

## STARTING THE ENGINE

### NOTE:

- \* The electric system is designed to prevent electric starting if the transmission is in gear, unless the clutch is disengaged. However, it is recommended that the transmission be placed in neutral before attempting to start the engine.
- \* Do not use the electric starter for more than 5 seconds at a time. Release the starter button for approximately 10 seconds before pressing it again.

### **▲** WARNING

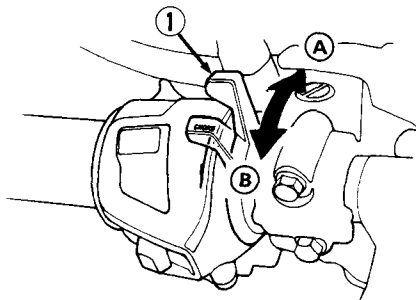
- \* **Never run the engine in a closed area. The exhaust contains poisonous carbon monoxide gas that can cause loss of consciousness and may lead to death.**

### Preparation

1. Make sure the transmission is in neutral and the fuel cock is ON.
2. Insert the key in the ignition switch and turn to ON. The neutral indicator (green) and oil pressure warning light (red) should go on.
3. Make sure the engine stop switch is in RUN.

## Starting Procedure

1. Pull the choke lever (1) back all the way to the fully open position (B), if the engine is cold.
2. Press the starter button, leaving the throttle closed.
3. Warm up the engine by opening and closing the throttle until it runs smoothly, with the choke closed.



(1) Choke lever

(A) Fully Closed  
(B) Fully Open