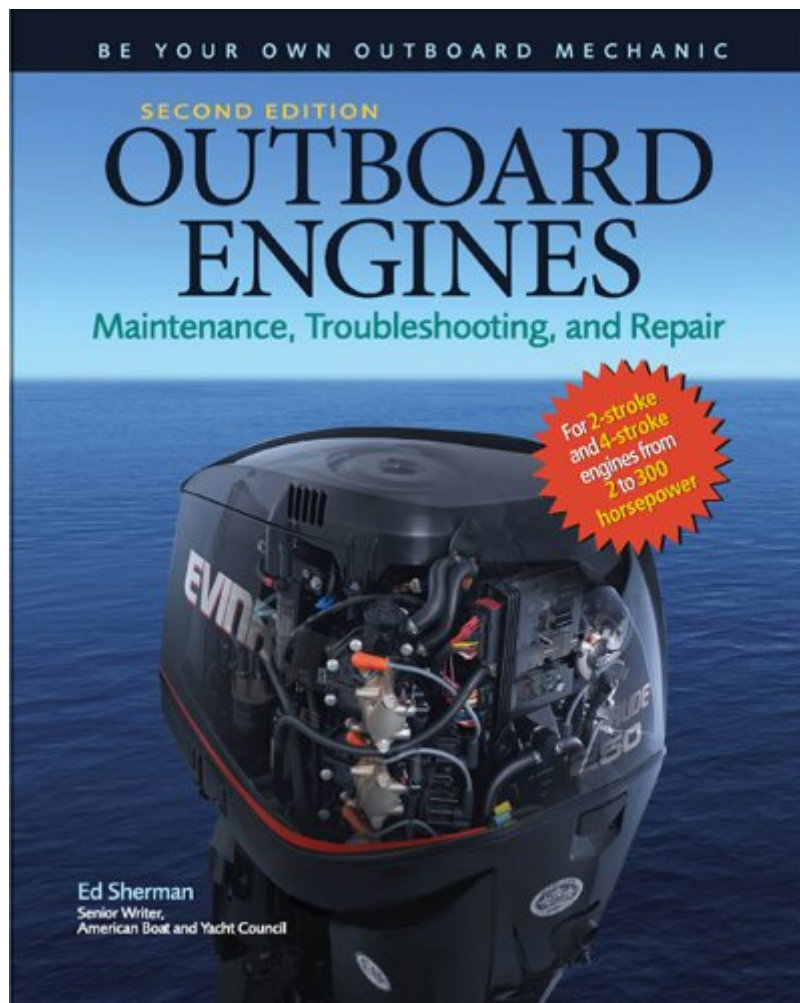


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# Outboard Engines: Maintenance, Troubleshooting, And Repair, Second Edition: Maintenance, Troubleshooting, And Repair



## Synopsis

The first edition of Outboard Engines set the standard for a clear, easy-to-follow primer on engine basics, troubleshooting, care, and repair. This new edition, significantly expanded, brings the subject up to date, with full coverage of the new four-stroke engines, conventional electronic and direct fuel-injection systems, oil-mix systems in the new clean two-strokes, and more. You'll save time and money doing your own engine repairs and maintenance.

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## Customer Reviews

I must admit that I was a little disappointed with this book. I was looking for a general book that would cover older outboards in some detail - this isn't it. In its favor, it has a lot of "how things work" in it and, for a beginner, would be a decent book. But I truly wish it had more about the older motors like the one I have.

As the owner of three recently obtained (past 5 months) used outboards, I found this book to be

90% useless to me. The most common problem I've come across are carburetor related, likely due to ethanol fuel, vibrations changing mixture settings, contamination, etc. Yet, the author has nothing here for carburetor issues and says to take those problems to your dealer! Never having worked on outboards before, I was able to get one old motor running and able to turn another balky engine into a reliable outboard just by cleaning and tweaking the carbs, so I thought that a book that would give me more info would save time on the hit-or-miss approach I'd been using, but this book has nothing I can use. The pictures are nearly indecipherable and the info in the first few chapters was mostly too generic to be of any use. Pass this one by!

Great book. A good companion to the factory manual, however it does not replace the factory manual. This book gives general instruction, the factory manual gives information specific to your engine.

The book is great for boaters and novice engine repair persons. I now have a working knowledge of outboard engines. My only criticism is that while the line drawings are reasonably sharp, the black and white photos are dark and murky and are just poor quality. Perhaps the publisher should have specified a higher quality of paper.

I work on boats for a living and hadn't dealt with outboards until recently. I bought this book, read through it and am able to do my job better than ever.

The book lacks introductory chapters on motor anatomy. Each time it refers to a structural item, that item should be figure shown, at least in a 5HP, a 15 HP and a 40HP. With not much change in its writings, but more illustrated, it could be of greater utility.

Pros: Great book for getting a good background on outboards. You will still need a shop manual for your particular engine, but there is more meat to this than a lot of books on the subject. The Cons: There are no color photographs or diagrams, and that would help. Also, the paper stock on the text pages is the cheaper stock one would see in paperbacks from the 1980's. Still, not a bad investment for \$18.

This book is smaller in size than I had expected but it's a nice looking book (hard back). The pictures are black/white and sometimes hard to see. But the book is full of great info, the author really knows

his stuff

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