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for marine diesel engines

4.154 M
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This handbook has been issued to guide operators in the correct use and maintenance
of Perkins Marine Diesel engines. Providing an engine is correctly installed, correct
maintenance and certain precautions are observed, then no operating difficulties or
failures should be experienced. All matters relating to marine propulsion are covered,
also fault diagnosis and remedy, and minor repairs which the average marine operator
can undertake, whilst his craft is afloat.
on board tools

An "on board" tool kit for engine work is available but the following tools and general spares are suggested to supplement the kit:

- Hose clips, assorted.
- Hose, assorted (convoluted type useful).
- Fresh water pump driving belt.
- Sea water pump driving belt.
- Sea water pump impeller.
- Wire (20 SWG).
- Insulating tape.
- Jointing compound.
- Magnet (keep away from compass).
- Mechanical fingers.
- Self-gripping wrench.
- Asbestos lagging.
- Low pressure fuel pipe olives.
- Small hacksaw with spare blade.
- Assorted files.

For some engines an on board spares kit can be purchased from your Perkins Marine Distributor.

PERKINS PARTS
FOR
PERKINS PRODUCTS

To ensure you obtain the best results from your engine and to safeguard your own guarantee, fit only genuine Perkins Parts. These are readily obtainable throughout the world.

Perkins engines are built to individual requirements to suit the applications for which they are intended and the following engine views do not necessarily typify any particular specification.
1. Sea Water Pipe from Pump to Heat Exchanger.
2. Fresh Water Pipe from Engine to Heat Exchanger.
3. Water Temperature Sender.
4. Lubricating Oil Dipstick.
5. Lubricating Oil Filler Cap.
7. Closed Circuit Breather Pipe.
8. Atomiser.
9. Lubricating Oil Filter Canister.
10. Fuel Oil Filter.
11. Electrical Engine Stop Control Actuator.
12. Gearbox Lubricating Oil Pressure Sender (position).
15. Reduction Gearbox.
16. Forward and Reverse Gearbox.
17. Flywheel Housing.
18. Flexible Lubricating Oil Pipes.
20. Lubricating Oil Sump Drain Plug.
21. Lubricating Oil Sump.
22. Engine Lubricating Oil Pressure Sender.
23. Sea Water Pump Inlet.
25. Sea Water Pump.
27. Cold Starting Adaptor.
28. Thermostat Housing.
29. Sea Water Outlet.
30. Fresh Water Pipe to Lubricating Oil Cooler.
31. Fresh Water Filler Cap.
32. Sea Water Inlet to Heat Exchanger.
33. Alternator.
34. Alternator/Fresh Water Pump Drive Belt.
35. Fuel Lift Pump.
37. Power Take-off Shaft.
38. Lubricating Oil Sump Drain Pump (position).
39. Lubricating Oil Cooler Water Drain Plug (or tap).
40. Neutral Switch (position).
41. Lubricating Oil Cooler.
42. Heat Exchanger/Exhaust Manifold Fresh Water Drain Plug.
43. Exhaust Manifold Flange.
44. Header Tank/Heat Exchanger/Exhaust Manifold.

Primary Filter - Optional
**engine identification**

The engine type with which this handbook is associated is designated 4.154M.

The first figure in the engine designation denotes the number of cylinders. The second group of figures denotes the engine capacity in cubic inches. The letter “M” is for “marine”.

**engine serial number**

The serial number is stamped on the cylinder block immediately behind the Fuel Injection Pump.

It will consist of both figures and letters, the first set of figures represents the engine cubic capacity, the letter following signifies the manufacturing area and the last set of figures is the serial number.

The complete combination of figures and letters should be quoted when seeking information, assistance or spare parts.

**engine data**

- **Type**: Four Stroke, Indirect Injection
- **Nominal Bore**: 3.5 in (88.9 mm)
- **Stroke**: 4.0 in (101.6 mm)
- **No. of Cylinders**: 4
- **Cubic Capacity**: 153.9 in³ (2.523 litres)
- **Compression Ratio**: 21.5 : 1
- **Firing Order**: 1, 3, 4, 2
- **Valve Tip Clearance**: 0.012 in (0.30 mm) Cold
- **Oil Pressure**: 30-60 lbf/in² (2.1-4.2 kgf/cm²) at maximum speed and normal operating temperature.

(Refer to Boat Builder)

**Installation angle**
- 0° — Installation angle 13.3 Imp pints (7.56 litres) 8.0 U.S. qts.
- 5° — Installation angle 13.7 Imp pints (7.78 litres) 8.25 U.S. qts.
- 10° — Installation angle 14.6 Imp pints (8.30 litres) 8.75 U.S. qts.

**Rating Details**
- **Pleasure Craft rating**: 58 shp at 3,000 rev/min
- **Commercial Craft rating**: 54 shp at 3,000 rev/min
operating instructions

PREPARATION FOR STARTING

ENSURE FUEL IS TURNED ON!

Open engine coolant seacocks.

Check coolant level in header tank.

Check engine and gearbox lubricating oil levels (see page 27 for approved oils).

Ensure that the fuel tank contains considerably more than sufficient fuel for the intended voyage. The fuel oil should conform to one of the specifications given on page 20.

Fig. 1. Typical engine instrument panel.

Starting the Engine

Place gearbox control in neutral gear.

Turn starter switch to position "R" fig. 2 and ensure that the engine stop control, if fitted, is in the run position (i.e., pushed fully home).

Place engine speed control in maximum speed position.

If the engine or weather is warm, turn starter switch in a clockwise direction to the "HS" position.

As soon as the engine starts, release the switch to the "R" position.

Be sure that the starter pinion and engine have stopped rotating before re-engaging the starter motor, otherwise damage may result.

Cold Weather Starting Aids
C.A.V. THERMOSTART

Turn starter switch to the "H" position and hold it there for fifteen to twenty seconds.

Then turn the starter switch to the "HS" position, thereby engaging the starter motor.

If the engine does not start after twenty seconds, return the switch to the "H" position for ten seconds and then re-engage the starter motor by switching to the "HS" position.

As soon as the engine starts, release the switch to the "R" position and reduce the engine speed.

TURNER QUICK START

Crank the engine over to break the drag of the oil film and when engine flywheel has stopped rotating, inject a measure of "Quick Start" by pulling out the knob and pushing it back just once. Pull out the "Quick Start" knob prior to starting.

Engage the starter motor and after one complete revolution of the engine push in the "Quick Start" knob.

It may be necessary to assist continuous running by injecting more fluid by further strokes of the "Quick Start" knob.

Do not use any starting device that incorporates the use of high energy fuels in conjunction with an induction heater unit.

Fig. 2.
TO STOP ENGINE

A spring loaded stop control is located near the normal engine controls and functions by cutting off the fuel at the fuel injection pump.

To operate, pull the knob and hold in this position until the engine ceases to rotate. Ensure that the control returns to the run position, otherwise difficulty may be experienced in restarting the engine.

On some engines, an electrical engine stop control actuating device is fitted. To operate, press the button provided on the instrument panel. Do not release until the engine ceases to rotate.

Switch off by turning switch to position "O".

Things to Note

When the engine starts, check the following points:

(a) That oil pressure is registered on gauge(s).
(b) That charging rate is indicated on ammeter/generator light goes out.
(c) That coolant is discharging overboard.

Care should be taken not to operate the engine at maximum speed for long periods.

instruments

These serve to give the operator important information about the running of the engine, fuel state, temperature etc.

Generally speaking, instruments have not the accuracy that a laboratory meter has and this should be borne in mind when reading them. Nevertheless, they may be used to ensure correct functioning of the engine(s).

Engine Oil Pressure Gauge

This is one of the most important instruments and should be checked for correct operation as soon as the engine starts. Normal oil pressure is 30/60 lb/in² (2.1/4.2 kgf/cm²) at maximum engine speed and normal operating temperature. However, it should be remembered that during the life of the engine there will be a gradual drop in oil pressure. This is perfectly normal as bearing surfaces wear. There will also be a slight drop in pressure when the oil is hot or if the wrong grade of oil is used in certain climatic conditions. See page 27 for correct oil grades.

Gearbox Oil Pressure Gauge

Where this is fitted the pressure should be within the ranges given on page 28. Here again there will be a slight pressure drop when the oil is hot.

Tachometer

This provides the operator with the engine revolutions per minute (rev/min.). The number indicated has usually to be multiplied by one hundred to give engine rev/min. e.g. 20 x 100 = 2,000 rev/min.

Water Temperature Gauge

This indicates the normal running temperature of engine coolant. Coolant temperatures should remain within the ranges given on page 24. If high temperatures are experienced investigate the cause immediately (see page 34).
preventive maintenance

If a Perkins marine diesel engine is to give long and trouble free service, it is imperative that it be maintained in accordance with the following Periodical Attentions:

**Daily**
- Check coolant level in header tank.
- Check sump oil level.
- Check engine and gearbox oil pressures (where gauge fitted).
- Check gearbox oil level.

**Every 150 hours or 3 months (whichever occurs first)**
- Drain and renew engine lubricating oil (see page 27).
- Renew lubricating oil filter canister.
- Check drive belt tensions.
- Clean air intake gauze or screen.
- Check engine for leakage of oil and water.
- Clean sediment traps.

**Every 450 hours or 12 months (whichever occurs first)**
- Renew final fuel filter element.
- Check hoses and clips.
- Drain and clean fuel tank.
- Renew gearbox lubricating oil.
- Service atomisers.

**Every 2,400 hours**
- Arrange for examination and service of proprietary equipment, i.e. starter, generator, etc.
- Check and adjust valve tip clearances.

post delivery checkover

After a customer has taken delivery of his Perkins Marine Diesel engine, a general checkover of the engine must be carried out after the first 25/30 hours in service.

The checkover should comprise the following:

1. Drain lubricating oil, renew lubricating oil canister and refill sump to full mark on dipstick with new oil.
2. Tighten the cylinder head setscrews in the correct sequence (see fig. 3) and to the correct torque of 85 lb ft (11.75 kgf m).
3. Reset valve clearances to 0.012 in (0.30 mm) cold (see Page 29).
4. Check coolant level in header tank and inspect for coolant leaks.
5. Check external nuts, setscrews, mountings, etc. for tightness.
6. Check fresh and sea water pump drive belt tensions.
7. Check electrical equipment and connections.
8. Check for lubricating and fuel oil leaks.
9. Check engine idling speed (see page 23).

![Fig. 3.](image)

preservation of laid up engine

Where a boat is to be laid up for several months, the engine should be protected as follows:

1. Clean all external parts.
2. Run engine until warm. Stop and drain the lubricating oil sump.
3. Renew the lubricating oil filter canister.

4. Clean out engine breather pipe.

5. Fill lubricating oil sump to correct level with new oil of an approved grade.

6. Drain all fuel oil from fuel tanks and filters. Put into the fuel tank at least one gallon of one of the oils listed under "Recommended Oils for the Fuel System" (see page 17). If, because of the construction of the fuel tank, this quantity of oil is inadequate, break the fuel feed line before the first filter and connect a small capacity auxiliary tank. If the fuel tank(s) cannot be drained they should be filled.

7. Prime the system as detailed on page 21.

8. Start engine and run it at half speed for 15 minutes when the oil will have circulated through the injection pump, pipes and atomisers.

9. Seal the air vent in the tank or filler cap with waterproof adhesive tape.

10. Drain water from heat exchanger and engine cylinder block. The heat exchanger should be removed and serviced; the cylinder block may be flushed back through the drain points with the thermostat removed. If it is decided to refill the fresh water system with antifreeze the precaution on page 19 should be followed.

11. Lubricate the interior of the sea water pump body with Glycerine or MARFAK 2HD grease, or remove impeller for lay-up period.

12. Remove the atomisers and spray into the cylinder bores ½ pint (0.14 litre) of lubricating oil divided between all cylinders. Rotate the crankshaft one complete revolution and replace atomisers.

13. Seal the air intake with waterproofed adhesive tape.

14. Remove the exhaust pipe and seal the manifold port.

15. Remove cylinder head cover, lubricate the rocker assembly and replace cover.

16. Remove fresh and sea water pump driving belts.

17. Batteries
   (a) Remove the batteries and top up cells with distilled water.
   (b) Recharge.
   (c) Clean the terminals and lightly smear with petroleum jelly.

(d) Store in a cool, dry, dust free place. Avoid freezing risk.

(e) Recharge once a month.

18. Starters and Generators
Clean terminals and lightly smear with petroleum jelly. The generator, starter and control board must be protected against rain.

OILS RECOMMENDED FOR PRESERVATION OF FUEL SYSTEM

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<td>Shell Calibration Fluid “C” (U.K.)</td>
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<td>Shell Calibration “B” (Overseas)</td>
<td>—70°F (—57°C)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Shell Fusus “A”</td>
<td>—15°F (—26°C)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Shell Fusus “A” R1476 (Old Type)</td>
<td>25°F (— 4°C)</td>
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No attempt should be made to restart the engine until the temperature has been at least 15°F (9°C) above that shown in the table, for not less than 24 hours, otherwise there may be difficulty in obtaining a free flow of fuel.

The proprietary brands of oils listed are recommended for the purpose by the oil companies. They may not be available in all parts of the world, but suitable oils may be obtained by reference to the oil companies. The specification should include the following:

Viscosity: Should not be greater than 22 centistokes at the lowest ambient temperature likely to be experienced on re-starting.

Pour Point: Must be at least 15°F (9°C) lower than the lowest ambient temperature to be experienced on restarting and should be lower than the lowest temperature likely to be met during the lay-up period.

The oils selected are not necessarily suitable for calibrating or testing pumps.
PREPARING THE ENGINE FOR RETURN TO SERVICE

When the engine is to be returned to service, the following procedure must be observed:

1. Thoroughly clean all external parts and refit sea-water pump impeller (where applicable).

2. Remove adhesive tape from the fuel tank vent or filler cap.

3. Drain fuel tank to remove any remaining oil and condensed water and refill the tank with fuel oil. If tanks have been filled, drain water from tap if this has been provided by the boat builder.

4. Fit new fuel filter element (see page 22).

5. Vent and prime the fuel injection pump (see page 21).

6. Close all coolant drain taps and fill the system with clean coolant. Check for leaks. Remember that if a coolant solution of 25% anti-freeze manufactured to BS3151 has been left in the system, then a life expectation of one year can be expected of the solution.

7. Rotate fresh water pump by hand to ensure freedom of water pump seals. If the pump will not rotate with a reasonable amount of persuasion then it will have to be removed to determine the cause.

8. Refit fresh and sea water pump driving belts.

9. Remove the rocker cover, lubricate rocker assembly with engine oil. Replace cover.

10. Remove adhesive tape from the air intake.

11. Remove adhesive tape from the exhaust manifold port and refit exhaust pipe(s).

12. Starter and Generator
Wipe the grease from the terminals and check that all connections are sound. If the starter is fitted with a Bendix type of drive, lubricate with a little light engine oil. CA45 co-axial starters, except where they are fitted with dust covers, should be given the same treatment.

13. Connect the batteries.

14. Check the level and condition of the oil in the sump. Change the oil if necessary.

15. Start the engine in the normal manner checking for oil pressure and electrical rate of charge. Whilst the engine is reaching its normal running temperature, check that it is free from water and oil leaks.

Note:

If the foregoing instructions are observed, the laying-up and return to service should be carried out efficiently and without adverse effect on the engine. However, Perkins Engines Ltd. cannot accept liability for direct or consequential damage that might arise following periods of lay-up.

frost precautions

Precautions against damage by frost should be taken if the engine is to be left exposed to inclement weather either by adequately draining the cooling system or where this is not convenient, an anti-freeze of reputable make and incorporating a suitable corrosion inhibitor may be used.

Should it be the policy to protect engines from frost damage by adding anti-freeze to the cooling system, it is advisable that the manufacturers of the relevant mixture be contacted to ascertain whether their products are suitable for use in Perkins Engines and also to ensure that their products will have no harmful effect on the cooling system generally.

It is our experience that the best results are obtained from anti-freeze which conforms to British Standard 3151.

The coolant solution containing 25 per cent of antifreeze manufactured to BS 3151 in water in a properly maintained engine should maintain its antifreeze and anti-corrosive properties throughout the winter season in the U.K. and in general, a safe life of 12 months may be reasonably expected.

When draining the water circulating system, the tap on the cylinder block must be opened. There may be other drain taps on exhaust manifolds, oil coolers etc., all of which must be opened.

When the engine is drained, the fresh water pump is also drained but the rotation of the pump may be prevented by—
(a) locking of the impeller by ice due to the pump hole being blocked by sediment.
(b) locking of the seal through the freezing of globules of moisture between the seal and the gland.

Operators are therefore advised to take these precautions when operating in temperatures below freezing point.

1. Before starting the engine turn the fresh water pump by hand: this will indicate if freezing has taken place. If freezing has taken place, this should free any ice formation.

2. If it is impossible to turn the pump by hand, the engine should be filled with warm water.

3. To avoid this trouble, it is advisable when all water has been drained to run the engine for a few seconds at idling speed, thus dispersing any moisture remaining in the pump.
After an anti-freeze solution has been used, the cooling system should be thoroughly flushed in accordance with the manufacturers instructions before refilling with normal coolant.

If the foregoing action is taken, no harmful effects should be experienced but Perkins Engines Ltd., cannot be held responsible for any frost damage or corrosion which may be incurred.

**fuel system**

The importance of cleanliness in all parts of the fuel system cannot be overstressed. Dirt and sludge are killers to the engine life blood.

**FUEL OIL SPECIFICATION**

The fuel oil used in Perkins Marine Engines should conform to the following specifications:

**United Kingdom**

**United States**
ASTM/D.975 — 66T — Nos. 1-D and 2-D.
Federal Specification VV - F - 800a: Grades DF-A, DF-1 and DF2 (according to operating ambient temperature).

**Germany**
DIN-51601 (1967).

**France**
J.O. 14/9/57 Gas Oil or Fuel Domestique.

**Italy**
Cuna-Gas Oil NC-630-01 (1957).

**India**
IS : 1460/1968 — Grade Special and Grade A.

**Sweden**
SIS. 15 54 32 (1969).

**Switzerland**

Fuel oils available in territories other than those listed above which are to an equivalent specification may be used.

**BLEEDING THE SYSTEM**

If the craft runs out of fuel causing the engine to stop running, or whenever any part of the system between the fuel tank and fuel injection pump has been disconnected, the fuel system will have to be bled.

Ensure there is sufficient fuel in tank and that the fuel tank cock, where fitted, is turned on.

1. Slacken air vent valve on side of control gear housing (see fig. 4).
2. Slacken vent valve fitted on one of the two hydraulic head locking screws (see fig. 5).
3. Operate priming lever on fuel lift pump (if this is not possible, the camshaft driving the lift pump lever may be on maximum lift; turn engine one revolution) and when fuel, free from air bubbles, issues from each venting point, tighten the screws in the following order:
   1. Head locking screw.
   2. Governor vent screw.
4. Slacken the pipe union nut (see fig. 6) at the pump inlet, operate the priming lever and retighten when fuel, free from air bubbles, issues from around the threads.
5. Slacken unions at atomiser ends of two of the high pressure pipes.
6. Set accelerator to the fully open position ensuring that the stop control is in the "run" position.

7. Turn engine until fuel, free from air bubbles, issues from both fuel pipes.

8. Tighten the unions on both fuel pipes, and the engine is ready for starting. In the unhappy event of the batteries becoming flattened during the above operation, look to your flare locker (did you check its contents before leaving port?). If in doubt about battery condition the load on the battery can be eased during cranking by preventing air being drawn into the air intake. Remove air filter and close off intake by pressing a large sheet of stiff cardboard or similar over intake, or remove atomisers.

FUEL FILTERS

To Renew Filter Elements

1. Clean exterior of filter assembly.

2. Unscrew setscrew at top of filter bowl. (see fig. 7).

3. Lower base and discard element (see fig. 8).

4. Clean filter head and bowl or base in suitable cleaning fluid.

5. Check sealing rings and, if damaged, renew.

6. Fit new element to filter bowl or new element to base.

7. Place square against filter head and tighten setscrew.

8. Bleed fuel system, as detailed previously.

Sedimentor — Water Trap
To Drain
Release the plug situated at the base of the fuel filter.
Allow water and sediment to drain off and when clean fuel emerges from the drain hole, replace the plug ensuring that there is no leakage of fuel.

IDLING SPEED SETTING
The adjustment of the idling speed is made by means of the setscrew and locking nut (see fig. 9) on the top of the control gear housing.

ATOMISER TESTING AND REPLACEMENT
Often a particular atomiser or atomisers causing trouble may be determined by releasing the pipe union nut on each atomiser in turn, with the engine running at a fast "tick-over". This will prevent fuel being pumped through the nozzle to the engine cylinder, thereby altering the engine revolutions. If after slackening a pipe union nut, the engine revolutions remain constant, this denotes a faulty atomiser.

When fitting a replacement atomiser it should be noted that the joint between the atomiser and cylinder head is made by a special copper washer. Care should be taken to ensure that only this type of copper washer is used. The recess in the cylinder head, the faces of the copper washer and the corresponding face of the
nozzle holder cap must be perfectly clean if a leakproof joint is to result. Fit new copper washers each time an atomiser is replaced.

The nuts on the flange should be tightened down evenly to prevent the atomiser nozzle being canted and so nipped in the cylinder head. Uneven tightening will almost certainly result in blowby. Over tightening high pressure fuel pipe nuts will result in split olives.

cooling system

The system incorporates a heat exchanger, cooling water in a closed circuit, using raw water as the cooling medium. The raw water discharge can be used for normal water injection into the silencing system. A thermostat fitted into the closed circuit system keeps the engine at optimum temperature of 168 - 197°F (75 - 91°C). Two water pumps are used.

Coolant Capacity — Engine only

Rubber Impeller Type Water Pump

The pump should never be run in a dry condition (impeller blades will tear) and if the engine is to be withdrawn from service for any length of time, it will be necessary to pack the water pump with MARFAX 2HD grease. (Where this is not available, glycerine may be used). This is effected by removing the pump end plate, giving access to the interior of the pump, which can then be packed with grease, or glycerine introduced through the top-most pipe connection after removing the rubber hose. Turn engine over to spread the lubricant.

This treatment is usually effective for about three months, and should be repeated prior to recommencement of service if laid up for a longer period than this.

ALWAYS CARRY A SPARE IMPELLER

Water Pump Drive Belts

Check the tensions of the sea and fresh water pump drive belts. When correctly adjusted, sideways movement of belt between water pump and crankshaft pulley should be 1/8 in (10 mm).

Heat Exchangers

If the tube stacks are badly choked the best method of cleaning is to place the assembly in a boiling caustic soda solution. This will loosen all foreign matter adhering to the unit. Generally speaking, however, the fresh water side i.e. the outside of the tubes, should be fairly clean as these are on the closed circuit. The inside of these tubes which may have salt water passing through them are more likely to require cleaning. If these are not badly scaled enough to require the caustic soda solution treatment described above, they can be cleaned by pushing a length of 1/4 in (3.2 mm) diameter steel rod down the tubes to dislodge any foreign matter. It is IMPORTANT when doing this, that the rod is pushed through the tubes in the opposite direction to that in which the water flows also that the rod does not damage tube walls.

Seacocks and Strainers

Ensure that seacocks are open prior to starting the engine and that, after the engine has started, there is a flow of water from the discharge pipe. The operator knows his home water so cleaning of the strainer is left to his discretion, but regular checks should be made of the engine water temperature gauge. Fig. 10 shows a typical seacock position.

Fig. 10.
lubricating system

The importance of correct and clean lubrication cannot be stressed too highly and references to engine oil should be taken to mean lubricating oil which falls within the specification given in this section. Care should be taken that the oil chosen is that specified for the climatic conditions under which the engine is operated. The sump should be filled to the correct level but DO NOT overfill above the full mark.

As, in most cases, the sump cannot be drained by unscrewing the drain plugs due to the installation, a sump pump can be provided if it is not already fitted, to facilitate removal of sump oil.

Oil Pressure

This should be 30/60 lbf/in² (2.1/4.2 kgf/cm²) at normal working speed and temperature. The pressure will drop whilst the engine is idling also a slight drop will be experienced when the oil is hot, this is quite normal.

Oil Filters

The lubricating oil filter fitted to the 4.154M engine is the screw type in which the element is an integral part of the bowl or canister. The canister is secured to the filter head by a threaded adaptor.

Renewing Oil Filter

1. Clean exterior of filter.
2. Unscrew canister from filter head, before disposal, check that threaded adaptor is secure in filter head.
3. Using clean engine oil, lightly oil top seal of replacement canister.
4. Screw replacement canister on to filter head until canister seal just touches head and then tighten by hand a further half turn. If canister is overtightened, difficulty may be experienced in its removal.
5. Run the engine and check for leaks. Do not run engine at high speed until oil pressure has built up. Recheck oil level and top up as necessary.

Oil Coolers

Under normal circumstances, oil coolers will require little attention, providing the sea water inlet strainer is efficient and kept clean.

After a lengthy period of service it may be necessary to clean the tube stack and this may be effected in a similar manner to that given for the heat exchanger.

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LUBRICATING OILS

Lubricating oils should meet the requirements of the U.S. Ordnance Specifications MIL-L-46152 or MIL-L-2104C. Some of these oils are listed below. Any other oils which meet these specifications are also suitable.

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<td>B.P. Ltd.</td>
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Where oils to the MIL-L-46152 or MIL-L-2104C specification are not available, then oils to the previous specification MIL-L-2104B may continue to be used providing they give satisfactory service.

Lubricating oils for use in Perkins Diesel engines should have a minimum viscosity index of 80.

The above specifications are subject to alteration without notice.
gearboxes

BORG-WARNER 71CR

Filling
Transmission fluid Type "A" should be added until it reaches the full mark on the dipstick. The unit should be turned over at idling speed for a short time to fill all circuits.

Procedure for checking oil level
The oil level should be checked immediately after shut-down and sufficient oil added to bring the level to the full mark on the dipstick. The dipstick assembly need not be threaded into the case to determine oil level. Later boxes have a plug type dipstick.

Oil Capacities

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Oil Temperatures and Pressures
Oil pressure 110 - 150 lb/in² (7.73 - 10.55 kgf/cm²) at normal operating temperatures of 150 - 165°F (66.55 - 73.8°C). At low temperature or excessive speeds, pressures of 200 - 250 lb/in² (14.06 - 17.58 kgf/cm²) may be obtained. A maximum transmission oil temperature of 190°F (87.6°C) is recommended.

With the Borg Warner gearbox it is permissible to trail for 8 hours providing the following shaft speeds are not exceeded:

- Direct Drive: 1,500 rev/min
- 1.5: 1,000 rev/min
- 1.9: 790 rev/min
- 2.1: 715 rev/min
- 2.5: 600 rev/min
- 2.9: 520 rev/min

Transmissions incorporating reduction gear must have means of stopping the transmission output shaft from prolonged or continuous freewheeling. This is because the engine, being stopped, does not drive the oil pump in the gearbox. The box therefore is not being properly lubricated.

Propeller shaft brakes are available and the boat builder or stern gear specialist should be contacted for further details.

checking valve tip clearances

Note: When turning engines, they should always be turned in their normal direction of rotation, i.e., anti-clockwise when viewing from the gearbox end.

This is set between the top of the valve stem and rocker arm and should be 0.012 in (0.30 mm) cold (see Fig. 11).

When setting valve clearances the following procedure should be adopted:

1. With the valves rocking on No. 4 cylinder (i.e. the period between the opening of the inlet valve and the closing of the exhaust valve). Set the valve clearances on No. 1 cylinder.

2. With the valves rocking on No. 2 cylinder, set the valve clearances on No. 3 cylinder.

3. With the valves rocking on No. 1 cylinder, set the valve clearances on No. 4 cylinder.

4. With the valves rocking on No. 3 cylinder, set the valve clearances on No. 2 cylinder.


**Electronics Screening (radar etc.)**

Many pieces of equipment on board generate interference signals and these are picked up by the radio receiver indiscriminately. It is therefore desirable to screen these signals if possible. Radio interference suppression is a very wide and variable subject and it is suggested that a specialist is contacted to advise on this sometimes difficult problem.

**Electrolytic Corrosion**

This can occur when two dissimilar metals are brought together in the presence of sea water. Care is taken to avoid this in the design of the engine although different metals are necessary, but a brass or bronze pipe fitting attached to aluminium parts for example will result in rapid corrosion.

Particular care is necessary when installing an engine in an aluminium hull. Zinc anodes can be fitted to hulls where corrosion cannot be entirely avoided, and specialist firms will advise on the use of these.

Corrosion can also be caused by current leaking from the battery and other parts of the electrical system to the hull via the engine or metal fittings.

**Battery Maintenance**

**WARNING.** Batteries under charge give off an explosive gas. Ensure therefore that the batteries are properly and securely slotted with plenty of ventilation and have access for maintenance. Isolate battery when not in use (isolation switch) and maintain correct electrolyte level i.e. just above top of separators.

Keep battery clean and dry to avoid possible corrosion and current leakage.

Ensure connections are clean and tight and that cable size is adequate for the installation, to avoid overheating.

Any component that may cause arcing must not be fitted in the battery space.

**GENERAL PRECAUTIONS**

When alternators are used in the charging circuit the following precautions must be taken:

NEVER disconnect the battery or switch 'off' at the starter switch whilst the alternator is running. This will cause a voltage surge in the system damaging diodes and transistors.
emergency measures

If the engine stops the first thing to do is check that the fuel supply is ON. If the fuel valves or taps are open then check level in fuel tank. If the engine has been run until the fuel tank is completely empty there is a very good chance that there is a lot of dirt in the fuel lines. Change the fuel filter and having refuelled; bleed the system and re-start the engine.

If the engine slows down or loses power there could be something wrapped round the propeller. Always check this first. Check air intake for obstruction and engine compartment for good supply of air. The air intake mesh may be clogged with foreign matter sucked from a dirty engine compartment.

If the engine coolant boils ease down the throttle and try to ascertain the cause. The first check here is at the sea cock to ensure adequate cooling water supply; if satisfactory, check raw water pump operation, perhaps the impeller has failed; if so, replace with the spare impeller which should always be carried as an on board spare.

Should one engine be shut down on a twin engined installation ensure that the propeller shaft of the shut down engine is braked so that the speeds given for the type of gearbox are not exceeded (see page 28).

If a serious leak occurs on a high pressure fuel pipe, disconnect and direct flow into a can or other receptacle and run on remaining cylinders. On NO account attempt to flatten the pipe as this will ruin the fuel injection pump. Leaks in low-pressure fuel pipes can be temporarily repaired by the use of adhesive tape, hose and clips.

Auxiliary yacht installations may require the engine to be run while beating to windward. Under these conditions the boat may heel up to 30° without adverse effect on the lubrication system providing the boat is righted occasionally, in order to lubricate the valve gear.

Coolant leaks can normally be dealt with by adhesive tape, hose and clips.

If a serious oil leak occurs shut down the engine immediately and try to find the cause. Oil leaks are a lot harder to cure temporarily, because of the pressure involved. However if the main flow can be stemmed to a drip or dribble place a can underneath the leak and replenish the engine with new oil (from the spare oil can) at the same rate as the loss.

Drip trays of metal or glass fibre should be used beneath the engine to stop lubricating oil or fuel oil dripping into the bilges. Care must be taken to avoid galvanic action with the drip tray e.g. a copper tray should not be used under an aluminium alloy sump. Remember to keep the drip tray clean as this gives an early indication of leakages.
### Fault Finding Chart

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<th>Fault</th>
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<td>Low cranking speed</td>
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<td>Will not start</td>
<td>5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 22, 31, 32, 33.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Difficult starting</td>
<td>5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 24, 29, 31, 32, 33.</td>
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<td>Lack of power</td>
<td>8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 31, 32, 33.</td>
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<td>Misfiring</td>
<td>8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, 16, 18, 19, 20, 25, 26, 28, 29, 30, 32.</td>
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<td>Excessive fuel consumption</td>
<td>11, 13, 14, 16, 18, 19, 20, 22, 23, 24, 25, 27, 28, 29, 31, 32, 33.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Black exhaust</td>
<td>11, 13, 14, 16, 18, 19, 20, 22, 24, 25, 27, 28, 29, 31, 32, 33.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Blue/white exhaust</td>
<td>4, 16, 18, 19, 20, 25, 27, 31, 33, 34, 35, 45, 56.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Low oil pressure</td>
<td>4, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 42, 43, 44, 49, 58.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Knocking</td>
<td>9, 14, 16, 18, 19, 22, 26, 28, 29, 31, 33, 35, 36, 45, 46, 59.</td>
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<td>Erratic running</td>
<td>7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 20, 21, 23, 26, 28, 29, 30, 33, 35, 45, 59.</td>
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<td>Vibration</td>
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<td>High oil pressure</td>
<td>4, 36, 41.</td>
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<td>Overheating</td>
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<td>Excessive crankcase pressure</td>
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<td>Poor compression</td>
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<td>Starts and stops</td>
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### Key to Fault Finding Chart

1. Battery capacity low.
2. Bad electrical connections.
3. Faulty starter motor.
4. Incorrect grade of lubricating oil.
5. Low cranking speed.
6. Fuel tank empty.
7. Faulty stop control operation.
8. Blocked fuel feed pipe.
11. Restriction in air cleaner.
12. Air in fuel system.
13. Faulty fuel injection pump.
14. Faulty atomisers or incorrect type.
15. Incorrect use of cold start equipment.
16. Faulty cold starting equipment.
17. Broken fuel injection pump drive.
18. Incorrect fuel pump timing.
19. Incorrect valve timing.
20. Poor compression.
22. Incorrect type or grade of fuel.
23. Sticking throttle or restricted movement.
25. Cylinder head gasket leaking.
27. Cold running.
28. Incorrect tappet adjustment.
29. Sticking valves.
30. Incorrect high pressure pipes.
31. Worn cylinder bores.
32. Pitted valves and seats.
33. Broken, worn or sticking piston ring(s).
34. Worn valve stems and guides.
35. Overfull air cleaner or use of incorrect grade of oil.
36. Worn or damaged bearings.
37. Insufficient oil in sump.
38. Inaccurate gauge.
39. Oil pump worn.
40. Pressure relief valve sticking open.
41. Pressure relief valve sticking closed.
42. Broken relief valve spring.
43. Faulty suction pipe.
44. Choked oil filter.
45. Piston seizure/pick up.
46. Incorrect piston height.
47. Open circuit strainer or weed trap blocked.
48. Faulty engine mounting (housing).
49. Incorrectly aligned flywheel housing or flywheel.
50. Faulty thermostat.
51. Restriction in water jacket.
52. Loose water pump drive belts.
53. Gearbox or engine oil cooler choked.
54. Faulty water pump.
55. Choked breather pipe.
56. Damaged valve stem oil deflectors (if fitted).
57. Coolant level too low.
58. Blocked sump strainers.
59. Broken valve spring.
EXAMPLES OF SERVICE FACILITIES

Service Publications

The following Service Literature may be purchased through your local Perkins Distributor.
Workshop Manuals.
Workshop Data.
Operator Handbooks.
Turbocharger Service Instructions.
Preservation for Diesel Engines.
Valve Seat Inserting and Cylinder Head Skimming.
CAV D.P.A. Fuel Pump Test Data.
Etcetera

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