IMPORTANT: Read all safety precautions and instructions carefully before operating equipment. Refer to operating instruction of equipment that this engine powers. Ensure engine is stopped and level before performing any maintenance or service. Warranty coverage as outlined in the warranty card and on KohlerEngines.com. Please review carefully as it provides you specific rights and obligations.

Record engine information to reference when ordering parts or obtaining warranty coverage.

Engine Model
Specification
Serial Number
Purchase Date
California Proposition 65 Warning

Engine exhaust from this product contains chemicals known to State of California to cause cancer, birth defects, or other reproductive harm.
### Pre-Start Checklist

1. Check oil level. Add oil if low. Do not overfill.
2. Check fuel level. Add fuel if low. Check fuel system components and lines for leaks.
3. Check and clean cooling areas, air intake areas and external surfaces of engine (particularly after storage).
4. Check that air cleaner components and all shrouds, equipment covers, and guards are in place and securely fastened.
5. Check spark arrestor (if equipped).
Starting

**WARNING**
Carbon Monoxide can cause severe nausea, fainting or death. Avoid inhaling exhaust fumes.

Engine exhaust gases contain poisonous carbon monoxide. Carbon monoxide is odorless, colorless, and can cause death if inhaled.

**WARNING**
Rotating Parts can cause severe injury. Stay away while engine is in operation.

Keep hands, feet, hair, and clothing away from all moving parts to prevent injury. Never operate engine with covers, shrouds, or guards removed.

Refer to operating instructions of equipment this engine powers for specific starting instructions.

**Cold Weather Starting Hints**
1. Use proper oil for temperature expected.
2. Disengage all possible external loads.
3. Use fresh winter grade fuel. Winter grade fuel has higher volatility to improve starting.

Stopping

1. If possible, remove load by disengaging all PTO driven attachments.
2. Position throttle control between half and full throttle; stop engine.

**Angle of Operation**
Refer to operating instructions of equipment this engine powers. Do not operate this engine exceeding maximum angle of operation; see specification table. Engine damage could result from insufficient lubrication.

**Engine Speed**
NOTE: Do not tamper with governor setting to increase maximum engine speed. Overspeed is hazardous and will void warranty.

**High Altitude Operation**
This engine may require a high altitude carburetor kit to ensure correct engine operation at altitudes above 4000 ft. (1219 meters). To obtain high altitude kit information or to find a Kohler authorized dealer visit KohlerEngines.com or call 1-800-544-2444 (U.S. and Canada).

This engine should be operated in its original configuration below 4000 ft. (1219 meters) as damage may occur if high altitude carburetor kit is installed and operated below 4000 ft. (1219 meters).
Maintenance Instructions

**WARNING**
Accidental Starts can cause severe injury or death.
Disconnect and ground spark plug lead(s) before servicing.

Before working on engine or equipment, disable engine as follows: 1) Disconnect spark plug lead(s). 2) Disconnect negative (−) battery cable from battery.

Normal maintenance, replacement or repair of emission control devices and systems may be performed by any repair establishment or individual; however, warranty repairs must be performed by a Kohler authorized dealer found at KohlerEngines.com or 1-800-544-2444 (U.S. and Canada).

**Maintenance Schedule**

Every 25 Hours or Annually¹
- Service/replace precleaner (if equipped).
- Replace air cleaner element (if not equipped with precleaner).

Every 100 Hours or Annually³
- Replace air cleaner element (if equipped with precleaner).
- Change oil and filter.
- Remove cooling shrouds and clean cooling areas.

Every 100 Hours
- Replace fuel filter.
- Check that all fasteners are in place and components are properly secured.

Every 200 Hours²
- Have valve lash checked/adjusted.

Every 500 Hour
- Replace spark plug and set gap.

¹ Perform these procedures more frequently under severe, dusty, dirty conditions.
² Have a Kohler authorized dealer perform this service.

**Oil Recommendations**

We recommend use of Kohler oils for best performance. Other high-quality detergent oils (including synthetic) of API (American Petroleum Institute) service class SJ or higher are acceptable. Select viscosity based on air temperature at time of operation as shown in table below.

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**Check Oil Level**

NOTE: To prevent extensive engine wear or damage, never run engine with oil level below or above operating range indicator on dipstick.

Ensure engine is cool. Clean oil fill/dipstick areas of any debris.

1. Remove dipstick; wipe oil off.
2. Reinsert dipstick into tube; press completely down.
3. Remove dipstick; check oil level. Level should be at top of indicator on dipstick.
4. If oil is low on indicator, add oil up to top of indicator mark.
5. Reinstall and secure dipstick.
Fuel Recommendations

**WARNING**

Explosive Fuel can cause fires and severe burns.

Do not fill fuel tank while engine is hot or running.

Gasoline is extremely flammable and its vapors can explode if ignited. Store gasoline only in approved containers, in well ventilated, unoccupied buildings, away from sparks or flames. Spilled fuel could ignite if it comes in contact with hot parts or sparks from ignition. Never use gasoline as a cleaning agent.

NOTE: E15, E20 and E85 are NOT approved and should NOT be used; effects of old, stale or contaminated fuel are not warrantable.

Fuel must meet these requirements:

- Clean, fresh, unleaded gasoline.
- Octane rating of 87 (R+M)/2 or higher.
- Research Octane Number (RON) 90 octane minimum.
- Gasoline up to 10% ethyl alcohol, 90% unleaded is acceptable.
- Methyl Tertiary Butyl Ether (MTBE) and unleaded gasoline blend (max 15% MTBE by volume) are approved.
- Do not add oil to gasoline.
- Do not overfill fuel tank.
- Do not use gasoline older than 30 days.

**Fuel Line**

Low permeation fuel line must be installed on carbureted Kohler Co. engines to maintain EPA and CARB regulatory compliance.
Spark Plugs

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Clean out spark plug recess. Remove plug and replace.
1. Check gap using wire feeler gauge. Adjust gap, see specification table for adjustment.
2. Install plug into cylinder head.
3. Torque plug to 20 ft. lb. (27 N·m).

Air Cleaner

| NOTE: | Operating engine with loose or damaged air cleaner components could cause premature wear and failure. Replace all bent or damaged components. |
| NOTE: | Paper element cannot be blown out with compressed air. |

Loosen knobs and remove air cleaner cover.
PreCleaner (if equipped):
1. Remove precleaner.
2. Replace or wash precleaner in warm water with detergent. Rinse and allow to air dry.
3. Saturate precleaner with new engine oil; squeeze out excess oil.
4. Reinstall precleaner into cover, aligning hole in precleaner with upper cover knob.

Paper Element:
1. Remove element from base; replace element.
2. Install element with pleated side out and seat rubber seal onto edges of base.
Reinstall air cleaner cover and secure with knobs.

Breather Tube

Ensure both ends of breather tube are properly connected.

Air Cooling

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Never operate engine with heat shields or guards removed.

Proper cooling is essential. To prevent overheating, clean screens, cooling fins, and other external surfaces of engine. Avoid spraying water at wiring harness or any electrical components. See Maintenance Schedule.

Repairs/Service Parts

We recommend that you use a Kohler authorized dealer for all maintenance, service, and replacement parts for engine. To find a Kohler authorized dealer visit KohlerEngines.com or call 1-800-544-2444 (U.S. and Canada).

Storage

If engine will be out of service for 2 months or more follow procedure below.
1. Add Kohler PRO Series fuel treatment or equivalent to fuel tank. Run engine 2-3 minutes to get stabilized fuel into fuel system (failures due to untreated fuel are not warrantable).
2. Change oil while engine is still warm from operation. Remove spark plug(s) and pour about 1 oz. of engine oil into cylinder(s). Replace spark plug(s) and crank engine slowly to distribute oil.
3. Disconnect negative (-) battery cable.
4. Store engine in a clean, dry place.
## Troubleshooting

Do not attempt to service or replace major engine components, or any items that require special timing or adjustment procedures. This work should be performed by a Kohler authorized dealer.

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*Exceeding maximum angle of operation may cause engine damage from insufficient lubrication.

Additional specification information can be found in service manual at KohlerEngines.com.

Exhaust Emission Control System for models SV470-SV620 is EM for U.S. EPA, California, and Europe.

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