

2002, 2003, and 2004 F225, LF225, F200, and LF200 FACTORY MODIFICATION CAMPAIGN – Throttle Linkage Bushings Yamaha Technical Bulletin O2003-019

Yamaha Motor Corporation, U.S.A. posts this notice as a service to Yamaha customers and potential Yamaha customers. Yamaha Motor Corporation, USA has decided that a possible defect relating to safety may exist in certain 2002, 2003, and 2004 model F225, LF225, F200, and LF200 outboard motors. This bulletin was originally released September 17, 2003.

Affected Models

Check the affected range carefully. Units outside this limited range are not affected.

2002:	F225TXRA	69J-000101 ~ 005087
	F225TURA	69J-150101 ~ 150769
	LF225TXRA	69K-000101 ~ 001809
	LF225TURA	69K-100101 ~ 100368
	F200TXRA	60L-600101 ~ 601968
	LF200TXRA	60M-600101 ~ 600532
2003:	F225TXRB	69J-1000001 ~ 1007258
	F225TURB	69J-1000001 ~ 1007378
	LF225TXRB	69K-1000001 ~ 1002512
	LF225TURB	69K-1000001 ~ 1002603
	F200TXRB	60L-1000001 ~ 1001798
	LF200TXRB	60M-1000001 ~ 1000372
2004:	F225TXRC	69J-1007259 ~ 1010635
	F225TURC	69J-1007379 ~ 1010635
	LF225TXRC	69K-1002513 ~ 1003720
	LF225TURC	69K-1002604 ~ 1003720
	F200TXRC	60L-1001799 ~ 1002870
	LF200TXRC	60M-1000373 ~ 1000595

The reason for this recall: In affected outboards, there could be corrosion and/or lack of lubrication on the throttle linkage that creates excessive drag on the linkage bushings. This drag could prevent the throttle from returning all the way to idle after operating at cruising speeds. Instead, the engine might stay at a fast idle speed that could prevent the operator from shifting the remote control into Neutral unless the engine is shut off. The inability to shift into Neutral without shutting off the engine could result in an accident with personal injury.

What Yamaha and your dealer will do: To correct this possible defect, Yamaha is initiating a Factory Modification Campaign. All units in the affected range must have the throttle linkage bushings replaced with new ones of a different type. During installation, the throttle linkage components must be carefully inspected and cleaned of any corrosion, and be thoroughly lubricated. There will be no cost to the customer for this service.

What you should do now: Do not operate your outboard motor until this important modification is performed.

If you are not the first owner of the outboard motor, and are unsure if this modification has been done, contact any authorized Yamaha Marine Dealer to check. Any authorized Yamaha Marine Dealer can perform this service. For the name and location of a dealer near you, call 1-800-88-YAMAHA or visit the Dealer Locator section of this website.