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## D. MERCRUISER 190 and 225 DISTRIBUTOR

(For P. 15 of Engine, Tuneup Section III)

Later model 190 and 225 engines (Code No. F07245D and above) have a new distributor (B-38807) which can be identified by a metal strap (stamped "1111076") which is attached to the base of the distributor. Because of a change in the centrifugal spark advance, the engine timing with the new distributor must be set at 8° BTDC rather than 12° BTDC. This new distributor can be back-fitted on earlier engines: however, it will be necessary to retime engine at 8° BTDC. MerCruiser 225 engine serial numbers start with 1821906.

## I. HOT START PROBLEM - MERCRUISER '150'

(For P. 6-thru-12 of Engine, Tuneup Section III)

If difficult starting is experienced or prolonged cranking is required to restart engine after it reaches normal temperature, the problem can be corrected as follows:

- 1. Adjust idle mixture slightly richer.
- 2. Set idle speed at 600 RPM.
- 3. Check and correct any air leaks between intake manifold and manifold body.
- 4. Advise customer to actuate (raise and lower) neutral warm-up lever several times on remote control before operating starter. This induces fuel into carburetor the same as depressing gas pedal on automobile.