California
Proposition 65 Warning
Diesel engine exhaust and some of its constituents are known to the State of California to cause cancer, birth defects, and other reproductive harm.

WARNING
Do not use this genset on a boat
Such use may violate U. S. Coast Guard regulations and can result in severe personal injury or death from fire, electrocution, or carbon monoxide poisoning
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**Purpose:** These instructions supplement the instructions for filling the engine cooling system found in the Periodic Maintenance sections of the Operator’s and Service Manuals listed above.

**WARNING**  
To prevent severe burns from hot coolant under pressure, carefully observe all of the Safety Precautions and Instructions in the Manual for handling and filling coolant.

**Instructions:** Use a funnel when filling the cooling system through the fill opening (Figure 1) to prevent coolant from entering the vent hose and blocking the escape of air as the system fills. The system will seem full when it actually is not if the air cannot escape through the vent hose. If the vent hose does get blocked, pinch the overflow hose and blow the vent hose clear.

**CAUTION**  
Coolant trapped in the vent hose will prevent the system from filling to its capacity, which can lead to serious engine damage.

![FIGURE 1. TYPICAL COOLANT FILL OPENING WITH CONNECTED FILL, OVERFLOW AND VENT HOSES](image)
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Safety Precautions

Thoroughly read the OPERATOR’S MANUAL before operating the genset. Safe operation and top performance can only be obtained when equipment is operated and maintained properly.

The following symbols in this manual alert you to potential hazards to the operator, service person and equipment.

**DANGER** alerts you to an immediate hazard which will result in severe personal injury or death.

**WARNING** alerts you to a hazard or unsafe practice which can result in severe personal injury or death.

**CAUTION** alerts you to a hazard or unsafe practice which can result in personal injury or equipment damage.

Electricity, fuel, exhaust, moving parts and batteries present hazards which can result in severe personal injury or death.

**GENERAL PRECAUTIONS**

- Keep children away from the genset.
- Do not use evaporative starting fluids. They are highly explosive.
- To prevent accidental or remote starting while working on the genset, disconnect the negative (−) battery cable at the battery.
- Let the engine cool down before removing the coolant pressure cap or opening the coolant drain. Hot coolant under pressure can spray out and cause severe burns.
- Keep the genset and its compartment clean. Excess oil and oily rags can catch fire. Dirt and gear stowed in the compartment can restrict cooling air.
- Make sure all fasteners are secure and torqued properly.
- Do not work on the genset when mentally or physically fatigued or after consuming alcohol or drugs.
- You must be trained and experienced to make adjustments while the genset is running—hot, moving or electrically live parts can cause severe personal injury or death.
- Used engine oil has been identified by some U. S. state and federal agencies as causing cancer or reproductive toxicity. Do not ingest, inhale, or contact used oil or its vapors.
- Ethylene glycol, used as engine antifreeze, is toxic to humans and animals. Clean up spills and dispose of used engine coolant in accordance with local environmental regulations.
- Keep multi-class ABC fire extinguishers handy. Class A fires involve ordinary combustible materials such as wood and cloth; Class B fires, combustible and flammable liquid fuels and gaseous fuels; Class C fires, live electrical equipment. (ref. NFPA No. 10)
- Genset installation and operation must comply with all applicable local, state and federal codes and regulations.

**GENERATOR VOLTAGE IS DEADLY**

- Generator electrical output connections must be made by a trained and experienced electrician in accordance with applicable codes.
- The genset must not be connected to the public utility or any other source of electrical power. Back-feed could lead to electrocution of utility personnel and damage to equipment. An approved switching device must be used to prevent interconnections.
- Use caution when working on live electrical equipment. Remove jewelry, make sure clothing and shoes are dry, stand on a dry wooden platform or rubber insulating mat and use tools with insulated handles.
ENGINE EXHAUST IS DEADLY

• Learn the symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning in this manual.

• Never sleep in the vehicle while the genset is running unless the vehicle is equipped with a working carbon monoxide detector.

• Disable the automatic genset starting feature of an inverter-charger or other automatic starting device before storing the vehicle or parking it in a garage or other confined space.

• The exhaust system must be installed in accordance with the genset Installation Manual.

• Engine cooling air must not be used for heating working or living spaces or compartments.

• Make sure there is ample fresh air when operating the genset in a confined area.

BATTERY GAS IS EXPLOSIVE

• Wear safety glasses.

• Do not smoke.

• To reduce arcing when disconnecting or reconnecting battery cables, always disconnect the negative (→) battery cable first and reconnect it last.

MOVING PARTS CAN CAUSE SEVERE PERSONAL INJURY OR DEATH

• Do not wear loose clothing or jewelry near moving parts such as PTO shafts, fans, belts and pulleys.

• Keep hands away from moving parts.

• Keep guards in place over fans, belts, pulleys, and other moving parts.

FLAMMABLE VAPOR CAN CAUSE A DIESEL ENGINE TO OVERSPEED

Flammable vapor can cause a diesel engine to overspeed and become difficult to stop, resulting in possible fire, explosion, severe personal injury and death. **Do not operate a diesel-powered genset where a flammable vapor environment can be created by fuel spill, leak, etc.** The owners and operators of the genset are solely responsible for operating the genset safely.
Introduction

ABOUT THIS MANUAL

This manual covers the operation and maintenance of the HDCAA and HDCAB Series of generator sets (gensets). Study this manual carefully and observe all of its instructions and precautions. Keep this manual and the genset Installation Manual with the other vehicle manuals.

Operation, Periodic Maintenance and Troubleshooting provide the instructions necessary for operating the genset and maintaining it at top performance. The owner is responsible for performing maintenance in accordance with the PERIODIC MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE (Page 13). This manual also includes genset specifications, information on how to obtain service and information regarding compliance with emissions regulations.

WARNING This genset is not a life support system. It can stop without warning. Children, persons with physical or mental limitations, and pets could suffer personal injury or death. A personal attendant, redundant power or an alarm system must be used if genset operation is critical.

MODEL IDENTIFICATION

Be ready to provide the model and serial numbers on the genset nameplate when contacting an Onan dealer for parts or service. Figure 1 illustrates the nameplate and its location. The gray boxes show where the model and serial numbers appear. Every character in these numbers is significant. (The last character of the model number is the specification letter, which is important for obtaining the right parts.) Record the model and serial numbers in the boxes in Figure 1 so that they are easy to find when you need them.

Genuine Onan replacement parts are recommended for best performance and safety.
FUEL RECOMMENDATIONS

**WARNING** Diesel fuel is combustible and can cause severe personal injury or death. Do not smoke near fuel tanks or fuel-burning equipment or in areas sharing ventilation with such equipment. Keep flames, sparks, pilot flames, electrical arcs and switches and all other sources of ignition well away. Keep a multi-class ABC fire extinguisher handy.

Use clean, fresh No. 2 diesel fuel (ASTM 2-D) when the outdoor ambient temperature is above freezing, and No. 1 diesel fuel (ASTM 1-D) when below freezing. The fuel should have a Cetane number of at least 45 for reliable starting.

ENGINE OIL RECOMMENDATIONS

Use API (American Petroleum Institute) performance Class CH-4 engine oil or better. Also look for the SAE (Society of Automotive Engineers) viscosity grade. Referring to Figure 2, choose the viscosity grade appropriate for the ambient temperatures expected until the next scheduled oil change. Multi-grade oils such as SAE 15W-40 are recommended for year-round use.

![Figure 2. Oil Viscosity vs. Temperature](image)

STARTING BATTERIES

The genset requires a 12 volt battery to power its control and starting circuits. Reliable genset starting and starter service life depend upon adequate battery system capacity and maintenance. See Specifications (Page 28) for battery requirements and Periodic Maintenance (Page 17) for battery care.

TYPICAL GENSET

Figure 3 illustrates a typical genset.

![Figure 3. Typical Genset](image)
OPERATOR’S CONSOLE

The console (Figure 4) has the following features:

**Control Switch** – This switch is used to start and stop the genset, prime the engine fuel system and restore the fault code (blinking status light).

**Status Light** – This is an LED (light emitting diode) in the control switch which blinks rapidly during pre-heat and cranking. After the genset starts up, this light stays on continuously, indicating that the genset is running and that the starter has disconnected. If the genset shuts down, this light blinks in coded fashion to indicate the nature of the fault shutdown (see Troubleshooting, Page 21).

(Rapid blinking before cranking starts indicates that the glow plugs are preheating the combustion chambers. The controller automatically varies the time based on engine temperature.)

**Line Circuit Breaker(s)** – The line circuit breakers protect the AC power leads connected to the genset.

**Coolant Recovery Tank Fill Cap** – The recovery tank provides for coolant expansion. Replenish the normal loss of coolant by filling here.

**Hour Meter** – The hour meter records the total running time of the genset. It cannot be reset.

![Diagram](image-url)

**FIGURE 4. OPERATOR’S CONSOLE**
REMOTE CONTROL PANEL

The vehicle probably has a control panel inside the vehicle for remote control of the genset. Onan offers three remote control kits as follows:

- Remote switch / status lamp (Figure 5).
- Remote switch / status lamp and hour meter (Figure 6).
- Remote switch / status lamp and DC voltmeter (Figure 7).

The DC voltmeter indicates whether voltage across the 12 VDC control system and battery is normal. If the indicator consistently stays above or below the normal zone, see MAINTAINING THE BATTERY AND BATTERY CONNECTIONS (Page 17).
**Operation**

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**WARNING** EXHAUST GAS IS DEADLY!

All engine exhaust contains carbon monoxide; an odorless, colorless, poisonous gas that can cause unconsciousness and death. Symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning include:

- Dizziness
- Headache
- Nausea
- Weakness and Sleepiness
- Vomiting
- Inability to Think Coherently

*IF YOU EXPERIENCE ANY OF THESE SYMPTOMS, GET INTO FRESH AIR IMMEDIATELY. IF symptoms persist, seek medical attention. Shut down the genset and do not operate it until it has been inspected and repaired.*

Never sleep in the vehicle while the genset is running unless the vehicle has a working carbon monoxide detector. The exhaust system must be installed in accordance with the genset Installation Manual. Make sure there is ample fresh air when operating the genset in a confined area.

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**PRE-START CHECKS**

Before the first start of the day and after every eight hours of operation, inspect the genset as instructed under GENERAL INSPECTIONS (Page 14). Keep a log of maintenance and the hours run and perform any maintenance that may be due. See Returning the Genset to Service (Page 12) if the vehicle has been in storage.

Before each start:

1. Make sure all vehicle CO detectors are working.
2. Check for signs of fuel and exhaust leaks and damage to the exhaust system.
3. To prevent overheating and to reduce fouling with dust and debris, make sure the genset’s normal ground clearance is not being reduced by sloping ground, curbs, logs or other objects.
4. Repark the vehicle if necessary and/or remove any objects blocking the air inlet or air outlet.

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**PRIMING THE FUEL SYSTEM**

The fuel system should be primed after replacing the fuel filter or running the genset out of fuel. To prime the fuel system hold the control switch down in its *Stop* position for at least 1 minute.

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**STARTING THE GENSET**

Start the genset from the genset control panel or remote control panel inside the vehicle.

1. Push and hold the switch at *START* until the genset starts. The status indicator light on the switch flashes during preheat and cranking. It will come on solid when the starter disconnects, indicating that the genset is running. (Depending on how cold it is, preheat can take up to 15 seconds, extending the time that the light blinks.)
2. See Troubleshooting (Page 21) if the genset does not start after several tries.
3. For top performance and engine life, especially in colder weather, let the engine warm up for two minutes before connecting appliances.
4. Check for fuel, exhaust and coolant leaks. Stop the genset immediately if there is a fuel, exhaust or coolant leak and have it repaired.

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**STOPPING THE GENSET**

Turn off air conditioners and other large appliances and let the genset run for two minutes to cool down. Then push the switch to *STOP*. 

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AUTOMATIC STARTING AND STOPPING

The vehicle may be equipped with an inverter-charger or other automatic genset starting device. Always follow the device manufacturer’s instructions and safety precautions to enable automatic genset starting.

**WARNING** CARBON MONOXIDE is deadly! MOVING PARTS and ELECTRICITY can cause severe personal injury or death. To reduce exposure to these hazards, always disable automatic genset starting before:

- Sleeping in vehicle, unless vehicle has a working CARBON MONOXIDE detector
- Parking vehicle in garage or confined space
- Parking vehicle for storage
- Servicing genset
- Servicing batteries
- Servicing electrical appliances
- Fueling vehicle.

LOADING THE GENSET

The genset can power AC motors, air conditioners, AC/DC converters, battery chargers and other appliances. How much appliance load* can be powered depends upon the genset power rating. The genset will shut down or its circuit breakers will trip if the sum of the loads exceeds genset power. See Troubleshooting (Page 21).

To avoid overloading the genset and causing shutdowns, compare the sum of the loads of the appliances that are likely to be used at the same time to the power rating of the genset. Use Table 1 or the ratings on the appliances themselves (if so marked) to obtain the individual appliance loads. It may be necessary to run fewer appliances at the same time—the sum of the loads must not be greater than genset rating.

The genset may shut down due to overload when a large motor or air conditioner is started or cycles off and then on again, even though the sum of the loads is less than genset rating. The reason for this is that a motor’s startup load is much larger than its running load. It may be necessary to run fewer appliances when large motors and air conditioners are cycling on and off.

Maximum power decreases as altitude increases because air density decreases. For every 1000-foot (305 m) increase in elevation you can expect power to decrease approximately 3 percent. Table 2 shows the results of typical calculations. It may be necessary to run fewer appliances at higher altitudes.

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* Appliance load and genset power are measured in terms of watts (W) or kilowatts (kW), where 1 kilowatt (kW) = 1000 watts (W).
RESETTING CIRCUIT BREAKERS

If a circuit breaker in the main power distribution panel of the vehicle or on the genset (Figure 8) trips, either a circuit shorted or too many appliances were running. Note that the genset will continue to run after a circuit breaker trips.

If a circuit breaker trips, disconnect or turn off as many loads as possible and reset the circuit breaker. (Push the circuit breaker to OFF to reset it and then to ON to reconnect the circuit.) If the circuit breaker trips right away, either the electrical distribution system has a short or the circuit breaker is faulty. Call a qualified electrician.

If the circuit breaker does not trip, reconnect the appliances, one by one, up to a total load that does not overload the genset or cause the circuit breaker to trip. If a circuit breaker trips right away when an appliance is connected, the appliance probably has a short.

Electrical appliances and tools must be used and maintained properly and be properly grounded to cause the line circuit breakers to trip when short circuits occur.

⚠️ WARNING ⚠️ Short circuits in electrical appliances and tools can cause fire and electrical shock leading to severe personal injury or death. Read and follow the equipment and tool manufacturer’s instructions and warnings regarding use, maintenance and proper grounding.

CONNECTING TO UTILITY POWER

A vehicle with provisions for connecting utility power must have an approved device to keep the genset and utility from being interconnected. See the genset Installation Manual for more information.

⚠️ WARNING ⚠️ Interconnecting the genset and the public utility (or any other power source) can lead to electrocution of utility line workers, equipment damage and fire. Use an approved switching device to prevent interconnections.
OPERATING IN COLD WEATHER

Make sure the engine oil viscosity is appropriate for the cold weather temperatures. See ENGINE OIL RECOMMENDATIONS (Page 5). Be sure to change the oil if a sudden drop in temperature occurs.

OPERATING IN HOT WEATHER

Pay particular attention to the following items when operating the genset in hot weather:

1. Make sure nothing blocks airflow to and from the genset.
2. Make sure engine oil viscosity is appropriate for the ambient temperatures. See ENGINE OIL RECOMMENDATIONS (Page 5).
3. Keep the genset clean.
4. Perform maintenance due. See PERIODIC MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE (Page 13).

OPERATING AT HIGH ALTITUDE

For the effect of altitude on maximum power, see LOADING THE GENSET (Page 9).

OPERATING IN DUSTY ENVIRONMENTS

Pay particular attention to the following items when operating the genset in dusty environments:

1. Do not let dirt and debris accumulate inside the genset compartment. Keep the genset clean.
2. Perform air cleaner maintenance more often. See PERIODIC MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE (Page 13).
3. Change engine oil more often. See PERIODIC MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE (Page 13).
4. Keep containers of engine oil that have been opened tightly closed to keep out dust.

BREAKING IN A NEW ENGINE

Proper engine break-in on a new genset or on one with a rebuilt engine is essential for top engine performance and acceptable oil consumption. Run the genset at approximately 1/2 rated power for the first 2 hours and then at 3/4 rated power for 2 more hours. See LOADING THE GENSET (Page 9).

Proper engine oil and oil level are especially critical during break-in because of the higher engine temperatures that can be expected. Change the oil if not appropriate for the ambient temperatures during break-in. See ENGINE OIL RECOMMENDATIONS (Page 5). Check oil level twice a day or every 4 hours during the first 24 hours of operation and change the oil and oil filter after the first 50 hours of operation.

EXERCISING THE GENSET

Exercise the genset at least 2 hours each month if use is infrequent. Run the genset at approximately 1/2 rated power. See LOADING THE GENSET (Page 9). A single two hour exercise period is better than several shorter periods.

Exercising a genset drives off moisture, re-lubricates the engine, replaces stale fuel and removes oxides from electrical contacts. The result is better starting, more reliable operation and longer engine life.
STORING THE GENSET

Proper storage is essential for preserving top genset performance and reliability when the genset cannot be exercised regularly and will be idle for more than 120 days.

Storing the Genset
1. Push the genset line circuit breaker OFF (Page 10).
2. Change the engine oil and attach a tag indicating oil viscosity. See ENGINE OIL RECOMMENDATIONS (Page 5).
3. Disconnect the battery cables (negative [−] cable first) from the starting battery and store the battery according to the battery manufacturer’s recommendations. See MAINTAINING THE BATTERY AND BATTERY CONNECTIONS (Page 17).
4. Plug the exhaust tail pipe to keep out dirt, moisture, bugs, etc.
5. Close the fuel supply valve (if so equipped).
6. Disable the automatic genset starting feature of an inverter-charger or other automatic starting device.

WARNING CARBON MONOXIDE is deadly and can accumulate to dangerous levels in garages and other confined spaces. Disable the automatic genset starting feature of an inverter-charger or other automatic starting device before storing the vehicle.

Returning the Genset to Service
1. Check the oil tag on the genset and change the oil if the viscosity indicated is not appropriate for the temperatures expected. See ENGINE OIL RECOMMENDATIONS (Page 5).
2. Reconnect the starting battery (negative [−] cable last). See MAINTAINING THE BATTERY AND BATTERY CONNECTIONS (Page 17).
3. Remove the plug from the exhaust tailpipe.
4. Change the air filter element if it is dirty (Page 17).
5. Open the fuel supply valve (if so equipped).
6. Inspect the genset. See CONDUCTING GENERAL INSPECTIONS (Page 14).
7. Push the genset line circuit breaker ON (Page 10) when the genset is ready to power appliances.
8. Enable the automatic genset starting feature of an inverter-charger or other automatic starting device following the device manufacturer’s instructions and safety precautions.
Periodic Maintenance

Periodic maintenance is essential for top performance and long genset life. Use Table 3 as a guide for normal periodic maintenance. In hot and dusty environments some maintenance procedures should be performed more frequently, as indicated by the footnotes in the table. Keeping a log of maintenance performed and hours run (Page 31) will help you keep genset maintenance regular and provide a basis for supporting warranty claims.

Maintenance, replacement or repair of emission control devices and systems may be performed by any engine repair establishment or individual. However, warranty work must be completed by an authorized Onan dealer.

**TABLE 3. PERIODIC MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE**

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1 – Perform more often when operating in dusty conditions.
2 – Perform more often when operating in hot weather.
3 – Perform at least once a year.
4 – Perform at least once every two years.
5 – Perform at least once every five years.
6 – Must be performed by a qualified mechanic (authorized Onan dealer).
7 – Tighten or replace the belt in accordance with the Service Manual if it can be deflected more than 1/2 in (12 mm) by thumb.
GENERAL INSPECTIONS

Inspect the genset before the first start of the day and after every eight hours of operation.

Oil Level

Check engine oil level (Page 15).

Engine Coolant System

⚠️ CAUTION Operating the genset when coolant level is low can cause serious engine damage.

Check the coolant level and look for coolant leaks around the bottom of the genset and on the ground below. Minor leaks that can be replenished by daily additions of coolant to the recovery tank should be repaired by a qualified service technician as soon as possible. Larger leaks are cause for shutting down the genset until it can be repaired.

Exhaust System

⚠️ WARNING EXHAUST GAS IS DEADLY! Do not operate the genset if there is an exhaust leak or any danger of exhaust gases entering or being drawn into the vehicle.

Look and listen for exhaust system leaks while the genset is running. Shut down the genset if a leak is found and have it repaired before operating the genset again.

Look for openings or holes between the genset compartment and vehicle cab or living space if the genset engine sounds louder than usual. Have all such openings or holes closed off or sealed to prevent exhaust gases from entering the vehicle.

Replace dented, bent or severely rusted sections of the tailpipe and make sure the tailpipe extends at least 1 inch (25.4 mm) beyond the perimeter of the vehicle.

⚠️ WARNING Do not park the vehicle in high grass or brush. Contact with the exhaust system can cause a fire.

Park the vehicle so that the genset exhaust gases can disperse away from the vehicle. Barriers such as walls, snow banks, high grass and brush and other vehicles can cause exhaust gases to accumulate in and around the vehicle.

Do not operate power ventilators or exhaust fans while the vehicle is standing with the genset running. The ventilator or fan can draw exhaust gases into the vehicle.

Fuel System

Check for leaks at hose, tube and pipe fittings in the fuel supply system while the genset is running and while it is stopped. Check flexible fuel hose sections for cuts, cracks, and abrasions. Make sure the fuel line is not rubbing against other parts. Replace worn or damaged fuel line parts before leaks occur.

⚠️ WARNING Diesel fuel leaks can lead to fire. Do not operate the genset if operation causes fuel to leak.

Prime the fuel system if the genset ran out of fuel.

Battery Connections

Check the battery terminals for clean, tight connections. Loose or corroded connections have high electrical resistance which makes starting harder. See MAINTAINING THE BATTERY AND BATTERY CONNECTIONS (Page 17).

Mechanical

Look for mechanical damage and listen for unusual noises. Check the genset mounting bolts.

To prevent overheating and to reduce fouling with dust and debris, make sure the genset’s normal ground clearance is not being reduced by sloping ground, curbs, logs or other objects. Repark the vehicle if necessary and/or remove any objects blocking the air inlet or air outlet.
CHECKING ENGINE OIL LEVEL

⚠️ WARNING ⚠️ State and federal agencies have determined that contact with used engine oil can cause cancer or reproductive toxicity. Avoid skin contact and breathing of vapors. Use rubber gloves and wash exposed skin.

1. Park the vehicle on level ground, shut down the genset and remove the service access panel.

2. Pull out the oil dip stick, wipe it clean, reinsert it and pull it out again to check the oil level (Figure 9).

3. Add or drain oil as necessary. See ENGINE OIL RECOMMENDATIONS (Page 5). Keep the oil level between the FULL and ADD marks.

⚠️ CAUTION ⚠️ Too much oil can cause high oil consumption. Too little oil can cause severe engine damage. Keep the oil level between the FULL and ADD marks.

4. Reinsert the dipstick and secure the oil fill cap and maintenance access panel.


**CHANGING ENGINE OIL AND OIL FILTER**

**WARNING** State and federal agencies have determined that contact with used engine oil can cause cancer or reproductive toxicity. Avoid skin contact and breathing of vapors. Use rubber gloves and wash exposed skin.

Refer to Table 3 for scheduled engine oil change. Change oil more often in hot and dusty environments.

1. Place a pan under the oil drain plug (Figure 10), run the genset until warm and shut it off.

2. Remove the maintenance access panel and the oil fill cap (Page 15), unscrew the oil drain plug (24 mm hex head) and drain all the oil from the engine. **Reinstall the oil drain plug securely.**

3. Spin off the oil filter canister (Page 15) and clean the filter mounting surface on the engine block. Remove the old gasket if it remains.

4. Make sure the gasket is in place on the new filter and apply a thin film of clean oil to the gasket. Spin the new filter on until the gasket just touches the block. Turn it an additional 1/2 to 3/4 turn. Do not overtighten.

5. Refill with 6.7 quarts (6.3 liters) of oil and check the level (Page 15).

6. Dispose of the used oil and oil filter according to local environmental regulations.

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**FIGURE 10. OIL DRAIN PLUG**
MAINTAINING THE BATTERY AND BATTERY CONNECTIONS

⚠️ WARNING ⚠️ Arcing at battery terminals or in light switches or other equipment, and flames or sparks, can ignite battery gas causing severe personal injury—Ventilate battery area before working on or near battery—Wear safety glasses—Do not smoke—Switch work light ON or OFF away from battery—Stop genset and disconnect charger before disconnecting battery cables—Disconnect negative (−) cable first and reconnect last.

Refer to Table 3 for scheduled battery maintenance, and follow the battery manufacturer’s instructions. Have the battery charging system serviced if DC system voltage is consistently low or high. Always:

1. Keep the battery case and terminals clean and dry and the terminals tight.
2. Remove battery cables with a battery terminal puller.
3. Make sure which terminal is positive (+) and which is negative (−) before making battery connections, always removing the negative (−) cable first and reconnecting it last to reduce arcing.

REPLACING THE AIR FILTER ELEMENT

Refer to Table 3 for scheduled air filter element replacement. In dusty environments the filter element should be inspected and changed more frequently.

The air filter is accessible through the front service access opening (Figure 11). Loosen the three screws that secure the coolant recovery tank to the top housing panel (removed to show air filter) and move the tank out of the way. To change the air filter element, remove the end cap, withdraw the element and reassemble with a new air filter element. Secure the maintenance access door.

FIGURE 11. AIR FILTER
CLEANING THE SPARK ARRESTOR

Refer to Table 3 for scheduled cleaning of the spark arrestor muffler (which meets U.S. Forest Service requirements). Cleaning is required for maximum genset performance.

**WARNING**  
A hot muffler can cause severe burns. Let the muffler cool down before removing or installing the cleanout plug.

The muffler is mounted inside the genset housing. The spark arrestor cleanout plug is located on the side of the muffler and is accessible through the top service access cover (Figure 12). Clean out the muffler as follows:

1. Remove the top service access cover.

2. Remove the cleanout plug (7/16 inch square head) from the muffler and secure the top access cover before running the genset. With the cover in place there will be enough air flow to cool the engine properly and carry the soot out of the compartment.

3. Start the genset and load it nearly to full power. Let the genset run for about five minutes to expel the soot.

4. Stop the genset, allow the muffler to cool down, reinstall the cleanout plug and secure the service access cover.

**FIGURE 12. SPARK ARRESTOR CLEANOUT PLUG**
REPLACING THE FUEL FILTER

**WARNING** Diesel fuel is combustible and can cause severe personal injury or death. Do not smoke near diesel fuel tanks or equipment. Keep flames, sparks, pilot lights, electrical switches, arc-producing equipment and all other sources of ignition well away. Keep a type ABC fire extinguisher in the vehicle.

Close any fuel line shutoff valve before disconnecting the fuel line from the filter.

**WARNING** To prevent accidental or remote starting while working on the genset, disconnect the negative (−) battery cable at the battery.

See Table 3 for scheduled fuel filter replacement. A dirty fuel filter may be the cause of a failure to start. The fuel filter is accessible through the front service access door (Figure 13).

**CAUTION** Wipe dirt off the fuel hose fittings at the fuel filter before disconnecting the hoses so as to keep dirt out of the fuel system.

Removing the Fuel Filter: Take care to spill as little fuel as possible when disconnecting the filter from the fuel line. Close any shut off valve in the fuel line. Wipe dirt off the fuel hose fittings at the filter.

To remove the filter, disconnect the two fittings at the filter and remove the mounting nut. Apply a wrench on the filter fitting as well as on the flare nut so as not to stress the fitting. Flare nut wrenches should be used on the flare nuts so as not to round the corners on the nuts. Dispose of the fuel filter according to local regulations.

**Installing the Fuel Filter:** Rotate the filter half a turn around its mounting stud if the fittings interfere with the bracket. It only fits properly one way.

Connect the fuel fittings before tightening the filter mounting nut. Take care not to crossthread the fuel fittings. Thread them in by hand and tighten one flat past seating.

Prime the fuel system by holding the control switch down in its **Stop** position for at least 1 minute after replacing the fuel filter. Priming is necessary to displace the air in the new filter and fill it with fuel.

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**Figure 13. Fuel Filter**
CHANGING COOLANT

Refer to Table 3 for scheduled maintenance. The engine cooling system is filled with a 50/50 mixture of ethylene glycol anti-freeze and water when the genset leaves the factory, which is suitable for temperatures down to -34°F (-37°C).

**Recommended Coolant Mixture**

Use the best quality ethylene glycol antifreeze solution available. It should be fully formulated with rust inhibitors and coolant stabilizers. Use fresh water that is low in minerals and corrosive chemicals. Distilled water is best. The cooling system has a 6.1 quart (5.8 L) capacity.

**Pressure Cap**

Replace the pressure cap (Figure 14) every two years (seals deteriorate and leak). Proper cooling system pressure (14 psi) is essential for optimal engine cooling and minimal coolant loss.

**Draining and Cleaning the Cooling System**

*WARNING* Hot coolant spray can cause severe burns. Let the engine cool before releasing the pressure cap or removing the drain cap.

Let the engine cool before removing the pressure cap. Relieve any remaining pressure by turning the pressure cap slowly, without pushing down. When the pressure has been relieved, push down on the cap, turn it the rest of the way and withdraw it. Then remove the coolant drain cap (Figure 14) and drain the coolant into a suitable container.

*WARNING* Ethylene glycol antifreeze is considered toxic. Dispose of it according to local regulations for hazardous substances.

Flush and clean the cooling system before refilling. Radiator cleaning chemicals are available at local auto parts stores. Follow the instructions for cleaning and flushing that come with the cleaning solution.

**Refilling the Cooling System**

Wet the O-ring in the coolant drain cap with coolant and thread the cap on just snug with a wrench. To avoid damaging the O-ring, do not torque to more than 5 lb-ft (6.8 N-m). Replace the O-ring if snugging the cap a little tighter does not stop leakage.

Fill the system with coolant through the fill opening. Pull the hose connected to the pressure cap assembly out as far as it will go. When the coolant level reaches the fill opening, start and operate the genset for a few minutes and shut it down. Add more coolant if necessary and secure the pressure cap.

Fill the recovery tank with coolant mixture to the COLD mark.

**Coolant Level Check**

Check coolant level in the recovery tank (Figure 14) before the first startup of each day and fill to the COLD mark if necessary.
Troubleshooting

TABLE 4. TROUBLESHOOTING lists the shutdown codes in numerical order along with step-by-step corrective actions. If you are unable to resolve the problem after taking the corrective actions suggested, contact an authorized Onan dealer. See How to Obtain Service (Page 30).

First note the following:

- Maintaining engine oil and coolant levels, keeping battery connections clean and tight, watching the fuel gauge, not overloading the genset, keeping the air inlet and outlet openings clear, etc. will prevent most shutdowns.

- When the genset and vehicle engine share a common fuel tank the fuel dip tubes are usually arranged so that the genset will run out of fuel first. Marking the genset empty point on the fuel gauge will make it easier to tell when to stop the genset before running it out of fuel.

Fault Codes

The genset controller provides extensive diagnostics by causing the status indicator light on the Control Switch to blink in a coded fashion. Following a fault shutdown, the indicator light will repeatedly blink 1, 2, 3 or 4 blinks at a time.

- One blink indicates shut down due to high temperature.

- Two blinks indicate shutdown due to a loss of engine oil pressure.

- Three blinks indicate a service fault. Press Stop once to cause the two-digit, second-level shutdown code to blink. (Pressing Stop again will stop the blinking.) The two-digit code consists of 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 blinks, a brief pause, and then 1 to 9 blinks. The first set of blinks represents the tens digit and the second set of blinks the units digit of the shutdown code number. For example, shutdown code No. 36 appears as:

  blink-blink—pause—blink-blink-blink-blink-blink-blink—long pause—repeat

- Four blinks indicate that cranking exceeded a preset time (20 seconds if ambient temperature is above 32° F[0° C], 30 seconds if below) without starting.

- Note: shutdown code Nos. 3 and 4 are first level faults. Avoid interpreting them as second-level shutdown code Nos. 33 and 44, which have not been assigned as shutdown codes.

Restoring Fault Code Blinking

The shutdown code stops blinking after five minutes. Press Stop three times within three seconds to restore blinking. Note that the last fault logged will blink, even after the condition that caused the shutdown has been corrected.
TABLE 4. TROUBLESHOOTING

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<th>WARNING</th>
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**NO RESPONSE—DEAD STATUS INDICATOR LIGHT**  
(Poor connections, faulty wiring or dead battery)

**Corrective Action:**
1. Try starting the genset at the operator’s console if it does not start at the remote panel.
2. Clean and tighten the battery cable connections at the battery and at the genset.
3. Recharge or replace the battery. Refer to the battery manufacturer’s recommendations.

**THE STARTING BATTERIES DO NOT MAINTAIN A CHARGE**  
(The battery, battery connections or charging system are in marginal condition)

**Corrective Action:**
1. Clean and tighten the battery cable connections at the battery and at the genset.
2. Recharge or replace the battery. Refer to the battery manufacturer’s recommendations.

**THE STARTER ENGAGES AND DISENGAGES**  
(Cranking voltage dips below 6 volts because of low battery charge or poor connections)

**Corrective Action:**
1. Have the vehicle propulsion engine running while trying to start the genset. (The battery charging alternator may be able to maintain starting voltage high enough to get the genset started.)
2. Clean and tighten the battery cable connections at the battery and at the genset.
3. Recharge or replace the battery. Refer to the battery manufacturer’s recommendations.

**THERE IS NO POWER WHEN THE GENSET IS RUNNING**  
(A line circuit breaker is OFF, tripped or malfunctioning)

**Corrective Action:**
1. Reset or turn ON the line circuit breaker on the genset (Page 10).
2. Reset or turn ON any other circuit breaker in the power supply system.

**THE GENSET WILL NOT STOP RUNNING (THE RUN LIGHT IS OFF)**  
(The governor mechanism is stuck or binding)

**Corrective Action:** Close the fuel supply valve, if provided, or squeeze off the fuel supply line and see an authorized Onan dealer.
TABLE 4. TROUBLESHOOTING (CONT.)

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<td>(First-level fault code—engine coolant temperature exceeded 230° F [110° C])</td>
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Corrective Action:
1. Check the engine coolant level and add coolant as necessary (Page 20).
2. Check for and remove any objects blocking the air inlet or outlet openings in the bottom and sides of the genset.
3. Flush the coolant system to remove coolant passage fouling (Page 20).

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<th>LOW OIL PRESSURE FAULT—CODE NO. 2</th>
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<td>(First-level fault code—the low oil pressure cutoff switch is open)</td>
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Corrective Action:
1. Check the engine oil level and add oil as necessary (Page 15).
2. Drain the excess oil if the oil level is above the Full mark on the dipstick. (The oil will foam if the level is too high and result in possible loss of oil pressure.)

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<td>(First-level fault code—a second-level fault occurred)</td>
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Corrective Action: Check the second-level fault code by momentarily pressing Stop. The second-level fault will be one of the following in this table.

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<th>OVERCRANK FAULT—CODE NO. 4</th>
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<td>(First-level fault code—Cranking without starting exceeded 20 to 30 seconds, depending on ambient)</td>
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Corrective Action:
1. Check the fuel level and refill as necessary. (Note: The genset fuel pickup is probably higher than the vehicle engine fuel pickup.)
2. Check for fuel (air) leaks at all fuel fittings and tighten as necessary. Prime the engine fuel system by holding the control switch at Stop for one minute.
3. Check the engine air filter (Page 17) and remove any blockage.
4. Check for mechanical damage.
5. Replace the fuel filter (Page 19).

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<td>(The controller is not able to regulate to rated voltage)</td>
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Corrective Action: See an authorized Onan dealer.
### UNDERVOLTAGE FAULT—CODE NO. 13
(The controller is not able to regulate to rated voltage)

**Corrective Action:** Turn OFF the line circuit breaker on the operator’s console. If the genset now runs, run it with fewer connected loads.

### OVERFREQUENCY FAULT—CODE NO. 14
(The controller is not able to regulate to rated frequency)

**Corrective Action:**
1. Check for a tripped genset circuit breaker, reset it if necessary, and run with fewer connected loads. (A breaker tripping under load can cause frequency to overshoot.)
2. Check for fuel (air) leaks at all fuel fittings and tighten as necessary. Prime the engine fuel system by holding the control switch at **Stop** for one minute. (Air bubbles can disrupt frequency.)

### UNDERFREQUENCY FAULT—CODE NO. 15
(The controller is not able to regulate to rated frequency)

**Corrective Action:**
1. Turn OFF the line circuit breaker. If the genset now runs, run it with fewer connected loads, especially those with high motor starting loads such as air conditioners.
2. Check the fuel level and refill as necessary. (Note: The genset fuel pickup is probably higher than the vehicle engine fuel pickup.)
3. Check for fuel (air) leaks at all fuel fittings and tighten as necessary. Prime the engine fuel system by holding the control switch at **Stop** for one minute. (Air bubbles can disrupt frequency.)
4. Check the engine air filter (Page 17) and remove any blockage.
5. Check for mechanical damage.
6. Replace the fuel filter (Page 19).

### GOVERNOR ACTUATOR FAULT—CODE NO. 19
(The controller sensed that the actuator circuit is either open or shorted)

**Corrective Action:** See an authorized Onan dealer.
### TABLE 4. TROUBLESHOOTING (CONT.)

| WARNING | Some genset service procedures present hazards that can result in severe personal injury or death. Only trained and experienced service personnel with knowledge of fuels, electricity, and machinery hazards should perform genset service. See Safety Precautions. |

| **GOVERNOR OVERLOAD FAULT—CODE NO. 22** |
| (The duration of operation at or near full-duty cycle was beyond the design limit) |

**Corrective Action:**

1. Reduce the number of appliances running at the same time, especially those with high motor starting loads such as air conditioners.
2. Check for fuel (air) leaks at all fuel fittings and tighten as necessary. Prime the engine fuel system by holding the control switch at Stop for one minute.
3. Replace the engine air filter (Page 17) and clean the spark-arrest muffler (Page 18).
4. Replace the fuel filter (Page 19).

| **TEMPERATURE SENDER FAULT—CODE NO. 24** |
| (The controller sensed that the sender circuit is either open or shorted) |

**Corrective Action:** See an authorized Onan dealer.

| **AC VOLTAGE SENSE FAULT—CODE NO. 27** |
| (The controller was unable to sense output voltage) |

**Corrective Action:** See an authorized Onan dealer.

| **HIGH BATTERY VOLTAGE FAULT—CODE NO. 29** |
| (The controller sensed battery system voltage greater than 19 volts) |

**Corrective Action:**

1. Check battery bank connections and reconnect, if necessary, so that the 12 volt batteries serving the genset are connected in parallel (12 volt) rather than in series (24 volt).
2. Select a lower battery booster charge rate.
3. Recharge or replace the battery. Refer to the battery manufacturer’s recommendations.
4. Replace engine oil with oil of proper viscosity for ambient temperatures. (High oil viscosity can slow down cranking speed.)

| **LOW CRANKING SPEED FAULT—CODE NO. 32** |
| (Cranking speed less than 100 rpm [2.5 Hz, generator] for more than 12 seconds) |

**Corrective Action:**

1. Have the vehicle propulsion engine running while trying to start the genset. (The battery charging alternator may be able to maintain starting voltage high enough to get the genset started.)
2. Clean and tighten the battery cable connections at the battery and at the genset.
3. Recharge or replace the battery. Refer to the battery manufacturer’s recommendations.
4. Replace engine oil with oil of proper viscosity for ambient temperatures. (High oil viscosity can slow down cranking speed.)
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| CODE NO. 35 | CONTROL CARD FAULT—CODE NO. 35  
(Microprocessor EEPROM error during self-test) | Corrective Action: See an authorized Onan dealer. |
| CODE NO. 36 | ENGINE STOPPED FAULT—CODE NO. 36  
(The genset stopped without a command from the controller) | Corrective Action: 1. Check the fuel level and refill as necessary. (Note: The genset fuel pickup is probably higher than the vehicle engine fuel pickup.)  
2. Check for fuel (air) leaks at all fuel fittings and tighten as necessary. Prime the engine fuel system by holding the control switch at **Stop** for one minute.  
3. Check the engine air filter (Page 17) and remove any blockage.  
4. Check for mechanical damage.  
5. Replace the fuel filter (Page 19). |
| CODE NO. 38 | FIELD OVERLOAD FAULT—CODE NO. 38  
(Field voltage exceeded 150 VDC) | Corrective Action: 1. Reduce the number of air conditioners running at the same time (and other appliances that cause low power factor).  
2. Have the air conditioners and other appliances checked for proper operation. (A locked compressor rotor can cause very low power factor.) |
| CODE NO. 41 | SHORTED ROTOR FAULT—CODE NO. 41  
(The rotor circuit is shorted to ground) | Corrective Action: See an authorized Onan dealer. |
| CODE NO. 42 | PROCESSOR FAULT—CODE NO. 42  
(Microprocessor ROM error during self-test) | Corrective Action: See an authorized Onan dealer. |
| CODE NO. 43 | PROCESSOR FAULT—CODE NO. 43  
(Microprocessor RAM error during self-test) | Corrective Action: See an authorized Onan dealer. |
Some genset service procedures present hazards that can result in severe personal injury or death. Only trained and experienced service personnel with knowledge of fuels, electricity, and machinery hazards should perform genset service. See Safety Precautions.

| WARNING | SPEED SENSE FAULT—CODE NO. 45  
(Controller unable to sense quadrature frequency) |
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<td>Corrective Action: Check the fuel level and fill as necessary. Then prime the engine fuel system by holding the control switch at stop for one minute and try restarting.</td>
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| OVERPRIME FAULT—CODE NO. 57  
(Prime mode exceeded 3 minutes) |
| Corrective Action: Check for and remove any object that may be holding either control switch (remote or local) in the prime (stop) position. |
## Specifications

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Emissions

This genset meets the requirements of California’s Exhaust Emissions Standards as stated on the nameplate. Figure 1 (Page 4) illustrates where this information appears on the nameplate.

California users of these gensets should be aware that unauthorized modifications or replacement of fuel, exhaust, air intake, or speed control system components that affect engine emissions are prohibited. Unauthorized modification, removal or replacement of the genset label is prohibited.

You should carefully review Operator (Owner), Installation and other manuals and information you receive with your genset. If you are unsure that the installation, use, maintenance or service of your genset is authorized, you should seek assistance from an approved Onan dealer.

California genset users may use Table 5 as an aid in locating information related to the California Air Resources Board requirements for emissions control.

### TABLE 5. EMISSIONS CONTROL INFORMATION

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<th>Emissions Warranty Information</th>
<th>The California emissions control warranty statement is located in the same packet of information as this manual when the genset is shipped from the factory.</th>
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<td>Engine Valve Clearance (Lash)</td>
<td>See Specifications (Page 28).-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------</td>
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<td>Engine Fuel Requirements</td>
<td>The engine is certified to operate on diesel fuel. See FUEL RECOMMENDATIONS (Page 5).-------------------------------------------</td>
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<td>Engine Lubricating Oil Require</td>
<td>See ENGINE OIL RECOMMENDATIONS (Page 5).------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------</td>
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<td>Engine Adjustments</td>
<td>High Idle Speed. This is a service procedure requiring trained personnel and proper tools. See the Service Manual.----------</td>
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<td>Engine Emission Control System</td>
<td>The engine emission control system consists of engine design and precision manufacture. (IFI)---------------------------------</td>
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How to Obtain Service

When you need service, parts, or product literature (such as the Service Manual) for your genset, contact the nearest authorized distributor. Onan has factory-trained representatives to handle your needs for genset parts and service.

Call 1-800-888-ONAN to contact the nearest Cummins/Onan or Onan-only distributor in the United States or Canada. (This automated service utilizes touch-tone phones only). Select OPTION 1 (press 1) to be automatically connected to the distributor nearest to you.

If you are unable to contact a distributor using the automated service, consult the Yellow Pages. Typically, our distributors are listed under:

- GENERATORS − ELECTRIC,
- ENGINES − GASOLINE OR DIESEL, or
- RECREATIONAL VEHICLES − EQUIPMENT, PARTS AND SERVICE.

If you are outside North America, call Onan Corporation at 1–763–574–5000 from 7:30 AM to 4:00 PM, Central Standard Time, Monday through Friday, or fax 1–763–528–7229.

Before calling for service, have the following information available:

1. The complete genset model number and serial number. See Model Identification (Page 4).
2. The date of purchase
3. The nature of the problem. See Troubleshooting (Page 21).

If you have difficulty in arranging service or resolving a problem, please contact the Service Manager at the nearest Cummins/Onan distributor for assistance.

⚠️ WARNING ⚠️ Improper service or replacement of parts can result in severe personal injury, death, and/or equipment damage. Service personnel must be trained and experienced in performing electrical and/or mechanical service.
# Maintenance Record

Record all periodic and unscheduled maintenance and service. See *Periodic Maintenance* (Page 13).

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