



⑤ Recoil starter

4. Raise the choke lever and open the throttle approximately 1/4 to 1/3. Pull the recoil starter ⑤ slightly until compression is felt. With the engine against compression, pull the starter rope briskly to start.

If the engine does not start after several attempts, it may have become flooded with excess fuel. To clear the engine, turn the ignition switch OFF, open the choke, hold the throttle fully open, and pull the recoil starter rope several times. When the engine is cleared, turn the ignition switch ON and repeat the normal starting procedure, but do not use the choke.

**CAUTION:**

*Use of the choke after the engine warm-up may impair piston and cylinder lubrication.*

**NOTE:**

- \* Do not race the engine during the warm up period. Revving a cold engine wastes fuel and increases engine wear.
- \* In cold weather, leave the choke valve closed several minutes after the engine starts and then gradually open the choke as the engine warms up.