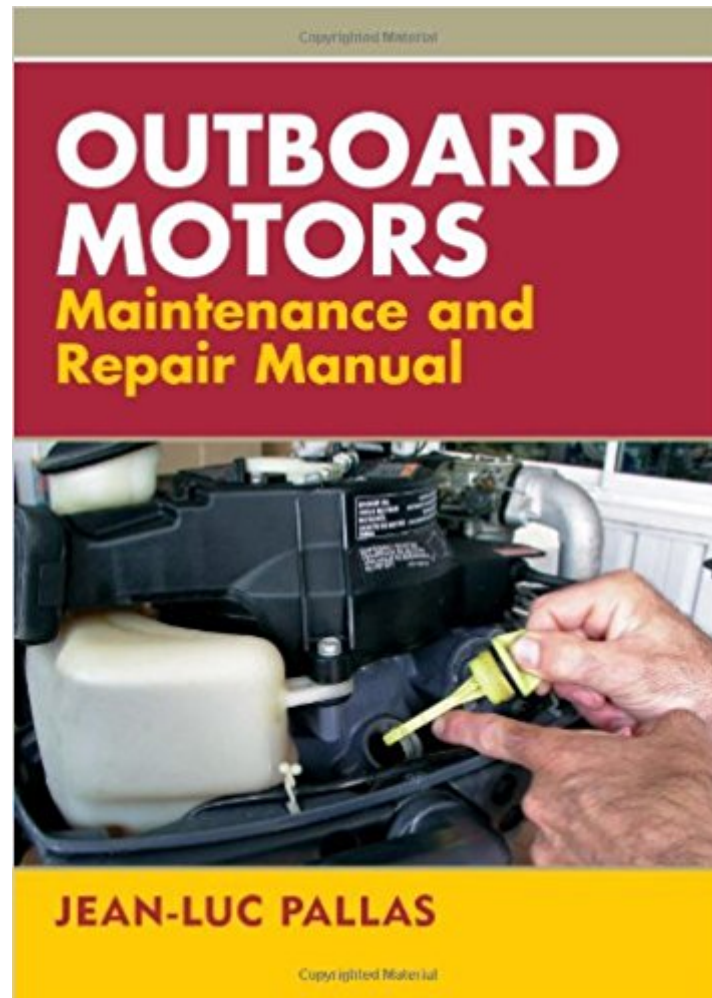




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Outboard Motors Maintenance And Repair Manual



Synopsis

The aim of this book, with its superb step by step photographs and detailed diagrams is to enable every owner to understand the workings of an outboard motor (2 or 4 stroke) and be able to fix it with relative ease. It includes: an explanation of the different parts that make up the engine and how they interact; how fuel is transformed into propulsion; regular maintenance and repair worksheets to help even the most mechanically ignorant to work on their outboard engine with confidence; the most common causes of breakdown; troubleshooting tables to allow you to diagnose and fix the most common engine problems and advice on how to winterize your outboard in one short afternoon. After reading this book, your outboard will no longer be a potential bother to you but an ally for better boating.

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Customer Reviews

This maintenance and repair manual provides everything you need to know about maintaining and fixing outboard engines. Simple maintenance tasks are covered along with problem areas and troubleshooting tables to help you diagnose problems. Step-by-step photographs and detailed diagrams help make it easy. (Latitudes & Attitudes) A number of good books deal with outboard motor or diesel engine maintenance and repair, but these two [Marine Diesel Engines Maintenance and Repair Manual and Outboard Motors Maintenance and Repair Manual] come out on top for several reasons. In addition to providing clear descriptions, these easy-to-read books contain step-by-step photographs and graphics that make maintenance and repairs understandable. In the

Marine Diesel Engines Maintenance and Repair Manual, the author also describes sail-drive operation, which makes this the only book I know of with such detailed information about the sail-drive propulsion system. The author also breaks down maintenance and repair projects so boat owners will know whether to attempt the repair or call a mechanic. For example, a green wrench indicates a simple repair for the average person, a yellow wrench means that the repair requires some skill, and a purple wrench indicates that the job is complex. When I see a purple wrench, I know it's time to call my mechanic. . . . I highly recommend both books. As with a good novel, I could not put them down and am now ready to tackle some work on my small outboard motor and inboard diesel engine. (The Ensign)

In this volume, which includes a profusion of diagrams and photographs, Jean-Luc Pallas, professor of Recreational Mechanics at La Rochelle Technical College in France, provides a most valuable resource for all outboard engine users, ranging from those who allocate all maintenance and repair to others to dedicated do-it-yourselfers willing to tackle serious maintenance and repair tasks themselves. My comments are from the perspective of a long-time sailboat owner who now operates a small-scale solo sailboat repair business on Chesapeake Bay. Though individual engines may vary, general principles governing the care and feeding of the numerous brands of both 2-owners will, in addition to owning useful volumes such as the one reviewed here, purchase engine-specific repair manuals to supplement the meager information supplied when most engines are purchased. The more information one has, the less likely one is to be taken in or cheated by less-than-straightforward mechanics or repair facilities. This book begins with information on the theory and operation of 2- and 4-cycle outboards. Their anatomy, operation, and terminology are explored thoroughly, supplemented with numerous diagrams, photos, and drawings. Essays on fuel, ignition, cooling, drive systems and lubrication are included among the topics covered. Following the theory and operation section is an extensive review of maintenance, along with an extensive list of hands-on tasks, ranging from checking and changing spark-plugs to carburetor adjustments to battery maintenance. A chapter on breakdowns follows. Such events always seem to occur at the most inconvenient times, making this portion of a list of problems, along with listings of probable causes for each problem area. The repair solutions suggested provide a good troubleshooting guide to getting oneself out of difficulty. The volume ends with an extensive, illustrated essay on laying up and storing the outboard at the end of a season. A (lengths, liquids, capacities, weights, etc.) provides an end piece for this useful book, along with a useful index. This reasonably priced volume would be a worthy addition to any outboard owner's bookshelf! (Good Old Boat)

Jean-Luc Pallas is Professor of Recreational Marine Mechanics at La Rochelle Technical College and has always had a passion for boats and the sea. He has raced open ocean Formula 28s, fine-tuned the engines of open 60s and repaired the engines of a vast array of everyday cruising boats. His enthusiasm for passing on his knowledge in the clearest possible way is paramount in this ground-breaking work.

PERFECT-great photos and illustrations-simple and advanced-not specific for outboard/motor but covers all the basics and more technical if needed

Subject covered nicely. Good pictures. Covers current motors well but not vintage

Good if you don't know anything about motors or outboards

I really liked this book. Borrowed it from library first and then bought one for myself. Good info on why and how to. Clear descriptions of steps, excellent pictures to clarify. Not specific to any particular brand of motor.

Good for beginners

This manual was ordered for me to be able for me to make my own repairs to my outboard motors and is very useful resources and I save a ton of money doing the repairs myself.

This is a great book, but not a book for the novice. I'm a novice. What it did do, however, was familiarize me enough with my engine so when the guy came to repair it, I "knew" what he was talking about. And, I could stand around and nod my head when folks used words like "impeller." Can i repair an engine? Not yet. But with this book, and looking over someone's shoulder, I should be able to some day. The book talks about two stroke and four stroke engines, and for the novice, this can sometimes be confusing as they switch back and forth, and I was sometimes confused if they were talking about "my" engine or the other size engine. That's just me. I know that when I KNOW it won't matter, but for now... I wish there was one book for four stroke motors, and one for two stroke -- but no big deal.

This book is a good one for the boat owner who likes to do the small fixes himself. not as detailed as

i would have liked but still very good for the basics. it can save you a few dollars doing the small jobs yourself

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