

## STORAGE

During the winter, or whenever your watercraft will not be in use for more than 30 days, proper storage is essential. It consists of checking and replacing missing or worn parts; lubricating parts to ensure that they do not become rusted; and, in general, preparing the watercraft so that when the time comes to use it again, it will be in top condition. See your Kawasaki JET SKI dealer for this service or do the following.

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### Preparation for Storage

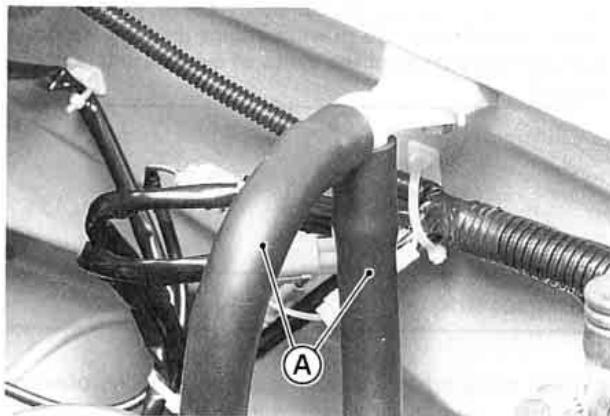
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#### Cooling System:

- Clean the cooling system (see the Cooling System Flushing section in the MAINTENANCE AND ADJUSTMENTS chapter).

#### Bilge System:

- Clean the bilge system (see the Bilge System Flushing section in the MAINTENANCE AND ADJUSTMENTS chapter), but before reconnecting the hoses to the plastic breather fitting, blow air through both hoses to force all water out of the bilge system.



A. Blow through both hoses.

#### Fuel System:

### ⚠ WARNING

Gasoline is extremely flammable and can be explosive under certain conditions. Pull the lanyard key off the stop button. Do not smoke. Make sure the area is well ventilated and free from any source of flame or sparks; this includes any appliance with a pilot light.

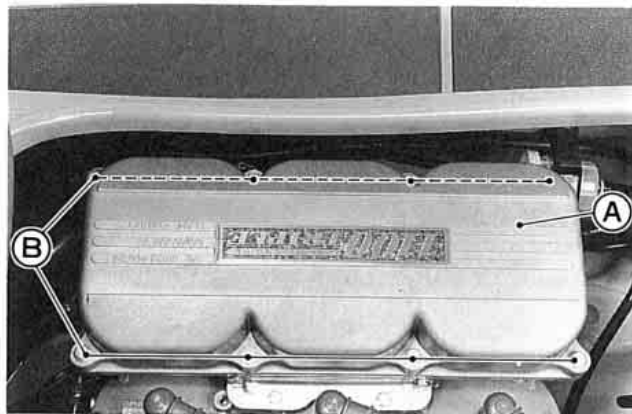
- Drain the fuel tank. This should be done with a siphon or pump.

- Inspect/clean the filter screens and inspect/replace the fuel filter (see the Fuel and Oil Systems section in the MAINTENANCE AND ADJUSTMENTS chapter).
- Leave the fuel filler cap loose to prevent condensation in the tank.
- Turn the ignition switch on.
- Push the lanyard key under the stop button, start the engine, and run it in 15 second periods until all fuel in the carburetor is used up. Wait 5 minutes between 15 second running periods.
- Pull the lanyard key off the stop button and turn the ignition switch off.

### CAUTION

Do not run the engine with the watercraft out of the water for more than 15 seconds at a time. Overheating will cause severe engine and exhaust system damage.

- Remove the air intake cover from the carburetor.

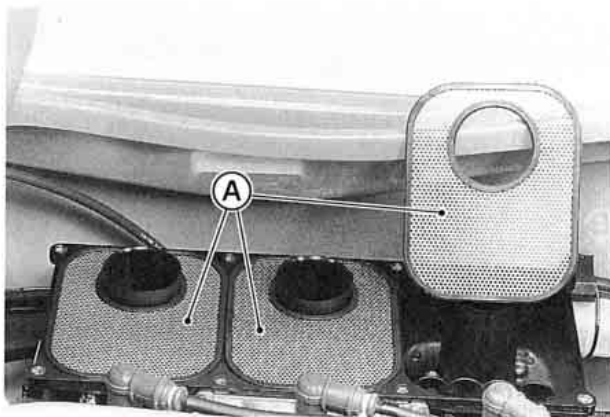


A. Air Intake Cover

B. Bolts

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- Take out the flame arrester elements and clean with compressed air, if necessary.



A. Flame Arrester Element

- Spray a penetrating rust inhibitor, such as WD40 or Bel-Ray 6 in 1 down the carburetor bore.
- Install the flame arrester elements. Both sides are identical.
- Reinstall the cover, tightening the bolts securely.

### Engine:

- Remove the spark plugs and push the plug caps fully onto the plug cap holder on the electric case.
- Pour one ounce of motor oil into each cylinder.

## CAUTION

Do not use too much oil, or the crank seals may be damaged when the engine is next started.

- Turn the ignition switch on.
- Push the lanyard key under the stop button. Turn the engine over several times at idle speed with the start button to coat the cylinder walls with oil.
- Pull the lanyard key off the stop button and turn the ignition switch off.
- Reinstall the spark plugs and caps.

### Battery:

- Remove the battery (see the Battery section in the MAINTENANCE AND ADJUSTMENTS chapter).
- Clean the exterior with a solution of baking soda and water (one heaping tablespoon of baking soda in one cup of water). Rinse thoroughly with water.

## CAUTION

Never remove the sealed cap, or the battery can be damaged.

- Coat both battery terminals with grease.
- Store the battery in a cool, dry place. Do not expose it to freezing temperatures. During storage it should be given a slow charge (one ampere or less) about once a

month. Keep the battery well charged especially during cold weather.

### Cleaning:

- Wash the engine compartment with fresh water and remove the drain screw in the stern to drain the water. Wipe up any water left in the compartment.
- Wash the exterior and dry it thoroughly.

## CAUTION

Use only a mild detergent in water to wash the watercraft. Harsh solvents may attack the surface or smear the colors.

- Apply a good grade of wax to all exterior hull surfaces.
- Lightly spray all exposed metal parts with a penetrating rust inhibitor, such as WD40 or BEL-RAY 6 in 1 to prevent corrosion.
- Remove the seat, or block it up with 10 mm (one half inch) spacers to insure adequate ventilation and prevent condensation from forming.
- Cover the watercraft and store it in a clean, dry place.

### Lubrication:

- Carry out all recommended lubrication procedures (see the Lubrication section in the MAINTENANCE AND ADJUSTMENTS chapter).

## Removal from Storage

The following procedure explains the steps necessary to put the watercraft back in service following a storage period. See your Kawasaki JET SKI dealer for this service, or do the following. See the MAINTENANCE AND ADJUSTMENTS chapter for detailed procedures.

- Carry out all recommended lubrication procedures (see the Lubrication section).
- Check for binding or sticking throttle, choke, steering or trim mechanism. The throttle lever must return fully when released.
- Clean and gap spark plugs (see the Spark Plug section).
- Check all rubber hoses for weathering, cracking, or looseness.
- Turn the craft on its **left side** on a protective pad, and remove the jet pump cover. Check cooling and bilge hoses for weathering, cracking or looseness.
- Replace them if necessary. Reinstall the cover and tighten securely.
- Check that the drain screw in the stern is securely tightened.
- Check the fire extinguisher for a full charge.
- Clean the terminals of the battery and charge if necessary. Install the battery (see the Battery section).

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- Inspect/replace the fuel filter screens and fuel filter (see the Fuel and Oil Systems section).
- Fill the fuel tank with fuel and close the filler cap securely.

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- After transporting or refueling and before starting the engine, open the storage compartment lid, take out the storage box and remove the seat for several minutes to ventilate the engine compartment.

### WARNING

A concentration of gasoline fumes in the engine compartment can cause a fire or explosion.

- Check for fuel leaks. Repair if necessary.
- Check/clean the oil filter.
- Check the engine oil level. Fill the oil tank with the specified oil.

### WARNING

Do not run the engine in a closed area. Exhaust gases contain carbon monoxide: a colorless, odorless, poisonous gas. Breathing exhaust gas leads to carbon monoxide poisoning, asphyxiation, and death.

- Start the engine and run it for 15 seconds. Check for fuel, oil and exhaust leaks. Any leaks must be repaired.

### CAUTION

Never run the engine with the watercraft out of the water for more than 15 seconds. Overheating will cause severe engine and exhaust system damage. Do not run the engine at maximum speed out of the water. Severe engine damage may result.

- Install the seat making sure it is locked.