



Service Manual

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RJC

**Gasoline
Engine**

Safety Precautions

It is recommended that you read your engine manual and become thoroughly acquainted with your equipment before you start the engine.

⚠ WARNING *This symbol is used throughout this manual to warn of possible serious personal injury.*

⚠ CAUTION *This symbol refers to possible equipment damage.*

Fuels, electrical equipment, batteries, exhaust gases and moving parts present potential hazards that could result in serious, personal injury. Take care in following these recommended procedures.

Safety Codes

- All local, state and federal codes should be consulted and complied with.
- This engine is not designed or intended for use in aircraft. Any such use is at the owner's sole risk.

General

- Provide appropriate fire extinguishers and install them in convenient locations. Use an extinguisher rated ABC by NFPA.
- Make sure that all fasteners on the engine are secure and accurately torqued. Keep guards in position over fans, driving belts, etc.
- If it is necessary to make adjustments while the engine is running, use extreme caution when close to hot exhausts, moving parts, etc.

Protect Against Moving Parts

- Do not wear loose clothing in the vicinity of moving parts, such as PTO shafts, flywheels, blowers, couplings, fans, belts, etc.
- Keep your hands away from moving parts.

Batteries

- Before starting work on the engine, disconnect batteries to prevent inadvertent starting of the engine.
- **DO NOT SMOKE** while servicing batteries. Lead acid batteries give off a highly explosive hydrogen gas which can be ignited by flame, electrical arcing or by smoking.
- Verify battery polarity before connecting battery cables. Connect negative cable last.

Fuel System

- **DO NOT** fill fuel tanks while engine is running.

- **DO NOT** smoke or use an open flame in the vicinity of the engine or fuel tank. Internal combustion engine fuels are highly flammable.
- Fuel lines must be of steel piping, adequately secured, and free from leaks. Piping at the engine should be approved flexible line. Do not use copper piping for flexible lines as copper will work harden and become brittle enough to break.
- Be sure all fuel supplies have a positive shutoff valve.

Exhaust System

- Exhaust products of any internal combustion engine are toxic and can cause injury, or death if inhaled. All engine applications, especially those within a confined area, should be equipped with an exhaust system to discharge gases to the outside atmosphere.
- **DO NOT** use exhaust gases to heat a compartment.
- Make sure that your exhaust system is free of leaks. Ensure that exhaust manifolds are secure and are not warped by bolts unevenly torqued.

Exhaust Gas Is Deadly!

Exhaust gases contain carbon monoxide, a poisonous gas that might cause unconsciousness and death. It is an odorless and colorless gas formed during combustion of hydrocarbon fuels. Symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning are:

- Dizziness
- Headache
- Weakness and Sleepiness
- Vomiting
- Muscular Twitching
- Throbbing in Temples

If you experience any of these symptoms, get out into fresh air immediately, shut down the unit and do not use until it has been inspected.

The best protection against carbon monoxide inhalation is proper installation and regular, frequent inspections of the complete exhaust system. If you notice a change in the sound or appearance of exhaust system, shut the unit down immediately and have it inspected and repaired at once by a competent mechanic.

Cooling System

- Coolants under pressure have a higher boiling point than water. **DO NOT** open a radiator pressure cap when coolant temperature is above 212 degrees F (100 degrees C) or while engine is running.

Keep The Unit And Surrounding Area Clean

- Make sure that oily rags are not left on or near the engine.
- Remove all unnecessary grease and oil from the unit. Accumulated grease and oil can cause overheating and subsequent engine damage and present a potential fire hazard.

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INCORRECT SERVICE OR REPLACEMENT OF PARTS MIGHT RESULT IN SEVERE PERSONAL INJURY AND/OR EQUIPMENT DAMAGE. SERVICE PERSONNEL MUST BE QUALIFIED TO PERFORM ELECTRICAL AND/OR MECHANICAL SERVICE.

General Information

INTRODUCTION

This manual deals with specific mechanical and electrical information needed by engine mechanics for troubleshooting, servicing, repairing, or overhauling the engine.

Use the table of contents for a quick reference to the separate engine sections.

Use the separate Parts Catalogs available at the dealer level, for parts identification and for establishing their proper location on assemblies.

The troubleshooting guide is provided as a quick reference for locating and correcting engine trouble.

The illustrations and procedures presented in each section apply to the engines listed on the cover. The flywheel end of the engine is the front end so right and left sides are determined by viewing the engine from the front.

The disassembly section contains major overhaul procedures for step by step removal, disassembly, inspection, repair and assembly of the engine components.

If a major repair or an overhaul is necessary, a competent mechanic should either do the job or supervise and check the work of the mechanic assigned to do the job to ensure that all dimensions, clearances and torque values are within the specified tolerances.

The wiring diagram on the last page of the manual shows how the electrical components are interconnected.

A parts catalog (available at the dealer level) contains detailed exploded views of each assembly and the individual piece part numbers and their proper names for ordering replacement parts.

Use only Genuine Onan replacement parts to ensure quality and the best possible repair and overhaul results. When ordering parts, always use the complete Model and Spec number as well as the Serial number shown on the nameplate.

ENGINE MODEL REFERENCE

Identify your model by referring to the MODEL and SPEC (specification) NO. as shown on the unit nameplate. Always use this number and the engine serial number when making reference to your engine.

How to Interpret MODEL and SPEC NO.

12.5	RJC	18	R	/	96	AC
1	2	3	4		5	6

1. Kilowatt rating of unit.
2. Factory code for series identification.
3. 18 – Reconnectible for various voltages.
3C – Reconnectible for 120/240 volts.
4. Specific Type:
E – *ELECTRIC*. Electric starting at the set only.
R – *REMOTE*. Electric starting. For permanent installation, can be connected to optional accessory equipment for remote or automatic control of starting and stopping.
5. Factory code for optional equipment.
6. Specification (Spec) letter advances when factory makes production modifications.

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