

# Starting & Stopping the Engine

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## NOTICE

*Extended use of the choke may cause the spark plug to foul, impair piston and cylinder wall lubrication, and shorten the life of the engine.*

Do not race the engine during the warm-up period. Racing a cold engine wastes fuel and increases engine wear.

Snapping the throttle or fast idling for more than 5 minutes may cause exhaust pipe and muffler discolorations.

## Flooded Engine

If the engine fails to start after repeated attempts, it may be flooded with excess fuel. To clear a flooded engine:

1. Move the engine stop switch to OFF (r ).
2. Push the choke knob down all the way to fully OFF.
3. Open the throttle fully.
4. Press the start button for 5 seconds.
5. Wait 10 seconds, then turn the engine stop switch to RUN (e ).
6. Repeat the "Normal Air Temperature" starting procedure, but don't use the choke.

If the engine still won't start, refer to *If Your Engine Quits or Won't Start*, page 160.