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Model: 7678

## 1. INTRODUCTION

This manual provides essential information for the safe and efficient operation and maintenance of your Generac GP3600 Portable Generator. Please read this manual thoroughly before operating the generator to ensure proper usage and to prevent injury or damage.

The Generac GP3600 portable generator is designed to provide reliable power for home projects, tools, and essential electricity during outages. It features Power Rush advanced technology for enhanced starting capacity, a durable OHV engine, and a large-capacity steel fuel tank for extended run times.

## 2. SAFETY INFORMATION

Your safety and the safety of others are very important. Always operate the generator in accordance with all safety instructions. Failure to do so can result in serious injury or death.

- **Carbon Monoxide (CO) Safety:** This generator is equipped with COsense Technology, which automatically shuts down the generator if hazardous carbon monoxide levels are detected. Always operate the generator outdoors in a well-ventilated area, far from windows, doors, and vents. Never operate it inside a home, garage, basement, crawlspace, or other enclosed or partially enclosed area.
- **Low-Oil Level Shutdown:** The generator features an automatic low-oil level shutdown to protect the engine from damage. If the oil level drops too low, the engine will shut off.
- **Electrical Safety:** Ensure all electrical connections are secure and properly grounded. Do not operate the generator in wet conditions.
- **Fuel Safety:** Gasoline is highly flammable. Always refuel in a well-ventilated area with the engine off and cool. Do not smoke or allow flames or sparks near the generator.

## 3. PACKAGE CONTENTS

Upon unpacking, verify that all components are present:

- Generac GP3600 Portable Generator Unit
- Engine Oil (1.0 US qt. / 1.0 L)
- Oil Funnel
- Handle & Wheel Kit
- Owner's Manual

## 4. SETUP AND ASSEMBLY

The Generac GP3600 is designed for quick and easy setup. Basic assembly is required for the wheels and support stand.

### 4.1. Attaching Wheels and Stand

Attach the heavy-duty, never-flat wheels and the support stand to the generator frame using the provided hardware. This enhances portability and stability.



**Portable power**  
**when and where you need it.**



Power  
outage



DIY  
projects



Camping



RV







Image: Front view of the Generac GP3600 portable generator, showing the attached wheels and front support stand.

## 4.2. Adding Engine Oil

Before starting, add the provided engine oil. Locate the oil fill cap/dipstick, remove it, and use the included funnel to pour the oil into the engine. Ensure the oil level is within the recommended range on the dipstick.

# How much power do you need?

Add up your usual wattage to find the right generator.

 <b>1500W</b> Speakers	 <b>250W</b> String lights	 <b>700W</b> Refrigerator
 <b>1050W</b> Sump pump	 <b>600W+</b> Power tools	 <b>1150W</b> Washing machine

See wattage calculator below for more detailed guidance.

Image: Side view of the Generac GP3600 portable generator, highlighting the oil fill cap and dipstick location.

## 4.3. Adding Fuel

Fill the large-capacity steel fuel tank with fresh, unleaded gasoline. Do not overfill. The integrated fuel gauge helps monitor fuel levels.



**Gas powered**  
3.7 gallon capacity

**9.3 hours**  
Run time at 50% load

Image: Back view of the Generac GP3600 portable generator, showing the fuel tank cap and overall rear structure.

## 5. KEY FEATURES

- **Power Rush Advanced Technology:** Delivers over 40% more starting capacity, allowing the generator to handle more demanding loads.
- **Durable OHV Engine:** The Generac OHV engine with splash lubrication ensures a longer engine life and reliable performance.
- **Extended Run Times:** A large-capacity steel fuel tank with an incorporated fuel gauge provides extended operation without frequent refueling.
- **Engine Protection:** Low-oil level shutdown automatically safeguards the engine from damage.
- **Easy Portability:** Features heavy-duty, never-flat wheels and a towable handle for convenient transportation.
- **Hardened Steel Tube Cradle:** A robust 1.25-inch hardened steel tube cradle provides added durability and strength.
- **Covered Outlets:** Outlets are covered for added protection against environmental elements.

# GP3600 key features



- **PowerRush™**  
40% more starting capacity

- **GFCI Outlets**  
2X 120V 20A Duplex  
1X 120V 30A Twistlock

- **COsense™ Technology**  
Protection against carbon monoxide

Handle & wheel kit included

Image: The control panel of the Generac GP3600, illustrating Power Rush technology, GFCI outlets, and COsense Technology for carbon monoxide protection.



**Wattage**  
Starting 4500W  
Running 3600W

**104.7 LBS**  
Durable  
steel frame

Image: Visual representation of the Generac GP3600's dimensions (21.3"H x 24"W x 22.5"D), starting wattage (4500W), running wattage (3600W), and weight (104.7 lbs).

## 6. OPERATION

### 6.1. Starting the Generator

1. Ensure the generator is on a level surface and in a well-ventilated outdoor area.
2. Check oil and fuel levels.
3. Turn the fuel valve to the 'ON' position.
4. Move the choke lever to the 'FULL CHOKE' position (if the engine is cold).
5. Turn the engine switch to the 'ON' position.
6. Pull the recoil starter handle firmly until the engine starts.
7. Once the engine starts, gradually move the choke lever to the 'RUN' position.

### 6.2. Connecting Appliances

Plug appliances into the appropriate outlets on the control panel. Do not overload the generator. Refer to the wattage calculator image below for guidance on power requirements.

# How much power do you need?

DEVICE	RUNNING WATTS	ADDITIONAL STARTING WATTS	GENERATOR SIZE
Refrigerator / Freezer	700	2200	Minimum starting watts for your needs ↓ <b>6055</b> starting watts
Sump Pump	1050	2150	
Furnace Fan Blower - 1/2HP	875	2300	
Television - 27"	500	-	
Lamps (3)	180	-	
Box Fan	200	-	
Slow Cooker	250	-	
<b>Total</b>	<b>3755</b>	<b>+ 2300 =</b>	

All running watts + highest starting watt = Total wattage needed

	DEVICE	RUNNING WATTS	ADDITIONAL STARTING WATTS
HOUSEHOLD	<b>Electronics</b>		
	17" Monitor	800	-
	27" Television	500	-
	<b>Household appliance (small)</b>		
	Coffee maker	1500	-
	Microwave	1000	-
	<b>Household appliance (large)</b>		
	Electric water heater	2000	1000
	Refrigerator/freezer	700	2200
	Sump pump	1050	2150
JOBSITE	Washing machine	1150	2300
	Central A/C	3800	4950
	Window A/C	3250	3950
	Heat Pump	4700	4500
	<b>Power tools</b>	<b>600-2000</b>	<b>900-2400</b>
	Quartz halogen work light	1000	-
	Air compressor	1000	2000
	Inflator pump	50	150
	Outdoor light string	250	-
	RV Air Conditioner (13,500 BTU)	1500	700

\*Watts listed are approximate. Check your appliances for actual requirements. Total wattage requirements assumes intermittent starting of devices.

Image: A chart detailing the running and additional starting wattage for common household appliances and tools, useful for calculating total power needs.

## 7. MAINTENANCE

Regular maintenance ensures the longevity and optimal performance of your generator.

### 7.1. Hour Meter

The integrated hour meter tracks engine run time, helping you adhere to maintenance schedules for oil changes and other service intervals.

### 7.2. Oil Changes

Change the engine oil at recommended intervals as indicated by the hour meter or after the first 20 hours of operation, then every 50-100 hours or annually, whichever comes first. Refer to the owner's manual for detailed instructions.

## 8. SPECIFICATIONS

Specification	Value
Brand	Generac
Model Name	GP3600
Model Number	7678
Running Wattage	3600 Watts
Starting Wattage	4500 Watts
Fuel Type	Gasoline
Engine Type	4 Stroke
Tank Volume	5 Gallons
Runtime (at 50% load)	Up to 10.5 hours (as per product description, 9.3 hours in image)
Item Weight	105 Pounds
Item Dimensions (L x W x H)	24"L x 21.3"W x 22.5"H
Voltage	120 Volts
Total Power Outlets	3
Compliance	50-State / CARB Compliant

## 9. TROUBLESHOOTING

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If your Generac GP3600 generator encounters issues, consider the following general troubleshooting steps:

- **Engine Not Starting:** Check fuel level, oil level, spark plug condition, and ensure the choke is set correctly for a cold start.
- **No Power Output:** Check circuit breakers on the control panel. Ensure appliances are not overloading the generator.
- **Automatic Shutdown:** If the generator shuts down unexpectedly, check the oil level (low-oil shutdown) or ensure it's operating in a well-ventilated area (COsense Technology activation).

For persistent issues, refer to the detailed troubleshooting section in the complete owner's manual or contact Generac customer support.

## 10. OFFICIAL PRODUCT VIDEO

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Watch this official video from Generac Power Systems for an overview of the GP3600 Portable Generator.

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Video: An official product video showcasing the features and benefits of the Generac GP3600 Portable Generator.

## 11. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

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The Generac GP3600 Portable Generator comes with a **3-year manufacturer's warranty**. For warranty

claims, technical assistance, or further support, please refer to the contact information provided in your owner's manual or visit the official Generac website.