

# OPERATION MANUAL



*Mikasa* SERIES  
**MODEL MVH-R60H/W**  
**REVERSIBLE PLATE COMPACTOR**  
**(HONDA GX120K1SM12 GASOLINE ENGINE)**

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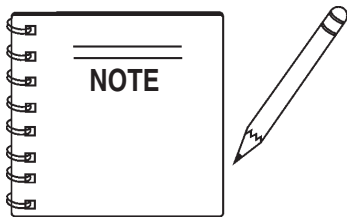


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**MULTIQUIP MVH-R60H  
PLATE COMPACTOR**

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**TABLE 1. MVH-R60H REVERSIBLE PLATE COMPACTOR SPECIFICATIONS**

Model	MVH-R60H
Centrifugal Force	3,100 lbs. (1,400 kg.)
Number of Vibrations	6,000 v/min.
Traveling Speed	82 ft./min (25 meters/min.)
Lubricating Oil in Vibration Case	17.92 fl. oz. (530 cc.)
Plate Size (LxW)	18.9 x 13.8 in. (480 x 350 mm.)
Operating Weight	141 lbs. (64 kg.)

**TABLE 2. SPECIFICATIONS (ENGINE)**

<b>Engine</b>	<b>Model</b>	Honda GX120K1SM12
	<b>Type</b>	Air-cooled 4 stroke, Single Cylinder, OHV, Horizontal Shaft Gasoline Engine
	<b>Bore X Stroke</b>	2.4 in. x 1.7 in. (60 mm x 42 mm)
	<b>Displacement</b>	119 cc (7.2 cu-in)
	<b>Max Output</b>	4.0 H.P./3600 R.P.M.
	<b>Fuel Tank Capacity</b>	0.66 US gal. (2.5 liters)
	<b>Fuel</b>	Unleaded Automobile Gasoline
	<b>Lube Oil Capacity</b>	.60 liters (0.63 qts)
	<b>Speed Control Method</b>	Centrifugal Fly-weight Type
	<b>Starting Method</b>	Recoil Start
<b>Dimension - (L x W x H)</b>		11.7 x 13.4 x 12.5 in. (297 x 341 x 318 mm)
<b>Dry Net Weight</b>		28.7 lbs (13 Kg.)

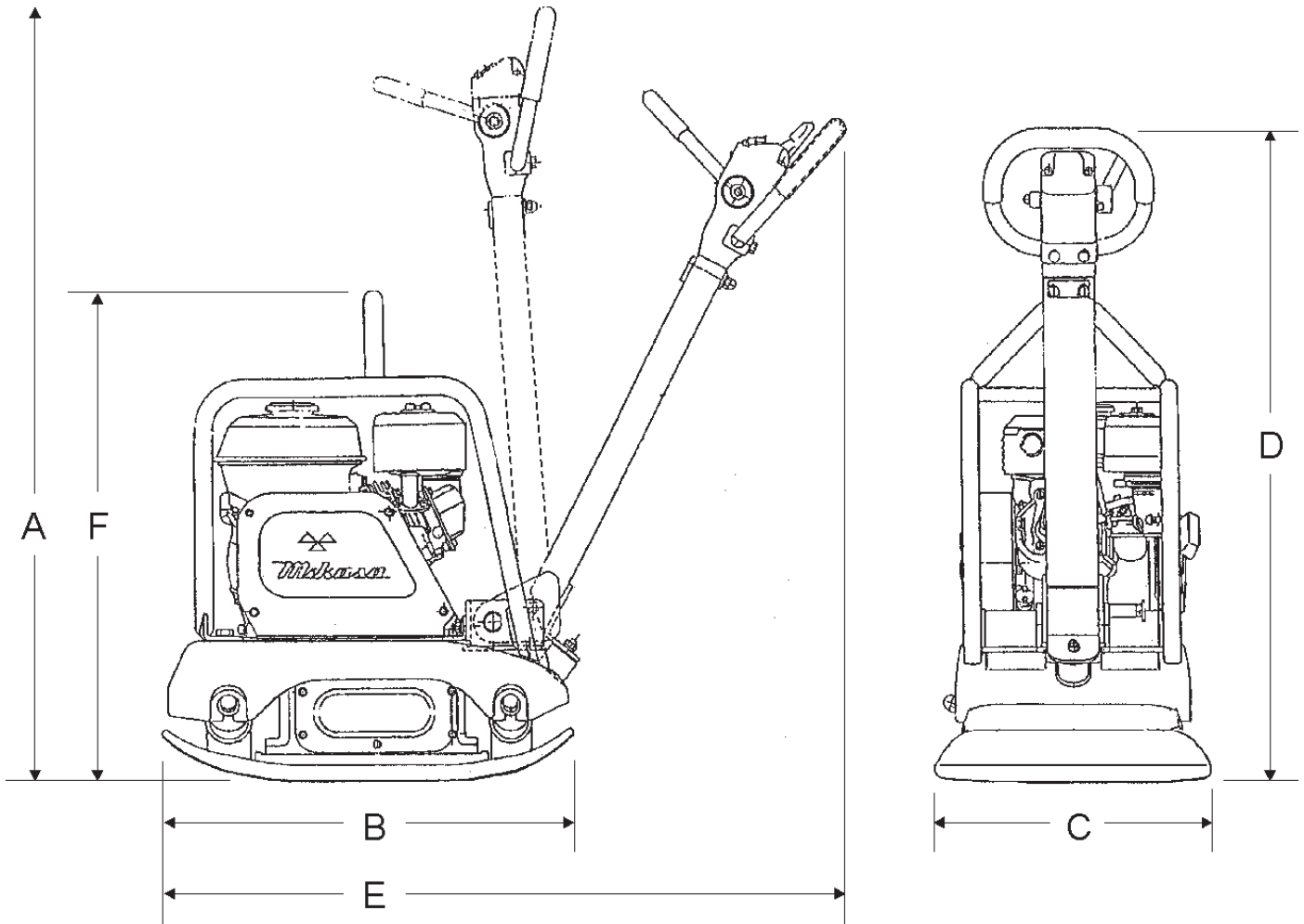


Figure 1. MVH-R60H Dimensions

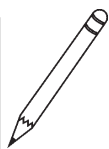
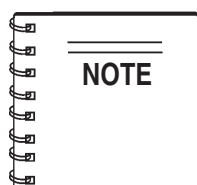
**TABLE 3. DIMENSIONS**

REF.	DIMENSIONS
A	45 in. (134.6 cm.)
B	22 in. (61 cm.)
C	13 in. (86 cm.)
D	41 in. (162 cm.)
E	35 in. (97 cm.)
F	25 in. (97 cm.)
Shipping Dimensions:	14.5 x 23 x 43 in. (36.8 x 58.4 x 109 cm.)

# SAFETY MESSAGE ALERT SYMBOLS

## FOR YOUR SAFETY AND THE SAFETY OF OTHERS!

Safety precautions should be followed at all times when operating this equipment. Failure to read and understand the Safety Messages and Operating Instructions could result in injury to yourself and others.



This Owner's Manual has been developed to provide complete instructions for the safe and efficient operation of the Multiquip MVC-R60H Plate Compactor. Refer to the engine

manufacturer's instructions for data relative to its safe operation.

**Before using this plate compactor, ensure that the operating individual has read and understands all instructions in this manual.**

## SAFETY MESSAGE ALERT SYMBOLS

The three (3) Safety Messages shown below will inform you about potential hazards that could injure you or others. The Safety Messages specifically address the level of exposure to the operator, and are preceded by one of three words: **DANGER**, **WARNING**, or **CAUTION**.

### **DANGER**

You **WILL** be **KILLED** or **SERIOUSLY** injured if you **DO NOT** follow directions.

### **WARNING**

You **CAN** be **KILLED** or **SERIOUSLY** injured if you **DO NOT** follow directions.

### **CAUTION**

You **CAN** be **INJURED** if you **DO NOT** follow directions.

Potential hazards associated with the operation of an **MVH-R60H Plate Compactor** will be referenced with Hazard Symbols which appear throughout this manual, and will be referenced in conjunction with Safety Message Alert Symbols.

## HAZARD SYMBOLS

### **WARNING - Lethal Exhaust Gasses**

Engine exhaust gases contain poisonous carbon monoxide. This gas is colorless and odorless, and can cause death if inhaled. **NEVER** operate this equipment in a confined area or enclosed structure that does not provide ample free flow air.



### **WARNING - Explosive Fuel**

**Gasoline** is extremely flammable, and its vapors can cause an explosion if ignited. **DO NOT** start the engine near spilled fuel or combustible fluids.



**DO NOT** fill the fuel tank while the engine is running or hot. **DO NOT** overfill tank, since spilled fuel could ignite if it comes into contact with hot engine parts or sparks from the ignition system. Store fuel in approved containers, in well-ventilated areas and away from sparks and flames.

### **WARNING - Burn Hazards**

Engine components can generate extreme heat. To prevent burns, **DO NOT** touch these areas while the engine is running or immediately after operations. Never operate the engine with heat shields or heat guards removed.



### **CAUTION - Respiratory Hazard**

**ALWAYS** wear approved **respiratory** protection when required.



# SAFETY MESSAGE ALERT SYMBOLS

## CAUTION - Rotating Parts

**NEVER** operate equipment with covers, or guards removed. Keep fingers, hands, hair and clothing away from all moving parts to prevent injury.

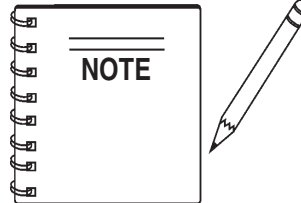


## CAUTION - Equipment Damage Messages

Other important messages are provided throughout this manual to help prevent damage to your light tower, other property, or the surrounding environment.

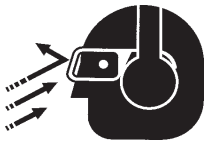
## CAUTION - Accidental Starting

**ALWAYS** place the power source, circuit breakers or **ON/OFF** switch in the **OFF** position, when the generator is not in use, unless connected to transfer switch.



This reversible plate compactor, other property, or the surrounding environment could be damaged if you do not follow instructions.

## CAUTION - Sight and Hearing Hazards



**ALWAYS** wear approved eye and hearing protection.

# RULES FOR SAFE OPERATION

## **WARNING - Read This Manual**

Failure to follow instructions in this manual may lead to **Serious Injury** or even **Death**. This equipment is to be operated by trained and qualified personnel only! This equipment is for industrial use only.

The following safety guidelines should always be used when operating the Mikasa MVH-R60H Reversible Plate Compactor:

### Safety:

- **DO NOT** operate or service this equipment before reading this entire manual.
- This equipment should not be operated by persons under 18 years of age.
- **NEVER** operate this equipment without proper protective clothing, shatterproof glasses, steel-toed boots and other protective devices required by the job.



- **NEVER** operate this equipment when not feeling well due to fatigue, illness or taking medicine.
- **NEVER** operate this equipment under the influence of **drugs** or **alcohol**.



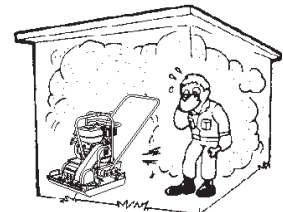
- **NEVER** use accessories or attachments, which are not recommended by Multiquip for this equipment. Damage to the equipment and/or injury to user may result.
- Manufacturer does not assume responsibility for any accident due to equipment modifications. Unauthorized equipment modification will void all warranties.
- Whenever necessary, replace nameplate, operation and safety decals when they become difficult read.
- **ALWAYS** check all the bolts on the light tower for tightness.
- **NEVER** disconnect any "**emergency or safety devices**". These devices are intended for operator safety. Disconnection of these devices can cause severe injury, bodily harm or even death! Disconnection of any of these devices will void all warranties.

- **NEVER** touch the hot exhaust manifold, muffler or cylinder. Allow these parts to cool before servicing engine or generator.



- **High Temperatures** – Allow the engine to cool before adding fuel or performing service and maintenance functions. Contact with *hot* components can cause serious burns.

- The engine of this reversible plate compactor requires an adequate free flow of cooling air. **NEVER** operate the reversible plate compactor in any enclosed or narrow area where free flow of the air is restricted. If the air flow is restricted it will cause serious damage to the reversible plate compactor or engine and may cause injury to people and property. Remember the vibration roller's engine gives off **DEADLY** gases.



- **ALWAYS** refuel in a well-ventilated area, away from sparks and open flames.

- **ALWAYS** use extreme caution when working with **flammable** liquids. When refueling, **stop the engine** and allow it to cool. **DO NOT smoke** around or near the machine. Fire or explosion could result from fuel vapors, or if fuel is spilled on a hot engine.



- **NEVER** operate the reversible plate compactor in an explosive atmosphere or near combustible materials. An explosion or fire could result causing severe *bodily harm* or *even death*.

- Topping-off to filler port is dangerous, as it tends to spill fuel.
- **ALWAYS** store the reversible plate compactor in a clean, dry location out of the reach of children.
- **NEVER** run engine without air cleaner. Severe engine damage may occur.
- **NEVER** leave the reversible plate compactor unattended, turn off engine.
- **CAUTION** must always be observed while servicing this reversible plate compactor. Rotating parts can cause injury if contacted.
- **DO NOT** leave reversible plate compactor with engine running.



# RULES FOR SAFE OPERATION

## Loading and Unloading (Crane):

- Before lifting, make sure that machine parts (hook and vibration insulator) are not damaged and screws are not loosened or lost.
- Always make sure crane or lifting device has been properly secured to the hook of guard frame on compactor.
- **NEVER** lift the machine while the engine is running.
- Use adequate lifting cable (wire or rope) of sufficient strength.
- Use one point suspension hook and lift straight upwards.
- **NEVER** allow any person or animal to stand underneath the machine while lifting.
- Try not to lift machine to unnecessary heights.

## Transporting:

- **ALWAYS** shutdown engine before transporting.
- Tighten fuel tank cap securely and close fuel cock to prevent fuel from spilling.
- Drain fuel when transporting compactor over long distances or bad roads.
- **ALWAYS** tie down the compactor during transportation by securing the compactor's guard frame with rope.

## Maintenance Safety:

- **NEVER** lubricate components or attempt service on a running machine.
- **ALWAYS** allow the machine a proper amount of time to cool before servicing.
- Keep the machinery in proper running condition.
- Fix damage to the machine immediately and always replace broken parts.
- Dispose of hazardous waste properly. Examples of potentially hazardous waste are used motor oil, fuel and fuel filters.
- **DO NOT** use food or plastic containers to dispose of hazardous waste.
- **DO NOT** pour waste, oil or fuel directly onto the ground, down a drain or into any water source.

## Emergencies:

- **ALWAYS** know the location of the nearest **fire extinguisher**.
- **ALWAYS** know the location of the nearest **first aid kit**.
- In emergencies **always** know the location of the nearest phone or **keep a phone on the job site**. Also know the phone numbers of the nearest **ambulance, doctor** and **fire department**. This information will be invaluable in the case of an emergency.



# OPERATION AND SAFETY DECALS

## Machine Safety Decals

The MVH-R60H Reversible Plate Compactor is equipped with a number of safety decals. These decals are provided for operator safety and maintenance information. The illustration below shows these decals as they appear on the machine. Should any of these decals become unreadable, replacements can be obtained from your dealer.



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CONTACT SERVICE DEPT.

MVH-R60

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<b>DANGER FUEL</b>	<b>DANGER FUEL</b>	<b>DANGER LIFTING</b>	<b>DANGER LIFTING</b>
Fire Risk	Operate only in well-ventilated area	Do not stand next to machine while lifting	Do not use machine handle
<b>WARNING NOISE</b>	<b>WARNING HOT TEMP.</b>	<b>CAUTION MOVING PARTS</b>	<b>CAUTION READ</b>
Wear eye protection	Operate only in well-ventilated area	Do not touch moving parts in operation	Read operator's manual carefully before use
<b>OPERATIONAL CAUTION</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prior to OPERATION, check engine oil and fuel levels. If not enough, add to proper levels.</li> <li>• Warm up engine at low speed for 3 to 5 minutes.</li> <li>• Operate machine at full throttle speed. (Incorrect clutch engagement causes clutch to burn.)</li> <li>• Use travel lever to travel in reverse motion. Do not push or pull travel lever strongly.</li> </ul>			
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Figure 2. Operation and Safety Decals

## Definition of Plate Compactor

The Mikasa MVH-R60H is a walk-behind, reversible plate compactor design for the compaction of sand, clay and asphalt. This plate compactor is a powerful compacting tool capable of applying a tremendous force in consecutive high frequency vibrations to a soil surface. Its applications include soil compacting for road, embankments and reservoirs as well as backfilling for gas pipelines, water pipelines and cable installation work.

## Vibratory Plates

The vibratory plates of the MVH-R60H produce low amplitude high frequency vibrations, designed to compact granular soils.

The resulting vibrations cause forward motion. The engine and handle are vibration isolated from the vibrating plate. The heavier the plate, the more compaction force it generates.

## Reversible Vibratory Plates

Reversible vibratory plates have two eccentric weights that allow a smooth transition for forward and reverse travel, plus increased compaction force as the result of dual weights.

Due to their weight and force, reversible plates are ideal for semi-cohesive soils.

## Frequency/Speed

The compactor's vibrating plate has a frequency of 6000 vpm (vibrations per minute). The forward and reverse travel speed of the compactor is approximately 82 ft./minute (25 meters/minute).

## Engine

The Mikasa MVH-R60H Reversible Plate Compactor is equipped with an Honda GX120K1SM12 gasoline engine.

## Controls

Before starting the MVH-R60H Reversible Plate Compactor, identify and understand the function of the controls and components as indicated on Figure 3.

## COMPONENTS (PLATE COMPACTOR)

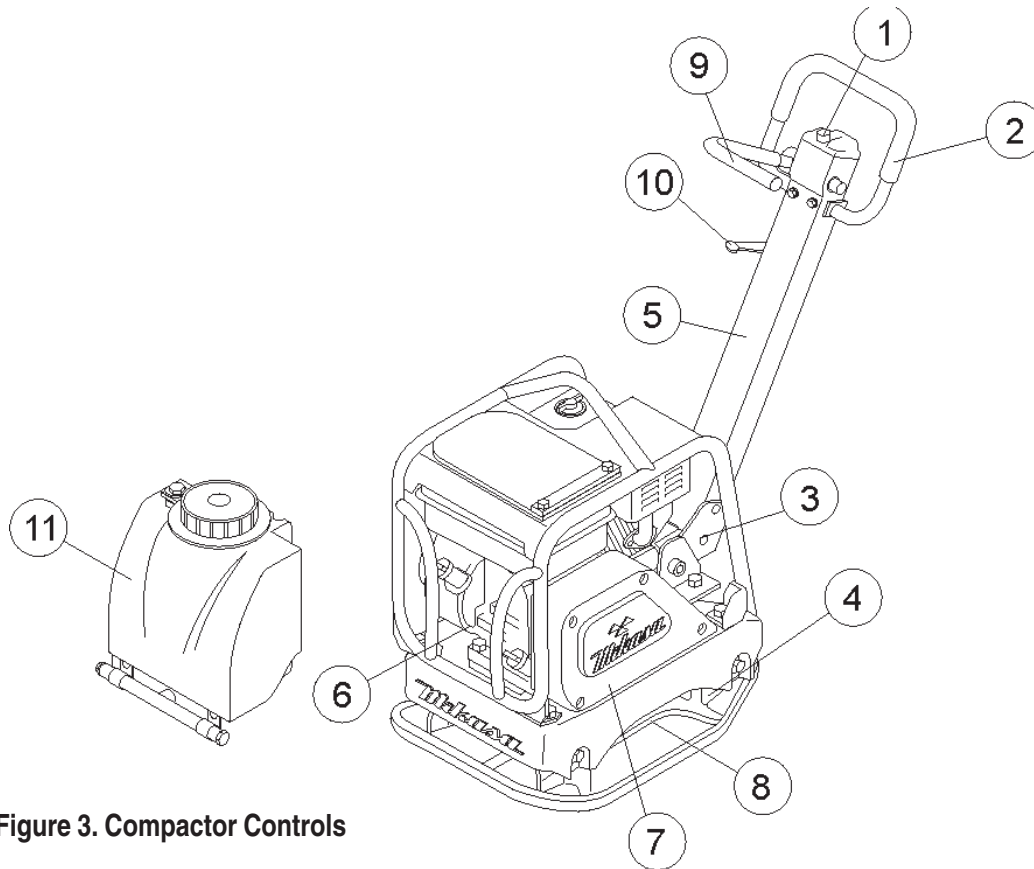


Figure 3. Compactor Controls

Figure 3 shows the location of the controls, indicators and general maintenance parts. The function of each control is described below:

1. **Breather Cap** – Remove this cap to bleed (remove air) the hydraulic system. When replacing hydraulic oil, use "Shell Tellus #46 or equivalent".
2. **Hand Grip** – When operating the compactor use this hand grip to maneuver the compactor.
3. **Handle Lock** – Pull handle bar downward (working position), then pull handle lock to lock handle bar in place.
4. **Vibration Case Oil Level Check Plug** – Remove this plug to check the vibration case oil. Oil level should be all the way up to the filler port. When replacing vibration case oil, use 10W-30 engine oil.
5. **Handle Bar (working position)** – When operating the compactor, this handle is to be in the downward position.
6. **Gasoline Engine** – This plate compactor uses a Honda GX120K1SM12 engine. Refer to the engine owners manual for engine information and related topics.
11. **Water Tank** – Optional water tank used for dust control and as a compaction aid. Attaches to the front of the R60's frame.

7. **Belt Cover** – Remove this cover to gain access to the V-belts.

### CAUTION - V-belt Safety

**NEVER** attempt to check the V-belt with the engine running or operate the machine with the cover removed. Severe injury can occur if your hand gets caught between the V-belt and the clutch. Always use safety gloves.



8. **Vibration Case** – Encloses the eccentric, gears and counter weights.
9. **Forward & Reverse Lever** – *Push* the lever forward, the compactor will move in a forward direction, *pull* the lever backwards, the compactor will move in backwards direction. Placing the lever in the middle (midway) will cause the compactor not to move (neutral).
10. **Throttle Control** – Move the throttle lever to the *rabbit* position for full throttle (max RPM's), for engine idle, move the throttle lever to the *turtle* position.

# COMPONENTS (HONDA GX120K1SM12 ENGINE)

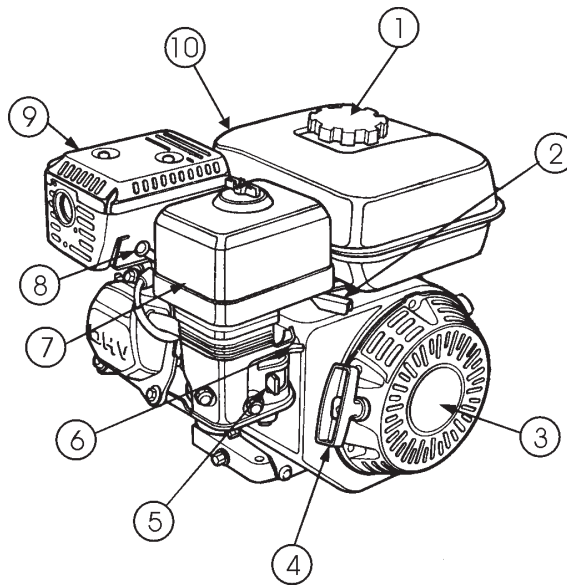


Figure 4. Honda GX160K1QA2 Engine Controls & Components

## INITIAL SERVICING

The engine (Figure 4) must be checked for proper lubrication and filled with fuel prior to operation. Refer to the manufacturer's Engine manual for instructions & details of operation and servicing.

1. **Fuel Filler Cap** – Remove this cap to add unleaded gasoline to the fuel tank. Make sure cap is tightened securely. **DO NOT** over fill.

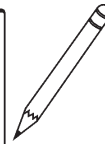
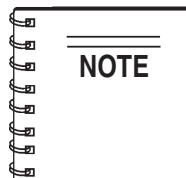
### CAUTION - Fueling The Engine

Adding fuel to the tank should be done only when the engine is stopped and has had an opportunity to cool down. In the event of a fuel spill, **DO NOT** attempt to start the engine until the fuel residue has been completely wiped up, and the area surrounding the engine is dry.



2. **Throttle Lever** – Used to adjust engine RPM speed (lever advanced forward **SLOW**, lever back toward operator **FAST**).
3. **Engine ON/OFF Switch** – **ON** position permits engine starting, **OFF** position stops engine operations.
4. **Recoil Starter (pull rope)** – Manual-starting method. Pull the starter grip until resistance is felt, then pull briskly and smoothly.
5. **Fuel Valve Lever** – **OPEN** to let fuel flow, **CLOSE** to stop the flow of fuel.

6. **Choke Lever** – Used in the starting of a cold engine, or in cold weather conditions. The choke enriches the fuel mixture.
7. **Air Cleaner** – Prevents dirt and other debris from entering the fuel system. Remove wing-nut on top of air filter cannister to gain access to filter element.



Operating the engine without an air filter, with a damaged air filter, or a filter in need of replacement will allow dirt to enter the engine, causing rapid engine wear.

8. **Spark Plug** – Provides spark to the ignition system. Set spark plug gap to 0.6 - 0.7 mm (0.028 - 0.031 inch) for Honda engine. Clean spark plugs once a week.
9. **Muffler** – Used to reduce noise and emissions.

### CAUTION - Burn Hazard

Engine components can generate extreme heat. To prevent burns, **DO NOT** touch these areas while the engine is running or immediately after operating. **NEVER** operate the engine with the muffler removed.



10. **Fuel Tank** – Holds unleaded gasoline. For additional information refer to engine owner's manual.

## CAUTION - General Safety Precautions

**NEVER** operate the compactor in a confined area or enclosed area structure that does not provide ample **free flow of air**.



**ALWAYS** wear approved eye and hearing protection before operating the compactor.

### Before Starting:

1. Read safety instructions at the beginning of manual.
2. Remove dirt and dust, particularly in the engine cooling air inlet, carburetor and air cleaner.
3. Check the air filter for dirt and dust. If air filter is dirty, clean the air filter using compressed air, or replace the air filter with a new one as necessary.
4. Check carburetor for external dirt and dust. Clean with dry compressed air.
5. Check fastening nuts and bolts for tightness.



### Engine Oil Check

1. To check the engine oil level, place the plate compactor on secure level ground with the engine stopped.
2. Remove the filler cap/dipstick from the engine oil filler hole (Figure 5) and wipe it clean.

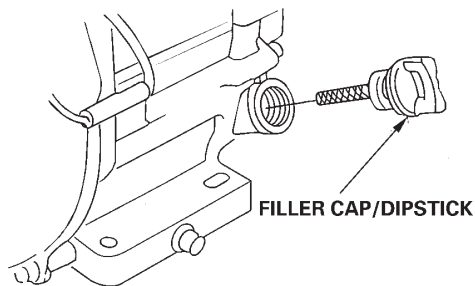


Figure 5. Engine Oil Dipstick

3. Insert and remove the dipstick without screwing it into the filler neck. Check the oil level shown on the dipstick.
4. If the oil level is low (Figure 6), fill to the edge of the oil filler hole with the recommended oil type (Table 4). Maximum oil capacity is 400 cc.

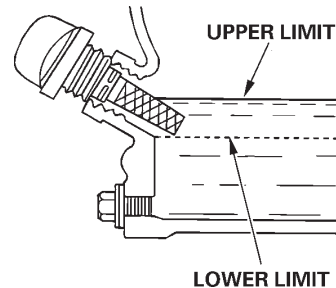
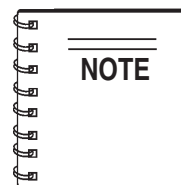


Figure 6. Engine Oil Dipstick



The Oil Alert system will automatically stop the engine before the engine falls below safe limits. Always be sure to check the engine oil level prior to starting the engine.

Table 4. Oil Type

Season	Temperature	Oil Type
Summer	(25°C or Higher)	SAE 10W-30
Spring/Fall	(25°C~10°C)	SAE 10W-30/20
Winter	Lower than 10°C	SAE 10W-10

### Fuel Check

1. Remove the cap located on top of fuel tank.
2. Visually inspect to see if fuel level is low. If fuel is low, replenish with unleaded fuel.
3. When refueling, be sure to use a strainer for filtration. **DO NOT** top-off fuel. Wipe up any spilled fuel.

## WARNING - Explosive Fuel

**Gasoline** is extremely flammable, and its vapors can cause an explosion if ignited. **DO NOT** start the engine near spilled fuel or combustible fluids. **DO NOT** smoke while refueling. **DO NOT** attempt to refuel the pump if the engine is **hot!** or **running**.



# START-UP PROCEDURE

This section is intended to assist the operator with the **initial start-up** of the compactor. It is extremely important that this section be read carefully before attempting to use the compactor in the field.

1. Place the **fuel valve lever** (Figure 7) in the **ON** position.

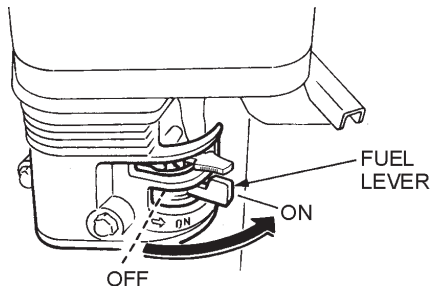


Figure 7. Fuel Valve Lever

2. Place the **Engine ON/OFF switch** (Figure 8) in the **ON** position.

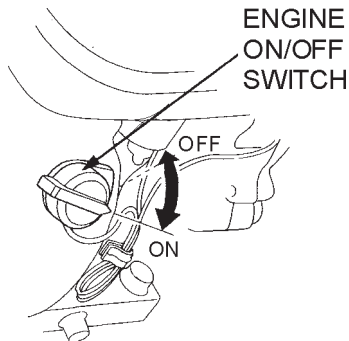


Figure 8. Engine ON/Off Switch

3. Place the **Choke Lever** (Figure 9) in the **OPEN** position.

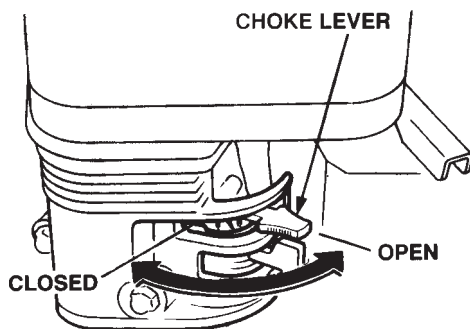
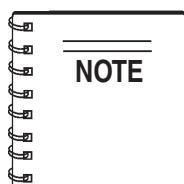


Figure 9. Choke Lever



The **CLOSED** position of the choke lever enriches the fuel mixture for starting a **COLD** engine. The **OPEN** position provides the correct fuel mixture for normal operation after starting, and for restarting a warm engine.

4. Place the **throttle lever** halfway between **FAST** and **SLOW**. This compactor is equipped with a throttle lever (Figure 10) that is located in the vicinity of the hydraulic pump. This throttle lever is connected to the engine throttle linkage.

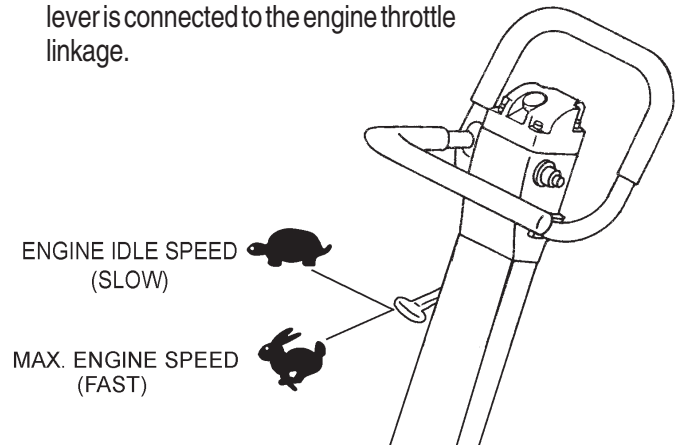


Figure 10. Engine Throttle Lever

5. Grasp the starter grip (Figure 11) and slowly pull it out. The resistance becomes the hardest at a certain position, corresponding the compression point. Rewind the rope a little from that point and pull out sharply.

## CAUTION - Using the Recoil Starter Rope

**DO NOT** pull the starter rope all the way to the end.  
**DO NOT** release the starter rope after pulling. Allow it to rewind as soon as possible.

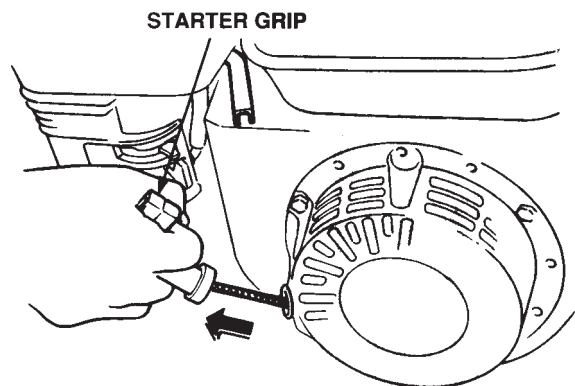


Figure 11. Starter Grip

6. If the engine has started, slowly return the choke lever (Figure 11) to the **CLOSED** position. If the engine has not started repeat steps 1 through 5.
7. Before the compactor is put into operation run the engine for 3-5 minutes.
8. Check for abnormal engine noises or fuel leaks.



# MVH-R60H — SHUT-DOWN PROCEDURES

## Stopping the Engine

### **!** CAUTION - Stopping the engine while working

**NEVER** stop the engine suddenly while working at high speeds. This can damage your engine.

1. Place the **throttle lever** (Figure 12) in **SLOW** position, and listen for the engine speed to decrease.

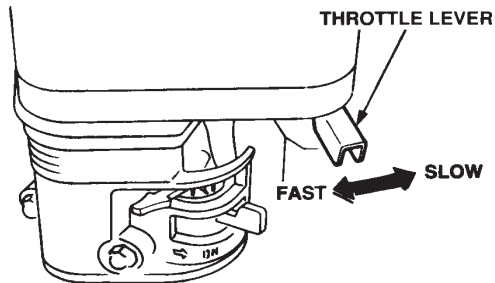


Figure 12. Throttle Lever (SLOW Position)

2. Place the **Engine ON/OFF switch** (Figure 13) in the **OFF** position.

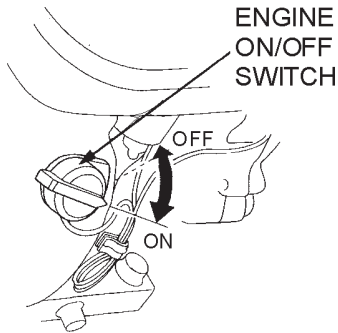


Figure 13. Engine ON/Off Switch (OFF Position)

3. Place the **fuel valve lever** (Figure 14) in the **OFF** position.

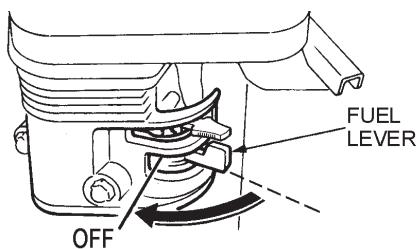


Figure 14. Fuel Valve Lever (OFF Position)

## Emergency Shutdown Procedure:

1. Move the throttle lever quickly to the **SLOW** position (Figure 12).
2. Place the engine **ON/OFF** switch in the **OFF** position (Figure 13).

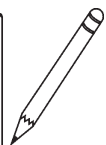
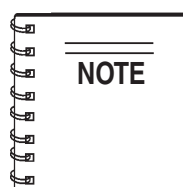


## Operation

### CAUTION - General Operation Safety

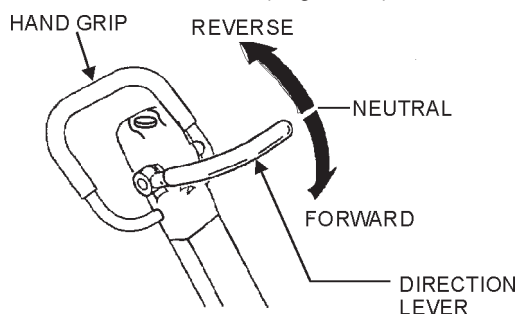
Make sure to follow all safety rules referenced in the safety section of this manual before operating compactor. Keep work area clear of debris and other objects that could cause damage to the compactor or bodily injury.

1. Grasp the compactor's hand grip and move the throttle lever (Figure 10) quickly to the **fast** position. The compactor will not operate correctly until the engine speed is high enough to engage the centrifugal clutch (approximately 2300 RPMs)



Always move the throttle lever quickly without hesitation, because increasing the engine speed slowly causes the clutch to slip.

2. To make the compactor move in the forward direction push the **Directional Travel Lever** (Figure 15) forward.



**Figure 15. Directional Travel Lever**

3. To make the compactor move in the reverse direction pull the **Directional Travel Lever** (Figure 15) backwards.
4. Firmly gasp the compactor's hand grip, the compactor will begin moving in the desired position when the **Directional Travel Lever** has been placed in the desired position.
5. Slowly walk behind the compactor and be on the lookout for any large objects or foreign matter that might cause damage to the compactor or bodily injury.

### CAUTION - Directional Travel Lever Lock

Moving the **Directional Travel Lever** back and forth a few times after the engine has been turned off, will cause the lever to be locked in the forward position.

**DO NOT** try to operate lever forcibly. The direction travel lever will operate normally when the engine is started and the compactor is in action.

### Operating the Compactor on High Moisture Content Soil

Compactor traveling speed may drop on soils which contain clay, or other types of soil. Soil with high moisture content can cause the compaction plate to "stick" to the ground (not lifting up off the ground very fast or high).

To rectify this problem, consider the following:

- Check the bottom plate to see if clay or equivalent material has been lodge in the plate mechanism. If so, wash with water and remove.
- Remember the compactor does not work as efficiently on clay or soils that have a high moisture content level.
- If the soil has a high moisture level, dry soil to appropriate moisture content level or carry out compaction twice.

## Maintenance

### CAUTION - General Maintenance Safety

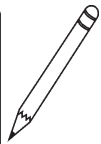
Inspection and other services should **always** be carried out on hard and level ground with the engine shutdown.

### Inspection and Maintenance Service Tables.

To make sure your plate compactor is always in good working condition before using, carry out the maintenance inspection in accordance with Tables 5 through 7.

### Daily Service

- Check for leakage of fuel or oil.
- Check for loose screws including tightness. See Table 7 below (tightening torque), for retightening:
- Remove soil and clean the bottom of compaction plate.
- Check hydraulic pump, piping and hose for any leakage. A loosened hydraulic hose can be a cause for leakage. Check hydraulic hose connections with wrench applied for tightness.
- Check engine oil, see Inspection section.



These inspection intervals are for operation under normal conditions. Adjust your inspection intervals based on the number hours plate compactor is in use, and particular working conditions.

**TABLE 5. TIGHTENING TORQUE**  
(in. kg/cm) Diameter

Material	6mm	8mm	10mm	12mm	14mm	16mm	18mm	20mm
4T	70	150	300	500	750	1,100	1,400	2,000
6-8T	100	250	500	800	1,300	2,000	2,700	3,800
11T	150	400	800	1,200	2,000	2,900	4,200	5,600
*	100 (6mm)		300 ~ 350 (8mm)			650 ~ 700 (10mm)		
* (In case counter-part is of aluminum)								
Material and quality of material is marked on each bolt, and screw.								
Note: Threads in use with this machine are all right handed								

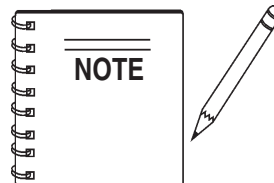
**TABLE 6. MACHINE INSPECTION**

Item	Hours of Operation	Remarks
(Starting check)	Every 8 hours (every day)	
Loosened or lost screws	Every 8 hours (every day)	
Damage of any part	Every 8 hours (every day)	
Function of controlling system part	Every 8 hours (every day)	
Leak of hydraulic system	Every 100 hours	See page 21.
Vibrator oil check	Every 300 hours	See page 22.
Vibrator oil replacement	Every 100 hours	See page 22.
Hydraulic oil check	First 200 hours, then every 1000 hrs.	See page 23.
V-belt (clutch) check	Every 200 hours	See page 22.

**TABLE 7. ENGINE INSPECTION**

(For details, see separate Engine Manual)

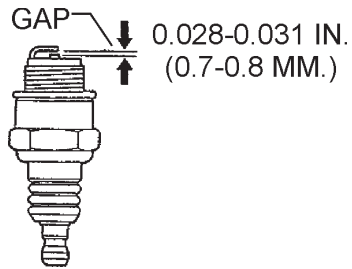
Item	Hours of Operation
Leakage of oil or fuel	Every 8 hours (Check Daily)
Tightness of fastening threads	Every 8 hours (Check Daily)
Engine oil check and replenishment	Every 8 hours (Check Daily) (Replenish to specified max. level)
Engine oil replenishment	First 20 hours, then every 100 hours
Air cleaner cleaning	Every 50 hours



Fuel piping and connections should be replaced every 2 years.

## Spark Plug

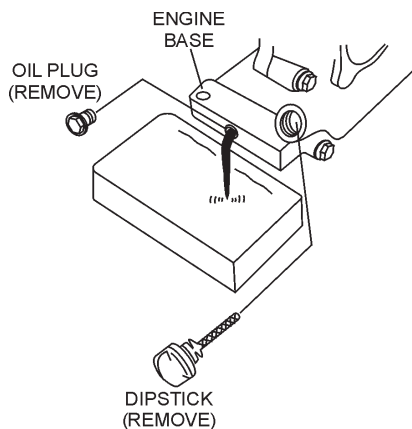
1. Remove and clean the spark plug (Figure 16).
2. Adjust the spark gap to 0.028 ~0.031 inch (0.6~0.7 mm). This unit has electronic ignition, which requires no adjustments.



**Figure 16. Spark Plug Gap**

## Engine Oil Replacement:

1. Replace engine oil after the first 20 hours of operation and every 100 hours thereafter.
2. Oil may be drained more easily when it is warm after operation.
3. When changing the engine oil, the old oil can be drained by removing the oil filler cap, and unscrewing the engine oil drain plug located at the base of the engine (Figure 17).
4. Remember to refill engine crankcase with the recommended type of oil as listed in Table 4 (For more details, see separate Honda Owner's Manual).

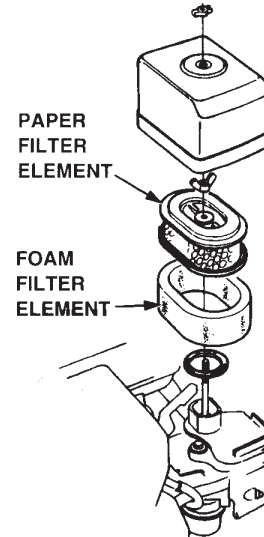


**Figure 17. Engine Oil Plug**

## Air Filter

The air filter element should be regularly cleaned. A clogged air cleaner can cause poor engine starting, lack of power and shorten engine life substantially.

1. To clean or replace air filter loosen the wing nut on the air filter housing (Figure 18), remove the cover and take out air filter cartridge. If only cleaning of the air filter is desired blow through the air filter cartridge from the inside, moving a jet of dry compressed air up and down until all dust is removed.



**Figure 18. Air Filter**

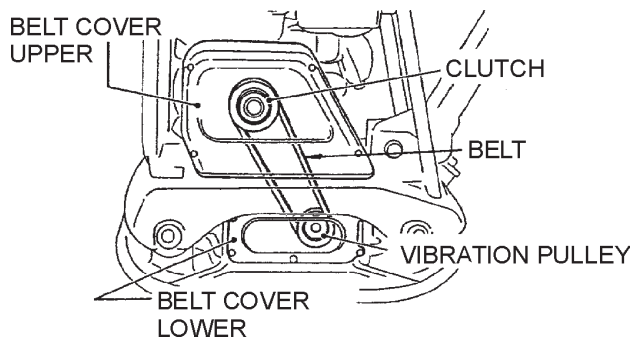
## Checking and Replacing the V-Belt and Clutch

### **!** CAUTION - Checking and Replacing the V-Belt

**NEVER** attempt to check the V-belt with the engine running. Severe injury can occur if your hand gets caught between the V-belt and the clutch. Always use safety gloves.

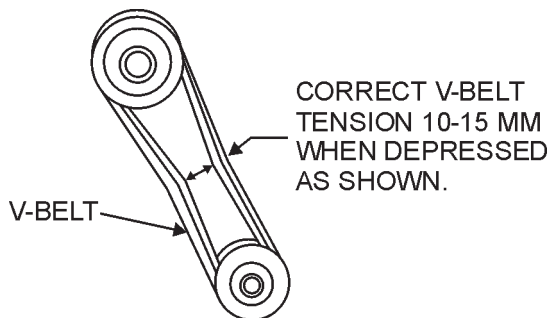


1. To check the V-belt tension (Figure 19), remove **upper** belt cover.



**Figure 19. V-Belt Location**

2. The V-belt tension is proper if the V-belt bends 10 to 15 mm (Figure 20) when depressed with finger at midway between the clutch and vibration pulley shafts.



**Figure 20. V-Belt Tension**

3. If the V-belt becomes worn or loose, replace the belt. A loose V-belt will decrease the power transmission output, causing reduced compaction and premature wear of the belt.

## Replacing the V-belt

1. Remove the belt cover.
2. Engage an offset wrench (13 mm) or the like to vibrator pulley (lower) fastening bolt.
3. Engage waste cloth or the like at midway of V-belt on the left side and while pulling it back strongly, rotate the offset wrench clockwise so that the V-belt will come off.
4. Check the clutch and replace as necessary, following the procedures listed in **Checking the Clutch**.
5. Engage V-belt to lower vibrator pulley and push the V-belt to the left side of the upper clutch and the rotate offset wrench clockwise so that the V-belt moves onto the pulley.

## Checking the Clutch

1. With belt cover removed, visually check outer drum of the clutch for seizure and "V" groove for wear or damage.
2. Clean the "V" groove as necessary.
3. Check the clutch lining and shoe for signs of wear. If the shoe is worn, replace the clutch to prevent deficient power transmission and slippage.

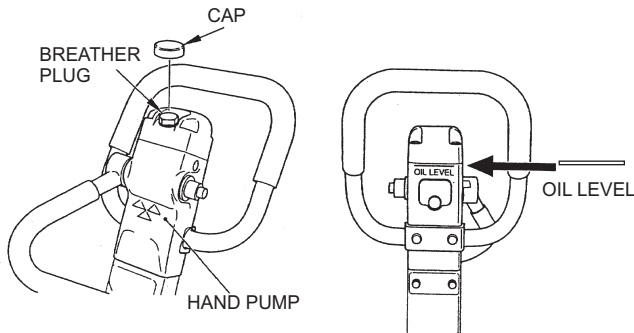
## Replacing the Clutch

1. Remove V-belt.
2. Remove bolt at engine power output by giving a shock to an engaged wrench (e.g. tapping with hammer) and rotate the bolt counterclockwise.
3. Remove clutch with a pulley extractor.
4. To install a new clutch, reverse steps 1-3.

## Hydraulic Oil Check

Check hydraulic oil in every 100 hours of operation.

1. With handle bar positioned vertically (storage position), remove the breather cap (Figure 8) from the breather plug.
2. Use a 24 mm wrench and remove breather plug (Figure 21). Visually check to see if hydraulic oil comes up to the oil level line that is etched on the back side of the handle.



## 21. Vibrator Oil Gauge

2. If the hydraulic oil level is low, replace with "Shell Tellus" oil #46 or equivalent.

Replace hydraulic oil after first 200 hours and in every 1,000 hours of operation.

## Replacing Hydraulic Oil

1. After removing plug cap of hand pump (Figure 22), remove plug of breather (24 mm wrench) and disconnect vibrator side of hydraulic hose (Figure 22) at vibrator cylinder. With travel lever placed in the **FORWARD** position, drain hydraulic oil in the pump.

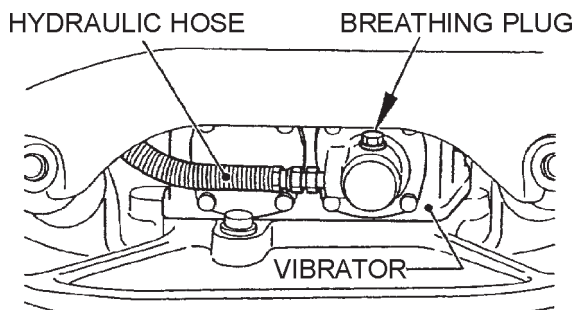


Figure 22. Hydraulic Hose

2. After draining, reconnect the hydraulic hose to vibrator.
3. Fill oil through breather hole of hand pump. Use **Shell Tellus Oil #46** or equivalent.
4. Removing the vibrator cylinder breather plug causes oil to flow out of breather hole for a while. When aeration disappears, replace the plug and tighten securely.

5. Replace breather plug of hand pump and fit the plug cap. After making sure that oil in pump is at proper level, replace the breather plug.

## CAUTION - Over-filling the Hydraulic Oil

Make sure hydraulic oil in hand pump is at a normal operating level. **DO NOT** over fill. Over filling (excessive oil) will cause excess oil to blow out of breather plug.

## Vibrator Oil Check

1. Place the compactor on a flat surface with the handle in the upright (storage) position.
2. Check the oil level by removing the vibrator oil gauge bolt using a 14 mm wrench as shown in Figure 23. The vibrator oil level should be maintained between the two markings as shown in Figure 7. If oil is required, replenish using SAE 10W-30.

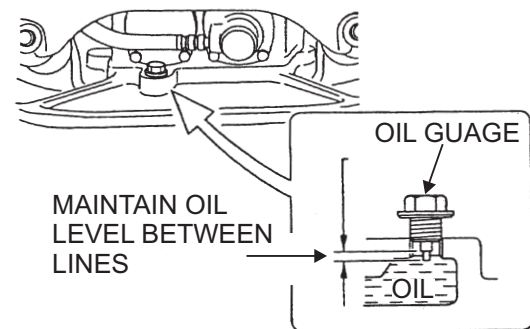
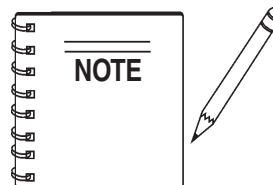


Figure 23. Vibrator Oil Gauge



Always clean the area around the vibrator oil level check hole before removing oil check plug. This will prevent dirt and debris from entering the system.

## Replacing Vibrator Oil

The vibrator oil should be replaced every 300 hours of operation using engine oil 10W-30.

# TROUBLESHOOTING (ENGINE)

Practically all breakdowns can be prevented by proper handling and maintenance inspections, but in the event of a breakdown, please take a remedial action following the diagnosis based on the Engine Troubleshooting (Tables 8) information shown below and on the proceeding pages. If the problem cannot be remedied, please leave the unit just as it is and consult our company's business office or service plant.

**TABLE 8. ENGINE TROUBLESHOOTING**

SYMPTOM	POSSIBLE CAUSE	SOLUTION
Difficult to start, "fuel is available, but no SPARK at spark plug".	Spark plug bridging?	Check gap, insulation or replace spark plug.
	Carbon deposit on spark plug?	Clean or replace spark plug.
	Short circuit due to deficient spark plug insulation?	Check spark plug insulation, replace if worn.
	Improper spark plug gap?	Set to proper gap.
Difficult to start, "fuel is available, and SPARK is present at the spark plug".	ON/OFF switch is shorted?	Check switch wiring, replace switch.
	Ignition coil defective?	Replace ignition coil.
	Improper spark gap, points dirty?	Set correct spark gap and clean points.
	Condenser insulation worn or short circuiting?	Replace condenser.
	Spark plug wire broken or short circuiting?	Replace defective spark plug wiring.
Difficult to start, "fuel is available, spark is present and compression is normal"	Wrong fuel type?	Flush fuel system, and replace with correct type of fuel.
	Water or dust in fuel system?	Flush fuel system.
	Air cleaner dirty?	Clean or replace air cleaner.
Difficult to start, "fuel is available, spark is present and compression is low"	Suction/exhaust valve stuck or protruded?	Re-seat valves.
	Piston ring and/or cylinder worn?	Replace piston rings and or piston.
	Cylinder head and/or spark plug not tightened properly?	Torque cylinder head bolts and spark plug.
	Head gasket and/or spark plug gasket damaged?	Replace head and spark plug gaskets.
No fuel present at carburetor.	Fuel not available in fuel tank?	Fill with correct type of fuel.
	Fuel cock does not open properly?	Apply lubricant to loosen fuel cock lever, replace if necessary.
	Fuel filter clogged?	Replace fuel filter.
	Fuel tank cap breather hole clogged?	Clean or replace fuel tank cap.
	Air in fuel line?	Bleed fuel line.

**TABLE 8. ENGINE TROUBLESHOOTING (CONTINUED)**

SYMPTOM	POSSIBLE CAUSE	SOLUTION
"Weak in power" compression is proper and does not misfire.	Air cleaner not clean?	Clean or replace air cleaner
	Improper level in carburetor?	Check float adjustment, re-build carburetor.
	Defective Spark plug?	Clean or replace spark plug.
"Weak in power" compression is proper but misfires.	Water in fuel system?	Flush fuel system, and replace with correct type of fuel.
	Dirty spark plug?	Clean or replace spark plug.
	Ignition coil defective?	Replace ignition coil.
Engine overheats.	Spark plug heat value improper?	Replace with correct type of spark plug.
	Correct type of fuel?	Replace with correct type of fuel
	Cooling fins dirty?	Clean cooling fins.
Rotational speed fluctuates.	Governor adjusted correctly?	Adjust governor.
	Governor spring defective?	Replace governor spring.
	Fuel flow restricted?	Check entire fuel system for leaks or clogs.
Recoil starter malfunction.	Recoil mechanism clogged with dust and dirt?	Clean recoil assembly with soap and water.
	Spiral spring loose?	Replace spiral spring.

# TROUBLESHOOTING (PLATE COMPACTOR)

Practically all breakdowns can be prevented by proper handling and maintenance inspections, but in the event of a breakdown, please take a remedial action following the diagnosis based on the Compactor Troubleshooting (Tables 9) information shown below and on the proceeding pages. If the problem cannot be remedied, please leave the unit just as it is and consult our company's business office or service plant.

**TABLE 9. PLATE COMPACTOR TROUBLESHOOTING**

SYMPTOM	POSSIBLE CAUSE	SOLUTION
Travel speed too low, and vibration is weak.	Engine speed too low?	Set engine speed to correct RPM.
	Clutch slips?	Check or replace clutch.
	V-belt slips?	Adjust or replace V-belt.
	Excessive oil in vibrator?	Drain excess oil and fill to proper level.
	Malfunction in vibrator housing?	Check eccentric, gears and counter weights.
Travels forward or reverse, but impossible to switch direction.	Directional components defective?	Check all directional components
	Reversing lever adjustment?	Adjust or repair reversing lever.
	Hydraulic oil hose broken?	Repair or replace hydraulic oil hose.
	Aeration in hydraulic oil for reversing system?	Bleed hydraulic oil system.
	Check valve in hand pump clogged with dust?	Clean or replace hand pump check valve.
	Piston or bearing in cylinder (vibrator assy.) is defective?	If worn, replace cylinder piston or bearing.
Does not travel either forward or reverse.	V-belt slips?	Replace V-belt.
	Clutch slips?	Check clutch springs and shoes.
	Vibrator locked?	Check vibrator housing (eccentric, gears and counterweights)
	Piston or bearing in cylinder defective?	If worn, replace cylinder piston or bearing.
Travel lever operating resistance great.	Air in hydraulic line?	Bleed hydraulic oil system.
	Piston or bearing in cylinder defective?	If worn, replace cylinder piston or bearing.





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