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**WARRANTY INFORMATION** 

SERVICE INFORMATION

## **Priming Fuel System**

### Models

All Sterndrive, Ski and Inboard engines with electric fuel pumps.

### Situation

New engines and engines coming out of storage have a dry fuel system. During initial startup, the engine is often difficult to start and keep running. Also, the electric fuel pump relies on gasoline to lubricate it while running.

Priming the fuel system prior to starting the engine will make it start quicker and continue to run plus lubricate the electric fuel pump.

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To prime the fuel system, use a small, portable outboard fuel tank with primer bulb fuel line.

# **WARNING**

Be careful when working on fuel system. Gasoline is extremely flammable and highly explosive under certain conditions. Do not smoke or allow spark or open flame in area. Wipe up any spilled fuel immediately.

- 1. Disconnect and plug boat's fuel line from fitting at inlet of engine's Water Separating Fuel Filter.
- 2. Attach outboard fuel tank with primer bulb fuel line to the fitting and secure tightly.
- 3. Squeeze the primer bulb until the bulb becomes firm.
- 4. Turn the ignition switch to the 'RUN' position for three seconds and then turn 'OFF'.

**NOTE:** Do not turn the key switch to the 'START' position during the priming.

5. Repeat steps 3 and 4 three more times.

**IMPORTANT:** Before disconnecting the fuel line primer bulb, make sure the bulb is 'soft' to prevent spilling fuel.

- 6. Disconnect primer bulb fuel line from fitting. Reconnect boat's fuel line and tighten securely.
- 7. Start engine and let it idle for 3 minutes. Do not advance the throttle during this idle time.

Make sure no fuel leaks exist, before closing engine hatch.