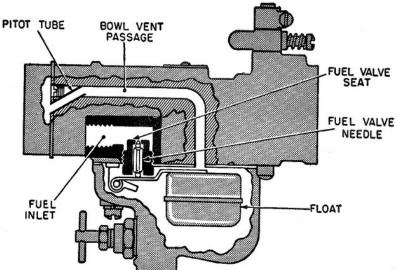
# ZENITH 87-SERIES CARBURETORS

### FOR WISCONSIN MOTOR CORPORATION

The Zenith 87-Series is a horizontal carburetor with a concentric fuel bowl. It is a "balanced" carburetor, because all air for fuel chamber and metering well ventilation and idling must come through the air cleaner. Air cleaner restrictions have a minimum influence on the fuel-air ratio when a carburetor is thus "balanced".

The main jet and discharge jet are centrally located. The metering well which completely surrounds the discharge jet is in the center of the fuel bowl assembly. This construction permits extremely high angle operation in any direction.

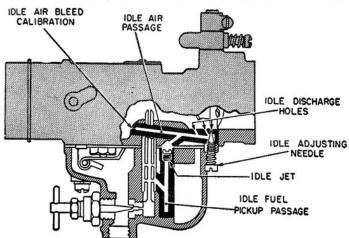
The venturi, which is part of the throttle body casting, measures the volume of air that passes through the carburetor. In selecting the venturi size, the smallest size that will permit full power development should be used.



### FUEL SUPPLY SYSTEM

FUEL SUPPLY SYSTEM. Fuel under normal pressure entering the float chamber through the fuel valve seat is controlled by the twin float which, moving on its axle, closes the needle valve when the fuel reaches the proper level in the bowl.

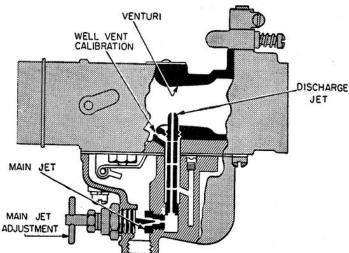
IDLING SYSTEM. At idling speeds the throttle plate is almost closed, thus a very high suction exists at the edge of the throttle plate. At this point the idle discharge



IDLE SYSTEM

orifices are located. All fuel for idling and part throttle operation is supplied through the main jet. Fuel from the float chamber flows through the main jet into the metering well. Fuel for idling is drawn from this well through the calibration, or metering orifice, in the center of the idling jet. As the fuel reaches the idling channel it is mixed with air which is admitted through a calibrated orifice in the channel from the inside of the air intake to form an emulsion. This emulsion is discharged into the air stream, to form the idling mixture, through two holes, one of which is controlled by the idle adjusting needle. Turning the adjusting needle counter-clockwise (out) permits more of the emulsion to reach the air stream and make the idling mixture richer while turning the needle in (clockwise) cuts off the amount of the emulsion reaching the air stream and makes the mixture leaner.

HIGH SPEED SYSTEM. As the throttle is opened, the suction on the idling system diminishes, but the increased volume of air entering the engine through the venturi creates sufficient vacuum (suction) on the discharge jet to draw an emulsion of fuel and air from the metering well which receives its fuel from the main jet and its air from the well vent. The flow characteristics of the discharge jet



### HIGH SPEED SYSTEM

are influenced by the size, location, and number of holes in the sides of that part of the jet which is in the metering well, as well as by the sizes of the discharge jet orifice, the size of the main jet, and the size of the well vent. The well vent is located in the air intake and permits air to enter the top of the metering well around the outside of the discharge jet. The flow of fuel through the main jet is controlled by the main jet adjustment.

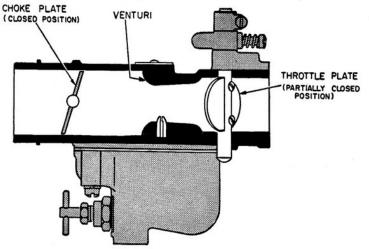
CHOKE SYSTEM. Starting a cold engine requires a much richer mixture of fuel and air. Moving the choke lever to close the choke plate restricts the air entering the carburetor, except at the pitot tube to the bowl vent, and increases the suction on the idling system which makes the mixture richer.

STARTING THE ENGINE. Before cranking the engine, the carburetor throttle should be opened a little to expose both idle discharge ports to suction. The choke should be fully closed until the engine starts, then opened a little to prevent stalling from being over-choked, then when the engine is fully warmed up the choke can be returned to wide open position and the throttle closed to the idling position.

ADJUSTMENTS. Adjust the throttle stop screw to obtain the desired idling speed by turning the screw in (clock-

wise) to increase the speed and out (counter-clockwise) to decrease the engine speed.

Adjust the idle adjusting needle to obtain smooth idling of the engine at idling speed. Turn the needle out (counter-



#### CHOKE SYSTEM

clockwise) to make the mixture richer, and in (clockwise) to make it leaner.

Adjust the main jet adjustment for full power of the engine while under a load. Turning the adjusting needle out (counter-clockwise) makes the mixture richer while turning the needle in (clockwise) cuts off the flow of fuel to make the mixture leaner.

NOTE: Do not try to operate on a very lean mixture; better performance and better fuel economy will be obtained if the mixture is not too lean.

#### DISASSEMBLY

#### A. IDENTIFY CARBURETOR

(a) Check numbers on metal identification disk riveted to top of throttle body. The inside number next to the rivet is the Zenith assembly number and the one next to the outer edge of the disk is the vehicle manufacturer's.

#### B. DISASSEMBLED VIEWS

(a) The disassembled view will identify the various component parts and show the relation to assembly. Use the disassembled view to identify and locate parts when performing the disassembly and reassembly operations.

#### C. SEPARATE CARBURETOR BODIES

(a) Remove the three bowl assembly screws (37 & 38) and lockwashers (36) and separate fuel bowl (30) from throttle body (9).

#### D. DISASSEMBLE FUEL BOWL

(a) Remove the main jet adjustment (34) and fibre

washer (33), using a 16" open end wrench.

(b) Remove the main jet (32) and fibre washer (31), using Zenith Tool No. C161-83 main jet wrench.

Remove the Idle Jet (29), using a small screwdriver.

(d) Remove the bowl drain plug (35).

#### E. DISASSEMBLE THROTTLE BODY

(a) Remove the float axle (26) by pressing against the end with the blade of a screwdriver.

(b) Remove the float (27).

- (c) Remove the fuel valve needle (25), using the fingers. (d) Remove the fuel bowl to throttle body gasket (28).
- (e) Remove the main discharge jet (23), using a small screwdriver.
- Remove the fuel valve seat (25) and fibre washer (24), using Zenith Tool No. C161-85.

(g) Remove the idle adjusting needle (11) and spring

#### CLEAN AND INSPECT PARTS

#### A. CLEAN PARTS

(a) Clean all metal parts thoroughly with cleaning solution and rinse in solvent.

(b) Blow out all passages in the air intake assembly, fuel bowl assembly and throttle body. NOTE: Be sure all carbon deposits have been removed from throttle bore and idle discharge holes. It is advisable to reverse flow of compressed air in all passages to insure all dirt has been removed. Never use a wire or drill to clean out jets.

(a) Float Assembly. Replace float assembly if loaded with gasoline, damaged, or if float axle bearing is worn excessively. Inspect top side of float lever for wear where it contacts fuel valve needle.

(b) Float Axle. Replace if any wear can be visually

detected on the bearing surface.

(c) Fuel Valve Seat & Needle Assembly. Replace fuel valve seat and needle because both parts wear and may cause improper float level.

(d) Idling Adjusting Needle and Spring. Inspect point of needle. This must be smooth and free of ridges.

(e) Gaskets and Fibre Washers. Replace all gaskets and fibre washers every time the carburetor is disassembled.

(f) Check Specifications. Verify the correctness of the following parts. Numbers will be found on the parts. Venturi; Main Jet; Idling Jet; and Fuel Valve

#### REASSEMBLY

### A. REASSEMBLE THROTTLE BODY

(a) Install the fuel valve seat (25) and fibre washer (24), using Zenith Tool No. C161-85.

(b) Install the main discharge jet (23), using a small

screwdriver.

(c) Install fuel valve needle (25) in seat (25), followed by float (27) and float axle (26). NOTE: Insert tapered end of float axle (26) into float bracket on side opposite slot and push through the other side. Press float axle (26) into slotted side until the axle is centered in bracket.

(d) Fuel Level. Check position of float assembly (27) for correct measurement to obtain proper fuel level using a depth gage. NOTE: Do not bend, twist, or

apply pressure on the float body (27).

(e) With bowl cover assembly (9) in an inverted position, viewed from free end of float (27), the float body must be centered and at right angles to the machined surface. The float setting is measured from the machined surface (no gasket) of float bowl cover (9) to top side of float body (27) at highest point. This measurement should be 3½", plus or minus 32".

(f) Bending Float Lever. To increase or decrease distance between float body (27) and machined surface (9) use long nosed pliers and bend lever close

to float body.

NOTE: Replace with new float if position is off more than is" (g) Install throttle body to fuel bowl assembly gasket

(29) on machined surface of throttle body (9). (h) Install the idle adjusting needle (11) and spring

(10).

#### B. REASSEMBLE FUEL BOWL

(a) Install the main jet (32) and fibre washer (31), using Zenith Tool No. C161-83 main jet wrench.

(b) Install the main jet adjustment (34) and fibre washer (33), using a 38" open end wrench.
(c) Install the idle jet (29), using a small screwdriver.

(d) Install the bowl drain plug (35).

#### C. REASSEMBLE CARBURETOR BODIES

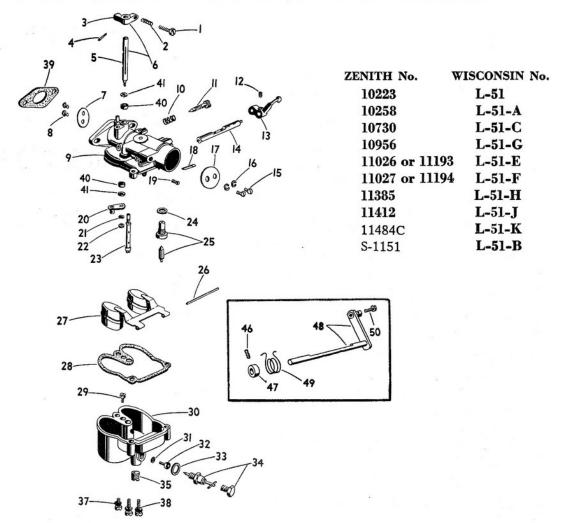
(a) Install the three bowl assembly screws (38) and lockwashers (36) through the fuel bowl and into the throttle body and draw down firmly and evenly.

#### SPECIAL TOOLS

The special tools recommended for the 87-Series carburetors are:

- 1. C161-83 Main Jet Wrench.
- 2. C161-85 Fuel Valve Seat Wrench.

### Parts List for Models 87B5 and 87BY6 Zenith Carburetors



Ref. No.	Part No.	Part Name	Application
1	T18S6-10	Screw—Stop Lever	All
1 2 3 3	C111-12	Spring—Stop Screw	All
3	C28-100A	Lever—Stop	10223, 10730, 10956
3	C28-102	Lever—Stop	10258, 11026, 11027, S-1151, 11193, 11194, 11385, 11412, 11484
4	CT63-9	Pin—Taper	All
5	C23-448	Shaft—Throttle	10223, 10730, 10956
5	C23-574	Shaft—Throttle	10258, 11026, 11027, S-1151, 11193, 11194, 11385, 11412, 11484
6	C29-721	Shaft and Lever—Throttle	10223, 10730, 10956
6	C29-1120	Shaft and Lever—Throttle	10258, S-1151, 11026, 11027, 11193, 11194, 11385, 11412, 11484
7	C21-157	Plate—Throttle	10223, 10730, 10956
7	C21-159	Plate—Throttle	10258, S-1151
7	C21-182	Plate—Throttle	11026, 11027, 11193, 11194, 11385, 11412, 11484
8	†C136-1	Screw—Throttle Plate	10223, 10730, 10956
8	T315B5-3	Screw—Throttle Plate	10258, 11026, 11027, S-1151, 11193, 11194, 11385, 11412, 11484
9		Body—Throttle	Not serviceable. Purchase complete
10	C111-155	Spring—Adjustment Needle	All
11	†C46-49	Needle—Idle Adjustment	All
12	CT10-11	Screw—Choke Lever Set	10258, 11026, 11027, S-1151, 11193, 11194, 11385, 11412, 11484
13	C106-152	Lever—Choke	10258, 11026, 11027, S-1151
13	C106-182	Lever—Choke	11193, 11194, 11385, 11412, 11484
14	C105-208	Shaft—Choke	10258, 11026, 11027, S-1151
15	†C140-47	Screw—Choke Plate	All

Ref. No.	Part No.	Part Name	Application
17	C102-87	Plate—Choke	10223, 10258, 10730, 10956, S-1151
17	C102-104	Plate—Choke	11026, 11027, 11193, 11194, 11385, 11412,
18 19	C63-140 CT10-10	Tube—Bowl Vent Screw—Vent Tube Set	11484 All All
20 20	C25-120 C25-148	Lever—Throttle Lever—Throttle	10258, S-1151 11026, 11027, 11193, 11194, 11385, 11412, 11484
21	†T41-10	Lockwasher—Shaft Nut	10258, 11026, 11027, S-1151, 11412, 11484
22	†C158-4	Nut—Throttle Shaft	10258, 11026, 11027, S-1151, 11412, 11484
23	C66-69-1-26	Jet—Discharge	10223, 10730, 10956
23	C66-71-1-26	Jet—Discharge Jet—Discharge Jet—Discharge Washer—Fuel Valve Seat Valve and Seat—Fuel	10258, 11027
23	C66-89-1-26		11026, 11193, 11385, 11412
23	C66-72-1-26		S-1151, 11194, 11484
24	†T56-20		All
25	†C81-17-35		All except 10956
25 26 27 28 29	†C81-17-30 †C120-18 C85-97 †C142-55 †C52-2-11	Valve and Seat—Fuel Axle—Float Float Gasket—Bowl Jet—Idle	10956 All All All except 10956
29	†C52-2-10	Jet—Idle Bowl—Fuel Washer—Main Jet Jet—Main Jet—Main	10956
30	B3-98		All
31	†T56-24		All
32	†C52-7-20		11385
32	†C52-7-21		11412
32	†C52-7-22	Jet—Main	10223, 11484
32	†C52-7-24	Jet—Main	10258, 11026, 11193
32	†C52-7-26	Jet—Main	10730
32	†C52-7-23	Jet—Main	10956
32	†C52-7-27	Jet—Main	11027, S-1151, 11194
33	†T56-23	Washer—Main Passage	All
34	C138-23	Plug—Main Passage	10223, 10730, 10956, 11385, 11412, 11484
34	C71-49	Adjustment—Main	10258, 11026, 11027, S-1151, 11193, 11194
35	CT91-5	Plug—Bowl Drain	All
37 38 39 40 41 46 47	T301S8-9 †T301S8-14 †C141-4-17 CT48-7 (2) CT52-13 (2) CT10-11 C130-29	Screw—Bowl to Body (short) Screw—Bowl to Body (long) Gasket—Flange Seal—Throttle Shaft Retainer—Shaft Seal Screw—Thrust Collar Set Collar—Shaft Thrust	All All All All 10223, 10730, 10956 10223, 10730, 10956
48	C108-92	Shaft and Lever—Choke Shaft and Lever—Choke Shaft and Lever—Choke Shaft and Lever—Choke Spring—Choke Lever	10223
48	C108-113		10730, 10956
48	C108-134		11412
48	C108-127		11193, 11194, 11385, 11484
49	C117-58		10223, 10730, 10956
50	T1S8-5 CT75-3 (2) C181-296 K—*	Screw—Swivel Seal—Choke Shaft (not illus.) Gasket Kit Kit—Repair Parts	10223, 10730, 10956 11412 All

†Parts in Repair Kit.

\*Specify Carburetor Assembly Number.

NOTE—The Venturi, Idle Air Vent and Well Vent are calibrated parts of the Throttle Body (item 9) and are not readily removable.

Zenith service parts can be obtained promptly through our central and service distributors located in principal cities.

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