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MERCURY OUTBOARDS

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CIRCULATE TO: SERVICE MANAGER PARTS MANAGER MECHANICS

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A. TIMING/SYNCHRONIZING/ADJUSTING 300 HP MODEL

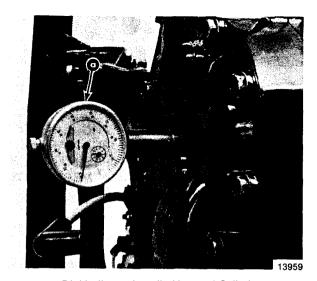
Firing Order
Firing Sequence
Spark Plug
Spark Plug Gap
Timing Maximum
Throttle Primary Pickup
Throttle Secondary Pickup
Full Throttle RPM
Idle RPM (in Forward Gear)

1-2-3-4-5-6
60" Consecutive
NGK BUHW
Not Adjustable
20" BTDC (22" at Cranking)
13° ATDC
Not Adjustable
5300-5800
550-600 (13° ATDC)

Timing Pointer Adjustment

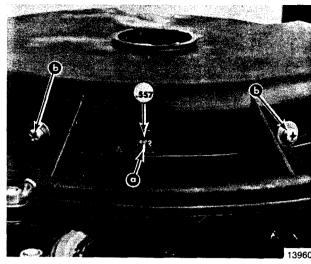
SAFETY WARNING: Engine could start when turning flywheel to check timing pointer adjustment. Remove all spark plugs from engine to prevent engine from starting.

- 1. Remove all spark plugs and install Dial Indicator (C-91-58222A1) (Figure 1) into No. 1 cylinder (top cylinder, starboard bank).
- 2. Turn flywheel in a clockwise direction until No. 1piston is at top dead center (TDC). Set dial indicator at "O" (zero) and tighten indicator set screw.
- 3. Turn flywheel counterclockwise until dial indicator needle is approximately %-turn beyond .557" mark, then turn flywheel clockwise so that dial indicator reads .557" exactly.
- **4.** Reposition timing pointer (if necessary) so that timing pointer is aligned with .557 mark on flywheel, as shown in Figure 2. Retighten pointer attaching screws.
- 5. Remove dial indicator from cylinder and reinstall No. 1 spark plug and spark plug lead.



a - Dial Indicator Installed in No. 1 Cylinder

Figure 1. Dial Indicator Installed into Cylinder



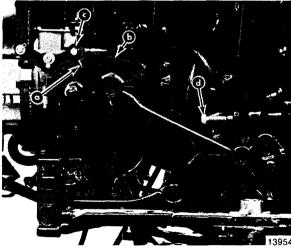
a - Timing Pointer; Align with ,557 Markb - Timing Pointer Attaching ScrewsFigure 2 Timing Pointer Alignment

Timing Adjustments

IMPORTANT: If link rod was disassembled, make sure that 11/16" (17.5mm) dimension is retained, as shown in Figure 6.

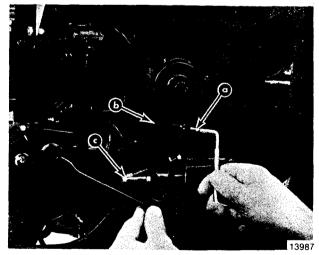
CAUTION: Engine is timed while cranking engine over with starter motor. To prevent engine from starting when being cranked, all spark plugs must be removed, except No. 1 plug.

- 1. Remove all spark plugs, except No. 1 spark plug (top cylinder, starboard bank), from engine.
- 2. Disconnect remote fuel line from engine.
- 3. Connect electrical harness to engine.
- **4.** Remove throttle cable barrel from barrel retainer on engine.
- 5. Adjust idle stop screw (Figure 3) so that slash mark on throttle cam is at the point of contact with roller, as shown in Figure 3. Retighten nut on idle adjustment screw.



- a Slash Mark
- **b** Throttle Cam
- c Roller
- d Idle Stop Screw (Adjust so that Slash Mark Is at Point of Contact with Roller)

Figure 3. Idle Stop Screw Adjustment



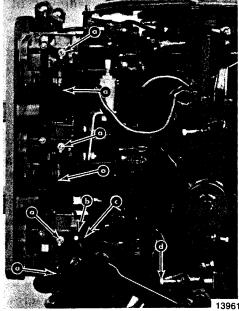
- a Primary Pickup Screw
- **b** Throttle Lever
- c Idle Stop Screw (Position against Stop when Adjusting Primary Pickup)

Figure 4. Throttle Primary Pickup Adjustment

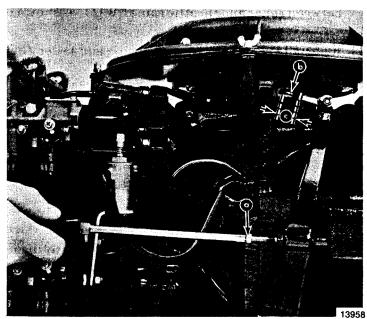
6. Connect timing light to **No.** 1 spark plug (top starboard bank).

SAFETY WARNING: Before cranking engine, keep clear of propeller, as it may rotate.

- With engine in neutral, hold throttle lever so that idle stop screw is against stop (Figure 4), then crank engine with starter motor and adjust throttle primary pickup screw (Figure 4) to align specified throttle primary pickup mark on flywheel with timing pointer. Retighten nut on adjustment screw.
- 8. Synchronize carburetors as follows:
 - a. Remove 2 bolts and remove fuel line connector from mount, then remove sound box cover from engine. This is necessary to be sure that all carburetor throttle shutters are closed and that they open together.
 - b. Loosen carburetor synchronizing screws (Figure 5) and allow all throttle shutters to close completely.
 - c. Position throttle lever so that idle stop screw is against stop. Move roller arm until roller (Figure 5) just touches throttle cam. Without moving roller from this position, retighten carburetor synchronizing screws.
 - d. Look into carburetor bores and check that all carburetor shutter plates close completely and open exactly at the same time when throttle lever is actuated.



- a Synchronizing Screws
- b Roller
- c Just Touching
- d Idle Stop Screw (against Stop)

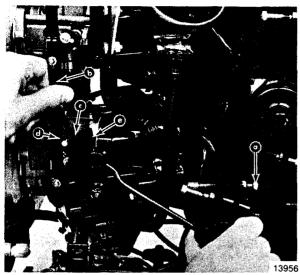


- a Maximum Spark Advance Screw
- b Link Rod
- c 11/16" (17.5mm); Make Sure that This Dimension Is Retained if Link Rod Was Disassembled

Figure 5. Carburetor Synchronizing

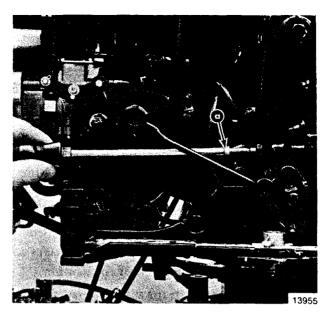
Figure 6. Maximum Spark Advance Adjustment

9. With engine in neutral, move throttle lever to place maximum spark advance screw against stop. Crank engine with starter motor and adjust maximum spark advance screw (Figure 6) to align 22° mark on flywheel with timing pointer. Due to the spark advance characteristics of this ignition system, this adjustment will result in a spark advance of 20° BTDC at 5500 RPM.



- a Full Throttle Stop Screw
- b Push Throttle Linkage Downward
- c 010" to 015" (025mm to 038mm) Clearance
- d Roller e Throttle Cam

Figure 7. Full Throttle Stop Adjustment



a - Idle Stop Screw

Figure 8. Idle RPM Adjustment

- 10. With engine not running, move throttle lever to wide-open-throttle (WOT) and adjust full throttle stop screw (Figure 7) to allow full throttle opening WOT. Make sure that throttle shutters do not act as a throttle stop. Allow .010" .015" (0.25mm to 0.38mm) clearance bet ween roller and throttle cam at WOT, as shown in Figure 7. Retighten nut on adjustment screw.
- 11. Reinstall sound box cover to engine and fasten fuel line connector to sound box.
- 12. Adjust engine idle RPM, as follows:

CAUTION: Engine idle RPM must NEVER exceed 750 RPM in gear.

- a. With engine in water, connect electrical harness and fuel line to engine. Start engine and allow to warm up.
- b. With throttle cable barrel removed from barrel retainer, adjust idle RPM to specified idle RPM with engine running in forward gear. (Figure 8) Retighten nut on adjustment screw.
- c. With end of throttle cable connected to throttle lever, hold throttle lever against idle stop. Adjust throttle cable barrel to slip into barrel retainer on cableanchor bracket with a very light preload of throttle lever against idle stop. Lock barrel in place.
- d. check preload on throttle cable by placing a thin piece of paper between idle stop screw and idle stop. Preload is correct when paper can be removed without tearing but has some drag on it. If necessary, readjust cable barrel.

IMPORTANT: Excessive preload on throttle cable will cause difficulty when shifting from forward *to* neutral. If necessary, readjust throttle cable barrel.

B. SERVICE TOOLS REQUIRED FOR REPAIR of 300 HP MODEL

The tools listed below are special service tools required for repair of the Merc V300 Outboard. Those tools marked (*) are new and can be ordered through your Distribution Center.

Powerhead Tools

91-52344	Flywheel Holder
91-73687A1	Flywheel Puller
91-90455	Lifting Eye
*91-92973AI	Piston Pin Installer
"91-93004A1	Lock Ring Installer

Lower Unit Tools

91-31108 91-31229A5 91-52915A3 91-52915A5	Oil Seal Driver Bearing Removal and Installing Kit Trim Cylinder Tester Kit Trim Cylinder Test
*91-92785AI •17-92786	Dial Indicator Clamp Pin, Water Pump Location
*17-92786 91-92787 *91-92788 *91-92789	Pin, Water Pump Location Tilt Lever Bushing Tool Pinion Bearing Installation Pinion Bearing Driver
*91-92769 *91-92790 *91-93227	Pinion Bearing Driver Pinion Location Plate Driveshaft Bearing Wrench

Ignition and Electrical Testing

76675A1	Reference Electrode
91-35507A2	Timing Light
91-52024AI	Remote Starter Switch
91-58222A1	Dial Indicator
91-59339	Tachometer and Dwell Meter
91-63998A1	Spark Gap Tester
91-76032	Magneto Analyzer
91-89045	Direct Voltage Adaptor
91-93572	VOA Meter
91-94089A1	Tachometer Tester

Miscellaneous

91-34569A1	Slide Hammer Puller
91-37241	Universal Puller Plate
91-46086A1	Bearing Puller Jaws