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Model: LF4800iE | Brand: Lifan

## 1. INTRODUCTION

This manual provides essential information for the safe and efficient operation, maintenance, and troubleshooting of your LIFAN LF4800iE 4800W Portable Inverter Generator. Please read this manual thoroughly before operating the generator and keep it for future reference.



Figure 1: LIFAN LF4800iE 4800W Portable Inverter Generator. This image shows the overall design of the generator, highlighting its compact and portable nature with an orange and black casing.

## 2. SAFETY INFORMATION

Always prioritize safety when operating the generator. Failure to follow safety instructions can result in serious injury or death.

- **Carbon Monoxide (CO) Hazard:** Generators produce carbon monoxide, a colorless, odorless, poisonous gas. Operate the generator outdoors only, far away from windows, doors, and vents. The LF4800iE is equipped with a CO-MINDER sensor for added safety, which will shut down the generator if CO levels become dangerous.
- **Fire Hazard:** Gasoline is highly flammable. Refuel in a well-ventilated area with the engine off and cool. Do not smoke near the generator.
- **Electrical Shock Hazard:** Do not operate the generator in wet conditions. Ensure all connections are secure and dry.

- **Hot Surfaces:** The generator's engine and muffler become very hot during operation and remain hot for some time after shutdown. Avoid touching hot surfaces.
- **Proper Ventilation:** Ensure adequate airflow around the generator during operation to prevent overheating.
- **Children and Pets:** Keep children and pets away from the generator at all times.
- **Read the Manual:** Always read the complete owner's manual before initial use and for any operational or maintenance procedures.

### 3. SETUP

Before starting your generator for the first time, proper setup is crucial. This includes adding engine oil and fuel, and connecting the battery.

#### 3.1. Add Engine Oil

The generator does not come with engine oil pre-filled. You must add the correct type and amount of oil before first use.

1. Place the generator on a horizontal surface.
2. Unscrew the bolts on the side cover and remove the cover to access the engine oil dipstick.
3. Unscrew and remove the oil dipstick.
4. Using the provided funnel, add 0.5 liters of recommended engine oil (e.g., 10W-40).
5. Use the oil dipstick to check the oil level. The oil level should be between the upper and lower scales on the dipstick.
6. Screw the oil dipstick back in and reattach the side cover.

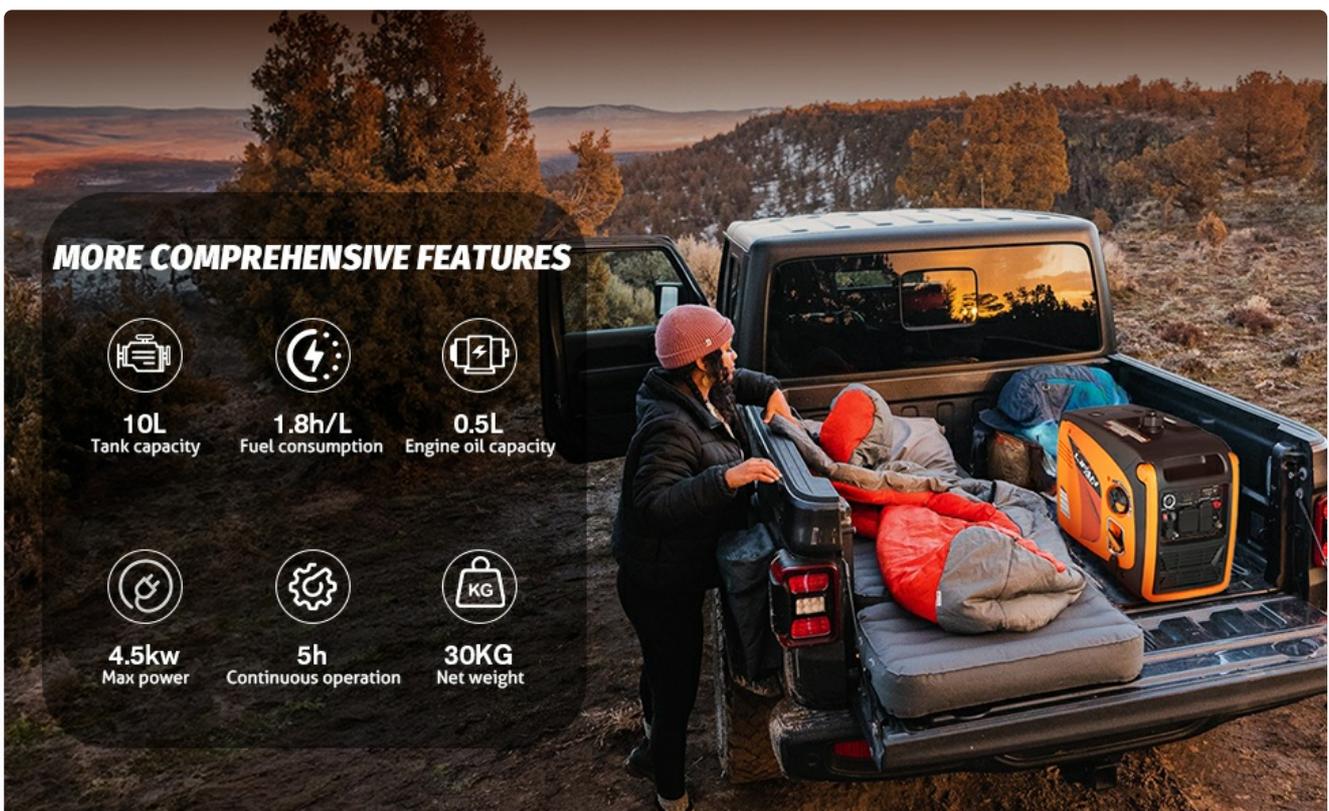


Figure 2: Key specifications including 0.5L engine oil capacity. This image highlights various features and capacities of the

generator, including its engine oil capacity.

### 3.2. Add Fuel

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

1. First, unscrew the fuel cap.
2. Fill up the proper amount of fuel (up to 10 liters) using a funnel.
3. Observe the fuel indicator; the fuel level should be under the red line.
4. Then tighten the fuel tank cap.
5. Rotate the breather on the fuel cap to the "ON" position.



Figure 3: LIFAN LF4800iE Inverter Generator with 3800W rated power and 4200W max power. This image displays the generator's power output capabilities and highlights its ultra-silent operation.

### 3.3. Connect Battery Cable

For electric and remote start functions, ensure the battery is properly connected.

1. Locate the battery compartment, usually behind a side panel.
2. Remove the protective cap from the charging connector.
3. Align the charging connector with the interface and plug it in tightly.
4. Connect the battery cable securely.
5. Replace the side cover and screw in the bolts.

### 3.4. Air Filter Element Cleaning (Initial Check)

While this is typically maintenance, it's good practice to check the air filter during initial setup.

1. Unscrew the bolts on the side cover and open the cover.
2. Remove the air cleaner cover.
3. Take out the air filter element. Inspect for any debris or damage.

4. If dirty, clean it according to the maintenance section. For initial setup, ensure it's properly seated.
5. Put the element back into the air filter.
6. Cover it back and put the side cover back, then tighten the bolts.

### 3.5. Setup Video Guide

Watch this official video for a step-by-step visual guide on unboxing and initial startup procedures, including oil and fuel filling, and battery connection.

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Video 1: Step-by-Step Unboxing and Startup Instructions for LIFAN Inverter Generators. This video demonstrates the process of adding fuel and oil, connecting the battery, and performing initial checks before starting the generator.

## 4. OPERATING THE GENERATOR

Your LIFAN LF4800iE generator offers multiple starting methods and operational modes.

### 4.1. Starting Procedures (Electric/One-Button Start)

1. Ensure the fuel cap breather is in the "ON" position.
2. Turn the fuel switch to the "ON" position.
3. Turn the main power switch (POWER.SW) on the control panel to the "ON" position.
4. Press the "ENGINE START/STOP" button once. The generator should start. If it doesn't start immediately, press the button again.
5. Once running, the "START/STOP" light will be green, indicating normal operation.



Figure 4: Multiple Starting Modes. This image illustrates the convenience of electric, one-button, and remote control starting options for the generator.

## 4.2. Remote Start

The LF4800iE features a wireless remote start for convenience.

1. Ensure the fuel cap breather is in the "ON" position.
2. Turn the fuel switch to the "ON" position.
3. Turn the main power switch (POWER.SW) on the control panel to the "ON" position.
4. Press and hold the "ENGINE START/STOP" button on the generator's control panel for approximately 15 seconds, until you see a red-green flashing light.
5. Then, press the start button on your remote control panel once. The generator should start.
6. To stop the generator via remote, press the "OFF" button on the remote control once.

## 4.3. Manual (Recoil) Start

If the electric start is unavailable (e.g., low battery), you can manually start the generator.

1. Ensure the fuel cap breather is in the "ON" position.
2. Turn the fuel switch to the "ON" position.
3. Turn the main power switch (POWER.SW) on the control panel to the "ON" position.
4. Pull the recoil starter handle quickly and firmly until the engine starts.
5. Once the engine starts, slowly return the recoil starter handle to its original position.

## 4.4. ECO Mode

The ECO Mode switch allows the generator to adjust engine speed based on the load, improving fuel efficiency and reducing noise.

- **ECO Mode ON:** The generator will run at a lower RPM when the load is light, saving fuel and reducing noise.
- **ECO Mode OFF:** The generator will run at a constant high RPM, providing full power output. Use this for heavy loads or when consistent power is needed.

## 4.5. Control Panel Overview

The control panel provides various indicators and outlets for operation.

- **Multi Meter:** Displays voltage, frequency, power, and runtime. It also shows load from 0-100% and fuel level.
- **CO Sensor:** Indicates carbon monoxide levels. If the CO concentration exceeds limits, the generator will shut down.
- **AC Reset:** Button to reset the AC circuit breaker.
- **USB Ports:** Includes 5V 1A and 5V 2.1A USB ports for charging small electronic devices.
- **AC 120V 30A TT-30R Socket:** RV-ready outlet.
- **AC 120V 20A Duplex Sockets:** Standard household outlets.
- **Parallel Output:** Connectors for parallel operation with another compatible LIFAN inverter generator to increase total power output.





Figure 5: Front control panel of the LIFAN LF4800iE generator. This image details the various outlets, switches, and indicators, including the multi-meter display, USB ports, AC sockets, and CO sensor.

#### 4.6. Turning Off the Generator

1. Before turning off the generator, unplug all electrical equipment.

2. Press the "ENGINE START/STOP" button on the control panel.
3. Rotate the fuel cap breather to the "OFF" position.
4. Turn off the fuel switch to the "OFF" position.
5. Turn off the main power switch (POWER.SW) to the "OFF" position.

## 5. MAINTENANCE

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

### 5.1. Engine Oil Change

Change the engine oil after the first 20 hours of operation, and then every 50-100 hours or annually, whichever comes first.

1. Ensure the engine is warm but not hot.
2. Place a suitable container under the oil drain plug.
3. Unscrew the bolts on the side cover and remove the cover.
4. Unscrew the oil dipstick.
5. Tilt the generator at a 45-degree angle to drain the old oil completely.
6. Once drained, return the generator to a horizontal position.
7. Refill with fresh engine oil (0.5L, 10W-40) using a funnel.
8. Check the oil level with the dipstick, ensuring it's between the upper and lower marks.
9. Screw the oil dipstick back in and reattach the side cover.

### 5.2. Air Filter Cleaning

Clean the air filter element every 50 hours or more frequently in dusty conditions.

1. Unscrew the bolts on the side cover and open the cover.
2. Remove the air cleaner cover.
3. Take out the air filter element.
4. Wash the element in warm, soapy water, rinse thoroughly, and allow it to dry completely. Alternatively, you can tap it gently to remove loose dirt.
5. Apply a few drops of engine oil to the element and squeeze out any excess.
6. Put the element back into the air filter.
7. Cover it back and put the side cover back, then tighten the bolts.

## 6. TROUBLESHOOTING

This section provides solutions to common operational issues. For more complex problems, consult a qualified technician.

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Engine does not start	No fuel; Low engine oil; Fuel switch OFF; Breather OFF; Spark plug issue; Battery not connected (for electric start)	Add fuel; Add oil; Turn fuel switch ON; Turn breather ON; Check/replace spark plug; Connect battery.
Generator stops during operation	Out of fuel; Low engine oil; Overload; CO-MINDER activation	Refuel; Add oil; Reduce load; Move generator to well-ventilated area.
No power output	Overload; AC circuit breaker tripped; ECO mode engaged with high load	Reduce load and press AC Reset; Disengage ECO mode for heavy loads.

## 7. SPECIFICATIONS

Feature	Detail
Brand	Lifan
Model Name	LF4800iE
Starting Wattage	4800 Watts
Running Wattage	3800 Watts
Engine Power Maximum	4.8 Kilowatts
Fuel Type	Gasoline
Tank Volume	2.64 Gallons (10 Liters)
Item Weight	66.1 Pounds (30 KG)
Voltage	120 Volts
Engine Type	Gasoline
Ignition System Type	Electric start, Recoil start
Product Dimensions	24.4"L x 17.3"W x 17.3"H
Special Features	CO Sensor, Eco Mode, Electric Start, Inverter, Portable, Lightweight, Low Oil Shutdown, Overload Protection, Remote Start, Super Quiet
Included Components	Charging Cable, User Manual, Inverter Generator, Oil Funnel, Remote Key Fob, Spark Plug Tool

## 8. WARRANTY

This LIFAN LF4800iE Inverter Generator comes with a **1-Year Warranty**. Please refer to the warranty card included with your product for full terms and conditions, or contact customer support for details.

## 9. CUSTOMER SUPPORT

For technical assistance, parts, or warranty inquiries, please contact LIFAN customer support. Refer to the contact information provided in your product packaging or visit the official LIFAN website.

**LIFAN POWER** is committed to your satisfaction and offers responsive assistance to ensure your power equipment runs smoothly.