

To check the oil level:

1. Make sure the vehicle is on level ground.
2. Start the engine in a well-ventilated area and let it idle for 5 minutes. If the air temperature is below 10 °C (50 °F), let the engine idle for an additional 5 minutes (a total of 10 minutes).
An engine that is not warmed sufficiently may give an *inaccurate* (low) oil level reading.
3. Stop the engine and wait a few minutes. If the oil is checked while engine is hot, you will get an *inaccurate* oil level reading.
4. Remove the dipstick (1) (Fig. 4-12) from the oil tank (2) and wipe it clean.
5. Insert the dipstick without screwing it in, then remove the dipstick and check the oil level. The oil level should be between the upper level mark (3) and the lower level mark (4) on the dipstick.
6. If required, remove the oil filler cap (5) and add the specified oil into the oil filler cap hole, up to the upper level mark on the dipstick. Do not overfill.
7. Reinstall the oil filler cap and dipstick.

CAUTION:

Running the engine with improper oil level can cause serious engine damage.

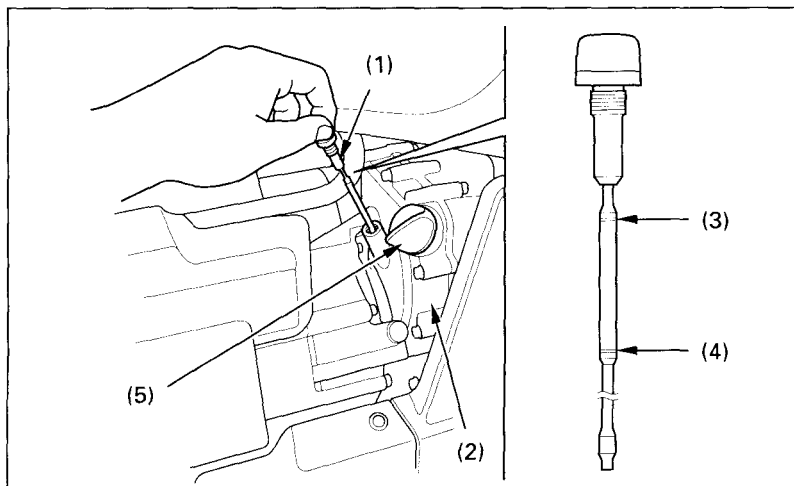


Fig. 4-12 (1) Dipstick
(2) Oil tank

(3) Upper level mark
(4) Lower level mark
(5) Oil filler cap