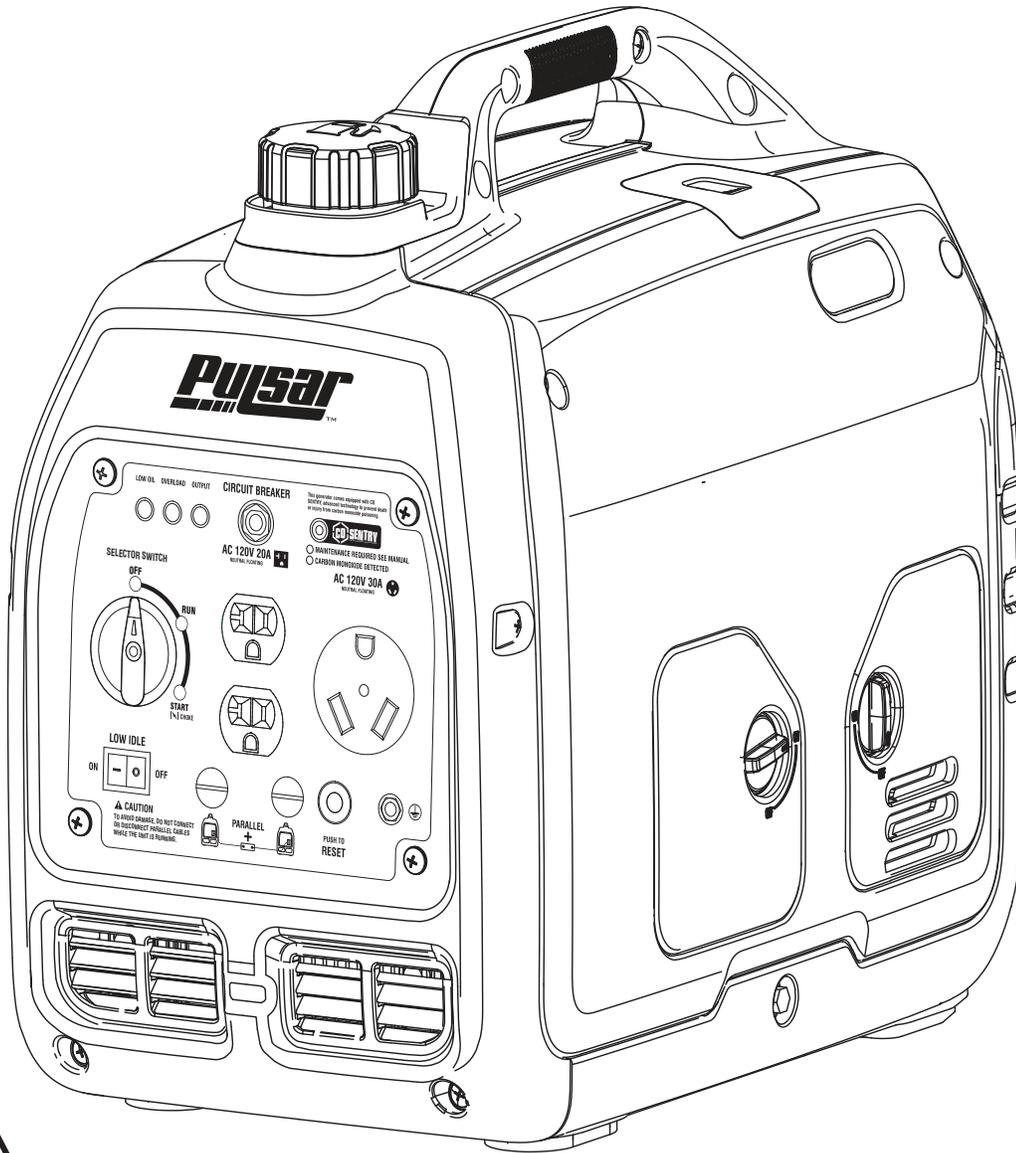




Model#PGD40iSCO

# 4000 Watt Inverter Generator OPERATOR'S MANUAL



Warning: The Engine Exhaust from this product contains chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer, birth defects or other reproductive harm.



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## Introduction

Thank you for choosing Pulsar Products!  
This manual provides instruction on how to operate and use your generator safely and correctly; be sure to read and understand this manual before using your generator. If you have ANY questions, please phone 866.591.8921 M-F or support@pulsar-products.com BEFORE using your generator.

All details and images in this User's Manual are believed to be accurate at the time of publication.

Pulsar Products reserves the right to make updates to this manual at any time.

Please contact Pulsar Support at 866.591.8921 or support@pulsar-products.com for the latest updates.

This manual is a permanent part of the generator set. If the generator is resold, kindly include this manual with the generator.

## Safety Warnings and Notices



DANGER indicates an imminently hazardous situation which, if not avoided, will result in death or serious injury.



WARNING indicates a potentially hazardous situation which, if not avoided, could result in death or serious injury.



CAUTION indicates a potentially hazardous situation which, if not avoided, may result in minor or moderate injury. It may also be used to alert against unsafe practices.



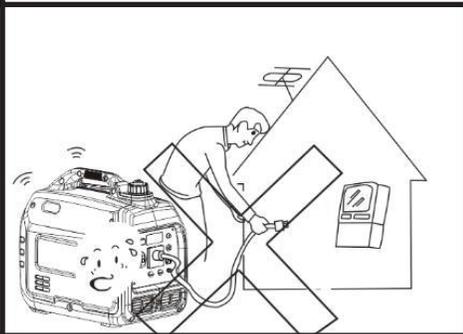
Failure to follow the instruction may result in the damage to your generator and other property.

# Safety Instructions

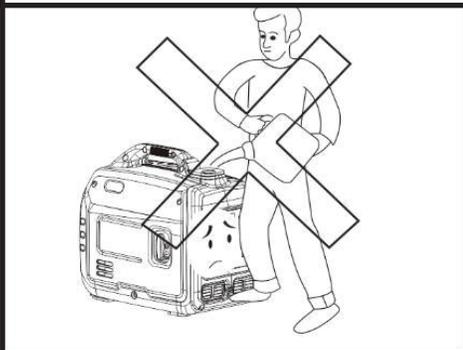
Before operating your generator, you must read and understand the manual and familiarize yourself with the safe operation practices.



**NEVER** use a generator indoors! Exhaust and Carbon Monoxide can KILL YOU in minutes.



This is a portable generator, **DO NOT** attempt to connect it to any mains panel.



Take care not to spill any gasoline and wipe up any accidental spills at once.



Avoid running the generator in the rain or very high, condensing humidity.



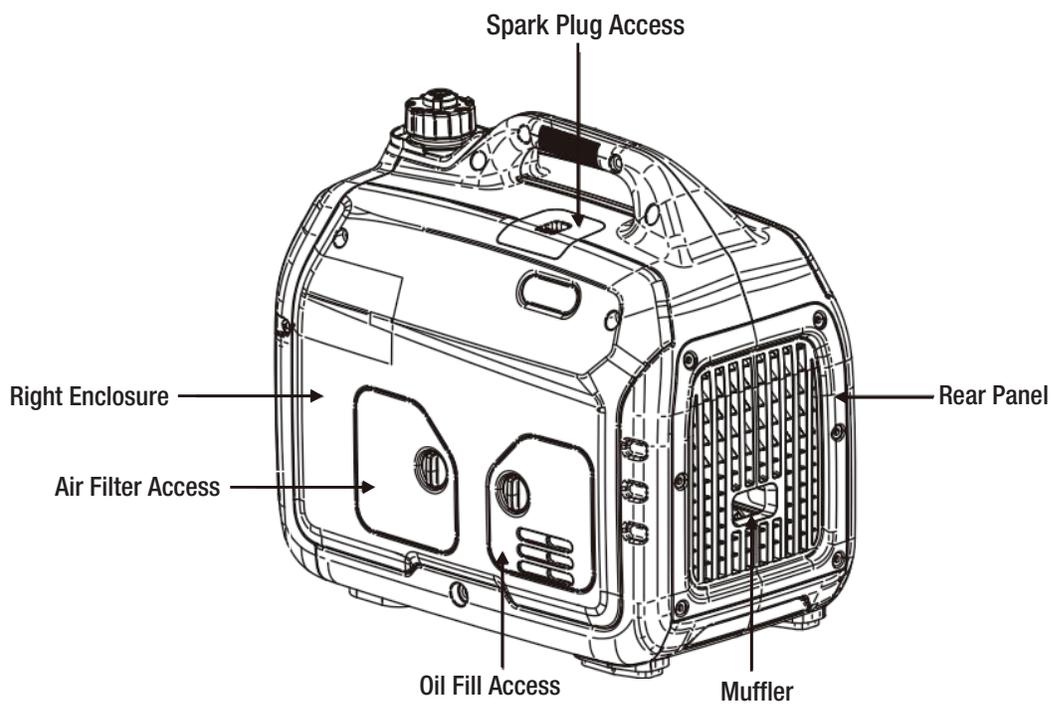
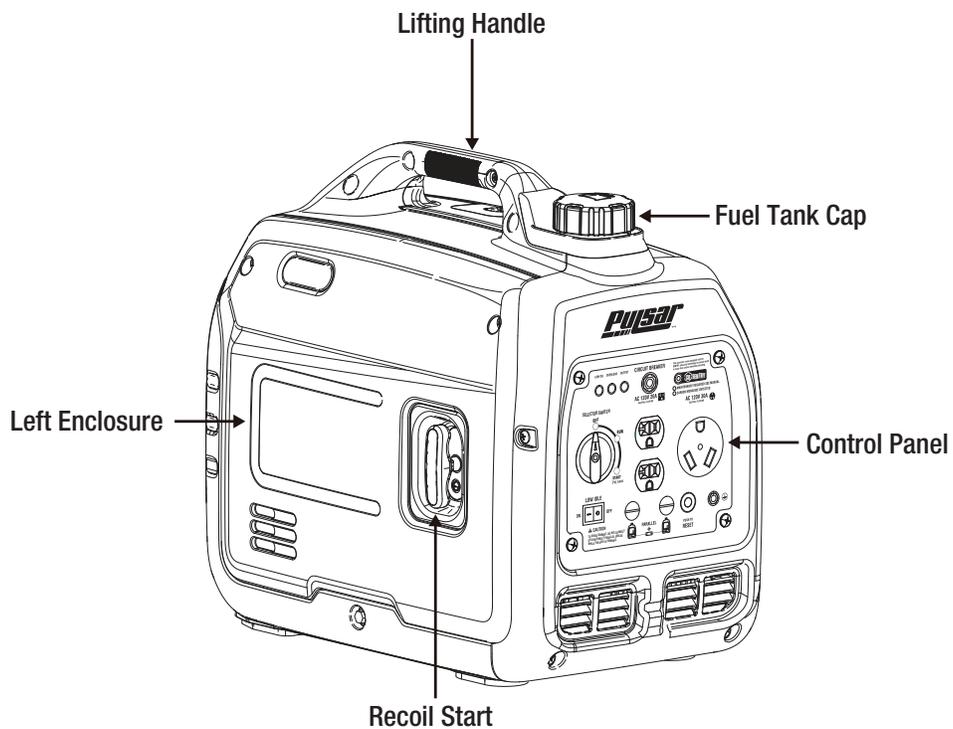
Never smoke or allow any heat source near the generator while refueling it.



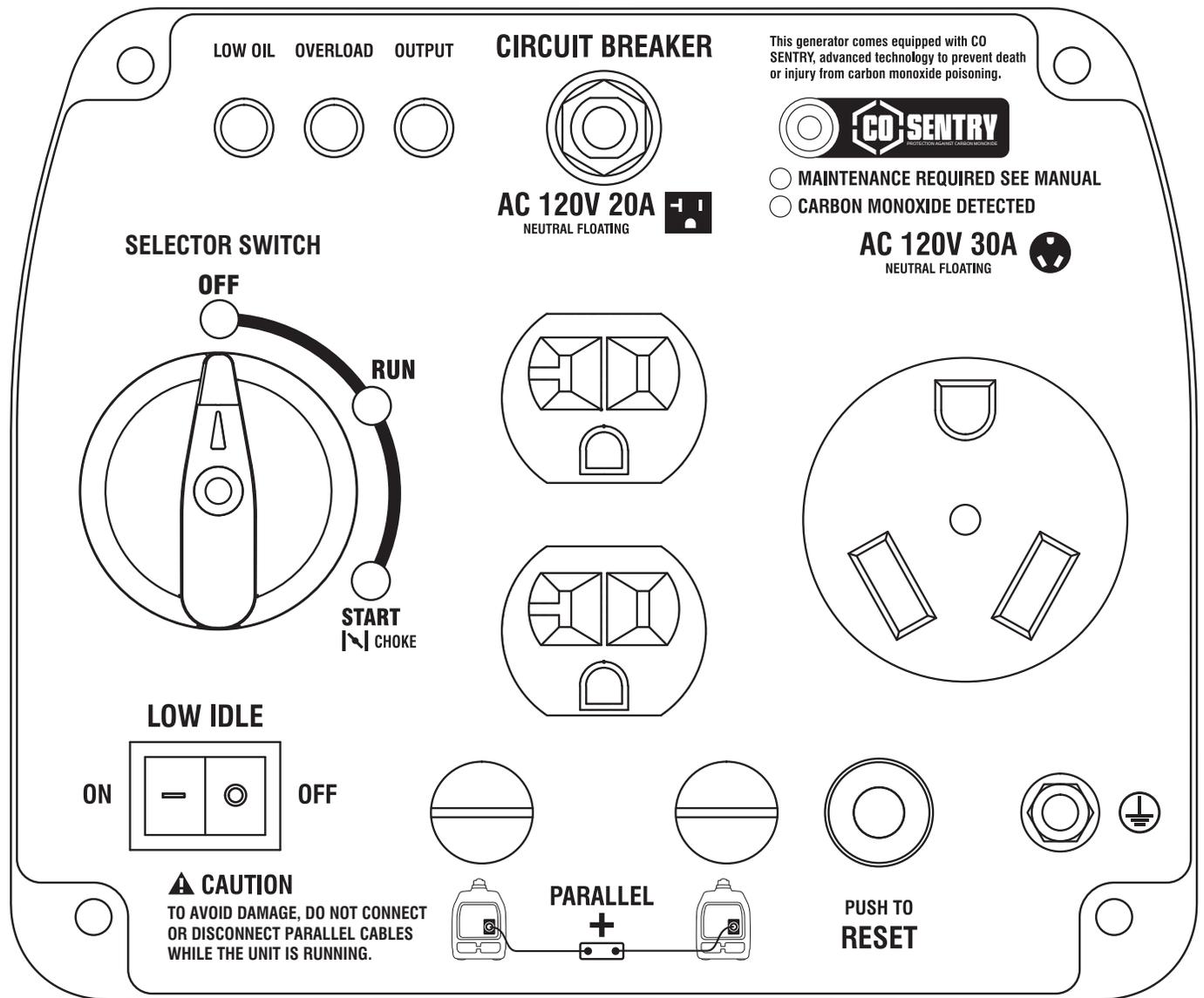
Always shut down the generator and allow it to cool before refueling!

# Names of Components

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# Control Panel



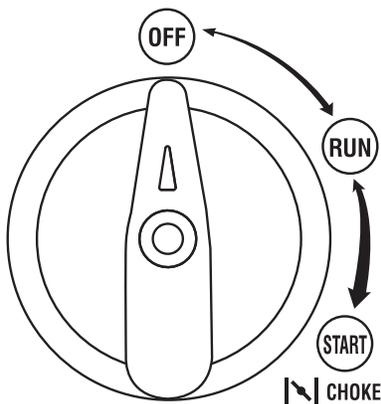
# Control Functions

## Selector Switch

**OFF** - Ignition circuit is off, the fuel valve is closed, the engine will not run.

**RUN** – Ignition circuit is on, the fuel valve is open, the choke is open, and the engine runs normally.

**START (CHOKE)** – (only used for cold starting) Ignition circuit is on, fuel valve is open, choke is closed.



**SELECTOR SWITCH**

## NOTICE

If the engine is hot, do not use the choke.

## Oil Indicator (Red)

### INDICATOR LIGHT



LOW OIL OVERLOAD OUTPUT

When the engine oil level drops too low the engine will automatically shut down and the oil alarm indicator illuminates. The engine can be restarted up only after the engine oil is filled correctly.

**Tip:** If the engine will not start turn the 3 in 1 knob to "RUN" position and pull recoil handle. If the oil indicator flashes a few seconds, the oil volume is insufficient, fill oil to the dipstick high mark and restart it.

## Overload Indicator (Red)

### INDICATOR LIGHT



LOW OIL OVERLOAD OUTPUT

When the overload indicator illuminates, the generator has detected excess electrical load and the circuit breaker may open (trip).

If the overload indicator illuminates and the generator has no electrical output, perform the following:

- 1) Disconnect all electrical loads then and shut down the generator.
- 2) Reduce total draw of electrical loads connected, less than rated output.
- 3) Confirm there is no debris blocking the air inlet, correct as necessary.
- 4) Next, restart the engine and add electrical load in gradual steps.

**Tip:** When using electrical equipment with high starting current (such as compressors, saws, pumps, etc.), the overload indicator may illuminate for a few seconds, this is normal.

## AC Indicator (Green)

### INDICATOR LIGHT

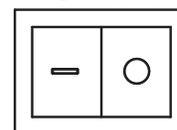


LOW OIL OVERLOAD OUTPUT

The AC indicator illuminates when electrical output is stable.

## Energy Saving (Idle) Switch

### LOW IDLE



ON OFF

1) "ON"

When energy saving switch is switched to "ON" position engine speed is reduced when the generator is under light load. This feature will reduce fuel consumption and noise.

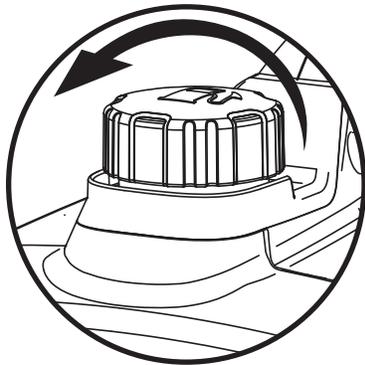
## Control Functions

### 2) "OFF"

When the energy saving switch is set to the "OFF" position, the engine will run at rated speed, regardless of connected load.

### Fuel Tank Cap

Remove fuel tank cap by unscrewing it counterclockwise.



### AC Circuit Breaker

If the total AC load exceeds the rated current, the AC circuit breaker will open (trip) and the button will pop out. In this case disconnect all loads, restart the generator and push in the AC circuit breaker(s).

#### CIRCUIT BREAKER



ON/RUN OFF/RESET

#### CIRCUIT BREAKER



ON/RUN  
OFF/RESET

### Grounding Terminal

If grounding is required by code or application, follow the guidelines on page 12.



## Preparing Your Generator

### Fuel

#### **! DANGER**

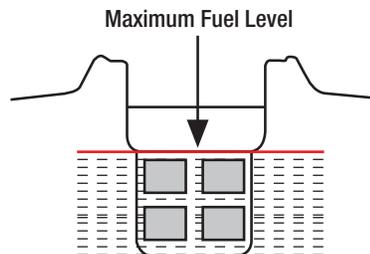
Gasoline is highly flammable and toxic. You must read and understand ALL safety instructions before fueling your generator.

Do not overfill the fuel tank! Heat and vibration can cause fuel to leak from an over-filled fuel tank.

After refueling, confirm that the fuel tank cap has been tightened.

#### **NOTICE**

Remove fuel tank cap and add gasoline to the red horizontal line.



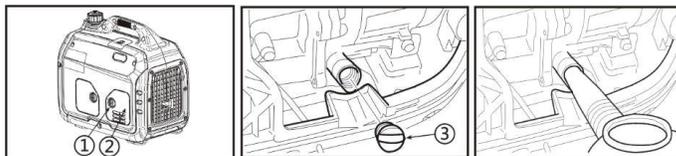
After fueling, wipe up any gasoline residue with a soft cloth to prevent damage to the plastic enclosures.

Fuel tank capacity: 1 US gallon

### Engine Oil

Your generator ships without engine oil. Do not attempt to start the generator without sufficient engine oil in the crankcase.

- 1) Place your generator on a flat, stable surface.
- 2) Unscrew the knob ① to remove oil access cover ②
- 3) Unscrew oil dipstick ③.



## Preparing Your Generator

- 4) Use a funnel to add 12 fluid ounces (0.35L) of 10w-30 engine oil to the crankcase, verify oil level with the dipstick.
- 5) Reassemble oil access cover and tighten the knob.

### Pre-use inspection

## NOTICE

Even when not in use the generator is potentially hazardous. Follow the checklist below before starting the generator. If any problems are found, do not use the generator until it has been repaired by an authorized Pulsar Products service center.

### Fuel

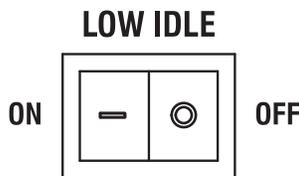
Check fuel level; add if necessary.

### Oil

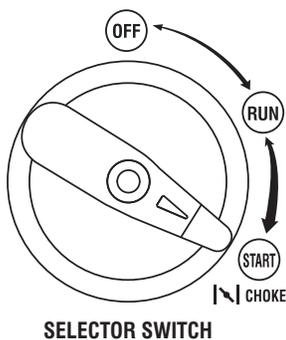
Check oil level; add if necessary.  
Check for any oil leaks.

## Starting The Generator

- 1) Disconnect all electrical loads.
- 2) Move Energy Saving (Low Idle) switch to "OFF".
- 3) Turn the 3 in 1 knob to "CHOKE"



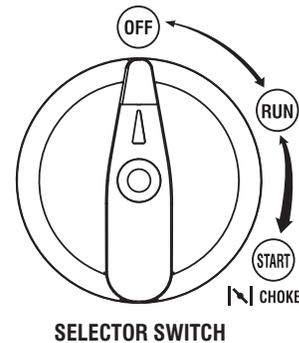
**Tip:** When the engine is warm, choke is not necessary.



- 5) When starting the generator, grasp the handle firmly with your free hand to stabilize the generator.
- 6) First gently pull the recoil rope until resistance is felt, then let it retract, then pull it swiftly at once.

## Shutting Down the Generator

- 1) Turn the 3 in 1 knob to "OFF" position



## Using the Generator

### Operating Range of the Generator

- Ambient air temperature: 23F–104F (-5 ~ 40°C)
- Relative humidity <95%
- Recommended elevation <5,000 feet (1,500m) reduced power at >3,300 feet (1,000 m)

### Ideal Atmospheric Conditions

- Ambient air temperature: 77F (25°C)
- Relative humidity: 30%
- Atmospheric pressure: 1,000 millibars

### Standard Deration:

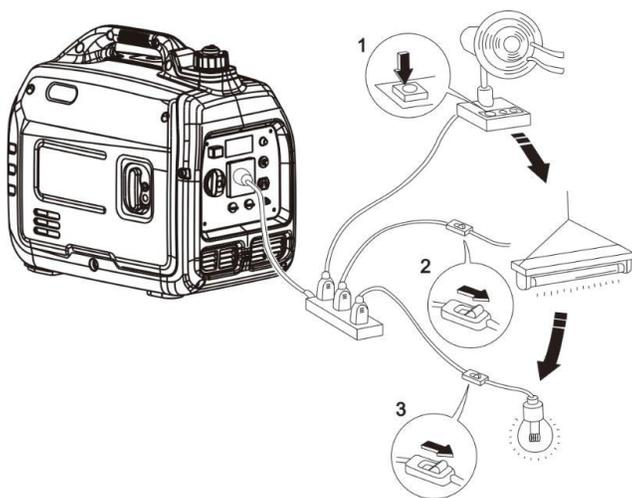
- Every 9°F (5°C) increase in ambient air temperature will reduce generator output by about 2%
- Every 30% of increase in relative humidity of air will reduce generator output by about 1.5%
- Every 1,000 feet, (300m) elevation increase will reduce generator output by about 4.5%

# Using the Generator

## Connecting Loads to the Generator

- ① Start the engine
- ② Move Energy Saving switch to "OFF"
- ③ Insert the plug(s) into AC outlet(s)
- ④ Make sure that AC indicator is illuminated
- ⑤ Switch on electrical equipment

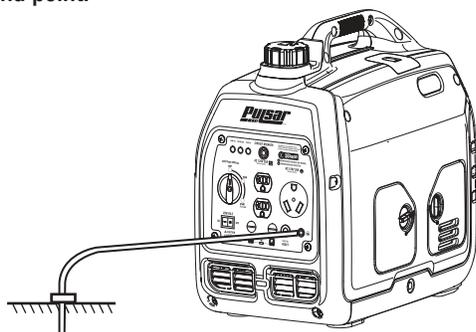
**Tip:** If total load is less than half rated capacity, move the Energy Saving Switch to 'ON'. If the generator supplies power to multiple devices plug-in those devices in from large to small according to rated electrical load.



## Generator Grounding

If grounding is required by code or application, follow the guidelines below. If you have ANY doubt, contact a licensed electrician.

- ① Use grounding wire of minimum 12 gauge
- ② Connect one end of grounding wire to the grounding bolt on the control panel.
- ③ Connect the other end of the grounding wire to a suitable ground point.



## Range of Application

Before using the generator, please make sure that total load is within rated load range of the generator, otherwise the generator may be damaged.

## Service and Maintenance

Good maintenance is essential for safe, economical operation and long service life. The maintenance schedule is below:

Maintenance Cycle Item		Each Week	Break-In Maintenance at 1 Month or 20 Hours Use	Quarterly Maintenance is every 90 Days or 50 Hours Use	Annual Maintenance or 100 Hours Use
Engine oil	Check - Fill	√			
	Replace		√	√	√
Air Cleaner Element	Inspection	√			
	Clean		√		
	Replace			√	√
Carburetor Float Bowl	Clean				√
Spark Plug	Clean - Adjust				√*
Spark Arrester	Clean			√	
Idle Speed	Check - Adjust				√
Valve Clearance **	Check - Adjust				√
Fuel Tank and Fuel Filter **	Clean				√
Fuel Hose	Inspection	Every Two Years			
Cylinder Head, Piston	Remove Carbon Deposit **	Displacement <225cc, every 125 hours; displacement ≥225cc, every 250 hours.			
** These tasks should be completed by an authorized Pulsar service center.					

# Service and Maintenance

## NOTICE

If the generator is used in high temperature or under high load, change the oil every 25 hours.

If the generator is used in a dusty or abrasive environment, service the air filter element every 10 hours; replace it every 25 hours.

If you miss a maintenance cycle, perform the maintenance as soon as possible per the table above.

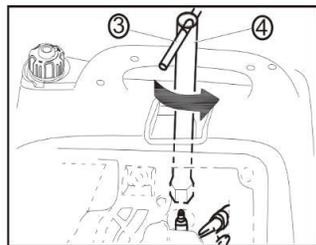
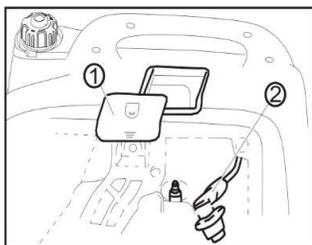
## ⚠ DANGER

Shut down the engine and allow it to cool before performing any service. Place the generator on a flat, stable surface. Remove the spark plug boot to prevent accidental engine start.

NEVER USE ANY GENERATOR INDOORS or in any poorly ventilated area. Engine exhaust contains carbon monoxide which can KILL you and others in the area.

## Spark Plug

- 1) Remove access cover and spark plug boot.
- 2) Use the (included) thin-wall T-socket wrench to remove the spark plug by turning it counter-clockwise.



- 3) Inspect spark plug for discoloration and remove carbon deposits; replace if necessary.
- 4) Adjust the gap 0.7~0.8mm.

Spark Plug # A5RTC  
Gap: 0.7-0.8mm



- 5) Install new or serviced spark plug in reverse order.

Spark Plug torque: 12.5 Nm; 110 in lbs.

Tip: If no torque wrench is available turn the spark plug  $\frac{1}{4}$  -  $\frac{1}{2}$  turn after the gasket contacts the cylinder head.

## Adjustment of the Carburetor

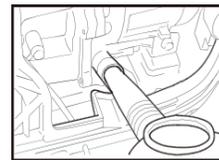
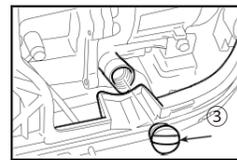
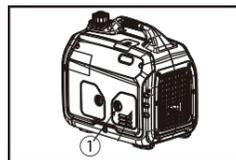
This carburetor is not adjustable, only maintenance and cleaning are possible. We strongly recommend leaving this work to an authorized Pulsar Service center.

## Oil Change

## ⚠ WARNING

Do not drain the oil immediately after turning off the generator; allow it to cool completely before servicing it.

- 1) Raise the generator up on support blocks on a flat, stable surface
- 2) Unscrew the knob ①, to remove oil access cover
- 3) Unscrew oil dipstick ③
- 4) Place an oil pan under the engine, tilt the generator toward the oil pan until all oil has drained; wipe up any spills.



- 6) Refill crankcase with 12 ounces (0.35l) 10w-30 engine oil; check with dipstick.
- 7) Tighten oil dipstick, replace oil access cover, and tighten the knob.

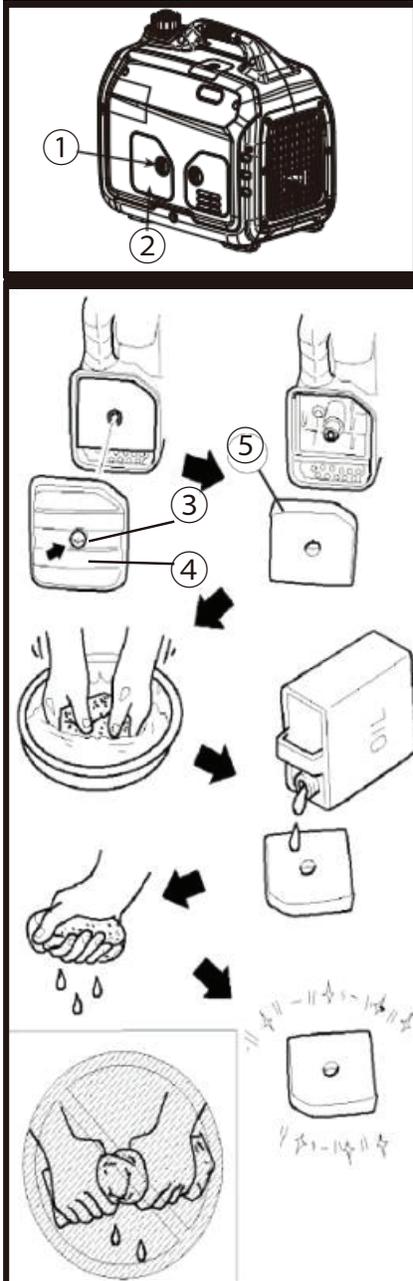
## Air Filter

A dirty air filter can cause poor performance and engine damage. Perform inspection and cleaning per the maintenance schedule on page 9.

# Service and Maintenance

## Spark Plug

- 1). Remove screws ③, to remove air filter housing ④;
- 2). Remove foam filter element ⑤;
- 3). Clean foam filter element with a mild soap solution, rinse well and let it dry
- 4). Place a few drops of engine oil on the foam filter element and squeeze gently to distribute the oil film evenly
- 5). Reinstall the air filter element in reverse order.

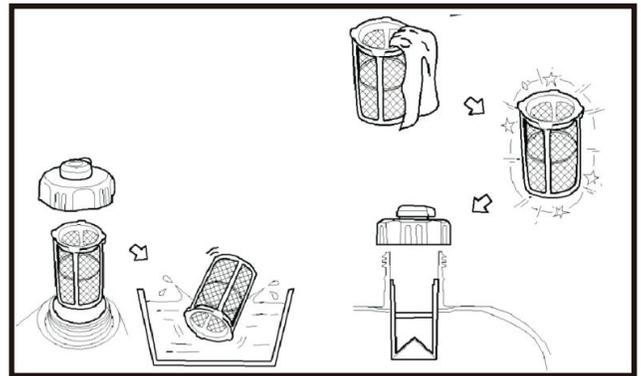


## Fuel Filter Screen

**! DANGER**

NEVER approach the generator while smoking or with any ignition source!

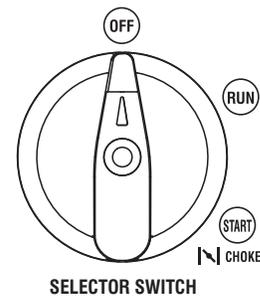
1. Remove fuel tank cap and fuel tank filter screen.
2. Clean fuel tank filter screen with mild soap and hot water.
3. Allow filter screen dry thoroughly and replace it in the fuel tank.
4. Replace fuel cap tightly.



# Storage and Transport

## Generator Long Term Storage

- 1). Turn the 3 in 1 switch to "OFF" and allow generator to cool completely.



- 2). Remove the spark plug boot to prevent accidental engine start.
- 3). With the engine completely cool, move the fuel cap vent lever to 'ON'

## Storage and Transport

- 4). Remove bolts and right service access panel
- 5). Using a Phillips screwdriver, open fuel drain valve on the carburetor, and . drain remaining fuel into an approved gasoline container.
- 6). Tighten fuel drain valve.
- 7). Change engine oil per page 9
- 8). Remove spark plug and instill one teaspoon (5ml) new engine oil into combustion chamber. Pull the recoil a few times, to distribute oil, then reinstall the spark plug.
- 9). Replace right service access panel.
- 10). Gently pull recoil handle until you feel resistance, indicating the intake and exhaust valves are closed.
- 11). Store the generator in a clean and dry area.

### Generator Transport

Pulsar Products recommends that the generator should be empty of fuel when transported unless the generator is secured in an open truck bed and secured from tipping. In this case, follow the guidelines below:

- Do not completely fill the fuel tank, leave some expansion space.
- Do not run the generator while transporting.
- Protect from direct sunlight.
- Do not transport the generator across rough terrain.

## Troubleshooting

### Engine No-Start

#### Fuel System

- 1) There is no fuel.
- 2) Fuel doesn't reach combustion chamber
- 3) Contaminated or old fuel
- 4) There is debris in the fuel valve
- 5) Carburetor is fouled, service carburetor

### Insufficient Engine Oil

Oil level is too low

### Ignition System

- 1) Verify 3 in 1 knob is at 'RUN' or 'CHOKE'
- 2) No spark from ignition coil failure.
- 3) Spark plug is fouled, service it per page 10

### Low Compression

- 1) Worn out engine
- 2) Cylinder head bolts have loosened, have an authorized Pulsar Service Center re-torque them properly
- 3) Head gasket leak

### Engine Runs, No Power Output

- 1) Ensure all circuit breakers are pushed in
- 2) If generator was exposed to moisture or rain, move it to a dry location for several hours
- 3) Vibration may have caused one or more connectors to loosen over time, check with Pulsar Technical Support for guidance
- 4) Check electrical receptacles for damage
- 5) Generator may be overloaded. Remove load, shut down, then restart the engine

# Technical Parameters

Item		Parameter	
Engine	Engine Model	148F/P -2	164F/P
	Engine Type	Single-cylinder, four-stroke, air-cooled, overhead valve, tilted 25° of the center of gasoline engine cylinder	
	Bore size × Stroke (mm)	48.6×43	64×45
	Displacement (cc)	79.7	145
	Compression Ratio	8.7± 0.2	8.7± 0.2
	Cylinder Head	OHV	OHV
	Cooling Mode	Forced Air	Forced Air
	Output Power (kW/r/min)	2.1/4500	3.8/4650
	Starting Method	Recoil	
	Fuel Tank Volume (L)	1.1 Gallon (4L)	1 Gallon (3.7L)
	Fuel Type and Grade	Gasoline or Propane	
	Lubricating Oil Capacity	12 Ounces (0.35L)	15 Ounces (0.45L)
	Lubricating Oil Model	SAE 10w-30	SAE 10w-30
	Lubrication Mode	Splash Lubrication	Splash Lubrication
	Noise dB (at 7m)	62	63
Generator	Rated Power (kW)	1.8	2.8
	Rated Voltage (V)	120	120
	Rated Frequency (Hz)	60	60
	Rated Power Factor	1	1
	Phase Number	Single Phase	Single Phase
Configuration	Motor	Brushless (Permanent Magnet)	
	Voltage Regulation	Inverter Regulation	
	Frequency Regulation	Inverter regulation	
Overall Dimension (mm)		18.9"x11.5"x17"	18.9"x11.5"x17"
Net Weight		40lbs. (18kg)	46lbs. (21kg)

