SECTION 1 – SAFETY PRECAUTIONS – READ BEFORE USING

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Protect yourself and others from injury—read, follow, and save these important safety precautions and operating instructions.

1-1. Symbol Usage



DANGER! – Indicates a hazardous situation which, if not avoided, will result in death or serious injury. The possible hazards are shown in the adjoining symbols or explained in the text.



Indicates a hazardous situation which, if not avoided, could result in death or serious injury. The possible hazards are shown in the adjoining symbols or explained in the text.

NOTICE - Indicates statements not related to personal injury.

Indicates special instructions.



This group of symbols means Warning! Watch Out! ELECTRIC SHOCK, MOVING PARTS, and HOT PARTS hazards. Consult symbols and related instructions below for necessary actions to avoid these hazards.

1-2. Hazards



The symbols shown below are used throughout this manual to call attention to and identify possible hazards. When you see the symbol, watch out, and follow the related instructions to avoid the hazard. The safety information given below is only a summary of the more complete safety information found in the Principal Safety Standards. Read and follow all Safety Standards.



Only qualified persons should install, operate, maintain, and repair this equipment. A qualified person is defined as one who, by possession of a recognized degree, certificate, or professional standing, or who by extensive knowledge, training and experience, has successfully demonstrated the ability to solve or resolve problems relating to the subject matter, the work, or the project and has received safety training to recognize and avoid the hazards involved.



During operation, keep everybody, especially children, away.



ELECTRIC SHOCK can kill.

Touching live electrical parts can cause fatal shocks or severe burns. The input power circuit and machine internal circuits are also live when power is on. Incorrectly installed or improperly

grounded equipment is a hazard.

- Do not touch live electrical parts.
- Disconnect input power or stop engine before installing or servicing this equipment. Lockout/tagout input power according to OSHA 29 CFR 1910.147 (see Safety Standards).
- Properly install, ground, and operate this equipment according to its Owner's Manual and national, state, and local codes.
- When making connections, attach proper grounding conductor first—double-check connections.
- Keep cords dry, free of oil and grease.
- Frequently inspect power cord and ground conductor for damage or bare wiring—replace immediately if damaged—bare wiring can kill.
- Turn off all equipment when not in use.
- Use only well-maintained equipment. Repair or replace damaged parts at once. Maintain unit according to manual.
- Wear a safety harness if working above floor level.
- Keep all panels and covers securely in place.
- Use GFCI protection when operating auxiliary equipment. Test GFCI receptacles at high speed.



BATTERY EXPLOSION can injure.

 Always wear a face shield, rubber gloves, and protective clothing when working on a battery.

- Stop engine before disconnecting or connecting battery cables, battery charging cables (if applicable), or servicing battery.
- Do not allow tools to cause sparks when working on a battery.
- Observe correct polarity (+ and -) on batteries.
- Disconnect negative (-) cable first and connect it last.
- Keep sparks, flames, cigarettes, and other ignition sources away from batteries. Batteries produce explosive gases during normal operation and when being charged.
- Follow battery manufacturer's instructions when working on or near a battery. See Battery Service Manual (listed in Safety Standards) for additional information.



MOVING PARTS can injure.

- Keep away from moving parts such as fans, belts, and rotors.
- Keep all doors, panels, covers, and guards closed and securely in place.
- Stop engine before installing or connecting unit.
- Have only qualified persons remove doors, panels, covers, or guards for maintenance and troubleshooting as necessary.
- To prevent accidental starting during servicing, disconnect negative (-) battery cable from battery.
- Keep hands, hair, loose clothing, and tools away from moving parts.
- Reinstall doors, panels, covers, or guards when servicing is finished and before starting engine.
- Before working on generator, remove spark plugs or injectors to keep engine from kicking back or starting.
- Block flywheel so that it will not turn while working on generator components.



HOT PARTS can burn.

- Do not touch hot parts bare handed.
- Allow cooling period before working on equipment.
- To handle hot parts, use proper tools and/or wear heavy, insulated welding gloves and clothing to

prevent burns.



BATTERY ACID can BURN SKIN and EYES.

- Do not tip battery.
- Replace damaged battery.
- Flush eyes and skin immediately with water.



FALLING EQUIPMENT can injure.

- Use correct procedures and equipment of adequate capacity to lift and support unit.
- Follow the guidelines in the Applications Manual for the Revised NIOSH Lifting Equation (Publica-

tion No. 94-110) when manually lifting heavy parts or equipment.



OVERHEATING can damage motors.

- Turn off or unplug equipment before starting or stopping engine.
- Do not let low voltage and frequency caused by low engine speed damage electric motors.
- Use only equipment suitable for operation on 60 or 50/60 Hz power.



STATIC (ESD) can damage PC boards.

 Put on grounded wrist strap BEFORE handling boards or parts. Use proper static-proof bags and boxes to store, move, or ship PC boards



READ INSTRUCTIONS.

- Read and follow all labels and the Owner's Manual carefully before installing, operating, or servicing unit. Read the safety information at the beginning of the manual and in each section.
- Use only genuine replacement parts from the manufacturer.
- Perform installation, maintenance, and service according to the Owner's Manuals, industry standards, and national, state, and local codes.

1-3. California Proposition 65 Warnings



WARNING – This product can expose you to chemicals including lead, which are known to the state of California to cause cancer and birth defects or other reproductive harm.

For more information, go to www.P65Warnings.ca.gov.

1-4. Principal Safety Standards

National Electrical Code, NFPA Standard 70 from National Fire Protection Association. Website: www.nfpa.org.

OSHA, Occupational Safety and Health Standards for General Industry, Title 29, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Part 1910.177 Subpart N, Part 1910 Subpart Q, and Part 1926, Subpart J. Website: www.osha.gov.

Safe Practice For Occupational And Educational Eye And Face Protection, ANSI Standard Z87.1, from American National Standards Institute. Website: www.ansi.org.

Applications Manual for the Revised NIOSH Lifting Equation from the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH). Website: www.cdc.gov/NIOSH.

Battery Service Manual from the Battery Council International. Website: www.batterycouncil.org.

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