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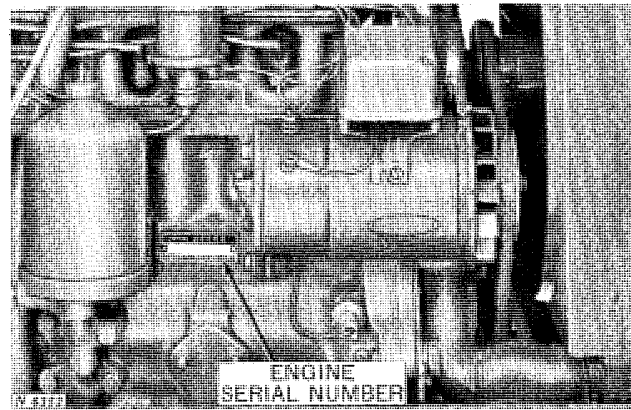
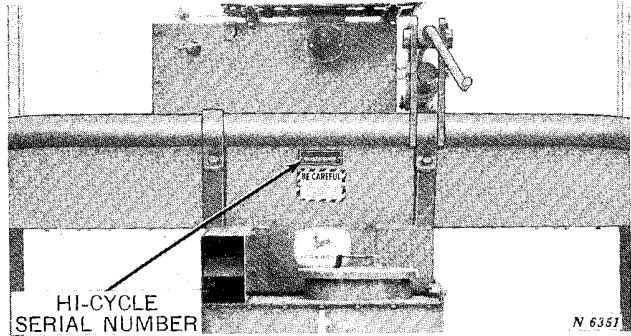
# To the purchaser

Your new Hi-Cycle was built to rigid manufacturing standards. Material and workmanship are the best. However, the machine will serve you only in direct proportion to the care you give it. How long it will last and continue its good work is a matter entirely in your hands.

The way you operate your Hi-Cycle and the care you give it have much to do with the service and satisfaction you will get from it. This manual has been carefully prepared and illustrated to show you what to do and when to do it. It explains the adjustments that are built into the machine and gives instructions on when and how to make these adjustments. The information given in this manual will afford a clear understanding of fundamentals in the use of this Hi-Cycle and spraying operations. The best use of these fundamentals to suit the conditions in which the machine is operating is a responsibility that is completely up to the operator.

If you find you need information not covered in this manual or if your Hi-Cycle requires special servicing, take advantage of the facilities offered by your John Deere dealer. He has trained mechanics, who are kept informed on the best methods of servicing and can give you prompt, "know-how" service in the field or in his shop.

## Serial numbers



You will find the serial number of your Hi-Cycle stamped on a plate located on the rear of the main frame. The engine serial number is stamped on a plate on the right-hand side of the engine block. Write these serial numbers in the space provided below for handy reference later.

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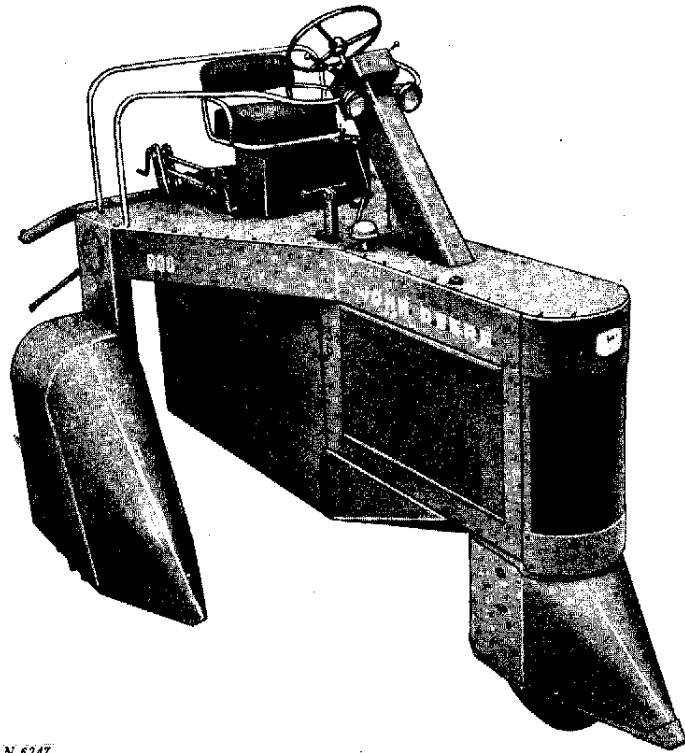
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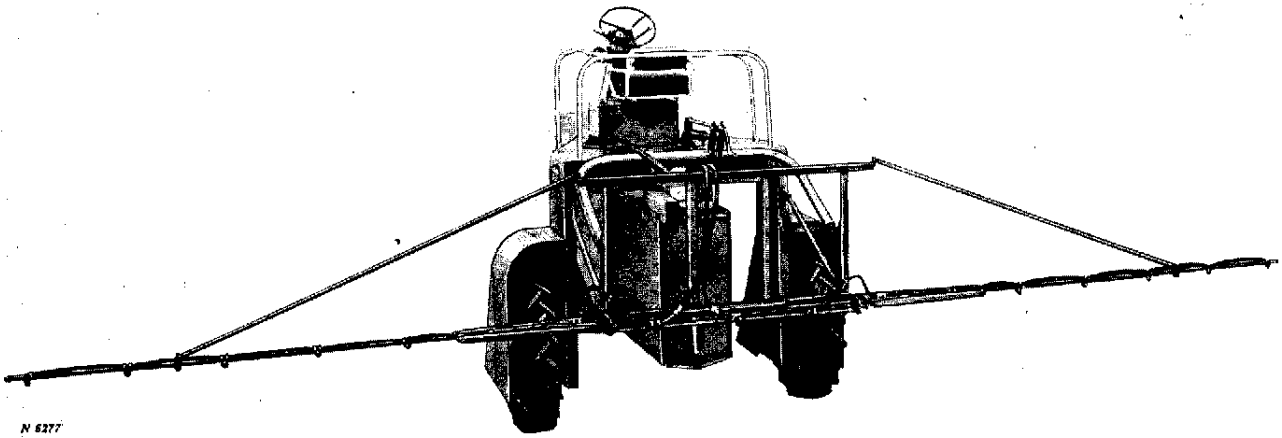
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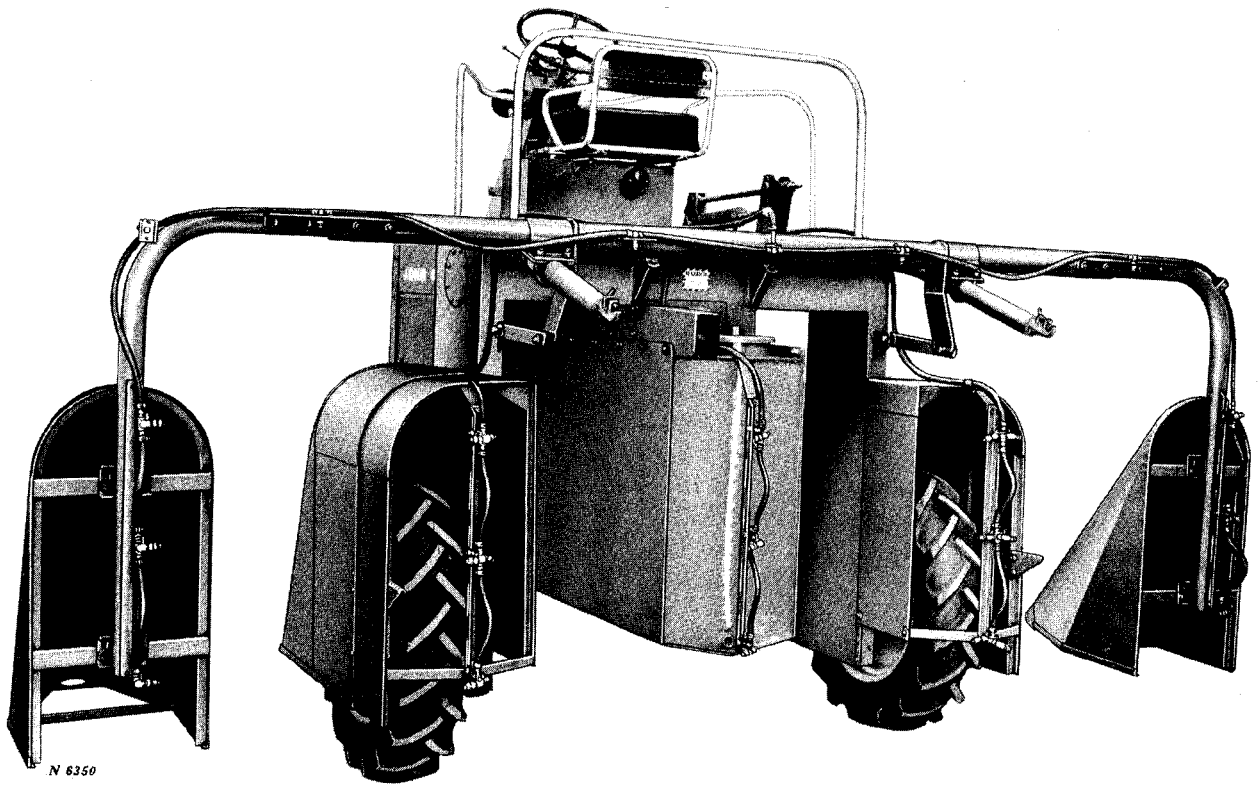
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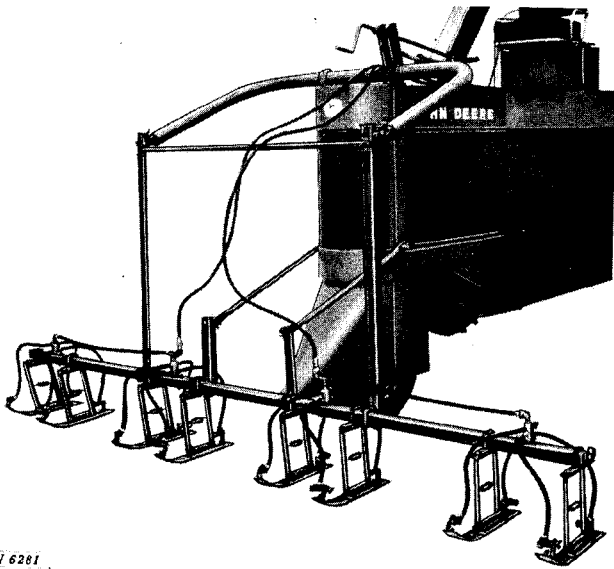
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*John Deere 600 Hi-Cycle equipped with General-Purpose Boom*



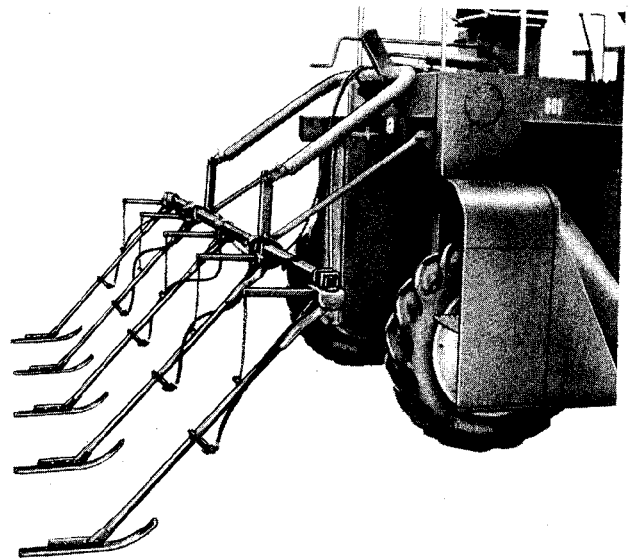
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*John Deere 600 Hi-Cycle equipped with Defoliation Boom*



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*John Deere 600 Hi-Cycle equipped with No. 4 Post Emerge Oiling Boom*



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*John Deere 600 Hi-Cycle equipped with No. 2 Lay-By Boom*



# specifications

## Hi-Cycle

### Engine

Make of engine . . . . . John Deere NA115G  
 Number of cylinders . . . . . 4  
 Bore and stroke, inches . . . . . 3-1/2 x 3  
 Piston displacement, cubic inches . . . . . 115  
 Horsepower at flywheel (factory observed) 35  
 Compression ratio . . . . . 7.9 to 1  
 Type of fuel . . . . . gasoline

### Engine speeds

Slow idle . . . . . 600 rpm  
 Full load . . . . . 2500 rpm  
 Fast idle (no load) . . . . . 2600 rpm

### Ground speeds

MPH based on 9 x 24 tires with no wheel slip-  
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Engine speed (rpm)	Gear			
	1st	2nd	3rd	R
1100	1.23	2.62	6.00	3.26
1250	1.39	2.98	6.90	3.70
1500	1.67	3.57	8.18	4.45
1750	1.95	4.17	9.66	5.18
2000	2.23	4.77	11.04	5.92
2250	2.50	5.34	12.43	6.66
2500	2.79	6.00	13.80	7.30

### Transmission

Selective sliding gear type with 3 speeds forward and 1 speed reverse

### Transmission clutch

Single 8-1/2-inch plate automotive type, foot operated

### Differential

Spiral bevel type gears

### Brakes

Self-energizing disk-type, foot-operated individually or simultaneously

### Final drives

Heavy-duty roller chain with run-in-oil lubrication

### Cooling system

Pressurized, with water pump, thermostat and fixed bypass

### Electrical system

Battery . . . . . 12 volts  
 Battery terminal grounded . . . . . positive  
 Starting . . . . . 12-volt electric motor

### Ignition system

Type . . . . . Battery-distributor  
 Spark plug size . . . . . 14 mm

### Fuel system

Type of fuel . . . . . Regular grade gasoline  
 Carburetor . . . . . Conventional up-draft  
 Air cleaner . . . . . Oil wash type

### Engine lubrication

Full pressure to all crankshaft and camshaft bearings. Filter arrangement will provide approximately 1 gallon per minute bypass filtration.

**Lifting mechanism**

Lift arms mounted on either front or rear of Hi-Cycle, hydraulically operated

**Dimensions**

Wheel base . . . . . 90 inches  
 Wheel tread . . . . . 82 inches  
 Under axle clearance . . . . . 60 inches  
 Over-all height . . . . . 110 inches  
 Over-all length (tire to tire) . . . . 128 inches  
 Over-all length (front wheel shield to rear of lift arms—straight out) . . . . . 163 inches  
 Over-all width (tires only) . . . . . 92 inches  
 Over-all width (wheel shields) . . . . 98 inches

**Capacities**

Fuel tank . . . . . 13 U.S. gallons  
 Cooling system . . . . . 2-1/2 U.S. gallons  
 Crankcase (including filter) . . . . . 5 U.S. quarts  
 Air cleaner . . . . . 1 U.S. quart  
 Transmission . . . . . 4 U.S. quarts  
 Differential . . . . . 3 U.S. quarts  
 Hydraulic system . . . . . 3 U.S. quarts  
 Final drives . . . . . 2-1/4 U.S. gallons each

**Tires**

Front . . . . . 6.70 x 15, 4-ply implement rib  
 Rear . . . . . 9.00 x 24, 4-ply cleat

**Weight**

Hi-Cycle only . . . . . 3000 pounds  
 Hi-Cycle with general-purpose sprayer . . . . . 3420 pounds

**Sprayer**

**Tank**

200 U.S. gallons capacity, steel, inside plastic coated (epoxy-resin) to prevent corrosion. 9-1/4-inch filler opening at rear with bucket type strainer

**Pump**

Hypro Ni-Resist pump with 8 nylon rollers. Rubber rollers optional. "Live" belt driven, 20 gallons per minute capacity.

**Line strainer**

Located between spray tank and pump, equipped with 50-mesh screen, 100 mesh screen (B11910B) optional.

**Boom selector valve**

One handle control which controls spray delivery to full length of boom or either side individually. Also handle controls turning "on" or "off" in any of the selected positions.

**Pressure regulator**

Adjustable up to 200 psi

**Pressure gauge**

Calibrated up to 200 psi

**Hoses**

Braided, chemical resistant, rated 200 psi (general-purpose and defoliator booms only)

**Booms**

General purpose—8-row, front or rear mounted  
 Defoliation—4-row, rear mounted  
 No. 4 Post Emerge Oiling Applicator—4-row, front mounted  
 No. 2 Lay-By—4-row, rear mounted

**Nozzle tips**

Variety of nozzle tips for either cone or fan spray patterns, calibrated for different application rates.

**Special equipment**

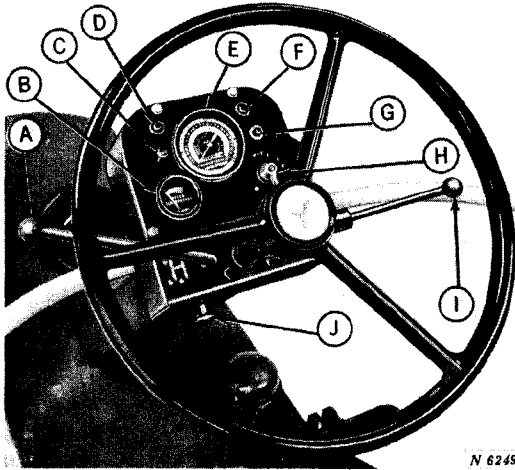
BB10339B Handgun with 25-foot hose  
 BB10559B Handgun with 50-foot hose  
 N85381N Hose adapter for handgun  
 BN85004N Row-Crop drops, long (9)  
 BN85005N Row-Crop drops, short (9)

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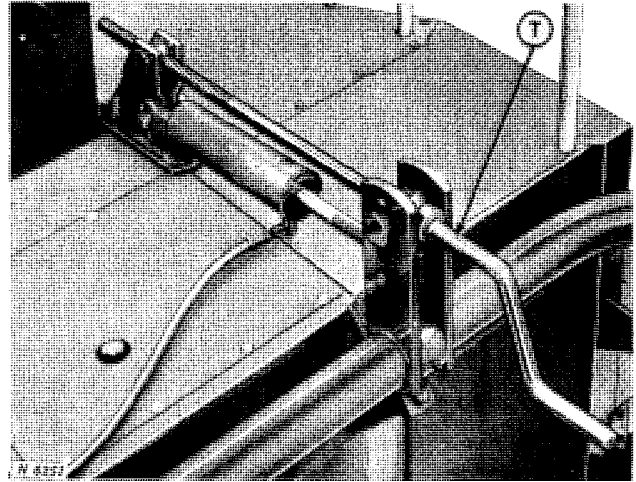


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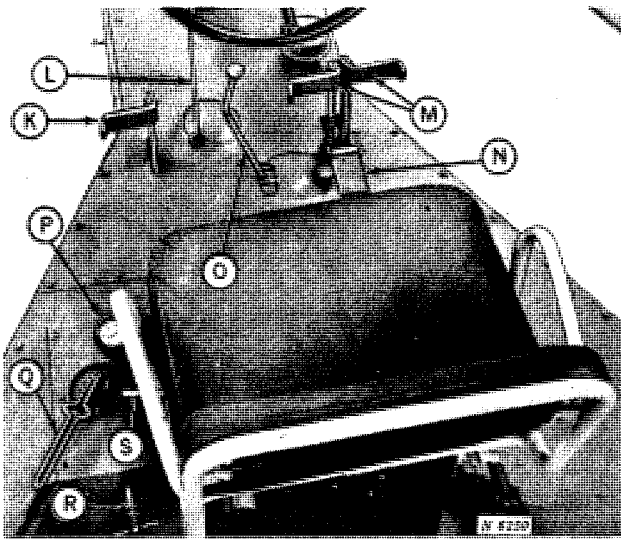
Before attempting to operate your new Hi-Cycle, become familiar with the location and purpose of all controls and instruments. See the pages indicated for detailed information.



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- B — Engine temperature gauge
- C — Fuse (page 64)
- D — Generator tel-light (page 8)
- E — Speed-hour meter (page 10)
- F — Oil pressure tel-light (page 8)
- G — Starter button (page 7)
- H — Ignition and light switch (pages 7 and 10)
- I — Hand throttle (page 8)
- J — Choke control (page 7)
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- P — Pressure gauge (page 16)
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- R — Pressure regulator (page 16)
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# operation

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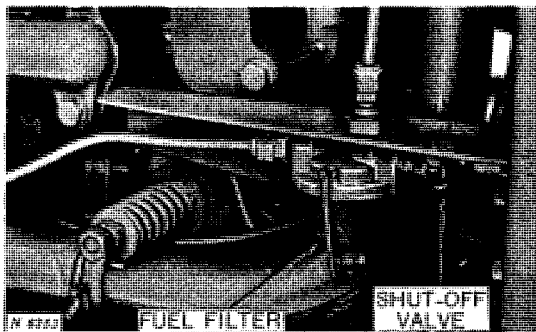
Complete instructions for operating your Hi-Cycle safely and efficiently are given on the following pages. By following these directions carefully, you can be sure that you are taking full advantage of the many features built into your Hi-Cycle.

### Prestarting checks

Perform the following checks and services before starting the engine for the first time each day:

1. Check the engine crankcase oil level—see page 38.
2. Check the radiator coolant level.
3. Check the fuel filter sediment bowl.
4. Lubricate the lift arm bearings—see page 38.

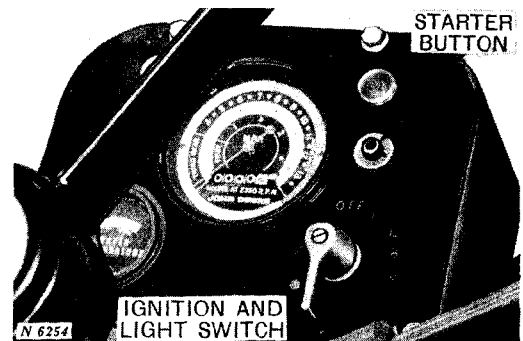
### Starting the engine



1. Make sure the fuel shut-off valve, located on the fuel filter is open.
2. Place the gearshift lever in neutral position (see page 9) and depress the clutch pedal to decrease drag on the engine.

3. Advance the throttle to about half-way open position.

4. Pull the choke control outward full distance. If the engine has been running a short time previously, it may not be necessary to use the choke and it is advisable to try starting the engine without choking.



5. Turn the ignition switch clockwise to first position "I." Depress the starter button and hold it until the engine has had time to rotate several revolutions or until it starts. If engine fails to start, see "Trouble Shooting," page 49.

Due to the heavy amperage required from the battery whenever the starter is used, and due to the heat generated in the starter, it is advisable to limit the length of time the starter is used to 30 seconds. A two-minute rest period is then recommended to permit the battery to restore to a more satisfactory charge. This rest period will also allow the heat to escape from the starter.

6. After the engine has started or after it has turned 4 or 5 revolutions, push the choke control all the way in. This will prevent flooding of the carburetor. Usually enough gasoline for starting has been drawn into the combustion chamber by this time.

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7. With the engine running at about half throttle, the oil pressure Tel-Light should go out. If indicator glows bright red after the engine has been running 10 seconds, turn off the ignition immediately and determine the cause of reduced oil pressure.

8. The Generator Tel-Light will glow red after the ignition switch is turned on during cranking, and for a few seconds after the engine has started. If the Tel-Light continues to glow after the engine has been running about 10 seconds, the battery is discharging and the cause of trouble should be determined.

*NOTE: The generator Tel-Light may glow continuously with the engine speed at slow-idle. This is normal and does not indicate a malfunction unless the Tel-Light continues to glow after increased acceleration.*

9. Regulate the engine speed by using the throttle.

### Cold weather starting

For greater starting efficiency in cold weather, conform to recommendations for gasoline and crankcase oil as listed on pages 35 and 36.

The oil used in the air cleaner should be the same viscosity as used in the crankcase. Do not dilute the oil in the air cleaner.

The battery should be brought up to full charge so that maximum cranking speed can be obtained.

### Engine warm-up period

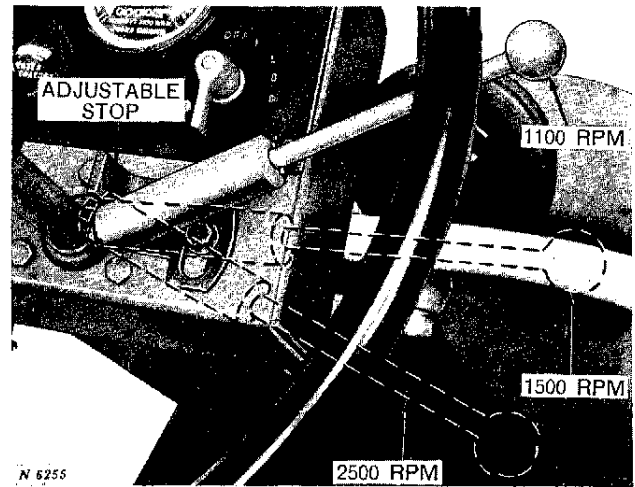
Before putting the engine under full load be sure it is warmed up sufficiently. Oil will then circulate freely, preventing excessive wear on piston rings, cylinders, and bearings. Do not race the engine during warm-up period. This wastes fuel and causes extreme wear on engine parts.

### Engine speeds

The engine is designed to operate at speeds ranging from 1100 rpm to 2500 rpm. These are variable governed speeds, and the engine can be operated at any speed between the two extremes to meet various working conditions.

An adjustable stop is provided at the base of the throttle lever so that once the speed of work has been determined, the throttle lever can always be returned to the same position, giving the desired engine rpm without watching the speed-meter.

### Using the throttle



Use the throttle to select slow idle or any of the variable governed speeds. Moving the lever down increases engine speed; moving the lever up decreases engine speed.

Set the adjustable stop by loosening the lock nut and rotating the stop. This stop can be set so the throttle lever will be stopped at the desired engine rpm within the 1100 to 2500 rpm range. When it is desired to increase the speed beyond that set by the stop, pull outward on the throttle lever and select the speed desired.

### Stopping the engine

To stop the engine, first allow it to operate for a short time at full throttle. Then turn the ignition switch counter-clockwise to the vertical "off" position.

During cold or freezing weather, run the engine at slow idle for a few minutes before turning off the ignition. Sudden cooling of a hot engine causes extreme contraction of heated parts. In freezing weather, never drain water immediately after stopping.

Place the gearshift lever in neutral position and lock the brakes—see page 9.

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