

OUTBOARD MOTOR CARE

WELCOME To The WATER

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Regular maintenance will keep your motor running well for years to come. The following are general guidelines. Be sure to check your owner's manual for manufacturer's recommendations/procedures particular to your boat.

AFTER EVERY TRIP

- Flush out engine
(*applies to both fresh and salt water boating*)
 - Slip "rabbit ears," (*two flexible rubber seals connected with a clamp*), onto water intake and attach a garden hose
 - Start engine and let water pump do the rest
- While flushing motor, check water pump flow
 - Feel water stream with your finger; it may be warm but should not be hot
 - If output is weak, shut down engine to prevent overheating/damage
 - Check outflow tube for debris; insert wire and work it back and forth
 - Restart engine/recheck output; if still weak, water pump may need to be replaced
- After flushing, disconnect fuel line and allow engine to burn all the fuel in the carburetor
- Turn off key and battery switch (*if you have one*)
- Remove engine cowling; check for fuel or water leaks (*Consult mechanic if you find any leaks*)
- Wipe motor down and spray with an anti-corrosive like WD-40 or Quick-Lube
- Replace cowling and wipe down. Cover motor with a canvas or plastic cover
- Always use fresh fuel; End-of-season maintenance should include draining your tanks and proper disposal of fuel

REGULAR MAINTENANCE

- Check fuel line for cracks and worn spots periodically
- Inspect fuel primer bulb for cracks; make sure it is pliable
- Ensure fuel line fittings seat properly and don't leak
- Inspect clamps on the fuel line for rust or corrosion
- Check the tank vent to make sure it aspirates properly
- Regularly check for water in the fuel

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