



# ISSUED: December 2, 2005 SUBJECT: Potential Fuel Leakage from Low-permeation Fuel Line MODELS OR EQUIPMENT MANUFACTURERS AFFECTED: See Attached List D.O.M. (date of manufacture) RANGE AFFECTED: 05241C thru 05286C (Dunlap – ALL EXCEPT TM049, TH098, TH139, OV358, OV490, OV691) 05256J thru 05286J (Corinth – ALL EXCEPT LV148/195), and 05272J thru 05286J (Corinth LV148/195 only)

We have discovered a potentially HAZARDOUS situation with engines manufactured at two different plants during the above listed D.O.M. ranges. This situation requires your **IMMEDIATE** attention to prevent any potential fuel leakage. Engines in the listed D.O.M. ranges have the potential for the fuel line to come loose at the fuel tank outlet/spud. Once an engine is confirmed to be in the affected Model, Specification, and D.O.M. range, the following inspection/repair must be done prior to use of the machine.

If you have sold any of the listed products since <u>August 29, 2005</u>, we are asking your coopertion in contacting the customer to ask them not to fuel or use the machine until it has been inspected.

# **Uncrated Inspection Process**

The first step is to identify the product by the OEM, Engine Model, Specification number and D.O.M. (see attached list to determine it is in the affected range). If the product is <u>not</u> within the affected range, record the OEM model and serial numbers and submit them on a copy of the attached repair log sheet along with a warranty claim. If a repair is required, proceed to Performing Repair section of this Service Bulletin. For permitted time, see Item 11 under the Performing Repair section of this Service Bulletin.

# **Crated or Boxed Units Inspection Process**

If the unit is still in the box and will stay boxed, the first step is to identify the product by the OEM, Engine Model, Specification number and D.O.M. (see attached list). If the product is <u>not</u> within the affected range, record the OEM model and serial numbers and submit them on a copy of the attached repair log sheet with a warranty claim. If a repair is required, proceed to Performing Repair section of this Service Bulletin. For permitted time, see Item 11 under the Performing Repair section of this Service Bulletin.

- 1. Carefully open the top of the box (if needed) to locate the position of the engine ID label and fuel tank (fig. 2).
- 2. Next, cut a small 3-sided flap at that same height as the engine ID label through the side of the box to view the ID label and determine if it is in the affected range. Dependent on the OEM container, this may require the use of a telescoping mechanics mirror and a flashlight to view the ID label (fig. 5). If you are doing multiple machines you may wish to make a template to cut a small opening in the side of the box to access the ID label and the fuel line if needed. If the unit is boxed, reseal it to sellable condition using clear tape.
- If the product is not affected, apply a BRIGHT GREEN 1" (25mm) diameter self-adhesive label (if labels are not available, a GREEN paint pen may be used) below each of the OEM's model identification decal or markings on the box containing the unaffected product (this may be as many as 4 locations per box see fig. 4). Remember to record all OEM numbers and Tecumseh Engine Model, Specification, and COMPLETE D.O.M. Numbers and submit them with your warranty claim and log sheet. This unit is now available to sell.
- 4. If the engine is in the affected range, proceed to performing repair.





Product that has been previously inspected and or repaired will be marked in one of two ways.

- 1. Crated/Boxed product that has been inspected or repaired will have a GREEN circle or self adhesive dot approximately 1" (25mm) diameter on the box. This will be located directly below the manufacturer's model/ serial identification number (fig. 4). This mark identifies the product as **GOOD** and may be sold and used.
- 2. Engines in the affected D.O.M. range that have been repaired will have a YELLOW paint mark on the fuel line, adjacent to the fuel tank outlet (fig. 3).

# **Performing Repair:**

Recommended tools and supplies:

- Tecumseh fuel line removal tool service part number 670382 or a 5/16" (8mm) or larger flat blade screwdriver is acceptable
- Spare fuel line clamp (if needed) service part number 26460
- Standard pliers
- Yellow paint pen
- Self adhesive GREEN dot 1" (25mm)
- Clear packaging tape
- Box knife and flat cardboard for template if needed
- Isopropyl alcohol
- Shop rags
- Copies of attached log sheet as needed
- 180-220 grit emery cloth approximately 3/4" (19mm) wide (replace after sanding every (10) tanks)
- Flashlight
- Telescoping mechanics mirror
- 1. If the unit is crated or boxed, you will need to cut a three sided flap in the box to gain access to the bottom of the fuel tank.
- 2. Using a standard pliers, slide the fuel line clamp down the line and then remove the line using line removal tool part number **670382** or a 5/16" (8mm) or larger flat blade screwdriver is acceptable. Use CAUTION not to pull or stretch the line.
- 3. Push the line to the side to prevent contamination as shown in (fig. 6).
- 4. Next use a small piece of 180-220 grit emery cloth to slightly ROUGH up the fuel tank spud, as shown in (fig. 6) one revolution is sufficient. DO NOT perform this in a vertical motion (fig. 7).
  NOTE: The emery cloth MUST be replaced after roughing every (10) spuds.
- 5. Next use isopropyl alcohol on clean rag to clean the tank spud and wet it for line installation.
- 6. While tank spud is still wet from the alcohol push the line back on. DO NOT twist or kink line. The line should be approximately 3/32" (2mm) from tank bottom. Re-install the clamp.
- 7. Next use a permanent YELLOW paint marker to place a dot on the line as shown in (fig. 3) to mark the unit as repaired. These paint markers are available at many hardware or automotive stores.
- 8. If the unit is boxed, reseal it to sellable condition using clear tape.
- 9. Place a 1" (25mm) diameter self adhesive GREEN dot (available at any office supply store) on the outside of the box below any OEM model/serial number location (this may be up to four per carton) as shown in fig. 4. If a self adhesive dot is not available use a GREEN paint pen and place a 1" (25mm) diameter circle in those locations (fig. 4).
- 10. Record all the OEM model and serial numbers on the attached log sheet and attach to the OPEESA warranty claim or online through Tecumsehwarranty.com and submit the claim. We will allow batch filing.
  - Paper filing must include the completed log sheet
  - Electronic batch filing will be allowed when the required information is submitted in Box 12 (fig. 1)



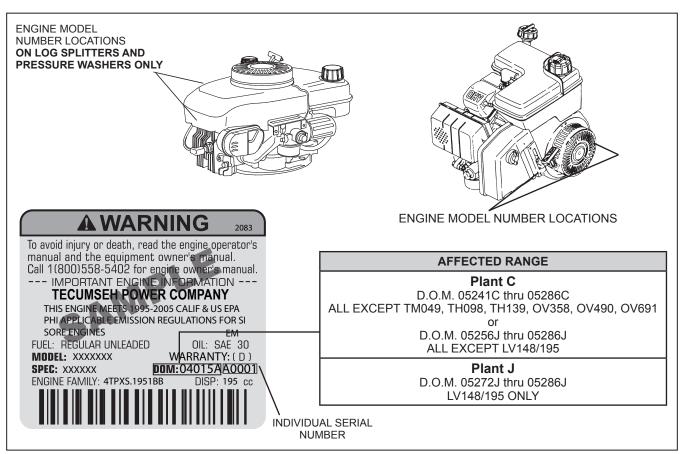


- 11. Charges will be allowed per the following:
  - a. Inspection without repair 15 minutes
  - b. Inspection with repair -30 minutes
  - c. Trip charge to repair outlet \$35
  - d. Miscellaneous shop material \$2 per unit

We appreciate your PROMPT attention to this issue.

Engine Model	Spec	Tecumseh D.O.M.	OEM Model	OEM Serial Number
OH358SA	223842F	05285C	3200XX50	2005111100

Figure 1







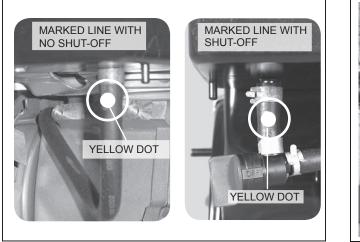


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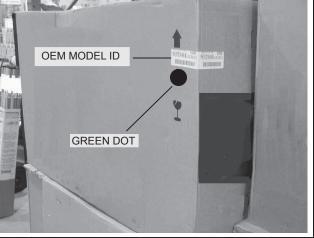


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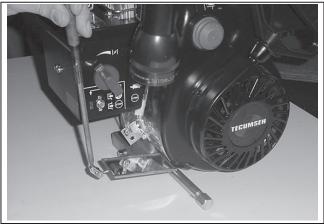
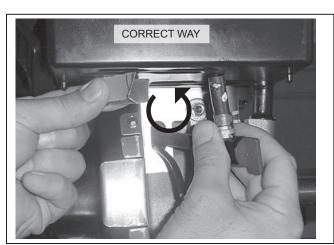


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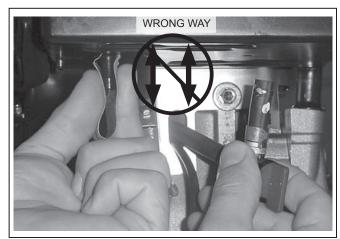


Figure 6





The following list of OEM's along with engine model and specification numbers are being provided to assist you in your evaluation of potentially affected equipment. Remember ONLY the engines in the D.O.M. range listed in the beginning are affected.

**Agri-Fab** HM80-155630Y **American Kleaner** LV148EA-334026B Ardisam LV195EA-361569D TV085XA-670127W TV085XA-670155W

### Ariens

LH195SP-67523D LH318SA-156582H LV195EA-361570D OH195SA-72551G OH195SA-72558G OH195SP-73503C OH195SP-73504C OH318EA-222719E OH318SA-221825B OH318SA-221826B OH358SA-223841F OH358SA-223842F OH358SA-223843F

## **Carter Brothers**

H35-45812B LV148EA-334041B OH195EA-71239G OH195EP-71813B

# Coleman

**Powermate** HM80-155722X LV195EA-361540D

EHP \* LH195SP-67524D LH318SA-156551H LH318SA-156589H LH358SA-159622A LH358SA-159628A OH195SA-72536G OH195SA-72549G OH318SA-221806B OH318SA-221807B OH318SA-221813B OH318SA-221814B OH318SA-221821B

# Feldmann

TV085XA-670119W TV085XA-670151W

# Hoffco

LV195EA-361579D

## **Ken-Bar**

H40-55820D OH195EA-71156G

**MEPCO** TV085XA-670149W

#### **MP** Pumps

H35-45801B OH195EA-71232G

#### **MTD \*\***

LH195SA-67418V LH195SA-67419V LH195SA-67424V LH195SP-67513D LH195SP-67514D LH195SP-67517D LH318SA-156553H LH318SA-156554H LH318SA-156568H LH318SA-156583H LH318SA-156584H LH318SA-156585H LH318SA-156586H LH318SA-156587H LH358SA-159502Z LH358SA-159503Z LH358SA-159506Z LH358SA-159513Z LH358SA-159517Z LH358SA-159614A LH358SA-159615A LH358SA-159617A LH358SA-159621A LH358SA-159624A LV195EA-361571D OH195EA-71268H OH195SA-72525G OH195SA-72528G OH195SA-72552G OH195SA-72556G OH195SA-72561G OH195SA-72562G OH318SA-221808B OH318SA-221816B OH318SA-221817B OH318SA-221830B OH318SA-221832B OH358SA-223828F OH358SA-223829F OH358SA-223830F OH358SA-223844F OV195EA-23514B

**MTD Products** Aktiengesellschaft OV195EA-23513A

Murrav \*\*\* LH318SA-156577H Northern Tool \*\*\*\* HM80-155713X LV148EA-334029B LV195EA-361556D LV195EA-361595D

## **Service Engines**

H30-36702C H35-45814B HM100-159376W HM100-159379V HM100-159451V HM80-155627X HM80-155656Y OH318EA-222722E TVM220-157264L TVM220-157299L TVM220-157308L LH358SA-159606A LV148EA-334040B LV195EA-362014C LV195EA-362046C OH318SA-221824B

## Riordan

HM80-155651Y HM80-155726Y

#### Toro

LH318SA-156563H LH318SA-156564H LH358SA-159625A LV195EA-362003C OH318SA-221812B

\* EHP units include the following brands - Husqvarna and Poulon

\*\* MTD units include the following brands - Yardman, Yard Machines, White, Troybilt, Cub Cadet \*\*\* Murray - Product is branded Craftsman Canada only \*\*\*\* Northern Tool is sold as North Star brand