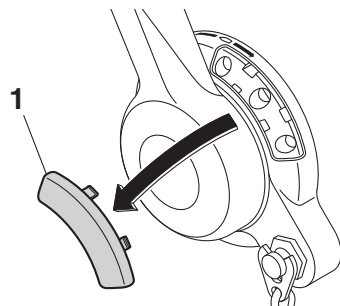
tomatically to its set position. The remote control will then engage forward and reverse normally.

EMU40606

## Throttle friction adjuster

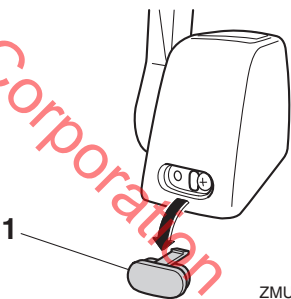
The throttle friction adjuster can be used to adjust the resistance to movement of the remote control lever, and can be set according to operator preference. Adjust the throttle friction according to the following procedure.

1. Remove the cap.



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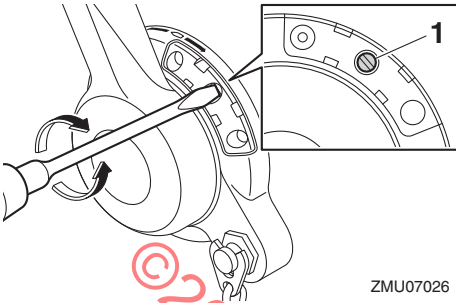
1. Cap



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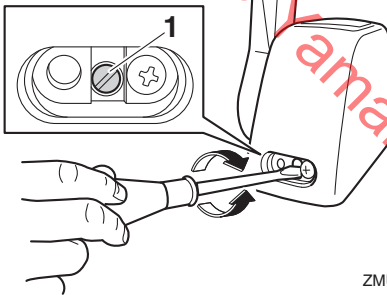
1. Cap
2. To increase resistance, turn the adjuster clockwise. To decrease resistance, turn the adjuster counterclockwise.  
**WARNING! Do not overtighten the friction adjuster. If there is too much resistance, it could be difficult to**

move the remote control lever, which could result in an accident. [EWM02581]



ZMU07026

1. Throttle friction adjuster



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1. Throttle friction adjuster

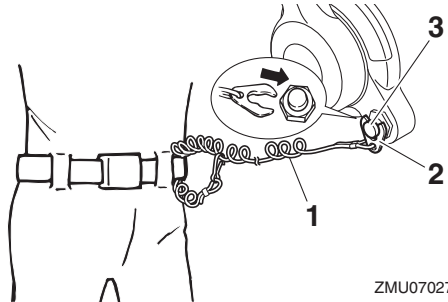
3. Install the cap.

EMU25996

## Engine shut-off cord (lanyard) and clip

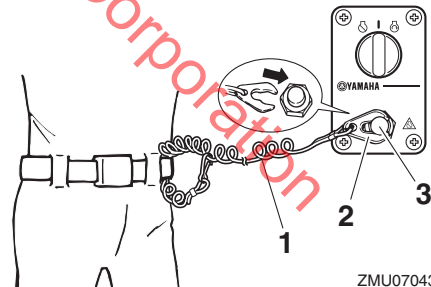
The clip must be attached to the engine shut-off switch for the engine to run. The cord should be attached to a secure place on the operator's clothing, or arm or leg. Should the operator fall overboard or leave the helm, the cord will pull out the clip, stopping ignition to the engine. This will prevent the boat from running away under power. **WARNING! Attach the engine shut-off cord to a secure place on your clothing, or your arm or leg while operating. Do not attach the cord to**

clothing that could tear loose. Do not route the cord where it could become entangled, preventing it from functioning. Avoid accidentally pulling the cord 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. [EWM00123]



ZMU07027

1. Engine shut-off cord (lanyard)
2. Clip
3. Engine shut-off switch



ZMU07043

1. Engine shut-off cord (lanyard)
2. Clip
3. Engine shut-off switch

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## Main switch

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

- “OFF” (off)

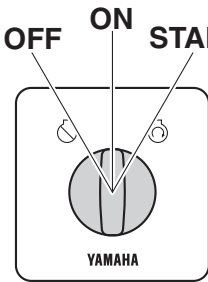
With the main switch in the “OFF” (off) position, the electrical circuits are off, and the key can be removed.

- “ON” (on)

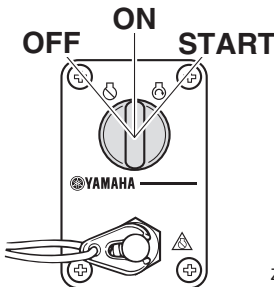
With the main switch in the “ON” (on) position, the electrical circuits are on, and the key cannot be removed.

- “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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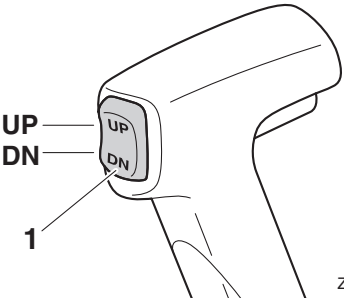
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## Power trim and tilt switch on remote control

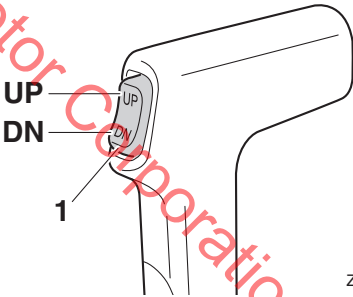
The power trim and tilt system adjusts the

outboard motor angle in relation to the transom. Pushing the switch “UP” (up) trims the outboard motor up, and then tilts it up. Pushing 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. For instructions on using the power trim and tilt switch, see pages 63 and 65.



ZMU06981

1. Power trim and tilt switch



ZMU07849

1. Power trim and tilt switch

EMU26156

## Power trim and tilt switch on bottom cowling

The power trim and tilt switch is located on the side of the bottom cowling. Pushing the switch “UP” (up) trims the outboard motor up, and then tilts it up. Pushing the switch “DN” (down) tilts the outboard motor down and

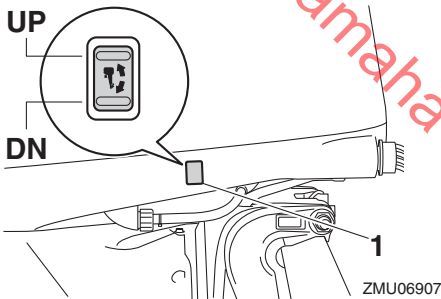
trims it down. When the switch is released, the outboard motor will stop in its current position.

For instructions on using the power trim and tilt switch, see page 65.

EWM01032

## WARNING

Use the power trim and tilt switch located on the bottom 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.

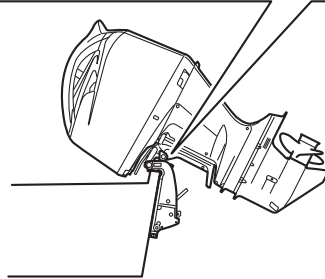
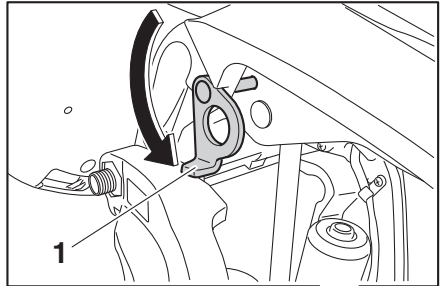


1. Power trim and tilt switch

EMU26342

## Tilt support lever for power trim and tilt model

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



1. Tilt support lever

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## NOTICE

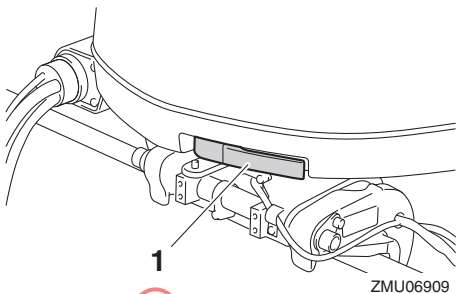
Do not use the tilt support lever or knob when trailering the boat. The outboard motor could shake loose from the tilt support and fall. If the motor cannot be trailered in the normal running position, use an additional support device to secure it in the tilt position.

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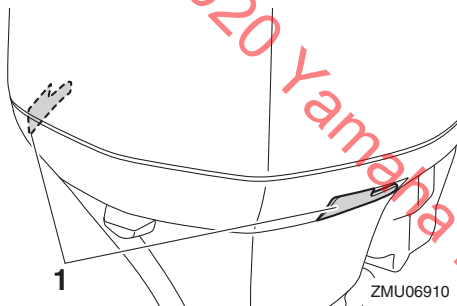
## Cowling lock lever

The cowling lock levers are used to secure the top cowling.

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1. Cowling lock lever

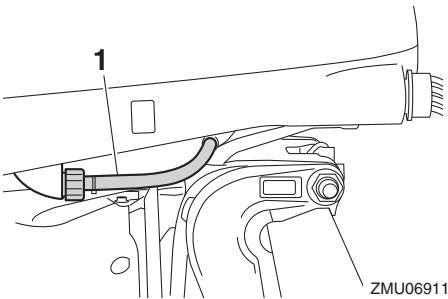


1. Cowling lock lever(s)

EMU40803

## Flushing device

The flushing device is used to clean the cooling water passages of the outboard motor using a garden hose and tap water. For instructions on using the flushing device, see page 73.

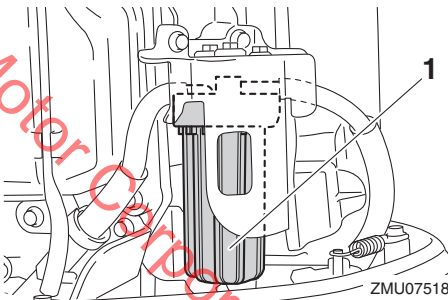


1. Flushing device

EMU40823

## Fuel filter

The fuel filter functions to remove foreign material and separate water from the fuel. If water separated from the fuel exceeds a specific volume, the alert system will activate. For further information, see page 47.



1. Fuel filter

## TIP:

Adding an in-line 10-micron fuel filter has been shown to greatly reduce the chance of fuel contamination problems. Consult your dealer for information about Yamaha 10-micron fuel filters if your boat does not have one.

EMU40595

## Tilt support shaft (optional)

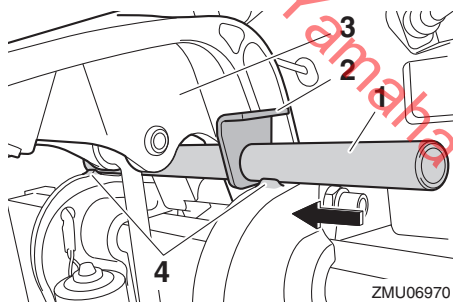
The tilt support shaft is available as an option



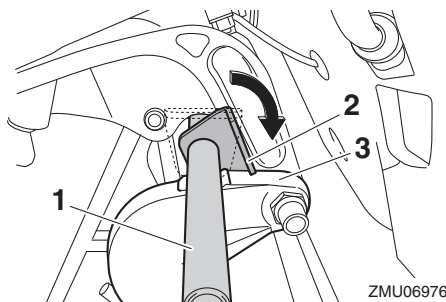
for this outboard motor. The tilt support shaft is used to secure the outboard motor in the tilted-up position.

## Installing tilt support shaft

1. Fully tilt the outboard motor up.
2. Insert the tilt support shaft between the swivel bracket and the clamp bracket from the starboard side of the outboard motor until the plate on the tilt support shaft contacts the swivel bracket. Insert the tilt support shaft so that the end of the plate is pointing in the direction shown in the illustration and position the tilt support shaft in front of the protrusions on the clamp bracket.



1. Tilt support shaft
  2. Plate
  3. Swivel bracket
  4. Protrusion
3. Turn the tilt support shaft toward the bow so that the plate contacts the clamp bracket.

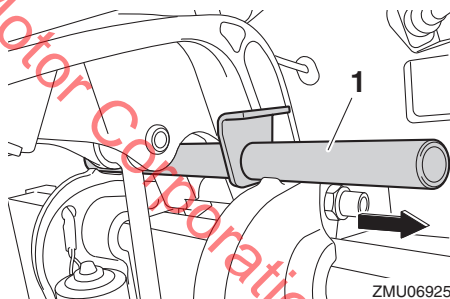


1. Tilt support shaft
2. Plate
3. Clamp bracket

4. Tilt the outboard motor down slowly until the swivel bracket contacts the tilt support shaft, and then check that the tilt support shaft is secured in place.

## Removing tilt support shaft

1. Fully tilt the outboard motor up, and then remove the tilt support shaft.



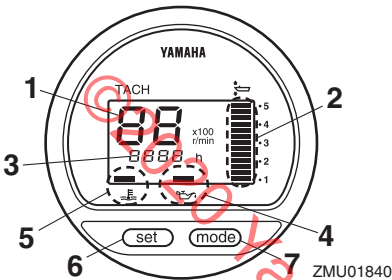
1. Tilt support shaft
2. Tilt the outboard motor down.

# Instruments and indicators

EMU41391

## Digital tachometer

The tachometer shows the engine speed and has the following functions. 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-alert indicator
5. Overheat-alert indicator
6. Set button
7. Mode button

EMU36051

## Tachometer

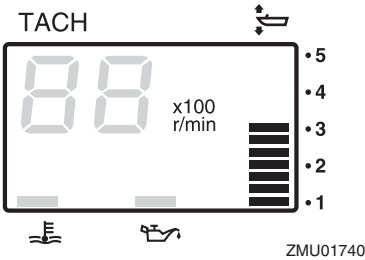
The tachometer displays engine speed in hundreds of revolutions per minute (r/min). For example, if the tachometer display reads "22" then the engine speed is 2200 r/min.

EMU26622

## Trim meter

This meter shows the trim angle of your out-board motor.

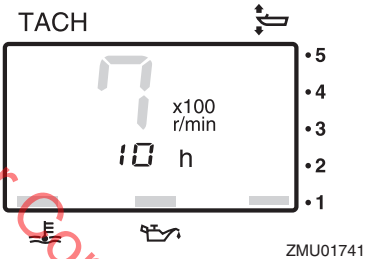
- Memorize the trim angles that work best for your boat under different conditions. Adjust the trim angle to the desired using the power trim and tilt switch.
- If the trim angle of your motor exceeds the trim operating range, the top segment on the trim meter display will blink.



EMU26652

## Hour meter

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.



To change the display format, press the "mode" (mode) button. The display can show total hours or trip hours, or turn off.

To reset the trip hours, simultaneously press the "set" (set) and "mode" (mode) buttons for more than 1 second while the trip hours are displayed. This resets the trip counter to 0 (zero).

The total number of hours the engine has been run cannot be reset.

EMU40812

## Low oil pressure-alert indicator

If oil pressure drops too low, the alert indicator will start to blink. For further information,

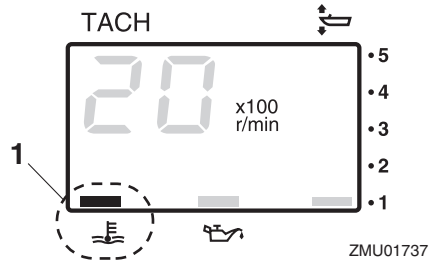
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see page 46.

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## NOTICE

- Do not continue to operate the engine if the low oil pressure-alert indicator is on and the engine oil pressure is low. Serious engine damage will occur.
- The low oil pressure-alert indicator does not indicate the engine oil level. Use the oil dipstick to check the oil level. For further information, see page 53.

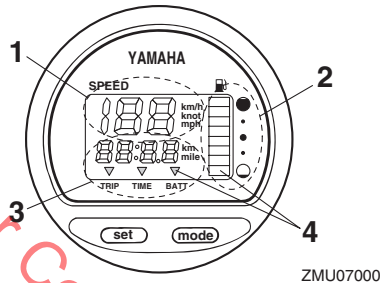


1. Overheat-alert indicator

EMU26603

## Digital speedometer

This gauge shows the boat speed and other information.



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

EMU26584

## Overheat-alert indicator

If the engine temperature rises too high, the alert indicator will start to blink. For further information on reading the indicator, see page 46.

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## NOTICE

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

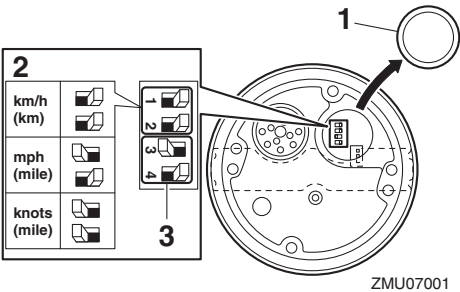
All segments of the display will light momentarily after the main switch is turned on and will return to normal thereafter.

EMU36062

## Speedometer

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

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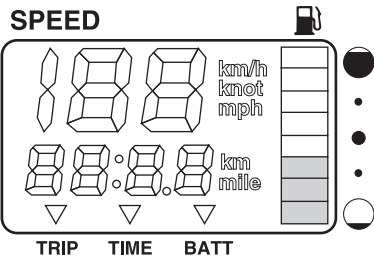


- 1. Cap
- 2. Selector switch (for speed unit)
- 3. Selector switch (for fuel sensor)

EMU26714

## Fuel gauge

Eight segments indicate the fuel level. When all segments are showing, the fuel tank is full.



The fuel level reading can be inaccurate due to 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.

Do not adjust the selector switch for fuel sensor. Incorrectly setting the selector switch on the gauge will give false readings. Consult your Yamaha dealer on how to correctly set the selector switch. **NOTICE: Running out of fuel can damage the engine.** [ECM01771]

EMU36072

## Trip meter / Clock / Voltmeter

The display shows either the trip meter, the clock, or the voltmeter.

To change the display, press the “mode” (mode) button repeatedly until the indicator on the face of the gauge points to “TRIP” (trip meter), “TIME” (clock), or “BATT” (voltmeter).

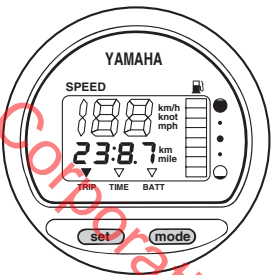
EMU26692

## Trip meter

This gauge displays the distance the boat has traveled since the gauge was last reset. The trip distance is shown in kilometers or miles depending upon the unit of measurement selected for the speedometer.

To reset the trip meter to zero, press the “set” (set) and “mode” (mode) buttons at the same time.

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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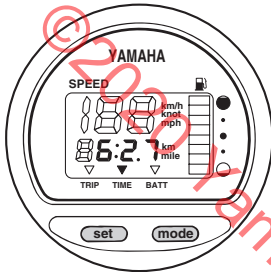
## Clock

### To set the clock

1. Push the “mode” (mode) button to change the display to the “TIME” (clock) mode.
2. Push the “set” (set) button. The hour display will begin blinking.
3. Push the “mode” (mode) button until the desired hour value is displayed.
4. Push the “set” (set) button again. The

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- 10-minute display will begin blinking.
5. Push the “mode” (mode) button until the desired 10-minute value is displayed.
6. Push the “set” (set) button again. The 1-minute display will begin blinking.
7. Push the “mode” (mode) button until the desired 1-minute value is displayed.
8. Push the “set” (set) button again to start the clock.



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

EMU36081

## Voltmeter

The voltmeter displays the charge of the battery in volts(V).

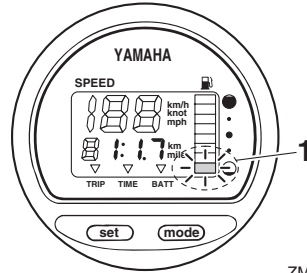
EMU26723

## Fuel level-alert indicator

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

Do not continue to operate the engine at full throttle if an alert device has activated. Get back to the port using trolling engine speed.

**NOTICE: Running out of fuel can damage the engine.** [ECM01771]



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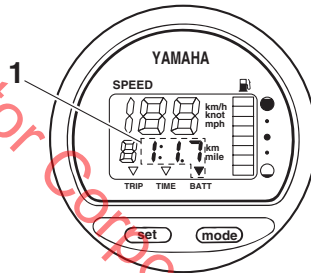
1. Fuel level-alert segment

EMU26733

## Low battery voltage-alert indicator

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

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



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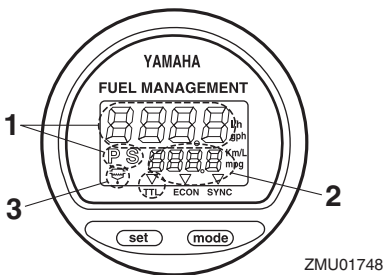
1. Low battery indicator

EMU26742

## Fuel management meter

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

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

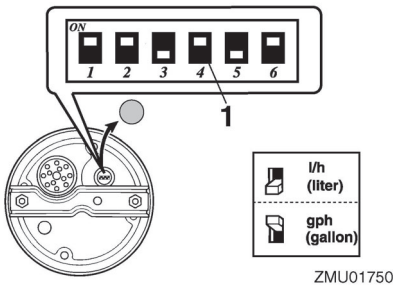
All segments of the display will light momentarily after the main switch is turned on and will return to normal thereafter.

EMU26753

## 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.

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



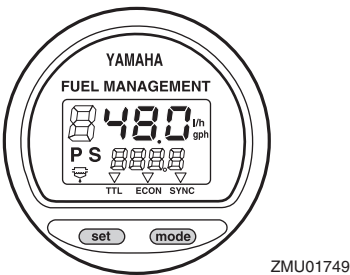
1. Selector switch

- The fuel consumption meter and fuel econ-

omy meter will indicate the same unit of measurement.

Fuel flow readings are not accurate when the engine is operating under about 1300 r/min. As the fuel pump cycles on and off, the display indicates either no fuel flow or higher flow than the actual average use.

Dual engine users: the fuel flow meter can display the fuel flow of either or both engines.



To change the fuel flow display, press the “set” (set) button repeatedly until the gauge displays “S” (for fuel flow to the starboard engine only), “P” (for fuel flow to the port engine only), or “P S” (for total fuel flow both engines).

EMU36091

## Fuel consumption meter / Fuel economy meter / Twin engine speed synchronizer

The display shows either the fuel consumption meter, the fuel economy meter, or the twin engine synchronizer.

To change the display, press the “mode” (mode) button repeatedly until the indicator on the face of the gauge points to “TTL” (fuel consumption meter), “ECON” (fuel economy meter), or “SYNC” (twin engine speed synchronizer).

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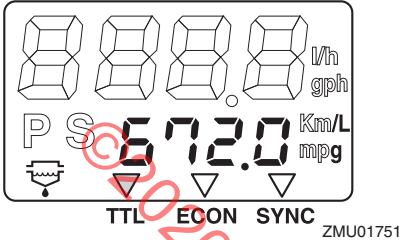
## Fuel consumption meter

This gauge displays the total amount of fuel

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consumed since the gauge was last reset. To reset the total fuel consumption meter to zero, press the “set” (set) and “mode” (mode) buttons at the same time.

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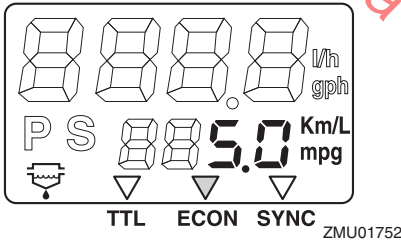


EMU26772

### Fuel economy

This gauge displays the approximate distance per liter or gallon when cruising.

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

- 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).

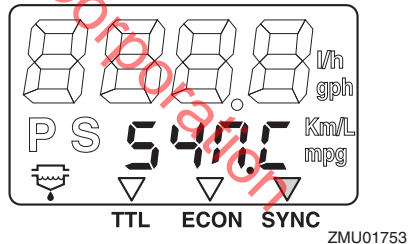
- The Yamaha digital speedometer and fuel management meter calculates speed, miles traveled, and fuel economy by water movement at the stern of the boat. This distance can vary greatly from the actual distance traveled because of water currents, sea swells, and the condition of the water speed sensor (if 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, even of the same basic dimensions of the same design, can also cause a slight variation in fuel consumption.

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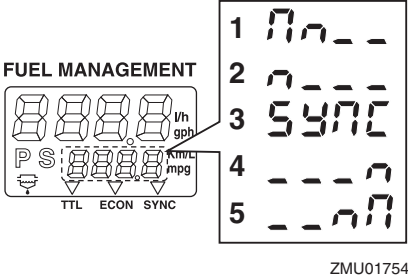
### Twin-engine speed synchronizer

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.

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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

If the two engines' speeds are not synchronized while cruising, adjusting trim angle or throttle can synchronize them.

If large differences in trim angle or throttle are needed to synchronize the engines, consult your Yamaha dealer for adjustments to the throttle cables.

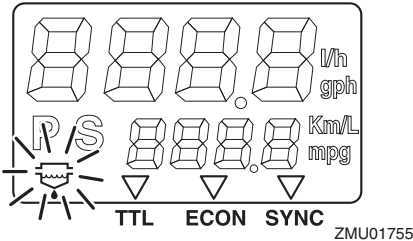
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## Water separator-alert indicator

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.

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

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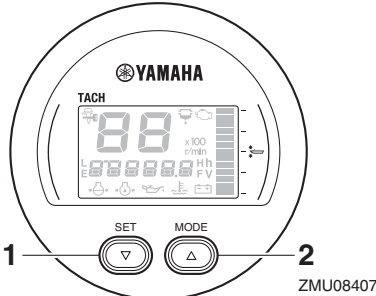
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## 6Y8 Multifunction meters

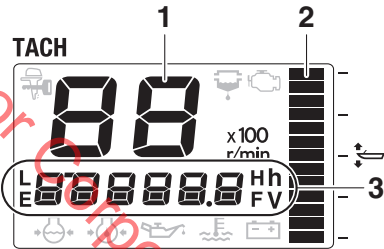
There are two types of 6Y8 Multifunction meters.

- 6Y8 Multifunction tachometer
- 6Y8 Multifunction speed & fuel meter

### 6Y8 Multifunction tachometer



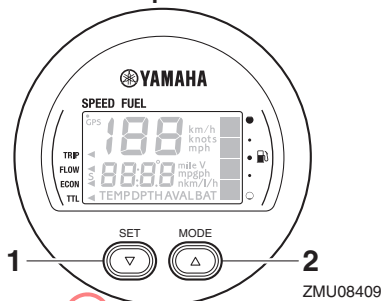
1. Set button
2. Mode button



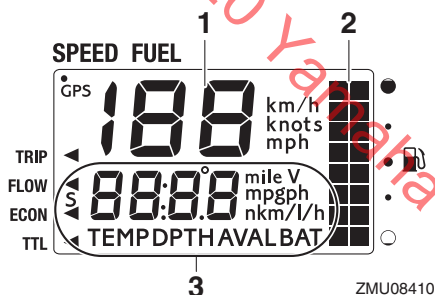
1. Tachometer
2. Trim meter
3. Multifunction display



## 6Y8 Multifunction speed & fuel meter



1. Set button
2. Mode button



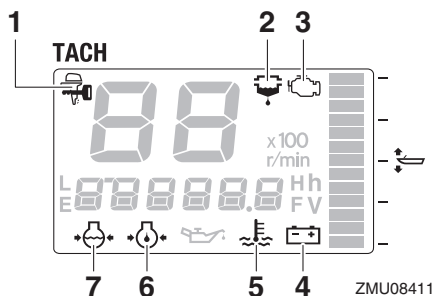
1. Speedometer
2. Fuel meter
3. Multifunction display

### TIP:

The information displayed on the multifunction display can be changed. For information on other settings or changing the displayed information, see the operation manual included with the 6Y8 Multifunction meter.

This manual mainly covers the alert display of the 6Y8 Multifunction tachometer. See the following sections for information about the alert indicators.

## Indicators

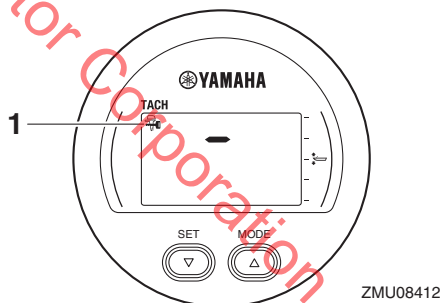


1. Yamaha Security System indicator (optional)
2. Water separator-alert indicator
3. Engine trouble-alert indicator
4. Battery voltage indicator
5. Overheat-alert indicator
6. Low oil pressure-alert indicator
7. Cooling water pressure indicator (optional)

### Yamaha Security System indicator (optional)

This indicator appears, when the Yamaha Security System is in lock mode.

#### Lock mode



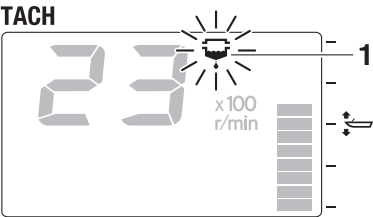
1. Yamaha Security System indicator (optional)

Make sure that the Yamaha Security System indicator is off before starting the engine.

### Water separator-alert indicator

If water has accumulated in the water separator (fuel filter) while cruising, the water separator-alert indicator will start to blink.

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## 1. Water separator-alert indicator

Stop the engine immediately and see page 103 of this manual to drain the water from the fuel filter. Get back to the port soon and consult a Yamaha dealer immediately.

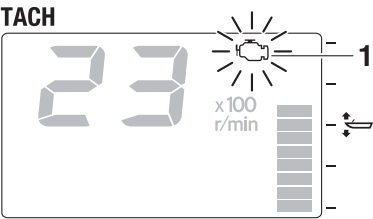
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### NOTICE

**Gasoline mixed with water could cause damage to the engine.**

## Engine trouble-alert indicator

If the engine malfunctions while cruising, the engine trouble-alert indicator will start to blink. Get back to the port soon and consult a Yamaha dealer immediately.



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## 1. Engine trouble-alert indicator

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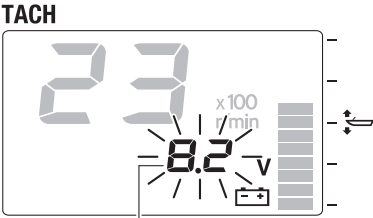
### NOTICE

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

mediately.

## Low battery voltage alert

If the battery voltage drops, the battery voltage value will start to blink.



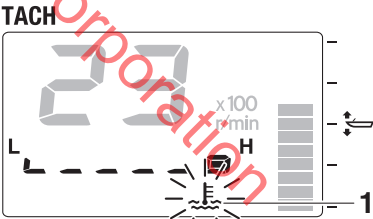
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## 1. Battery voltage value

Get back to the port soon if the low battery voltage alert device has activated. For charging the battery, consult your Yamaha dealer.

## Overheat-alert indicator

If the engine temperature rises too high while cruising, the overheat-alert indicator will start to blink, and the engine speed will automatically decrease to about 2000–3500 r/min.



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## 1. Overheat-alert indicator

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

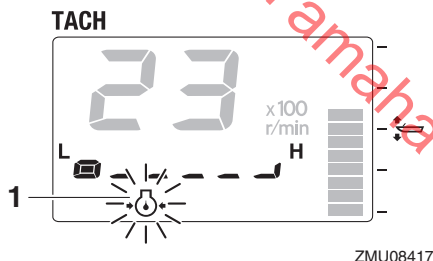
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## NOTICE

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

### Low oil pressure-alert indicator

If the engine oil pressure drops too low, the low oil pressure-alert indicator will start to blink, and the engine speed will automatically decrease to about 2000–3500 r/min.



1. Low oil pressure-alert indicator

Stop the engine immediately if the buzzer sounds and the low oil pressure-alert indicator blinks. Check the engine oil level and replenish oil if necessary. If the alert device has activated while the appropriate engine oil level is maintained, consult your Yamaha dealer.

ECM01602

## NOTICE

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

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## Alert system

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### NOTICE

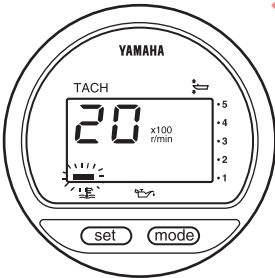
Do not continue to operate the engine if an alert device has activated. Consult your Yamaha dealer if the problem cannot be located and corrected.

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### Overheat alert

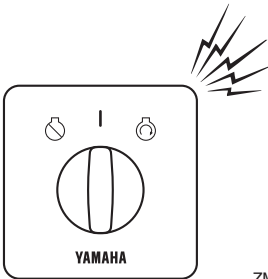
This engine has an overheat-alert device. If the engine temperature rises too high, the alert device will activate.

- The engine speed will automatically decrease to 2000–3500 r/min.
- The overheat-alert indicator will light or blink (if equipped).

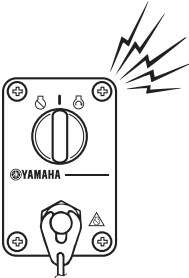


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- The buzzer will sound (if equipped on the tiller handle, remote control box, or main switch panel).



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If the alert system has activated, stop the engine and check the cooling water inlets:

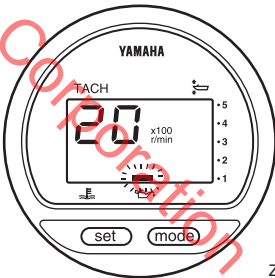
- Check trim angle to be sure that the cooling water inlet is submerged.
- Check the cooling water inlet for clogging.

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### Low oil pressure alert

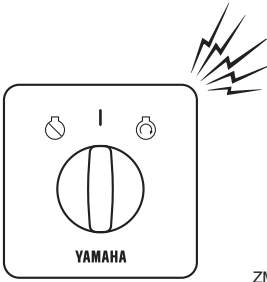
If the oil pressure drops too low, the alert device will activate.

- The engine speed will automatically decrease to about 2000–3500 r/min. The low oil pressure-alert indicator will light or blink.

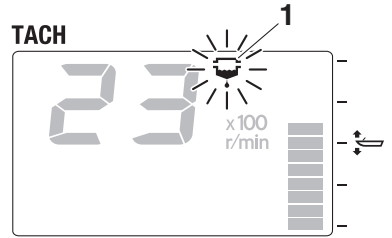


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- The buzzer will sound.



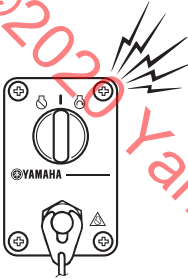
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## 1. Water separator-alert indicator

- The buzzer will sound intermittently when the remote control lever is in the neutral position.



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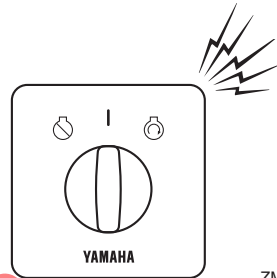
If the alert system has activated, stop the engine as soon as it is safe to do so. Check the oil level and add oil as needed. If the oil level is correct and the alert device does not switch off, consult your Yamaha dealer.

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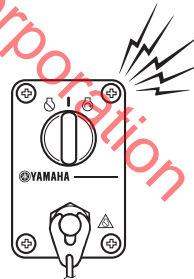
## Water separator alert

The outboard motor is equipped with a water separator alert system. If water separated from the fuel exceeds a specific volume, the alert system will activate.

- The water separator-alert indicator will come on or blink.



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If the alert system has activated, stop the engine and check the fuel filter. If any water is found in the fuel, consult a Yamaha dealer.

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## NOTICE

Although the buzzer will stop when the

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engine is started and the remote control lever is moved to the forward or reverse position, do not use the outboard motor. Otherwise, serious engine damage could occur.

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## Installation

The information presented in this section is intended as reference only. It is not possible to provide complete instructions for every possible boat and outboard motor combination. Proper mounting depends in part on experience and the specific boat and outboard motor combination.

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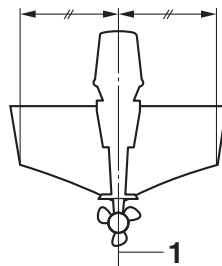
### WARNING

- **Overpowering a boat could cause severe instability. Do not mount 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.**
- **Improper mounting of the outboard motor could result in hazardous conditions, such as poor handling, loss of control, or fire hazards. Have your Yamaha dealer mount the outboard motor properly.**

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### Mounting the outboard motor

The outboard motor should be mounted so that the boat is well balanced. Otherwise, the boat could be hard to steer. Mount the outboard motor on the centerline (keel line) of the boat.



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1. Center line (keel line)

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### Mounting height

The mounting height of your outboard motor affects its efficiency and reliability. If it is mounted too high, propeller ventilation may occur, which will reduce propulsion due to excessive propeller slip, and the cooling water inlet for the cooling system may not get an adequate water supply, which can cause engine overheating. If the engine is mounted too low, water resistance (drag) will increase, thereby reducing engine efficiency and performance.

The optimum mounting height depends on the combination of the boat and outboard motor. Consult your Yamaha dealer or boat manufacturer for further information on determining the proper mounting height.

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### NOTICE

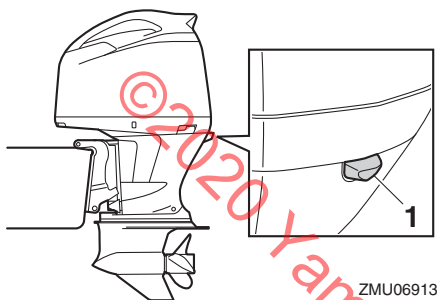
- **Make sure that the idle hole is high enough to prevent water from entering the engine even if the boat is stationary with the maximum load.**
- **Incorrect engine height or obstructions to the smooth flow of water (such as the design or condition of the boat, or accessories, such as transom ladders or depth finder transducers) can create airborne water spray while the boat is**

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cruising. If the outboard motor is operated continuously in the presence of airborne water spray, enough water could enter the engine through the air intake opening in the top cowling to cause severe engine damage. Remove the cause of the airborne water spray.

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1. Idle hole



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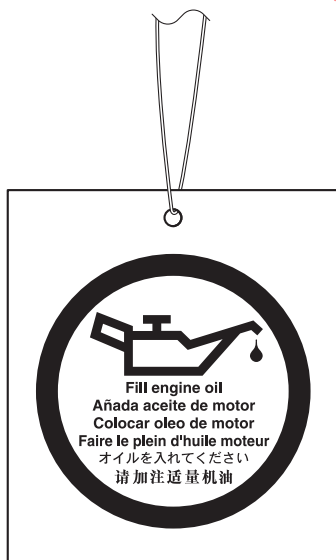
## First-time operation

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### Filling engine oil

The outboard motor is shipped from the factory without engine oil. If your Yamaha dealer did not fill the engine with engine oil, you must fill the engine before starting it. **NOTICE: Make sure that the engine is filled with engine oil before operating the outboard motor for the first time. Otherwise, the engine could be damaged severely.** [ECM02241]

The following tag, which is fitted on the outboard motor when it is shipped from the factory, should be removed after the engine is filled with engine oil for the first time. For more information on checking the engine oil level, see page 53.



ZMU01710

EMU30175

### 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. **NOTICE: Failure to follow the break-in procedure could result in reduced engine life or even severe engine damage.** [ECM00802]

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### Procedure for breaking in engine

Your new engine requires a period of 10 hours break-in so that mating surfaces of moving parts wear in evenly.

Operate the engine in the water under load (in gear with a propeller installed) for 10 hours as follows. When breaking in the engine, avoid extended idling, rough water, and crowded areas.

1. For the 1st hour of operation:  
Operate the engine at varying speeds up to 2000 r/min or approximately 1/2 throttle.
2. For the 2nd hour of operation:  
Increase the engine speed until the boat is on plane (but avoid full-throttle operation), and then back off on the throttle while keeping the boat at a planing speed.
3. For the remaining 8 hours of operation:  
Operate the engine at any speed. However, avoid operating at full throttle for more than 5 minutes at a time.
4. After the 1st 10 hours of operation:  
Operate the engine normally.

EMU36402

### Getting to know your boat

All boats have unique handling characteristics. Operate cautiously while you learn how your boat handles under different conditions and various trim angles (see page 63).

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## Checks before starting engine

EWM01922

### WARNING

If any item in “Checks before starting engine” is not working properly, have it inspected and repaired before operating the outboard motor. Otherwise, an accident could occur.

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### NOTICE

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

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## Fuel level

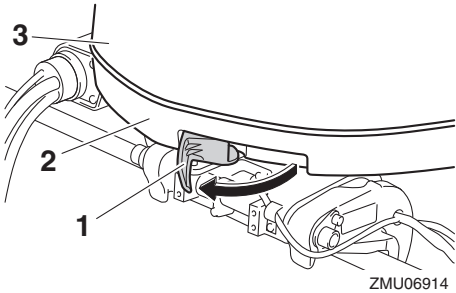
Check that you have plenty of fuel for your trip. A good rule of thumb is to use 1/3 of your fuel to get to the destination, 1/3 to return, and to keep 1/3 as an emergency reserve. With the boat level on a trailer or in the water, turn the main switch to the “ON” (on) position and check the fuel level. For fuel filling instructions, see page 57.

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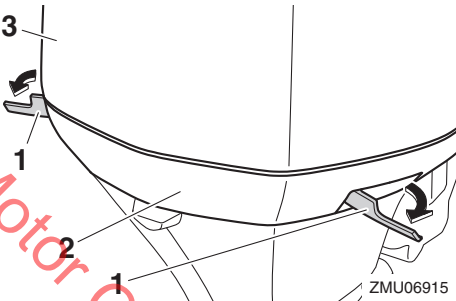
## Removing top cowling

For the following checks, remove the top cowling from the bottom cowling.

To remove the top cowling, pull the cowling lock levers and lift up the top cowling.



1. Cowling lock lever
2. Bottom cowling
3. Top cowling



1. Cowling lock lever(s)
2. Bottom cowling
3. Top cowling

EMU36443

## Fuel system

EWM00061

### WARNING

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

EWM00911

### 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.

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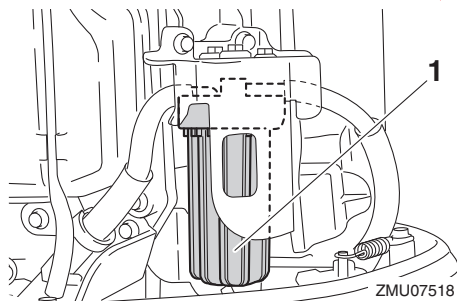
## Check for fuel leaks

- Check for fuel leaks or gasoline fumes in the boat.
- Check for fuel leakage from the fuel system.
- Check the fuel tank and fuel lines for cracks, swellings, or other damage.

EMU37323

## Checking the fuel filter

Check that the fuel filter is clean and free of water. If any water is found in the fuel, or if a significant amount of debris is found, the fuel tank should be checked and cleaned by a Yamaha dealer.



1. Fuel filter

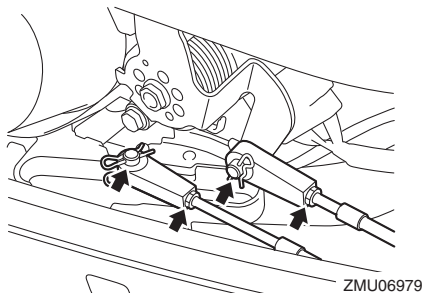
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## Controls

- Turn the steering wheel fully to port and starboard. Check that operation is smooth and unrestricted throughout the whole range with no binding or excessive free play.
- Operate the remote control lever several times to check that there is no hesitation in

its travel. Operation should be smooth over the complete range of motion.

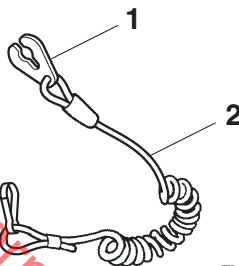
- Inspect the throttle and shift cable connections for damage and looseness.



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## Engine shut-off cord (lanyard)

Check the engine shut-off cord and clip for damage, such as cuts, breaks, and wear.



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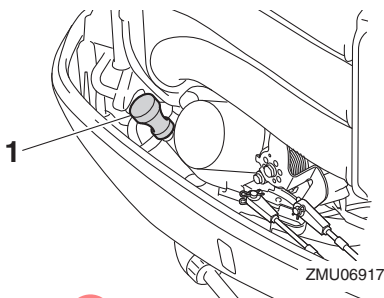
1. Clip
2. Engine shut-off cord (lanyard)

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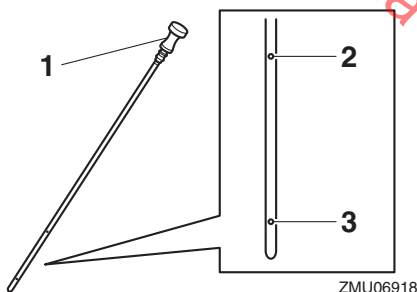
## Engine oil

1. Place the outboard motor in a vertical position (not tilted). **NOTICE: If the outboard motor is not level, the oil level indicated on the oil dipstick may not be accurate.** [ECM01862]
2. Remove the oil dipstick and wipe it clean.

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1. Oil dipstick
3. Insert the oil dipstick completely and remove it again.
4. Check that the oil level on the oil dipstick is between the upper and lower marks. Consult your Yamaha dealer if the oil level is not at the proper level or if it appears milky or dirty.



1. Oil dipstick
2. Upper mark
3. Lower mark

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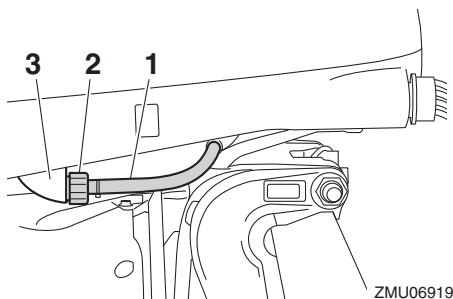
## Outboard motor

- Check that the outboard motor is mounted properly and check the outboard motor mounting bolts for looseness.
- Check the propeller for damage.
- Check for engine oil leaks.

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## Flushing device

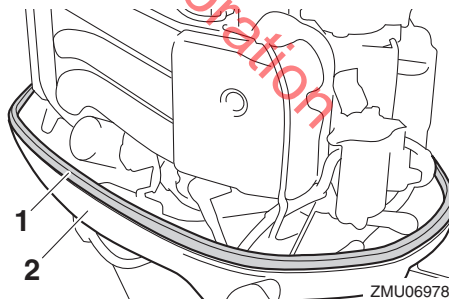
Check that the flushing device's garden hose connector is securely screwed on to the fitting on the bottom cowling. **NOTICE:** If the garden hose connector is not properly connected, cooling water can leak out and the engine can overheat during operation. [ECM01802]



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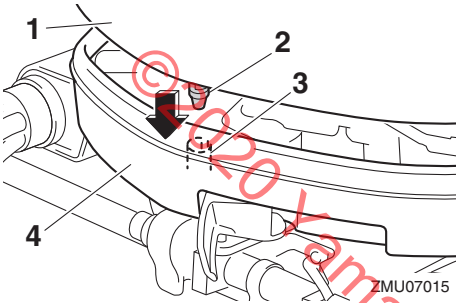
## Installing top cowling

1. Check the rubber seal for damage. If the rubber seal is damaged, have it replaced by a Yamaha dealer.

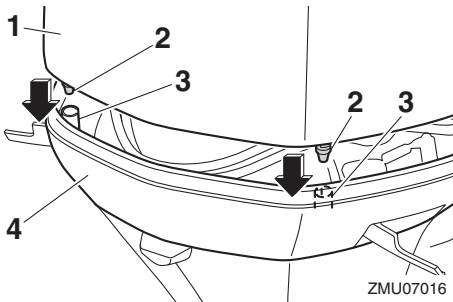


1. Rubber seal
2. Bottom cowling

2. Check that the rubber seal is seated all the way around the bottom cowling.
3. Check that all of the cowling lock levers are pulled outward.
4. Align the 3 protrusions on the top cowling with the corresponding holders on the bottom cowling, and then place the top cowling on the bottom cowling.

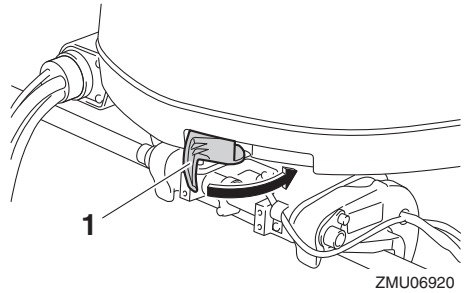


1. Top cowling
2. Protrusion
3. Holder
4. Bottom cowling

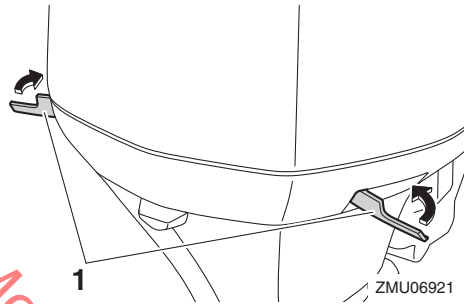


1. Top cowling
2. Protrusion
3. Holder
4. Bottom cowling

5. Push the cowling lock levers inward to secure the top cowling.



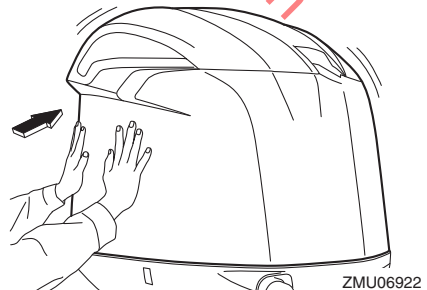
1. Cowling lock lever



1. Cowling lock lever(s)

6. Check the fitting of the top cowling by pushing it with both hands. **NOTICE:** If the top cowling is not installed correctly, water can enter the top cowling and damage the engine, or the top cowling can blow off at high speeds.

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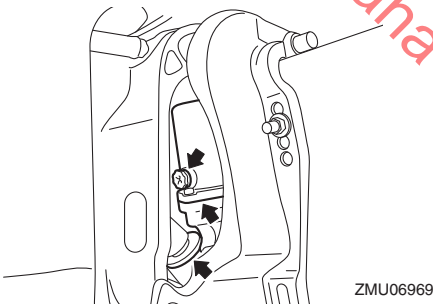
## Checking power trim and tilt unit

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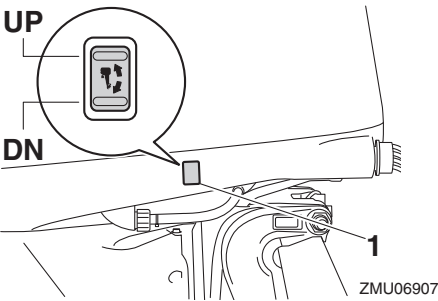
### **WARNING**

- Never get under the lower unit while it is tilted, even when the tilt support shaft is installed or the tilt support lever is locked. Severe injury could occur if the outboard motor accidentally falls.
- Body parts can be crushed between the outboard motor and the clamp bracket when the outboard motor is trimmed or tilted.
- Make sure that no one is near the outboard motor before performing this check.

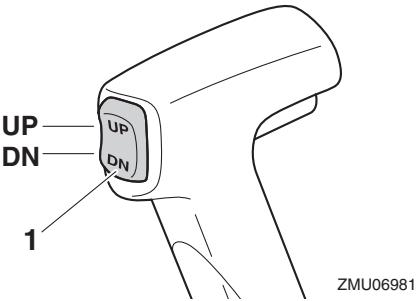
1. Check the power trim and tilt unit for fluid leakage.



2. Operate each of the power trim and tilt switches on the bottom cowl and remote control lever to check that all switches work.

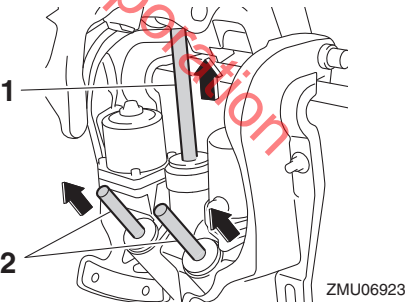


1. Power trim and tilt switch



1. Power trim and tilt switch

3. Tilt the outboard motor up and check that the tilt rod and trim rods are extended completely.



1. Tilt rod
2. Trim rods

4. Check that the tilt rod and trim rods are

not corroded or damaged.

5. Tilt the outboard motor down. Check that the tilt rod and trim rods operate smoothly.

EMU36585

## Battery

Check the battery's charge. If your boat is equipped with a Yamaha digital speedometer, the voltmeter and low battery alert functions will help you monitor the battery's charge. A battery in good condition will provide a minimum of 12 volts. Check that the battery connections are clean, secure and covered by insulating covers. The electrical connections of the battery and cables must be clean and properly connected or the battery will not start the engine.

If the battery needs charging, consult your Yamaha dealer or the battery manufacturer's instructions.

EMU30027

## Filling fuel

EWMO1831

### WARNING

- Gasoline and its vapors are highly flammable and explosive. Always refuel according to this procedure to reduce the risk of fire and explosion.
- Gasoline is poisonous and can cause injury or death. Handle gasoline with care. Never siphon gasoline by mouth. If you should swallow some gasoline or inhale a lot of gasoline vapor, or get some gasoline in your eyes, see your doctor immediately. If gasoline spills on your skin, wash with soap and water. If gasoline spills on your clothing, change your clothes.

1. Make sure that the engine is stopped.
2. Make sure that the boat is in a well-ventilated outdoor area, either securely

moored or trailered.

3. Make sure that no one is in the boat.
4. Do not smoke and keep away from sparks, flames, static electric discharge, or other sources of ignition.
5. If you use a portable container to store and dispense fuel, only use a locally approved GASOLINE container.
6. Touch the fuel nozzle to the filler opening or funnel to help prevent electrostatic sparks.
7. Fill the fuel tank, but do not overfill.  
**WARNING! Do not overfill. Otherwise fuel can expand and overflow if the temperature increases.** [EWM02611]
8. Tighten the fuel tank cap securely.
9. Wipe up any spilled gasoline immediately with dry rags. Dispose of rags properly according to local laws or regulations.

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## Operating engine

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### WARNING

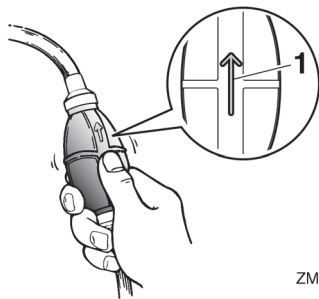
This product emits exhaust gases which contain carbon monoxide, a colorless, odorless gas which could cause brain damage or death when inhaled. Symptoms include nausea, dizziness, and drowsiness. Keep cockpit and cabin areas well ventilated. Avoid blocking exhaust outlets.

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## Sending fuel

1. If your boat is equipped with a fuel tank selector valve, turn the valve to select the appropriate fuel tank.
2. Squeeze the primer pump, with the arrow pointing up, until you feel it become firm.

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1. Arrow

EMU27495

## Starting engine

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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.

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## Procedure for starting engine

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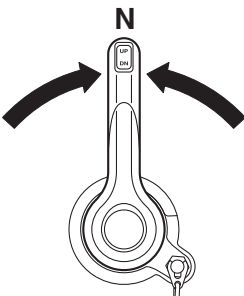
- Failure to attached engine shut-off cord (lanyard) could result in a runaway boat if operator is ejected. Attach the engine shut-off cord to a secure place on your clothing, or your arm or leg while operating. Do not attach the engine shut-off cord to clothing that could tear loose. Do not route the engine shut-off cord where it could become entangled, preventing it from functioning.
- Avoid accidentally pulling the engine shut-off cord 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.**

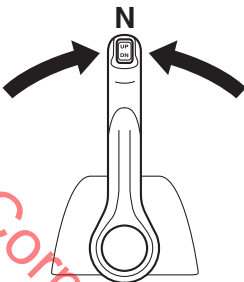
1. Move the remote control lever to the neutral position.

### TIP:

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



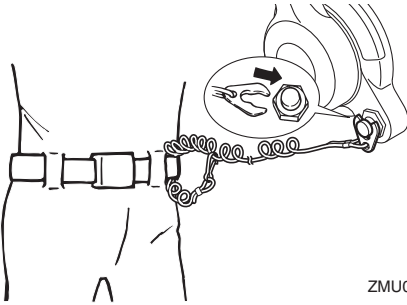
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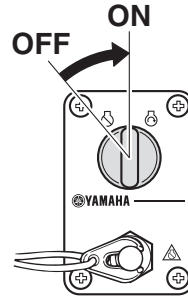
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2. Attach the engine shut-off cord to a secure place on your clothing, or your arm or leg. Then, attach the clip on the other end of the engine shut-off cord to the engine shut-off switch.

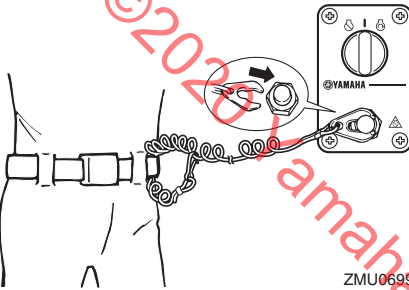




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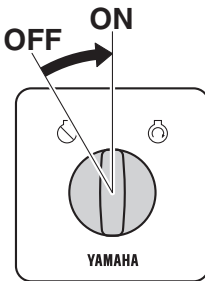


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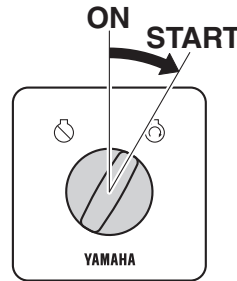
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3. Turn the main switch to the “ON” (on) position.

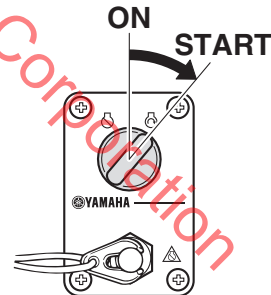


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4. Turn the main switch to the “START” (start) position, and hold it for a maximum of 5 seconds.



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5. Immediately after the engine starts, release the main switch to return it to the “ON” (on) position. **NOTICE: 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**

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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. [ECM00193]

EMU36511

## Checks after starting engine

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### Cooling water

Check for a steady flow of water from the cooling water pilot hole. A continuous flow of water from the cooling water pilot hole shows that the water pump is pumping water through the cooling water passages.

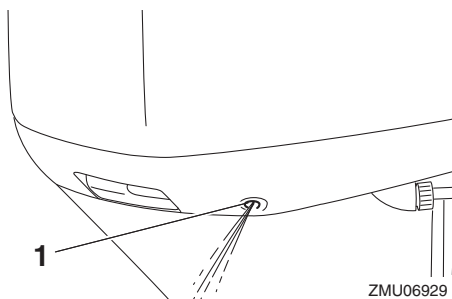
#### TIP:

When the engine is started, there may be a slight delay before water flows from the cooling water pilot hole.

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#### NOTICE

If water is not flowing out of the cooling water 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.



1. Cooling water pilot hole

EMU27671

## Warming up engine

EMU41234

### Procedure for warming up engine

1. After starting the engine, warm up the engine until the engine speed stabilizes at idle speed to provide maximum operating performance and acceleration.  
**NOTICE:** Failure to do so will shorten engine life. [ECM04550]

#### Idle speed (in neutral):

650–750 r/min (VF200XA, VF250XA)  
700–800 r/min (VF200LA, VF225LA, VF250LA)

2. Check that the low oil pressure-alert indicator remains off. **NOTICE:** If the low oil pressure-alert indicator blinks after the engine starts, stop the engine. Otherwise, serious engine damage could occur. Consult your Yamaha dealer. [ECM02381]

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## Checks after engine warm up

EMU36542

### Shifting

While the boat is tightly moored, and without applying throttle, confirm that the engine shifts smoothly into forward and reverse, and back to neutral.

EMU40461

## Stop switches

Perform the following procedure to check that the main switch and engine shut-off switch operate properly.

- Check that the engine stops when the main switch is turned to the “OFF” (off) position.
- Check that the engine stops when the clip is pulled from the engine shut-off switch.
- Check that the engine cannot be started with the clip removed from the engine shut-off switch.

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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.

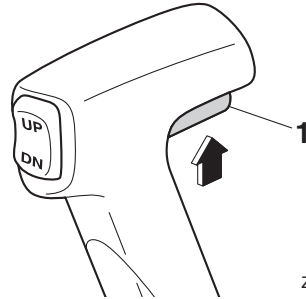
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### NOTICE

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

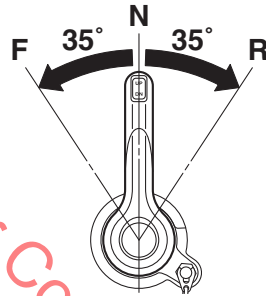
#### To shift out of neutral

1. Pull the neutral interlock trigger up (if equipped).

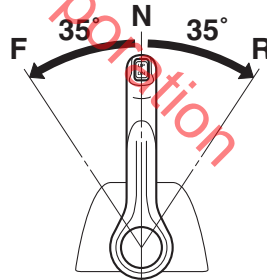


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1. Neutral interlock trigger
2. Move the remote control lever firmly and crisply forward (for forward gear) or rearward (for reverse gear) about 35° (a dent can be felt).



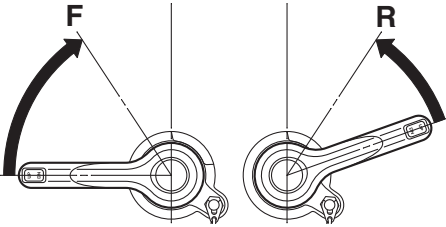
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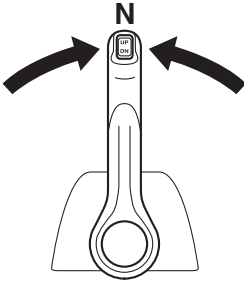
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#### To shift from in gear (forward/reverse) to neutral

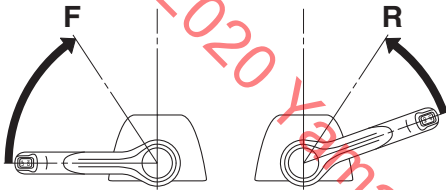
1. Close the throttle so that the engine slows to idle speed.



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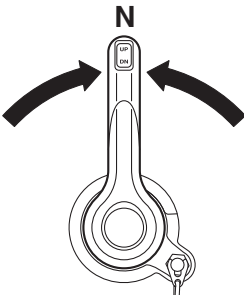


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2. After the engine is at idle speed in gear, move the remote control lever firmly and crisply to the neutral position.



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## Stopping boat

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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. Water resistance stops it after the throttle is closed and the engine returns to idle speed. The stopping distance varies depending on gross weight, water surface conditions, and wind direction.

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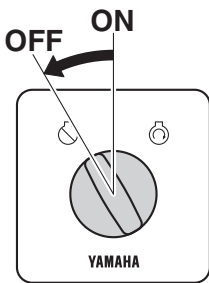
## Stopping engine

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.

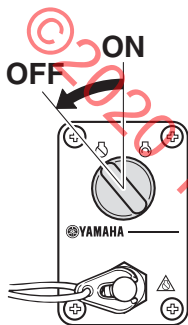
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### Procedure for stopping engine

1. Turn the main switch to the “OFF” (off) position.



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

**TIP:**

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

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**Trimming outboard motor**

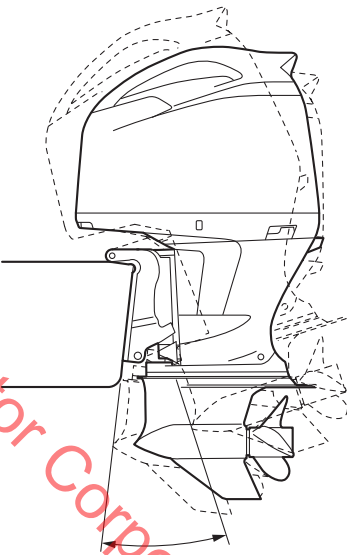
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**WARNING**

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.

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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1. Trim operating angle

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**Adjusting trim angle**

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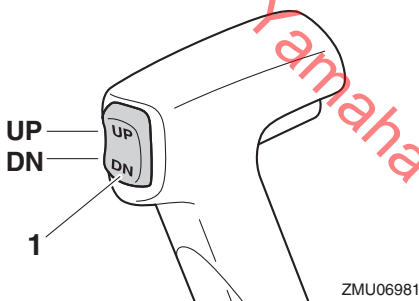
**WARNING**

- Make sure that all people are clear of the outboard motor when adjusting the trim angle. Body parts can be crushed between the outboard motor and the clamp bracket when the outboard motor is trimmed or tilted.

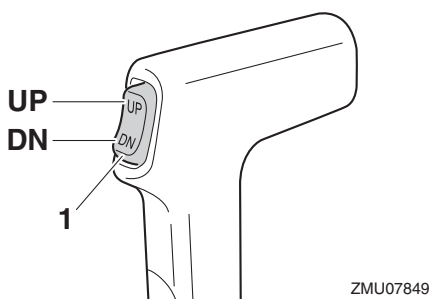
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- Use caution when trying a trim angle for the first time. Increase speed gradually and watch for any signs of instability or control problems. Improper trim angle can cause loss of control.
- If the outboard motor is equipped with a power trim and 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.

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



1. Power trim and tilt switch



1. Power trim and tilt switch

To raise the bow (trim-out), push the “UP” (up) side of the switch.

To lower the bow (trim-in), push the “DN”

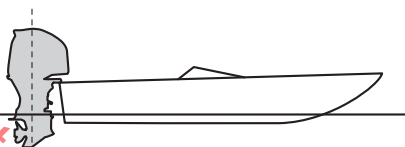
(down) side of the switch.

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

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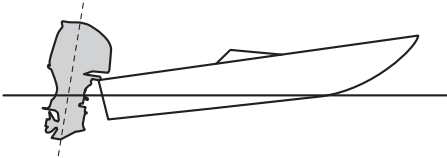
## Adjusting boat trim

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. When the bow of the boat is down, it is easier to accelerate from a standing start onto plane.



## Bow Up

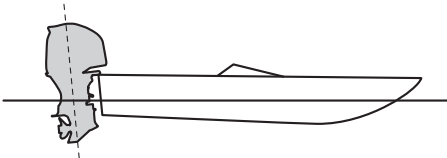
Too much trim-out puts the bow of the boat too high in the water. Performance and economy are decreased because the hull of the boat is pushing the water and there is more air drag. Excessive trim-out can also cause the propeller to ventilate, which reduces performance further, and the boat may “porpoise”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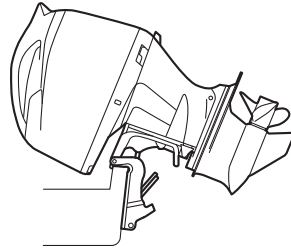
## TIP:

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

**Make sure that all people are clear of the outboard motor when tilting the outboard motor up and down. Body parts can be crushed between the outboard motor and the clamp bracket when the outboard motor is trimmed or tilted.**

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## NOTICE

- 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 (41°F) or below, tilt the outboard motor up after it has been stopped 30 seconds or more.

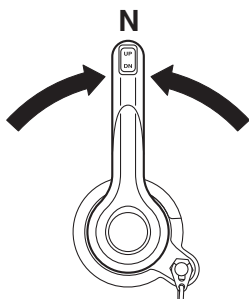
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## Procedure for tilting up

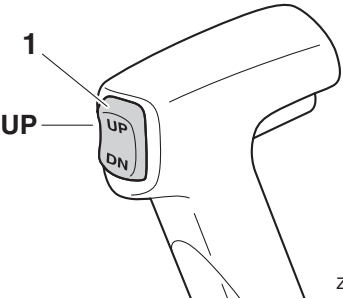
Tilting up when using the tilt support shaft

1. Move the remote control lever to the neutral position.

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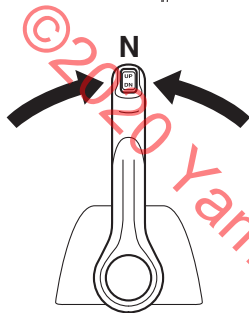
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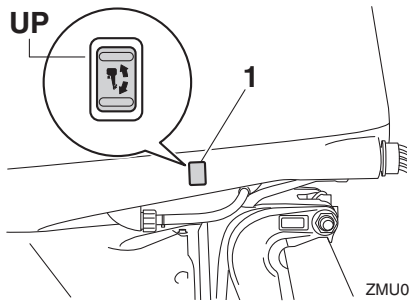
1. Power trim and tilt switch

3. If you have the tilt support shaft, install the tilt support shaft. For information on installing the tilt support shaft, see page 34.



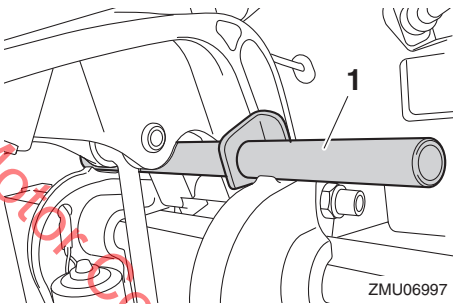
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2. Push the “UP” (up) side of the power trim and tilt switch to fully tilt the outboard motor up.



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1. Power trim and tilt switch



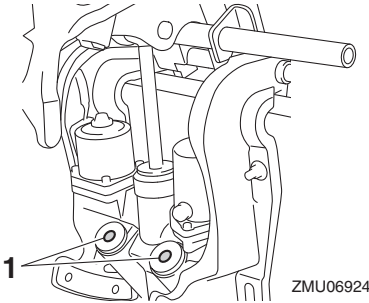
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1. Tilt support shaft

4. Once the outboard motor is supported with the tilt support shaft, push the “DN” (down) side of the power trim and tilt switch to retract the trim rods. **NOTICE: Make sure that the trim rods retract completely during mooring. This protects the rods from marine growth and corrosion, which could damage the power trim and tilt mechanism.**

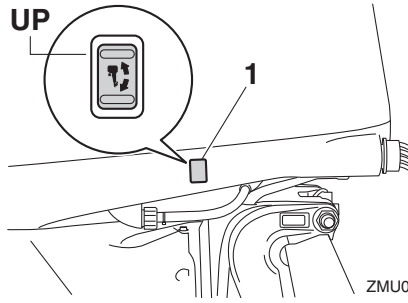
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1. Trim rods

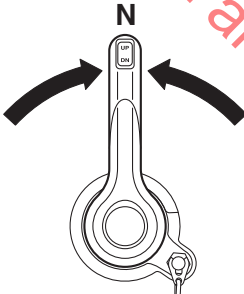


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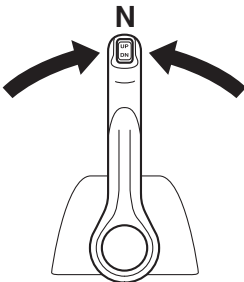
1. Power trim and tilt switch

## Tilting up when using the tilt support lever

1. Move the remote control lever to the neutral position.

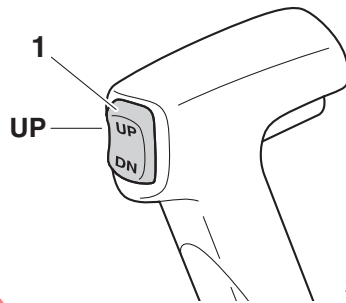


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2. Push the “UP” (up) side of the power trim and tilt switch to fully tilt the outboard motor up.



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1. Power trim and tilt switch

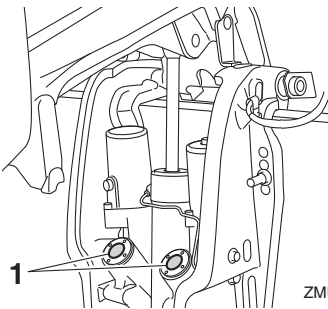
3. Pull the tilt support lever toward you to support the engine. **WARNING!** After tilting the outboard motor, be sure to support it with the tilt support knob or tilt support lever. Otherwise the outboard motor could fall back down suddenly if oil in the power trim and tilt unit or in the power tilt unit loses pressure. [EWM00263] **NOTICE:** 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. For more detailed information, see page 72. [ECM01642]

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4. Once the outboard motor is supported with the tilt support lever, push the “DN” (down) side of the power trim and tilt switch to retract the trim rods. **NOTICE:** Make sure that the trim rods retract completely during mooring. This protects the rods from marine growth and corrosion, which could damage the power trim and tilt mechanism.

[ECM00254]



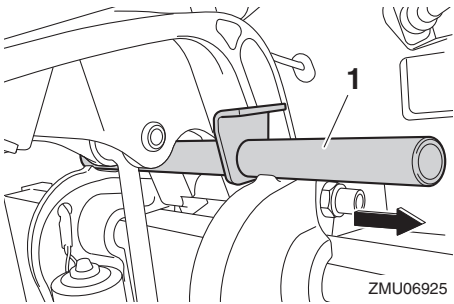
1. Trim rods

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## Procedure for tilting down

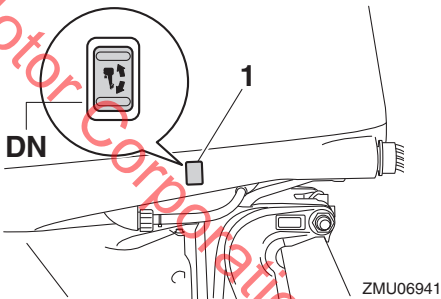
### Tilting down when using the tilt support shaft

1. If using the tilt support shaft, fully tilt the outboard motor up, and then remove the tilt support shaft.

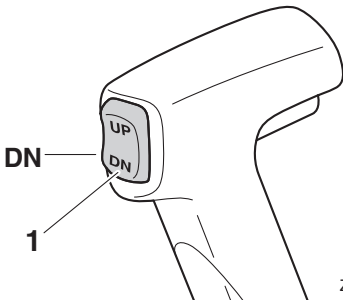


1. Tilt support shaft

2. Push the “DN” (down) side of the power trim and tilt switch to tilt the outboard motor down.

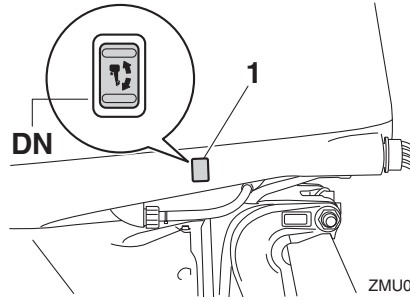


1. Power trim and tilt switch



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1. Power trim and tilt switch

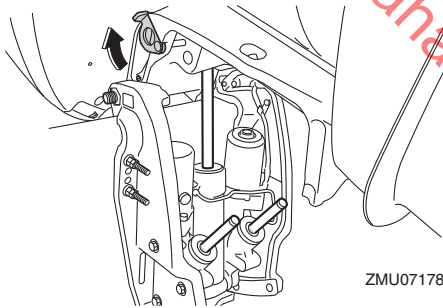


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1. Power trim and tilt switch

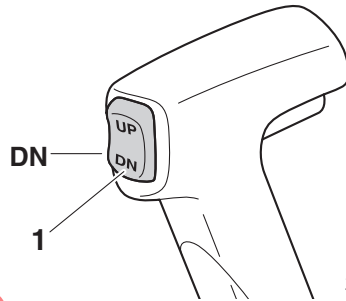
## Tilting down when using the tilt support lever

1. Push the "UP" (up) side of the power trim and tilt switch until the outboard motor is supported by the tilt rod and the tilt support lever becomes free.
2. Release the tilt support lever.



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3. Push the "DN" (down) side of the power trim and tilt switch to tilt the outboard motor down.



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1. Power trim and tilt switch

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## Shallow water

### Cruising in shallow water

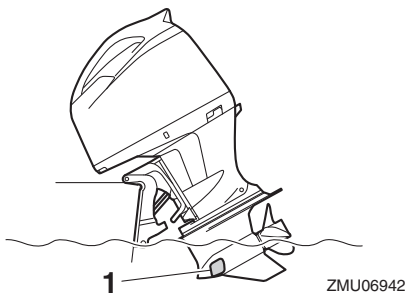
The outboard motor can be tilted up partially to allow operation in shallow water.

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### **NOTICE**

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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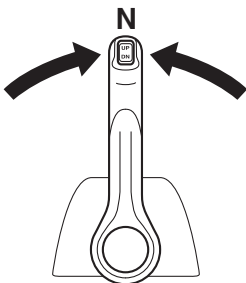
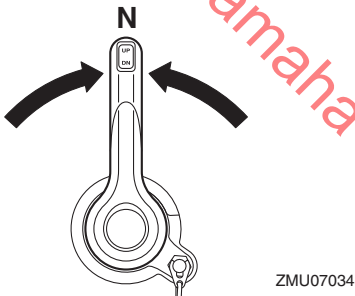


1. Cooling water inlet

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## Procedure for shallow water cruising

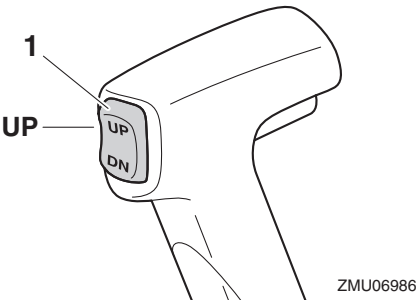
1. Move the remote control lever to the neutral position.



2. Push the “UP” (up) side of the power trim and tilt switch to tilt the outboard motor up slightly to the desired position.  
**WARNING! Using the power trim and tilt switch on the bottom cowling**

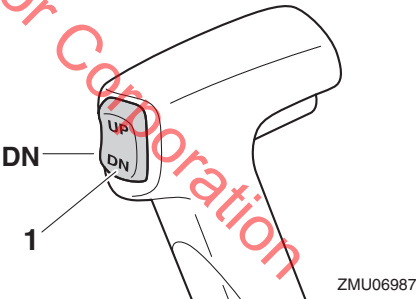
while the boat is moving or engine is on could increase the risk of falling overboard and could distract the operator, increasing the risk of collision with another boat or an obstacle.

[EWM01851]



1. Power trim and tilt switch

3. To return the outboard motor to the normal running position, push the “DN” (down) side of the power trim and tilt switch to tilt the outboard motor down slowly.



1. Power trim and tilt switch

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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. Also rinse the

outside of the outboard motor with fresh water.

### **Cruising in muddy, turbid, or acidic water**

Yamaha strongly recommends that you use the optional chromium-plated water pump kit (see page 20) if you use the outboard motor in acidic water or water with a lot of sediment in it, such as muddy or turbid (cloudy) water. After operating in such water, flush the cooling passages with fresh water to prevent corrosion. Also rinse the outside of the outboard motor with fresh water.

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## Transporting and storing outboard motor

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### **WARNING**

- **Leaking fuel is a fire hazard. When transporting and storing the outboard motor, close the fuel tank selector valve to prevent fuel from leaking.**
- **Never get under the outboard motor while it is tilted, even when the tilt support shaft is installed or the tilt support lever is locked. Severe injury could occur if the outboard motor accidentally falls.**

The outboard motor should be trailered and stored in the fully tilted-down position. If the outboard motor cannot be trailered in the fully tilted-down position, the outboard motor must be secured in the tilted-up position using a support device, such as the Yamaha Trailing Support.

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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.

ECMO2282

### **NOTICE**

**Store the outboard motor in a dry, well-ventilated place, not in direct sunlight.**

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### **Conditioning and stabilizing gasoline**

When preparing to store a boat for extended periods (2 months or longer) it is best to com-

pletely remove all gasoline from the boat's fuel tank(s). If it is not possible to remove the gasoline, add one ounce of "Yamalube Fuel Stabilizer & Conditioner Plus" to each gallon of gasoline in a full tank of gasoline to provide fuel stability and corrosion protection.

### **TIP:**

Do not fill the fuel tank(s) to the point of overflowing. Approximately 7/8 full will allow enough space in the fuel tank to prevent gasoline purging from the fuel tank vent due to expansion with temperature changes.

Do not cap the fuel tank vent. Excessive pressure could damage the boat and motor's fuel systems.

A partially filled fuel tank, less than 7/8 full but not completely empty, is not recommended. Air space above the gasoline allows air movement which can bring in water through condensation as the air temperature changes.

Condensation inside the fuel tank can cause corrosion problems and phase separation of gasoline containing ethanol.

Consult your Yamaha dealer concerning preventative measures that may work best for the gasoline and environmental conditions in your area.

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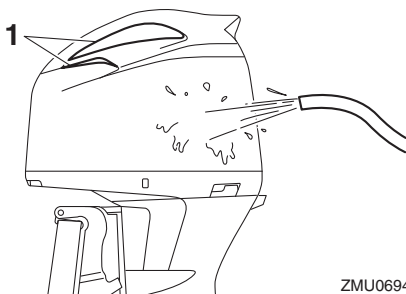
### **Procedure**

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#### **Cleaning the outboard motor**

When cleaning the outboard motor, the top cowling must be installed.

1. Wash the exterior of the outboard motor using fresh water. **NOTICE: Do not spray water into the air intake.** [ECMO1841]



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1. Air intake
2. Drain the cooling water completely out of the outboard motor. Clean the body thoroughly.

EMU41072

## Lubrication

1. Change the gear oil. For instructions, see page 94. Check the gear oil for the presence of water that indicates a leaky seal. Seal replacement should be performed by an authorized Yamaha dealer prior to use.
2. Lubricate all grease fittings. For further details, see page 80.

## TIP:

For long-term storage, fogging the engine with fogging oil is recommended. Contact your Yamaha dealer for information about fogging oil and procedures for your outboard motor.

EMU41154

## Cleaning and anticorrosion measures

1. Wash the exterior of the outboard motor using fresh water, and then dry the outboard motor completely. For instructions on cleaning the outboard motor, see page 72. **NOTICE: Do not spray water into the air intake.** [ECM01841]
2. Spray the outboard motor powerhead

with “Yamaha Silicone Protectant.”

3. Wax the cowling with a non-abrasive wax such as “Yamalube Professional Polish.”

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## Flushing cooling water passage

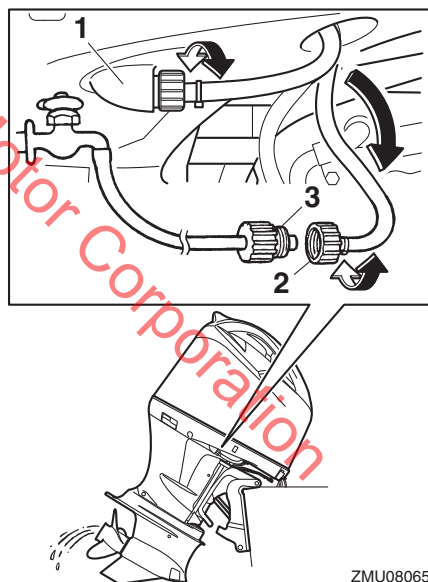
Perform this procedure right after operation for the most thorough flushing.

ECM01531

## NOTICE

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

1. Disconnect the garden hose connector from the fitting on the bottom cowling.



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

2. Connect the garden hose to the garden

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hose connector.

3. With the engine off, turn on the water supply and let the water flush through the cooling water passages for about 15 minutes.
4. Turn off the water supply, and then disconnect the garden hose from the garden hose connector.
5. Connect the garden hose connector to the fitting on the bottom cowling and tighten it securely. **NOTICE: If the garden hose connector is not properly connected, cooling water can leak out and the engine can overheat during operation.** [ECM01602]

## TIP:

When flushing the cooling water passages with the boat in the water, tilting the outboard motor up until it is completely out of the water will achieve better results.

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## Checking painted surface of outboard motor

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

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## Periodic maintenance

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### WARNING

**These procedures require mechanical skills, tools, and supplies. If you do not have the proper skills, tools, or supplies to perform a maintenance procedure, have a Yamaha dealer or other qualified mechanic do the work.**

**The procedures involve disassembling the outboard motor and exposing dangerous parts. To reduce the risk of injury**

**from moving, hot, or electrical parts:**

- **Unless otherwise specified, stop the engine and keep the key and engine shut-off cord (lanyard) with you when you perform maintenance.**
- **The power trim and tilt switches operate even when the main switch is turned to the “OFF” (off) position. Keep people away from the power trim and tilt switches whenever working around the outboard motor. When the outboard motor is tilted, keep away from the area under it or between it and the clamp bracket. Make sure that no one is in this area before operating the power trim and tilt mechanism.**
- **Allow the engine to cool before handling hot parts or fluids.**
- **Always assemble the outboard motor completely before operating it.**

**Maintenance, replacement, or repair of the emission control devices and system 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.**

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 equivalent design and quality. Any part of inferior quality may malfunction, and the resulting loss of control could endanger the operator and passengers. Yamaha genuine parts and ac-



cessories are available from your Yamaha dealer.

EMU35522

## **Maintenance interval guidelines**

The service intervals provided in the Maintenance Chart were developed based upon “typical” use that includes operating at varied speeds, with sufficient time for engine warm up and cool-down, a medium to light load, and an average cruising speed near the 3000 to 4000 rpm range. As with any engine, however, if your normal operating conditions are different, you should consider service more often than shown, especially how often you change your engine oil and gear oil. Examples might include extended wide-open-throttle use or long periods of trolling or idling, carrying heavy loads, or frequent starting and stopping or shifting. More frequent maintenance will often pay off many times over in increased engine life and greater owner satisfaction. Consult your Yamaha dealer for additional maintenance recommendations.

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## Maintenance chart 1

### TIP:

- Refer to the sections in this chapter for explanations of each owner-specific action.
- The maintenance cycle on these charts assume usage of 100 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, muddy, other turbid (cloudy), acidic 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				Page
		20 hours (3 months)	100 hours (1 year)	300 hours (3 years)	500 hours (5 years)		
Anode(s) (external)	Inspection or replacement as necessary		●/○				97
Anode(s) (internal) *1	Inspection or replacement as necessary		○				—
Anode(s) (internal) *2	Replacement				○		—
Battery (electro-lyte level, terminal)	Inspection	●/○	●/○				97
Battery (electro-lyte level, terminal)	Fill, charging or replacing as necessary		○				—
Cooling water leakage	Inspection or replacement as necessary	○	○				—
Cowling lock lever	Inspection		●/○				52, 54
Engine starting condition/noise	Inspection	●/○	●/○				57
Engine idle speed/noise	Inspection	●/○	●/○				83
Engine oil	Replacement	●/○	●/○				83
Engine oil filter (cartridge)	Replacement		●/○				90

Item	Actions	Initial	Every				Page
		20 hours (3 months)	100 hours (1 year)	300 hours (3 years)	500 hours (5 years)		
Fuel filter (can be disassembled)	Inspection or replacement as necessary	●/○	●/○			53	
Fuel line (High pressure)	Inspection	●	●			—	
Fuel line (High pressure)	Inspection or replacement as necessary	○	○			—	
Fuel line (Low pressure)	Inspection	●	●			—	
Fuel line (Low pressure)	Inspection or replacement as necessary	○	○			—	
Fuel pump	Inspection or replacement as necessary			○		—	
Fuel/engine oil leakage	Inspection	○	○			—	
Gear oil	Replacement	●/○	●/○			94	
Greasing points	Greasing	●/○	●/○			80	
Clamp bracket bolt (through tube)	Inspection and greasing		○			—	
Impeller/water pump housing	Inspection or replacement as necessary		○			—	
Impeller/water pump housing	Replacement			○		—	
OCV (Oil Control Valve) filter	Replacement				○	—	
Power trim and tilt unit	Inspection	●/○	●/○			56	
Propeller/propeller nut/cotter pin	Inspection or replacement as necessary	●/○	●/○			92	
Shift link/shift cable	Inspection, adjustment or replacement as necessary	○	○			—	
Spark plug(s)	Inspection or replacement as necessary		●/○			81	

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Item	Actions	Initial	Every				Page
		20 hours (3 months)	100 hours (1 year)	300 hours (3 years)	500 hours (5 years)		
Ignition coils/ignition coil leads	Inspection or replacement as necessary	○	○			—	
Shift Dampener System (SDS) propeller damper	Inspection or replacement		○			—	
Water from the cooling water pilot hole	Inspection	●/○	●/○			60	
Throttle link/throttle cable	Inspection, adjustment or replacement as necessary	○	○			—	
Thermostat	Inspection or replacement as necessary		○			—	
Timing belt	Inspection or replacement as necessary		○			—	
Valve clearance	Inspection and adjustment				○	—	
Cooling water inlet	Inspection	●/○	●/○			24	
Main switch/stop switch	Inspection or replacement as necessary	○	○			—	
Wire harness connections/wire coupler connections	Inspection or replacement as necessary	○	○			—	
(Yamaha) Meter/gauge	Inspection	○	○			—	

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\*1 cylinder head exhaust passage  
\*2 cylinder head, cylinder block, cylinder block thermostat portion, oil cooler cover, exhaust guide

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Maintenance chart 2

Item	Actions	Every	Page
		1000 hours	
Exhaust guide/exhaust manifold	Inspection or replacement as necessary	○	—
Timing belt	Replacement	○	—

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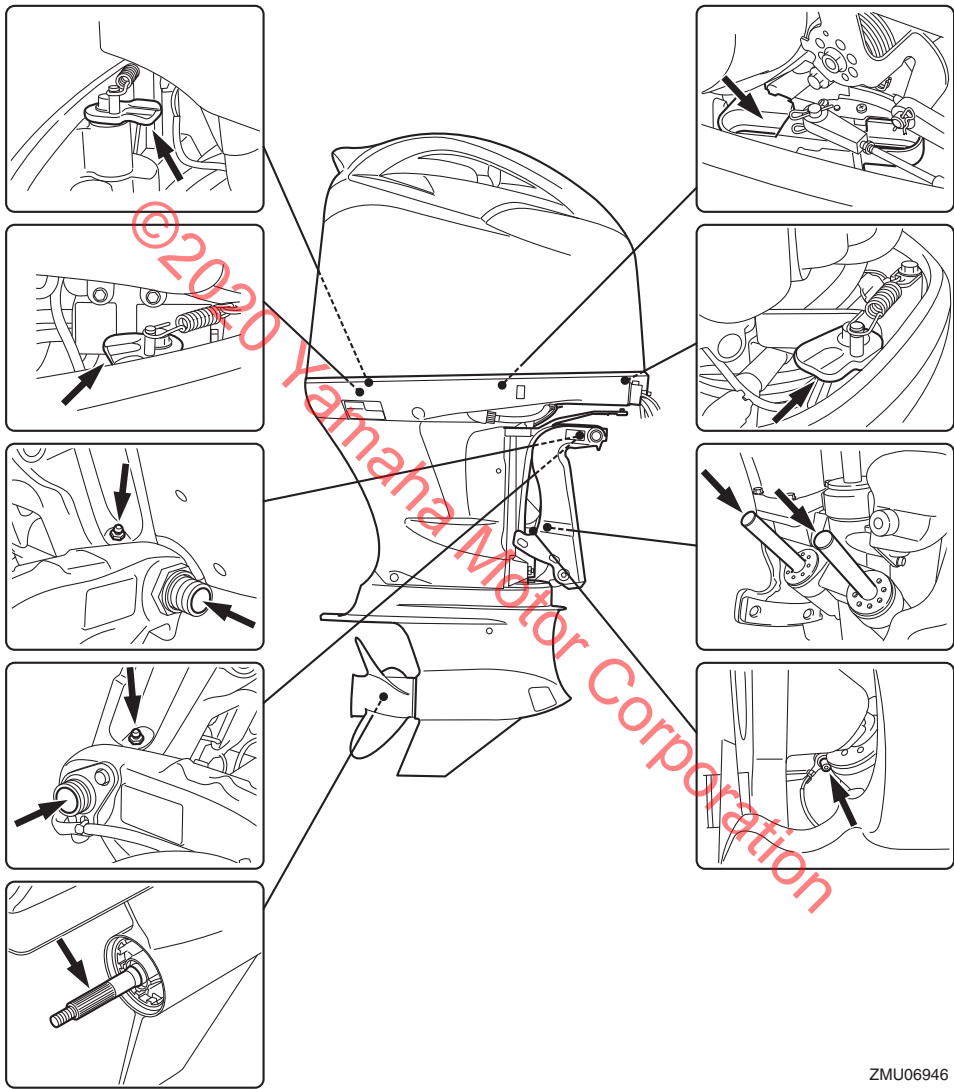
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## Greasing

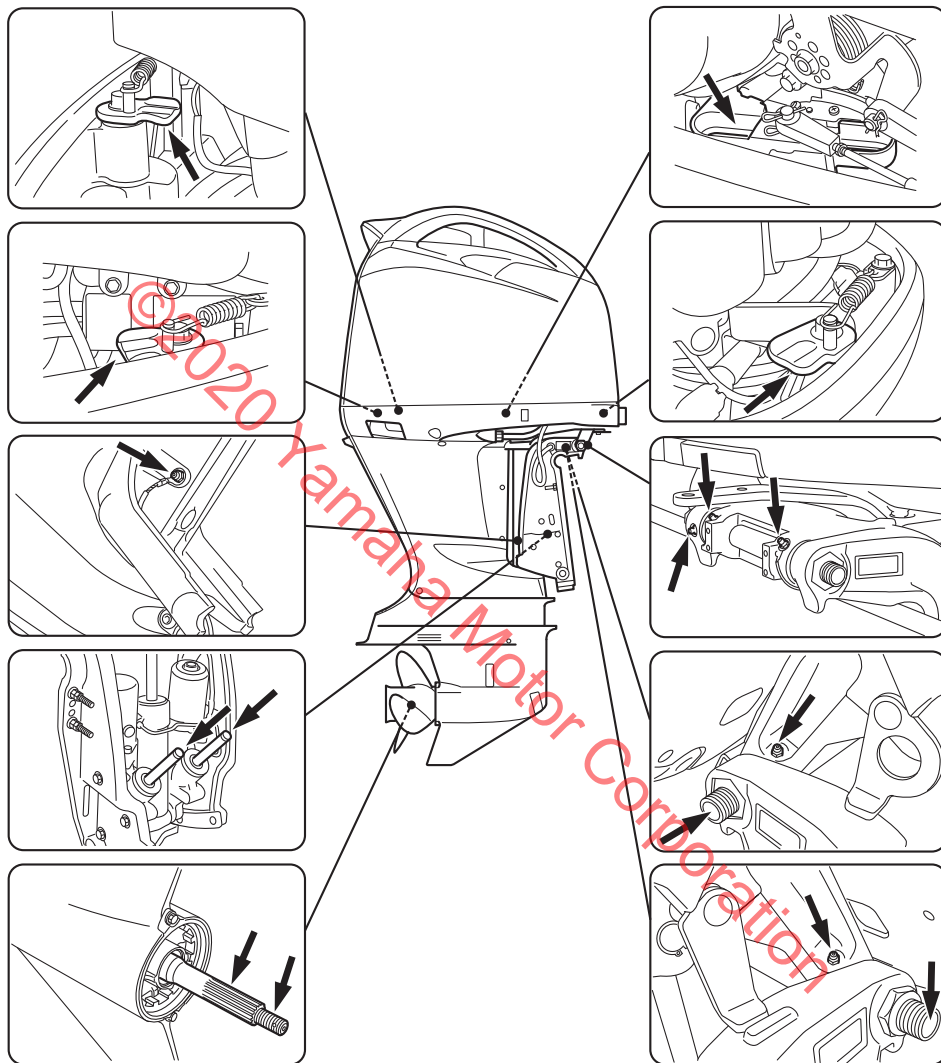
Yamalube Marine Grease

VF200LA, VF225LA, VF250LA



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## VF200XA, VF250XA



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### Inspecting spark plug

The spark plug is an important engine component. The condition of the spark plug can indicate something about the condition of the engine. For example, if the center electrode

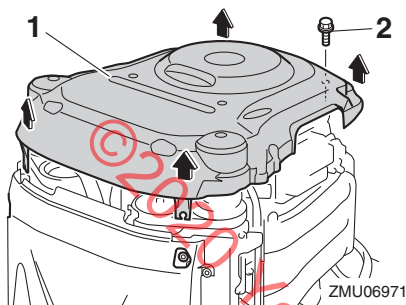
porcelain is very white, this could indicate an intake air leak or carburetion problem in that cylinder. Do not attempt to diagnose any problems yourself. Instead, take the outboard motor to a Yamaha dealer. You should periodically remove and check the spark

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plug because heat and deposits will cause the spark plug to slowly break down and erode.

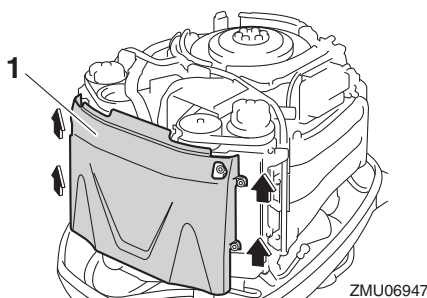
## To remove the spark plug

1. Remove the flywheel magnet cover after removing the bolt.

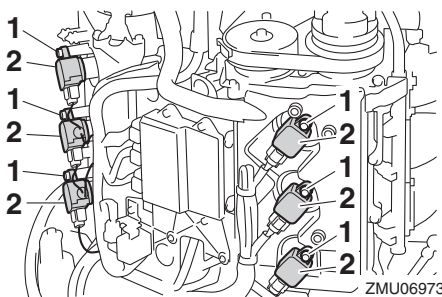


1. Flywheel magnet cover
2. Bolt

2. Remove the ECM (Electronic Control Module) cover.

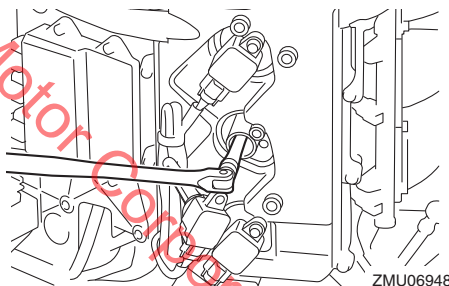


1. ECM (Electronic Control Module) cover
3. Remove the bolt that is securing the ignition coil, and then remove the ignition coil. **NOTICE: Do not use any tools to remove or install the ignition coil. Otherwise, the ignition coil coupler could be damaged.** [ECM02331]



1. Bolt
2. Ignition coil

4. Remove the spark plug. **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.** [EWM00562]



## To check the spark plug

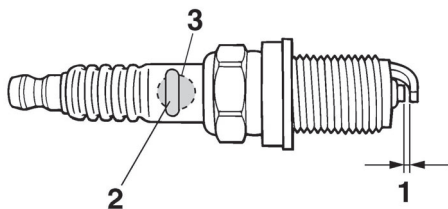
1. Check the condition of the spark plug. If electrode erosion becomes excessive or carbon and other deposits are excessive, replace the spark plug with the specified plug.

**Standard spark plug:**  
LFR6A-11

2. Measure the spark plug gap using a thickness gauge. If the spark plug gap is out of specification, replace the spark



plug with the specified plug.



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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)

## To install the spark plug

1. Wipe off any dirt from the threads, insulator, and gasket surface of the spark plug.
2. Install the spark plug, and then tighten it to the specified torque.

## Spark plug tightening torque:

28 N·m (2.8 kgf·m, 21 lb·ft)

## TIP:

If a torque-wrench is not available when you are reinstalling a spark plug, a good estimate of the correct torque is 1/12 turn past finger-tight. When you are installing a new spark plug, a good estimate of the correct torque is 1/2 to 2/3 turn past finger-tight.

3. Install the ignition coil, and then tighten the bolt to the specified torque.

## Bolt tightening torque:

8 N·m (0.8 kgf·m, 5.9 lb·ft)

4. Install the ECM cover.
5. Install the flywheel magnet cover, and

then tighten the bolt to the specified torque.

## Bolt tightening torque:

8 N·m (0.8 kgf·m, 5.9 lb·ft)

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## Inspecting engine idle speed

ECM01691

## NOTICE

**This procedure must be performed while the outboard motor is in the water.**

Inspect the engine idle speed using the 6Y8 Multifunction tachometer or digital tachometer that is equipped on the boat. Results may vary depending on whether testing is conducted with the outboard motor in the water.

1. Start the engine and allow it to warm up fully in neutral until it is running smoothly.
2. Inspect the engine idle speed. If the engine idle speed is out of specification, consult a Yamaha dealer or other qualified mechanic.

## Idle speed (in neutral):

650–750 r/min (VF200XA, VF250XA)  
700–800 r/min (VF200LA, VF225LA, VF250LA)

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## Changing engine oil

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## 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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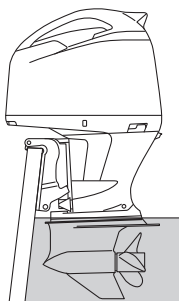
## NOTICE

Change the engine oil after the first 20 hours of operation or 3 months, and every 100 hours or at 1-year intervals thereafter. Otherwise the engine will wear quickly.

To prevent spilling oil where it could cause damage to nature, it is strongly recommended that you use an oil changer to change the engine oil. If an oil changer is not available, drain the engine oil by removing the drain screw. If you are not familiar with the procedure for changing the engine oil, consult your Yamaha dealer.

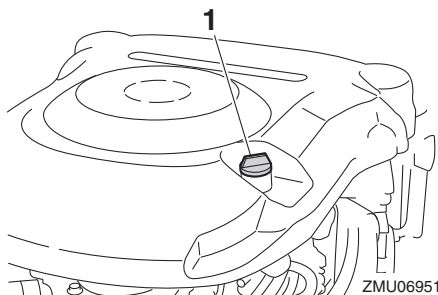
### Changing the engine oil using an oil changer (recommended)

1. Put the outboard motor in an upright position (not tilted). **NOTICE: If the outboard motor is not level, the oil level indicated on the oil dipstick may not be accurate.** [ECM01862]



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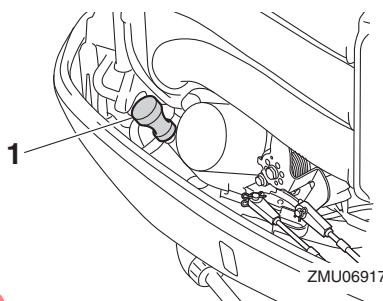
2. Start the engine. Warm it up and keep the idle speed for 5-10 minutes.
3. Stop the engine and leave it for 5-10 minutes.
4. Remove the top cowling.
5. Remove the oil filler cap.



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1. Oil filler cap

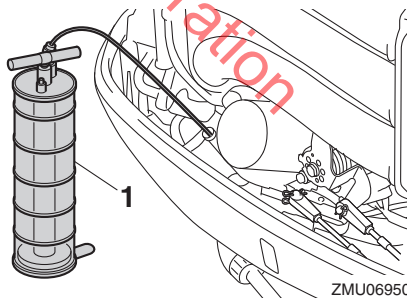
6. Remove the oil dipstick.



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1. Oil dipstick

7. Insert the tube of the oil changer into the oil dipstick guide, and then extract the engine oil completely.

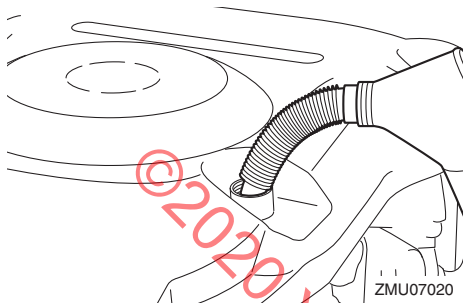


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1. Oil changer

8. Add the correct amount of oil through the

filler hole. **NOTICE:** Overfilling the oil could cause leakage or damage. If the oil level is above the upper level mark, drain until the level meets the specified capacity. [ECM01851]



## Recommended engine oil:

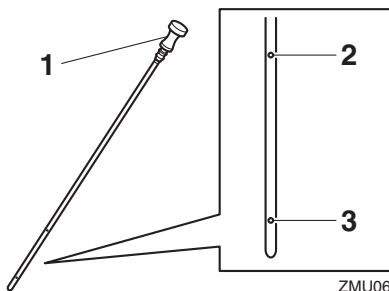
YAMALUBE 4M FC-W or 4-stroke outboard motor oil

## Engine oil quantity (without oil filter replacement):

6.4 L (6.76 US qt, 5.63 Imp.qt)

## Engine oil quantity (with oil filter replacement):

6.7 L (7.08 US qt, 5.90 Imp.qt)



1. Oil dipstick
2. Upper mark
3. Lower mark

9. Install the oil filler cap and oil dipstick.
10. Leave the outboard motor for 5-10 minutes.
11. Remove the oil dipstick and wipe it clean.
12. Insert the dipstick and remove it again. Be sure to completely insert the dipstick into the dipstick guide, otherwise the oil level measurement will be incorrect.
13. Recheck the oil level using the dipstick to be sure the level falls between the upper and lower marks. Consult your Yamaha dealer if the oil level is out of specified level.
14. Start the engine and make sure that the low oil pressure-alert indicator remains off. Also, make sure that there are no oil leaks. **NOTICE:** If the low oil pressure-alert 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. [ECM01623]
15. Install the top cowling.
16. Dispose of used oil according to local regulations.

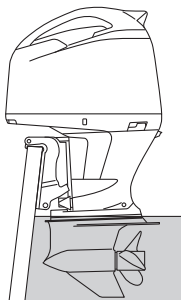
## TIP:

- 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.

## Changing the engine oil by draining the oil

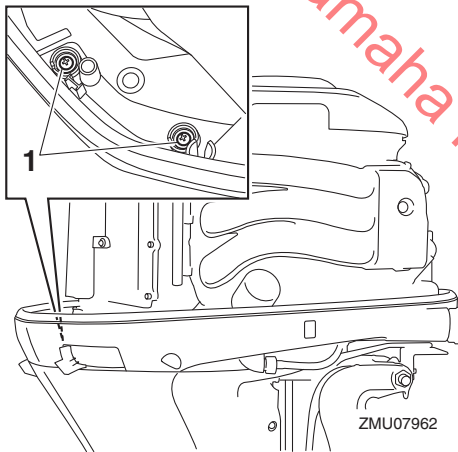
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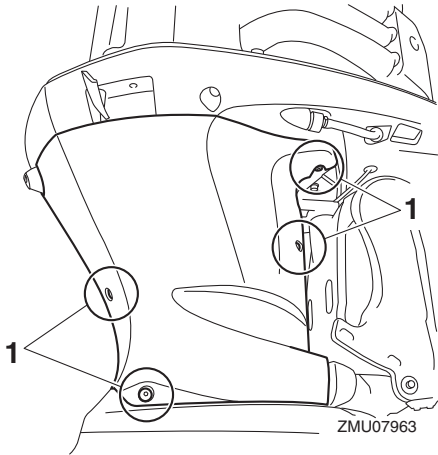
- 2. Start the engine. Warm it up and keep the idle speed for 5-10 minutes.
- 3. Stop the engine and leave it for 5-10 minutes.
- 4. Remove the top cowling.
- 5. Remove the screws.



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- 1. Screw
6. Remove the bolts.

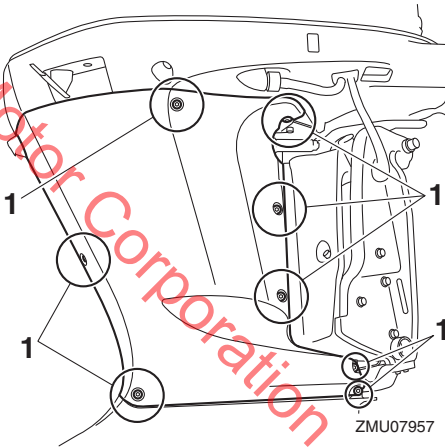
## VF200LA, VF225LA, VF250LA



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- 1. Bolt

## VF200XA, VF250XA

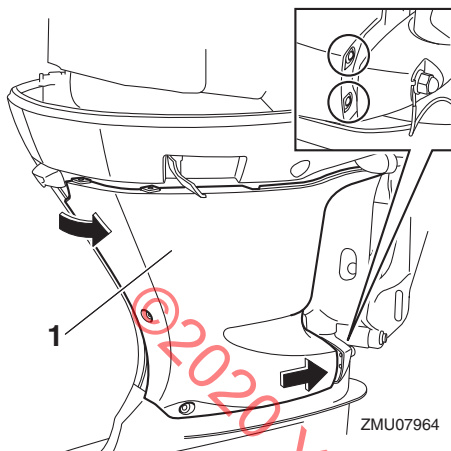


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- 1. Bolt

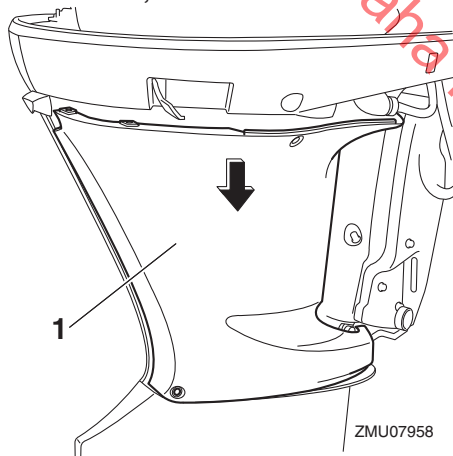
- 7. Remove the apron from starboard side as shown in the illustration.

## VF200LA, VF225LA, VF250LA



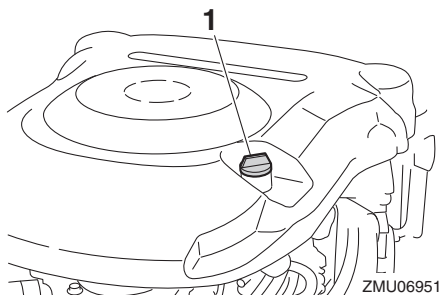
1. Apron

## VF200XA, VF250XA



1. Apron

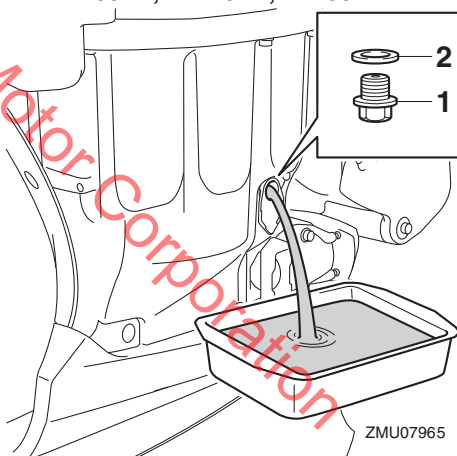
8. Remove the oil filler cap.



1. Oil filler cap

9. Prepare a suitable container that holds a larger amount than the engine oil capacity. Remove the drain screw and gasket while holding the container under the drain hole. Let the oil drain completely. Wipe up any spilled oil immediately.

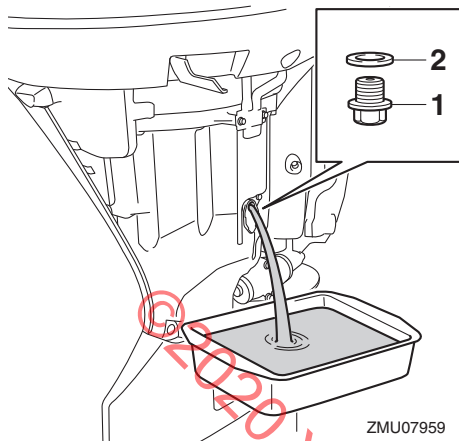
## VF200LA, VF225LA, VF250LA



1. Drain screw  
2. Gasket

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## VF200XA, VF250XA



1. Drain screw
2. Gasket

### TIP:

If the oil does not drain easily, change the tilt angle or turn the outboard motor to port and starboard to drain the oil.

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

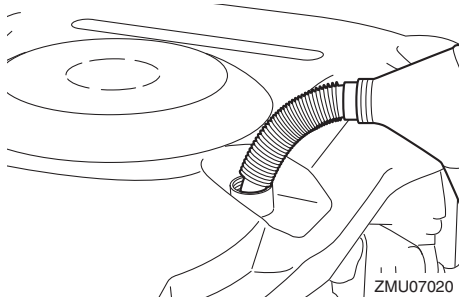
**Drain screw tightening torque:**  
27 N·m (2.7 kgf·m, 20 lb·ft)

### TIP:

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.

11. Add the correct amount of oil through the filler hole. **NOTICE: Overfilling the oil could cause leakage or damage. If the oil level is above the upper level**

mark, drain until the level meets the specified capacity. [ECM01851]



### Recommended engine oil:

YAMALUBE 4M FC-W or 4-stroke outboard motor oil

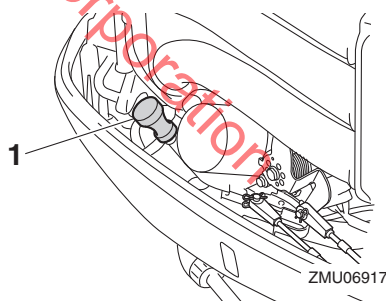
### Engine oil quantity (without oil filter replacement):

6.4 L (6.76 US qt, 5.63 Imp.qt)

### Engine oil quantity (with oil filter replacement):

6.7 L (7.08 US qt, 5.90 Imp.qt)

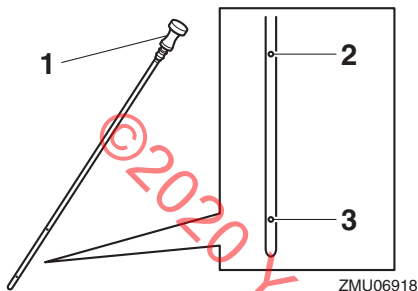
12. Install the oil filler cap.
13. Leave the outboard motor for 5-10 minutes.
14. Remove the oil dipstick and wipe it clean.



15. Insert the dipstick and remove it again. Be sure to completely insert the dipstick into the dipstick guide, otherwise the oil

level measurement will be incorrect.

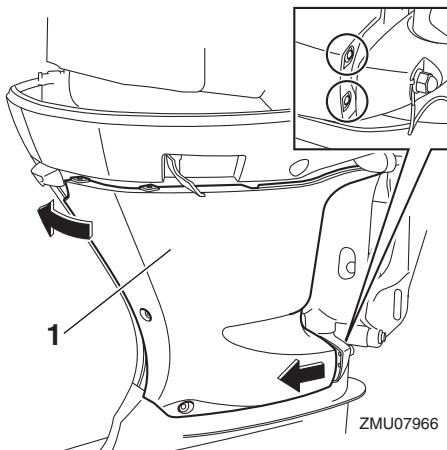
16. Recheck the oil level using the dipstick to be sure the level falls between the upper and lower marks. Consult your Yamaha dealer if the oil level is out of specified level.



1. Oil dipstick
2. Upper mark
3. Lower mark

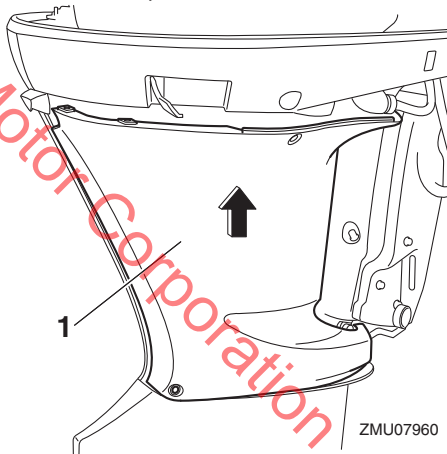
17. Start the engine and make sure that the low oil pressure-alert indicator remains off. Also, make sure that there are no oil leaks. **NOTICE: If the low oil pressure-alert indicator comes on or if there are oil leaks, stop the engine and find the cause. Continued operation with a problem could cause severe engine damage. Consult your Yamaha dealer if the problem cannot be located and corrected.** [ECM01623]
18. Install the apron on the starboard side as shown in the illustration.

## VF200LA, VF225LA, VF250LA



1. Apron

## VF200XA, VF250XA

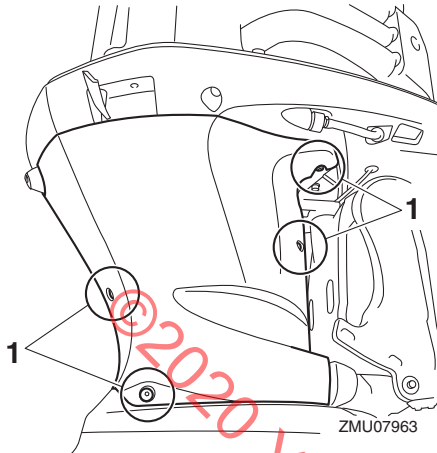


1. Apron

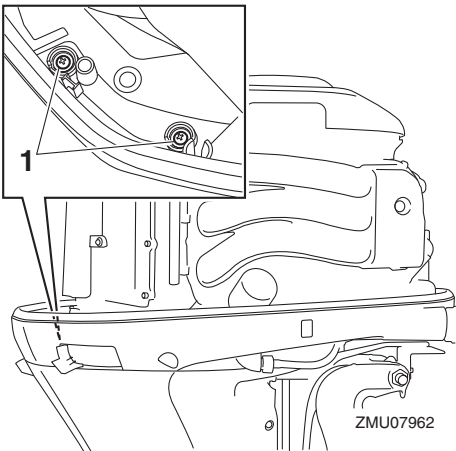
19. Apply LOCTITE 572 to the threads of the bolts and then install the bolts.

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## VF200LA, VF225LA, VF250LA

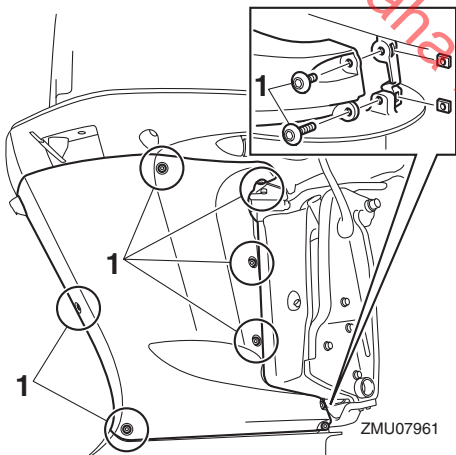


1. Bolt



1. Screw

## VF200XA, VF250XA



1. Bolt

20. Apply LOCTITE 572 to the threads of the screws and then install the screws.

### TIP:

LOCTITE 572 is used as a sealant.

21. Install the top cowling.

22. Dispose of used oil according to local regulations.

### TIP:

- 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.

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## Replacing the engine oil filter

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### WARNING

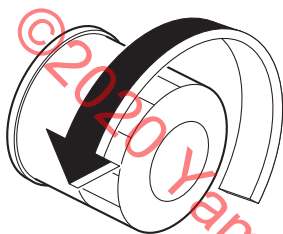
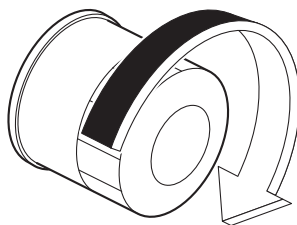
- Avoid draining the engine oil immediately after stopping the engine. The oil is hot and should be handled with care to avoid burns.
- Be sure the outboard motor is securely fastened to the transom or a stable stand.

Yamaha recommends you to have a Yamaha dealer replace the engine oil filter.



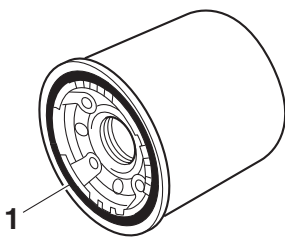
If you perform replacement yourself, follow the procedure below. If you have any questions, please consult a Yamaha dealer.

1. Drain the engine oil. For further information, see page 83.
2. Place a cloth under the engine oil filter.
3. Turn the engine oil filter counterclockwise and remove it.



## TIP:

- Wipe up any spilled engine oil.
  - Dispose of the removed engine oil filter in accordance with local regulations.
4. Apply engine oil to the O-ring of the engine oil filter.



1. O-ring

5. Turn the engine oil filter clockwise and tighten it to the specified torque.

## Engine oil filter:

18 N·m (1.8 kgf-m, 13 lb-ft)

6. Fill up the engine with engine oil. For further information, see page 83.

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## Why Yamalube

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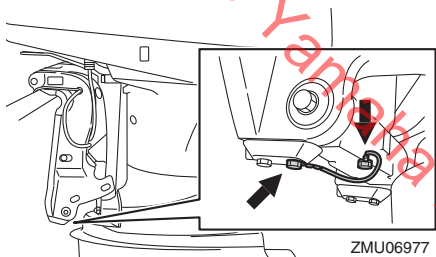


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## Inspecting wiring and connectors

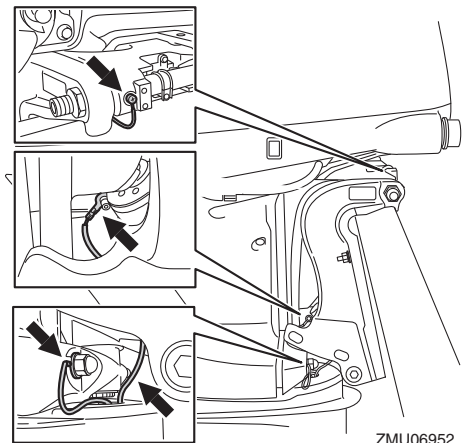
- Inspect that each connector is engaged securely.
- Inspect that each ground lead is properly secured.

VF200LA, VF225LA, VF250LA



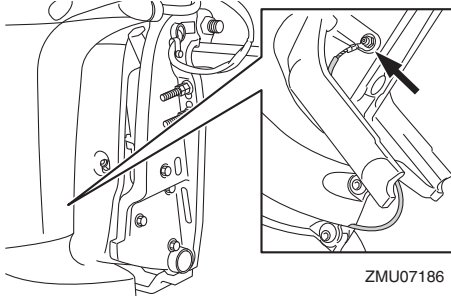
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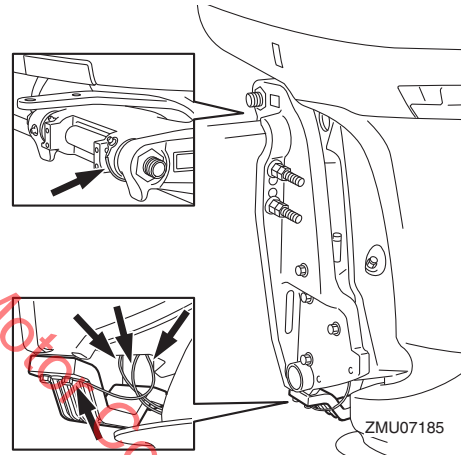
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## Inspecting propeller

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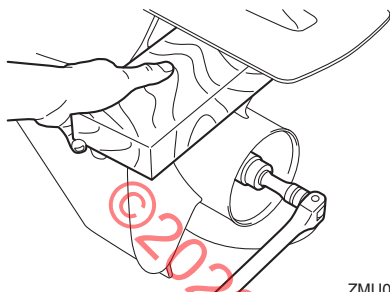


**WARNING**

You could be seriously injured if the engine accidentally starts when you are near the propeller. Before inspecting, removing, or installing the propeller, move the remote control lever to the neutral position, turn the main switch to the "OFF" (off) position, remove the key, and remove the clip from the engine shut-off switch. Turn off the battery cut-off switch if your boat has one.

Do not use your hand to hold the propeller

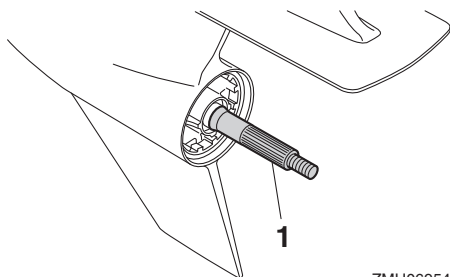
when loosening or tightening the propeller nut. Place a block of wood between the anti-cavitation plate and the propeller to prevent the propeller from turning.



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## Checkpoints

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



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1. Propeller shaft

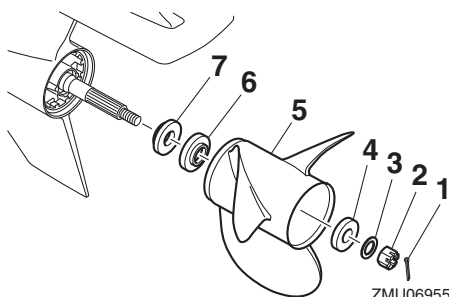
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## Removing propeller

1. Straighten the cotter pin and pull it out using a pair of pliers.
2. Remove the propeller nut, washer, and spacer. **WARNING! Do not use your hand to hold the propeller when loos-**

## ening the propeller nut.

[EWM01891]



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1. Cotter pin
2. Propeller nut
3. Washer
4. Spacer
5. Propeller
6. Spacer
7. Thrust washer

3. Remove the propeller, spacer (if equipped), and thrust washer.

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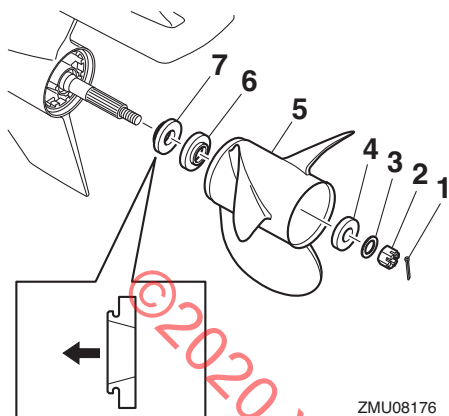
## Installing propeller

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### NOTICE

**Make 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 Yamalube Marine Grease to the propeller shaft.
2. Install the thrust washer, spacer (if equipped), and propeller on the propeller shaft. **NOTICE: Make sure to install the thrust washer before installing the propeller. Otherwise, the lower case and propeller boss could be damaged.** [ECM01882]
3. Install the spacer, washer, and propeller nut. Tighten the propeller nut to the specified torque.

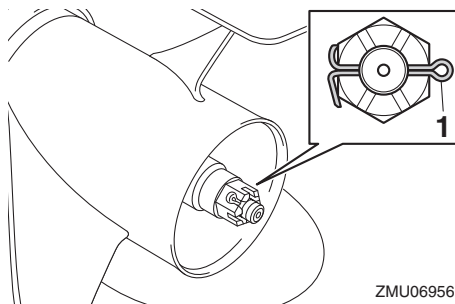


1. Cotter pin
2. Propeller nut
3. Washer
4. Spacer
5. Propeller
6. Spacer
7. Thrust washer

**Propeller nut tightening torque:**  
54 N·m (5.4 kgf·m, 40 lb·ft)

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

**NOTICE: Do not reuse the cotter pin. Otherwise, the propeller can come off during operation.** [ECM01892]



1. Cotter pin

## TIP:

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

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## Changing gear oil

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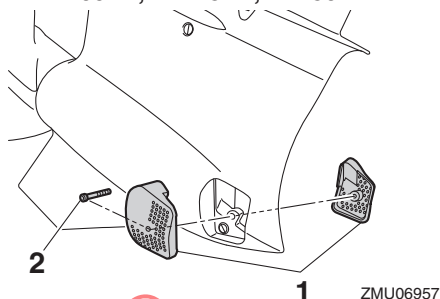
### **WARNING**

- Make sure that the outboard motor is mounted securely 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. Severe injury could occur if the outboard motor accidentally falls.

Before filling the lower unit with gear oil, the outboard motor must be placed in a vertical position. If you are not able to place the outboard motor in a vertical position, have a Yamaha dealer change the gear oil.

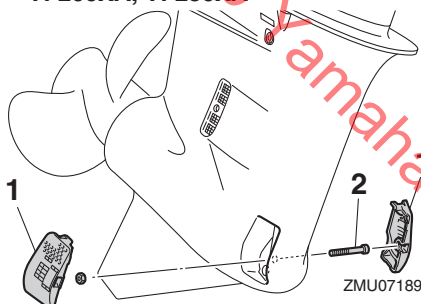
1. Tilt the outboard motor so that the gear oil drain screw is at the lowest point possible.
2. Place a suitable container under the gear case.
3. Loosen the bolt, and then remove the cooling water inlet covers on both sides of the gear case.

## VF200LA, VF225LA, VF250LA



1. Cooling water inlet cover
2. Bolt

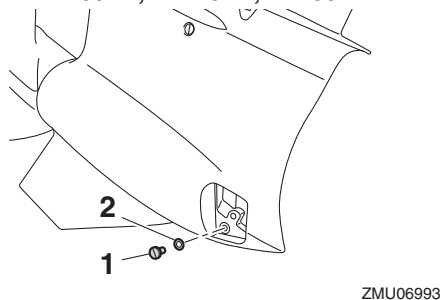
## VF200XA, VF250XA



1. Cooling water inlet cover
2. Bolt

4. Remove the gear oil drain screw and gasket.

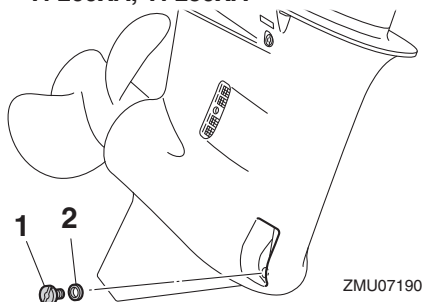
## VF200LA, VF225LA, VF250LA



1. Gear oil drain screw

2. Gasket

## VF200XA, VF250XA



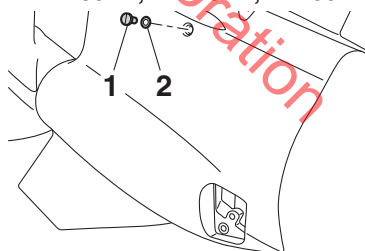
1. Gear oil drain screw
2. Gasket

5. Remove the oil level plug and gasket to allow the gear oil to drain completely.  
**NOTICE:** Check the used gear oil after it has been drained. If the gear oil is milky or contains water or a large amount of metal particles, the gear case may be damaged. Have a Yamaha dealer check and repair the outboard motor. [ECM00714]

### TIP:

For disposal of used gear oil, consult your Yamaha dealer.

## VF200LA, VF225LA, VF250LA

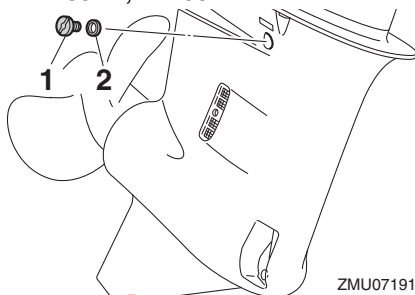


1. Oil level plug
2. Gasket

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## VF200XA, VF250XA



1. Oil level plug
2. Gasket

6. Remove any metal particles on the magnetic gear oil drain screw. **NOTICE: If there is an excessive quantity of metal particles on the magnetic gear oil drain screw, this can indicate lower unit problem. Consult your Yamaha dealer.** [ECM01901]
7. Place the outboard motor in a vertical position. Using a flexible or pressurized filling device, inject the gear oil into the gear oil drain screw hole.

### Recommended gear oil:

Yamalube Marine Gearcase Lube HD or Hypoid gear oil

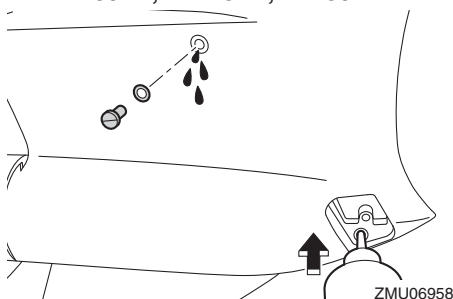
### Recommended gear oil grade:

SAE 90 API GL-4 / SAE 80W API GL-5 / SAE 90 API GL-5

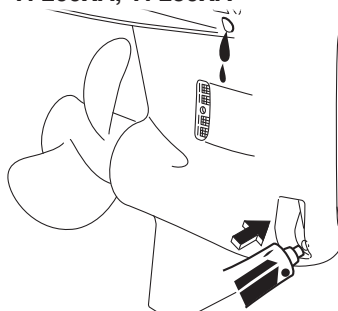
### Gear oil quantity:

1.040 L (1.099 US qt, 0.915 Imp.qt)

## VF200LA, VF225LA, VF250LA



## VF200XA, VF250XA



8. Put a new gasket on the oil level plug. When the gear oil begins to flow out of the oil level plug hole, insert and tighten the oil level plug to the specified torque.

### TIP:

Apply a light coat of gear oil to the oil level plug thread and gasket before installation.

### Tightening torque:

7 N·m (0.7 kgf·m, 5.2 lb·ft)

9. Put a new gasket on the gear oil drain screw. Insert and tighten the gear oil drain screw to the specified torque.

### TIP:

Apply a light coat of gear oil to the gear oil drain screw thread and gasket before installation.

## Tightening torque:

7 N·m (0.7 kgf·m, 5.2 lb·ft)

10. Install the cooling water inlet covers on both sides of the gear case, and then tighten the bolt to the specified torque.

## Tightening torque:

2.0 N·m (0.20 kgf·m, 1.5 lb·ft)

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## Inspecting and replacing anodes

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.

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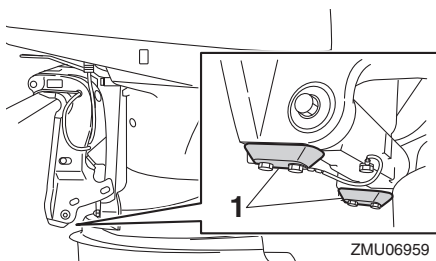
### NOTICE

**Do not paint anodes, as this would render them ineffective.**

### TIP:

Consult a Yamaha dealer for inspecting and replacement of internal anodes attached to the engine.

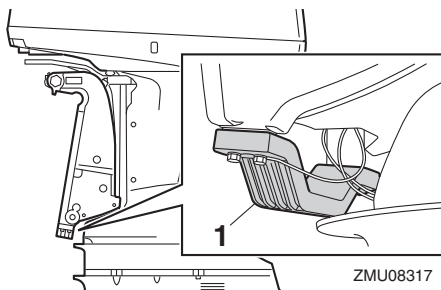
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1. Anode

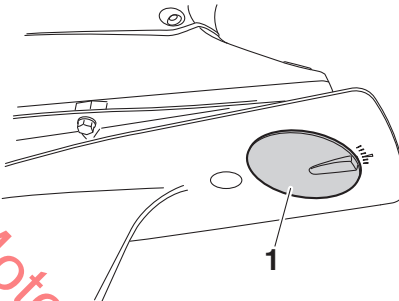
## VF200XA, VF250XA



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1. Anode

## VF200XA, VF250XA



1. Anode

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## Inspecting the battery

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### WARNING

**Battery electrolyte is poisonous and caustic, and batteries generate explosive hydrogen gas. When working near the battery:**

- Wear protective eye gear and rubber gloves.
- Do not smoke or bring any other source of ignition near the battery.

The procedure for inspecting the battery varies for different batteries. This procedure contains typical inspections that apply to many batteries, but you should always refer

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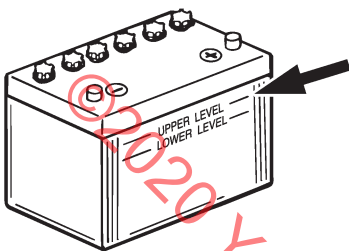
to the battery manufacturer's instructions.

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## NOTICE

**A poorly maintained battery will quickly deteriorate.**

1. Check the electrolyte level.



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2. Check that the battery is in good condition and fully charged. If your boat is equipped with the digital speedometer or 6Y8 Multifunction tachometer, the voltmeter and low battery alert functions will help you monitor the battery's charge. If the battery needs charging, consult your Yamaha dealer.
3. Check that the battery connections are clean, secure, and covered by insulating covers. **WARNING! Bad connections can produce shorting or arcing and cause an explosion.** [EWM01913]

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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.**

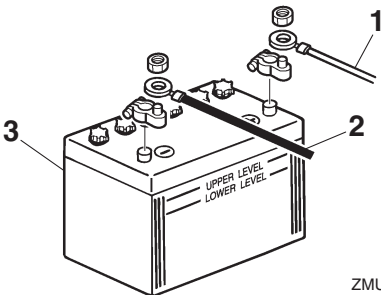
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## NOTICE

**Do not reverse the battery cables. Otherwise, the electrical parts could be dam-**

**aged.**

1. Check that the main switch is turned to the "OFF" (off) position before working on the battery.
2. Connect the positive battery cable (red) to the positive (+) terminal first. Then, connect the negative battery cable (black) to the negative (-) terminal.



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1. Positive battery cable (red)
  2. Negative battery cable (black)
  3. Battery
3. The electrical contacts of the battery and cables must be clean and properly connected, or the battery will not start the engine.

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## Disconnecting the battery

1. Turn off the battery cut-off switch (if equipped) and main switch. **NOTICE: If they are left on, the electrical system can be damaged.** [ECM01931]
2. Disconnect the negative battery cable (black) from the negative (-) terminal. **NOTICE: Always disconnect the negative battery cable (black) first to avoid a short circuit and damage to the electrical system.** [ECM02311]
3. Disconnect the positive battery cable (red) from the positive (+) terminal and remove the battery from the boat.



4. Clean, maintain, and store the battery according to the manufacturer's instructions.

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# Trouble Recovery

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## Troubleshooting

This section describes the likely causes and remedies for problems, such as those in the fuel, compression, and ignition systems, poor starting, and loss of power. Please note that all of the items in this section may not apply to your model.

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

If the engine trouble-alert indicator is blinking, consult your Yamaha dealer.

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

Q. Is remote control lever in gear?

A. Shift to neutral.

Q. Is battery capacity low or weak?

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

Q. Are battery connections corroded or loose?

A. Tighten battery cables and clean battery terminals.

Q. Is fuse for starter 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 malfunctioning?

A. Have serviced by a Yamaha dealer.

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

Q. Is clip on engine shut-off cord (lanyard) installed?

A. Install clip to engine shut-off switch.

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 fuel filter.

Q. Is fuel pump malfunctioning?

A. Have serviced by a Yamaha dealer.

Q. Are spark plugs fouled or of incorrect type?

A. Inspect spark plugs. Clean or replace with recommended type.

Q. Are ignition parts malfunctioning?

A. Have serviced by a Yamaha dealer.

Q. Is ignition wiring damaged or poorly connected?

A. Inspect wires for breaks and wear. Have connections tightened and broken or worn wires replaced by a Yamaha dealer.

Q. Are engine inner parts damaged?

A. Have serviced by a Yamaha dealer.

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

Q. Are spark plugs fouled or of incorrect type?

A. Inspect spark plugs. Clean or replace with recommended type.

Q. Is fuel system clogged?

A. Inspect 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 fuel filter.

Q. Are ignition parts malfunctioning?

A. Have serviced by a Yamaha dealer.

Q. Has alert system activated?

A. Find and correct cause of alert.

Q. Is spark plug gap incorrect?

A. Replace spark plug.

Q. Is ignition wiring damaged or poorly connected?

A. Inspect wires for breaks and wear. Have connections tightened and broken or worn wires replaced by a Yamaha dealer.

Q. Is specified engine oil not being used?

A. Inspect engine oil and replace with specified type.

Q. Is thermostat clogged or malfunctioning?

A. Have serviced by a Yamaha dealer.

Q. Is fuel pump malfunctioning?

A. Have serviced by a Yamaha dealer.

Q. Is fuel tank air vent restricted or clogged?

A. Remove obstruction.

Q. Is fuel joint connection incorrect?

A. Connect correctly.

Q. Is throttle cable adjustment incorrect?

A. Have serviced by a Yamaha dealer.

Q. Is battery cable disconnected?

A. Connect securely.

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

Q. Is cooling system clogged?

A. Inspect cooling water inlet for obstructions.

Q. Is low oil pressure-alert indicator on or blinking?

A. Have serviced by a Yamaha dealer.

Q. Is heat range of spark plugs incorrect?

A. Inspect spark plugs and replace with recommended type.

Q. Is specified engine oil not being used?

A. Inspect engine oil and replace with specified type.

Q. Is engine oil contaminated or deteriorated?

A. Replace engine oil with specified type.

Q. Is oil filter clogged?

A. Have serviced by a Yamaha dealer.

Q. Is oil pump malfunctioning?

A. Have serviced by a Yamaha dealer.

Q. Is thermostat or water pump malfunctioning?

A. Have serviced by a Yamaha dealer.

Q. Is there excess water in fuel filter?

A. Drain fuel filter.

## **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 motor at its recommended speed

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(r/min) range.

Q. Is outboard motor mounted at incorrect height on transom?

A. Have outboard motor adjusted to proper transom height.

Q. Has alert system activated?

A. Find and correct cause of alert.

Q. Is boat bottom fouled with marine growth?

A. Clean boat bottom.

Q. Are spark plugs fouled or of incorrect type?

A. Inspect spark plugs. Clean or replace with recommended type.

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

A. Remove foreign material and clean lower unit.

Q. Is fuel system clogged?

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

Q. Is fuel filter clogged?

A. Clean or replace fuel filter.

Q. Is fuel contaminated or stale?

A. Fill tank with clean, fresh fuel.

Q. Is spark plug gap incorrect?

A. Replace spark plug.

Q. Is ignition wiring damaged or poorly connected?

A. Inspect wires for breaks and wear. Have connections tightened and broken or worn wires replaced by a Yamaha dealer.

Q. Are electrical parts malfunctioning?

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. Replace engine oil with specified type.

Q. Is thermostat clogged or malfunctioning?

A. Have serviced by a Yamaha dealer.

Q. Is fuel tank air vent restricted or clogged?

A. Remove obstruction.

Q. Is fuel pump malfunctioning?

A. Have serviced by a Yamaha dealer.

Q. Is fuel joint connection incorrect?

A. Connect correctly.

Q. Is heat range of spark plugs incorrect?

A. Inspect spark plugs and replace with recommended type.

Q. Is engine not responding properly to remote control 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 material tangled on propeller?

A. Remove and clean propeller.

Q. Are outboard motor mounting bolts loose?

A. Tighten bolts or have serviced by a Yamaha dealer.

Q. Is steering pivot loose or damaged?

A. Have serviced by a Yamaha dealer.

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## Temporary action in emergency

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### Impact damage

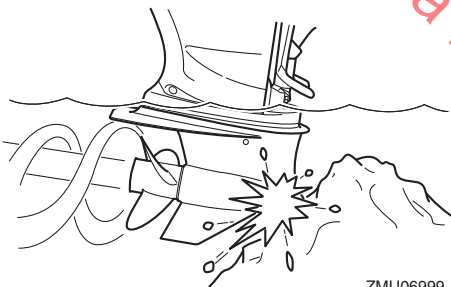
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#### WARNING

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.



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

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### Replacing fuse

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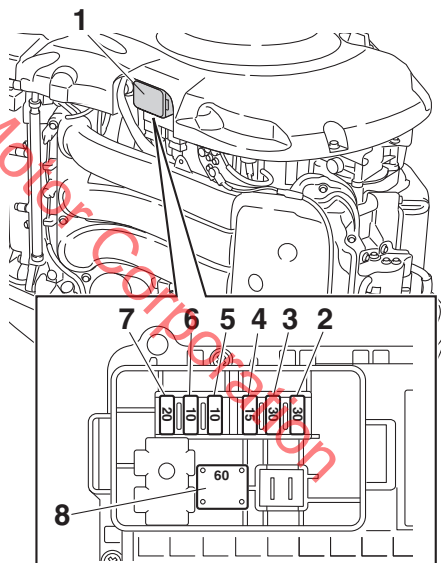


#### WARNING

Substituting an incorrect fuse or a piece of wire could allow excessive current flow. This could cause electric system damage and a fire hazard.

If a fuse has blown, replace the fuse according to the following procedure.

1. Turn the main switch to the "OFF" (off) position.
2. Remove the fuse box cover.
3. Remove the fuse with a fuse puller, and then replace it with a spare one of the proper amperage.

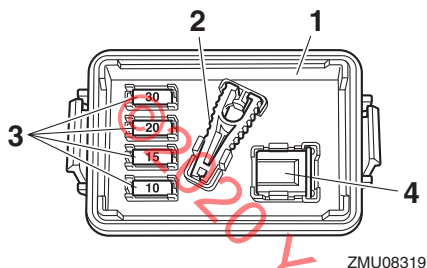


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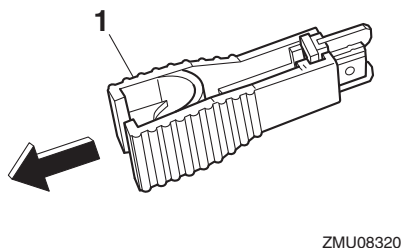
1. Fuse box cover
2. Ignition coil / Fuel injector / Variable camshaft timing / ECM (Electronic Control Module) fuse (30 A)
3. Starter relay fuse (30 A)

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4. Fuel pump fuse (15 A)
5. Fuel feed pump fuse (10 A)
6. Electric throttle valve fuse (10 A)
7. Main switch / PTT switch fuse (20 A)
8. Main fuse (60 A)



1. Fuse box cover
2. Fuse puller
3. Spare fuse (10 A, 15 A, 20 A, 30 A)
4. Spare main fuse (60 A)



1. Fuse puller

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

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**Power trim and tilt unit will not operate**

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**WARNING**

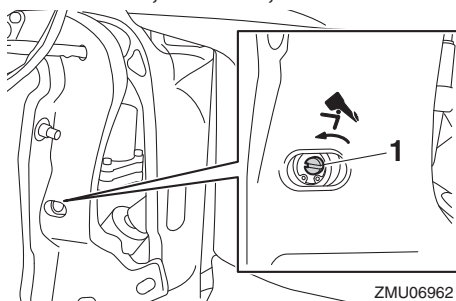
**Never get under the engine while it is tilt-**

**ed. Severe injury could occur if the outboard motor accidentally falls.**

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

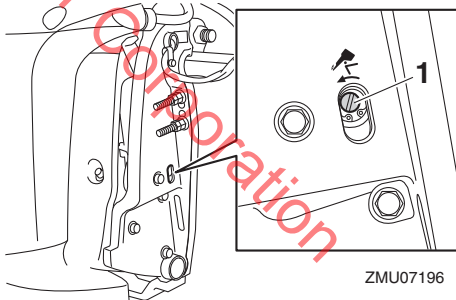
1. Stop the engine.
2. Loosen the manual valve screw by turning it counterclockwise until it stops.

**VF200LA, VF225LA, VF250LA**



1. Manual valve screw

**VF200XA, VF250XA**



1. Manual valve screw

3. Tilt the outboard motor up manually to the desired position, and then tighten the manual valve screw by turning it clockwise.

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## Water separator-alert is activated after leaving port

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### **WARNING**

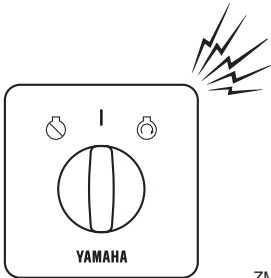
Gasoline is highly flammable, and its vapors are flammable and explosive.

- 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.

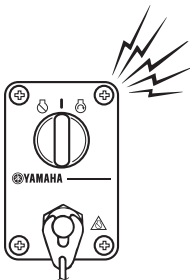
If the water separator-alert indicator blinks or the buzzer sounds intermittently, perform the following procedure.

### TIP:

The buzzer sounds only when the remote control lever is placed in neutral.

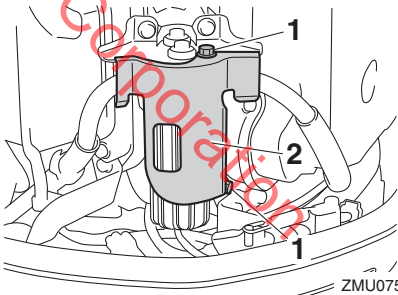


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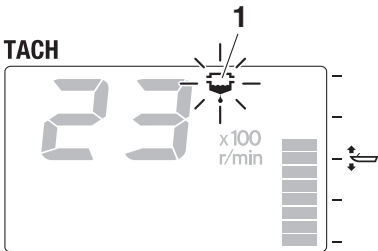
1. Stop the engine.
2. Remove the top cowling.
3. Remove the bolts, and then remove the fuel filter cover.



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1. Bolt
2. Fuel filter cover

4. Disconnect the water detection switch coupler. **NOTICE: Be careful not to get any water on the water detection switch coupler, otherwise a malfunction**

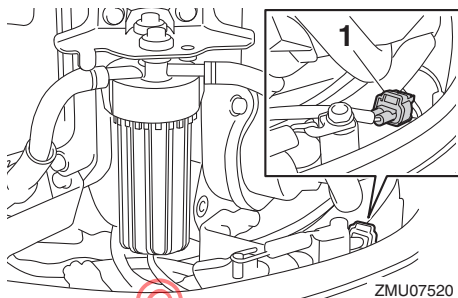


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1. Water separator-alert indicator

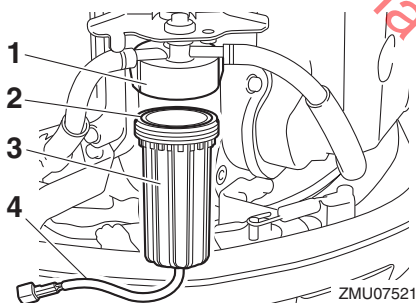
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tion could occur. [ECM01951]



1. Water detection switch coupler

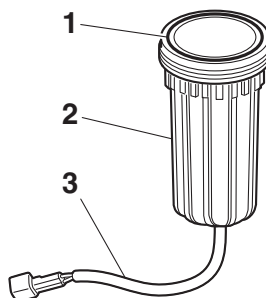
5. Remove the filter cup from the filter housing, and then remove the O-ring from the filter cup. **NOTICE: Be careful not to twist the water detection switch lead when unscrewing the filter cup.** [ECM01961]



1. Filter housing
  2. O-ring
  3. Filter cup
  4. Water detection switch lead
6. Drain the water in the filter cup by soaking it up with a rag.
  7. Put the O-ring on the filter cup in its original position, and then install the filter cup onto the filter housing. **NOTICE: Be careful not to twist the water detection switch lead when screwing the**

filter cup onto the filter housing.

[ECM01971]



1. O-ring
2. Filter cup
3. Water detection switch lead

8. Connect the water detection switch coupler securely until a click is heard.
9. Install the fuel filter cover, and then tighten the bolts.
10. Install the top cowling.
11. Turn the main switch to the "ON" (on) position and check that the water separator-alert indicator remains off and the buzzer does not sound. If the water separator-alert indicator blinks or the buzzer sounds, have your Yamaha dealer check the outboard motor. **NOTICE: Although the buzzer will stop when the engine is started and the remote control lever is moved to the forward or reverse position, do not use the outboard motor. Otherwise, serious engine damage could occur.** [ECM02391]

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## Treatment of submerged outboard motor

If the outboard motor is submerged, immediately take it to a Yamaha dealer. Otherwise some corrosion may begin almost immediately. **NOTICE: Do not attempt to run the**



outboard motor until it has been completely checked. [ECM02321]

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# Consumer information (For North America)

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## YAMAHA FOUR-STROKE OUTBOARD MOTOR THREE-YEAR LIMITED WARRANTY

Yamaha Motor Corporation, U.S.A. and Yamaha Motor Canada Ltd. ("Yamaha") hereby warrant that new Yamaha four-stroke outboard motors will be free from defects in material and workmanship for the period of time stated herein, subject to certain stated limitations.

**PERIOD OF WARRANTY.** Any new Yamaha four-stroke outboard motor purchased from an authorized Yamaha dealer in the customer's country of residence (United States or Canada) and registered with Yamaha will be warranted against defects in material or workmanship, subject to exclusions noted herein, for the following applicable period determined by type of use:

- Pleasure use – three (3) years from the date of purchase.
- Commercial application – one (1) year from the date of purchase. A commercial application is defined as any use of the outboard motor to generate income (excluding tournament fishing) or support business operations in any way during the warranty period, without regard to the type or percentage of commercial use. Yamaha reserves the right to modify incorrect registration data and reduce the warranty period to reflect commercial use.
- 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 for 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 Bracket Section

- Exhaust System
- Bracket System
- Upper Casing
- Power Trim and Tilt Assembly
- Lower Unit Assembly

**WARRANTY REGISTRATION.** To be eligible for warranty coverage, the outboard motor must be registered with Yamaha in the country of residence. Warranty registration can be accomplished by any authorized Yamaha Outboard Motor Dealer.

**OBTAINING REPAIRS UNDER WARRANTY.** During the period of warranty, any authorized Yamaha Outboard Motor Dealer in the country of residence 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. If the customer is temporarily using a U.S.-registered outboard motor in Canada, or a Canada-registered outboard motor in the United States, and it needs warranty repairs, the owner should contact a nearby authorized Yamaha Outboard Motor Dealer for assistance. The local dealer will contact Yamaha on the owner's behalf so that needed repairs can be made as quickly as possible.

**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.

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**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 to 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.

**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)

**EMISSION CONTROL WARRANTY** (United States only). Yamaha warrants to the ultimate purchaser and any subsequent owner, that the emission control components on this engine are designed, built and equipped so as to conform at the time of sale with applicable regulations under section 213 of the Clean Air Act and that this engine is covered against defects in materials and workmanship which cause said engine to fail to conform with applicable exhaust emission regulations for five (5) years from the date of purchase or 175 hours of operation, whichever comes first. Evaporative components (e.g., hoses, fuel tank, fuel cap) are two (2) years from the date of purchase. Some states have different emission control warranty provisions. As these vary from state to state, consult your Yamaha dealer or contact Yamaha Customer Relations at 1-866-894-1626 for more information.

**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 within ten (10) days of the transfer.

**YAMAHA 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 AND EXCLUDED FROM THIS WARRANTY. SOME STATES/PROVINCES 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/PROVINCES 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/PROVINCE TO PROVINCE.**

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## IMPORTANT WARRANTY INFORMATION IF YOU USE YOUR YAMAHA OUTSIDE THE U.S.A. OR CANADA

**Welcome to the Yamaha Family!**

**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 with specifications appropriate for sale and use in the U.S.A. and Canada. 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 your country of residence. If you are temporarily using a U.S.-registered outboard motor in Canada, or a Canada-registered outboard motor in the United States, and it needs warranty repairs, you should contact a nearby authorized Yamaha Outboard Motor Dealer for assistance. The local dealer will contact Yamaha on the owner's behalf so that needed repairs can be made as quickly as possible.
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.

### **TIP:**

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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