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Operation Maintenance Installation Warranty Manual

R5-70/R5-80/R5-105

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WARRANTY INFORMATION

MotorGuide Limited Two Year Warranty

KEEP YOUR ORIGINAL PURCHASE RECEIPT

1. To obtain warranty service, the purchaser should deliver or return the unit (postage prepaid and insured) to any MotorGuide authorized service center. **DO NOT RETURN TO PLACE OF PURCHASE** unless they are an authorized service center. Motors purchased in other countries should be returned to place of purchase. Products returned by mail should be carefully packaged and include a note describing the nature of the problem and/or service requested, customer address, and phone number. A copy of the receipt, Bill of Sale, registration verification, or other proof of purchase is required with the return of the product for warranty consideration. Warranty claims will not be accepted without presentation of purchase receipt for trolling motor, other verification of registration, or Bill of Sale for boat package.
2. MotorGuide electric trolling motors are warranted to the original purchaser to be free from defects in material and/or workmanship for two (2) years. Warranty is **NOT** transferable to any subsequent purchaser.
3. MotorGuide, at its discretion, will repair or replace items covered under the terms of this warranty. Neither MotorGuide nor MotorGuide service dealers are responsible for damages to MotorGuide products due to repairs performed by anyone other than the MotorGuide Factory Service Center. Neither MotorGuide nor Mercury Marine is responsible for failure or damage caused by improper installation, set-up, preparation, or previous service or repair errors.
4. Warranty coverage is available only to customers that purchase from a dealer authorized by MotorGuide/Mercury Marine to distribute the product in the country in which the sale occurred. Warranty coverage and duration varies by the country in which the product resides. This warranty applies to X3 series MotorGuide trolling motors sold and residing in the United States. This Limited Warranty begins on the date the product is first sold to a purchaser or the date on which the product is first put into service, whichever occurs first. MotorGuide accessories are covered by this Limited Warranty for a coverage period of one (1) year from the date of retail sale. The repair or replacement of parts, or the performance of service under this warranty, does not extend the life of this warranty beyond its original expiration date. Promotional warranties are not included in this statement and coverage may vary by promotion. Product either sold or put into service more than six years from date of manufacture is excluded from warranty coverage.
5. MotorGuide Composite Shaft Limited Lifetime Warranty. MotorGuide composite shafts are warranted to the original retail purchaser to be free of defects in material or workmanship for the lifetime of the original purchaser. MotorGuide will provide a new composite shaft at no cost for any composite shaft which contains a defect in material or workmanship. The installation costs are the sole responsibility of the purchaser.

WARRANTY INFORMATION

6. This warranty does not apply to normal worn parts, i.e., worn cables, adjustments, or product damage due to 1) neglect, lack of maintenance, accident, abnormal operation or improper installation or service; 2) abuse, i.e., bent metal columns, bent armature shafts, broken control cables, etc., accidents, modifications, misuse, excessive wear or damage caused by an owner's failure to provide reasonable and necessary installation or care; 3) use of an accessory or part not manufactured by MotorGuide/Mercury; 4) alteration or removal of parts; 5) opening the lower unit (motor) by anyone other than the Factory Service Center will void this warranty.
7. This warranty will not apply to haul-out, launch, towing and storage, transportation charges and/or travel time, telephone or rental charges of any type, inconvenience, or loss of time or income, or other consequential damages.
8. We reserve the right to improve the design of any trolling motor without assuming any obligation to modify any trolling motor previously manufactured.
9. Serialized "Service-Repair" motors have a one (1) year warranty. Nonserialized "Service-Repair" electric trolling motors are NOT warranted. "Service-Repair" motor denotes a trolling motor sold by MotorGuide that may be "used," but has been inspected and may have had minor repairs. Original retail purchaser of a "Service-Repair" motor is the first purchaser of the motor after it is denoted as "Service-Repair." "Service-Repair" motors have a blue sticker on the battery cable and box denoting "Manufacturer Certified Service-Repair Motor."
10. TERMINATION OF COVERAGE: Warranty coverage may be terminated for repossessed product, or product purchased at auction, from a salvage yard, from a liquidator, from an insurance company, from unauthorized marine dealers or boatbuilders, or other third party entities.
11. ALL INCIDENTAL AND/OR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES ARE EXCLUDED FROM THIS WARRANTY, WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY AND FITNESS ARE EXCLUDED FROM THIS WARRANTY, IMPLIED WARRANTIES ARE LIMITED TO THE LIFE OF THIS WARRANTY, SOME STATES DO NOT ALLOW LIMITATIONS ON HOW LONG AN IMPLIED WARRANTY LASTS OR THE EXCLUSION OR LIMITATION OF INCIDENTAL OR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES, SO THE ABOVE LIMITATIONS OR EXCLUSIONS MAY NOT APPLY TO YOU. THIS WARRANTY GIVES YOU SPECIFIC LEGAL RIGHTS, AND YOU MAY ALSO HAVE OTHER LEGAL RIGHTS WHICH MAY VARY FROM STATE TO STATE.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Boater's Responsibilities

The operator (driver) is responsible for the correct and safe operation of the boat and safety of its occupants and general public. It is strongly recommended that each operator (driver) read and understand this entire manual before operating the trolling motor.

Be sure at least one additional person on board is instructed in the basic operation of the trolling motor in case the driver is unable to operate the boat.

Protecting People in the Water

WHILE YOU ARE TROLLING

It is very difficult for a person in the water to take quick action to avoid a boat heading in their direction, even at slow speeds.



Always slow down and exercise extreme caution any time you are boating in an area where there might be people in the water.

WHILE THE BOAT IS STATIONARY

WARNING

A spinning propeller, a moving boat, or any solid device attached to the boat can cause serious injury or death to swimmers. Stop the trolling motor immediately whenever anyone in the water is near your boat.

Shut off the trolling motor before allowing people to swim or be in the water near your boat.

Passenger Safety Message

Whenever the boat is in motion, observe the location of all passengers. A sudden reduction in boat speed, such as a sharp change of boat direction, could throw them off the boat.

Safe Boating Suggestions

In order to safely enjoy the waterways, familiarize yourself with local and other governmental boating regulations and restrictions, and consider the following suggestions.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Use flotation devices. It is the law to have an approved personal flotation device of suitable size for each person aboard and have it readily accessible.

Do not overload your boat. Most boats are rated and certified for maximum load (weight) capacities, refer to your boat capacity plate. If in doubt, contact your dealer or the boat's manufacturer.

Perform safety checks and required maintenance. Follow a regular schedule and ensure all repairs are made properly.

Never be under the influence of alcohol or drugs while boating (it is the law). Alcohol or drug use impairs your judgment and greatly reduces your ability to react quickly.

Passenger boarding. Stop the trolling motor whenever passengers are boarding or unloading.

Be alert. The operator of the boat is responsible by law to maintain a proper lookout by sight and hearing. The operator must have an unobstructed view particularly to the front. No passengers, load, or fishing seats should block the operators view when operating the boat.

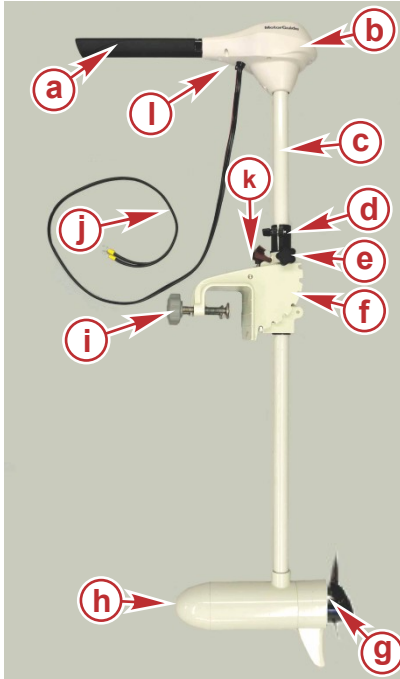
Underwater hazards. Reduce speed and proceed with caution whenever navigating in shallow water.

Tripping hazards. To avoid a trip hazard, route all cables and wiring neatly and out of the way.

Report accidents. Boat operators are required by law to file a Boating Accident Report with their state boating law enforcement agency when their boat is involved in certain boating accidents. A boating accident must be reported if 1) there is loss of life or probable loss of life, 2) there is personal injury requiring medical treatment beyond first aid, 3) there is damage to boats or other property where the damage value exceeds \$500.00 or 4) there is complete loss of the boat. Seek further assistance from local law enforcement.

PRODUCT OVERVIEW

R5-70/R5-80/R5-105 MotorGuide Trolling Motor



Saltwater model shown (freshwater model similar)

- a** - Extendable speed control tiller handle
- b** - Top housing
- c** - Composite column
- d** - Depth adjustment collar
- e** - Steering tension adjustment knob
- f** - Clamp bracket
- g** - Propeller
- h** - Lower unit
- i** - Transom clamp screws
- j** - Battery cables
- k** - Tilt lock release lever
- l** - Serial number

PRODUCT OVERVIEW

Specifications

Model	Control	Freshwater/ Saltwater	Volts	Speeds Forward/ Reverse	Peak Thrust	Shaft Length
R5-70 FW Digital	Extendable hand/ twist-tiller	Freshwater	24 V	Variable	31.8 kgf (70 lbf)	106.7 cm (42 in.)
R5-80 FW Digital	Extendable hand/ twist-tiller	Freshwater	24 V	Variable	36.3 kgf (80 lbf)	106.7 cm (42 in.)
R5-105 FW Digital	Extendable hand/ twist-tiller	Freshwater	36 V	Variable	47.6 kgf (105 lbf)	106.7 cm (42 in.)
R5-80 SW Digital	Extendable hand/ twist-tiller	Saltwater	24 V	Variable	36.3 kgf (80 lbf)	106.7 cm (42 in.)
R5-105 SW Digital	Extendable hand/ twist-tiller	Saltwater	36 V	Variable	47.6 kgf (105 lbf)	127.0 cm (50 in.)

WIRING AND BATTERY INFORMATION

Wiring and Battery Information

⚠ WARNING

An operating or charging battery produces gas that can ignite and explode, spraying out sulfuric acid, which can cause severe burns. Ventilate the area around the battery and wear protective equipment when handling or servicing batteries.

⚠ WARNING

Performing service or maintenance without first disconnecting the battery can cause product damage, personal injury, or death due to fire, explosion, electrical shock, or unexpected motor starting. Always disconnect the battery cables from the battery before maintaining, servicing, installing, or removing motor components.

Recommended Practice and Procedures

IMPORTANT: Unplug the trolling motor after each use and when charging the battery.

- Do not use the main engine battery to power the trolling motor. Use a dedicated trolling motor battery or battery bank.
- Ensure that the batteries are enclosed and secured within a battery box to prevent accidental shorting of the battery terminals.
- Route the trolling motor wires on the opposite side of the boat from other boat wiring.
- Connect boat accessories directly to the main engine battery.
- Do not charge the trolling motor batteries while the trolling motor is in the deployed (down) position.

Battery Recommendations

- Use 12-volt, deep cycle marine batteries. The number of batteries required varies according to the model of your trolling motor. Refer to **Battery Connection**.
- As a general rule, deep cycle batteries with a higher amp-hour rating or reserve capacity rating will provide longer run times and better performance.
- Install a manual reset circuit breaker in line with the trolling motor positive leads within 1.8 m (6 ft) of the batteries. These can be purchased from your local MotorGuide retailer or from www.motorguide.com.
- Do not extend the included 10-gauge battery cables more than 1.8 m (6 ft) for a total of 3 m (10 ft). If longer battery cables are required, MotorGuide offers accessory 8 mm² (8-gauge) battery cables.
- Use nylock nuts to secure the battery cables to their terminals. Using wing nuts to secure the battery cables can cause loose connections.

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- Do not power any depth sounders or fish finders from the trolling motor battery. Connecting electronic equipment to the trolling motor batteries can cause electrical interference. Any depth sounders or fish finders must be powered from the engine starting or accessory battery.

Recommended MotorGuide Accessory Description
8-gauge battery cable and terminals with 50-amp manual reset circuit breaker
50-amp manual reset circuit breaker
60-amp manual reset circuit breaker

Battery Precautions

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When charging batteries, an explosive gas mixture forms in each cell. Part of this gas escapes through holes in the vent plugs and may form an explosive atmosphere around the battery if ventilation is poor. This explosive gas may remain in or around the battery for several hours after it has been charged. Sparks or flames can ignite this gas and cause an internal explosion, which may shatter the battery.

The following precautions should be observed to prevent an explosion:

1. Keep flames away and do not smoke near batteries being charged or which have been charged recently.
2. Do not disconnect the battery cables while the trolling motor is operating, because a spark usually occurs at the point where a live circuit is broken. Always use care to prevent reverse polarization when connecting or disconnecting cable clamps on chargers. Poor connections are a common cause of electrical arcs, which cause explosions.
3. Do not reverse the polarity of battery terminal to cable connections.

Wire and Cable Routing

- Route the trolling motor wires on the opposite side of the boat from other boat wiring.
- Sensitive electronics, such as depth finders, should be connected directly to the main engine battery. Single battery systems require separate connection cables.

WIRING AND BATTERY INFORMATION

Battery Connection

⚠ WARNING

Before working around electrical system components, disconnect the battery cables from the battery to prevent injury or damage to the electrical system due to an accidental short circuit.

⚠ CAUTION

Disconnecting or connecting the battery cables in the incorrect order can cause injury from electrical shock or can damage the electrical system. Always disconnect the negative (-) battery cable first and connect it last.

NOTICE

Failure to operate the trolling motor within the recommended voltage specifications can cause product damage. Do not exceed the maximum supply voltage.

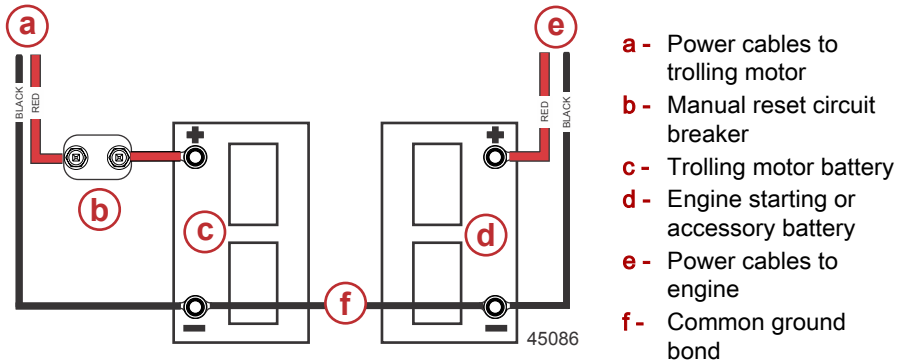
IMPORTANT: Refer to the decal on the head of the trolling motor to determine the voltage requirements of your trolling motor.

12-VOLT BATTERY CONNECTION

1. Starting with the negative (-) lead, disconnect the battery cables from the engine starting or accessory battery.
2. Install a 50-amp (good) or 60-amp (best) manual reset circuit breaker in line with the trolling motor power cable positive (+) lead and the trolling motor battery positive (+) terminal.
3. Connect the positive (+) trolling motor lead to the positive (+) trolling motor battery terminal.
4. Connect the negative (-) trolling motor lead to the negative (-) trolling motor battery terminal.
5. Connect a common ground bond from the trolling motor battery negative (-) terminal to the engine starting battery negative (-) terminal.

WIRING AND BATTERY INFORMATION

- Starting with the positive (+) lead, reconnect the battery cables to the engine starting or accessory battery.



24-VOLT BATTERY CONNECTION

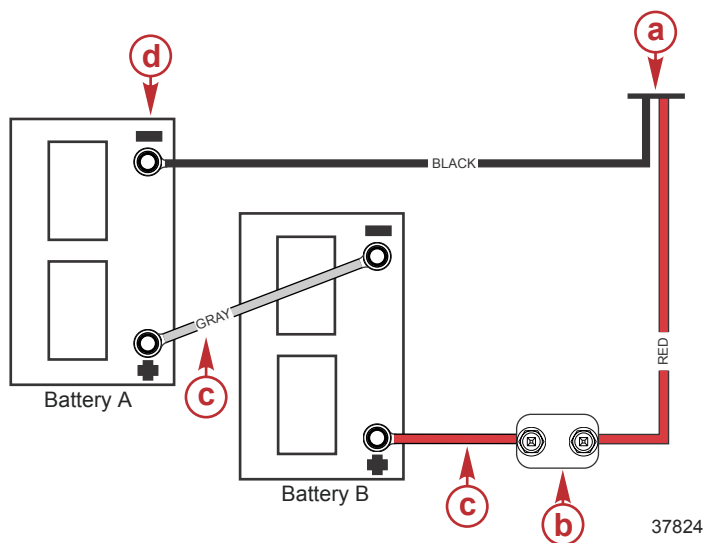
- Starting with the negative (-) lead, disconnect the battery cables from the engine starting or accessory battery.
- Install a 50-amp (good) or 60-amp (best) manual reset circuit breaker in line with the trolling motor power cable positive (+) lead and the trolling motor battery **B** positive (+) terminal.
- Connect the positive (+) trolling motor lead to the positive (+) terminal on trolling motor battery **B**.
- Connect a jumper wire (reference gray) between the negative (-) terminal on battery **B** to the positive (+) terminal on battery **A**.

IMPORTANT: The jumper wire should be the same wire gauge as the negative (-) and positive (+) power cables.

- Connect the trolling motor negative (-) lead to the negative (-) terminal on battery **A**.

WIRING AND BATTERY INFORMATION

- Starting with the positive (+) lead, reconnect the battery cables to the engine starting or accessory battery.



24-volt battery connection

- a** - Power cables to trolling motor
- b** - Manual reset circuit breaker
- c** - Jumper wire (not supplied)
- d** - Negative (-) battery terminal

36-VOLT BATTERY CONNECTION

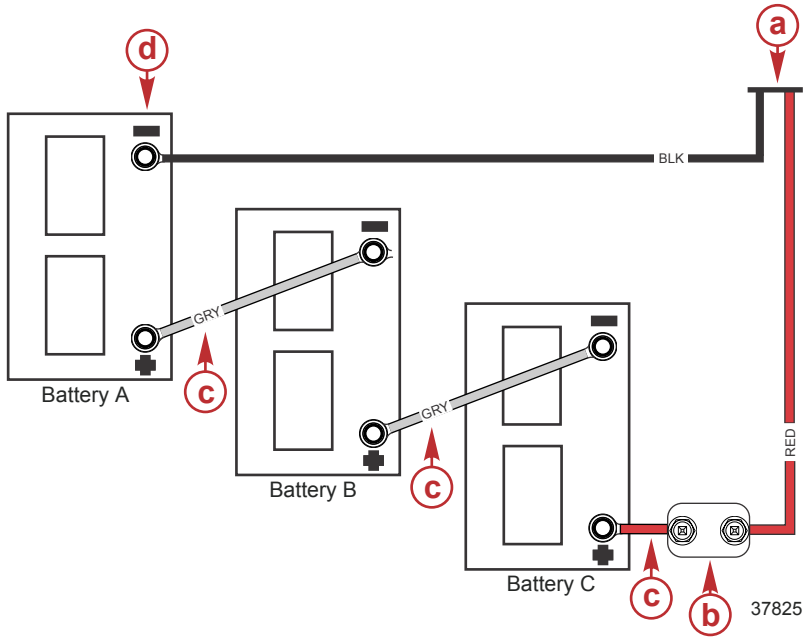
- Starting with the negative (-) lead, disconnect the battery cables from the engine starting or accessory battery.
- Install a 50-amp (good) or 60-amp (best) manual reset circuit breaker in line with the trolling motor power cable positive (+) lead and the trolling motor battery C positive (+) terminal.
- Connect the positive (+) trolling motor lead to the positive (+) terminal on trolling motor battery C.
- Connect a jumper wire (reference gray) between the negative (-) terminal on battery C to the positive (+) terminal on battery B.

IMPORTANT: The jumper wire should be the same wire gauge as the negative (-) and positive (+) power cables.

- Connect a jumper wire (reference gray) between the negative (-) terminal on battery B to the positive (+) terminal on battery A.

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6. Connect the trolling motor negative (-) lead to the negative (-) terminal on battery **A**.
7. Starting with the positive (+) lead, reconnect the battery cables to the engine starting or accessory battery.



36-volt battery connection

- a** - Power cables to trolling motor
- b** - Manual reset circuit breaker
- c** - Jumper wire (not supplied)
- d** - Negative (-) battery terminal

WIRING AND BATTERY INFORMATION

Wire Color Code Abbreviations

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BLK	Black		BLU	Blue
BRN	Brown		GRY	Gray
GRN	Green		ORN or ORG	Orange
PNK	Pink		PPL or PUR	Purple
RED	Red		TAN	Tan
WHT	White		YEL	Yellow
LT or LIT	Light		DK or DRK	Dark

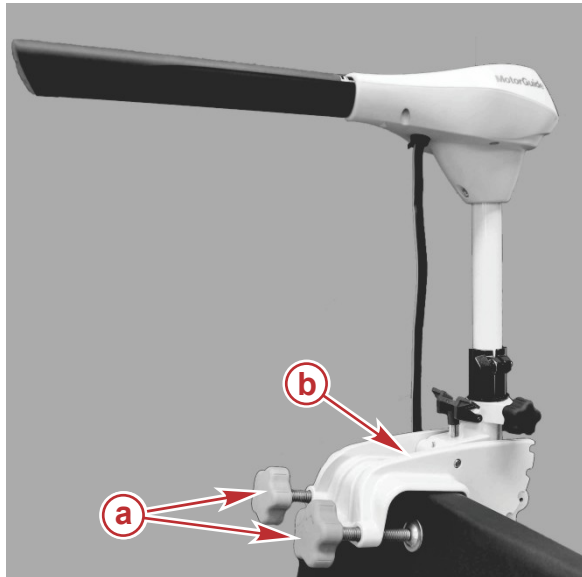
TROLLING MOTOR INSTALLATION AND OPERATION

Transom Mount Installation

NOTE: The R5 trolling motor will fit transoms up to 7.62 cm (3 in.) thick.

1. Place the trolling motor on the transom of the boat.
2. Tighten the transom clamp screws securely by hand. Do not overtighten the transom clamp screws.

IMPORTANT: Overtightening the transom clamp screws can weaken or damage the mount bracket.



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- a** - Transom clamp screws
- b** - Mount bracket

Stowing and Deploying the Trolling Motor

⚠ WARNING

Rotating propellers can cause serious injury or death. Never start or operate the motor out of water.

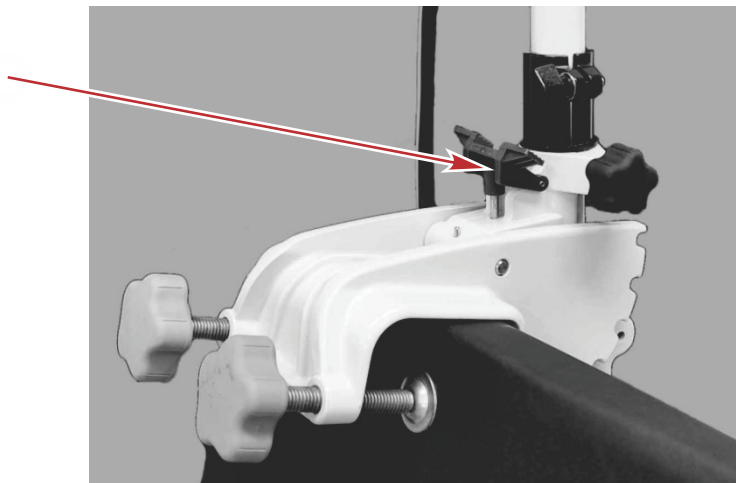
TROLLING MOTOR INSTALLATION AND OPERATION

STOWING THE TROLLING MOTOR

⚠ CAUTION

Moving parts, such as hinges and pivot points, can cause serious injury. Keep away from moving parts when stowing, deploying, or tilting the motor.

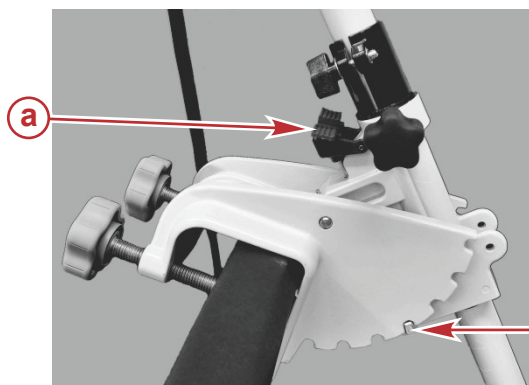
1. To change the drive angle or tilt the trolling motor, push down on the tilt lock release lever while simultaneously pulling on the trolling motor head/column. Do not exert downward force on the tiller handle to assist in tilting the trolling motor.



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Tilt lock release lever

2. When the desired tilt position is achieved, release the tilt lock release lever. Verify that the latch pin is securely engaged.



a - Tilt lock release lever

b - Latch pin

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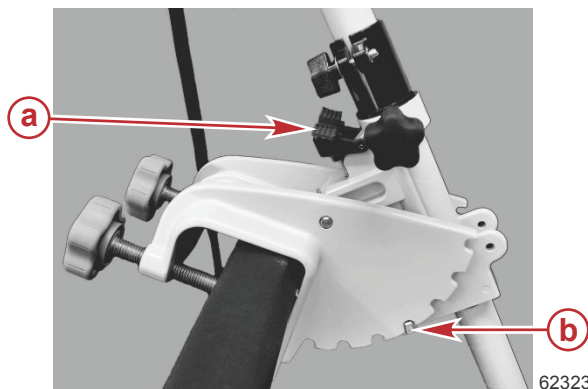
TROLLING MOTOR INSTALLATION AND OPERATION

DEPLOYING THE TROLLING MOTOR

⚠ CAUTION

Moving parts, such as hinges and pivot points, can cause serious injury. Keep away from moving parts when stowing, deploying, or tilting the motor.

1. Firmly grasp the trolling motor head/column and press on the tilt lock release pin/lever.

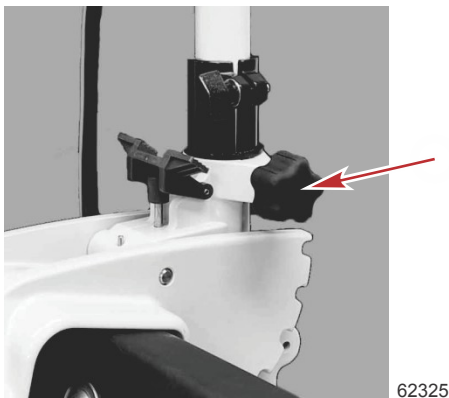


- a - Tilt lock release lever
- b - Latch pin

2. Adjust the angle of the motor to the desired position.
3. Release the tilt lock release pin/lever. Verify that the latch pin is securely engaged.

Adjusting the Steering Tension

1. Turn the steering tension knob clockwise to increase steering tension.
2. Turn the steering tension knob counterclockwise to decrease steering tension.



Steering tension knob

TROLLING MOTOR INSTALLATION AND OPERATION

Adjusting the Trolling Motor Depth

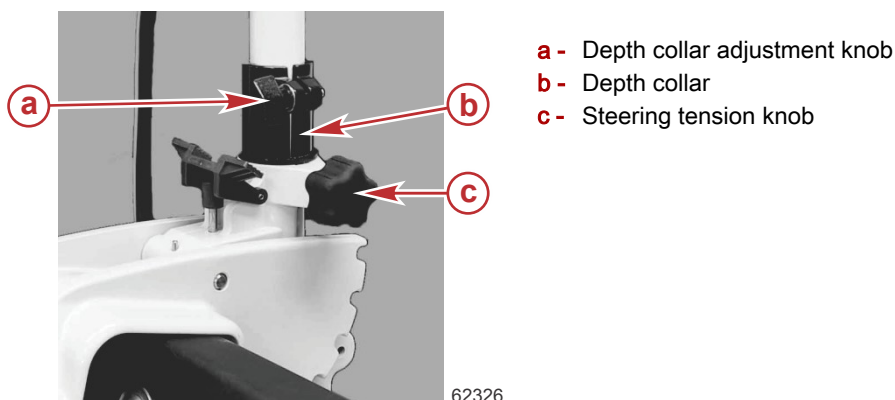
⚠ CAUTION

Avoid injury due to the sudden shifting of weight when deploying the motor or adjusting the motor depth. When raising or lowering the motor, firmly grasp the motor column with one hand before loosening the depth collar knob.

Adjusting the depth of the motor improves trolling motor performance in various water depths.

NOTE: *It may be necessary to loosen the steering tension knob before adjusting the motor depth. High steering tension will prevent the motor column from moving up and down freely.*

Firmly grasp the column with one hand while turning the depth collar adjustment knob counterclockwise until the motor column slides freely. To secure the column at the desired depth position, turn the depth collar adjustment knob clockwise and tighten securely. Adjust steering tension if necessary.



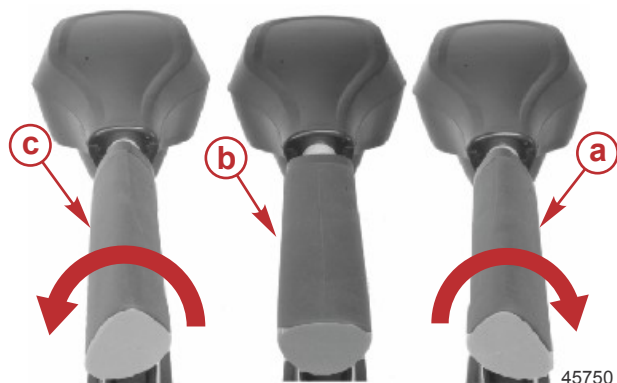
IMPORTANT: When adjusting the motor depth, ensure that the lower unit is submerged at least 25 cm (9.8 in.) to avoid propeller cavitation in choppy water.

Speed Control—Hand-Operated Models

Adjust the speed control to the desired direction and thrust level. Rotate the twist-tiller handle clockwise for forward movement or counterclockwise for reverse movement. The "off" handle position stops the motor.

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Digital variable speed models allow you to select any speed from 0–10 in forward or reverse.



- a** - Forward speed control
- b** - Off
- c** - Reverse speed control

Battery Indicator Light

The battery indicator light (located on the head cover) provides battery state-of-charge information at a glance. The battery light will turn on when the trolling motor is connected to the battery, and will remain on the entire time that the motor is connected to the battery. Depending on the battery state-of-charge, the light will either be green (charged) or red (discharged).

MAINTENANCE

Trolling Motor Care

To keep your trolling motor in the best operating condition and retain its dependability, it is important that your trolling motor receive periodic inspections and maintenance. We urge you to keep it maintained properly to ensure the safety of you and your passengers.

WARNING

Neglecting to inspect, maintain, or repair your trolling motor can result in product damage or serious injury or death. Do not perform maintenance or service on your trolling motor if you are not familiar with the correct service and safety procedures.

SELECTING REPLACEMENT PARTS

We recommend using original MotorGuide Certified Tough replacement parts.

Inspection and Maintenance Schedule

BEFORE EACH USE

- Check the trolling motor for tightness on the transom.
- Check the tightness of the battery lead connections.
- Visually inspect for loose or corroded wiring connections.
- Check the tightness of the propeller nut.
- Check the propeller blades for damage.

AFTER EACH USE

- Disconnect the battery cables from the power source.
- Check the propeller and the propeller shaft for debris such as weeds and fishing line. Remove all debris.
- Rinse the trolling motor with clean water to remove dirt and dust that may scratch the surface.

EVERY 100 HOURS OF USE OR ANNUALLY

- Periodically lubricate all the pivot points. Refer to **Lubricating the Pivot Points**.
- Check the tightness of bolts, nuts, and other fasteners.
- Inspect the battery. Refer to **Battery Inspection**.

STORAGE PREPARATION

The major consideration in preparing the trolling motor for storage is to protect it from corrosion and damage caused by freezing of trapped water.

Complete the appropriate care instructions to prepare the trolling motor for storage. Store the trolling motor in a dry location where it will not be affected by temperatures below -29 °C (-20 °F).

MAINTENANCE

IMPORTANT: Trolling motors stored in temperatures below 0 °C (32 °F) should be operated slowly for a minimum of 15 minutes before going above 30% operation.

Lubricating the Pivot Points

To reduce friction, lubricate the following pivot points periodically:

- Pivot pin
- Latch pin
- Tilt positioning pin/lever
- Tilt positioning pin/lever spring

IMPORTANT: Never use an aerosol lubricant to grease or oil any part of the unit. Many aerosol lubricants contain harmful propellants that can cause damage to various parts of the trolling motor.

Tube Ref No.	Description	Where Used	Part No.
 95	2-4-C with PTFE	Pivot points	92-802859A 1

Battery Inspection

The battery should be inspected at periodic intervals to ensure proper trolling motor operation.

IMPORTANT: Read the safety and maintenance instructions which accompany your battery.

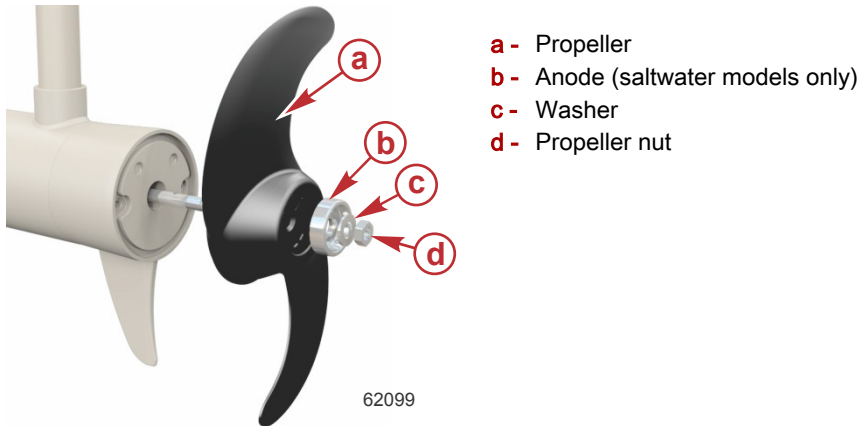
1. Ensure that the battery is secured to the vessel.
2. Ensure that the battery cable terminals are clean, tight, and correctly installed.
For installation instructions, refer to **Battery Connection**.
3. Ensure that the battery is equipped with a battery box to prevent accidental shorting of the battery terminals.

Corrosion Control Anode (Saltwater Models)

The anode helps protect the trolling motor against galvanic corrosion by sacrificing its metal to be slowly eroded instead of the trolling motor metal components. The anode requires periodic inspection, especially in saltwater which will accelerate the erosion. To maintain this corrosion protection, replace the anode if it is more than 50% eroded. Never paint or apply a protective coating to the anode as this will reduce effectiveness of the anode.

MAINTENANCE

IMPORTANT: Do not paint the anode or clean it with steel wool, sandpaper, wire brushes, or other abrasive materials. Replace the anode if it is more than 50% eroded.



Propeller Replacement

⚠ WARNING

Performing service or maintenance without first disconnecting the battery can cause product damage, personal injury, or death due to fire, explosion, electrical shock, or unexpected motor starting. Always disconnect the battery cables from the battery before maintaining, servicing, installing, or removing motor components.

REMOVING THE PROPELLER

1. Disconnect the power cables from the battery.
2. While holding the propeller blade with one gloved hand, use a 9/16 in. wrench or a ratchet to remove the propeller nut. Remove the propeller nut and washer (or anode, for saltwater models).

IMPORTANT: Remove the propeller nut with a wrench or a ratchet and socket. Using another tool may damage the propeller nut or shaft. If the propeller cannot be removed easily, use a rubber mallet to lightly tap the back side of the opposite blade. If the propeller cannot be removed, have the propeller removed by an authorized dealer.

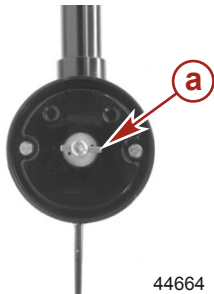
MAINTENANCE

NOTE: Replace the propeller pin if it is bent.



INSTALLING THE PROPELLER

1. Rotate the motor shaft to insert the propeller pin horizontally.

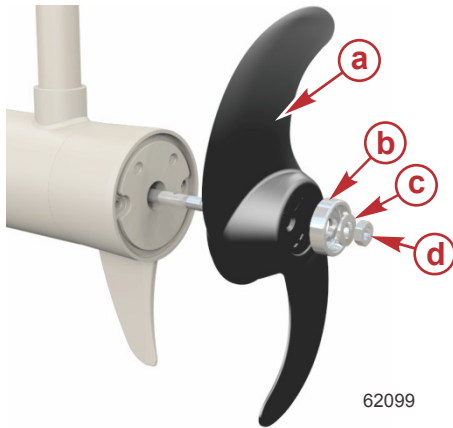


a - Propeller pin

2. Install the propeller onto the motor shaft by engaging the propeller onto the propeller pin.
3. Install the washer (and anode, for saltwater models) onto the propeller shaft, then install the propeller nut. Use a wrench or a socket and ratchet to tighten the propeller nut until it is snug, then tighten the nut another 1/4 turn.

MAINTENANCE

IMPORTANT: Do not overtighten the propeller nut, or damage to the propeller or propeller pin may occur.



Saltwater model shown

- a** - Propeller
- b** - Anode (saltwater models only)
- c** - Washer
- d** - Propeller nut

MotorGuide Accessories Inquiries

Refer to www.motorguide.com for factory authorized accessories for all MotorGuide trolling motors.

TROUBLESHOOTING

Trolling Motor Performance

Symptom	Possible Cause	Resolution
Loss of power	Weak battery	Refer to Wiring and Battery Information .
	Loose or corroded battery connections	
	Propeller is loose, damaged, or off-balance	Refer to Maintenance .
	Wiring or electrical connection faulty	Wire gauge from the battery to the trolling motor is insufficient. Six-gauge wire is recommended.
	Weeds, fishing line, or debris wrapped around propeller	Remove weeds, fishing line, or debris from propeller.
Excessive noise, vibration	Motor shaft is bent	Refer to Warranty Information .
	Propeller is loose, damaged, or off-balance	Refer to Maintenance .
Motor failure (all speeds)	Weak battery	Refer to Wiring and Battery Information .
	Loose or corroded battery connections	
	Electrical	Check the connector for a loose or damaged connection. Refer to Wiring and Battery Information .
	Fuse on circuit breaker is open	Replace the fuse or reset the circuit breaker only after determining the root cause of the problem.
Motor failure (one or more speeds)	Propeller is loose, damaged, or off-balance	Refer to Maintenance .
	Wiring or electrical connection faulty.	Refer to Warranty Information .
Difficulty removing propeller	Bent propeller pin	Hold one blade and lightly tap the opposite blade with a rubber mallet.
		Use a putty knife on both sides of the propeller to apply equal pressure.
	Bent armature shaft	Refer to service center.

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