

## YAMAHA MOTOR CORPORATION, U.S.A.

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# IMPORTANT SAFETY RECALL NOTICE

Dear Yamaha Owner:

Yamaha has decided that a possible defect that relates to safety may exist in certain F2.5MSH, F4SMHA/LMHA, and F6SMHA/LMHA outboard motors. Our records indicate that you own the affected outboard motor shown above.

The reason for this recall:

In affected outboards, the fuel cap may have been assembled with a gasket that is not properly fuel resistant. As a result, the gasket material could deteriorate and lose sealing ability. Fuel could then leak past the cap, especially while the outboard is being carried or stored horizontally, increasing the risk of fire.

What Yamaha and your dealer will do:

To correct this defect, we have enclosed a free replacement fuel cap for your outboard motor. This cap was manufactured with the correct gasket material.

What you should do now:

You can probably replace the fuel cap yourself easily. Instructions are provided on the back of this letter.

If you prefer, however, you can also take your outboard motor to your Yamaha dealer to have them install the fuel cap for you at no charge. **Do not transport the motor to your dealer horizontally with fuel in the fuel tank.** If you will be asking your Yamaha dealer to perform this modification, please call first to make a service appointment. If you are unable to return to the Yamaha dealer who sold you the outboard motor, this service will be performed by any authorized Yamaha Marine dealer. For the name of a dealer near you, call 1-800-88-YAMAHA or visit the Yamaha web site at: www.yamaha-motor.com.

When you have replaced the fuel cap, either by yourself or at your dealer, please complete and mail the enclosed postpaid card back to Yamaha.

Until the new fuel cap is replaced, you should not operate the motor. Also, do not carry or store the motor horizontally if there is fuel in the fuel tank.

If you have had this repair performed before you received this letter, you may be entitled to receive reimbursement for the cost of obtaining a pre-notification remedy of the problem associated with this repair. For more information, contact Yamaha Customer Relations at 1-866-894-1626.

If you need help:

If, after contacting your dealership, you have questions or concerns which the dealership is unable to answer, please write to:

Yamaha Motor Corporation, U.S.A. Outboard Customer Relations Department 1270 Chastain Road Kennesaw, GA 30144 or call (866) 894-1626

If you no longer own this Yamaha:

If you have sold your outboard motor to another party, please call us toll-free at 1-866-894-1626 with the name and address of the new owner, along with the serial number shown to the right of your name and address above.

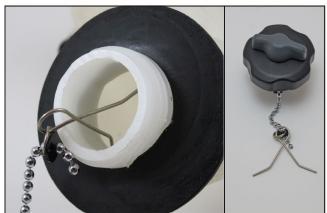
We're sorry to cause you any inconvenience, but we are sincerely concerned about your safety and continued satisfaction with our products. Thank you for giving your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely, Customer Support Group Yamaha Motor Corporation, U.S.A.

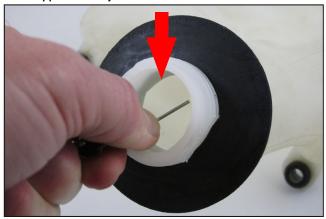
### **FUEL CAP REPLACEMENT PROCEDURE**

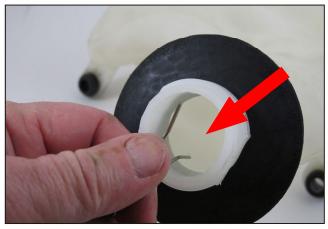
#### F2.5MSH

- Be sure the outboard motor is placed securely in a vertical position (mounted on a stand or boat transom).
- Open the filler cap and lift it up until the metal stopper wire on the end of the ball chain is accessible in the fuel filler hole.



Press one leg of the metal stopper wire against the side of the fuel filler hole. Press the other leg down toward the first leg and pull the fuel cap assembly from the tank. NOTICE: Be careful not to scratch the tank opening or cowling with the metal stopper wire as you remove it.





Install the new fuel cap assembly by squeezing the metal stopper wire and inserting it into the tank. Press the legs against the side of the filler neck as before if needed. Install and tighten the fuel cap securely.

# **A**WARNING

Dispose of the old fuel cap so it is not accidentally reused.

### F4SMHA/LMHA and F6SMHA/LMHA

- Be sure the outboard motor is placed securely in a vertical position (mounted on a stand or boat transom).
- 2. Open the filler cap. While grasping the cap, unscrew (counterclockwise) the plastic retainer from the threads of the tank filler



Install the new fuel cap by first screwing the plastic retainer (clockwise) onto the threads until it stops at the bottom of the threaded area. Install and tighten the fuel cap securely.

## **AWARNING**

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### IF YOU AREN'T SURE WHICH CAP IS THE NEW ONE

The washer on the under side of the new cap is larger.



