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Model: GN5602X

## 1. INTRODUCTION

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This manual provides essential instructions for the safe operation, maintenance, and troubleshooting of your WEN GN5602X 5600-Watt Portable Generator. Please read this manual thoroughly before operating the generator to ensure proper use and to prevent injury or damage.

The WEN GN5602X is designed to provide reliable portable power with 5600 starting watts and 4500 running watts, featuring an electric start, 224cc engine, and a CO Shutdown Sensor for enhanced safety.

## 2. SAFETY INFORMATION

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Operating a generator can be hazardous if safety precautions are not followed. Always prioritize safety to prevent serious injury or death.

### 2.1 Carbon Monoxide Hazard

Generators produce carbon monoxide (CO), an odorless, colorless, and poisonous gas. Exposure to CO can cause nausea, dizziness, weakness, and even death.

- **NEVER** operate the generator indoors, in garages, basements, crawlspaces, or other enclosed areas.
- Operate the generator outdoors in a well-ventilated area, far from windows, doors, and vents.
- The WEN Watchdog CO Shutdown Sensor automatically turns off the generator if dangerous levels of carbon monoxide are detected. Do not disable or tamper with this safety feature.
- Install battery-operated CO alarms in your home or RV.

### 2.2 Electrical Safety

- **NEVER** operate the generator in wet conditions, including rain or snow.
- Ensure all electrical connections are secure and properly grounded.
- Do not overload the generator. Refer to the specifications for maximum wattage.
- Use only approved extension cords that are rated for outdoor use and the load capacity.

## 2.3 Fire Hazard

- Gasoline is highly flammable. Store fuel in approved containers in a well-ventilated area away from ignition sources.
- Do not refuel the generator while it is running or hot. Allow it to cool down completely before adding fuel.
- Avoid spilling fuel. If spills occur, clean them up immediately and ensure vapors dissipate before starting the generator.

## 3. PRODUCT OVERVIEW

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Familiarize yourself with the components of your WEN GN5602X generator.



Figure 3.1: Front view of the WEN GN5602X Portable Generator, showing the control panel, engine, and wheels.

### 3.1 Control Panel



Figure 3.2: Close-up of the control panel, featuring the engine switch, data meter, outlets, and circuit breakers.

- **Engine Switch:** Used to start and stop the engine.
- **Data Meter:** Digitally displays voltage, frequency, total runtime, and session runtime.
- **Low Oil Alert:** Indicator light for low oil levels.
- **CO Shutdown Sensor:** Safety feature that detects carbon monoxide.
- **Outlets:**
  - One RV-ready 30-amp 120V TT-30R outlet.
  - One transfer-switch-ready 30-amp 120V L5-30R twist-lock outlet.
  - Two standard 20-amp 120V 5-20R outlets.
- **Circuit Breakers:** Protect outlets from overload.
- **Ground Terminal:** For connecting an external ground wire.

### 3.2 Engine and Fuel System



Figure 3.3: Side view of the generator, highlighting the 224cc engine and exhaust system.

- **Engine:** 224cc 4-stroke engine.
- **Fuel Tank:** 4.3-gallon capacity for gasoline.
- **Fuel Cap:** Located on top of the fuel tank.
- **Oil Fill/Dipstick:** For checking and adding engine oil.
- **Muffler:** Reduces engine noise and directs exhaust.

## 4. SETUP AND ASSEMBLY

Before operating your generator, some assembly and preparation are required.

### 4.1 Unpacking and Inspection

- Carefully remove the generator and all components from the packaging.
- Inspect for any damage during shipping. Contact customer support if damage is found.
- Ensure all included accessories are present: wheel kit, oil funnel, spark plug wrench, and other tools.



Figure 4.1: The WEN GN5602X generator shown with its included accessories, such as the oil funnel and tools.

## 4.2 Wheel and Handle Kit Assembly

Attach the wheels and handles for easy transportation.

1. Attach the wheels to the axle using the provided pins and washers.
2. Secure the support legs to the opposite side of the generator frame.
3. Install the handles onto the frame, ensuring they are securely fastened.



## **COMPACT PORTABLE DESIGN**

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Figure 4.2: The WEN GN5602X generator with its wheel and handle kit installed, ready for transport.

### **4.3 Adding Engine Oil**

The generator is shipped without engine oil. You must add the correct amount and type of oil before the first start.

1. Place the generator on a level surface.
2. Remove the oil fill cap/dipstick.
3. Using the provided funnel, slowly add 16.9 fl oz (0.5 liters) of SAE 10W-30 engine oil. Do not overfill.
4. Reinsert the dipstick and check the oil level. It should be at the top of the dipstick's crosshatch area.
5. Securely replace the oil fill cap/dipstick.

### **4.4 Adding Fuel**

Use only fresh, unleaded gasoline with an octane rating of 87 or higher.

1. Ensure the generator is turned off and cool.
2. Remove the fuel cap.
3. Slowly add gasoline to the fuel tank, being careful not to overfill. The tank capacity is 4.3 gallons.

4. Securely replace the fuel cap.



Figure 4.3: Close-up of the fuel tank cap, indicating fuel type and capacity.

## 5. OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

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### 5.1 Starting the Generator (Electric Start)

1. Ensure the generator is on a level surface and in a well-ventilated outdoor area.
2. Check oil and fuel levels.
3. Ensure no electrical devices are connected to the outlets.
4. Turn the fuel valve to the "ON" position.
5. If the engine is cold, move the choke lever to the "CHOKE" position.
6. Press and hold the engine switch to the "START" position until the engine starts.
7. Once the engine starts, slowly move the choke lever to the "RUN" position.
8. Allow the generator to run for a few minutes to warm up before connecting electrical loads.

### 5.2 Connecting Electrical Devices

- Only connect devices after the generator has started and is running smoothly.
- Ensure the total wattage of connected devices does not exceed the generator's running wattage (4500W).
- Plug in devices one at a time.
- For RV applications, use the 30-amp TT-30R outlet.

- For transfer switch applications, use the 30-amp L5-30R outlet. Consult a qualified electrician for transfer switch installation.

## 5.3 Stopping the Generator

1. Disconnect all electrical loads from the generator.
2. Allow the generator to run for a few minutes without load to cool down.
3. Turn the engine switch to the "OFF" position.
4. Turn the fuel valve to the "OFF" position.

## 6. MAINTENANCE

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

### 6.1 Engine Oil

- **Check Oil Level:** Before each use.
- **Change Oil:** After the first 20 hours of operation, then every 50 hours or annually, whichever comes first.

### 6.2 Air Filter

- **Inspect:** Every 50 hours or every 3 months.
- **Clean/Replace:** Clean with warm, soapy water and allow to dry completely. Replace if damaged.

### 6.3 Spark Plug

- **Inspect/Clean:** Every 100 hours or every 6 months. Clean carbon deposits and check gap.
- **Replace:** Annually or if heavily fouled.

### 6.4 Storage

- For long-term storage (over 30 days), drain the fuel tank and carburetor.
- Add a fuel stabilizer if draining is not possible.
- Change the engine oil.
- Store in a clean, dry, well-ventilated area.

## 7. TROUBLESHOOTING

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Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Engine will not start	No fuel; Low oil level; Engine switch OFF; Choke incorrect; Faulty spark plug	Add fuel; Add oil; Turn engine switch ON; Adjust choke; Clean/replace spark plug
No power output	Circuit breaker tripped; Overload; Loose connections	Reset circuit breaker; Reduce load; Check connections
Engine runs rough	Stale fuel; Dirty air filter; Incorrect spark plug gap	Drain and replace fuel; Clean/replace air filter; Adjust spark plug gap

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
CO Shutdown Sensor activated	High carbon monoxide levels	Move generator to a more open, well-ventilated area. Allow to cool and ventilate before restarting.

## 8. SPECIFICATIONS

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- **Model:** GN5602X
- **Engine:** 224cc, 4-Stroke
- **Starting Watts:** 5600W
- **Running Watts:** 4500W
- **Voltage:** 120V
- **Fuel Type:** Unleaded Gasoline (87+ Octane)
- **Fuel Tank Capacity:** 4.3 Gallons
- **Engine Oil Capacity:** 16.9 fl oz (0.5 Liters)
- **Recommended Oil:** SAE 10W-30
- **Outlets:**
  - (2) 120V 20A 5-20R
  - (1) 120V 30A TT-30R (RV Ready)
  - (1) 120V 30A L5-30R (Transfer Switch Ready)
- **Dimensions (L x W x H):** 22.44" x 16.93" x 18.5"
- **Weight:** 120 lbs
- **Special Features:** Electric Start, CO Shutdown Sensor, Wheel Kit

## 9. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

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Your WEN GN5602X Portable Generator comes with a three-year limited warranty. For warranty claims, technical assistance, or to locate service centers, please contact WEN customer support.

- **Customer Support:** Refer to the official WEN website or your purchase documentation for contact information.
- **Online Resources:** Visit [www.wenproducts.com](http://www.wenproducts.com) for additional product information and support.