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1. INTRODUCTION

This manual provides essential instructions for the safe operation, maintenance, and troubleshooting of your Champion Power Equipment 9375-Watt Dual Fuel Portable Generator, Model 201281. This generator is designed for versatility and convenience, offering power generation using either gasoline or propane. It features an electric start, Intelligauge for monitoring, and CO Shield® technology for enhanced safety.



Image 1.1: Champion 9375-Watt Dual Fuel Portable Generator, Model 201281.

2. SAFETY INFORMATION

WARNING: Carbon Monoxide Hazard. Generators produce carbon monoxide (CO), an odorless, colorless, and poisonous gas. Using a generator indoors CAN KILL YOU IN MINUTES.

- **ALWAYS** use the generator outdoors in a well-ventilated area, far away from occupied buildings.
- Direct engine exhaust away from people and buildings.
- **CO Shield® Technology:** This generator is equipped with CO Shield® technology, which monitors for carbon monoxide accumulation. If unsafe elevated levels of CO gas are detected, the system will automatically shut off the engine. This is not a substitute for an indoor carbon monoxide alarm or for safe operation practices.

+ ACCESSORIES



INCLUDED IN THE BOX!



PROPANE HOSE



ENGINE OIL



WHEEL KIT INCLUDED

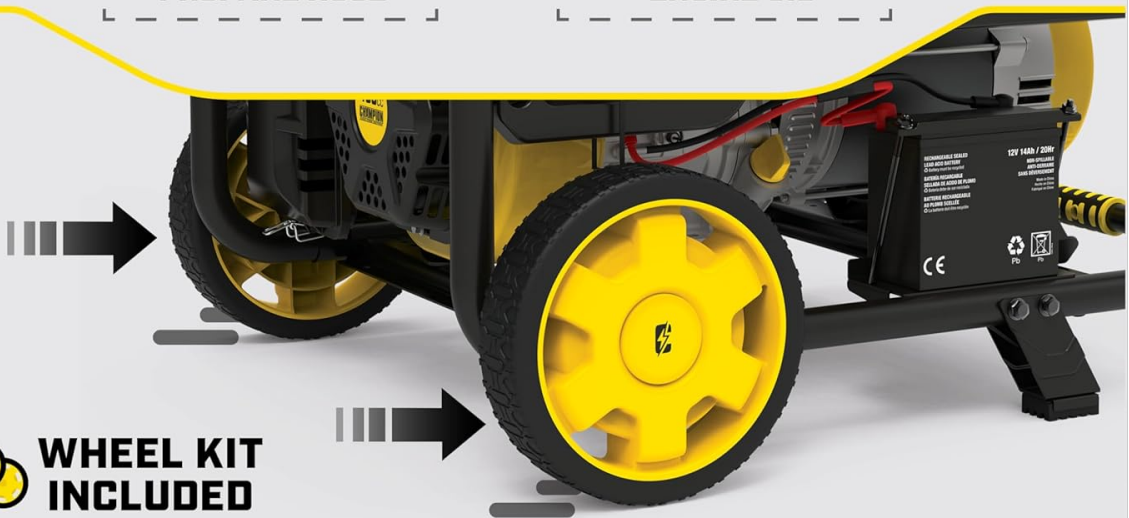


Image 2.1: CO Shield® technology display indicating automatic shutoff due to elevated carbon monoxide levels.

Additional safety precautions:

- Read and understand the entire manual before operating the generator.
- Do not operate the generator in rain or wet conditions.
- Ensure proper grounding of the generator.
- Keep children and pets away from the generator during operation.
- Store fuel in approved containers in a well-ventilated area, away from ignition sources.

3. PACKAGE CONTENTS

Upon unpacking, verify that all items are present:

- Champion 9375-Watt Dual Fuel Portable Generator
- Wheel Kit (includes never-flat tires)
- Engine Oil (1.2 quarts of 10W-30)
- Oil Funnel
- Propane (LPG) Hose with built-in regulator (6.5 feet)

- Battery for Electric Start



Image 3.1: Included accessories: propane hose, engine oil, and wheel kit components.

4. SETUP AND ASSEMBLY

Follow these steps for initial setup:

1. **Attach Wheels and Support Legs:** Secure the wheel kit and front support legs to the generator frame. Refer to the assembly diagram in your printed manual for specific bolt locations.
2. **Add Engine Oil:**
 - Place the generator on a level surface.
 - Remove the oil fill cap/dipstick.
 - Using the provided funnel, carefully pour the entire bottle of 10W-30 engine oil (1.2 quarts) into the engine crankcase.
 - Check the oil level using the dipstick; do not overfill.
 - Securely replace the oil fill cap/dipstick.
3. **Connect Battery:** Connect the battery cables for the electric start feature. Ensure correct polarity (red to positive, black to negative).
4. **Add Fuel (Gasoline or Propane):**
 - **For Gasoline:** Fill the fuel tank with fresh, unleaded gasoline (minimum 87 octane). Do not overfill.
 - **For Propane (LPG):** Connect the provided propane hose to a 20-pound propane tank and to the generator's propane inlet. Ensure all connections are tight.

Always perform a pre-operation check before each use, including fuel levels, oil levels, and general condition of the generator.

5. OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

5.1 Control Panel Overview



Image 5.1: Detailed view of the generator control panel, showing fuel select dial, Intelligauge, ignition switch, circuit breakers, and various outlets.

- **Fuel Select Dial:** Used to choose between gasoline and propane operation.
- **Intelligauge:** Digital display showing voltage, hertz, and run-time hours.
- **Ignition Switch:** Used to start and stop the engine.
- **Circuit Breakers:** Protect the generator from electrical overload.
- **Outlets:** Includes 120V 30A locking (L5-30R), 120/240V 30A locking (L14-30R), and two 120V 20A GFCI protected household duplex outlets (5-20R).

5.2 Starting the Generator (Electric Start)

1. **Position Generator:** Ensure the generator is outdoors, on a level surface, and away from any windows or vents.
2. **Check Fuel:** Verify sufficient gasoline or propane is available.

3. **Select Fuel:** Turn the Fuel Select Dial to the desired fuel source (Gasoline or Propane).
4. **Choke (if necessary):** For cold starts, move the choke lever to the "CHOKE" position.
5. **Start Engine:** Press and hold the electric start rocker switch. Release once the engine starts.
6. **Choke (adjust):** Once the engine is running smoothly, gradually move the choke lever to the "RUN" position.
7. **Connect Loads:** After the generator is running stably, you can connect your electrical devices to the outlets.

5.3 Switching Fuel Sources

The patented fuel selector switch allows for safe switching between gasoline and propane during operation:

1. Reduce the electrical load on the generator.
2. Slowly turn the Fuel Select Dial to the desired new fuel source.
3. Allow the engine to adjust to the new fuel.
4. Monitor the Intelligauge for stable operation.

5.4 Stopping the Generator

1. Disconnect all electrical loads from the generator.
2. Turn the ignition switch to the "OFF" position.
3. If using propane, close the valve on the propane tank.

6. FEATURES AND CAPABILITIES

- **Dual Fuel Capability:** Operates on either gasoline or propane, providing flexibility and extended run times.



7500 RUNNING WATTS

Power at the **SAME TIME**



CIRCULAR SAW



WELL PUMP



MICROWAVE



DRILL

or **INDIVIDUALLY**



AIR COMPRESSOR



**ELECTRIC WATER
HEATER**



**WINDOW AC
13K BTU**



CHAINSAW

*REFERENCE ONLY. REFER TO ELECTRIC OR HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCES FOR WATTAGE INFORMATION.



Image 6.1: The generator's dual fuel capability, allowing operation on gasoline or propane.

- **Electric Start:** Convenient push-button electric start with included battery.
- **Intelligauge:** Digital display for monitoring voltage, hertz, and run-time hours, aiding in maintenance scheduling.
- **CO Shield®:** Advanced carbon monoxide detection system that automatically shuts off the engine if CO levels become unsafe.
- **Volt Guard™:** Protects the generator from electrical voltage spikes.
- **Power Output:**
 - Gasoline: 9375 Starting Watts, 7500 Running Watts
 - Propane: 8400 Starting Watts, 6750 Running Watts



**CARBON MONOXIDE
AUTO-SHUTOFF**



Image 6.2: Illustration of various appliances that can be powered simultaneously or individually by the generator's 7500 running watts.

- **Cold Start Technology:** Ensures quick starting in cold weather conditions.
- **Outlets:** Multiple outlets for various power needs, including GFCI protected household outlets.

7. MAINTENANCE

Regular maintenance is crucial for the longevity and safe operation of your generator. Refer to the full manual for detailed schedules.

- **Engine Oil:** Check oil level before each use. Change oil after the first 5 hours of operation, then every 50 hours or annually.
- **Air Filter:** Inspect and clean the air filter regularly. Replace if damaged.
- **Spark Plug:** Inspect and clean the spark plug annually or every 100 hours. Replace if necessary.

- **Fuel System:** Drain the fuel system for storage longer than 30 days if using gasoline, or use a fuel stabilizer.
- **Battery:** Check battery terminals and charge as needed.

8. TROUBLESHOOTING

This section addresses common issues. For more complex problems, contact customer support.

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Engine will not start	No fuel, low oil, battery discharged, choke position incorrect, spark plug issue.	Add fuel, check oil level, charge/replace battery, adjust choke, inspect spark plug.
No power output	Circuit breaker tripped, overloaded, CO Shield activated.	Reset circuit breakers, reduce load, check CO Shield status and ventilation.
Engine runs rough	Stale fuel, dirty air filter, spark plug issue.	Use fresh fuel, clean/replace air filter, inspect spark plug.

9. SPECIFICATIONS

Specification	Value
Model Number	201281
Engine Displacement	439cc
Fuel Type	Gasoline, Liquefied Petroleum Gas (Propane)
Gasoline Starting Watts	9375 Watts
Gasoline Running Watts	7500 Watts
Propane Starting Watts	8400 Watts
Propane Running Watts	6750 Watts
Voltage	120V / 240V
Fuel Tank Capacity (Gasoline)	7.7 Imperial Gallons
Oil Capacity	1.2 Quarts (10W-30)
Run Time (Gasoline, 50% load)	10 hours
Run Time (Propane, 50% load, 20lb tank)	5.5 hours
Noise Level (23 ft)	74 dBA
Item Weight	205 Pounds
Product Dimensions (L x W x H)	28.9" x 27.7" x 26.1"

Specification	Value
Special Features	Automatic Voltage Regulation, CO Sensor, Dual Fuel, Electric Start, Flat-Free Tire



Image 9.1: Key dimensions and weight of the Champion 9375-Watt Dual Fuel Portable Generator.



Image 9.2: Guide for calculating running and starting wattage requirements for connected appliances.

10. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

This Champion Power Equipment generator comes with a **3-year limited warranty**. For technical assistance or warranty claims, please contact Champion Support. Free lifetime technical support is available from dedicated experts.

For further assistance, refer to the official Champion Power Equipment website or contact their customer service directly.

Note: Transportation of this item is subject to hazardous materials regulations.

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This manual is for informational purposes only. Always refer to the physical manual included with your product for the most accurate and up-to-date instructions.