

If Your Engine Quits or Won't Start

SYMPTOM: Starter motor doesn't operate.	
POSSIBLE CAUSE	WHAT TO DO
ignition switch OFF	Turn the ignition switch ON.
transmission not in neutral	Shift into neutral.
blown fuse	Replace with a new fuse of the same rating (page 187).
battery lead loose	Tighten the battery lead.
low (or dead) battery	Charge the battery (page 158). If charging doesn't help, see your dealer.
faulty starter motor	If all possible causes are negative, the starter motor may be faulty. See your dealer.

SYMPTOM: Starter motor works, but the engine won't start.	
POSSIBLE CAUSE	WHAT TO DO
engine stop switch OFF	Turn the engine stop switch to RUN.
out of fuel	Fill the fuel tank.
flooded engine	See <i>Flooded Engine</i> (page 50).
loose or unconnected spark plug cap	Install the spark plug cap securely. If the engine still won't start, see your dealer.
not enough throttle freeplay	Check the throttle freeplay (page 110).
loose battery cables	Tighten the battery terminal bolts.
weak battery	Charge the battery (page 158). If charging doesn't help, see your dealer.