Champion Power Equipment 201296

Champion Power Equipment 4375-Watt Dual Fuel Portable Generator

MODEL: 201296

User Manual

1. Introduction and Overview

The Champion Power Equipment 4375-Watt Dual Fuel Portable Generator with CO Shield is designed to provide versatile and reliable power for various needs, from home backup to recreational use. This generator operates on either gasoline or propane, offering flexibility in fuel choice.

On gasoline, it delivers 4375 starting watts and 3500 running watts. When operating on propane, it provides 3950 starting watts and 3150 running watts. Equipped with a 224cc Champion engine, it features Cold Start Technology for easy starting in cold weather and an Intelligauge display to monitor voltage, frequency, and run-time hours.

The integrated CO Shield technology enhances safety by automatically shutting off the engine if dangerous levels of carbon monoxide are detected in the operating area. Its RV-ready design includes a 120V 30A (TT-30R) RV outlet, along with a 120V 30A (L5-30R) outlet and a 120V 20A household duplex outlet (5-20R), all protected by Volt Guard to prevent overloads.

2. Safety Information

WARNING: Carbon Monoxide Hazard. Generators produce carbon monoxide, a colorless, odorless, poisonous gas. Operating a generator indoors can kill you in minutes. ALWAYS operate the generator outdoors, far away from windows, doors, and vents.



Image: CO Shield Carbon Monoxide Auto-Shutoff system. This system automatically shuts off the generator if unsafe levels of carbon monoxide accumulate.

The CO Shield technology is an automatic shut-off system designed to protect against dangerous levels of carbon monoxide. However, it is not a substitute for an indoor carbon monoxide alarm or for safe operation practices. Ensure proper ventilation and never operate the generator in enclosed spaces.
The Volt Guard built-in surge protector helps prevent overloads and keeps your appliances and equipment safe from electrical voltage spikes. Always ensure all outlets have covers for protection when not in use.
For detailed safety instructions, always refer to the complete user manual provided with your generator.

3. What's Included

Your Champion Power Equipment generator comes with the following accessories to get you started:

- Propane (LPG) Hose with built-in regulator
- Engine Oil (10W-30)
- Oil Funnel



Image: Accessories included in the box: LPG hose with regulator, engine oil, and oil funnel.

4. Setup

1. **Unboxing:** Carefully open the generator box. The packaging is designed to assist in safely removing the unit.



Image: Open the box to safely access the generator by laying the cardboard flat.

2. **Add Engine Oil:** Before first use, add the provided 10W-30 engine oil using the oil funnel. Ensure the oil level is correct as per the manual's instructions. The low oil shut-off switch will prevent the engine from starting or running if oil levels are insufficient.



Image: Add the recommended engine oil to the generator before operation.

3. **Positioning:** Move the generator to a safe outdoor location, far from any occupied buildings, windows, doors, or vents. Ensure the exhaust is pointed away from people and buildings.



Image: Always move the generator to a safe outdoor location before starting.

4. **Add Fuel:**
    - **Gasoline:** Fill the 4.7-gallon fuel tank with unleaded gasoline.

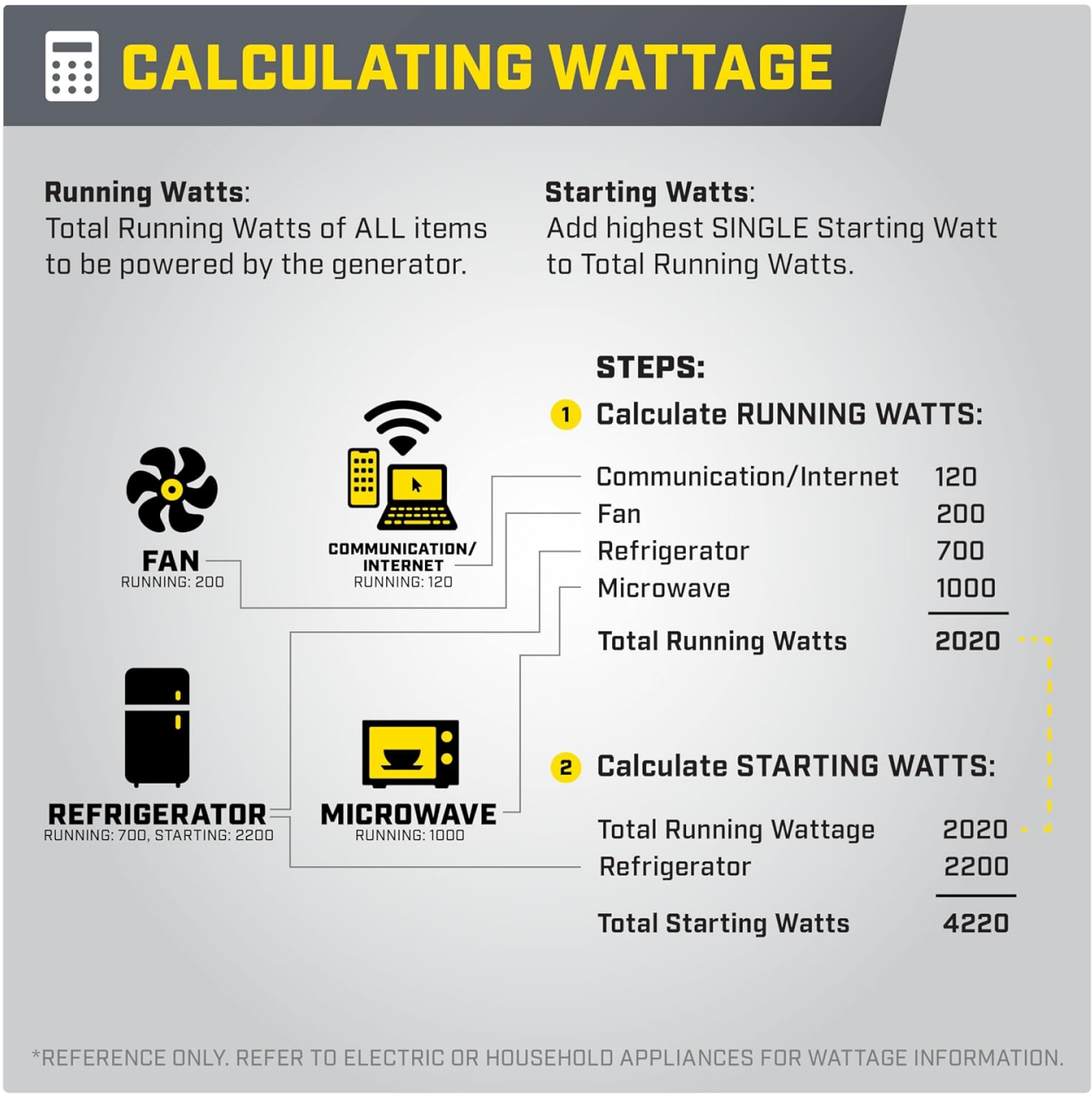


Image: Add gasoline to the fuel tank. Ensure the fuel cap is securely fastened.

- **Propane:** Connect the provided propane hose with regulator to a 20-pound propane tank and then to the generator's propane inlet.



Image: Connect the propane hose to the generator's propane inlet and a propane tank.

Setup and Operation Video Guide

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Video: Official Champion Power Equipment video demonstrating the setup and operation of the 3500-Watt Dual Fuel RV Ready Portable Generator with CO Shield.

5. Operation

The generator's control panel provides easy access to all necessary functions:



Image: Control Panel overview, highlighting the Fuel Select Dial, Intelligauge display, Circuit Breakers, and various power outlets.

- **Fuel Select Dial:** Easily switch between gasoline and propane operation.
- **Intelligauge:** Monitor key operational metrics such as voltage, frequency, and total run-time hours. This helps in tracking maintenance intervals.
- **Outlets:**
    - 120V 30A (TT-30R) RV Outlet: Specifically designed for RV power needs.



Image: The generator is RV Ready, allowing direct connection to an RV for power.

- 120V 30A (L5-30R) Outlet: A locking outlet for higher power demands.
- 120V 20A Household Duplex Outlet (5-20R): Standard household outlets for general use.

- **Circuit Breakers:** Protect the generator and connected devices from overloads. Reset if tripped.
- **Cold Start Technology:** Ensures quick starting even in cold weather conditions.

Calculating Wattage for Appliances

Understanding the wattage requirements of your appliances is crucial to avoid overloading the generator. The image below illustrates how to calculate total running and starting watts.



Image: Guide on calculating wattage for various appliances to ensure proper load management for the generator.

6. Maintenance

Regular maintenance is essential for the longevity and optimal performance of your generator. Key maintenance aspects include:

- Checking and maintaining engine oil levels.
- Inspecting and cleaning the air filter.
- Checking and cleaning the spark plug.
- Inspecting fuel lines and connections for leaks or damage.
- Regularly checking the Intelligauge for run-time hours to adhere to service intervals.

Refer to the comprehensive user manual for a detailed maintenance schedule and specific procedures.

7. Troubleshooting

If your generator encounters issues, consider the following common troubleshooting steps:

- **Engine Not Starting:**
  - Check fuel level (gasoline or propane).
  - Ensure the fuel select dial is set to the correct fuel type.
  - Verify engine oil level (low oil shut-off may prevent starting).
  - Check the spark plug.
- **No Power Output:**
  - Check if any circuit breakers have tripped. Reset them if necessary.

- Ensure the generator is running at the correct RPM.

- **CO Shield Activation:** If the generator shuts off unexpectedly, the CO Shield system may have detected elevated carbon monoxide levels. Move the generator to a more open, well-ventilated outdoor area immediately.

For a complete list of troubleshooting steps and solutions, consult the full user manual.

8. Specifications

Feature	Detail
Model Name	4375/3500-Watt Dual Fuel RV Ready Portable Generator with CO Shield
Model Number	201296
Engine Type	224cc 4-Stroke Champion Engine
Fuel Type	Gasoline, Propane (LPG)
Gasoline Starting Watts	4375 Watts
Gasoline Running Watts	3500 Watts
Propane Starting Watts	3950 Watts
Propane Running Watts	3150 Watts
Fuel Tank Capacity	4.7 Gallons
Runtime (Gasoline @ 50% load)	14 hours
Runtime (Propane @ 50% load)	10.5 hours (with 20-pound tank)
Noise Level	68 dBA (from 23 feet)
Outlets	120V 30A (TT-30R) RV, 120V 30A (L5-30R), 120V 20A (5-20R) Duplex
Dimensions (L x W x H)	23.4" x 19.7" x 19.8"
Item Weight	106 Pounds
Special Features	Portable, Dual Fuel, CO Shield, Volt Guard, Cold Start Technology, Intelligauge

9. Warranty and Support

Your Champion Power Equipment generator is backed by a**3-year limited warranty**, ensuring peace of mind regarding its quality and performance.
Additionally, Champion Power Equipment provides**FREE lifetime technical support** from dedicated experts. For any questions, assistance, or to register your product, please refer to the contact information in your full user manual or visit the official Champion Power Equipment website.
A digital version of the user manual is available for download:User Manual (PDF)

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