

OPERATOR'S MANUAL





It is extremely important to read and understand the entire contents of this operator's manual before attempting to operate the product. This equipment is potentially hazardous and could cause physical injury or even death if improperly used.

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Important Safety Warning Signals

Do not operate equipment until reading and understanding operator's manual.



Read Operator's Manual



Hot Surfaces



Proper Clearance



Wear Eye Protection



Electric Shock



Keep Dry



Proper Lifting



Fire



Level



Store in Dry Place



Ground Generator



No Smoking



Toxic Fumes



Follow all instructions provided within this manual. This equipment can cause serious injury to people and animals and severe damage to property if operated negligently or incorrectly. Pay particular attention to all safety instructions, warnings and notices.



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The following signal words and meanings are intended to explain the level of risk associated with this product.



Indicates a hazard which, if not avoided, could result in minor or moderate injury.

Important Safety **Operation Information**

Manufacturer shall not be responsible for any consequences resulting from improper use of this equipment. The operator is required to read the entire contents of this manual before attempting to operate the unit. If the operator does not completely understand the instructions and all of the hazards of operating this unit after reading this manual, operator must call the factory to answer these questions to operator's complete satisfaction before proceeding 1-800-845-4141.

- Read and completely understand entire contents of this operator's manual and become familiar with the unit before attempting to start using this equipment! It is your responsibility to know its applications, limitations, and hazards! Call the factory with any questions.

A minimum of three (3) feet of clearance on all sides is required.

This unit is only to be used for its intended purpose; any other applications could void warranty;

FOR OUTDOOR USE ONLY

Never use this unit inside of any building, enclosure or a recreation vehicle (RV). No modifications will eliminate the danger of possible carbon monoxide poisoning, fire or explosion.

A DANGER Using a generator indoors WILL KILL YOU IN MINUTES. Exhaust contains carbon monoxide, a poison gas you cannot see or smell.



NEVER use in the home or in partly enclosed areas such as garages.

ONLY use outdoors and far from open windows, doors, and vents.

- User accepts responsibility for injuries and/or damage resulting from other applications.
- Inspect the entire system for leakage, weaknesses, • damage or deterioration before each use.
- Follow ALL codes for the safe operation of this equipment, both local and federal (United States occupational safety and health - OSHA).
- Only people that are well acquainted with the rules of safe operation should use this equipment.
- KEEP children away from the unit.
 - Wear safety glasses and hearing protection.
- Do not stand on the unit or attempt to use it as a hand hold.
- Replace or repair any defective parts before using.
 - Do not fill gas tank if engine is hot. Do
 - NOT fill the gas tank indoors. The engine governor is preset. Do not tamper with
- the setting. Excessively fast speeds will severely shorten the life of the engine and may be hazardous.

WARNINGS AND CAUTIONS

In this manual and/or decals and tags on the unit are not all inclusive. It would be impossible to anticipate every circumstance that might involve a hazard handling.

WARNING Read the ENTIRE IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION section at the beginning of this manual before set up or use of this product.

WARNING CALIFORNIA PROPOSITION

65 WARNING: Engine exhaust from this product contains chemicals and battery posts, terminals and related accessories are known to the state of California to cause cancer, birth defects and other reproductive harm.

Important Safety **Equipment Specific Warnings**



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To prevent serious injury from accidental operation:

Turn the unit off and disconnect the battery to prevent accidental starting.



Generators produce a very powerful voltage that can cause extremely dangerous electrical shock. Avoid

contact with bare wires, terminals, etc. Never permit an unqualified person to operate or service the generator.



Never handle any kind of electrical cord or device while standing in water, while barefoot, with wet hands or when feet are wet. Dangerous electrical shock could result.



The national electric code requires that the frame and external conductive parts be properly connected to an approved earth ground. Local electrical codes may vary. Check with an electrician for local grounding

requirements.

Use a ground fault circuit interrupter in any damp or highly conductive area such as metal decking or steel work.



Do not use worn, bare, frayed or otherwise damaged electrical cords or wiring with the generator. A defective

cord may result in electrical shock or may cause damage to equipment.



Do not expose unit to excessive moisture, dirt or corrosive vapors. Unit must be operated on a level surface.



Only operate this unit outside with adequate ventilation. This generator's exhaust produces carbon monoxide gas

that can cause unconsciousness or even death.



Never store a generator with fuel in the tank where fuel vapors could be ignited by a

flame, spark, or pilot light from an appliance such as a furnace, water heater, or clothes dryer.

- Always allow a minimum of 3 feet of clearance on all sides for ventilation while unit is operating. Allow 3 feet of clearance from all combustibles.
- Generator must always be stopped or started with all loads disconnected. Start the engine and let it stabilize before connecting any loads. Disconnect all loads before shutting down the generator.
- Never insert any object through the cooling slots of the engine. You could damage the unit or cause injury.
 - Do not attempt to pick up the generator by yourself. The weight of the generator is 257 lbs. and should only be picked up

using two able persons.

Never operate the generator:

- In wet or rainy conditions
- In an enclosed compartment
- If connected devices overheat





Air Conditioning Unit (12,000 btu)	1700	*Jet Pump	800
Battery Charger	500	Lawn Mower	1200
Belt Sander	100	Light Bulb	100
Chain Saw	1200	Microwave Oven	700
Coffee Maker	900	*Milk Cooler	1100
Air Compressor (1HP)	2000	Oil Burner on Furnace	300
Air Compressor (3/4HP)	1800	Oil Fired Space Heater (140,000 BTU)	400
Air Compressor (1/2HP)	1400	Oil Fired Space Heater (85,000 BTU)	225
Curling Iron	700	Oil Fired Space Heater (30,000 BTU)	150
Freezer	700	*Airless Paint Sprayer (1/3 HP)	600
Disc Sander	1200	Handheld Airless Paint Sprayer	150
Edge Trimmer	500	Radio	50
Electric Nail Gun	1200	Slow Cooker	200
Electric Range	1600	*Submersible Pump (1-1/2 HP)	2800
Furnace Fan (1/3HP)	1200	*Submersible Pump (1 HP)	2000
Hair Dryer	1200	*Submersible Pump (1/2 HP)	1500
Hand Drill	1200	Sump Pump	600
Impact Wrench	500	Television	500

Starting the Engine

Manual Start



Be sure unit is level, in a well ventilated area.

- Check oil and gas for proper levels.
- Turn fuel valve to the "on" position (Figure #1). •
- Place choke lever to the "start" position.
- Grip recoil starter and pull briskly. •
- Once started return choke lever to the "run" position.
- Let engine stabilize before hooking up any electrical appliances.

Electric Start



Be sure unit is level, in a well ventilated area.

- Check oil and gas for proper levels. •
- Turn fuel valve to the "on" position (Figure #1). .
- Place choke lever to the "start" position.
- Turn the ignition key to the "start" position. .
- Once started return choke lever to the "run" position.
- Return choke to "off/run" position.
- Let engine stabilize before hooking up any electrical appliances.
- Once engine has started, return the key to the "on" position.
- Let engine stabilize and warm up for at least 3-minutes before attaching any appliances.
- Make sure devices to be connected are in good working order and in the "off" position before connecting to the generator.

FIGURE #1





ON

OFF

MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE				
D=daily; M=monthly	D	М	3 M	6 M
Check Air Filter	x			
Check For Oil Leaks	х	х		
Replace Air Filter				x
Change Oil			x	

Stopping the Engine

Turn off all electrical devices connected to the generator.

- WARNING Do not start or stop generator with electrical devices plugged in.
- Allow the generator engine to run at a 'no load' condition for several minutes to stabilize internal engine temperature before stopping.
- Turn fuel valve to the "off" position (Figure #2). •

Keep the generator clean and dry. Use a damp cloth to clean exterior surfaces. Remove caked on dirt with a soft brush.



Never spray with water. Water will cause electrical shorts in the electrical system.

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FIGURE #2

Generator Features







- (1) Fuel tank
- (2) Muffler
- (3) DC Posts
- (4) Receptacles
- (5) Carburetor choke lever
- (6) Starter handle
- (7) Fuel shut off

- (8) Air cleaner
- (9) Pipe frame
- (10) Spark plug
- (11) Fuel tank cap
- (12) Breaker
- (13) Oil gauge dipstick
- (14) On/off switch

Operation

CHECK AND FILL OIL	CHECK AND FILL FUEL	CHECK/REPLACE FILTER
A CAUTION	A WARNING	A CAUTION
Do not attempt to start the engine before checking oil.	Do not overfill! Leave room for fuel expansion. Never fill fuel indoors.	Do not clean air filter with any type of detergent.
 Place generator on a level surface. 	Never fill fuel when engine is hot or running. Do not smoke or fill.	 Remove cover panel. Loosen screw and remove air
 Clean area around oil fill opening. 	 Fill with gasoline fuel only. Clean area around fuel cap. 	filter cover. 3. Never wash air cleaner with
 Remove the dipstick. Wipe the dipstick clean. 	3. Remove fuel cap.	any kind of detergent or cleaning solvent.
5. Reinsert dipstick and check oil level.	 Add fuel to fuel tank. DO NOT overfill. Do not fill above the red plug inside the 	 Air filter should be changed if engine performance decreases or color of exhaust
 DO NOT OVERFILL. CLOSE OIL CAP. 	fuel tank filter (this allows for fuel expansion).	changes. 5. Never run engine without air
8. Change oil as published.*	 Replace fuel cap. Wipe up any spilled fuel. 	filter. This will cause rapid engine wear.
		IId never be filled indoors. el on hot engine and allow

engine to cool completely before fueling. Never fill fuel tank when engine is running or when hot. Do not light a cigarette or smoke when filling the fuel tank. Gasoline vapors are highly explosive.





LOWER LIMIT

*The first oil change should take place after the inital run time of five hours. After the initial five-hour runtime, the oil is to be changed every 30 hours.

DANGER Stored batteries give off explosive hydrogen gas while recharging. An explosive mixture will remain around the battery for a period of time after it has completed recharging. Any spark can ignite the hydrogen and cause an explosion. Such an explosion can shatter the battery and cause blindness or other serious injury.

Avoid smoking, open flames, sparks or any other source of heat around a battery. Wear protective goggles, rubber apron and rubber gloves when working around a battery. Battery electrolyte fluids is an extremely corrosive sulfuric acid solution than can cause severe burns. If a spill occurs, immediately flush with clear water.

Spark Plug Maintenance

The spark plug must be properly gapped and free of deposits in order to ensure proper engine operation.

- Remove the spark plug cap.
- Clean area around the base.
- Remove the spark plug.
- Inspect the spark plug for damage and clean with a wire brush. If there is any damage, the plug should be replaced. If you replace the plug, use the recommended spark plug or equivalent: NGK-BPR6ES or Champion RN9YC.
- The gap between the electrodes is .027'-.030" **SEE ENGINE MANUAL.**
- Thread the spark plug in by hand to prevent cross threading.
- If using a NEW plug, once the plug seats by hand, tighten the plug 1/2 rotation with a wrench to compress the washer.
- If reusing the old plug, once the plug seats by hand tighten the plug 1/8-1/4 rotation with a wrench to compress the washer.

A DANGER Disconnect spark plus wire from spark plug. Keep the wire away from the spark plug.



NEVER cover the generator while engine and exhaust areas are warm.

Changing the Oil

- Remove the oil cap or dipstick.
- Place a container underneath the drain bolt.
- Unscrew the oil drainage bolt.
- Allow oil to drain completely.
- Reinstall the drainage bolt and tighten securely.
- Refill the oil per the check and fill instructions above.
- 32-38 ounce oil capacity in the crankcase depending on the amount of oil drained.
- Reinstall the dipstick.

NOTE: Used oil must be disposed of properly. Take used motor oil to an approved recycling center.

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ACAUTION Hot oil may cause burns.



Allow engine to cool before draining oil. Avoid prolonged or repeated skin exposure with used oil. Thoroughly wash exposed areas with soap.

GASOLINE GENERATOR ENGINES REQUIRE 38 OUNCES of 10W/30 TYPE API SJ or HIGHER

Limited Warranty

American Fab equipment is warranted to be free from defects in material and workmanship for a period of ONE year after date of purchase. The engine is warranted for a period of two years.

See engine manual for details.

Troubleshooting

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PROBLEM	CAUSE	SOLUTION
Engine is running but no power output is available.	 Circuit breaker is open. Poor connection or defective cord set. Connected device is bad. Fault in generator. 	 Reset the circuit breaker. Check and repair. Connect another device that is in good condition. Contact service center 1-800-845-4141.
Engine runs good until loads are connected, then bogs down.	 Short circuit in a connected load. Overloaded generator. Engine speed is too slow. Short in generator circuit. 	 Disconnect shorted load. See 'connecting electrical loads on page 4' section of manual. Contact service center 1-800-845-4141.
Engine will not start or engine starts but runs rough.	 Ignition switch is turned 'OFF'. Battery is dead. Fuel valve is 'OFF'. Dirty air cleaner. Out of fuel. Stale fuel. Stale fuel. Not enough speed or force is used for manual start. Water in fuel. Speed control is not set to 'RUN'. Low oil level. Engine has lost compression. Fouled spark plug. 	 Press the ignition switch to 'ON'. Charge or replace battery. Clean air filter. Drain old fuel tank and refill with new fuel. Read and follow directions. Move speed control to 'RUN' position. Add oil to proper level. Replace spark plug per engine manual specification. Contact service center 1-800-845-4141.
Engine shuts down during operation.	 Out of fuel. Fault in engine. Low oil level. Fouled spark plug. 	 Fill fuel tank. Add oil to proper level. Check for spark. Contact service center 1-800-845-4141.
Engine lacks power.	 Load is too high. Dirty air filter. Engine needs to be serviced. 	 See 'connecting electrical loads on page 4' section of manual. Replace the air filter. Contact service center 1-800-845-4141.





Industrial Gasoline Generator

MODEL-VL10KE



FEATURES

- 456cc Gasoline Engine
- Circuit Breaker Protection
- <u>Electric Start / Recoil Start</u>
- <u>Steel Sleeve Cylinder</u>
- <u>Copper Windings</u>
- Locking Compartments
- Low Oil Shutdown
- 240v Auxiliary Plug

SPECIFICATIONS

- AC Output 8300 Continuous, 9130 Surge Watts
- Max Amperage 34 AMPS
- **Receptacles** (2) L5-20 / (1) L5-30 / (2) L14-30
- **DC Output** 12V/8a
- Single Phase 60Hz
- **Engine HP** 18
- **RPM** 3600Rpm +/- 150
- <u>Noise Level 74 dB @ 10'</u>
- Fuel Capacity 12 Gallons
- **Oil Capacity** 37oz. (1.15 US qt)
- Oil Weight 10w-30
- Size- L-32", W-28", H-26"
- Net Weight 360 Lbs.
- Approximate Run Time -24 Hours at 50% Load



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