

How to Check and Add Oil while generator is powering your home

**( MUST CHECK OIL EVERY 24 HOURS OF STRAIGHT RUNTIME)**

- 1 The generator cannot be running while checking/ adding oil. You must shut unit off before checking oil if running.
  - a. Turn off the circuit breaker on the generator (Kohler generators the breaker is located below the controller)
  - b. Push the “Off” button (if your generator does not have the off button and is equipped with a switch rock switch to off position) on the generator. Note this is not the switch that is labeled Prime Mover.
- 2 Let the generator sit for a minute (this way oil can work its way back into the oil pan for an accurate reading)
- 3 Pull the dip stick, wipe clean with a rag, reinsert dipstick, pull back out and check the oil level (oil level should be as close to the F/Top Line/ or Top Hole whatever your dipstick has for markings as possible.)
- 4 Add oil if needed (small amounts at a time) 5w-30 Synthetic for propane units. Check manual for detailed location if you cannot locate the valve cover location for the oil cap/plug
- 5 Reinstall oil cap/ plug and make sure it is secure
- 6 Put generator back into automatic mode.
  - a. Push the “Auto” button (or rock switch back into auto)
  - b. Turn on the circuit breaker (after the generator is running if during an outage, if not during an outage make sure you turn breaker back on before you close generator back up)

**AIR COOLED GENERATORS TYICALLY HOLD ONLY 2 QUARTS OF OIL WHEN THEY ARE COMPLETELY EMPTY! NEVER POUR AN ENTIRE QUART INTO THE GENERATOR AT ONE TIME. ALWAYS ADD ¼ OF A QUART AT A TIME AND KEEP RECHECKING. OVER FILLING COULD CAUSING DAMAGE TO THE ENGINE, WHICH MAY NOT BE COVERED UNDER WARRANTY CIRCUMSTANCES!!!**