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## Step 1

#### **Battery Removal**

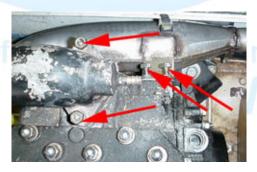


1.1 (Above) Remove the two retaining straps, disconnect the battery and remove it from the hull. Disconnect the negative (black) cable first, then the positive (red).

2.2 (Below) Remove the water by-pass line from the pipe.



2.3 (Below) Remove the four 10mm nuts / bolts from the exhaust manifold and bracket. Remove the exhaust pipe from the hull.



## Step 3

#### **Engine Removal**

3.1 (Below) Remove the three 10mm bolts securing the PTO shield and remove it. Remove the two 10mm bolts securing the flywheel electrical wire cap. Open the cap and disconnect the harness. **NOTE: DO NOT CUT THE WIRES!** 



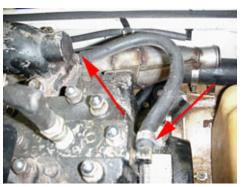
3.2 (Below) Disconnect the starter positive wire at the relay box with a 10mm socket.



## Step 2

#### **Exhaust Removal**

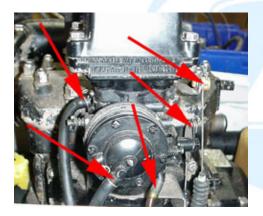
2.1 (Below) Remove the exhaust hose from the end of the pipe. Remove the water line from the pipe and the head.



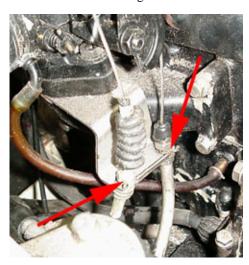
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Loosen the gas tank cap to relieve pressure. Be sure the fuel switch is turned to the "OFF" position, and be aware of any fuel that may spill from the hoses. Make sure the hull is cleared of any gasoline fumes before continuing work, especially with power tools.

3.3 (Below) Remove the fuel in, fuel return and pulse lines from the carb. Disconnect the throttle and choke cables from the carb.



3.4 (Below) Remove the throttle and choke cables from the mount with a 10mm wrench. Remove the engine from the hull.



## Step 4

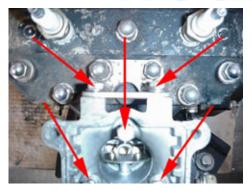
#### **Accessory Removal**

With the engine on the ground, workbench or some other solid surface, begin removing the external accessories that will NOT be shipped with the core.

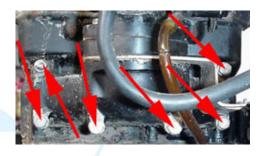
4.1 (Below) Remove the four 10mm bolts from the flame arrestor cover. Remove the flame arrestor screen.



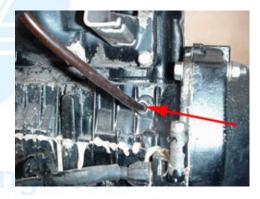
4.2 (Below) Remove the two 10mm bolts securing the carb to the brace. Remove the three 10mm bolts securing the carb to the manifold.



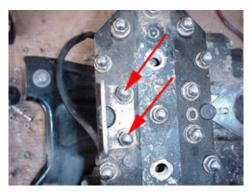
4.3 (Below) Remove the six 10mm bolts from the intake manifold. Remove the carb/manifold assembly.



4.4 (Below) Remove the pulse line hose from the case. Replace the hose if necessary.

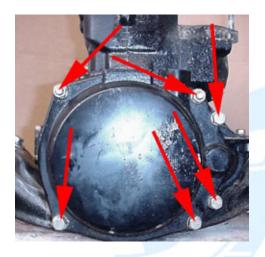


4.5 (Below) Remove the two 12mm nuts securing the carb brace to the head. Remove the brace and replace the nuts.

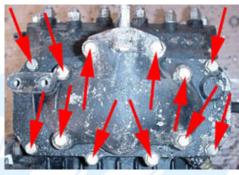


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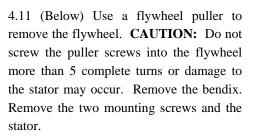
4.6 (Below) Remove the six 10mm bolts / nuts from the flywheel cover plate. Remove the cover.



4.8 (Below) Remove the 12 10mm bolts securing the exhaust manifold to the cylinders. Remove the manifold.



4.9 (Below) Remove the four 17mm bolts securing the engine mount plate and separate it from the engine.







4.7 (Above) Remove the two 10mm bolts securing the starter motor. Pull the starter motor firmly back and out of the flywheel housing.



4.10 (Below) Tap the nut retaining tabs back to gain access to the nut. Remove the flywheel nut with a 19mm socket.



4.12 (Above) Using a chain wrench, remove the PTO coupler.

The engine is now ready to be sent to SBT!

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## **Engine Installation**

#### Oil Injection

It is SBT's recommendation that the oil injection pump be disabled, and block-off plate(s) be installed prior to use of the new engine in your ski. This is only recommended to insure reliable lubrication and extended engine life for all our customer's PWCs. Re-use of your functioning oil injection pump, if so equipped, does not void your warranty.

#### **Paper Gaskets**

It is SBT's recommendation that all paper gaskets be treated with Loctite® High-Tack Gasket Sealer prior to installation. Read and follow all instructions on the product canister to insure good gasket sealing on your new engine.

#### **Special Gaskets**

It is SBT's recommendation that all exhaust gaskets be sealed with Loctite® Copper Gasket Adhesive prior to installation. Read and follow all instructions on the product canister to insure good gasket sealing on your new engine.

#### **Bolts**

It is SBT's recommendation that all bolts be treated with Loctite® Medium Strength Threadlocker Blue (242) during assembly.

#### **Break-In Oil**

It is SBT's requirement that the new engine be broken-in with additional oil in the fuel supply for the first tank. Follow the mixing chart on the back of the bottle to determine quantity needed.

#### **Electrical Connections**

It is SBT's recommendation that all electrical connections be sanded, cleaned and secured during the assembly process. It is a common problem to not have solid connections due to corrosion, paint, poor wire condition, etc.

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Follow the removal steps in reverse order						
to	install	your	new	SBT	short	block
assembly:						

**4.4** Install the pulse line hose to the case.

- **4.3** Using a new gasket on both sides of the reeds, install the intake manifold.
- **2.2** Attach the water by-pass line to the

- 4.12 Install the PTO coupler.
  - Torque to 20 ft. lbs.

- Torque to 52 in. lbs.
- **2.1** Attach the water inlet line and rubber coupler.

- 4.11 Install the bendix. Install the stator. Line the timing mark up with the case split.
- 4.2 Secure the carb to the manifold and brace.

4.1 Install the Flame arrestor screen and

Torque to 16 ft. lbs.

Torque to 52 in. lbs.

cover.

**1.1** Attach the battery.

- **4.10** Install the flywheel and nut.
  - Torque to 115 ft. lbs.
- **4.9** Install the engine mount plate.
  - Torque to 35 ft. lbs.
- **4.8** Using a new gasket, install the exhaust manifold.
  - Torque to 8 ft. lbs.

- **3.4** Place the engine in the hull. Install the engine mount bolts. Attach the carb control lines to the brace.
  - Torque to 27 ft. lbs.

cables to the carb.

**4.7** Install the starter.

- Torque to 12 ft. lbs.
- **4.6** Using a new gasket, install the flywheel cover.
  - Torque to 12 ft. lbs.

3.2 Attach the positive starter wire to the relay.

3.3 Connect the carb fuel lines, and control

Torque to 52 in. lbs.

- 3.1 Install the PTO coupler shield. Attach the electrical harness and replace the cover.

- **4.5** Install the carb brace.
  - Torque to 12 ft. lbs.
- **2.3** Install the exhaust bracket and pipe.
  - Torque to 12 ft. lbs.

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### **Sockets**

- 10mm
- 12mm
- 17mm
- 19mm

### Misc.

- Ratchet
- Long socket extension
- Short socket extension
- Screwdrivers
- Universal flywheel puller (Available at most major auto parts stores for rent/lend/purchase)

### **Tools Needed:**

# Sealers / Lubricants

- Loctite® Copper Gasket Adhesive
- Loctite® 2 Gasket Sealer
- Loctite® Medium Threadlocker (Blue) 242
- Loctite® High-Tach
- SBT Break-In Oil

### **Parts**

- External Gasket Kit
- Zip-Ties

## **Wrenches**

- Torque wrench
- Chain wrench
- 10mm
- Allen wrenches