

How to Winterize Your E-TEC Engine



WARNING

Outboard must be in **NEUTRAL** and the propeller removed before performing winterization. Failure to remove propeller or starting outboard in gear can cause personal injury or death

You can winterize your outboard in the water. If you do so, do not remove the propeller and make sure the water intake screens are completely submerged. Do not start the outboard again after winterization is completed.

Prepare your outboard for the off-season by closely following these steps:

- 1) Remove the propeller (if winterizing on a trailer). Outboard **must** be in NEUTRAL.
- 2) Following bottle directions, add 2+4 fuel conditioner to fuel tank and fill it with fuel.
- 3) Attach garden hose to flushing port and turn on the water (winterizing on a trailer).
- 4) Using fast idle lever/button, advance throttle to FULL fast idle **warm-up** position and start the outboard. *System Check* lights will illuminate and the outboard will run at idle speed. Refer to **Remote Controls** on page 23 of the manual for location of fast idle lever/button, depending on your remote control.
- 5) After the *System Check* lights turn off (about 15 seconds), move throttle to IDLE position. *System Check* lights will re-light. Once the *System Check* lights turn off again, using the **fast idle lever/button**, advance throttle again to FULL fast idle **warm-up** position. *System Check* lights will flash.

IMPORTANT: If the *System Check* lights do not flash, you may not have used the fast idle lever/button. If the lights are not flashing and the outboard is not running at fast idle, immediately turn key switch OFF and re-start the winterization procedure at step 4

- 6) Outboard will automatically go to fast idle and fog itself. Allow outboard to run until it shuts OFF (about one minute).
- 7) After the outboard shuts itself off, turn key switch OFF, then detach garden hose.
- 8) Grease propeller shaft splines with recommended lubricant and install propeller.