



⑤ Recoil starter

4. Close the choke lever and open the throttle approximately  $1/4$  to  $1/3$ . Pull the recoil starter ⑤ slightly until compression is felt. With the engine against compression, pull the starter rope briskly to start.

If the engine does not start after several attempts, it may have become flooded with excess fuel. To clear the engine, turn the ignition/engine stop switch "OFF", open the choke, hold the throttle fully open, and pull the recoil starter rope several times.

When the engine is cleared, turn the ignition/engine stop switch on and repeat the normal starting procedure, but do not use the choke.

#### CAUTION

*Extended use of the choke may impair piston and cylinder wall lubrication.*

#### NOTE

- \* Do not race the engine during the warm up period. Revving a cold engine wastes fuel and increases engine wear.
- \* In cold weather, leave the choke lever closed several minutes after the engine starts and then gradually open the choke as the engine warms up.