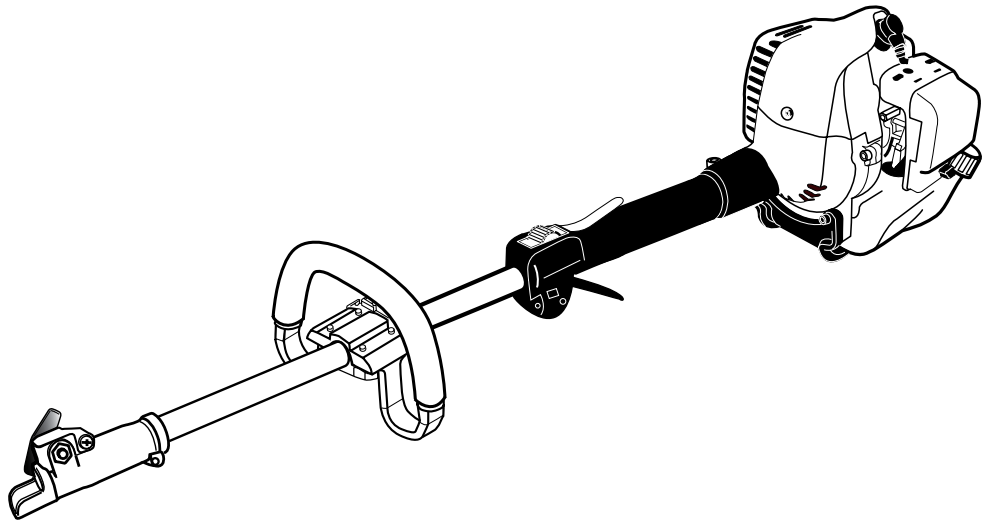


# M242 MULTIPURPOSE TOOL CARRIER



## **WARNING!**

Always wear eye protection when operating this machine. To minimize the risk of injury, read this manual and familiarize yourself with its contents.

## Introduction

This machine has been designed and built to deliver superior performance and reliability without compromise to quality, comfort, safety or durability.

Shindaiwa engines represent the leading edge of high-performance engine technology, delivering exceptionally high power with remarkably low displacement and weight. As an owner/operator, you'll soon discover for yourself why Shindaiwa is simply in a class by itself!

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### IMPORTANT!

The information contained in these instructions describes units available at the time of publication.



### WARNING!

The engine exhaust from this product contains chemicals known to cause cancer, birth defects or other reproductive harm.

### IMPORTANT!

The operational procedures described in this manual are intended to help you get the most from this unit as well as to protect you and others from harm. These procedures are guidelines for safe operation under most conditions, and are not intended to replace any safety rules and/or laws that may be in force in your area. If you have questions regarding your Shindaiwa hand held power equipment, or if you do not understand something in this manual, contact Shindaiwa at the address printed on the back of this Manual.

## Attention Statements

Throughout this manual are special "attention statements".



### DANGER!

A statement preceded by the triangular attention symbol and the word "DANGER" contains information that should be acted upon to prevent serious injury or death.



### WARNING!

A statement preceded by the triangular attention symbol and the word "WARNING" contains information that should be acted upon to prevent serious bodily injury.

### CAUTION!

A statement preceded by the word "CAUTION" contains information that should be acted upon to prevent mechanical damage.

### IMPORTANT!

A statement preceded by the word "IMPORTANT" is one that possesses special significance.

### NOTE:

A statement preceded by the word "NOTE" contains information that is handy to know and may make your job easier.

## Operational and warning labels



Read and follow this manual, make sure anyone using the unit does likewise. Failure to do so could result in serious personal injury or machine failure. Keep this manual for future reference.



Always wear a hard hat to reduce the risk of head injuries during operation of this machine. In addition, always wear eye and hearing protection. Shindaiwa recommends wearing a face shield as additional face and eye protection.



Wear heavy duty, non-slip gloves.



Safety tip shoes or boots with non-slip sole should be worn.



This product conducts electricity. Keep the product and/or operator a minimum distance of 15 feet (4.5 meters) away from electrical sources and power lines.



Keep bystanders at least 50 feet (15 meters) away from the operating unit to reduce the risk of being struck by falling objects or thrown debris.



**WARNING: Surface can be hot. Always wear gloves when handling this unit.**



The blades / cutting attachments are SHARP! Handle with care.



Be aware of the danger of falling debris.

## Safety

### Work Safely

Attachments for this unit operate at very high speeds and can do serious damage or injury if they are misused or abused. Never allow a person without training or instruction to operate this unit!

### Stay Alert

You must be physically and mentally fit to operate this unit safely.



### WARNING!

Never operate power equipment of any kind if you are tired or if you are under the influence of alcohol, drugs, medication or any other substance that could affect your ability or judgement.



### WARNING!

Never make un-authorized attachment installations.



### WARNING!

Use Good Judgment

**ALWAYS** wear eye protection to shield against thrown objects.

**ALWAYS** wear hearing protection devices when operating this unit. Prolonged exposure to excessive noise is fatiguing and could lead to impaired hearing. The use of proper ear protection can reduce this potential hazard

**NEVER** operate the engine when transporting the unit. Make sure cutter safety guards are in place when transporting this unit.

**NEVER** operate the engine indoors! Make sure there is always good ventilation. Fumes from engine exhaust can cause serious injury or death.

**ALWAYS** make sure there are no missing or loose fasteners and that the stop switch and throttle controls are working properly.

**ALWAYS** use the proper cutting tool for the job.

**ALWAYS** clear your work area of trash or hidden debris that could be thrown back at you or toward a bystander.

**ALWAYS** make sure the cutting attachment tool is properly installed and firmly tightened before operation.

**NEVER** use a cracked or warped cutting attachment: replace it with a serviceable one and make sure it fits properly.

**ALWAYS** stop the engine immediately if it suddenly begins to vibrate or shake. Inspect for broken, missing or improperly installed parts or attachments.

**ALWAYS** keep the unit as clean as practical. Keep it free of loose vegetation, mud, etc.

**ALWAYS** hold the unit firmly with both hands when cutting or trimming, and maintain control at all times.

**ALWAYS** keep the handles clean.

**ALWAYS** disconnect the spark plug wire before performing any maintenance work.

Before starting the engine make sure the cutting attachment is not contacting anything.

**ALWAYS** stop the engine immediately and check for damage if you strike a foreign object or if the unit becomes tangled. Do not operate with broken or damaged equipment.

**ALWAYS** maintain the Multipurpose Engine according to this owner's manual and follow the recommended scheduled maintenance.

**NEVER** allow the engine to run at high RPM without a load. Doing so could damage the engine.

**ALWAYS** use genuine Shindaiwa parts and accessories when repairing or maintaining this unit.

**NEVER** modify or disable any of the unit's devices. Use only Shindaiwa genuine parts for repairs and maintenance.

**WHEN** transporting the unit in a vehicle, tie it down securely to prevent damage and fuel spillage.

**NEVER** permit a person without training or instruction to repair or operate this machine.



### WARNING!

The ignition components of this machine generate an electromagnetic field during operation which may interfere with some pacemakers. To reduce the risk of serious or fatal injury, persons with pacemakers should consult with their physician and the pacemaker manufacturer before operating this machine. In the absence of such information, ECHO does not recommend the use of ECHO products by anyone who has a pacemaker.

## Safety Labels

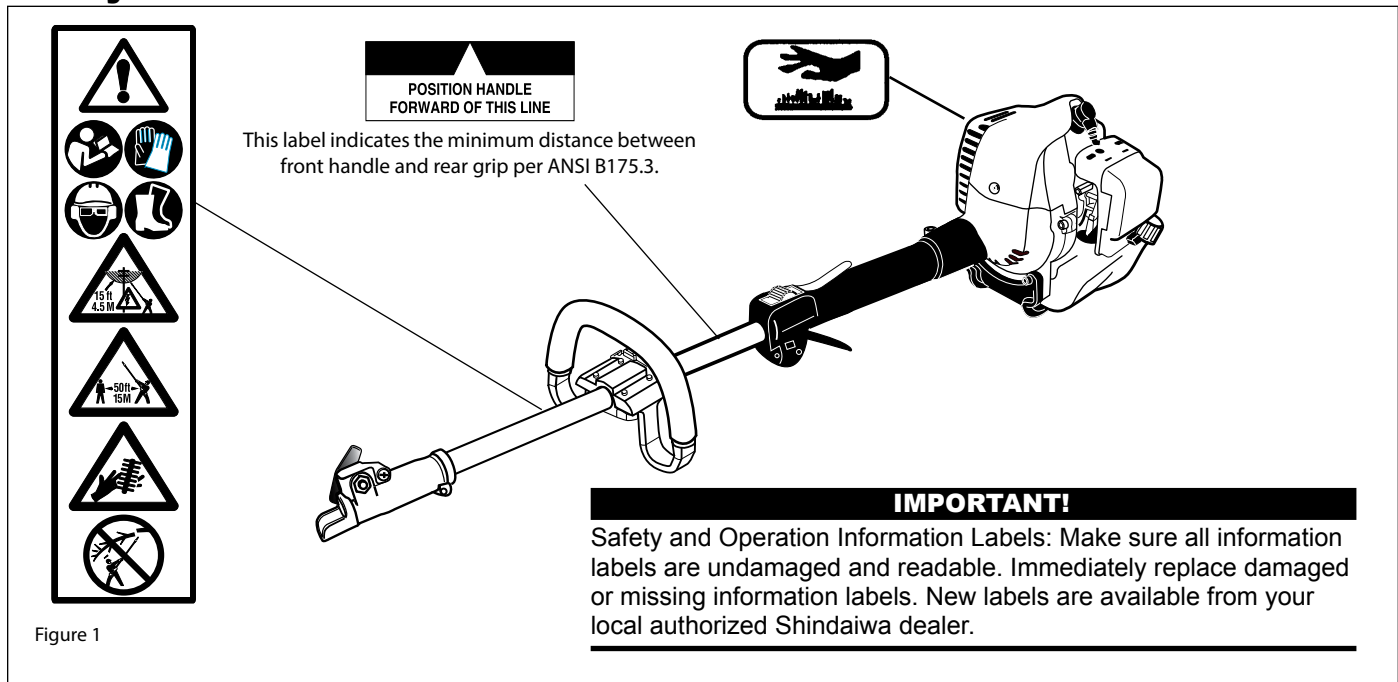
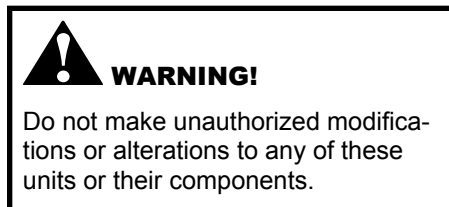


Figure 1

## Product Description

Using the accompanying illustrations as a guide, familiarize yourself with your unit and its various components. Understanding your unit helps ensure top performance, long service life, and safer operation. See Figure 2 and 2a.



### Prior to Assembly

Before assembling, make sure you have all the components required for a complete unit:

- Engine/Outer tube assembly
- Handle
- Operator's Manual
- Emission Control Warranty Statement
- Safety Glasses

Carefully inspect all components for damage.

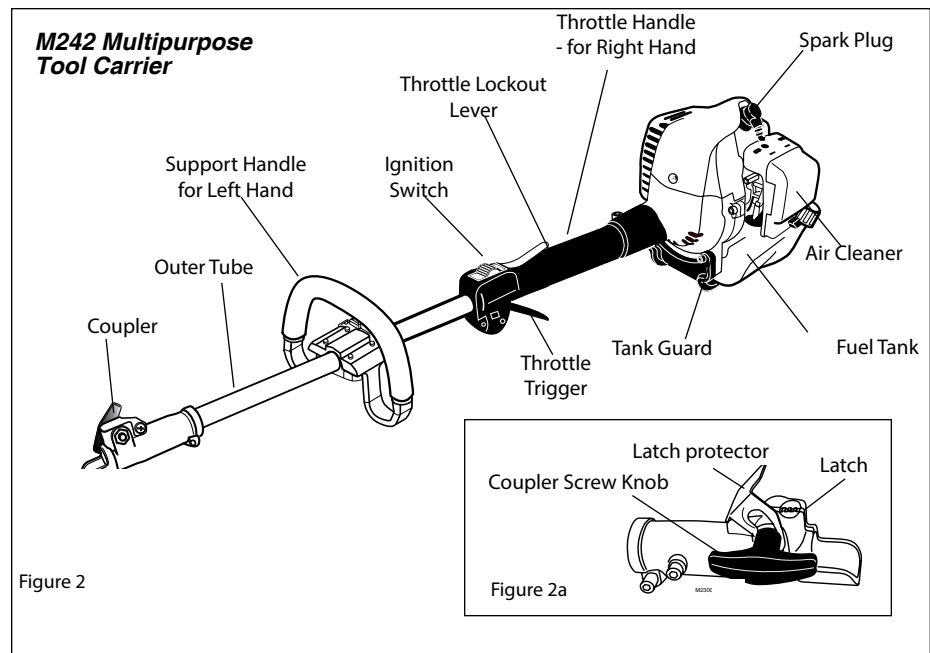


Figure 2

### IMPORTANT!

The terms "left", "left-hand", and "LH"; "right", "right-hand", and "RH"; "front" and "rear" refer to directions as viewed by the operator during normal operation.

## Specifications

Engine Name	<b>M242</b>
Engine Type	2-stroke, single cylinder, air cooled, gasoline engine
Dry Weight (less attachment)	4.4 kg (9.8 lb.)
Dimensions (L x H x W) mm	1034 x 245 x 248 mm (40.7 x 9.65 x 9.76 in.)
Bore x Stroke	33 x 28 mm (1.3 x 1.1 in.)
Displacement	23.9 cc (1.46 cu. in.)
Fuel/Oil Ratio	50:1 Shindaiwa Red Armor® ISO-L-EGD (ISO/CD 13738) and J.A.S.O. M345- FD, two-stroke, air-cooled engine oil.
Fuel Tank Capacity	690 mL (23.3 oz.)
Carburetor Type	Diaphragm-type carburetor
Ignition	One-piece electronic, transistor-controlled
Spark Plug**	NGK BPMR8Y
Spark Plug Gap	0.6 mm (0.024 in)
Torque	16.7 - 18.6 N·m (148-165 in•lbf)
Air Cleaner Type	Non-reversible foam filter element
Starting Method	Recoil Starter
Stopping Method	Slide switch
Transmission Type	Automatic, centrifugal clutch w/bevel gear
Engine Idle Speed	3,000 RPM
Clutch Engagement Speed	3,850 RPM
Wide Open Throttle Speed (W.O.T.) w/nylon line head	9,600 RPM
Wide Open Throttle Speed (W.O.T.) w/ blade	12,000 RPM

Specifications are subject to change without notice.

## Emission Control (Exhaust & Evaporative)

### EPA 2010 and Later and/or C.A.R.B. TIER III

The emission control system for the engine is EM (engine modification) and, if the second to last character of the Engine Family on the Emission Control Information label (sample below) is “B”, “C”, “K”, or “T”, the emission control system is EM and TWC (3-way catalyst). The fuel tank/fuel line emission control system is EVAP (evaporative emissions). Evaporative emissions for California models are only applicable to fuel tanks.



An Emission Control Label is located on the engine. (This is an EXAMPLE ONLY, information on label varies by engine FAMILY).

### PRODUCT EMISSION DURABILITY (EMISSION COMPLIANCE PERIOD)

The 50 or 300 hour emission compliance period is the time span selected by the manufacturer certifying the engine emissions output meets applicable emissions regulations, provided that approved maintenance procedures are followed as listed in the Maintenance Section of this manual.

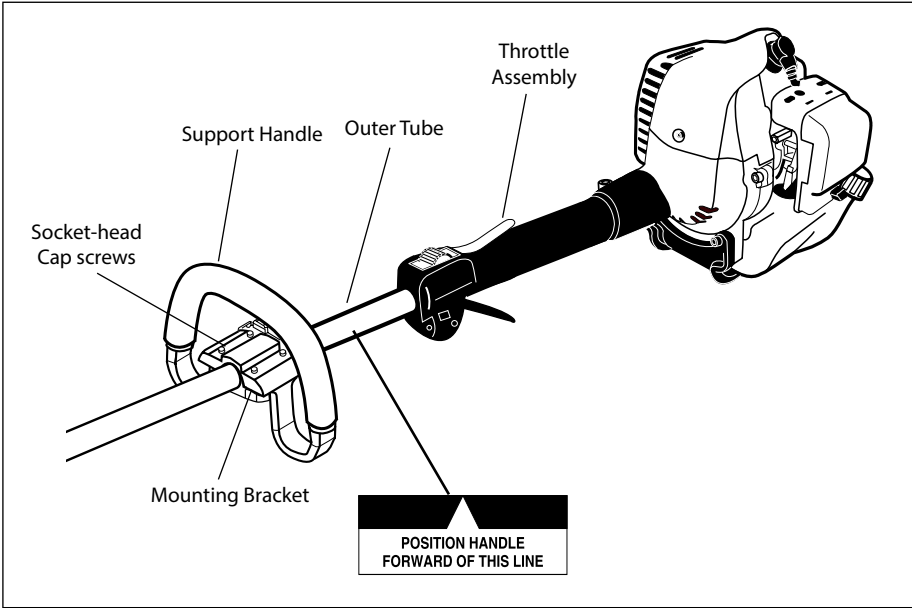
# Handle Assembly

## Front handle installation

**NOTE:**

Label shows minimum spacing for support handle location.

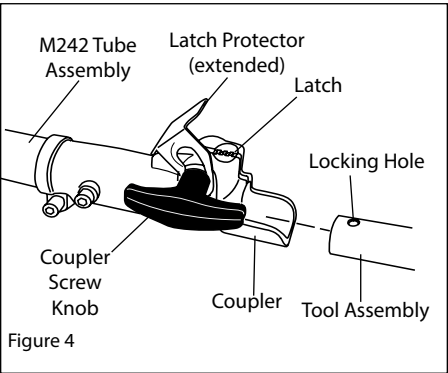
1. Position support handle for comfortable operation and secure screws.



## Installing a Tool Attachment

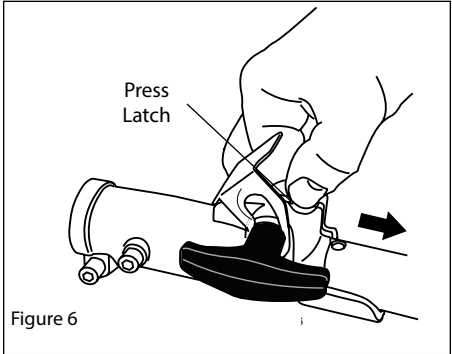
1. Place the M242 Multipurpose Tool Carrier and the Tool Assembly on a clean, flat surface so that both assemblies fit end to end. The M242 assembly should be facing up, and the tool assembly should be positioned with the locking hole in the tube end facing up. See Figure 4.

**CAUTION!**  
Keep the open ends of the tubes clean and free of debris!

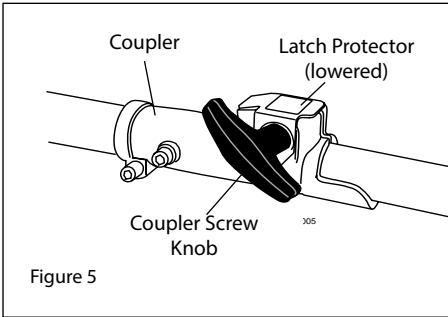


## Removing a Tool Attachment

1. With the unit on a clean, flat surface, loosen the coupler screw knob. The spring-loaded coupler protector should pop up.
2. Press down on the latch with your finger or thumb. This releases the coupler lock. See Figure 6.
3. Pull the tool assembly out of the coupler.



2. Slip off the protective covers from the ends of both tubes, and loosen the coupler screw knob.
3. Insert the upper tube assembly into the coupler, with the tool decal facing up, until the line of the decal is flush with the end of the coupler. Twist the tool back and forth until you are sure it snaps in place by the coupler latch. See Figure 4.
4. When the two tube halves are locked together, press down on the spring-loaded latch protector and tighten the coupler screw knob. See Figure 5.



## Mixing Fuel



### WARNING!

Alternative fuels, such as E15 (15% ethanol), E85 (85% ethanol) or any fuels not meeting Shindaiwa requirements are **NOT** approved for use in Shindaiwa gasoline engines. Use of alternative fuels may cause performance problems, loss of power, overheating, fuel vapor lock, and unintended machine operation, including, but not limited to, improper clutch engagement. Alternative fuels may also cause premature deterioration of fuel lines, gaskets, carburetors and other engine components.

## Fuel Requirements

**Gasoline** - Use 89 Octane [R+M/2] (mid grade or higher) gasoline known to be good quality. Gasoline may contain up to 10% Ethanol (grain alcohol) or 15% MTBE (methyl tertiary-butyl ether). Gasoline containing methanol (wood alcohol) is **NOT** approved. ECHO brand Power Fuel™ is 93 octane, ethanol-free fuel premixed with ECHO Red Armor® engine oil at 50:1 ratio. Use of ECHO Power Fuel™ is recommended to extend engine life in all air-cooled 2-stroke and 2/4-stroke hybrid engines.

**2 Stroke Mixture Oil** - A 2-stroke engine oil meeting ISO-L-EGD (ISO/CD 13738) and J.A.S.O. M345/FD standards must be used. Shindaiwa Red Armor™ 2-Stroke Oil is strongly recommended as it meets this standard and is specifically formulated for use in all Shindaiwa 2-stroke engines. Engine problems due to inadequate lubrication caused by failure to use an ISO-L-EGD (ISO/CD 13738) and J.A.S.O. M345/FD certified oil will void the engine warranty.

### IMPORTANT!

Shindaiwa Red Armor™ 2-Stroke oil engine oil may be mixed at 50:1 ratio for application in all Shindaiwa engines sold in the past, regardless of ratio specified in those manuals.

### IMPORTANT!

Stored fuel ages. Do not mix more fuel than you expect to use in thirty (30) days, ninety (90) days when a fuel stabilizer is added. Use of unmixed, improperly mixed, or stale fuel, may cause hard starting, poor performance, or severe engine damage and void the product warranty. Read and follow instructions in the Long Term Storage section of this manual.

### Examples of 50:1 mixing quantities

Fuel to Oil Mix - 50:1 Ratio			
US		Metric	
Gas	Oil	Gas	Oil
Gallons	Oz.	Liter	CC.
1	2.6	5	100
2	5.2	10	200
5	13	25	500

## Handling Fuel



### DANGER

Fuel is VERY flammable. Use extreme care when mixing, storing or handling or serious personal injury may result.

- Use an approved fuel container.
- DO NOT smoke near fuel.
- DO NOT allow flames or sparks near fuel.
- Fuel tanks/cans may be under pressure. Always loosen fuel caps slowly allowing pressure to equalize.
- NEVER refuel a unit when the engine is HOT or RUNNING!
- DO NOT fill fuel tanks indoors. ALWAYS fill fuel tanks outdoors over bare ground.
- DO NOT overfill fuel tank. Wipe up spills immediately.
- Securely tighten fuel tank cap and close fuel container after refueling.
- Inspect for fuel leakage. If fuel leakage is found, do not start or operate unit until leakage is repaired.
- Move at least 3 m (10 ft.) from refueling location before starting the engine.



### Mixing Instructions

1. Fill an approved fuel container with half of the required amount of gasoline.
2. Add the proper amount of engine oil to gasoline.
3. Close container and shake to mix oil with gasoline.
4. Add remaining gasoline, close fuel container, and remix.

#### IMPORTANT!

Spilled fuel is a leading cause of hydrocarbon emissions. Some states may require the use of automatic fuel shut-off containers to reduce fuel spillage.

### After use

- DO NOT store a unit with fuel in its tank. Leaks can occur. Return unused fuel to an approved fuel storage container.

**Storage** - Fuel storage laws vary by locality. Contact your local government for the laws affecting your area. As a precaution, store fuel in an approved, airtight container. Store in a well-ventilated, unoccupied building, away from sparks and flames.

#### IMPORTANT!

Stored fuel may separate. ALWAYS shake fuel container thoroughly before each use.



### Filling the fuel tank



#### **WARNING!** Minimize the Risk of Fire

- **NEVER** smoke or light fires near the engine.
- **ALWAYS** stop the engine and allow it to cool before refueling.
- **ALWAYS** Wipe all spilled fuel and move at least 3 meters (10 feet) from the fueling point and source before starting.
- **NEVER** place flammable material close to the engine muffler.
- **NEVER** operate the engine without the muffler and spark arrester screen in place and in good working condition.
- **FUEL IS HIGHLY FLAMMABLE.**
- **ALWAYS** store gasoline in a container approved for flammable liquids.
- **ALWAYS** inspect the unit for fuel leaks before each use. During each refill, check that no fuel leaks from around the fuel cap and/or fuel tank.  
If fuel leaks are evident, stop using the unit immediately. Fuel leaks must be repaired before using the unit.
- **ALWAYS** move the unit at least 3 meters (10 feet) away from a fuel storage area or other readily flammable materials before starting the engine.

1. Place the unit on a flat, level surface.
2. Clear any dirt or other debris from around the fuel filler cap.

#### **CAUTION!**

Slowly remove the fuel cap only after stopping the engine

3. Remove the fuel cap, and fill the tank with clean, fresh fuel.
4. Reinstall the fuel filler cap and tighten firmly.
5. Wipe away any spilled fuel before starting engine.



## Starting the Engine

### IMPORTANT!

Engine ignition is controlled by a two position switch mounted on the throttle housing labeled, “I” for ON or START and “O” for OFF or STOP.

1. Slide the ignition switch to the “I” position. See Figure 7.
2. Press the primer bulb until fuel can be seen flowing in the transparent return tube.
3. Set the choke lever to the CLOSED position if engine is cold.

### IMPORTANT!

The primer system only pushes fuel through the carburetor. Repeatedly pressing the primer bulb will not flood the engine with fuel.

4. While holding the outer tube firmly with left hand. Use your other hand to slowly pull the recoil starter handle until resistance is felt, then pull quickly to start the engine.

### CAUTION!

Do not pull the recoil starter to the end of the rope travel. Pulling the recoil starter to the end of the rope travel can damage the starter.



### WARNING!

The cutting attachment may rotate when the engine is started!

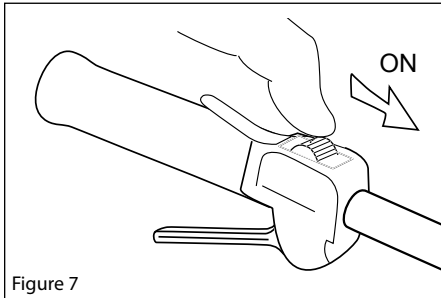


Figure 7

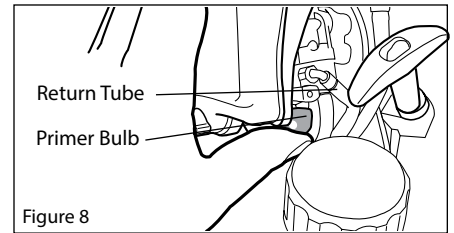


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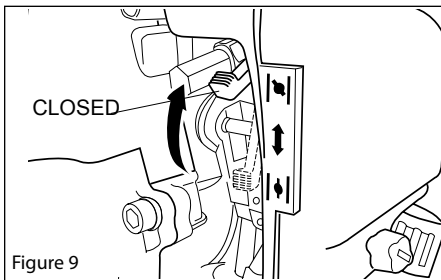


Figure 9



### WARNING!

Never start the engine from the operating position.

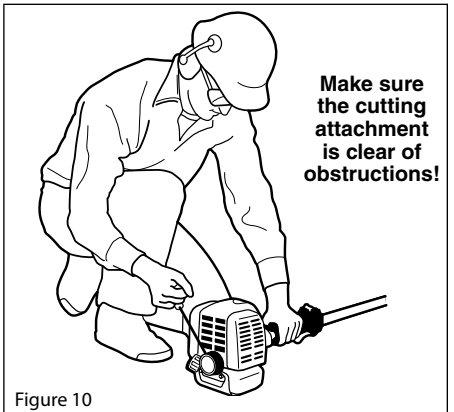


Figure 10

5. When the engine starts, slowly move the choke lever to the “OPEN” position. See Figure 11. (If the engine stops after the initial start, close the choke and restart.)

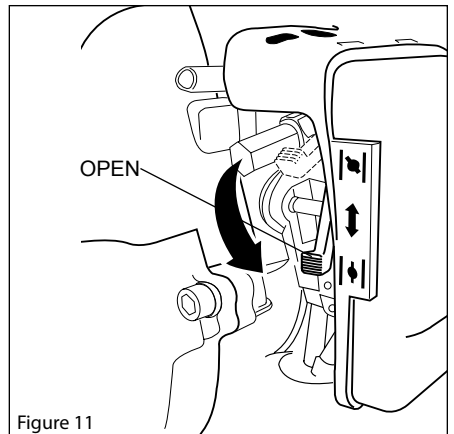


Figure 11

### When the Engine Starts...

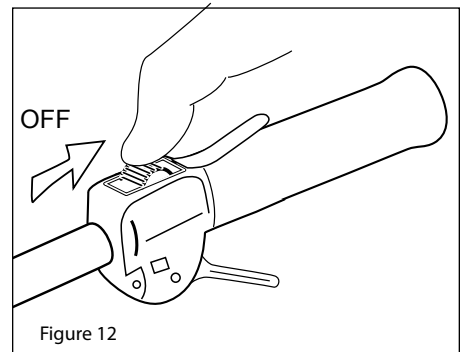
- After the engine starts, allow the engine to warm up at idle 2 or 3 minutes before operating the unit.
- Advancing the throttle makes the cutting attachment turn faster; releasing the throttle permits the attachment to stop turning. If the cutting attachment continues to rotate when the engine returns to idle, carburetor idle speed should be adjusted (see “Adjusting Engine Idle.”)

### Starting A Flooded Engine

1. Slide the ignition switch to the “I” (ON) position.
2. Open the choke, put the throttle lever in the full throttle position, then clear excess fuel from the combustion chamber by cranking the engine several times.
3. If the engine still fails to start or fire, refer to the troubleshooting flow chart at the end of this manual.

## Stopping the Engine

Idle the engine briefly before stopping (about 2 minutes), then slide the ignition switch to the "O" (Engine OFF) position.



## Checking Unit Condition

NEVER operate the unit with the cutting attachment shield or other protective devices removed!



### **WARNING!**

A cutting attachment shield or other protective device is no guarantee of protection against ricochet. **YOU MUST ALWAYS GUARD AGAINST FLYING DEBRIS!**

Use only authorized Shindaiwa parts and accessories with your Shindaiwa trimmer. Do not make modifications to this unit without written approval from Shindaiwa.

ALWAYS make sure the cutting attachment is properly installed and firmly tightened before operation.

NEVER use a cracked or warped cutting attachment: replace it with a serviceable one.

ALWAYS make sure the cutting attachment fits properly into the appropriate attachment holder. If a properly installed attachment vibrates, replace the attachment with new one and re-check.

ALWAYS stop the engine immediately and check for damage if you strike a foreign object or if the unit becomes tangled. Do not operate with broken or damaged equipment.

NEVER allow the engine to run at high RPM without a load. Doing so could damage the engine.

NEVER operate a unit with worn or damaged fasteners or attachment holders.

## Operation



### **WARNING!**

Moving parts can amputate fingers or cause severe injuries. Keep hands, clothing and loose objects away from all openings. Always stop engine, disconnect spark plug, and make sure all moving parts have come to a complete stop before removing obstructions, clearing debris, or servicing unit.



### **WARNING!**

Engine exhaust IS HOT, and contains Carbon Monoxide (CO), a poison gas. Breathing CO can cause unconsciousness, serious injury, or death. Exhaust can cause serious burns. ALWAYS position unit so that exhaust is directed away from your face and body.



### **WARNING!**

Operation of this equipment may create sparks that can start fires. This unit is equipped with a spark arrestor to prevent discharge of hot particles from the engine. Metal blade use also can create sparks if the blade strikes rocks, metal, or other hard objects. Contact local fire authorities for laws or regulations regarding fire prevention requirements.

## Maintenance

### General maintenance

#### IMPORTANT!

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 DEALER OR SERVICE CENTER AUTHORIZED BY ECHO, INC. THE USE OF PARTS THAT ARE NOT EQUIVALENT IN PERFORMANCE AND DURABILITY TO AUTHORIZED PARTS MAY IMPAIR THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE EMISSION CONTROL SYSTEM AND MAY HAVE A BEARING ON THE OUTCOME OF A WARRANTY CLAIM.

#### NOTE:

Using non-standard replacement parts could invalidate your Shindaiwa warranty.



#### WARNING!

Before performing any maintenance, repair, or cleaning work on the unit, make sure the engine and cutting attachment are completely stopped. Disconnect the spark plug wire before performing service or maintenance.



#### WARNING!

Nonstandard accessories, cutting attachment, or replacement parts may not operate properly with your unit and may cause damage and lead to personal injury.

### Muffler

This unit must never be operated with a faulty or missing spark arrester or muffler. Make sure the muffler is well secured and in good condition. A worn or damaged muffler is a fire hazard and may also cause hearing loss.

### Spark Plug

Keep the spark plug and wire connections tight and clean.

### Fasteners

Make sure nuts, bolts, and screws (except carburetor adjusting screws) are tight.

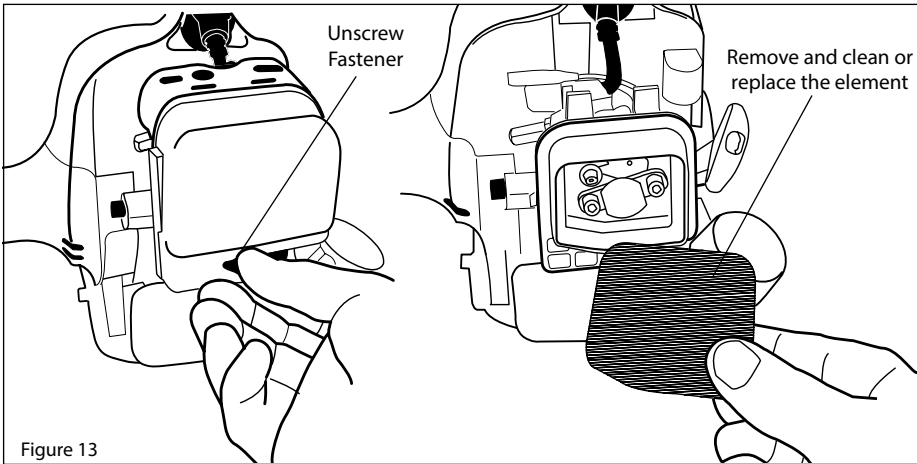
## Daily Maintenance

Prior to each work day, perform the following:

- Remove dirt or debris from the engine, check the cooling fins and air cleaner for clogging and clean them as necessary.
- Carefully remove any accumulation of dirt or debris from the muffler or the fuel tank. Dirt build-up in these areas could cause engine overheating, induce premature wear, or create a fire hazard.
- Check for loose or missing screws or components. Make sure the cutting attachment is securely fastened.
- Check the entire unit for leaking fuel or grease.

## Maintenance (continued)

### 10-Hour Maintenance



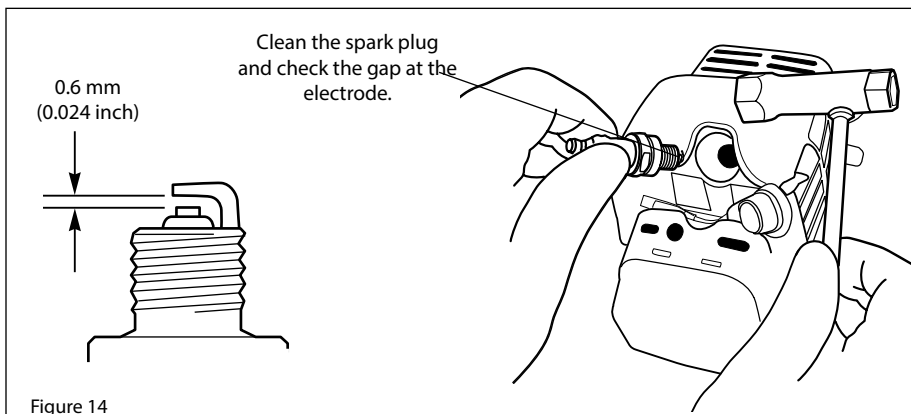
Every 10 hours of operation (more frequently in dusty or dirty conditions):

- Remove the air cleaner element. See Figure 13. Clean or replace as necessary. To clean element: wash it thoroughly in soap and water. Let it dry before reinstalling the element.

#### CAUTION!

Do not operate the unit if the air cleaner or element is damaged, or if the element is wet.

### 10/15-Hour Maintenance



Every 10 to 15 hours of operation:

- Remove and clean the spark plug. Adjust the spark plug electrode gap 0.6 mm to (0.024 inch). If the spark plug must be replaced, use only an BPMR8Y or equivalent resistor type spark plug of the correct heat range. See Figure 14.

#### NOTE:

The BPMR8Y also meets the requirements for electromagnetic compliance (EMC).

#### CAUTION!

Before removing the spark plug, clean the area around the plug to prevent dirt and debris from getting into the engine's internal parts.

## Maintenance (continued)

### 50-Hour Maintenance

(More frequently in dusty or dirty conditions):

- Remove and clean the cylinder cover and clean grass and dirt from the cylinder fins.
- Extract the fuel filter from inside the fuel tank. See Figure 15. Remove and replace the filter element. Before reinstalling the filter, inspect the condition of the fuel line. If damage or deterioration are noted, the M242 Multipurpose Tool Carrier should be removed from service until it can be inspected by a Shindaiwa-trained service technician.

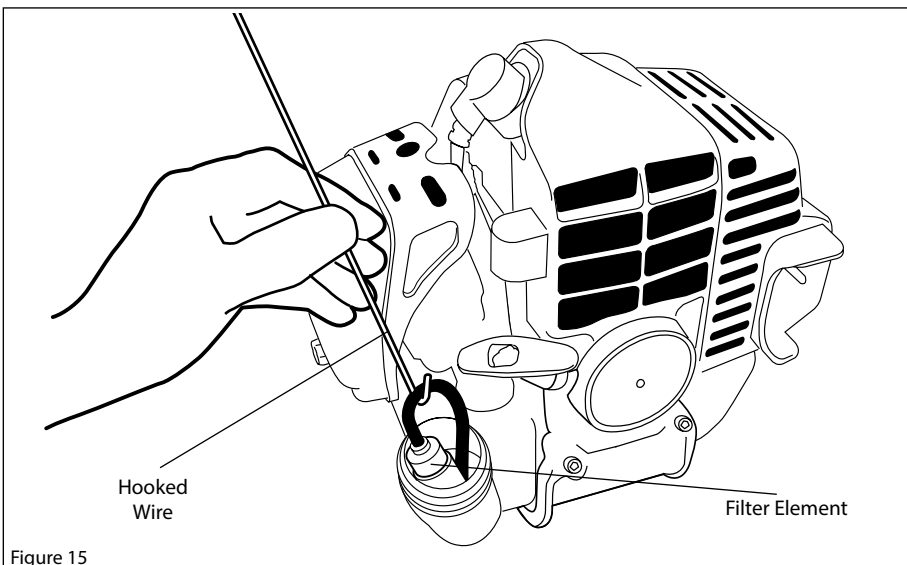


Figure 15

#### CAUTION!

Make sure you do not pierce the fuel line with the end of the hooked wire. The line is delicate and can be damaged easily.

#### NOTE:

Federal EPA regulations require all model year 2012 and later gasoline powered engines produced for sale in the United States to be equipped with a special low permeation fuel supply hose between the carburetor and fuel tank. When servicing model year 2012 and later equipment, only fuel supply hoses certified by EPA can be used to replace the original equipment supply hose. Fines up to \$37,500 may be enforced for using an uncertified replacement part.

### 135-Hour Maintenance

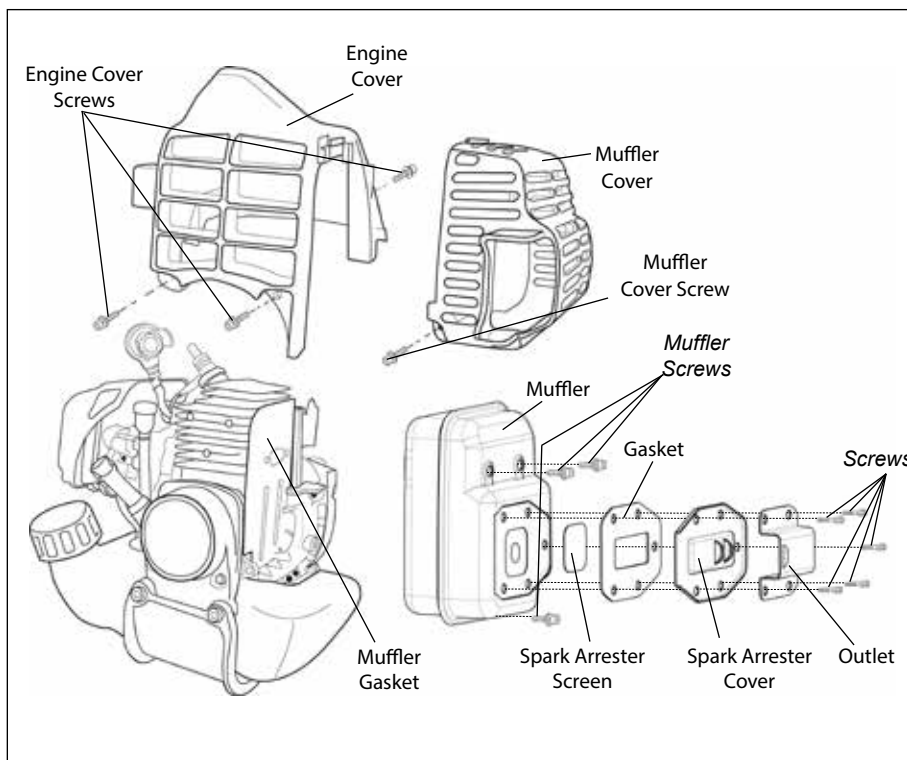
Every 135 hours of operation, remove and clean the muffler.



#### WARNING!

Never operate this trimmer with a damaged or missing muffler or spark arrester! Operating with missing or damaged exhaust components is a fire hazard, and can also damage your hearing!

1. Remove the spark plug boot.
2. Remove engine cover and muffler cover.
3. Remove the spark arrester screen and cover.
4. Clean the screen with a stiff bristle brush.
5. Remove the muffler.
6. Inspect the cylinder exhaust port for any carbon buildup.
7. Gently tap the muffler on a wood surface to dislodge any loose carbon.
8. Reassemble the spark arrester, muffler and engine cover in the reverse order of disassembly.



#### IMPORTANT!

If you note excessive carbon buildup, consult with an authorized Shindaiwa servicing dealer.

# Carburetor Adjustment

## Engine Break-In

New engines must be operated a minimum duration of two tanks of fuel break-in before carburetor adjustments can be made. During the break-in period your engine performance will increase and exhaust emissions will stabilize. Idle speed can be adjusted as required.

## High Altitude Operation

This engine has been factory adjusted to maintain satisfactory starting, emission, and durability performance up to 1,100 feet above sea level (ASL) (96.0 kPa). To maintain proper engine operation and emission compliance above 1,100 feet ASL the carburetor may need to be adjusted by an authorized Shindaiwa service dealer.

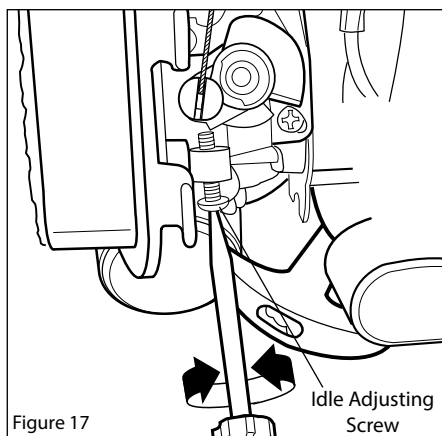
### IMPORTANT!

If the engine is adjusted for operation *above* 1,100 feet ASL, the carburetor must be re-adjusted when operating the engine *below* 1,100 feet ASL, otherwise severe engine damage may result.

### NOTE:

Every unit is run at the factory and the carburetor is set in compliance with emission regulations. Carburetor adjustments, other than idle speed, must be performed by an authorized Shindaiwa dealer.

## Adjusting Engine Idle



The engine must return to idle speed whenever the throttle lever is released. Idle speed is adjustable, and must be set low enough to permit the engine clutch to disengage the cutting attachment.



### WARNING!

The cutting attachment must NEVER move at engine idle! If the idle speed cannot be adjusted by the procedure described here, return the unit to your Shindaiwa dealer for inspection.

## Idle Speed Adjustment

1. Place the unit on the ground, then start the engine, and then allow it to idle 2-3 minutes until warm.
2. If the attachment moves when the engine is at idle, reduce the idle speed by turning the idle adjustment screw counter-clockwise. See Figure 17.
3. If a tachometer is available, adjust idle. Check Specifications page for correct idle speed

### NOTE:

Carburetor fuel mixture adjustments are preset at factory and cannot be serviced in the field.

## Long Term Storage

Whenever the unit will not be used for 30 days or longer, use the following procedures to prepare it for storage:

- Clean external parts thoroughly and apply a light coating of oil to all metal surfaces.
- Drain all the fuel from the carburetor and the fuel tank.

To do so:

1. Prime the primer bulb until no more fuel is passing through.
2. Start and run the engine until it stops running.
3. Repeat steps 1 and 2 until the engine will no longer start.

### CAUTION!

Gasoline stored in the carburetor for extended periods can cause hard starting, and could also lead to increased service and maintenance costs.

### IMPORTANT!

All stored fuels should be stabilized with a fuel stabilizer such as STA-BIL™.

### NOTE:

Damage resulting from stale or contaminated fuel is not covered by the Shindaiwa warranty policy.

- Remove the spark plug and pour about 1/4 oz. of engine oil into the cylinder through the spark plug hole. Slowly pull the recoil starter 2 or 3 times so oil will evenly coat the interior of the engine. Reinstall the spark plug.
- Before storing the unit, repair or replace any worn or damaged parts.
- Remove the air cleaner element from the carburetor and clean it thoroughly with soap and water. Let dry and reassemble the element.
- Store the unit in a clean, dust-free area.



# Troubleshooting Guide

## ENGINE DOES NOT START OR HARD TO START

What To Check	Possible Cause	Remedy
Vaporlock.	Engine hot/heat soaked. Low fuel quality.	Let cool completely and restart. Refill with fresh, clean unleaded gasoline with a pump octane of 89 or higher mixed with an air cooled engine oil that meets or exceeds ISO-L-EGD and/or JASO FD classified oils at 50:1 gasoline/oil ratio.

## ENGINE DOES NOT START

What To Check	Possible Cause	Remedy
Does the engine crank? YES	NO Faulty recoil starter. Fluid in the crankcase. Internal damage.	Consult with an authorized Shindaiwa servicing dealer.
Good compression? YES	NO Loose spark plug. Excess wear on cylinder, piston, rings.	Tighten and re-test. Consult with an authorized Shindaiwa servicing dealer.
Does the tank contain fresh fuel of the proper grade? YES	NO Fuel incorrect, stale, or contaminated; mixture incorrect.	Refill with fresh, clean unleaded gasoline with a pump octane of 89 or higher mixed with an air cooled engine oil that meets or exceeds ISO-L-EGD and/or JASO FD classified oils at 50:1 gasoline/oil ratio.
Is fuel visible and moving in the return line when priming? YES	NO Check for clogged fuel filter and/or vent. Priming pump not functioning properly.	Replace fuel filter or vent as required. Re-start. Consult with an authorized Shindaiwa servicing dealer.
Is there spark at the spark plug wire terminal? YES	NO The ignition switch is in "O" (OFF) position. Shorted ignition ground. Faulty ignition unit.	Move switch to "I" (ON) position and re-start. Consult with an authorized Shindaiwa servicing dealer.
Check the spark plug.	If the plug is wet, excess fuel may be in the cylinder. The plug is fouled or improperly gapped. The plug is damaged internally or of the wrong size.	See "Starting a Flooded Engine" Clean and gap the spark plug. Check the Specifications section for the correct plug and gap for your unit. Restart. Replace the spark plug. Check the Specifications section for the correct plug and gap for your unit. Restart.

## Troubleshooting Guide (continued)

### LOW POWER OUTPUT

What To Check	Possible Cause	Remedy
Is the engine overheating?	Operator is overworking the unit.	Use a lower throttle setting.
	Carburetor mixture is too lean.	Consult with an authorized Shindaiwa servicing dealer.
	Improper fuel ratio.	Refill with fresh, clean unleaded gasoline with a pump octane of 89 or higher mixed with an air cooled engine oil that meets or exceeds ISO-L-EGD and/or JASO FD classified oils at 50:1 gasoline/oil ratio.
	Fan, fan cover, cylinder fins dirty or damaged.	Clean, repair or replace as necessary.
	Carbon deposits on the piston or in the muffler.	Consult with an authorized Shindaiwa servicing dealer.
Engine is rough at all speeds. May also have black smoke and/or unburned fuel at the exhaust.	Clogged air cleaner element.	Service the air cleaner element.
	Loose or damaged spark plug.	Tighten or replace the spark plug. Check the <i>Specifications</i> section for the correct plug and gap for your unit.
	Air leakage or clogged fuel line.	Repair or replace fuel filter and/or fuel line.
	Water in the fuel.	Refill with fresh, clean unleaded gasoline with a pump octane of 89 or higher mixed with an air cooled engine oil that meets or exceeds ISO-L-EGD and/or JASO FD classified oils at 50:1 gasoline/oil ratio.
	Piston seizure.	Consult with an authorized Shindaiwa servicing dealer.
	Faulty carburetor and/or diaphragm.	
Engine is knocking.	Overheating condition.	Consult with an authorized Shindaiwa servicing dealer.
	Improper fuel.	Refill with fresh, clean unleaded gasoline with a pump octane of 89 or higher mixed with an air cooled engine oil that meets or exceeds ISO-L-EGD and/or JASO FD classified oils at 50:1 gasoline/oil ratio.
	Carbon deposits in the combustion chamber.	Consult with an authorized Shindaiwa servicing dealer.

## Troubleshooting Guide (continued)

### ADDITIONAL PROBLEMS

Symptom	Possible Cause	Remedy
<b>Poor acceleration.</b>	Clogged air filter.	Clean the air filter.
	Clogged fuel filter.	Replace the fuel filter.
	Lean fuel/air mixture.	Consult with an authorized Shindaiwa servicing dealer.
	Idle speed set too low.	Adjust idle. Check Specifications page for correct idle speed.
<b>Engine stops abruptly.</b>	Ignition switch turned off.	Reset the switch and re-start.
	Fuel tank empty.	Refill with fresh, clean unleaded gasoline with a pump octane of 89 or higher mixed with an air cooled engine oil that meets or exceeds ISO-L-EGD and/or JASO FD classified oils at 50:1 gasoline/oil ratio.
	Water in the fuel.	
	Clogged fuel filter.	Replace fuel filter.
	Shorted spark plug or loose terminal.	Clean or replace spark plug. Check the <i>Specifications</i> section for the correct plug and gap for your unit. Tighten the terminal.
	Ignition failure.	Replace the ignition unit.
	Piston seizure.	Consult with an authorized Shindaiwa servicing dealer.
<b>Engine difficult to shut off.</b>	Ground (stop) wire is disconnected, or switch is defective.	Test and replace as required.
	Overheating due to incorrect spark plug.	Replace the spark plug. Check the Specifications section for the correct plug and gap for your unit. Restart.
	Overheated engine.	Idle engine until cool.
<b>Engine will not idle down.</b>	Idle set too high.	Adjust idle. Check Specifications page for correct idle speed.
	Engine has an air leak.	Consult with an authorized Shindaiwa servicing dealer.
<b>Cutting attachment moves at engine idle.</b>	Engine idle too high.	Adjust idle. Check Specifications page for correct idle speed.
	Broken clutch spring or worn clutch spring boss.	Replace spring/shoes as required, check idle speed.
<b>Excessive vibration.</b>	Loose attachment holder.	Inspect and re-tighten holders securely.
	Warped or damaged attachment.	Inspect and replace attachment as required.
	Loose gearcase.	Tighten gearcase securely.
	Bent main shaft/worn or damaged bushings.	Inspect and replace as necessary.
<b>Cutting attachment will not move.</b>	Shaft not installed in powerhead or gearcase.	Inspect and reinstall as required.
	Broken shaft.	Consult with an authorized Shindaiwa servicing dealer.
	Damaged gearcase.	

# Warranty Statements

## SHINDAIWA LIMITED WARRANTY STATEMENT FOR PRODUCT SOLD IN USA AND CANADA BEGINNING 01/01/2015

### ECHO, INC'S RESPONSIBILITY

ECHO Incorporated's (ECHO, INC.) Limited Warranty, provides to the original purchaser that this Shindaiwa product is free from defects in material and workmanship. Under normal use and maintenance from date of purchase, ECHO, INC. agrees to repair or replace at it's discretion, any defective product free of charge at any authorized Shindaiwa servicing dealer within listed below application time periods, limitations and exclusions. **THIS LIMITED WARRANTY IS ONLY APPLICABLE TO SHINDAIWA PRODUCTS SOLD BY AUTHORIZED SHINDAIWA DEALERS. IT IS EXTENDED TO THE ORIGINAL PURCHASER ONLY, AND IS NOT TRANSFERABLE TO SUBSEQUENT OWNERS EXCEPT FOR EMISSION RELATED PARTS.** Repair parts and accessories replaced under this warranty are warranted only for the balance of the original unit or accessory warranty period. Any damage caused by improper installation or improper maintenance is not covered by this warranty. All parts or products replaced under warranty become the property of ECHO, INC. This warranty is separate from the Emission control warranty statement supplied with your new product. Please consult the Emission Control Warranty Statement for details regarding emission related parts. For a list of Authorized Shindaiwa Dealers refer to [WWW.SHINDAIWA.COM](http://WWW.SHINDAIWA.COM) or call 1-877-986-7783.

### OWNER'S RESPONSIBILITY

To ensure trouble free warranty coverage it is important that you register your Shindaiwa equipment on-line at [WWW.SHINDAIWA.COM](http://WWW.SHINDAIWA.COM) or by filling out the warranty registration card supplied with your unit. Registering your product confirms your warranty coverage and provides a direct link if we find it necessary to contact you.

The owner shall demonstrate reasonable care and use, and follow preventative maintenance, storage, fuel and oil usage as prescribed in the operator's manual. Should a product difficulty occur, you must, at your expense, deliver or ship your Shindaiwa unit to an authorized Shindaiwa servicing dealer for warranty repairs (within the applicable warranty period), and arrange for pick-up or return of your unit after the repairs have been made. For your nearest authorized Shindaiwa servicing dealer, call Shindaiwa's Dealer Referral Center, at 1-877-986-7783 or you can locate a Shindaiwa servicing dealer at [WWW.SHINDAIWA.COM](http://WWW.SHINDAIWA.COM). Should you require assistance or have questions concerning Shindaiwa's Warranty Statement, you can contact our Consumer Product Support Department at 1-800-673-1558 or contact us through the web at [WWW.SHINDAIWA.COM](http://WWW.SHINDAIWA.COM).

### PRODUCT WARRANTY PERIOD

#### HOMEOWNER APPLICATION

- **5 YEAR WARRANTY** - Units for homeowner, or non-income producing use will be covered by this limited warranty for five (5) years from date of purchase.

#### EXCEPTIONS:

- For engine powered products, the electronic ignition module, flexible drive cable, and solid drive shaft are warranted for the life\* of the product on parts only.
- Cutting attachments such as, but not limited to, bars, chains, sprockets, tines, blades, PowerBroom™, belts, and nylon trimmer heads for homeowner or non-income producing use will be covered for failures due to defects in material or workmanship for a period of 60 days from original product purchase date. Any misuse from contact with concrete, rocks, or other structures is not covered by this warranty.
- Multipurpose Tool Attachments carry the same warranty duration as the units they are designed to fit.

#### COMMERCIAL APPLICATION

- **1 YEAR WARRANTY** - All Chain Saws for commercial, institutional, agricultural, industrial, or income producing use will be covered by this limited warranty for 1 year from the date of purchase.
- **2 YEAR WARRANTY** - All other units for commercial, institutional, agricultural, industrial, or income producing use will be covered by this limited warranty for two (2) years from the date of purchase.

#### EXCEPTIONS:

- For engine powered products, the electronic ignition module, flexible drive cables, and solid drive shafts are warranted for the life\* of the product on parts only.
- Cutting attachments such as, but not limited to, bars, chains, sprockets, tines, blades, PowerBroom™, belts, and nylon trimmer heads for commercial, institutional, agricultural, industrial, rental, or income producing will be covered for failures due to defects in material or workmanship for a period of 30 days from original product purchase date. Any misuse from contact with concrete, rocks, or other structures is not covered by this warranty.
- Multipurpose Tool Attachments carry the same warranty duration as the units they are designed to fit.

#### RENTAL APPLICATION - 90 DAYS WARRANTY

- Units for rental use will be covered against defects in material and workmanship for a period of 90 days from the date of purchase.

\* ECHO INC's liability under the "Lifetime" coverage is limited to furnishing parts specified under the PRODUCT Warranty PERIOD section of this warranty statement for "Life" free of charge for a period of ten (10) years after the date of the complete unit's final production.

# Warranty Statements

## PURCHASED REPAIR PARTS AND ACCESSORIES

- 90-day all applications

## ATTENTION ENGINE POWERED PRODUCT OWNERS

This Shindaiwa engine powered product is a quality-engineered unit which has been manufactured to exact tolerances to provide superior performance. To help ensure the performance of the unit, it is required to use engine oil which meets the ISO-L-EGD Standard per ISO/CD 13738 and JASO M345/FD Standards. Shindaiwa Red Armor™ is a premium engine oil specifically formulated to meet ISO-L-EGD (ISO/CD 13738) and JASO M345/FD Standards. The use of engine oils designed for other applications, such as for outboard motors or lawnmowers can result in severe engine damage, and will void your engine limited warranty.

### THIS WARRANTY DOES NOT COVER DAMAGE CAUSED BY:

- Lack of lubrication or engine failure, due to the use of engine oils that do not meet the ISO-L-EGD (ISO/CD 13738) and JASO M345/FD Standards. Shindaiwa Red Armor™ Engine Oil meets the ISO-L-EGD and JASO M345/FD Standard. Emission related parts are covered for 5 years homeowner or 2 years commercial use regardless of two-stroke oil used, per the statement listed in the EPA or California Emission Control Warranty Explanation.
- Damage caused by use of gasohol, containing methanol (wood alcohol), or gasoline containing less than 89 octane. Only use gasoline which contains 89 octane or higher. Gasohol which contains a maximum 10% ethanol (grain alcohol) or 15% MTBE (methyl/tertiary/butyl/ether) is also approved. The prescribed mixing ratio of gasoline to oil is listed on the Shindaiwa oil label and covered in your operator's manual.
- Engine damage caused by use of ether or any starting fluids.
- Damage caused by tampering with engine speed governor or emission components, or running engines above specified and recommended engine speeds as listed in your operator's manual.
- Operation of the unit with improperly maintained/removed cutting shield or removed/damaged air filter.
- Damage caused by dirt, pressure or steam cleaning the unit, salt water, corrosion, rust, varnish, abrasives, and moisture.
- Defects, malfunctions or failures resulting from abuse, misuse, neglect, modifications, alterations, normal wear, improper servicing, or use of unauthorized attachments.
- Incorrect storage procedures, stale fuel, including failure to provide or perform required maintenance services as prescribed in the operator's manual. Preventative maintenance as outlined in the operator's manual is the customer's responsibility.
- Failures due to improper set-up, pre-delivery service or repair service by anyone other than authorized Shindaiwa servicing dealer during the warranty period.
- Certain parts and other items are not warranted, including but not limited to: lubricants, starter cords, and engine tune-ups.
- Use of spark plugs other than those meeting performance and durability requirements of the OEM spark plug listed in the Operator's Manuals.
- Overheating or carbon scoring failures due to restricted, clogged exhaust port or combustion chamber, including damage to spark arrester screen.
- Adjustments after the first (30) thirty days and beyond, such as carburetor adjustment and throttle cable adjustment.
- Damage to gears or gear cases caused by contaminated grease or oil, use of incorrect type or viscosity of lubricants, and/or failure to comply with recommended grease or oil change intervals.
- Damage caused by pump or sprayer running dry, pumping or spraying caustic or flammable materials, or lack of or broken strainers.
- Additional damage to parts or components due to continued use after operational problem or failure occurs. Should operational problem or failure occur, the product should not be used, but delivered as is to an authorized Shindaiwa servicing dealer.

It is a dealer's and/or customer's responsibility to complete and return the warranty registration card supplied with your Shindaiwa product or by visiting [WWW.SHINDAIWA.COM](http://WWW.SHINDAIWA.COM). Your receipt of purchase including date, model and serial number must be maintained and presented to an authorized Shindaiwa servicing dealer for warranty service. Proof of purchase rests solely with the customer. Some states do not allow limitations on how long an implied warranty lasts, so the above limitations may not apply to you. Some states do not allow the exclusion or limitation of incidental or consequential damages, so you may also have other specific legal rights which vary from state to state. This limited warranty is given by ECHO Incorporated, 400 Oakwood Rd., Lake Zurich, IL 60047.

## DISCLAIMER OF IMPLIED WARRANTIES

This limited warranty is in lieu of all other expressed or implied warranties, including any warranty of FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE OR USE and any implied warranty of **MERCHANTABILITY** otherwise applicable to this product. ECHO, INC. and its affiliated companies shall not be liable for any special incidental or consequential damage, including lost profits. There are no warranties extended other than as provided herein. This limited warranty may be modified only by ECHO, INC.

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# Product Registration

## Thank you for choosing Shindaiwa Power Equipment

Please go to <http://www.shindaiwa-usa.com> to register your new product on-line. It's FAST and EASY! NOTE: your information will never be sold or misused by ECHO, Inc. Registering your purchase enables us to contact you in the unlikely event of a service update or product recall, and verifies your ownership for warranty consideration.

If you do not have access to the Internet, you can complete the form below and mail to:

ECHO Inc., Product Registration, PO Box 1139, Lake Zurich IL 60047



### shindaiwa<sup>®</sup> PRODUCT REGISTRATION CARD : TARJETA DE REGISTRO : CARTE D'ENREGISTREMENT DU PRODUIT

**ONLINE OPTION:** Register online and save a stamp! You will be alerted of product updates and/or be sent new Shindaiwa product information and special offers. Simply go to:  
[www.shindaiwa-usa.com](http://www.shindaiwa-usa.com)

**OPCIÓN POR INTERNET:** Regístrese en la página web y ahorre una estampita! Le alertarán sobre actualizaciones del producto y/o se le enviará información sobre los nuevos productos Shindaiwa y las ofertas especiales. Simplemente visite:  
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State : Estado : Province

Zip Code : Código Postal : Code Postal

E-Mail Address : Dirección De Correo Electrónico : Courrier Électronique

Phone Number : Número De Teléfono : Téléphone

Date of Purchase : Fecha de la Compra : Date de l'achat

Where Purchased : Nombre del Almacén donde fue Comprado : Lieu d'achat

Model Number : Número del Modelo : No. de modèle

Serial Number : Número de Serie : No. de série

Registering your purchase enables us to contact you in the unlikely event of a service update or product recall and verify your ownership in the event of loss. El registrar su compra nos permite estar en contacto con usted en caso de cualquier evento como el finno del tiempo de servicio o la revocación del producto y verificación de propiedad en caso de robo o pérdida. L'enregistrement de votre achat nous permettra de vous contacter dans le cas improbable de modifications des instructions d'entretien ou de rappel du produit et vérifier que vous êtes le propriétaire en cas de vol ou de perte.

Primary use of tool: ☐ Professional ☐ Homeowner ☐ Rental Equip.  
Uso primario de la herramienta: ☐ Profesional ☐ Dueño de casa ☐ Alquiler

Usage principal: ☐ Professional ☐ Residential ☐ Location  
Do you wish to receive periodic Shindaiwa product information and special offers by e-mail? ☐ Yes ☐ No

¿Desea usted recibir información periódica y ofertas especiales por correo electrónico sobre el producto Shindaiwa? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Souhaitez-vous recevoir périodiquement de l'information sur les produits Shindaiwa et les offres spéciales par courrier électronique? ☐ Oui ☐ Non

Did you visit the Shindaiwa website before purchasing your product? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Visité usted la página web Shindaiwa antes de comprar su producto? ☐ Si ☐ No

Avez-vous visité le site d'Shindaiwa avant de procurer votre produit? ☐ Oui ☐ Non

What factor(s) most influenced your purchase?  
☐ Performance ☐ Price ☐ Dealer  
☐ Reliability ☐ Prior Experience ☐ Quality  
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## **Servicing Information**

### **Parts/Serial Number**

Genuine Shindaiwa Parts and Assemblies for your Shindaiwa products are available only from an Authorized Shindaiwa Dealer. When you do need to buy parts **always** have the Model Number, Type and Serial Number of the unit with you. You can find these numbers on the engine. For future reference, write them in the space provided below.

Model No. \_\_\_\_\_ SN. \_\_\_\_\_

### **Service**

Service of this product during the warranty period must be performed by an Authorized SHINDAIWA Service Dealer. For the name and address of the Authorized SHINDAIWA Service Dealer nearest you, ask your retailer or call: 1-877-986-7783. Dealer information is also available on WWW.SHINDAIWA-USA.COM. When presenting your unit for Warranty service/repairs, proof of purchase is required.

### **Consumer Product Support**

If you require assistance or have questions concerning the application, operation or maintenance of this product you may call the SHINDAIWA Consumer Product Support Department at 1-877-986-7783 from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm (Central Standard Time) Monday through Friday. Before calling, please know the model and serial number of your unit.

### **Warranty Registration**

To ensure trouble free warranty coverage it is important that you register your SHINDAIWA equipment on-line at WWW.SHINDAIWA-USA.COM or by filling out the product registration sheet included in this manual. Registering your product confirms your warranty coverage and provides a direct link between you and ECHO if we find it necessary to contact you..

### **Additional or Replacement Manuals**

Replacement Operator and Parts Catalogs are available from your SHINDAIWA dealer or at WWW.SHINDAIWA-USA.COM or by contacting the Consumer Product Support Department (1-877-986-7783). Always check WWW.SHINDAIWA-USA.COM for updated information.

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