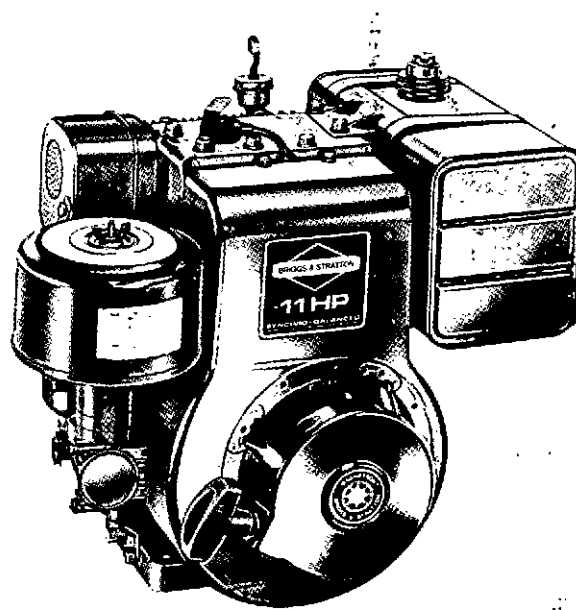
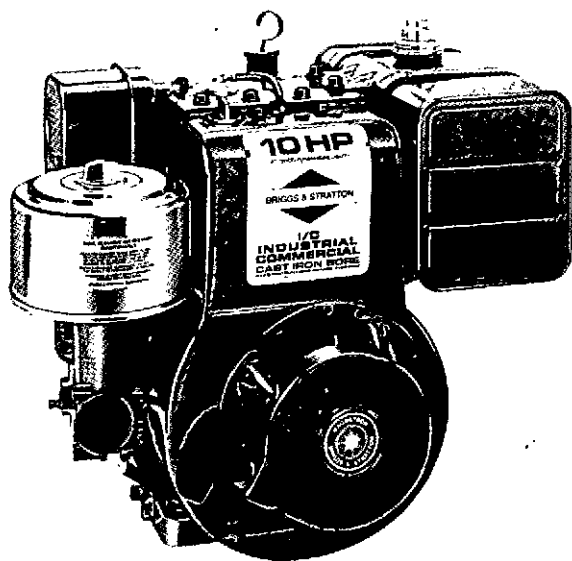




# OPERATING AND MAINTENANCE INSTRUCTIONS

## MODEL SERIES

**221400, 252400, 254400**



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# IN THE INTEREST OF SAFETY

**DANGER:** DO NOT RUN THE ENGINE IN AN ENCLOSED AREA. Exhaust gases contain carbon monoxide, an odorless and deadly poison.

A FIRE OR EXPLOSION CAN OCCUR RESULTING IN PERSONAL INJURY IF THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS ARE NOT FOLLOWED:

1. DO NOT FILL GASOLINE TANK while engine is running. Allow engine to cool for two minutes before refueling.
2. Do not operate the engine when an odor of gasoline is present or other explosive conditions exist.
3. If gasoline is spilled, move machine away from the area of the spill and avoid creating any source of ignition until the gasoline has evaporated.
4. DO NOT STORE, SPILL OR USE GASOLINE NEAR AN OPEN FLAME, or devices such as a stove, furnace, water heater which utilize a pilot light, or devices which can create a spark.
5. Refuel outdoors preferably, or only in well ventilated areas.
6. DO NOT OPERATE ENGINE WITHOUT A MUFFLER. Inspect muffler periodically and replace, if necessary.
7. Periodically clean the muffler area to prevent grass, dirt and combustible material from accumulating.
8. DO NOT use this engine on any forest covered, brush covered or grass covered unimproved land unless a spark arrester is attached to the muffler.
9. DO NOT operate the engine if air cleaner or cover directly over the carburetor air intake is removed.
10. When transporting equipment which is powered by an engine using a float feed carburetor and gravity fuel source, the fuel shut off valve must be closed to prevent fuel leaking from carburetor.
11. DO NOT choke carburetor to stop the engine.

**WARNING:** DO NOT RUN ENGINE AT EXCESSIVE SPEEDS. Operating an engine at excessive speeds increases the danger of personal injury.

1. DO NOT TAMPER WITH GOVERNOR SPRINGS, GOVERNOR LINKS OR OTHER PARTS WHICH MAY INCREASE THE GOVERNED ENGINE SPEED.

2. A.N.S.I. Standard Safety Specifications for rotary power lawn mowers specify a maximum blade tip speed of 19,000 feet per minute (96.5 meters per second), primarily to reduce the danger from thrown objects.
3. Do not tamper with the engine speed selected by the original equipment manufacturer.
4. DO NOT TOUCH hot mufflers, cylinders or fins as contact may cause burns.
5. Dirt and grass clippings or other debris, in cooling fins or governor parts can affect engine speed. See cleaning instructions in MAINTENANCE section.
6. TO PREVENT HAND OR ARM INJURY, always pull starter cord rapidly to avoid kickback; starting engine with a loose blade or without a blade may cause a severe kickback.
7. ALWAYS KEEP HANDS AND FEET CLEAR OF MOVING OR ROTATING PARTS.
8. TO PREVENT ACCIDENTAL STARTING when servicing the engine or equipment, always remove the spark plug or wire from the spark plug.

## WHEN WORKING ON EQUIPMENT

DO NOT STRIKE FLYWHEEL with a hard object or metal tool as this may cause flywheel to shatter in operation, causing personal injury or property damage. To remove flywheel, use Briggs & Stratton approved tools only.

## IN THE INTEREST OF ENVIRONMENT

A muffler which leaks because of rust or damage can permit an increased exhaust noise level. Therefore, examine the muffler periodically to be sure it is functioning effectively. To purchase a new muffler, see SERVICE AND REPAIR INFORMATION.

**WARNING:** If this engine is not equipped with a spark arrester and is to be used on any forest covered, brush covered, or grass covered unimproved land, before using on such land a spark arrester must be added to the muffler. The arrester must be maintained in effective working order by the operator. In the State of California the above is required by law (Section 4442 of the California Public Resources Code). Other states may have similar laws. Federal laws apply on federal lands. See your Authorized Briggs & Stratton Service Center for spark arrester muffler options.

# SERVICE & REPAIR INFORMATION

If service or repair is needed, contact an Authorized Briggs & Stratton Service Center. To serve you promptly and efficiently, the Service Center will need the model, type and code number on your engine.

Each Authorized Service Center carries a stock of original Briggs & Stratton repair parts and is equipped with special service tools. Trained mechanics assure expert repair service on all Briggs & Stratton engines.

Major engine repairs should not be attempted unless you have the proper tools and a thorough knowledge of internal combustion engine repair procedure.



Your nearest service center is listed in the "Yellow Pages" under "Engines, Gasoline" or "Gasoline Engines". He is one of over 25,000 authorized dealers available to serve you.

This illustrated book includes "Theories of Operation", common specifications and detailed information covering the adjustment, tune-up and repair procedures for 2 through 16 H.P. single cylinder, 4 cycle models. It is available from any Authorized Briggs & Stratton Service Center. Order as Part Number 270962.



## GENERAL INFORMATION

This engine is a single-cylinder L-head, air-cooled type.

### MODEL SERIES 221400

Bore..... 3-7/16" (87.31 mm)  
 Stroke..... 2-3/8" (60.33 mm)  
 Displacement..... 22.04 cu. in. (361.2 cc)  
 Horsepower Max..... 10.0 @ 3600 RPM  
 Torque (Ft. Lbs.) Max..... 14.8 @ 3000 RPM

### MODEL SERIES 252400 & 254400

Bore..... 3-7/16" (87.31 mm)  
 Stroke..... 2-5/8" (66.68 mm)  
 Displacement..... 24.36 cu. in. (399.2 cc)  
 Horsepower Max..... 11.0 @ 3600 RPM  
 Torque (Ft. Lbs.) Max..... 16.8 @ 2800 RPM

The horsepower ratings listed are established in accordance with the Society of Automotive Engineers Test Code-J607. For practical operation, the horsepower loading should not exceed 85% of this rating. Engine power will decrease 3-1/2% for each 1,000 feet (304.8 m) above sea level and 1% for each 10° above 60° F (16° C).

In some areas, local law requires the use of a resistor spark plug so as to suppress ignition signals. If an engine was originally equipped with a resistor spark plug, be sure to use the same type of spark plug for replacement.

### TUNE-UP SPECIFICATIONS

Spark Plug Type	Champion,	Autolite
Short Plug	CJ-8	235
Long Plug	J-8C	295
Resistor Short Plug	RCJ-8	245
Resistor Long Plug	RJ-8C	306
Spark Plug Gap	.030" (.76 mm)	
Intake Valve		
Clearance	.005"-.007" (.13-.18 mm)	
Exhaust Valve		
Clearance	.009"-.011" (.23-.28 mm)	

BRIGGS & STRATTON ENGINES ARE MADE UNDER ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING PATENTS:

2,999,491	3,305,223	3,526,146	3,625,492	3,745,393	3,971,353	4,233,043
3,194,224	3,457,804	3,572,218	3,650,354	3,961,724	4,168,288	4,270,509
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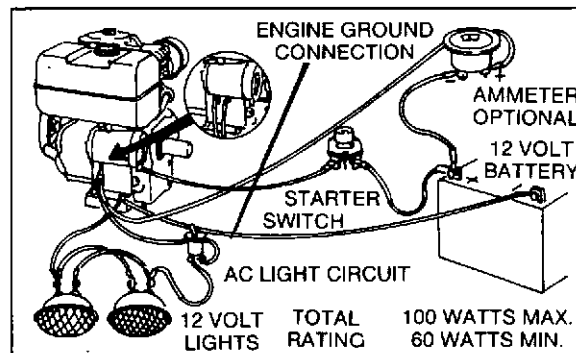
### STORAGE INSTRUCTIONS

Engines to be stored over 30 days should be completely drained of fuel to prevent gum deposits forming on essential carburetor parts, fuel filter and tank.

NOTE: The use of a fuel additive, such as STA-BIL®, or an equivalent, will minimize the formation of fuel gum deposits during storage. Such an additive may be added to the gasoline in the fuel tank of the engine, or to the gasoline in a storage container.

- All fuel should be removed from the tank. Run the engine until it stops from lack of fuel.
- While engine is still warm, drain oil from crankcase. Refill with fresh oil.
- Remove spark plug, pour approximately 1/2 ounce (15 cc) of engine oil into cylinder and crank slowly to distribute oil. Replace spark plug.
- Clean dirt and chaff from cylinder, cylinder head fins, blower housing, rotating screen and muffler areas.
- Store in a clean and dry area.

### TYPICAL WIRING DIAGRAMS



DESIGN  
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OTHER PATENTS PENDING

# BEFORE STARTING

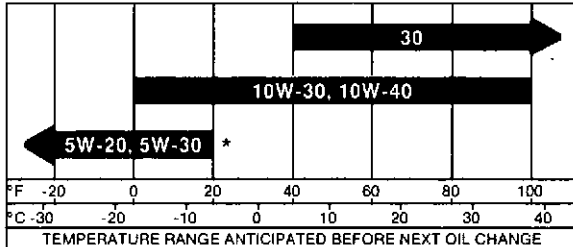
## READ THE OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS OF THE EQUIPMENT THIS ENGINE POWERS

### OIL RECOMMENDATIONS

**Note: Engine is shipped WITHOUT oil.**

Use a high quality detergent oil classified "For Service SF, SE, SD or SC." Detergent oils keep the engine cleaner and retard the formation of gum and varnish deposits. Nothing should be added to the recommended oil.

### RECOMMENDED SAE VISCOSITY GRADES

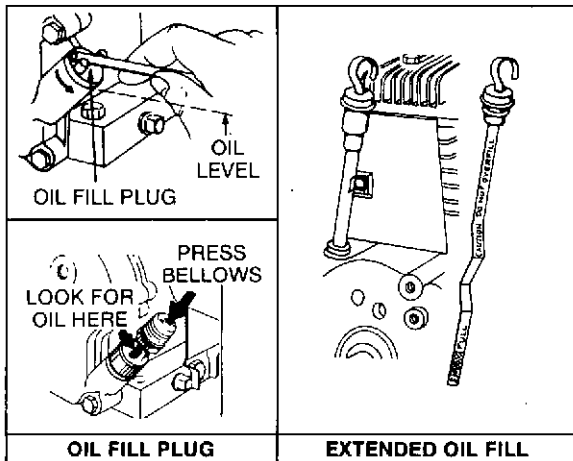


\* If not available, a synthetic oil may be used having 5W-20, 5W-30 or 5W-40 viscosity.

### TO FILL CRANKCASE WITH OIL

Place engine level. Clean area around oil fill before removing oil fill plug or oil-minder.

**OIL FILL PLUG.** Remove oil fill plug or (optional) oil-minder. Fill crankcase to point of overflowing. **POUR SLOWLY.** Capacity approximately 2-1/2 pints (1.2 liters) on model 221400 and 3 pints (1.4 liters) on models 252400 and 254400. Replace oil fill plug or oil-minder.



**EXTENDED OIL FILL (Optional).** Remove cap and dipstick. **FILL TO FULL MARK** on dipstick, **POUR SLOWLY.** Capacity approximately 1-1/4 pints (0.6 liters). When checking oil level, screw dipstick assembly firmly but slowly until cap bottoms on tube. **DO NOT OVERFILL,** or excessive smoking may occur when engine is run. Dipstick assembly must be securely assembled to tube at all times when engine is operating.

### CHARGE BATTERY

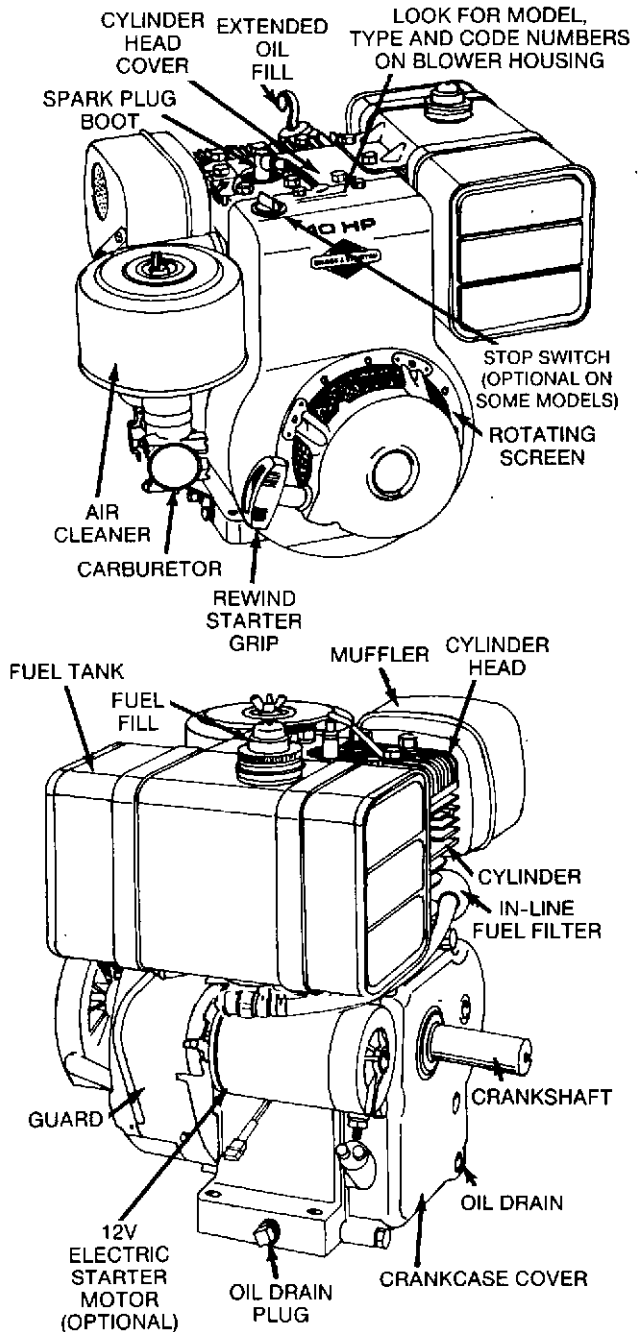
Charge battery before use on engines equipped with (OPTIONAL) 12 volt electric starter motor. See equipment manufacturers' recommendations.

### FUEL RECOMMENDATIONS

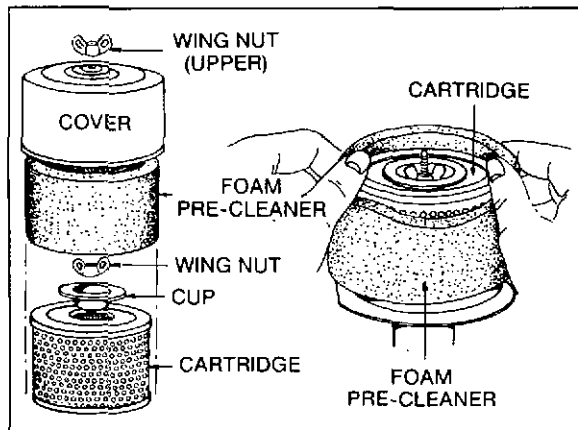
Our engines will operate satisfactorily on any gasoline intended for automotive use. **DO NOT MIX OIL WITH GASOLINE.**

We recommend the use of clean, fresh, lead-free gasoline. Leaded gasoline may be used if lead-free is not available. A minimum of 77 octane is recommended. The use of lead-free gasoline results in fewer combustion deposits and longer valve life.

**DO NOT** fill fuel tank to point of overflowing. Provide approximately 1/4" of tank space for fuel expansion.



# MAINTENANCE (Cont.)



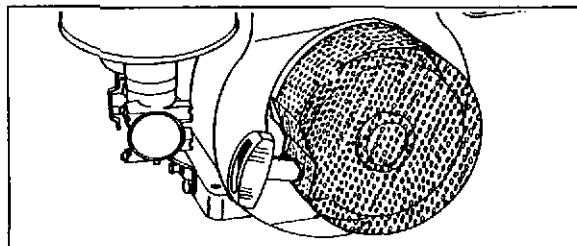
Yearly or every 100 hours, whichever occurs first, remove paper cartridge. Clean by tapping gently on flat surface. If very dirty, replace cartridge, or wash in a low or non-sudsing detergent and warm water solution. Rinse thoroughly with flowing water from inside out until water is clear. Cartridge must be allowed to stand and air dry thoroughly before using. Service more often if necessary.

**CAUTION:** Petroleum solvents, such as kerosene, are not to be used to clean cartridge. They may cause deterioration of the cartridge. **DO NOT OIL CARTRIDGE. DO NOT USE PRESSURIZED AIR TO CLEAN OR DRY CARTRIDGE.**

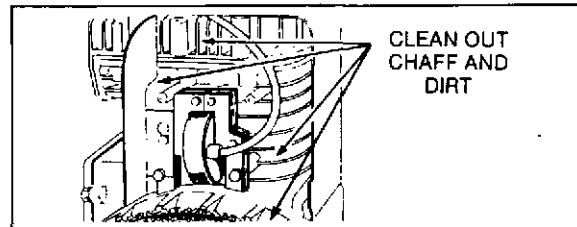
**REMOVE COMBUSTION DEPOSITS** every 100-300 hours of operation. Remove cylinder head and cylinder head shield. Scrape and wire brush the combustion deposits from cylinder, cylinder head, top of piston and around valves. Use a soft brush to remove deposits. Re-assemble gasket, cylinder head and cylinder head shield. Turn screws down finger tight, with the three longer screws around the exhaust valve, if so equipped. Torque cylinder head screws in a staggered sequence to 140 inch pounds (15.82 Nm).

**CLEAN ENGINE** — Remove dirt and debris with a cloth or brush. Cleaning with a forceful spray of water is not recommended as water could contaminate the fuel system.

**CLEAN DEBRIS GUARD** (optional) — Brush grass, chaff and dirt from Debris Guard every 100 hours to prevent overheating and engine damage. Clean more often if necessary.



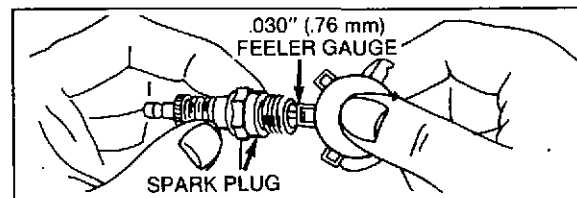
**CLEAN COOLING SYSTEM** — Grass, chaff or dirt may clog the rotating screen and the air cooling system, especially after prolonged service cutting dry grass. Yearly or every 100 hours, whichever occurs first, remove the blower housing and clean the areas shown to avoid overspeeding, overheating and engine damage. Clean more often if necessary.



**DANGER:** Periodically clean muffler area to remove all grass, dirt and combustible debris.

**SPARK ARRESTER EQUIPPED MUFFLER** — If engine muffler is equipped with spark arrester screen assembly, remove every 50 hours for cleaning and inspection. Replace if damaged.

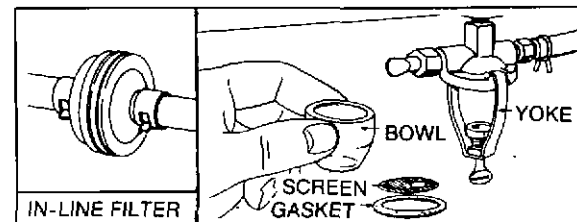
**SPARK PLUG** — Clean and reset gap at .030" every 100 hours of operation.



**NOTE:** Do not blast clean spark plug. Spark plug should be cleaned by scraping or wire brushing and washing with a commercial solvent.

**CAUTION:** Sparking can occur if wire terminal does not fit firmly on spark plug, or if stop switch vibrates against spark plug. Reform terminal or repair switch if necessary.

**FUEL FILTER** — Replace IN-LINE filter or clean screen and bowl every season.



# ADJUSTMENTS

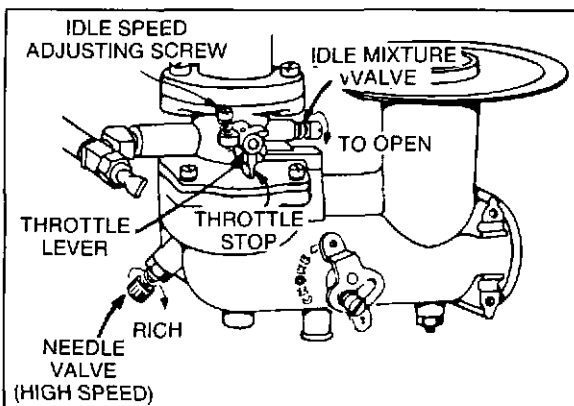
## CARBURETOR ADJUSTMENTS

Minor carburetor adjustment may be required to compensate for differences in fuel, temperature, altitude or load.

NOTE: The air cleaner must be assembled to carburetor when running engine.

TO ADJUST CARBURETOR — Gently turn valves clockwise until they just close. Valves may be damaged by turning them too far.

Now open needle valve 1-1/2 turns counterclockwise and idle valve one turn. This initial adjustment will permit the engine to be started and warmed up (approximately 5 minutes) prior to final adjustment.



## FINAL ADJUSTMENT

Place speed control lever in "FAST" position. Turn needle valve in until engine slows (clockwise - lean mixture). Then turn it out past smooth operating point (rich mixture). Now turn needle valve to midpoint between rich and lean. Next, adjust idle RPM. Rotate throttle counterclockwise and hold against stop while adjusting idle speed adjusting screw to obtain 1750 RPM. Holding throttle against idle stop, turn idle valve in (lean) and out (rich). Set at midpoint between rich and lean. Recheck idle RPM. Release throttle. If engine will not accelerate properly, the carburetor should be re-adjusted, usually to a slightly richer mixture.

## CONTROL ADJUSTMENTS

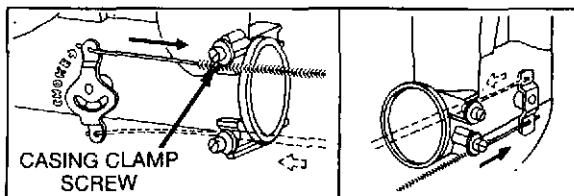
Proper choke and stop switch operation is dependent upon correct adjustment of controls on the powered equipment.

### TO CHECK OPERATION OF CHOKE CONTROLS:

Move speed control lever to "choke" position. The carburetor choke should be closed.

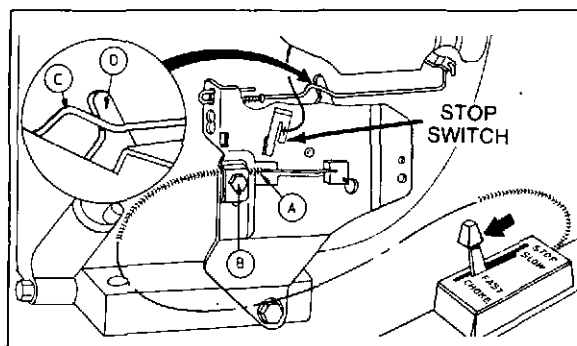
### TO ADJUST MANUAL CHOKE:

Place control lever on equipment in "CHOKE" position. Loosen casing clamp screw. Move casing and wire until choke is completely closed. Tighten casing clamp screw.



### TO ADJUST CHOKE-A-MATIC CONTROLS:

Place lever on equipment in "CHOKE" (high speed) position. Loosen casing clamp screw "B." Move casing "A" and wire until lever "D" touches choke operating link at "C." Tighten casing clamp screw "B." Move lever to "STOP" position. Lever must make good contact with stop switch if so equipped.



## SPEED CONTROL ADJUSTMENT

The acceptable operating speed range is 1800 to 3600 RPM. Idle speed is 1750 RPM. The manufacturer of the equipment on which the engine is used, specifies the top governed no load speed at which the engine may be operated. DO NOT EXCEED this speed.

