

SEASONAL CHECKLIST / Storage preparation

Generator — Storage preparation

For portable gasoline generators. Standby, diesel, propane, and natural-gas systems need their own manufacturer procedures.

Model: _____ Date: _____ Miles / hours: _____

- ☐ Record the model, hours, oil requirement, and the manual's storage or standby-test schedule.
- ☐ Check the required oil service, including any separate break-in interval; keep suitable oil available.
- ☐ Inspect the air filter, spark plug, and fuel lines according to the manual.
- ☐ Follow the manufacturer's fuel-storage procedure; use fresh fuel and compatible treatment only as directed.
- ☐ Clean the unit when cool and inspect for leaks; arrange battery care if fitted.
- ☐ Label the storage date and next inspection or exercise date; keep the operating instructions with the unit.

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Notes / next service: _____

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- ☐ Inspect for leaks, blocked vents, wiring damage, and loose parts before use.
- ☐ Check oil level, fuel condition, air filter, and battery if fitted.
- ☐ Operate a portable generator outdoors, at least 20 feet from the home, with exhaust directed away from doors, windows, and vents; never in a garage.
- ☐ Use the manufacturer's connection and load instructions; never backfeed power through a wall outlet.
- ☐ Follow the prescribed startup and test procedure; shut down and allow cooling before refueling.
- ☐ Record hours, test results, and the next oil service or inspection date.

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