

MY FIVE CENTS WORTH - Ralph Roles

ADLER SPARK PLUGS

The Adler Handbook states that the spark plugs should have a heat range of 225-260.

The best modern plug with this spec is available from outboard motor shops.

Use NGK B8HS.



ADLER FUEL MIXTURE

The Adler handbook recommends a fuel oil ratio of 25 : 1. Stick to that figure.

Use an air-cooled two stroke oil for preference. Outboard motor two stroke oil isn't as good with the heat developed in an air-cooled engine. Try your local mower shop. SuperCheap sometimes stocks Gulf-Western Two Stroke Engine Oil for Aircooled Two-Stroke. Castrol recommends Castro Active 2T Jasco FC - available from motorcycle shops. Some riders prefer a 30 : 1 mix.

GEARBOX OIL

Use SAE 20 oil with no friction modifiers or else the clutch will slip.

Buy a motorcycle engine oil from a bike shop. Do not use car oil (especially oil for older or high mileage cars).

FRONT FORK BOTTOM RESERVOIR

Use any SAE 50 oil or any multigrade with an upper spec of 50 eg 20W-50.

FRONT FORK TOP HYDRAULIC RESERVOIR

The Adler Handbook recommends "special shock absorber fluid" with a Viscosity of 3.76 Engler at 50 degrees Centigrade.

Use SAE 10 fork oil available from motor cycle shops.

AIRCLEANER OILING

A special sticky air filter oil is available from motorcycle shops and is recommended.

TYRE PRESSURES

The Adler Handbook states 15.5 PSI on the front and 20 PSI on the rear.

These pressures are too low. It is better to go with the tyre pressures recommended by the tyre maker since tyre construction has changed over the years. Your tyre distributor should be able to supply this data.

STALE FUEL

If it is more than 12 months old it belongs in your Victa lawnmower.

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