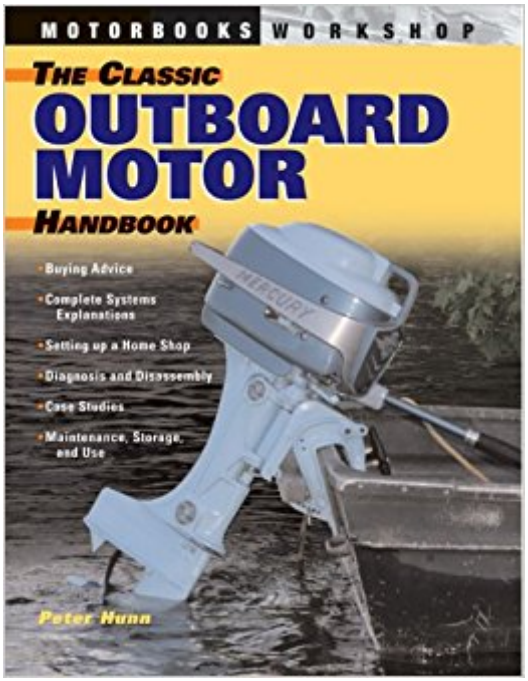
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The Classic Outboard Motor Handbook (Motorbooks Workshop)



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Synopsis

Enthusiasts of vintage outboard motors fall into two categories. First, there is the tinkerer or sportsperson who buys an old motor at a yard sale with an eye on restoring and actually using it. Second, there is the enthusiast who performs a complete, authentic restoration for the pure satisfaction of returning a vintage piece of machinery to its original condition. Often this second motor will become a static display, taken out for the occasional boat show.This how-to book caters to both groups by presenting case studies covering five of the most typical motor types: an antique 1922 Johnson Waterbug, a classic 1955 Evinrude Sportwin 10, an air-cooled bargain 1957 Comanco, a late-model 3.9hp single 1964 Mercury, and a 1950s electric Minn-Kota. The case studies discuss principles applicable to all vintage outboards and are preceded by chapters explaining how to choose an older motor, anatomy and mechanics, and equipping a shop. Following the case studies, the author addresses routine maintenance and usage, including troubleshooting tips and model-specific characteristics.

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Very helpful for older motors

Not overwhemingly technical, the full-color illustrated case studies are broad and accessible.Due to it’s small printing run, it’s under-appreciated, but I feel it’s an essential "first lab manual" for those new to the old outboard hobby.Self published, photo-intensive outboard restoration blogs and

maintenance forums have rendered this book a bit dated and passe, but if you can find a copy that's not at a ridiculously inflated price, I'd recommend picking it up.

Excellent addition to anyone's library if you are in to old outboard products. I use this almost every week and fear I may wear it out. Perhaps I need another?

This would be a great book for someone collecting old outboard motors.I was looking for more technical information on an old Johnson I aquired recently (repair & maintanence).

This is a great little book for an intro to old outboards. It will fit in well in my library.

I have found this novel extremely helpful and entertaining. The author Peter Hunn first started tinkering with antique outboards at a young age, and has been working on them ever since. He puts his mechanical expertise into this novel, which is unlike any other outboard shop guide. Instead, the book is written in a form that almost seems as if the author is making conversation. I find this feature of the book attractive, as opposed to reading a cold hard technical guide. The author uses humor, stories of past experiences (or both) to get a relatable message across to the reader. This book aided me rather well when I first started buying and pulling apart outboards of my own, and I recommend it to those who wish to have a better understanding of antique outboarding as a hobby. One thing worth noting is that this book should not be used as a technical manual when undergoing the dissection of an outboard. Rather, this book gives helpful tips on obtaining old outboards, and gives a few examples of motors undergoing refurbishment to show the step by step process starting with purchasing, then trouble shooting, repair, and the care/ maintenance of old outboards. Although the read was good, I canÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢t help but say that the pricing seems a little high for my tastes. The copy I read was obtained from my local library as a cheaper alternative, but I wouldnÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢t turn down the chance to own this book for a reasonable price.

If you've just acquired a junker, clunker or diamond in the rough, and you don't know where to begin to get it going again, then this book is for you! This book answers the questions most neophyte vintage outboard enthusisasts are bound to have as they begin refurbishing their older-than-late model outboard. The case studies are clearly illustrated and are very helpful. However, do not look at this book as a service manual, rather as a companion to a service manual. Most service manuals specific to certain motors are written at a level above most beginning tinkerers, and this book will

help bridge that gap.

A very good book. It gives you all the information on overhauling a engine and where to find parts. It gives you information on what to look for when buying a motor.The book also shows how to restore a motor, which I found very interesting and helpful. Its the book to buy.

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