



ISSUED: June 1998 REVISED: December 1999 SUBJECT: Recoil Starter Will Not Engage When Pulled MODELS OR TYPES AFFECTED: Small Frame (3 thru 6 HP) Horizontal and Vertical Engines with DOM 7335 thru 8150

We have decided to re-issue this bulletin to reduce improper replacement of complete recoils, when only the clip referenced below is required.

If you have experienced an occasion where the recoil starter will not engage when the rope is pulled, a simple repair may solve the problem. This repair will only affect starters that have the white plastic locking tab located in the top/center of the starter. The locking tab may be covered by a round protective decal or could be located in the recoil under a decorative cover. The decorative cover will have to be removed to allow for repair. However, it is not necessary to remove the recoil starter from the engine to make the repair.

To make the repair you need to remove the protective decal to expose the white plastic locking tab. Use a small flatblade screwdriver or needlenose pliers to pry up on the tab and remove it from the starter. Discard the old tab and replace it with a new metal locking tab part #590760, which also includes a new protective decal. Press the new metal locking tab down into the retainer until it snaps into place. Place the new protective decal over the tab hole to prevent any water or debris from entering the starter.

This procedure and paperwork should take approximately 15 minutes to complete. An ESA 157R warranty claim form should be filed through normal channels.

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