



— INSTRUCTIONS —

Operation and Service Manual

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SURFACE DRIVE SAFETY

- **GASOLINE IS EXTREMELY FLAMMABLE!** Always handle in properly approved containers. Spilled fuel could ignite if it comes in contact with a hot engine or sparks!
 - **DO NOT LEAVE ANY FUEL TANK CONNECTED WITH THE VENT CLOSED (TANKS SOLD BEFORE JULY 2011)!** Heat from the sun's radiation will build pressure inside the fuel tank and will force fuel through the carburetor and into the crankcase. At this point the crankcase will become over full and will blow oil into the air cleaner from the breather. After the air cleaner becomes saturated with oil, the fuel mixture will become too rich and will foul the spark plugs. **It is recommended to disconnect an EPA approved Moeller tank when the boat is not in use. These tanks are used starting July 2011.**
 - **KEEP HANDS, FEET, HAIR, AND CLOTHING AWAY FROM ANY MOVING PARTS** to prevent accidents while engine is running both in the water and, most importantly, while on land!
 - **WARNING!!** – The trim knob is angled outward and away from a pinch point between the engine and transom bracket. **DO NOT PLACE HANDS BETWEEN ENGINE AND TRANSOM BRACKET WHILE ENGINE IS RUNNING!!!** If the skeg or prop strikes an obstruction while underway, the engine may tilt violently and cause injury.
 - **NEVER TOUCH ENGINE COMPONENTS DURING OR IMMEDIATELY AFTER OPERATION.** Components can become extremely hot which could result in severe burns!
 - **NEVER RUN YOUR SURFACE DRIVE IN AN ENCLOSED AREA!** Exhaust gasses contain poisonous carbon monoxide! Always test run in a well ventilated area.
 - **ALWAYS ATTACH THE SAFETY ROPE TO THE HANDLE OF YOUR SURFACE DRIVE AS DESCRIBED ON THE BOTTOM OF PAGE 4 BEFORE STARTING THE ENGINE!** This enables you to run your engine in a neutral position! (See bottom of page 4)
 - **ALWAYS OPERATE YOUR SURFACE DRIVE WITH THE SAFETY KILL SWITCH LANYARD ATTACHED TO YOUR WRIST OR BELT LOOP!** After warm up, always test your safety kill switch to make sure it is operating properly!
 - **OPERATE YOUR SURFACE DRIVE FROM A SITTING POSITION,** unless you install a grab bar in your boat to operate while standing!
 - **BE ALERT FOR HAZARDS AT ALL TIMES!** Shallow water areas in particular can present a variety of challenges. Continually read the terrain for unexpected obstructions, turns, or changes in water depth.
 - **KEEP YOUR SURFACE DRIVE IN SAFE CONDITION.** It is important to keep your engine properly maintained. Having a breakdown can be difficult, especially if you are far away from help or land. To help avoid problems, inspect your engine before each use and perform all recommended maintenance.
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WARRANTY

TO THE NEW OWNER

Dear Customer,

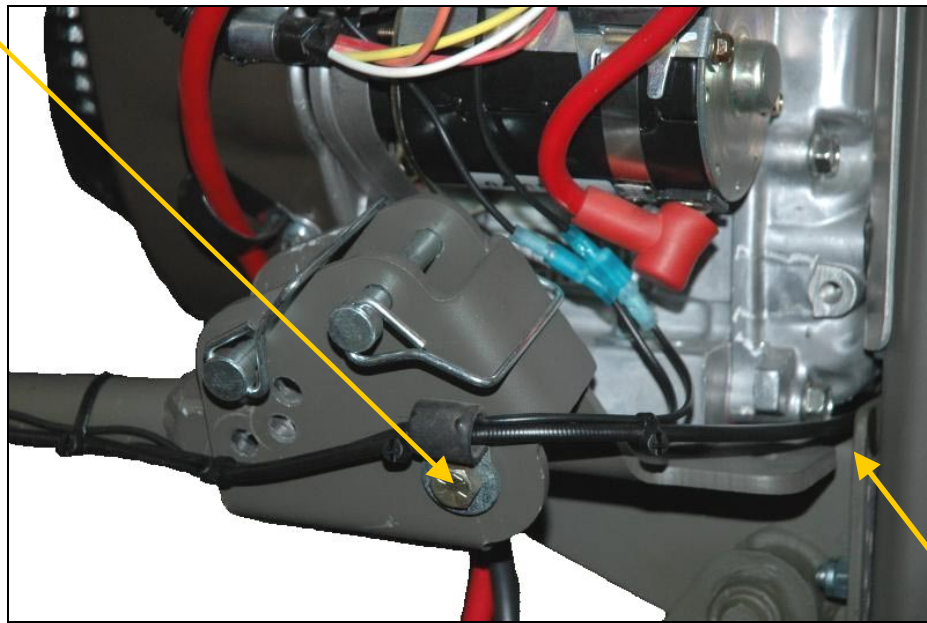
You have just purchased one of the toughest pieces of marine equipment ever built. The GO-DEVIL Surface Drive will give you many years of service with very little maintenance. Of the few problems that occur, most are due to dirty fuel or not running the engine out of fuel at the end of the season. We have found that unleaded gasoline will gum the carburetor in a few months if your engine is not in use. We recommend adding a fuel stabilizer such as Briggs & Stratton part number 5041 to the fuel in your last full tank of the season. Always disconnect the fuel hose from the tank and run the engine completely out of fuel before storage!

Fuel tanks should also be checked periodically for water which may appear from condensation. We recommend using a transom mounted water separating fuel filter (Sierra part # 18-7852-1 or equivalent) to collect water before it reaches the engine.

ASSEMBLY AND BOAT SETUP

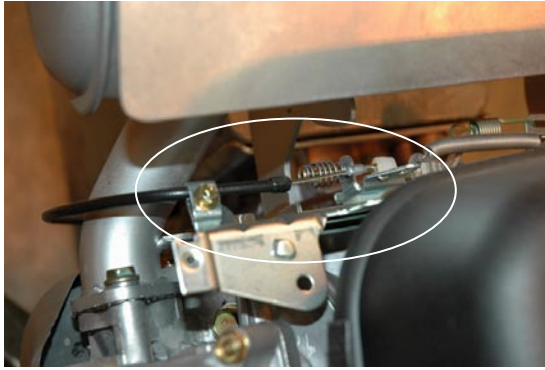
1. Lay the crated engine flat with the engine in a normal upright position.
2. Remove the plywood and 2x4's surrounding the engine.
3. Locate the metal band holding down the prop end of the Surface Drive frame and cut it with a pair of tin snips or remove the nails with a claw hammer.
4. Remove the plastic wrapping from the engine.
5. Inspect the engine for freight damage and contact our office immediately if anything seems damaged. Note that the tail end of the skeg just in front of the propeller is factory bent. This bend is designed to compensate for torque created by the surfacing propeller.
6. Loosen the transom clamping studs located under the engine.
7. Locate the lifting eyes on the frame just below the muffler. Using the lifting eyes, hoist the engine vertically from the crate and place it onto the transom of your boat.
8. Center the engine on the transom measuring from the outside gunnel rails of the boat to the edges of the transom bracket. Tighten the clamping studs using a crescent wrench or 1-1/16" wrench or socket (15/16" wrench for galvanized models).
9. Remove the tiller handle from the frame by cutting all plastic tie-wraps that have not been trimmed.

10. The 3/8"x 2-1/2" bolt indicated by the arrow in the figure below is the pivot point for the Adjustable/Floating handle. Remove the bolt and insert the handle into the engine-mounted handle bracket. Reinstall the bolt into the bracket, passing it through the hole at the end of the handle. Be sure to include the wire loom to secure the cables as it was shipped. Install the washer and nut and tighten the nut firmly or until a slight amount of drag can be felt while pivoting the handle up and down from the grip. Attach the safety kill switch wires to the mating terminals on the engine.

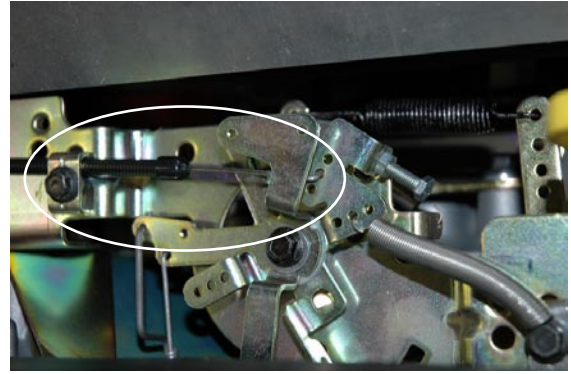


23 Vanguard Shown

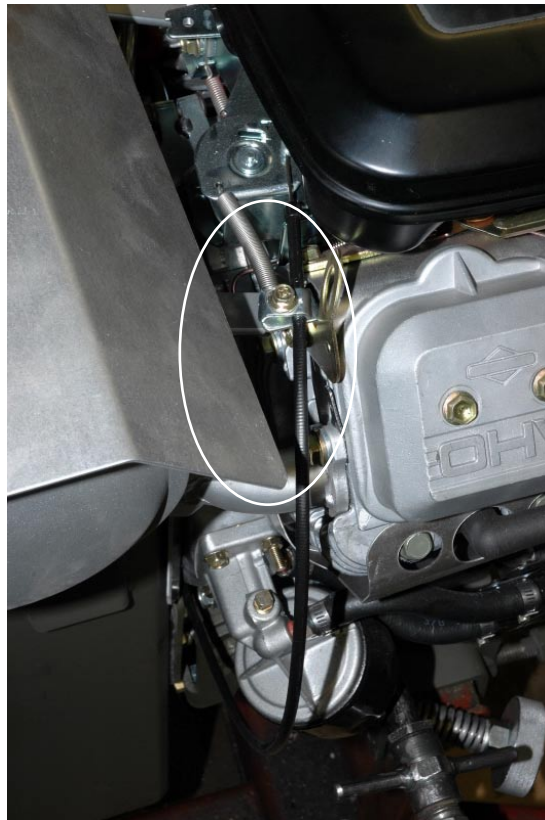
11. Route the throttle cable through the opening near the lower rear section of the engine and attach the throttle cable to the engine linkage as shown in the following photos on page 3. A flat spot near the end of the black cable should be visible, indicating the position where it was originally clamped at the factory.



35 HP Vanguard



Kohler 27 HP



Vanguard 23 HP

Check to ensure that the throttle linkage on the engine moves throughout its full range when the throttle lever is depressed and that it returns to the idle position when released.

For added safety, a stainless steel throttle return spring has been installed during factory assembly. This spring returns the throttle linkage to idle position when the squeeze lever is released. To ensure that the throttle operates smoothly, periodically lubricate the throttle linkages with a WD-40 type spray lubricant. For freezing temperatures, stand the handle in a vertical position and inject antifreeze into the throttle cable with a hypodermic needle and work the throttle back and forth. This will keep any moisture from freezing your throttle.

12. Bolt the engine to the transom as described below.

ATTENTION: The Go-Devil Surface Drive engine

MUST BE BOLTED TO THE TRANSOM!!!!

Failing to do so will cause the transom clamp to loosen while trailering, allowing the engine to possibly fall off of the transom!!!!

BOLTS MUST PASS THROUGH A STRUCTURAL CROSS-MEMBER OF THE TRANSOM!!!

(channel, tube, rib, etc.)

Looking from the rear of the engine, notice that the transom clamp has two horizontal rows of holes. Either the two upper or two lower holes need to be used to secure the engine to the transom. Four holes are provided to accommodate various transom designs.

Using a 3/8" drill bit, drill through the lowest hole pattern on the bracket which would allow the bolts to pass through a structural cross-member of the transom. Install the two supplied 3/8"x3" bolts, washers and nylon insert nuts. For Go-Devil boats, the engine should be bolted to the transom using the two top holes.

13. Tie a rope to the rib in your boat under the hand grip of the Surface Drive and put a loop in the rope. Slip the loop over the handle to hold the engine in a neutral position while the handle is in its lowest position. The rope should be short enough so that the engine can idle with the prop out of the water. If the handle is used often in a higher fixed position, it may be necessary to attach an additional longer rope along side the initial one or use a rope long enough so that it can be tied securely at various lengths.



14. Connect the battery cables to the battery. Attach the red cable to the positive (+) side of the battery and attach the black cable to the negative (-) side of the battery.

The battery should be kept in a covered battery box secured to the floor of the boat and away from gasoline vapors.

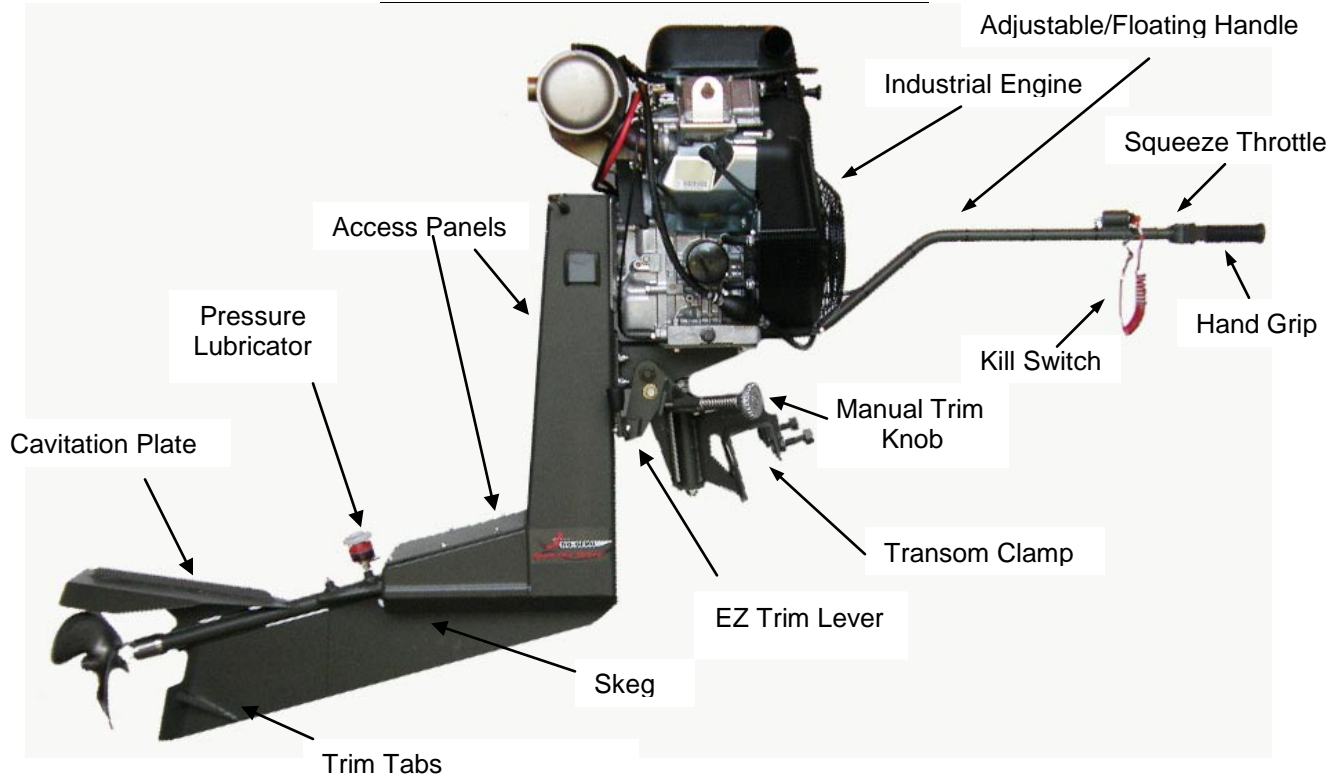
15. We recommend using a good nylon rope to tie your boat instead of a boat strap. Tie the rope to the trailer frame on one side of the boat even with the hand grip. Bring the rope over the boat and make a wrap around the hand grip on the Surface Drive, then tie a loop in the rope before the rope comes down the side of the boat. Bring the rope around the trailer frame and back up to the loop, cinch the rope tight and tie it off.



This procedure will hold your boat as tight as any boat strap and will secure your Surface Drive so it will not bounce when trailering. We also recommend that you tie a red flag to the tail end of the Surface Drive when towing your boat down the highway.

OPERATION INSTRUCTIONS

Surface Drive Features



ENGINE OIL

Fill the engine crankcase with the recommended amount and type of oil. With the engine held perfectly level, check the oil level with the dip stick. Use a high detergent motor oil of the same viscosity you are using in your car or truck for that time of the year. In warm temperatures we recommend to use straight 30 weight oil. This will reduce oil consumption.

Notice: For 23 Vanguard models it is important that the crankcase is not over filled with oil. Over filling the crankcase will cause a decrease in vacuum at high speed, preventing the carburetor from supplying an adequate amount of fuel to the engine. When this happens, the engine will starve for fuel and temporarily lose performance. Ensure that the engine oil level does not exceed the full level line on the dipstick.

FUEL

Fill the fuel tank with clean, fresh gasoline from a clean fuel can. Connect the fuel line from the engine to the fuel tank and squeeze the primer bulb until firm. If the tank has a vent (tanks sold before July 2011), the vent must stay open during operation. If you purchased your tank July 2011 or after, disconnect your tank anytime it is not in use because the tank does not have a vent.

BASIC OPERATION

Launching

When launching your boat always leave the handle rope secured in the neutral position (shaft horizontal). This also applies when starting the engine.

Before starting the engine on the water, always put on your life vest as you would in any boat with any engine.

Attach the safety kill switch lanyard to your belt loop or wrist.

Starting the Engine

ALWAYS check engine oil level before starting!!

WARNING!!

Never run the engine in an enclosed area! Exhaust contains poisonous carbon monoxide gas that may cause a loss of consciousness and/or death!

To Start the engine, first pull the choke rod to the choke position. The engine is equipped with a mercury tilt switch so the shaft must be in a level position with the prop out of the water for the starter to engage. Tilt the engine forward into the boat and turn the key to the start position. It may be necessary to run the engine on choke for a few seconds until the engine warms up. You should run the engine for a few minutes to ensure that it runs properly. If the engine runs rough after warm up, the carburetor may need adjustment. (Refer to the engine Manual.)

To Stop the engine, release the throttle and allow the engine to idle for a few seconds. Turn the key switch to the OFF position.

EMERGENCY STOP! The engine may be stopped at any time by pulling and detaching the emergency kill switch lanyard from the kill switch. **Note:** It is the operator's responsibility to ensure that the kill switch operates properly before each use.

CAUTION! – Lowering the propeller into the water at high engine rpm may cause a standing operator or passenger to lose balance or be ejected from the boat. **ALWAYS ALLOW THE ENGINE TO COME TO IDLE BEFORE LOWERING THE PROPELLER INTO THE WATER!**

NOTE: AFTER YOUR FIRST TEST RUN ON THE WATER IT IS NECESSARY TO REMOVE THE DRAIN PLUG (SHOWN ON PAGE 10) AT THE REAR OF THE DRIVE HOUSING TO CHECK FOR WATER LEAKING IN. THIS BOX MUST RUN COMPLETELY DRY. IF WATER COMES OUT OF THE DRAIN PLUG THE COVER PLATES MUST BE REMOVED AND RE-SEALED WITH A GOOD GRADE SILICONE. PERFORM THIS CHECK ANY TIME THE COVERS ARE REMOVED AND REPLACED.

Low Speed Operation

As described before, let the engine warm up for a few minutes. Holding the handle carefully, remove the handle rope and get a feel for the balance of the engine.

Neutral position is acquired by lifting the prop out of the water. While the engine is idling, lower and lift the prop into and out of the water. Get used to low speed maneuvering and docking the boat before attempting to increase speed.

For the first time operating your new Surface Drive engine, turn the trim adjustment knob counterclockwise until the prop and cavitation plate can be fully submerged while the boat is floating at rest. Under normal conditions the trim can be adjusted for high speed performance and need not be changed while idling or getting back up on plane.

Steer the engine slowly to avoid getting water into or overturning the boat. The Go-Devil Surface Drive engine is better suited for wider bottomed boats (48" or wider). Use extreme caution- even while idling -when making sharp turns on narrow boats.

To turn the boat around in a tight situation, allow the boat to nearly come to a complete stop. While the engine is idling with the prop out of the water, turn the engine all the way to one side and lower the prop into the water slowly. Most boats will turn in their own length when this is done.

TIP! - Turning left at low speed requires less reach due to the handle being on the left side of the engine. When reversing direction from rest or idle speed, set up to turn left whenever possible. This will become instinctive with time.

High Speed Operation

As its name implies, the Go-Devil "Surface Drive", uses a surface piercing propeller. The surface propeller is designed to be run primarily with a fraction of each blade breaking the surface of the water with each revolution. To get maximum performance from the engine, propeller depth can be fine tuned using the manual trim.

The manual trim mechanism is a standard feature on all SD models. The trim is simply a bottom stop on the tilt axis of the engine which allows the engine to tilt upward freely when an underwater obstacle is struck.

Manual Trim Adjustment

WARNING!! – The trim knob is angled outward and away from a pinch point between the engine and transom bracket. **DO NOT PLACE HANDS BENEATH THE ENGINE WHILE IT IS RUNNING!!!** If the skeg or prop strikes an obstruction while underway, the engine may tilt violently and cause injury.

With the boat floating at rest, set the trim low enough to fully submerge the propeller and cavitation plate below the water's surface. After getting up on plane and to full throttle, take notice of the propeller depth.

Since the SD engine is a balanced drive, the prop may initially have a tendency to lift up and surface too high at top speed without being held by the trim mechanism. If the prop surfaces too high, a large amount of vibration will be felt at the handle as the prop blades "slap" the surface of the water. If this happens, bend both trim tabs upward slightly on the rear with a large crescent wrench as shown in the figure below. For maximum performance and comfort, you should be able to relax the weight of your arm and hand comfortably while holding the hand grip at full speed.



If the trim tabs are adjusted properly, the prop should stay down firmly until the engine is trimmed up to the desired depth. To adjust the trim while underway, lightly push down on the handle to free the trim and turn the trim knob Clockwise (➡) to trim up and Counterclockwise (↩) to trim down.

Trim the engine up until maximum performance and comfort is achieved. For the average boat and engine combination, the prop should be run with approximately 1/3 of its diameter

above the surface. Different hull designs and horsepower to weight ratios will affect optimum propeller depth and performance while on plane. If necessary, the drive ratio may be reduced to accommodate extremely large hulls and loads.

Starting on May 15th, 2008 all Surface Drive Engines are equipped with an EZ Trim Lever. The EZ Trim Lever allows the prop height to be dropped approximately 5" without adjusting the manual trim knob. This allows a smooth and efficient transition between your trim height for running on plane and "digging" out of a situation where you are stuck or in extremely shallow water. Simply push down on the Surface Drive handle and flip down the EZ Trim Lever to drop your prop height. After getting on plane and you are in a sufficient water depth, push down on the Surface Drive handle again and flip the EZ Trim Lever back up to come back to your normal trim height.

An engine mounted tachometer/hour meter is a highly recommended accessory since it allows you to view both engine rpm and total run time. Maximum performance will generally be achieved between 3400-3800 RPM since the engines make maximum horsepower within this range. Idle RPM should be 1100 out of the water and 900 RPMs in the water at idle.

LUBRICATION

ENGINE LUBRICATION

CHECK ENGINE OIL BEFORE EACH USE. We recommend changing engine oil after the first 10 hours on a new engine and every 50 hours or yearly after that. When changing oil, run the engine to heat the oil before draining. When changing the oil filter always fill the filter with oil before installing. Fill crankcase and then prime the oil pump by spinning the engine with the electric starter for about 10 seconds with the safety kill switch in the kill position. Start the engine and let it idle for a few minutes before speeding up.

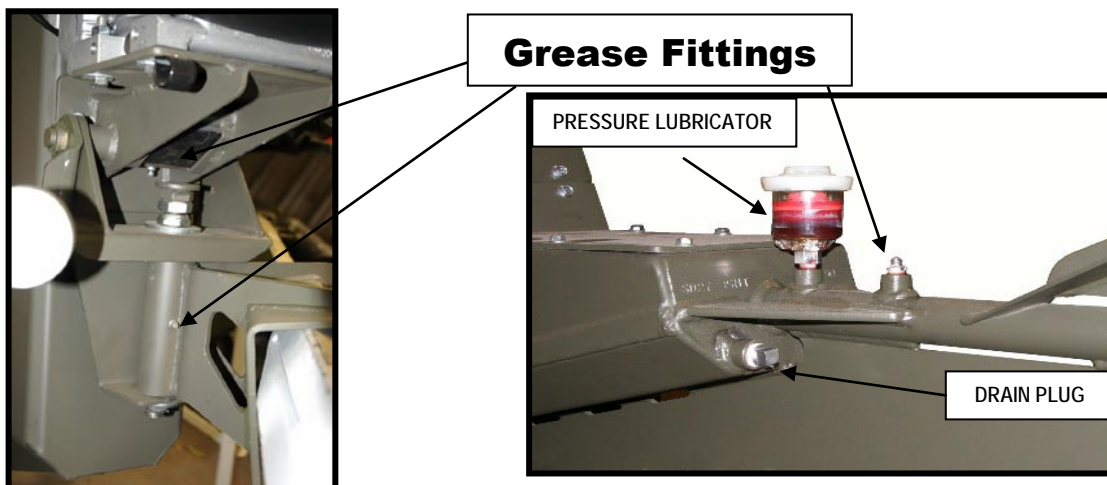
Lubricate the engines throttle linkage as needed with a WD-40 type spray lubricant. This may or may not be necessary depending on environmental conditions. An occasional spray will help keep the throttle functioning smoothly.

EXTERNAL GREASE FITTINGS

The Surface Drive unit has **3** external grease fittings which require periodic lubrication. One fitting is located on the drive tube and the other two are located on the tilt axis and steering axis (see photos below). We recommend using a #1 or #2 marine grade waterproof grease such as AQUA-LUBE to lubricate all fittings.

Grease the steering and tilt axes after every 10-20 hours of run time. Any more often will be excessive and messy. In addition to lubricating the fittings, apply a small amount of grease to the transom clamp bolts yearly or as needed.

The fitting shown in the figure on the right below is used for lubricating the prop shaft and lower bushing and seal system. A pressure lubricator shown to the left of the fitting feeds grease to the system as needed and allows for heat expansion inside the drive tube. See the following section on **PRESSURE LUBRICATION** on page 11 for proper lubrication and maintenance. The drain plug shown is used to check for water leakage inside the frame housing. This should be checked after your first test run on the water and again each time the panels are removed and reinstalled. While the engine is out of the water, remove the plug and tilt the engine back so that any water inside the housing will drain out of the drain hole. If water comes out when checked, the panels should be resealed with a good grade silicone.



PRESSURE LUBRICATION

A pressure lubricator shown on the previous page is mounted on the upper end of the drive tube and features a spring loaded piston which creates a small amount of grease pressure inside the drive tube. This grease volume lubricates the prop shaft, lower bronze bushing, and lower seals. During assembly the lubricator is intentionally oriented so that the factory grease fitting is inaccessible. Lubricate **ONLY** the grease fitting mounted adjacent to the lubricator to ensure that grease is fed into the drive tube and not just into the lubricator. Pumping grease through this fitting will fill both the drive tube and the lubricator.

- Visually inspect the position of the lubricator piston before and after each use.
- The lubricator should be kept about $\frac{3}{4}$ full so that grease consumption can be easily monitored. The lower drive system should use up very little or no grease at all when functioning properly.
- If the grease level does not seem to change after several hours of run time, pump grease into the drive tube until the piston starts to rise. This ensures that the lubricator piston is not “stuck” and giving a false impression that the tube is full. If the lubricator and drive tube are properly filled, the piston should move upward after only a few pumps of grease.
- The lubricator cannot be damaged by over-lubricating the drive unit. The lubricator is designed so that grease will expel from under the cap if over-filled.
- **ATTENTION: The lubricator piston will not reach the bottom of the cup.** When the piston is at its lowest position, the visual grease column will be approximately $\frac{3}{8}$ ” high. When the piston reaches this level it will no longer supply grease to the tube. In order to insure proper lubrication, the piston must be kept above this level at all times.
- **IT IS THE CUSTOMER’S RESPONSIBILITY TO CHECK AND INSURE THAT THE LUBRICATOR IS WORKING PROPERLY!!** Remove and clean the lubricator yearly to ensure that it is working properly and the piston is not stuck. If working properly, it should expel grease from the bottom hole when removed.
- **Do not clean the lubricator with a petroleum solvent** such as gasoline, varsol, kerosene, thinner, or carburetor cleaner. Petroleum solvents will destroy the plastic components. Wipe excess grease with paper towels and clean components with mild dishwashing liquid.

SEAL AND BUSHING WEAR

As the lower and/or upper seals start to wear, the unit may start to consume more grease. It may be time to replace the seals if the lubricator ever becomes empty after a normal operation period or requires 10 pumps or more from the grease gun to fill on two occasions. **DO NOT DELAY THIS PROCEDURE!!!** If the drive unit is run without grease, premature wear on the prop shaft and lower bushing will occur and will elevate the cost of repair. The life of the lower seals is determined by how the shaft is lubricated and how abrasive the material is that the engine is run in, such as mud, sand, and silt. Under extensive or commercial use, especially in brackish or salt water, the lower seals should be replaced annually.

INTERNAL DRIVE LUBRICATION

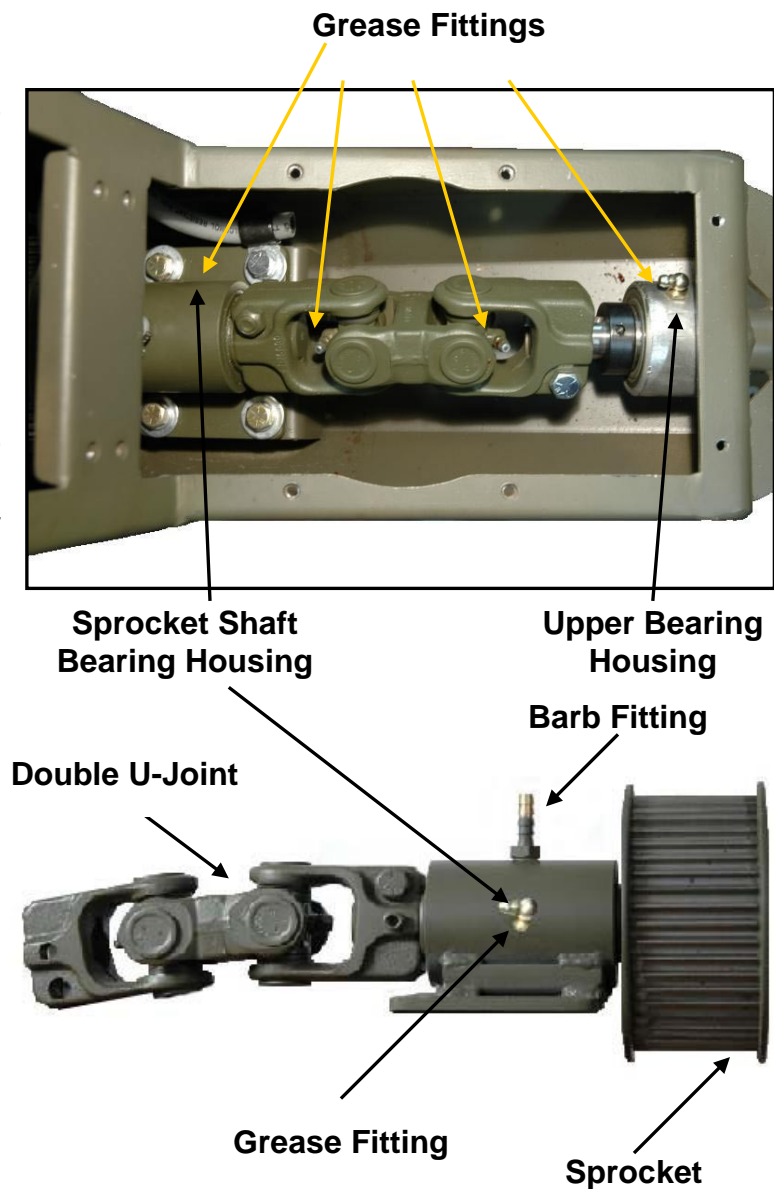
The Surface Drive unit has **4** internal grease fittings located within the frame housing. One fitting is located on each of the two universal joints and also on both the upper bearing housing supporting the prop shaft and on the sprocket shaft bearing housing shown in the photo below.

After every 75-100 hours of use, lubricate the upper bearing housing and the universal joint fittings shown below with 2-3 pumps from a grease gun.

The Sprocket Shaft Bearing Housing shown contains a set of Tapered Roller Bearings. This Housing is sealed and grease lubricated.

After every 75-100 hours of use, remove the vent tube connected to the barb fitting shown below and pump grease into the grease fitting until grease starts to exit the top of the housing through the barb fitting. Collect excess grease with a paper towel and continue pumping grease into the housing until clean grease starts to expel through the barb fitting. Replace the vent tube when finished.

Replace the lower access panel following the same instructions as for the upper panel described on the bottom of page 15. Add an additional amount of Silicone to the corner areas where the bend in the lower access panel mates to the frame. Panels must be sealed properly to keep water out of the frame housing.

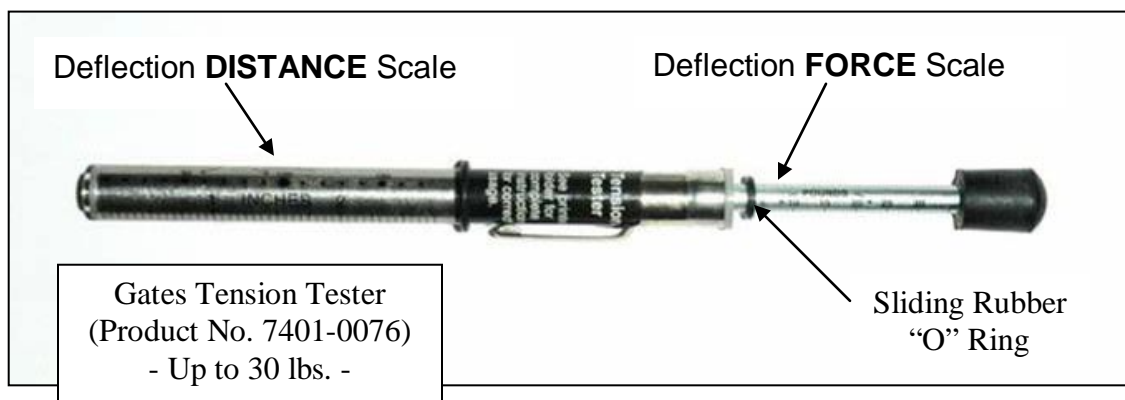


BELT TENSION AND INSTALLATION

TOOLS REQUIRED

Torque Wrench (to 250 Lbs.-In.)
3/8" Socket
9/16" Socket
6" long Socket Extension
Ratchet
9/16" Wrench
Gates Tension Tester

Gates Tension Testers are available directly from Go-Devil or any local Gates Dealer. (See page 14 for Instructions)



Gates Tension Tester...How it works!

The tension tester is pushed against the center of the belt width through the inspection hole. Pencil type tension testers like this one measures belt tension by showing the force required to deflect the belt a predetermined distance. Force and deflection on Surface Drive Engines should be kept within the tolerance listed below. Belts that are run too loose will cause an increase in driveline vibration resulting in reduced belt life. When tensioning, adjust to the high end of the given tolerance to allow for belt stretch. **Never tension belt more than specified!** Over-tensioning the belt may cause premature wear or damage to the engine and drive unit bearings.

Standard 16" Transom Models

Force = 11-15 lbs.
Deflection = 1/4"

20" High Transom Models

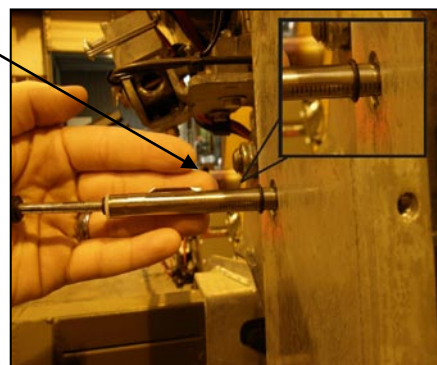
Force = 9-13 lbs.
Deflection = 1/4"

CHECKING BELT TENSION

Checking Belt Tension on the Surface Drive does not require removal of the rear access panels. An inspection hole on the side of the frame is provided to inspect and check belt tension from outside of the frame.

Belt tension should be checked every 30-50 hours of run time as described below and readjusted if necessary.

1. Locate the black hole plug on the side of the frame behind the engine.
2. Carefully slip a knife blade behind the plug flange and pry it out of the hole.
3. Use a flashlight to look inside the hole and locate the belt. When using the tension tester, force must be applied to the belt by pushing the tester in the center of the belt width. The inspection hole may or may not be centered on the belt width.
4. Touch the tester against the center of the belt width as shown to the right. To measure deflection, slide the outer o-ring $\frac{1}{4}$ " from the belt housing. Use the inch scale on the tester to set the o-ring.
5. Next, push the tester against the belt inward $\frac{1}{4}$ " until the o-ring touches the belt housing. **Be sure to use the inch scale and not the metric scale on the tester.**
6. Remove the tester from the hole and view the sliding "O" ring location on the force scale. The force applied to deflect the belt is indicated by the location of the bottom of the "O" ring on the force scale.
7. Repeat steps 4-6 several times or until you achieve the same result for each measurement.
8. If the measured force falls below specs shown below, re-tension the belt as described on the following page (15).



Standard 16" Transom Models

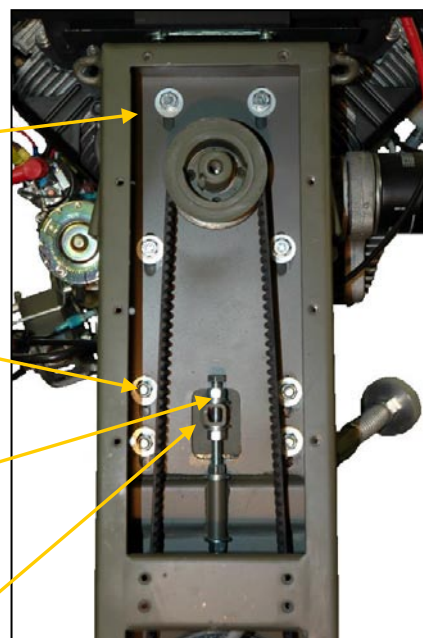
Force = 11-15 lbs.
Deflection = $\frac{1}{4}$ "

20" High Transom Models

Force = 9-13 lbs.
Deflection = $\frac{1}{4}$ "

ADJUSTING BELT TENSION

1. **REMOVE UPPER ACCESS PANEL:** Remove all 1/4" bolts holding the Upper access panel with a 3/8" socket and ratchet. The panel is sealed with Loctite 598 High Performance RTV Silicone Gasket Maker. The panel will need to be pried from the frame with a large screwdriver.
2. Locate the 3/8" bolts shown in the photo to the right. Using a 9/16" socket, ratchet and extension, loosen the top 4 bolts around the engine crankshaft. Hand tighten the bolts to allow the frame to slide up and down but remain against the engine.
3. Loosen the lower 4 bolts using the ratchet and 9/16" wrench. Snug the bolts as done for the upper bolts to allow the frame to slide up and down.
4. Loosen the Upper Tension Adjustment nut on the jack bolt using a 9/16" open end wrench.
5. **NEW BELT ONLY** - If installing a new belt, loosen the Lower adjustment nut and turn the Upper adjustment nut clockwise to loosen the belt. Remove all four of the 3/8" bolts securing the sprocket shaft bearing housing shown on page 12. The sprocket unit can then be lifted enough to change the belt. Apply Blue Loctite to bolts and reinstall them with the new belt in place around the sprocket. Torque all four bolts to 250 In.-Lbs. (21 Ft.-Lbs.)
6. To increase belt tension, turn the Lower Tension Adjustment nut counterclockwise until the proper tension is achieved as indicated by the tension gauge instructions listed on page 14.
7. Tighten all 8 of the 3/8" bolts shown above to 250 In.-Lbs. (21 Ft.-Lbs.)
8. Tighten the Upper Tension adjustment nut.
9. After tightening all bolts and nuts listed above, check belt tension again and readjust if necessary using the same procedures. Replace the inspection hole plug when finished.
10. Remove existing RTV Silicone from frame and access panel and insure that mating surfaces are clean. Apply a continuous 1/8" bead of silicone to the frame surface and inside the bolt holes. Ensure that the bead is continuous around the perimeter to



prevent water leakage.

11. Install the Upper Access Panel and lightly tighten the ¼" bolts. Allow Silicone to cure for several hours and then torque all bolts to 125 In.-Lbs. (10 Ft.-Lbs.)

TOOLS

SPECIAL TOOLS TO SERVICE SURFACE DRIVES

PART #	DESCRIPTION	USED FOR	PRICE
PW2-3BL	PROP WRENCH	T-BAR TO REMOVE PROP	\$50
SHBUPU	PULLER FOR SHAFT & BUSHINGS (SLIDE HAMMER)	USED WITH: SHAFT ADAPTER TO REMOVE SHAFT BUSHING PULLER- TO REMOVE BUSHING- (MUST USE 1" TAP TO THREAD INNER BUSHING FOR BUSHING PULLER INSERTION.)	\$50
SHAD	SHAFT ADAPTER	USED WITH PULLER TO REMOVE SHAFT	\$15
BUPU	BUSHING PULLER	USED WITH PULLER TO REMOVE BUSHING	\$20
BUIN	BUSHING INSTALLER	TO INSTALL BUSHINGS	\$10
T1	1" TAP	USED TO THREAD INNER BUSHING FOR INSERTION OF BUSHING PULLER FOR REMOVAL OF BUSHING.	\$40
R78	7/8" REAMER	AFTER BUSHING INSTALLATION, USED TO REAM THE BUSHING FOR PROPER SHAFT PLACEMENT/FIT.	\$70

TOTAL \$255.00

These tools can be rented for \$20.00 plus shipping with a \$255.00 deposit.

OTHER TOOLS NEEDED TO SERVICE SURFACE DRIVES

18" PIPE WRENCH
1/2" DRILL
8" OR 10" CRESCENT WRENCH
1 1/16" SOCKET OR COMBINATION WRENCH
1 1/8" DEEP SOCKET OR COMBINATION WRENCH
PAIR OF CHANNEL LOCK PLIERS
4 TO 5 LB HAMMER
5/16" DRILL BIT
7/8-9 10 TPI DIE NUT
7/8-9 10 TPI TAP

PROPELLER REMOVAL

1. Using a 1 7/16" wrench, hold back on the forward jam nut (1A1-78) and remove the rear nylon insert nut (1A4-78) with a 1 1/4" wrench.
2. Using a prop wrench (PW2-3BL) unscrew the prop. If prop wrench is not available, use a large pipe wrench with the sides of the jaws touching the end of the propeller blades to unscrew the prop. If the prop is stuck, as they usually are, pull very hard. **DO NOT STRIKE THE ENDS OF THE BLADES TO BREAK IT FREE. THIS NEVER WORKS.** If you cannot break the prop free, heat the front of the hub red hot. This will only damage the seals.

If the prop is still stuck: Remove the shaft with the prop still on it. Place the shaft (ahead of where the bushing rides) in a pipe vice. This will eliminate the spring action in the shaft. Using the same steps as above, unscrew the prop. It may be necessary to re-heat the hub. Remove any scars on the shaft that the vice created with a smooth mill file.

PROPELLER INSTALLATION

1. Inspect the forward jam nut and forward brass washer (BW-78), replace if necessary. It may be necessary to run a die nut (7/8"-9) over the threads of the shaft to clean them. It may also be necessary to run a tap (7/8"-9) through the propeller.
2. Apply never-seize to the shaft. Screw the prop on the shaft clockwise (right hand threads). When installing a used propeller use caution, the blades may be very sharp from wear. Use leather gloves to prevent injury.
3. Install the rear brass washer (BW-78) followed by the nylon insert nut (1A4-78). The nylon insert nut should be tightened as tight as possible. **DO NOT USE AN IMPACT GUN!**

LOWER SEAL REPLACEMENT

(Drawing for this procedure on PAGE 21)

1. Determine if the lower bushing should also be changed by holding the cavitation plate with one hand and moving the propeller up and down then left to right with the other hand. If no movement is felt, there is no wear in the bushing. Once the movement becomes 1/16" or more, it will be necessary to replace the bushing.
2. Remove the propeller. (Refer to PAGE 17 Propeller Removal)
3. Remove the brass washer (BW-78) and forward jam nut (1A1-78).
4. Remove the lower housing cap (LHC-78-**which has left hand threads**). (Must turn clockwise to remove) Clean thoroughly of any grease or Loctite.
5. Pick old seals out with a tool such as an ice pick with a 90 degree bend on the end.
6. Pack the first seal with grease and insert it into the housing with the spring-side facing the engine and screw the seal on over the threads on the shaft or by using a split plastic sleeve to slide over the threads. These seals can be pushed in with a 1" plastic pipe. This procedure may shave a small amount of material off of the outside diameter of the seal. Insert the next seal with the spring facing the prop. Pack the area between the two seals with grease.

7. Install the new scraper seal (78SC) into the lower housing cap (LHC-78) and install onto the lower seal housing (LSHS-15) by turning it counter-clockwise (left-hand threads).
8. Install the propeller as shown on PAGE 17.

SHAFT REMOVAL

1. Leave the engine mounted on your boat in the trailering position or clamped to a solid saw horse. Remove propeller, all nuts, and washers. (Refer to PAGE 17 Propeller Removal.)
2. Remove the set screw in the yoke clamped to the prop shaft. **DO NOT REMOVE THE SET SCREW FROM THE FRONT YOKE!**
3. Remove the bolt in the split yoke with two 9/16" wrenches. Drive a flat-head screwdriver into the split yoke as parallel to the shaft as possible. **DO NOT DRIVE IN PERPENDICULAR OR AT A RIGHT ANGLE TO THE SHAFT!**
4. Loosen the set screw on the eccentric collar on the upper bearing. Now loosen the eccentric collar clockwise (standing from rear of engine) using a 1/8" pin punch or center punch.
5. Screw on propeller by hand and tap on propeller with rubber or rawhide hammer and bump the shaft out.

SHAFT INSTALLATION

1. Slide the shaft through the housing slowly until it comes out of the upper bearing housing. Slip the eccentric collar over the shaft and leave it loose.
2. Install the shaft key $\frac{3}{4}$ of the way into the yoke and slide the shaft to the yoke with a pair of channel locks. Now tap the shaft in about $\frac{3}{4}$ " with a 7/8" coupling nut or our shaft puller. At this point, remove the lubricator and fill the tube with grease until grease comes out at the grease fitting. Now install a 1/8" pipe plug and finish filling the tube slowly until grease starts coming out of the lower bushing. At this time we recommend removing the pressure lubricator and taking it apart and cleaning it thoroughly. Use paper towels or soap and water, no solvents. Stretch the spring to insure proper pressure.
3. Now install the lower seal housing by applying silicone inside the lower seal housing, in front of the threads. Tighten the lower seal housing with a pipe wrench and install the set screw with blue Loctite. Install the lower seals as described on PAGE 17. Install the forward jam nut (1A1-78) tightly. Now drive the shaft in until you have 1/8" to 3/16" air gap between the forward jam nut and the LHC.
4. Countersink the set screw hole in the split yoke with a 5/16" drill bit. Tighten the bolt on the yoke at this time using two 9/16" wrenches extremely tight. Install the set screw. Install the lower seal housing cap and fill the pressure lubricator until it is $\frac{3}{4}$ full. You are now ready to install the propeller.

BUSHING REMOVAL AND INSTALLATION WITH OUR TOOLS

1. Using the 1" tap, screw it into the bushing. This will cut threads in the bushing to fit the bushing puller (#BUPU).
2. Screw the bushing puller (#BUPU) into the bushing. Screw the shaft puller (#SHBUPU) into the bushing puller.
3. Using the slide hammer on the shaft puller, remove the bushing.
4. Drive the new bushing in with our bushing installer (BUIN) and a four to five pound hammer.
5. After the bushing is installed, the bore will shrink. Run a 7/8" reamer or 7/8" drill bit through the bushing to make sure that the shaft will turn freely in the bushing.

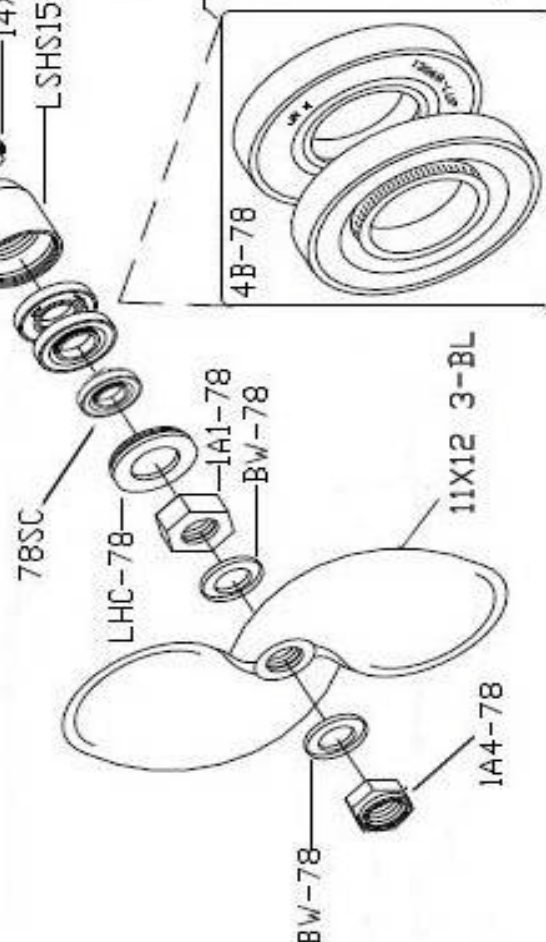
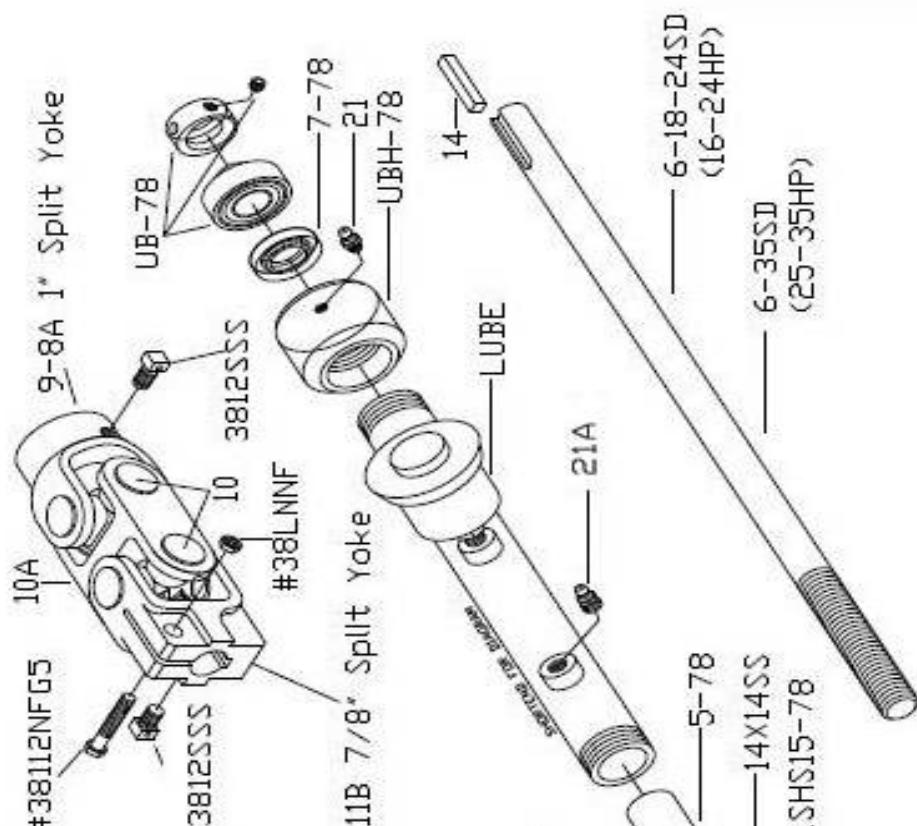
BUSHING REMOVAL AND INSTALLATION WITHOUT OUR TOOLS

SPECIAL ITEMS NEEDED

- 1 sabre saw or sawzall with blade to cut bronze
- 1 3/4" bolt (any length)

1. Using a saw, split the bushing at two locations. Be careful not to cut the shaft housing. After the bushing is split, pull out the two pieces with a pair of pliers.
2. Insert a 3/4" bolt into the bushing using it as a bushing installer. Drive the bushing in with a four or five pound hammer.

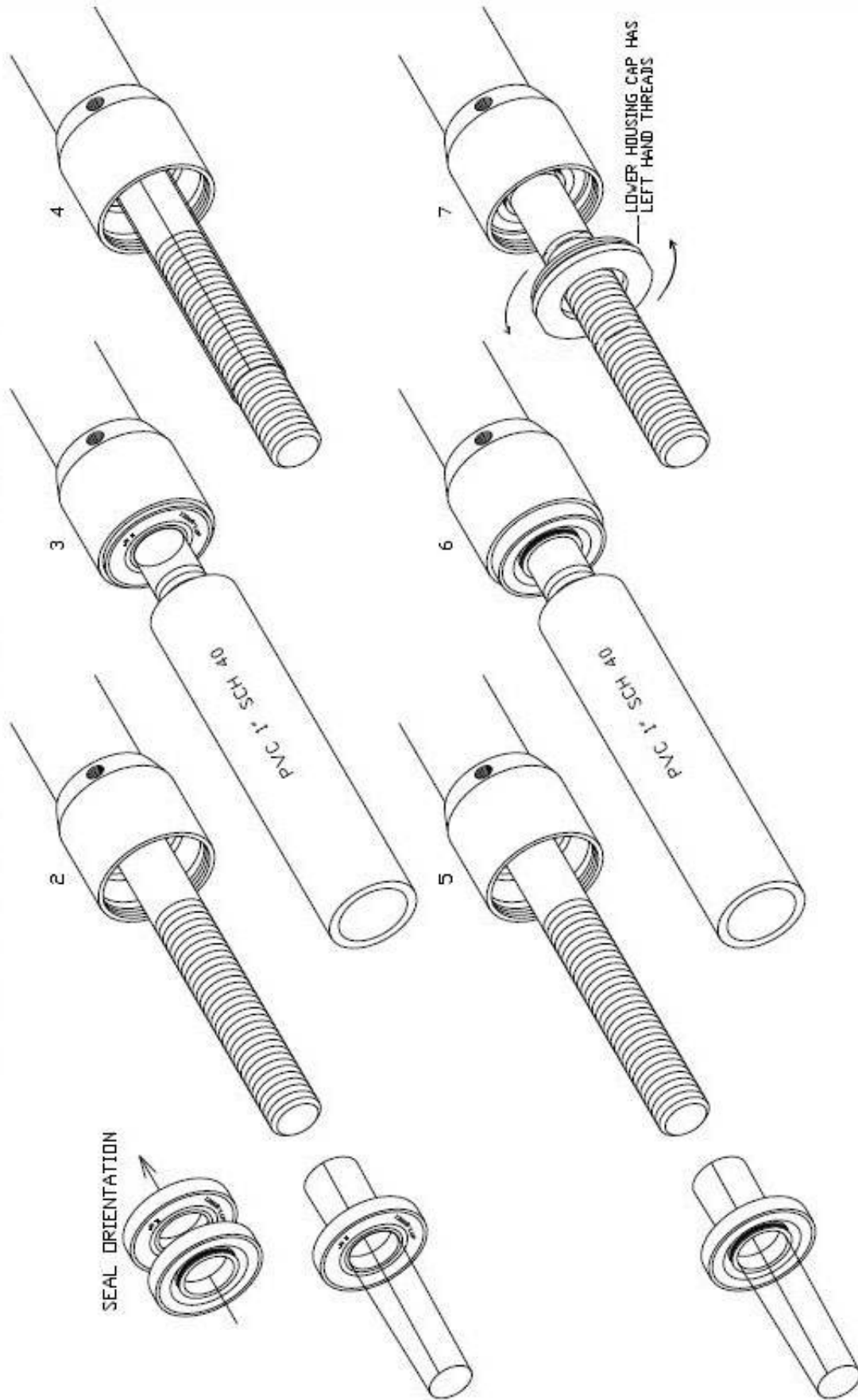
QUANTITY	PART NO.	DESCRIPTION
1	**LSHS15-78	7/8" LOWER SEAL HOUSING 1.5" SEAL
1	14X14SS	1/4"X1/4" SET SCREW 18-8
1	LHC-78	7/8" LOWER HOUSING CAP
1	78SC	7/8" SCRAPER SEAL
2	4B-78	7/8" SEAL'S
1	UBA1-78	7/8" UPPER BEARING HOUSING
1	UB-78	7/8" UPPER BEARING
1	5-78	7/8" LOWER BUSHING W/SPRIL GROOVE
1	7-78	7/8" UPPER GREASE SEAL
1	6-18-24SD	7/8" PROP SHAFT 16-24HP
or	6-35SD	7/8" PROP SHAFT 25-35HP
1	14	1/4" UNDERSIZE KEY
3	3812SSS	3/8"-16 ± 1/2" SOCKET SET SCREW
2	10	UNIVERSAL JOINT
1	10A	CENTER YOKE
1	11B	7/8" SPLIT YOKE
1	9-8A	1" SPLIT YOKE
1	#38112NFG5	3/8"X1-1/2" NF BOLT
1	#381JNMF	3/8" NF LOCKNUT



SEALS MUST BE INSTALLED AS SHOWN

QUANTITY	PART NO.	DESCRIPTION
1	LUBE	PRESSURE LUBRICATOR
1	1A4-78	7/8" NYLON INSERT JAM NUT
2	BW-78	7/8" BRASS WASHER
1	11X12 3-BL	3 BLADE PROP
1	1A1-78	7/8" FORWARD JAM NUT
1	21	1/4"-28 GREASE FITTING
1	21A	1/8" NPT GREASE FITTING

SURFACE DRIVE SEAL INSTALLATION



1. GREASE SEALS.
2. INSERT PLASTIC SLEEVE INTO A SEAL AS SHOWN IN ABOVE ILLUSTRATION WITH THE SEAL SPRING FACING THE SEAL HOUSING. PUSH SLEEVE OVER THE THREADS ON THE SHAFT THEN SLIDE THE SEAL OFF ONTO THE UNTHREADED PART OF THE SHAFT AND INTO THE SEAL HOUSING.
3. USE AT LEAST A 6" LONG PIECE OF 1" SCHEDULE 40 PVC PIPE TO TAP THE SEAL ALL THE WAY INTO THE HOUSING.
4. REINSERT THE PLASTIC SLEEVE INTO THE SEAL AND REMOVE IT TO RELEASE ANY AIR PRESSURE THAT MIGHT HAVE ACCUMULATED DURING INSTALLATION OF THE SEAL.
5. INSERT PLASTIC SLEEVE INTO SECOND SEAL.
6. INSTALL SECOND SEAL WITH SEAL SPRING FACING AWAY FROM THE SEAL HOUSING.
7. TAP SEAL ALL THE WAY INTO THE HOUSING WITH THE PVC PIPE SO IT SEATS FIRMLY AGAINST THE FIRST SEAL.
8. SCREW ON SEAL HOUSING CAP BY TURNING IT COUNTER CLOCKWISE (LEFT HAND THREADS) AND TIGHTEN IT WITH A 1-3/8" WRENCH OR CRESCENT WRENCH.

SERVICE MEMOS

Manual Trim setting and trim tab adjustments.

It is very important that the Surface Drive engine is trimmed properly to get the maximum performance and speed from it. Start the engine and get on plane. Then turn around and look at the cavitation plate. Adjust the trim knob until the cavitation plate is about 3 inches above the water. Next look at the stainless steel seal housing in front of the prop. The top end of it should be at water level or above. At this point, the prop should be about one third out of the water and blowing a rooster tail. Your rpm's should be in the 3600 to 3800 range when running (3950-4000 out of the water). This will give you the maximum performance. The prop should be staying in the water even if you lean on the handle slightly. If it pops up or is trying to come out of the water it will be necessary to bend the trim tabs on the skeg up at the end of them with a 12" crescent wrench. **Refer to PAGE 9.** Bend these up ¼" at a time between test running until you can lean on the handle and it will stay in the water, but can still be pushed down and lifted out of the water with effort. Once the engine is trimmed properly you will run, stop, and take off with the same setting. It is not necessary to adjust the trim knob unless you increase your load dramatically. If you find yourself stuck in very shallow water you can use your EZ Trim lever to drop the prop height and get out of that situation.

Engine handle pulling while on plane.

If you are having problems with the handle pulling to one side while operating the engine it is an easy fix. You may have to fine tune the offset bend in the skeg to correct this issue. If the handle is pulling to the starboard side (right) of the boat, the skeg needs to be bent more to the port (left) side. Use a 12" crescent wrench to perform this procedure. Test-run the boat with the load level until the boat tracks straight without pulling.

Note: We have found when upgrading to a three blade prop from a two blade this procedure will be necessary.

Do not move the engine on the transom to try and correct handle torque!

SERVICE MEMOS CONTINUED

Throttle freezing issues.

Surface Drive throttles have been found to have issues with freezing and not operating in very cold temperatures. Moisture enters the cable by rain or condensation etc. and freezes when the ambient temperature is below freezing.

To remedy this:

1. Raise the handle to a vertical position.
2. Remove the black plastic cap at the top of the throttle cable.
3. Using a hypodermic needle, inject antifreeze down the side of the inner throttle cable.
4. Squeeze throttle to move the cable back and forth and work in the antifreeze.
This will prevent the cable from freezing anymore.
5. Repeat this procedure multiple times until you can no longer inject any antifreeze into the throttle cable.

ENGINE OIL CAPACITIES

Engine Model	Capacity
23hp Briggs & Stratton Vanguard Model #: 386447	46-48 ounces or 1.43-1.5 quarts with filter
27hp Kohler Command Model#: CH740S	54-61 ounces or 1.7-1.9 quarts Kohler oil
35hp Briggs & Stratton Vanguard Marine Model#: 613447	78-80 ounces or 2.43-2.53 quarts

NOTE: THESE OIL CAPACITIES ARE LISTED IN THE ENGINE MANUFACTURER'S MANUAL. DO NOT RELY ON THESE MEASUREMENTS ALONE. ALWAYS HOLD THE ENGINE PERFECTLY LEVEL AND CHECK THE OIL LEVEL ON THE DIPSTICK MAKING SURE IT IS NOT OVER-FILLED OR UNDER-FILLED.

ALL 23HP ENGINES WILL NOT RUN IF THEY ARE OVER-FILLED WITH OIL.

SERVICE RECORD

ENGINE MAKE _____

VALVE CLEARANCE:

ENGINE MODEL # _____

INTAKE _____

OIL FILTER # _____

EXHAUST _____

FUEL FILTER # _____

SPARK PLUG # _____

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SERVICE WORK PERFORMED

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Warranty

This warranty replaces any warranties before August 1, 2011

Go-Devil Manufacturers of Louisiana, Inc. will repair or replace any components, on the Go-Devil drive unit that we manufacture at no charge for a period of two years that are defective in materials or workmanship. Transportation charges on parts submitted for repair or replacement under this warranty must be borne by the owner of the unit. This warranty does not cover normal wear, abuse, neglect, or failure due to the elements of nature, such as salt water corrosion. Wear on shaft and/or bushing due to the lack of lubrication will not be covered by this warranty! See your Service Manual for the proper lubrication instructions.

Kohler and Honda Engines on our products have a two year engine warranty that is applicable as long as the original owner owns the unit. Briggs & Stratton Vanguard engines have a three year warranty as of July 2010 and as long as the original owner owns the unit. All Briggs & Stratton Vanguard engines sold before July 2010 have a two year warranty.

Engine warranty can be handled through any small engine dealer in your area that is an authorized warranty service dealer for the brand of engine that you have on your unit. Go-Devil Manufacturers of Louisiana, Inc. is authorized to warranty all the engines that we sell on our products. In many cases, we can expedite a repair by sending the part to you, because most warranty repairs are as simple as replacing a simple part. You will however, be required to return the defective part to us. At that point, we will file the warranty claim directly to the engine manufacturer at no charge to you.