

# Starting & Stopping the Engine

## Using the Recoil Starter

The recoil starter is used to start the engine when the battery is low. To operate the recoil starter:

1. Check that the transmission is in neutral.
2. Grasp the starter grip (1) firmly, then pull it out slowly approximately 4 in (100 mm).
3. Pull the grip up briskly and fully.
4. After the engine starts, allow the starter grip to return slowly.

Pull the recoil starter grip straight out so that the cord does not touch the side cover. Repeated contact with the side cover can damage the starter cord.

If the starter grip does not return smoothly (because of dirt in the assembly), see your dealer.

### LEFT SIDE



(1) recoil starter grip

The engine cannot be started if the battery is disconnected, low or dead.

If the engine cannot be started with connecting the battery, charge the battery ([page 146](#)).

When the engine cannot be started even if the battery is charged, see your dealer.