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For Model: 804311

INTRODUCTION

This manual provides essential information for the safe and efficient operation, maintenance, and troubleshooting of your NorthStar c180 Horizontal OHV Engine, Model 804311. Please read this manual thoroughly before operating the engine to ensure proper use and to prevent injury or damage.



SAFETY INFORMATION

WARNING: Failure to follow these safety instructions could result in serious injury or death.

- **Fuel Safety:** Gasoline is highly flammable. Always refuel in a well-ventilated area with the engine off and cool. Do not smoke or allow open flames near the engine. Store fuel in approved containers.
- **Exhaust Fumes:** Engine exhaust contains carbon monoxide, a colorless, odorless, and deadly gas. Operate the engine only in well-ventilated outdoor areas. Never operate indoors.
- **Hot Surfaces:** The engine and exhaust system become very 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 such as the flywheel and recoil starter to prevent entanglement.
- **Electrical Safety:** Do not touch electrical components while the engine is running or during starting. Ensure all connections are secure.
- **Children and Pets:** Keep children and pets away from the engine, especially during operation.



Figure 2: Rear view of the engine showing the fuel tank and important warning labels regarding fuel and emissions.

PRODUCT FEATURES

The NorthStar c180 Horizontal OHV Engine is engineered for reliable performance. Key features include:

- **OHV Overhead Valve Design:** Enhances combustion efficiency and power output.
- **CDI Ignition System with Recoil Start:** Features compression release for easier first-pull starts.
- **Cast-Iron Cylinder Sleeve:** Reduces bore wear, extending engine life and reducing emissions and oil consumption.
- **Mounting Base:** Approximately 6.378 inches (L) x 3.15 inches (W).
- **Bolt Circle:** 3 5/8 inches.



Figure 3: Diagram highlighting key components and features of the NorthStar c180 engine, such as the premium dual element air filter, heavy-duty steel fuel tank, automatic low oil shutdown, forged steel crankshaft, and cast iron cylinder sleeve.

SETUP

1. Unpacking and Inspection

Carefully remove the engine from its packaging. Inspect for any shipping damage. Report any damage to your dealer immediately.

2. Mounting the Engine

Secure the engine to a stable, level surface using appropriate hardware. Ensure the mounting base dimensions (approximately 6.378in.L x 3.15in.W) and bolt circle (3 5/8in.) are compatible with your equipment.

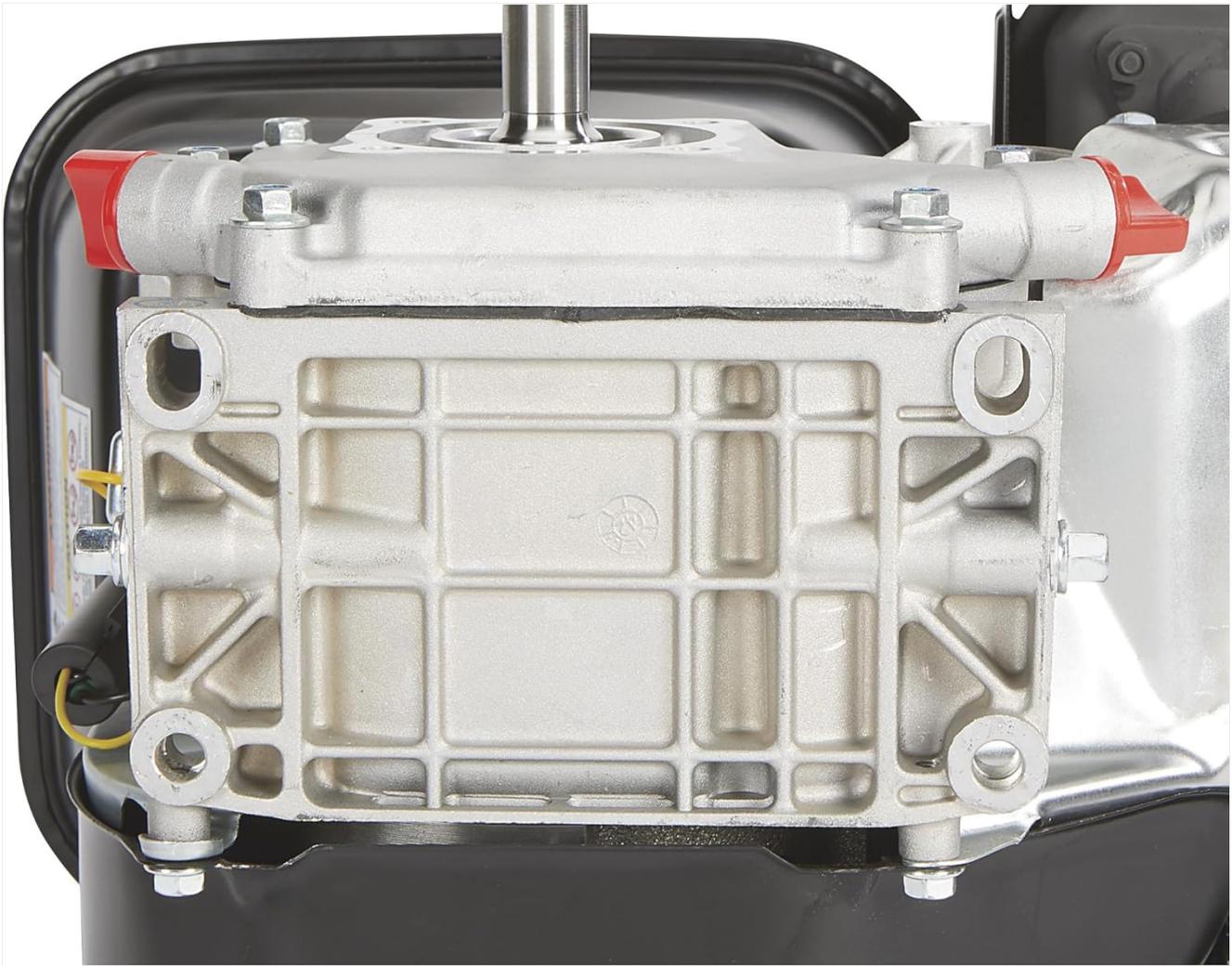


Figure 4: Underside view of the engine, illustrating the mounting base and bolt patterns for secure installation.

3. Adding Engine Oil

The engine is shipped without oil. Fill the crankcase with the recommended type and amount of engine oil. Refer to the specifications section for oil type and capacity. Do not overfill.

4. Adding Fuel

Use fresh, clean, unleaded gasoline with an octane rating of 87 or higher. Do not use E85 fuel. Fill the fuel tank carefully, avoiding spills. Do not fill above the fuel filter screen.

5. Pre-Start Checks

Before each use, check the engine oil level, fuel level, and ensure all fasteners are tight. Inspect the air filter and clean if necessary.

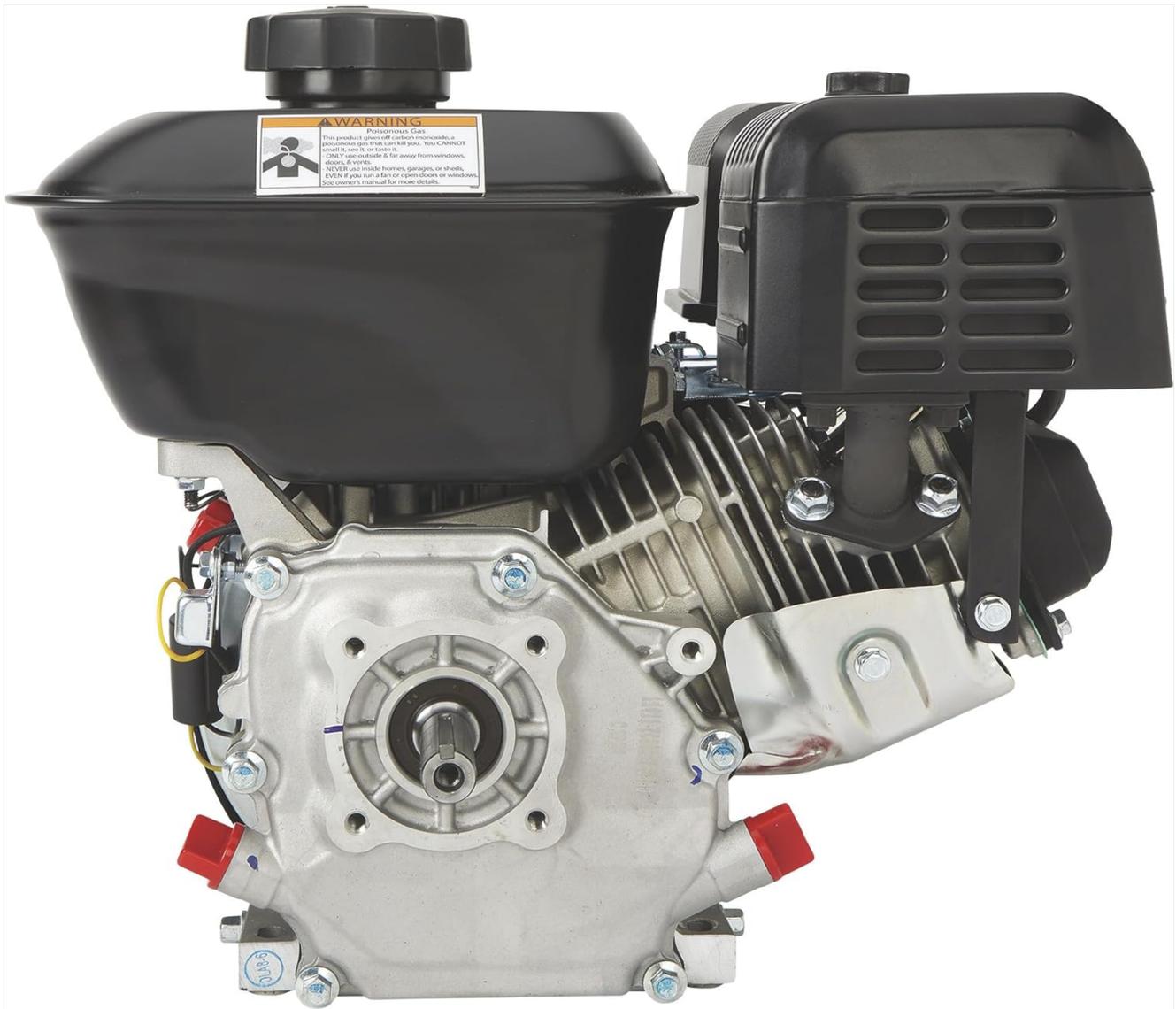


Figure 5: Side view of the engine, highlighting the output shaft (3/4in. x 2-7/16in.) for connection to equipment.

OPERATING THE ENGINE

1. Starting Procedure

1. Ensure the engine is on a level surface.
2. Open the fuel valve (if equipped).
3. Move the choke lever to the 'CHOKE' position (cold engine). For a warm engine, set to 'RUN'.
4. Move the throttle lever to the 'FAST' position.
5. Grasp the recoil starter handle firmly and pull slowly until resistance is felt, then pull quickly and smoothly to start the engine.
6. Once the engine starts, gradually move the choke lever to the 'RUN' position as the engine warms up.

2. Stopping Procedure

1. Move the throttle lever to the 'SLOW' or 'IDLE' position.
2. Turn the engine switch to the 'OFF' position.
3. Close the fuel valve (if equipped) for storage or extended periods of non-use.



Figure 6: Detailed view of the engine's control panel, showing the choke lever, fuel valve, and recoil starter handle for operation.

MAINTENANCE

Regular maintenance is crucial for the longevity and performance of your engine. Always perform maintenance with the engine off and cool, and disconnect the spark plug wire to prevent accidental starting.

- **Oil Change:** Change engine oil after the first 5 hours of operation, then every 50 hours or annually, whichever comes first.
- **Air Filter:** Inspect and clean the air filter every 25 hours or more frequently in dusty conditions. Replace if damaged.
- **Spark Plug:** Inspect the spark plug every 100 hours. Clean or replace as needed and ensure proper gap.
- **Fuel System:** Drain the fuel tank and carburetor if storing the engine for more than 30 days. Use a fuel stabilizer if draining is not possible.
- **General Cleaning:** Keep the engine clean from dirt and debris, especially around cooling fins and air intake areas.

TROUBLESHOOTING

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Engine will not start	No fuel, stale fuel, incorrect choke position, fouled spark plug, low oil level	Add fresh fuel, adjust choke, clean/replace spark plug, add oil
Engine runs rough	Dirty air filter, stale fuel, incorrect spark plug gap, carburetor issues	Clean air filter, replace fuel, adjust spark plug gap, consult service center
Loss of power	Dirty air filter, low oil, engine overheating, worn components	Clean air filter, check oil, ensure proper ventilation, consult service center

SPECIFICATIONS

- **Model Number:** 804311
- **Engine Type:** Horizontal OHV Engine
- **Displacement:** 179cc
- **Shaft Dimensions:** 3/4in. x 2-7/16in.
- **Start Type:** Recoil Start
- **Product Dimensions:** 9.5 x 9.5 x 6.5 inches
- **Item Weight:** 45 pounds
- **Manufacturer:** NorthStar

WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

Your NorthStar c180 Horizontal OHV Engine is covered by a manufacturer's warranty. For specific warranty terms and conditions, please refer to the documentation included with your purchase or visit the official NorthStar website. For technical support, replacement parts, or service inquiries, please contact NorthStar customer service. Keep your model number (804311) and purchase date readily available when contacting support.