

# Small Engine Technology: Grades 10, 11, 12

Adopted 2002

## Small Engines in Agriculture

### 1.1 Define terms

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### 1.2 Identify uses of small gas engines in the agricultural industry

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### 1.3 List safety precautions that should be taken when working with small engines

1. View a video showing the proper use of small engines and safety precautions that should be followed [1.3.1](#)
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### 1.4 Discuss careers in agriculture that require knowledge of small engines

1. Research a career in small engines to determine the education requirements, working conditions, and salary [1.4.1](#)
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### 1.5 Identify FFA opportunities for students interested in small engines

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## Small Engine Tools

### 2.1 Define terms

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### 2.2 Explain why special tools are needed when working on small engines

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### 2.3 Identify small engine measuring tools and their uses

1. Demonstrate the ability to use an inside micrometer [2.3.1](#)
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### 2.4 Describe tools used in the operation, maintenance, and repair of small engines

1. Demonstrate the ability to fit tools associated with small engines [2.4.1](#)
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## Engine Identification & Inspection

### 3.1 Define terms

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### 3.2 Compare the characteristics of two-cycle and four-cycle engines

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### 3.3 Explain the types of information found on the small engine nameplate

1. Locate model, type, code, and specification information on a nameplate [3.3.1](#)
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### 3.4 Identify crankshaft operating position

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## Principles of Operation of Four-Cycle Engines

### 4.1 Define terms

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#### **4.2 Identify the major engine components and their functions**

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#### **4.3 Analyze the strokes of a four-cycle engine**

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#### **4.4 Distinguish between valve arrangement patterns**

1. Analyze valve timing with respect to crankshaft rotation [4.4.1](#)
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### **Small Engine Systems**

#### **5.1 Define terms**

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#### **5.2 Compare breaker points and electronic ignition systems**

1. Demonstrate the ability to service applicable ignition systems [5.2.1](#)
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#### **5.3 Identify engine components associated with lubrication**

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#### **5.4 Describe various types of lubrication systems**

1. Demonstrate the ability to check level of lubricant and add lubricant if needed [5.4.1](#)
  2. Demonstrate the ability to change engine oil and filter [5.4.2](#)
  3. Demonstrate the ability to service the crankcase breather [5.4.3](#)
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#### **5.5 Identify types of starting systems**

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#### **5.6 List parts of a recoil starter system and their functions**

1. Demonstrate the ability to serve the recoil starting system [5.6.1](#)
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#### **5.7 Identify the components of a charging system and their functions**

1. Demonstrate the ability to service the charging system [5.7.1](#)
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#### **5.8 List the types of cooling systems**

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#### **5.9 Identify the components of an air-cooled system and their functions**

1. Demonstrate the ability to service an air-cooled system [5.9.1](#)
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#### **5.10 Identify the different types of carburetors used on small gas engines**

1. Demonstrate the ability to rebuild a carburetor [5.10.1](#)
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#### **5.11 List the components of a fuel system and their functions**

1. Demonstrate the ability to service the fuel system [5.11.1](#)
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#### **5.12 List the types of governor systems**

1. Demonstrate the ability to service the governor system [5.12.1](#)
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#### **5.13 Identify the components of governor systems and their functions**

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#### **5.14 Explain the function of the exhaust system**

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**5.15 Discuss hazards associated with exhaust systems**

1. Demonstrate the ability to service an exhaust system [5.15.1](#)
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**Troubleshooting****6.1 Define terms****6.2 List the steps in troubleshooting an engine**

1. Demonstrate the ability to troubleshoot an engine [6.2.1](#)
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**Overhauling &  
Rebuilding the Four-  
Cycle Engine****7.1 Define terms****7.2 List the major steps in disassembly of four-cycle engines****7.3 List the major steps in reassembly of four-cycle engines**

1. Demonstrate the ability to overhaul a four-cycle engine, including the following activities: cylinder resizing, valve grinding, valve seat refacing, and valve guide rebushing [7.3.1](#)