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Model: GP17500E | Brand: Generac

1. INTRODUCTION

The Generac GP17500E is a robust 17500-watt gas-powered portable generator designed to provide reliable power for emergencies, job sites, and recreational activities. Featuring an electric start and a durable OHVI engine, this unit is built for extended run times and long-lasting performance. Its design prioritizes ease of use and durability in various environments.



Figure 1: Generac GP17500E Portable Generator overview.

2. SAFETY INFORMATION

Always read and understand the entire instruction manual before operating the generator. Failure to follow safety instructions can result in serious injury or death.

- **Carbon Monoxide Hazard:** Generators produce carbon monoxide, a colorless, odorless, poisonous gas. Operate the generator outdoors only, far away from windows, doors, and vents. Never operate indoors or in partially enclosed spaces.
- **Electrical Shock Hazard:** Do not operate the generator in wet conditions. Ensure all connections are dry and properly insulated. Use ground fault circuit interrupter (GFCI) protected outlets.
- **Fire Hazard:** Fuel is highly flammable. Refuel in a well-ventilated area with the engine off and cool. Do not smoke or allow open flames near the generator. Store fuel in approved containers.
- **Hot Surfaces:** Engine and muffler components become extremely hot during operation and remain hot for a period after shutdown. Avoid contact to prevent burns.
- **Moving Parts:** Keep hands, feet, hair, and clothing away from moving parts to prevent injury.

3. SETUP

Before first use, ensure the generator is properly assembled and prepared for operation.

1. **Unpacking and Assembly:** Remove the generator from its packaging. Attach the wheels and support

legs as per the assembly guide. The sturdy steel frame and heavy-duty wheels facilitate easy transport.

2. **Add Engine Oil:** The generator is shipped without engine oil. Fill the engine with the recommended type and amount of oil. The OHVI engine features full pressure lubrication and an automotive-style spin-on oil filter for enhanced longevity.
3. **Add Fuel:** Fill the large-capacity steel fuel tank with fresh, unleaded gasoline. The tank includes a built-in fuel gauge for convenient monitoring. Ensure the fuel cap is securely fastened.
4. **Connect Battery:** Connect the included battery for electric starting. Follow the positive (+) and negative (-) terminal connections carefully.



Figure 2: Side view of the generator, showing the engine and wheel assembly.

4. OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

Follow these steps to safely start and operate your Generac GP17500E generator.

1. **Placement:** Position the generator on a level surface outdoors, away from any structures, windows, or vents.
2. **Pre-Start Checks:** Verify oil and fuel levels. Ensure all electrical loads are disconnected from the generator before starting.
3. **Starting the Engine:**
 - **Electric Start:** Turn the ignition key to the 'START' position. Release the key once the engine starts.
 - **Manual Start (Recoil):** If the electric start fails, use the recoil starter by pulling the rope firmly.
4. **Connecting Electrical Loads:** Once the engine is running smoothly, connect your electrical devices to the appropriate outlets. The generator features covered outlets for added protection.
5. **Idle Control:** The idle control feature reduces noise and conserves fuel, extending run times. Engage this feature when full power is not continuously required.
6. **Stopping the Engine:** Disconnect all electrical loads. Turn the ignition key to the 'OFF' position or use the engine stop switch.



Figure 3: Control panel with outlets, idle control, and hour meter.

Video 1: Official product video demonstrating the Generac GP17500E generator's features and operation.

5. MAINTENANCE

Regular maintenance ensures optimal performance and extends the lifespan of your generator.

- **Hour Meter:** The integrated hour meter tracks maintenance intervals, helping you keep the generator in top shape. Refer to the maintenance schedule in the full manual.
- **Oil Changes:** Regularly check and change the engine oil as indicated by the hour meter or usage. The automotive-style spin-on oil filter simplifies this process.
- **Low-Oil Level Shutdown:** The generator is equipped with a low-oil level shutdown feature that automatically safeguards the engine from damage by shutting it off if oil levels are too low.
- **Air Filter:** Inspect and clean or replace the air filter periodically.
- **Spark Plug:** Check and clean or replace the spark plug as needed.



Figure 4: Engine detail highlighting the low oil shutdown feature.

6. TROUBLESHOOTING

If your generator experiences issues, consult this basic troubleshooting guide. For complex problems, contact Generac customer support.

- **Engine Not Starting:**

- Check fuel level.
- Ensure engine oil is at the correct level (low-oil shutdown prevents starting).
- Verify battery connections for electric start.
- Check spark plug for fouling or damage.

- **No Power Output:**

- Check circuit breakers on the control panel and reset if tripped.
- Ensure all connections are secure.
- Verify that the generator is running at the correct RPM (idle control might be engaged).

- **Engine Runs Rough:**

- Check for stale fuel; use fresh gasoline.
- Inspect air filter for clogs.
- Check spark plug.

7. SPECIFICATIONS

Key technical specifications for the Generac GP17500E Portable Generator.

Specification	Value
Brand	Generac
Model Name	GP17500E
Running Wattage	17500 Watts
Starting Wattage	26250 Watts
Fuel Type	Gasoline
Engine Type	4 Stroke OHVI
Tank Volume	16 Gallons
Item Weight	390 Pounds
Product Dimensions (L x W x H)	48.5"L x 31"W x 39.5"H
Total Power Outlets	16
Special Feature	Electric Start

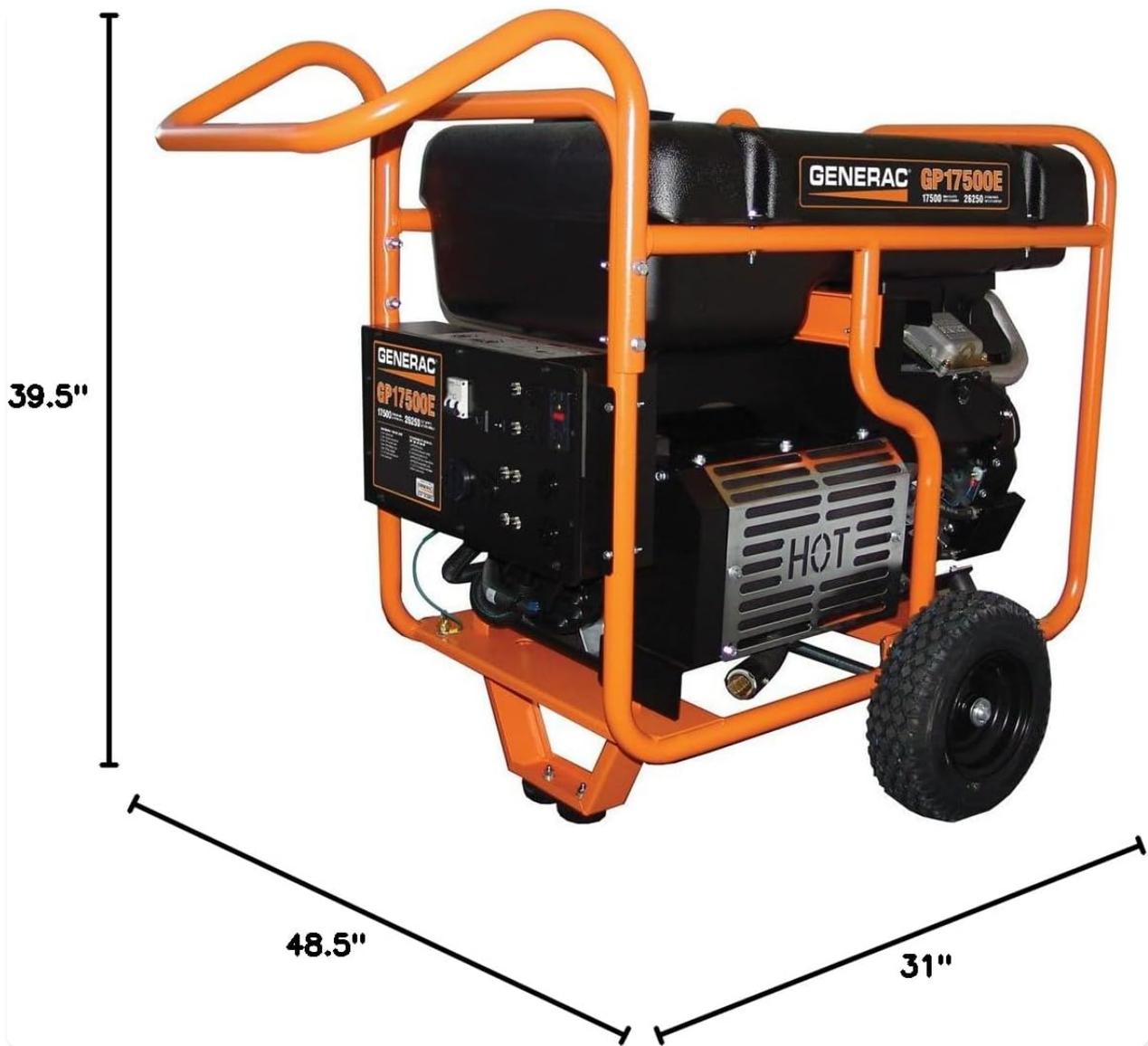


Figure 5: Generator dimensions for planning placement and storage.

8. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

For detailed warranty information, please refer to the warranty card included with your product or visit the official Generac website. For technical support, replacement parts, or service inquiries, contact Generac customer service through their official channels. Always provide your model number (GP17500E) and serial number when seeking support.