

NOTE: The following applies to CE marked products only.

Declaration of Conformance – Mercury MerCruiser

This sterndrive or inboard engine when installed in accordance to Mercury MerCruisers' instructions complies with the requirements of the following directives by meeting the associated standards, as amended:

Recreational Craft Directive 94/25/EC; 2003/44/EC

Applicable Requirement	Standards Applied
Owner's manual (A.2.5)	ISO 10240
Openings in Hull, Deck and superstructure (A.3.4)	ISO 9093-1; ISO 9093-2
Handling characteristics (A.4)	ISO 8665
Inboard Engine (A.5.1.1)	ISO 15584; ISO 10088; ISO 7840; ISO 10133
Fuel System (A.5.2)	ISO 10088; ISO 7840; ISO 8469
Electrical System (A.5.3)	ISO 10133; ISO 8846
Steering system (A.5.4)	Applicable portions of: ISO 10592, ISO 8848 and ABYC P-17
Exhaust emission requirements (B.2)	ISO 8178
Owner's manual (B.4)	ISO 8665
Noise emission levels (C.1)	ISO 14509
Ignition-protected equipment (Annex II)	ISO 8846; SAE J1171; SAE J1191; SAE J 2031

Mercury MerCruiser declares that our sterndrive or inboard engines without integral exhaust, when installed in a recreational craft, in accordance with the manufacturers supplied instructions, will meet the exhaust emissions requirements of the directive mentioned above. This engine must not be put into service until the recreational craft in which it is to be installed has been declared in conformity, if so required, with the relevant provision of the directive.

Electromagnetic Compatibility Directive 89/336/EC, 92/31/EEC and 93/68/EEC

Generic emission standard	EN 50081-1
Generic immunity standard	EN 50082-1
Vehicles, boats and internal combustion engine driven devices - Radio disturbance characteristics	SAE J551 (CISPR 12)
Electrostatic discharge testing	EN 61000-6-2; EN 61000-4-2; EN61000-4-3

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Identification Record

Please record the following information:

Engine Model and Horsepower		Engine Serial Number
Transom Assembly Serial Number (Sterndrive)	Gear Ratio	Sterndrive Unit Serial Number
Transmission Model (Inboard)	Gear Ratio	Transmission Serial Number
Propeller Number	Pitch	Diameter
Hull Identification Number (HIN)		Purchase Date
Boat Manufacturer	Boat Model	Length

The serial numbers are the manufacturer's keys to numerous engineering details that apply to your Mercury MerCruiser® power package. When contacting your Authorized Mercury MerCruiser Dealer about service, **always specify model and serial numbers.**

The description and specifications contained herein were in effect at the time this guide was approved for printing. Mercury Marine, whose policy is one of continuous improvement, reserves the right to discontinue models at any time, or to change specifications or designs, without notice and without incurring obligation.

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Welcome

You have selected one of the finest marine power packages available. It incorporates numerous design features to assure operating ease and durability.

With proper care and maintenance, you will thoroughly enjoy using this product for many boating seasons. To ensure maximum performance and carefree use, we ask that you thoroughly read this manual.

The Operation, Maintenance and Warranty Manual contains specific instructions for using and maintaining your product. We suggest that this manual remain with the product for ready reference whenever you are on the water.

Thank you for purchasing one of our Mercury MerCruiser products. We sincerely hope your boating will be pleasant!

Mercury MerCruiser

Warranty Message

The product you have purchased comes with a **limited warranty** from Mercury Marine; the terms of the warranty are set forth in the Warranty Sections of this manual. The warranty statement contains a description of what is covered, what is not covered, the duration of coverage, how to best obtain warranty coverage, **important disclaimers and limitations of damages** and other related information. Please review this important information.

Mercury Marine products are designed and manufactured to comply with our own high quality standards, applicable industry standards and regulations, as well as certain emissions regulations. At Mercury Marine every engine is operated and tested before it is boxed for shipment to make sure that the product is ready for use. In addition, certain Mercury Marine products are tested in a controlled and monitored environment, for up to 10 hours of engine run time, in order to verify and make a record of compliance with applicable standards and regulations. All Mercury Marine product, sold as new, receives the applicable limited warranty coverage, whether the engine participated in one of the test programs described above or not.

Read This Manual Thoroughly

IMPORTANT: If you don't understand any portion of this manual, contact your dealer for a demonstration of actual starting and operating procedures.

Notice

Throughout this publication, and on your power package, dangers, warnings, cautions, and notices, accompanied by the International Hazard Symbol , may be used to alert the installer/user to special instructions concerning a particular service or operation that may be hazardous if performed incorrectly or carelessly. These safety alerts follow ANSI standard Z535.6-2006 for product safety information in product manuals, instructions, and other collateral materials. **Observe them carefully.**

These Safety Alerts alone cannot eliminate the hazards that they signal. Strict compliance with these special instructions while performing the service, plus common sense operation, are major accident prevention measures.

DANGER

Indicates a hazardous situation which, if not avoided, will result in death or serious injury.

WARNING

Indicates a hazardous situation which, if not avoided, could result in death or serious injury.

CAUTION

Indicates a hazardous situation which, if not avoided, could result in minor or moderate injury.

NOTICE

Indicates a situation which, if not avoided, could result in engine or major component failure.

IMPORTANT: Identifies information essential to the successful completion of the task.

NOTE: Indicates information that helps in the understanding of a particular step or action.

WARNING

The operator (driver) is responsible for the correct and safe operation of the boat, the equipment aboard and the safety of all occupants aboard. We strongly recommend that the operator read this Operation, Maintenance and Warranty Manual and thoroughly understand the operational instructions for the power package and all related accessories before the boat is used.

WARNING

The engine exhaust from this product contains chemicals known to the state of California to cause cancer, birth defects or other reproductive harm.

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Warranty Registration: United States and Canada

To ensure that your warranty coverage begins promptly, your selling dealer should fill out the Warranty Registration Card completely and mail it to the factory immediately upon sale of the new product.

The Warranty Registration Card identifies the name and address of the original purchaser, product model and serial number(s), date of sale, type of use and selling dealer's code, name, and address. The dealer also certifies that you are the original purchaser and user of the product. A temporary Owner Warranty Registration Card will be presented to you when you purchase the product.

Upon receipt of the Warranty Registration Card at the factory, Mercury MerCruiser will send you an owner resource guide that includes your warranty registration confirmation. If you do not receive your owner resource guide within 60 days from date of new product sale, please contact your selling dealer.

Because of your selling dealer's ongoing interest in your satisfaction, the product should be returned to him for warranty service.

The product warranty is not effective until the product is registered at the factory.

NOTE: Registration lists must be maintained by the factory and dealer on marine products sold in the United States in the event that a safety recall notification under the Federal Boat Safety Act is required.

You may change your address at any time, including at time of warranty claim, by calling Mercury MerCruiser or sending a letter or fax to Mercury MerCruiser's warranty registration department with your name, old address, new address, and engine serial number. Your dealer can also process this change of information.

United States customers or dealers may contact:

Mercury Marine

Attn: Warranty Registration Department

W6250 Pioneer Road

P.O. Box 1939

Fond du Lac, WI 54936-1939

920-929-5054

Fax 920-929-5893

Canadian customers or dealers may contact:

Mercury Marine Canada Limited

2395 Meadowpine Blvd.

Mississauga, ON

Canada, L5N 7W6

Fax 1-800-663-8334

Warranty Registration: Outside the United States and Canada

To ensure that your warranty coverage begins promptly, your selling dealer should fill out the warranty registration card completely and mail it to the distributor responsible for administering the warranty registration and claim program for your area.

The warranty registration card identifies your name and address, product model and serial numbers, date of sale, type of use, and the selling distributor's and dealer's code number, name, and address. The distributor or dealer also certifies that you are the original purchaser and user of the product. A copy of the warranty registration card, designated as the purchaser's copy, **MUST** be given to you immediately after the card has been completely filled out by the selling distributor or dealer. This card represents your factory registration identification. Keep the card; if you ever need warranty service on this product, your dealer may ask you for the warranty registration card to verify date of purchase and to use the information on the card to prepare the warranty claim forms.

In some countries, the distributor will issue a permanent (plastic) warranty registration card to you within 30 days after receiving the factory copy of the warranty registration card from your distributor or dealer. If you receive a plastic warranty registration card, you may discard the purchaser's copy that you received from the distributor or dealer when you purchased the product. Ask your distributor or dealer if this plastic card program applies to you. For further information concerning the warranty registration card and its relationship to warranty claim processing, refer to the International Warranty. See Table of Contents.

NOTE: Registration lists must be maintained by the factory and dealer on marine products sold in the United States in the event of a safety recall notification under the Federal Boat Safety Act.

Transfer of Warranty

The limited warranty is transferable to a subsequent purchaser, but only for the remainder of the unused portion of the limited warranty. This will not apply to products used for commercial applications.

To transfer the warranty to the subsequent owner, send or fax a copy of the bill of sale or purchase agreement, new owner's name, address and engine serial number to Mercury Marine's warranty registration department. In the United States mail to:

Mercury Marine
Attn: Warranty Registration Department
W6250 W. Pioneer Road
P.O. Box 1939
Fond du Lac, WI 54936-1939
920-929-5054
Fax 920-929-5893

In Canada mail to:
Mercury Marine Canada Limited
2395 Meadowpine Blvd.
Mississauga, ON
Canada, L5N 7W6
Fax 1-800-663-8334

Upon processing the transfer of warranty, Mercury Marine will send registration verification to the new owner of the product by mail.

There is no charge for this service.

For products purchased outside the United States and Canada, contact the distributor in your country, or the distributor closest to you.

Mercury Product Protection Plan: United States and Canada

(Certain performance products, triple engine installations, and commercial applications are excluded.)

The Mercury Product Protection Plan provides coverage against unexpected mechanical and electrical breakdowns that may occur beyond the standard limited warranty.

The optional Mercury Product Protection Plan is the only Factory Plan available for your engine.

One-, two-, three-, four-, or five- year term plans can be purchased up to 12 months after the original engine registration date.

See your participating Mercury MerCruiser dealer for complete program details.

Mercury MerCruiser Limited Warranty (Gasoline-Fueled Products Only)

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What is Covered

Mercury Marine warrants its new products to be free of defects in material and workmanship during the period described following.

Duration of Coverage

Warranty Period for Recreational Use

The warranty period begins on the date the product is first sold to a recreational-use retail purchaser or the date on which the product is first put into service, whichever occurs first. Products installed by an Installation Quality Certified Installer receive one (1) year of additional warranty coverage. The repair or replacement of parts or the performance of service under this warranty does not extend the life of this warranty beyond its original expiration date. The warranty period is specific to the model covered; see your model for the base coverage period:

Coverage for Horizon Inboard Models, and Vazer 100 Sterndrive Models

The Limited Warranty for Horizon Inboard Models and Vazer 100 Models is four (4) years when installed by an Installation Quality Certified Installer or three (3) years for non-certified installations..

Coverage for SeaCore Sterndrive Models

The Limited Warranty for SeaCore Sterndrive Models is four (4) years when installed by an Installation Quality Certified Installer or three (3) years for non-certified installations.

Coverage for Tow Sports Inboard Models

The Limited Warranty for all Tow Sports Inboard models is three (3) years when installed by an Installation Quality Certified Installer or two (2) years for non-certified installations.

Coverage for All Other Models

The Limited Warranty for all other Gasoline Sterndrive and Inboard models except those described above is two (2) years when installed by an Installation Quality Certified Installer or one (1) year for non-certified installations.

Warranty Period for Commercial Use

The warranty period begins on the date the product is first sold to a commercial-use retail purchaser or the date on which the product is first put into service, whichever occurs first. Commercial users of these products receive warranty coverage for either one (1) year from the date of first retail sale or the accumulation of 500 hours of operation, whichever occurs first. Commercial use is defined as any work-related or employment-related use of the product, or any use of the product that generates income for any part of the warranty period, even if the product is only occasionally used for such purposes. The repair or replacement of parts or the performance of service under this warranty does not extend the life of this warranty beyond its original expiration date.

Transfer of Coverage

Unexpired warranty coverage can be transferred from one recreational-use customer to a subsequent recreational-use customer upon proper reregistration of the product. Unexpired warranty coverage cannot be transferred either to or from a commercial-use customer.

Termination of Coverage

Warranty coverage is terminated for used product obtained in any of the following ways:

- Repossession from a retail customer
- Purchase at auction
- Purchase from a salvage yard
- Purchase from an insurance company that obtained the product as a result of an insurance claim

Conditions That Must Be Met in Order to Obtain Warranty Coverage

Warranty coverage is available only to retail customers that purchase from a dealer authorized by Mercury Marine to distribute the product in the country in which the sale occurred, and then only after the pre-delivery inspection process specified by Mercury Marine is completed and documented. Warranty coverage becomes available upon proper registration of the product by the authorized dealer. Inaccurate warranty registration information regarding recreational use or subsequent change of use from recreational to commercial (unless properly reregistered) may void the warranty at the sole discretion of Mercury Marine. Routine maintenance must be performed according to the maintenance schedule in the Operation, Maintenance & Warranty manual in order to obtain warranty coverage. Mercury Marine reserves the right to make any warranty coverage contingent upon proof of proper maintenance.

What Mercury Marine Will Do

Mercury Marine's sole and exclusive obligation under this warranty is limited to, at our option, repairing a defective part, replacing such part or parts with new or Mercury Marine certified remanufactured parts, or refunding the purchase price of the Mercury Marine product. Mercury Marine reserves the right to improve or modify products from time to time without assuming an obligation to modify products previously manufactured.

How to Obtain Warranty Coverage

The customer must provide Mercury Marine with a reasonable opportunity to repair and reasonable access to the product for warranty service. Warranty claims shall be made by delivering the product for inspection to a Mercury Marine dealer authorized to service the product. If the purchaser cannot deliver the product to such a dealer, written notice must be given to Mercury Marine. Mercury Marine will then arrange for the inspection and any covered repair. The purchaser in that case shall pay for all related transportation charges and travel time. If the service provided is not covered by this warranty, the purchaser shall pay for all related labor and material and any other expenses associated with that service. The purchaser shall not, unless requested by Mercury Marine, ship the product or parts of the product directly to Mercury Marine. Proof of registered ownership must be presented to the dealer at the time warranty service is requested in order to obtain coverage.

What Is Not Covered

This limited warranty does not cover the following:

- Routine maintenance items
- Adjustments
- Normal wear and tear
- Damage caused by abuse
- Abnormal use
- Use of a propeller or gear ratio that does not allow the engine to run in its recommended RPM range (see the Operation, Maintenance & Warranty manual)
- Operation of the product in a manner inconsistent with the recommended operation and duty cycle section of the Operation, Maintenance & Warranty manual
- Neglect
- Accident
- Submersion
- Improper installation (proper installation specifications and techniques are set forth in the installation instructions for the product)
- Improper service
- Use of an accessory or part that was not manufactured or sold by Mercury Marine and that damages the Mercury product
- Jet pump impellers and liners
- Operation with fuels, oils, or lubricants that are not suitable for use with the product (see the Operation, Maintenance & Warranty manual)
- Alteration or removal of parts
- Water entering the engine through the fuel intake, air intake, or exhaust system or damage to the product from insufficient cooling water caused by blockage of the cooling system by a foreign body
- Running the engine out of water
- Mounting the engine too high on the transom
- Operating the boat with the engine over trimmed

Section 1 - Warranty

Use of the product for racing or other competitive activity, or operating with a racing-type lower unit at any point, even by a previous owner of the product, voids the warranty. Expenses related to haul-out, launch, towing, storage, telephone, rental, inconvenience, slip fees, insurance coverage, loan payments, loss of time, loss of income, or any other type of incidental or consequential damages are not covered by this warranty. Also, expenses associated with the removal or replacement of boat partitions or other material in order to gain access to the product are not covered by this warranty. No individual or entity, including Mercury Marine authorized dealers, has been given authority by Mercury Marine to make any affirmation, representation, or warranty regarding the product, other than those contained in this limited warranty. If such affirmation, representation, or warranty is made, it shall not be enforceable against Mercury Marine.

DISCLAIMERS AND LIMITATIONS

THE IMPLIED WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY AND FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE ARE EXPRESSLY DISCLAIMED. TO THE EXTENT THAT THEY CANNOT BE DISCLAIMED, THE IMPLIED WARRANTIES ARE LIMITED IN DURATION TO THE LIFE OF THE EXPRESS WARRANTY. INCIDENTAL AND CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES ARE EXCLUDED FROM COVERAGE UNDER THIS WARRANTY. SOME STATES/COUNTRIES DO NOT ALLOW FOR THE DISCLAIMERS, LIMITATIONS AND EXCLUSIONS IDENTIFIED ABOVE. AS A RESULT, THEY MAY NOT APPLY TO YOU. THIS WARRANTY GIVES YOU SPECIFIC LEGAL RIGHTS, AND YOU MAY ALSO HAVE OTHER LEGAL RIGHTS WHICH VARY FROM STATE TO STATE AND COUNTRY TO COUNTRY.

3-Year Limited Warranty Against Corrosion

3-YEAR LIMITED WARRANTY AGAINST CORROSION

What Is Covered

Mercury Marine warrants that each new Mercury, Mariner, Mercury Racing, Sport Jet, M² Jet Drive, Tracker by Mercury Marine Outboard, MerCruiser Inboard or Sterndrive engine (Product) will not be rendered inoperative as a direct result of corrosion for the period of time described below.

Duration of Coverage

This limited corrosion warranty provides coverage for three (3) years from either the date the product is first sold, or the date on which the product is first put into service, whichever occurs first. The repair and replacement of parts, or the performance of service under this warranty does not extend the life of this warranty beyond its original expiration date. Unexpired warranty coverage can be transferred to subsequent (noncommercial use) purchaser upon proper re-registration of the product. Warranty coverage is terminated for used product repossessed from a retail customer, purchased at auction, from a salvage yard, or from an insurance company that obtained the product as a result of an insurance claim.

Condition That Must Be Met in Order to Obtain Warranty Coverage

Warranty coverage is available only to retail customers that purchase from a dealer authorized by Mercury Marine to distribute the product in the country in which the sale occurred, and then only after the Mercury Marine specified pre-delivery inspection process is completed and documented. Warranty coverage becomes available upon proper registration of the product by the authorized dealer. Corrosion prevention devices specified in the Operation, Maintenance & Warranty manual must be in use on the boat, and routine maintenance outlined in the Operation, Maintenance & Warranty manual must be timely performed (including without limitation the replacement of sacrificial anodes, use of specified lubricants, and touch-up of nicks and scratches) in order to maintain warranty coverage. Mercury Marine reserves the right to make warranty coverage contingent upon proof of proper maintenance.

What Mercury Will Do

Mercury's sole and exclusive obligation under this warranty is limited to, at our option, repairing a corroded part, replacing such part or parts with new or Mercury Marine certified re-manufactured parts, or refunding the purchase price of the Mercury product. Mercury reserves the right to improve or modify products from time to time without assuming an obligation to modify products previously manufactured.

How to Obtain Warranty Coverage

The customer must provide Mercury with a reasonable opportunity to repair, and reasonable access to the product for warranty service. Warranty claims shall be made by delivering the product for inspection to a Mercury dealer authorized to service the product. If purchaser cannot deliver the product to such a dealer, written notice must be given to Mercury. We will then arrange for the inspection and any covered repair. Purchaser in that case shall pay for all related transportation charges and/or travel time. If the service provided is not covered by this warranty, purchaser shall pay for all related labor and material, and any other expenses associated with that service. Purchaser shall not, unless requested by Mercury, ship the product or parts of the product directly to Mercury. Proof of registered ownership must be presented to the dealer at the time warranty service is requested in order to obtain coverage.

What Is Not Covered

This limited warranty does not cover electrical system corrosion; corrosion resulting from damage, corrosion which causes purely cosmetic damage, abuse or improper service; corrosion to accessories, instruments, steering systems; corrosion to factory installed jet drive unit; damage due to marine growth; product sold with less than a one year limited Product warranty; replacement parts (parts purchased by the Customer); products used in a commercial application. Commercial use is defined as any work or employment related use of the product, or any use of the product which generates income, for any part of warranty period, even if the product is only occasionally used for such purposes.

4-Year Limited Corrosion Warranty: SeaCore Sterndrive Models with Gas Engines

4-YEAR LIMITED CORROSION WARRANTY: SEACORE STERNDRIVE MODELS WITH GAS ENGINES

What Is Covered

Mercury Marine warrants that each new MerCruiser SeaCore engine, transom, and sterndrive package will not be rendered inoperative as a direct result of corrosion for the period of time described below.

Duration of Coverage

This limited corrosion warranty provides coverage for four (4) years from either the date on which the MerCruiser SeaCore engine, transom, and sterndrive package is first sold or the date on which it is first put into service, whichever occurs first. The repair or replacement of parts or the performance of service under this warranty does not extend the life of this warranty beyond its original expiration date. Unexpired warranty coverage can be transferred to a subsequent (noncommercial-use) purchaser upon proper reregistration of the product. Warranty coverage is terminated for used product obtained in any of the following ways:

- Repossession from a retail customer
- Purchase at auction
- Purchase from a salvage yard
- Purchase from an insurance company that obtained the product as a result of an insurance claim

Condition That Must Be Met in Order to Obtain Warranty Coverage

Warranty coverage is available only to retail customers that purchase from a dealer authorized by Mercury Marine to distribute the product in the country in which the sale occurred, and then only after the pre-delivery inspection process specified by Mercury Marine is completed and documented. Warranty coverage becomes available upon proper registration of the product by the authorized dealer. Corrosion-prevention devices specified in the Operation, Maintenance & Warranty manual must be in use on the boat, and routine maintenance outlined in the Operation, Maintenance & Warranty manual must be performed according to the maintenance schedule in the Operation, Maintenance & Warranty manual (including without limitation the replacement of sacrificial anodes, use of specified lubricants, and touch-up of nicks and scratches) in order to maintain warranty coverage. Mercury Marine reserves the right to make warranty coverage contingent upon proof of proper maintenance.

What Mercury Marine Will Do

Mercury's sole and exclusive obligation under this warranty is limited to, at our option, repairing a corroded part, replacing such part or parts with new or Mercury Marine certified remanufactured parts, or refunding the purchase price of the Mercury product. Mercury reserves the right to improve or modify products from time to time without assuming an obligation to modify products previously manufactured.

How to Obtain Warranty Coverage

The customer must provide Mercury Marine with a reasonable opportunity to repair and reasonable access to the product for warranty service. Warranty claims shall be made by delivering the product for inspection to a Mercury Marine dealer authorized to service the product. If the purchaser cannot deliver the product to such a dealer, written notice must be given to Mercury Marine. Mercury Marine will then arrange for the inspection and any covered repair. The purchaser in that case shall pay for all related transportation charges and/or travel time. If the service provided is not covered by this warranty, the purchaser shall pay for all related labor and material, and any other expenses associated with that service. The purchaser shall not, unless requested by Mercury Marine, ship the product or parts of the product directly to Mercury Marine. Proof of registered ownership must be presented to the dealer at the time warranty service is requested in order to obtain coverage.

What Is Not Covered

Section 1 - Warranty

This limited warranty does not cover the following:

- Electrical system corrosion
- Corrosion resulting from damage
- Corrosion that causes purely cosmetic damage
- Abuse or improper service
- Corrosion to accessories, instruments, and steering systems
- Corrosion to a factory-installed jet drive unit
- Damage due to marine growth
- Replacement parts (parts purchased by the customer)
- Product sold with less than a one-year limited product warranty
- Products used in a commercial application. Commercial use is defined as any work or employment related use of the product, or any use of the product which generates income, for any part of warranty period, even if the product is only occasionally used for such purposes.

Global Warranty Charts

Warranty for Consumer Applications

Engine Model	Region	Standard Factory Limited Warranty by Certification Status of Boat Manufacturer		Consumer Limited Corrosion Warranty
		Not Certified	Installation Quality Certified	
Axius SeaCore 496 MAG Axius SeaCore 496 MAG HO	The Americas (excluding Brazil)	3 years	4 years	3 years
	Brazil	2 years	2 years	2 years
	Europe, Middle East, Africa	3 years	4 years	4 years
	Australia, New Zealand		3 years	
	Japan	1 year	1 year	1 year
	South Pacific	2 years	2 years	2 years
	Other Asia	1 year	1 year	1 year
Axius 496 MAG Axius 496 MAG HO	The Americas (excluding Brazil)	1 year	2 years	2 years
	Brazil	2 years		
	Europe, Middle East, Africa		2 years	3 years
	Australia, New Zealand	1 year		
	Japan	2 years	2 years	2 years
	South Pacific	1 year	1 year	1 year
	Other Asia	1 year	1 year	1 year

Warranty for Commercial Applications

Engine Model	Region	Standard Factory Limited Warranty by Certification Status of Boat Manufacturer		Commercial Limited Corrosion Warranty
		Not Certified	Installation Quality Certified	
Axius SeaCore 496 MAG Axius SeaCore 496 MAG HO	The Americas (excluding Brazil)	1 year	1 year	1 year
	Brazil	2 years	2 years	2 years
	Europe, Middle East, Africa	1 year or 500 hours	1 year or 500 hours	1 year or 500 hours
	Australia, New Zealand			
	Japan			
	South Pacific			
	Other Asia			
Axius 496 MAG Axius 496 MAG HO	The Americas (excluding Brazil)	1 year	1 year	1 year
	Brazil	2 years	2 years	2 years
	Europe, Middle East, Africa	1 year or 500 hours	1 year or 500 hours	1 year or 500 hours
	Australia, New Zealand			
	Japan			
	South Pacific			
	Other Asia			

Warranty for Government Applications

Engine Model	Region	Standard Factory Limited Warranty by Certification Status of Boat Manufacturer		Government Limited Corrosion Warranty
		Not Certified	Installation Quality Certified	
Axius SeaCore 496 MAG Axius SeaCore 496 MAG HO	The Americas (excluding Brazil)	1 year	1 year	1 year
	Brazil	2 years	2 years	2 years
	Europe, Middle East, Africa	1 year or 500 hours	1 year or 500 hours	1 year or 500 hours
	Australia, New Zealand			
	Japan			
	South Pacific			
	Other Asia			
Axius 496 MAG Axius 496 MAG HO	The Americas (excluding Brazil)	1 year	1 year	1 year
	Brazil	2 years	2 years	2 years
	Europe, Middle East, Africa	1 year or 500 hours	1 year or 500 hours	1 year or 500 hours
	Australia, New Zealand			
	Japan			
	South Pacific			
	Other Asia			

Mercury Installation Quality Certification Program



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Mercury MerCruiser products installed by a Mercury Installation Quality Certified Manufacturer are Installation Quality certified products and may receive an additional one (1) year of limited warranty coverage.

The Installation Quality Certification program was developed to recognize MerCruiser boatbuilder customers who have achieved higher manufacturing standards. It is the first and only comprehensive manufacturer-installation certification program in the industry.

The program has three goals:

1. To enhance overall product quality.
2. To improve the boat ownership experience.
3. To enhance overall customer satisfaction.

The certification process is designed to review all facets of manufacturing and engine installation. The program is composed of design, manufacturing and installation review stages with which builders must comply. Certification applies leading-edge methodologies to create:

- Efficiencies and best practices specific to engine installation.
- World-class assembly and component specifications.
- Efficient installation processes.
- Industry standard end-of-line test procedures

Boat builders that successfully complete the program and meet all certification requirements earn Installation Quality System Certified Manufacturer status and receive an additional one (1) year of Mercury limited factory warranty coverage on all MerCruiser-powered boats that are registered on and after the boat builder's certification date for all worldwide registrations.

Mercury has designated a section of our Website to promote the Installation Quality Certification Program and communicate its benefits to consumers. For a current list of MerCruiser-powered boat brands that have earned Installation Quality Certification, visit www.mercurymarine.com/mercruiser_warranty.

Emission Control Information Label

A tamper-resistant Emission Control Information label is affixed in a visible location to the engine at time of manufacture by Mercury MerCruiser. In addition to the required emissions statement, the label lists the engine serial number, family, STD (emission standard/level), date of manufacture (month, year), and the engine displacement. Please note that the low emissions certification will not affect the fit, function, or performance of the engines. Boatbuilders and dealers may not remove the label or the part it is affixed to before sale. If modifications are necessary, contact Mercury MerCruiser about the availability of replacement decals before proceeding.

NOTE: When the CE mark is present in the lower right corner of the Emission Control Information Label on the engine, the Declaration of Conformance applies. Refer to the front page of this manual for further information.

		EMISSION CONTROL INFORMATION		
THIS ENGINE CONFORMS TO XXXX CALIFORNIA EMISSION REGULATIONS FOR SPARK IGNITION MARINE ENGINES REFER TO OWNER'S MANUAL FOR MAINTENANCE SPECIFICATIONS AND ADJUSTMENTS				
SERIAL #	XXXXXXXX	D.O.M.	MMM YYYY	 0575
FAMILY	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX	DISP	X.XL	
STD.	XX.X g/kW-hr			

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Emission Control Label—California Emissions—Compliant

"SERIAL#"—Engine Serial Number

"FAMILY"—Engine Family

"STD."—Emissions Standard

"D.O.M."—Date of Manufacture

"DISP"—Piston Displacement

		EMISSION CONTROL INFORMATION		
NOT FOR SALE IN CALIFORNIA				
REFER TO OWNER'S MANUAL FOR MAINTENANCE SPECIFICATIONS AND ADJUSTMENTS				
SERIAL #	XXXXXXXX	D.O.M.	MMM YYYY	
FAMILY	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX	DISP	X.XL	
STD.	XX.X g/kW-hr			

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Emission Control Label—Not for Sale in California

"SERIAL#"—Engine Serial Number

"FAMILY"—Engine Family

"STD."—Emissions Standard

"D.O.M."—Date of Manufacture

"DISP"—Piston Displacement

Owner Responsibility

The operator must have routine engine maintenance performed to maintain emission levels within prescribed certification standards.

The operator may not modify the engine in any manner that alters the horsepower or allows emissions levels to exceed their factory specifications.

Section 2 - Getting to Know Your Power Package

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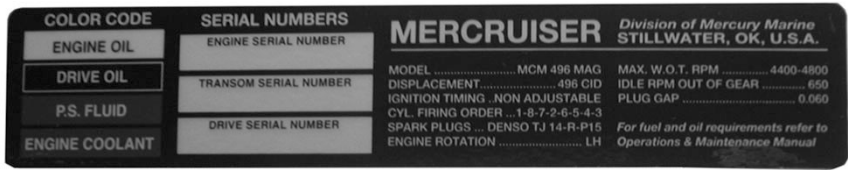
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Identification

The serial numbers are the manufacture's keys to numerous engineering details which apply to your MerCruiser power package. When contacting MerCruiser about service, always specify model and serial numbers.

Engine Serial Number Decal

The serial number decal is located on top of the engine.



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Serial numbers and maintenance color codes decal

The engine serial number is also stamped in the engine block.

Bravo Sterndrive Serial Number and Identification

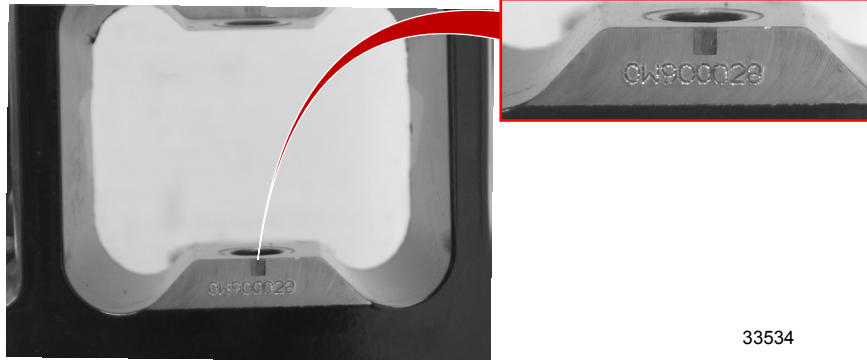
The Bravo sterndrive serial number, gear ratio, model number, and bar code are embedded in the ground plate on the port side of the sterndrive.



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Bravo sterndrive information on ground plate

The serial number is also stamped as a permanent reference on the sterndrive casting inside the back cover.



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Bravo sterndrive serial number stamping

Bravo Transom Serial Number

The Bravo transom serial number is stamped in the U-bolt plate of the Bravo transom assembly.

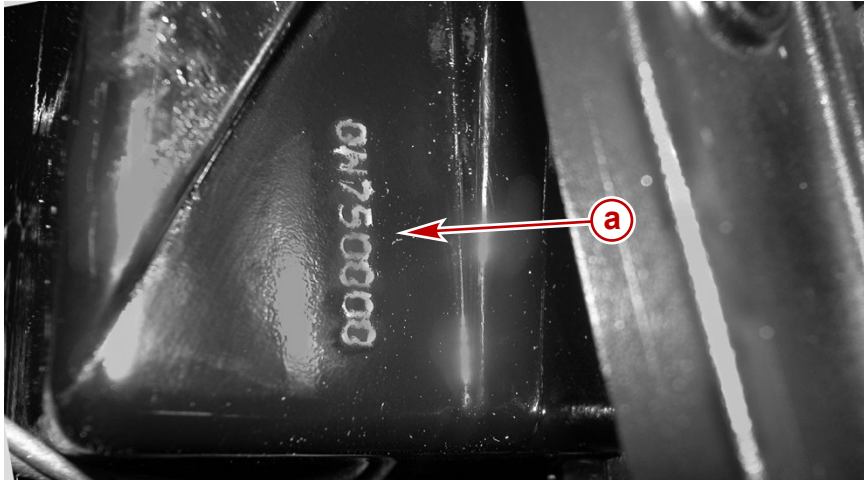


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Bravo transom assembly U-bolt plate

a - Transom assembly serial Number

The serial number is also stamped on the gimbal housing. This is used as a permanent reference for authorized MerCruiser Dealers.



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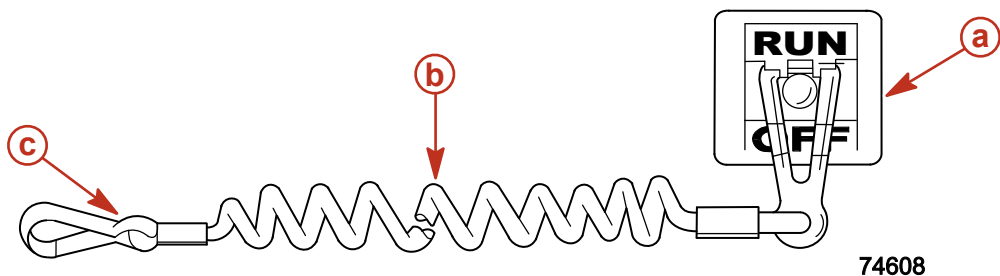
Gimbal housing with serial number stamping

a - Transom assembly serial Number

Features and Controls

Lanyard Stop Switch

The purpose of a lanyard stop switch is to turn off the engine when the operator moves outside the operator's position (as in accidental ejection from the operator's position).



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a - Stop switch

b - Lanyard

c - Clips to the operator

Accidental ejections, such as falling overboard, are more likely to occur in:

- low-sided sport boats
- bass boats
- high performance boats

Accidental ejections can also occur from:

- poor operating practices
- sitting on the seat or gunwale at planing speeds
- standing at planing speeds
- operating at planing speeds in shallow or obstacle infested waters
- releasing your grip on the steering wheel that is pulling in one direction
- consuming alcohol or drugs
- high speed boating maneuvers

The lanyard is a cord usually between 122 and 152 cm (4 and 5 ft) in length when stretched out, with an element on one end made to be inserted into the switch and a snap on the other end for attaching to the operator. The lanyard is coiled to make its at-rest condition as short as possible to minimize the likelihood of lanyard entanglement with nearby objects. Its stretched-out length is made to minimize the likelihood of accidental activation should the operator choose to move around in an area close to the normal operator's position. If it is desired to have a shorter lanyard, wrap the lanyard around the operator's wrist or leg, or tie a knot in the lanyard.

Activation of the lanyard stop switch will stop the engine immediately, but the boat will continue to coast for some distance depending upon the velocity and degree of any turn at shut down. However, the boat will not complete a full circle. While the boat is coasting, it can cause injury to anyone in the boat's path as seriously as the boat would when under power.

We strongly recommend that other occupants be instructed on proper starting and operating procedures should they be required to operate the engine in an emergency (e.g. if the operator is accidentally ejected).

WARNING

If the operator falls out of the boat, stop the engine immediately to reduce the possibility of serious injury or death from being struck by the boat. Always properly connect the operator to the stop switch using a lanyard.

Accidental or unintended activation of the switch during normal operation is also a possibility. This could cause any, or all, of the following potentially hazardous situations:

- Occupants could be thrown forward due to unexpected loss of forward motion, a particular concern for passengers in the front of the boat who could be ejected over the bow and possibly struck by the propulsion or steering components.
- Loss of power and directional control in heavy seas, strong current or high winds.
- Loss of control when docking.

WARNING

Avoid serious injury or death from deceleration forces resulting from accidental or unintended stop switch activation. The boat operator should never leave the operator's station without first disconnecting the stop switch lanyard from the operator.

Emergency Stop (E-Stop) Switch

The emergency stop (E-stop) switch turns off the engines in an emergency situation, such as a person overboard or tangled propeller. When activated, the E-stop switch interrupts the power supply to the main power relay, including power to the gauges, steering, and accessories.

Activation of the E-stop switch stops the engines immediately, but the boat continues to coast for some distance depending upon the velocity and degree of any turn at shutdown. However, the boat does not complete a full circle. While the boat is coasting, it can cause injury to anyone in the boat's path as seriously as the boat would when under power.

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- Operator can lose power and directional control in heavy seas, strong current, or high winds.
- Operator can lose control when docking.

Instrumentation

VESSELVIEW (IF EQUIPPED)

The SmartCraft VesselView is the recommended information source for all drive information, engine information, fault codes, vessel information, basic navigation data, and system information.

Refer to the VesselView Operator's Manual for more information.

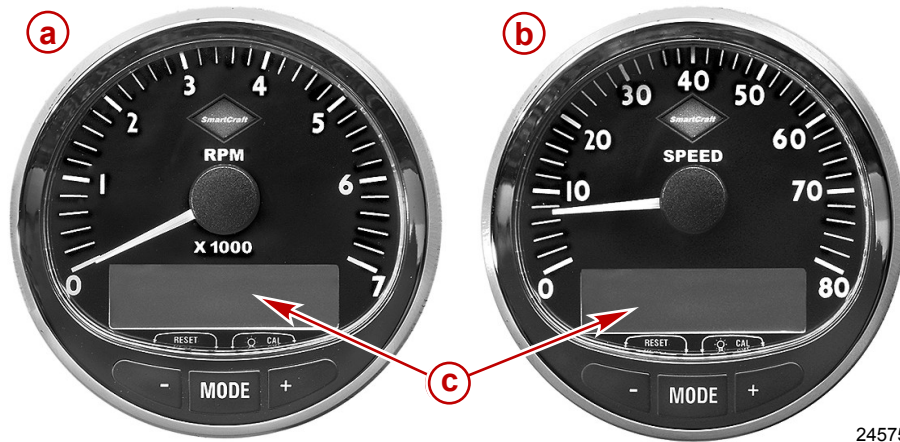


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VesselView

SC1000 AND SC100 DIGITAL GAUGES (IF EQUIPPED)

The SmartCraft SC1000 and SC100 digital gauges complement VesselView. Refer to the SC1000 and SC100 Digital Gauge Operator's Manual for more information.



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Typical SmartCraft gauges

- a** - Tachometer
- b** - Speedometer
- c** - LCD System View display

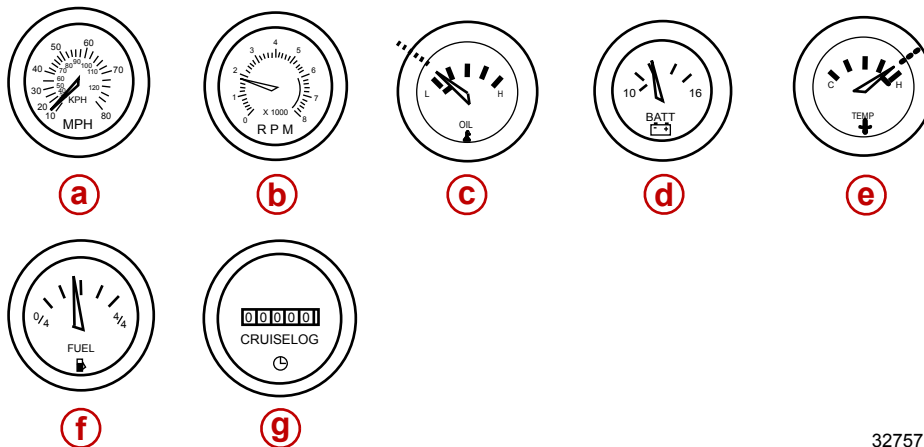
SMARTCRAFT PARTNER DIGITAL GAUGES

For other gauge manufacturers and other SmartCraft compatible products, visit www.smartcraftnetworked.com. See the specific manufacturer's operation manual for more information.

ANALOG GAUGES (IF EQUIPPED)

Instrumentation packages may vary, and may contain additional gauges. The owner and operator should be familiar with all the instruments and their functions on the boat. Ask your boat dealer to explain the gauges and normal readings that appear on your boat.

Your package may include the following types of gauges may be included with your power package.

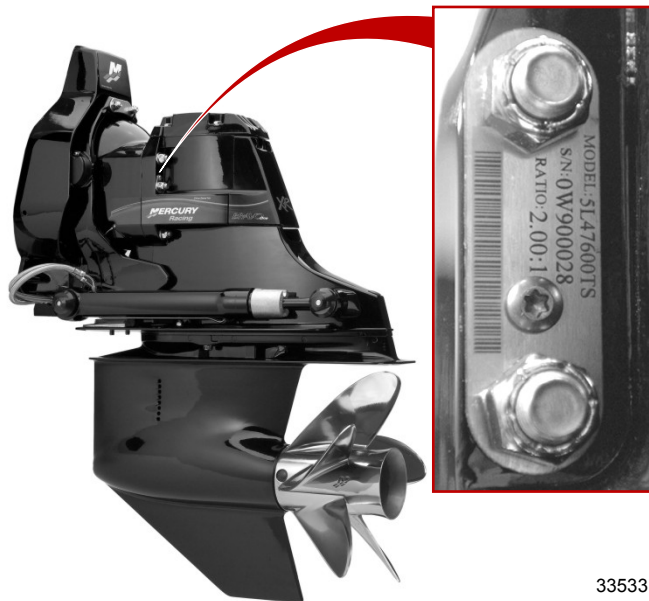


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Item	Gauge	Function
a	Speedometer	Indicates boat speed.
b	Tachometer	Indicates engine RPM.
c	Oil pressure gauge	Indicates engine oil pressure.
d	Voltmeter	Indicates battery voltage.
e	Water temperature gauge	Indicates engine operating temperature.
f	Fuel gauge	Indicates the quantity of fuel in tank.
g	Hour meter	Records engine operating time.

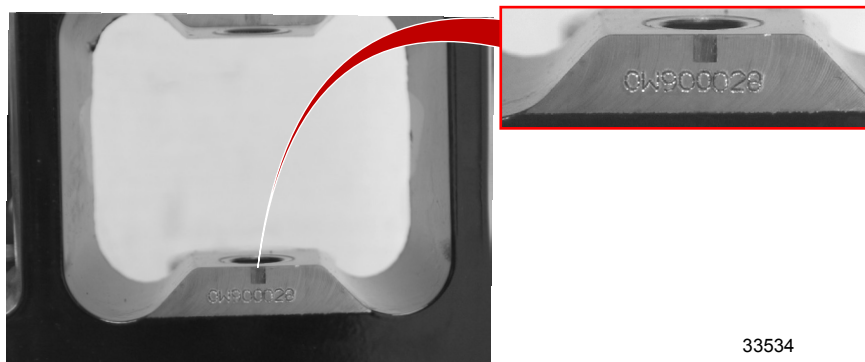
Bravo Sterndrive Serial Number and Identification

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Bravo sterndrive information on ground plate

The serial number is also stamped as a permanent reference on the sterndrive casting inside the back cover.



Bravo sterndrive serial number stamping

Electronic Helm Steering

The electronic helm steering operates through electronic signals. A computer-controlled electric motor simulates the resistance feedback found in hydraulic steering systems.

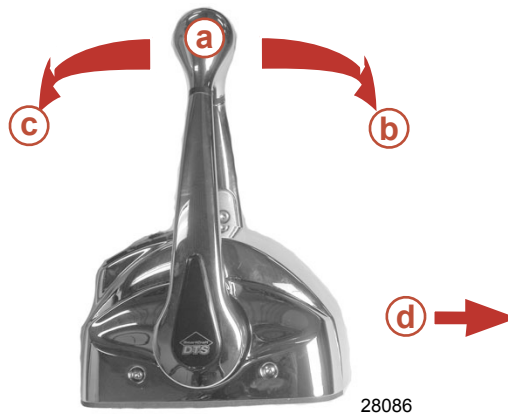
We recommend that you drive carefully until you have a chance to explore the Axis system's handling characteristics and boat's responses in an open area clear of obstructions or other boat traffic. The initial steering setting of two turns lock-to-lock provides a fast steering response. Maneuvers at speed can be more abrupt than expected. The distributor can adjust the number of turns, if desired.

Dual-Handle Electronic Remote Control (ERC) with DTS Trackpad Features and Operation

OPERATION

The electronic remote control (ERC) handle operates the shift and throttle. Push the ERC handles forward from neutral to the first detent for forward gear. Continue pushing the ERC handle forward to increase speed. Pull the ERC handle from the forward position to the neutral position to decrease speed and eventually stop. Pull the ERC handle back from neutral to the first detent for reverse gear. Continue pulling the handle back to increase speed.

NOTE: When using the joystick, the computer moves the sterndrive in and out of gear even though the ERC handles remain in neutral.



Typical ERC handles

- a** - Neutral
- b** - Forward
- c** - Reverse
- d** - Bow of boat

ADJUSTMENT

The amount of force needed to move the ERC handles and to move the ERC handles through the detentes is adjustable to help prevent unwanted motion of the handle in rough water.

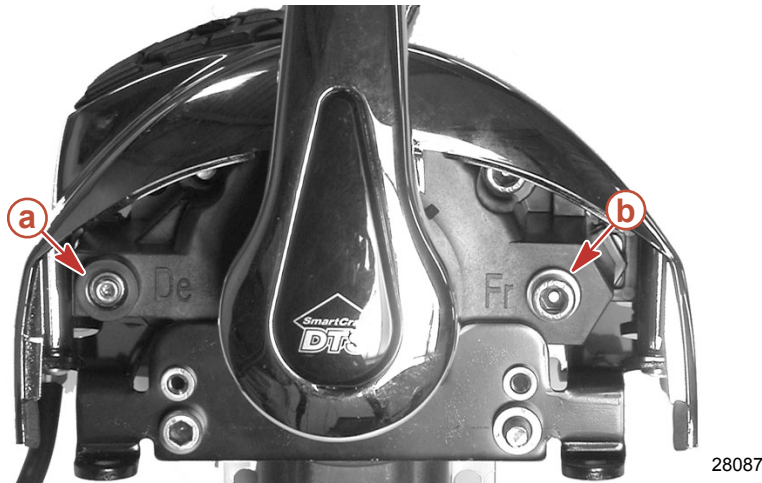
To adjust ERC handle tension:

1. Remove the port side cover for port lever adjustment, and starboard side cover for starboard lever adjustment.
2. Turn the screw clockwise to increase tension on the control handle and counter-clockwise to decrease tension.
3. Adjust to tension desired.

To adjust ERC handle detent tension:

1. Remove the port side cover for port lever adjustment, and starboard side cover for starboard lever adjustment.

2. Turn the screw clockwise to increase tension on the control handle and counter-clockwise to decrease tension.
3. Adjust to desired tension.



Starboard side with side cover removed.

- a** - ERC handle tension adjustment screw, labeled "De"
- b** - ERC handle detent tension adjustment screw, labeled "Fr"

Joystick—Basic Operation

The joystick offers precise, intuitive control of your boat during low speed and docking maneuvers. Engine speed is limited in this mode to prevent excessive prop wash or unacceptable boat dynamics during maneuvers.

Though joystick operation is easy and intuitive, you should avoid using it until you have the opportunity to become familiar with the joystick in open water. Thereafter, you should occasionally practice operating without the joystick in case the joystick becomes inoperable.

Power Trim

Power trim allows the operator to adjust the sterndrive angle while underway to achieve the ideal boat angle for varying load and water conditions. The trailering feature allows the operator to raise and lower the sterndrive unit for trailering, beaching, launching, low speed (below 1200 rpm), and shallow water operation.

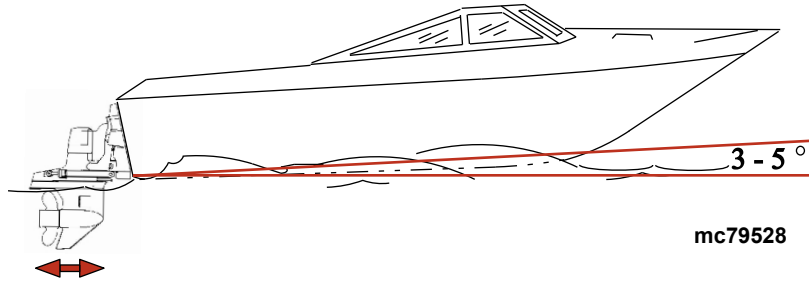
ERC TRIM CONTROL

⚠ WARNING

Excessive trim can cause serious injury or death at high speeds. Use caution when trimming the sterndrive, and never trim out beyond the gimbal ring support flanges while the boat is underway or at engine speeds above 1200 RPM.

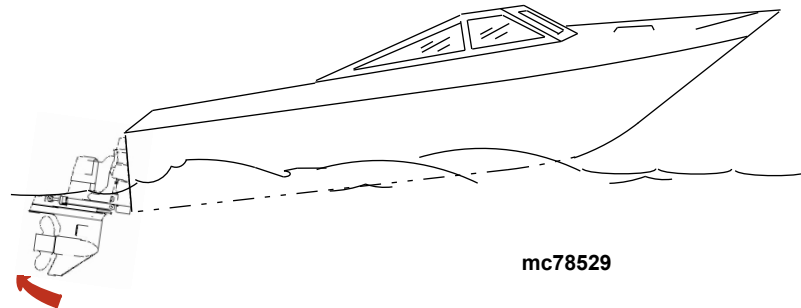
Some ERC's will have a single button for trimming both sterndrives simultaneously or may have separate buttons for each sterndrive unit.

For best performance trim the sterndrive unit so that the boat bottom is at a 3-5° angle to the water.



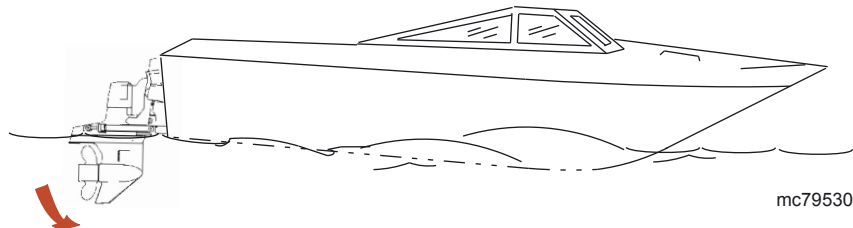
Trimming the sterndrive unit up (out) can:

- Generally increase top speed
- Increase clearance over submerged objects or a shallow bottom
- Cause the boat to accelerate and plane off slower
- In excess, cause boat porpoising (bouncing) or propeller ventilation
- Cause engine overheating, if trimmed up (out) to a point where any cooling water intake holes are above the water line



Trimming the sterndrive unit down(in) can:

- Causes the boat to accelerate and plane off quicker
- Generally improve the ride in choppy water
- In most cases, reduce boat speed
- In excess, can cause bow steering (unexpected turning) by lowering the bow of the boat so that it plows the waterline while on plane.



JOYSTICK AND TRIM CONTROL



Typical joystick

While using the Axis joystick, the best boat control is achieved when the sterndrives are in the full down (in) position. Full down (in) trim maximizes propeller efficiency allowing the boat to move parallel with the joystick command. The joystick will function while the sterndrives are trimmed up (out), however control of the boat may be limited or altered because the inefficiency of the propellers at or near the top of the water surface.

TRAILER AND TRAILER LIMIT POSITION

On digital throttle and shift controls, the trim button (if equipped) also functions as a trailer button that trims the sterndrives to a limited up (out) position suitable for trailering purposes only. Based upon engine RPM, the system limits the amount of trim up (out) and the availability of trailer position. The trailer limit function is designed to prevent damage to swim platforms.

Depending on the type of control or panel, the trailer position includes a single integral button to operate both sterndrive units simultaneously or separate buttons for each sterndrive unit.

Trim without Key

CAUTION

The Trim Without Key mode allows trim operation after the ignition key switch is turned off. To avoid injury or product damage, do not attempt any engine- or sterndrive-related repairs or maintenance until performing the Wide Open Throttle Reverse operation to end the Trim Without Key mode.

Trim without key is a method of allowing trim operation after the ignition key switch is turned off. The command module and PCM remain powered and process trim requests for up to 15 minutes after the key switch is turned off. The command module does not process any requests other than trim during this period. Once the 15 minute period expires, the command module sends a command through the CAN lines to shut down the PCM. On multi-engine applications, the time-out is managed separately for each engine.

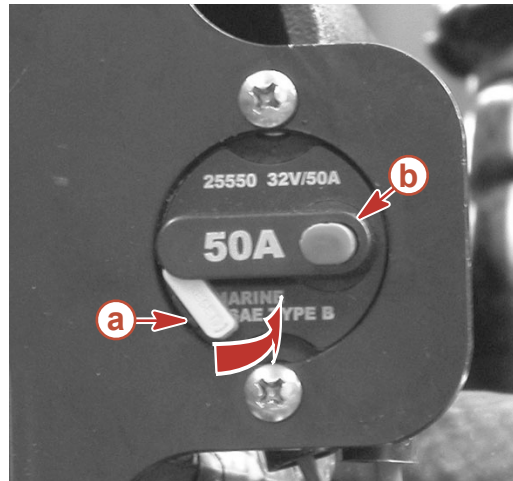
The trim without key period may be ended at any time by moving the control handle to Wide Open Throttle Reverse (WOTR) with the key off. To end the 15 minute period for the center engine in a shadow mode application, ensure all ignition key switches are in the "OFF" position and both remote control handles are in the Wide Open Throttle Reverse (WOTR) position.

Electrical System Overload Protection

If an electrical overload occurs, a fuse will blow or the circuit breaker will trip open. You must find and correct the cause before replacing the fuse or resetting the circuit breaker.

NOTE: In an emergency, when the engine must be operated and the cause for the high current draw (overload) cannot be located and corrected, turn off or disconnect all accessories connected to the engine and instrumentation wiring. Reset the circuit breaker. If the breaker remains open, the electrical overload has not been eliminated. Further checks must be made on the electrical system. Contact your authorized dealer.

1. A circuit breaker protects the engine wiring harness and the instrumentation power lead. Test the circuit breaker by pushing the red button. To reset the breaker, push the yellow lever back into the housing.

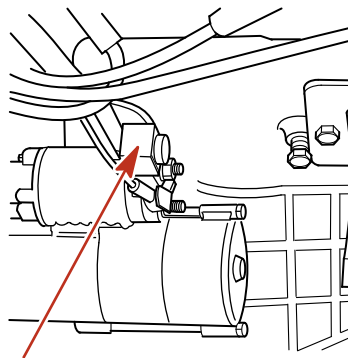


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a - Yellow lever—shown tripped

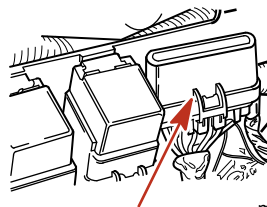
b - Red test button

2. A 90 amp fuse is located on the large post of the starter solenoid. This fuse protects the engine wiring harness if an electrical overload or a reversed battery condition occurs.



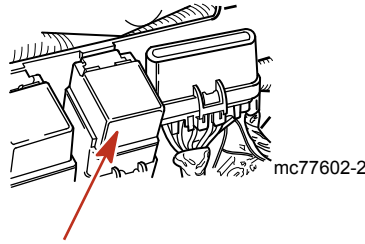
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3. Four fuses are located on the port side of the engine. These fuses protect various Electronic Fuel Injection (EFI) circuits.

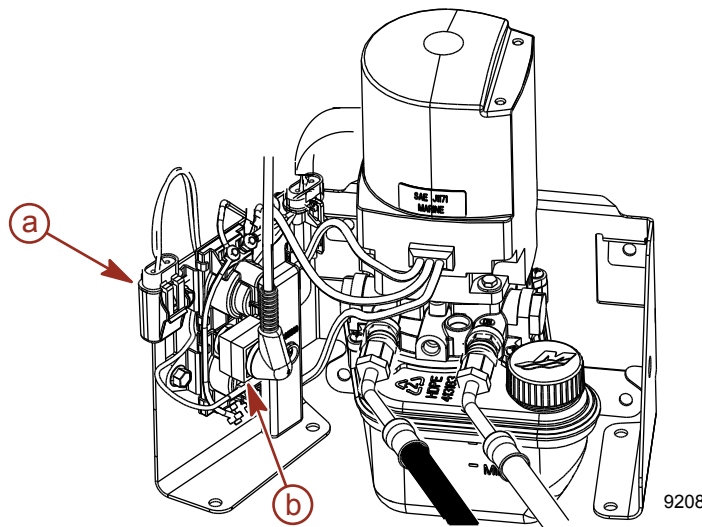


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NOTE: The main power and fuel pump relays are located next to the fuses and control voltage to the engine with the ignition key in the on position.

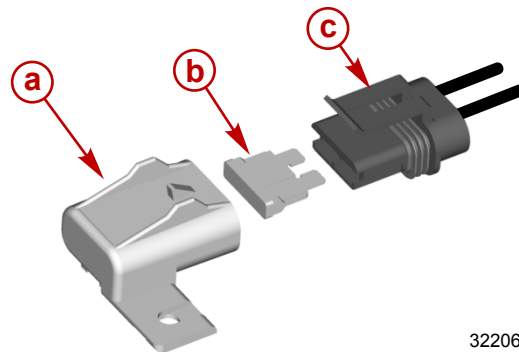


- The power trim system is protected from overload by a 110 amp fuse and a 20 amp spade fuse on the power trim pump. The trim pump may also have an in-line circuit protection device in the power trim positive lead near the battery switch or battery connection.



- a** - 20 amp spade fuse
- b** - 110 amp fuse

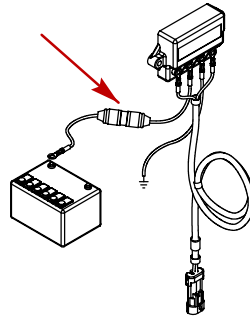
- The electronic control unit of each engine has a separate power harness to minimize voltage drop. The power harness connects to the engine starting battery and is protected by a 10 amp spade fuse in a fuse holder located near the battery.



Typical

- a** - Cover
- b** - 10 amp spade fuse
- c** - Fuse holder

6. The Quicksilver MerCathode system has a 20 amp in-line fuse in the wire which connects to the positive (+) terminal on controller. If the fuse is blown, the system will not operate resulting in a loss of corrosion protection.



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Warning Horn Signals

Most faults will cause the warning horn circuit to activate. How the warning horn activates depends on how serious the problem is. There are four warning horn states:

- Caution - horn signal varies with product line and calibration. Minimal guardian.
- Warning - horn signal varies with product line and calibration.
- Severe - horn is beeping constantly.
- Critical - horn is beeping constantly and guardian will be at forced idle.

In addition, depending on the gauge package, there will be warning icons and fault messages on the dash mounted gauges.

Audio Warning System

IMPORTANT: The audio warning system alerts the operator that a problem has occurred. It does not protect the engine from damage.

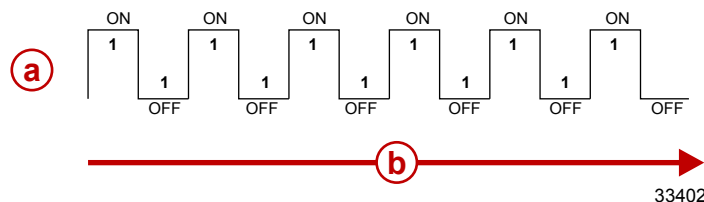
Your Mercury MerCruiser power package may be equipped with an audio warning system. Most faults cause the warning horn circuit to activate. How the warning horn activates depends on the severity of the problem.

There are three warning horn states:

- Caution
- Severe
- Onboard Diagnostic Marine (OBDM) fault

CAUTION

If a caution is detected, the audio warning system will sound for six one-second intervals.



a - Horn (on or off)

b - Time (in seconds)

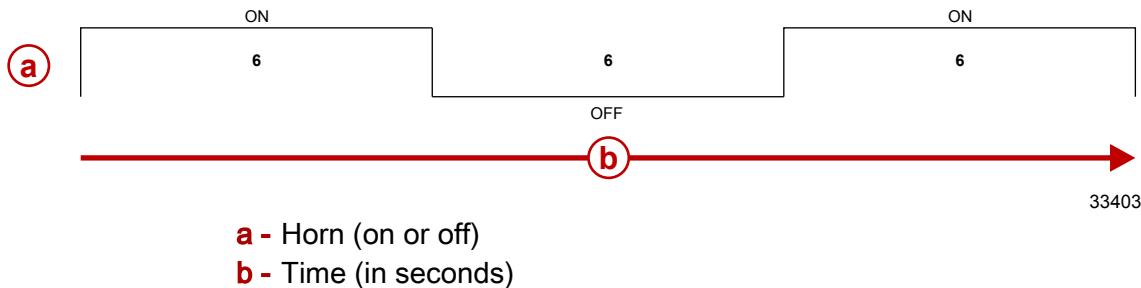
Below are some examples of a caution fault:

- Transmission fluid temperature is too hot
- Drive oil is low
- Sensor failure

SEVERE

IMPORTANT: If you experience a severe fault, contact your authorized Mercury MerCruiser dealer.

If a severe fault is detected, the audio warning system will sound for six seconds, turn off for six seconds, then sound for six more seconds.

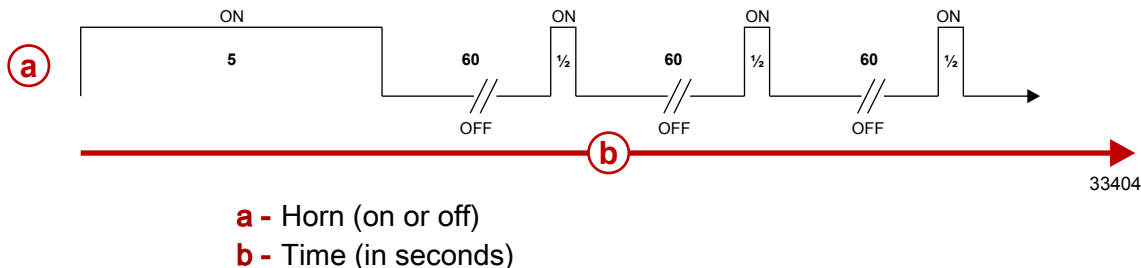


Below are some examples of a severe fault:

- Engine oil pressure is too low
- Engine temperature is too hot
- Seawater pressure is too low
- Transmission pressure is low (select models)

OBDM

If an OBDM fault is detected, the audio warning system sound with one five-second horn, then one short, 1/2-second horn every 60 seconds for certain faults related to the emissions or fuel system. See your authorized Mercury MerCruiser dealer for assistance.



TESTING THE AUDIO WARNING SYSTEM

1. Turn the ignition switch to the "ON" position without cranking the engine.
2. Listen for the audio alarm. The alarm will sound if the system is functioning correctly.

Engine Guardian Strategy

IMPORTANT: Boat speed could be reduced to idle and may not respond to the throttle.

Engine Guardian Strategy is designed to help reduce the potential for engine damage by reducing engine power when a potential problem is sensed by the ECM. Engine Guardian monitors:

- Oil pressure
- Coolant temperature
- Seawater pressure
- Engine overspeed
- Exhaust Manifold Temperature [8.1 liter (496 cid) engines only]

Also the Engine Guardian Strategy will reduce engine power to 90 percent of maximum if any sensor on the power package fails.

For example, if the water inlet becomes partially blocked, Engine Guardian Strategy will reduce the available power level of the engine to help prevent damage from decreased water flow to the engine. If the debris passes through and full water flow is restored, engine power levels are restored to normal.

To avoid a possible recurrence of the problem you should contact an authorized dealer. The ECM stores the fault and with this information the technician will be able to more rapidly diagnose problems.

Axius Premier Features (If equipped)

Axius Premier Precision Pilot Trackpad Functions

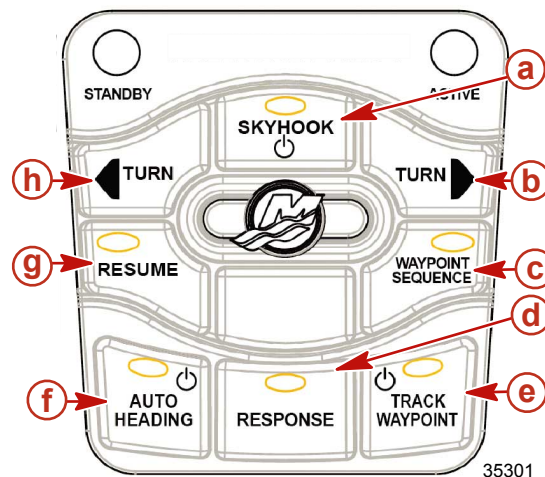
The Axius Premier System is a fully integrated system utilizing a GPS sensor, a customer-supplied NMEA-0183-compatible chart-plotter, an inertial measurement unit (IMU), the electronic helm, Vessel View, joystick control, and the Axius Premier trackpad provided with the system. No third-party autopilot is necessary.

Axius Premier requires the following:

- A CAN based NMEA-0183 information stream from the GPS unit
- A Mercury approved chartplotter
- An inertial measurement unit (IMU)
- The electronic helm
- VesselView

The Axius Premier Precision Pilot Trackpad gives the operator control over:

- **SkyHook**—allows the boat to hold its position without lines or anchor
- **Response**—compensates for the effects of wind, waves, and currents on the boat's direction.
- **Auto Heading**—controls the boat on a pre-determined heading
- **Track Waypoint**—controls the boat on a pre-determined path with a single waypoint
- **Waypoint Sequence**—controls the boat on a pre-determined path with multiple waypoints



- a** - SkyHook
- b** - Turn to starboard
- c** - Waypoint Sequence
- d** - Response

- e** - Track Waypoint
- f** - Auto Heading
- g** - Resume
- h** - Turn to port

The buttons on the Precision Pilot Trackpad have the following functions:

Function	Description
SkyHook	Engages and disengages SkyHook. Mode is only available when the joystick is centered, both engines are running, GPS and Heading Sensors are available, and levers are in neutral.
Turn < and >	Each press of the button causes a 10 degree course change in the Auto Heading mode. (A tap port or starboard on the joystick initiates a one degree change in course.)
Waypoint Sequence	Engages Waypoint Sequence, driving the boat on a course set with multiple waypoints on the chartplotter. Waypoint Sequence is available when the "WAYPOINT SEQUENCE" button is pressed, a NMEA-0183 stream is available from a chart plotter, and the GPS and heading sensor signals are available. When in "WAYPOINT SEQUENCE" mode, the joystick or "<" or ">" will cause the Precision Pilot to change to heading control and change the heading 1°.
Response	Increases or decreases the amount of control exerted by the Precision Pilot on disturbances to external course changes in three levels. Selection will be in a "(123-321)" format. The response levels can be calibrated.
Track Waypoint	Engages Precision Pilot in (GPS) Track mode. Track can be engaged by either pressing the track button or pressing the auto button then the track button. Route Tracking is available when the "Track" button is pressed, a NMEA-0183 stream is available from a chart plotter, and the GPS and heading sensor signals are available. When in "Track" mode, the joystick or "<" or ">" will cause the Precision Pilot to change to heading control and change the heading 1°.
Auto Heading	Engages Auto Heading mode. Heading control is available when the "Auto Heading" button is pressed, and GPS and IMU signals are available. (See "Turn < and >" for course adjustment information.)
Resume	Resumes previous Auto/Track Course.

NOTE: Moving the steering wheel will always take control of the boat. A slight detent will have to be overcome to give the operator feedback that they are taking control from the Precision Pilot. The "Resume" button will return the Precision Pilot to control in the previous mode.

Section 3 - On the Water

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Safe Boating Suggestions

To safely enjoy the waterways, familiarize yourself with local and all other governmental boating regulations and restrictions and consider the following suggestions.

Know and obey all nautical rules and laws of the waterways.

- We recommend that all powerboat operators complete a boating safety course. In the US, the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, the Power Squadron, the Red Cross, and your state or provincial boating law enforcement agency provide courses. For more information in the US, call the Boat U.S. Foundation at 1-800-336-BOAT (2628).

Perform safety checks and required maintenance.

- Follow a regular schedule and ensure that all repairs are properly made.

Check safety equipment on board.

- Here are some suggestions of the types of safety equipment to carry when boating:
 - Approved fire extinguishers
 - Signal devices: flashlight, rockets or flares, flag and whistle or horn
 - Tools necessary for minor repairs
 - Anchor and extra anchor line
 - Manual bilge pump and extra drain plugs
 - Drinking water
 - Transistor radio
 - Paddle or oar
 - Spare propeller, thrust hubs, and an appropriate wrench
 - First aid kit and instructions
 - Water-proof storage containers
 - Spare operating equipment, batteries, bulbs and fuses
 - Compass and map or chart of the area
 - Personal flotation device (1 per person on board)

Watch for signs of weather change and avoid foul weather and rough-sea boating.

Tell someone where you are going and when you expect to return.

Passenger boarding.

- Stop the engine whenever passengers are boarding, unloading or are near the back (stern) of the boat. Shifting the drive unit into neutral is not sufficient.

Use personal flotation devices.

- Federal Law requires that there be a U. S. Coast Guard approved life jacket (personal flotation device), correctly sized and readily accessible for every person on board, plus a throwable cushion or ring. We strongly advise that everyone wear a life jacket at all times while in the boat.

Prepare other boat operators.

- Instruct at least 1 person on board in the basics of starting and operating the engine and boat handling in case the driver becomes disabled or falls overboard.

Do not overload your boat.

- Most boats are rated and certified for maximum load (weight) capacities (refer to your boat capacity plate). Know your boat's operating and loading limitations. Know if your boat will float if full of water. When in doubt, contact your authorized Mercury MerCruiser dealer or the boat manufacturer.

Ensure that everyone in the boat is properly seated.

- Do not allow anyone to sit or ride on any part of the boat that was not intended for such use. This includes the backs of seats, gunwales, transom, bow, decks, raised fishing seats and any rotating fishing seat; anywhere that sudden unexpected acceleration, sudden stopping, unexpected loss of boat control or sudden boat movement could cause a person to be thrown overboard or into the boat. Ensure that all passengers have a proper seat and are in it before any boat movement.

Never be under the influence of alcohol or drugs while boating (it is the law).

- They impair your judgment and greatly reduce your ability to react quickly.

Know your boating area and avoid hazardous locations.

Be alert.

- The operator of the boat is responsible by law to maintain a proper lookout by sight and hearing. The operator must have an unobstructed view particularly to the front. No passengers, load or fishing seats should block the operators view when the boat is above idle or planing transition speed. Watch out for others, the water and your wake.

Never drive your boat directly behind a water skier in case the skier falls.

- As an example, your boat traveling at 40 km/h (25 MPH) will overtake a fallen skier who was 61 m (200 ft.) in front of you in 5 seconds.

Watch fallen skiers.

- When using your boat for water skiing or similar activities, always keep a fallen or down skier on the operator's side of the boat while returning to attend to the skier. The operator should always have the down skier in sight and never back up to the skier or anyone in the water.

Report accidents.

- Boat operators are required by law to file a Boating Accident Report with their state boating law enforcement agency when their boat is involved in certain boating accidents. A boating accident must be reported if 1) there is loss of life or probable loss of life, 2) there is personal injury requiring medical treatment beyond first aid, 3) there is damage to boats or other property where the damage value exceeds \$500.00 or 4) there is complete loss of the boat. Seek further assistance from local law enforcement.

Be Alert to Carbon Monoxide Poisoning

Carbon monoxide is present in the exhaust fumes of all internal combustion engines including the outboards, sterndrives and inboard engines that propel boats, as well as the generators that power various boat accessories. Carbon monoxide is a deadly gas that is odorless, colorless and tasteless.

Early symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning, which should not be confused with seasickness or intoxication, include headache, dizziness, drowsiness and nausea.

WARNING

Carbon monoxide poisoning can lead to unconsciousness, brain damage, or death. Keep the boat well ventilated while at rest or underway and avoid prolonged exposure to carbon monoxide.

Good Ventilation

Ventilate the passenger area, open the side curtains or forward hatches to remove fumes.

1. Example of desired air flow through the boat.



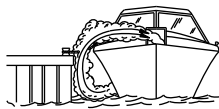
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Poor Ventilation

Under certain conditions, permanently enclosed or canvas enclosed cabins or cockpits with insufficient ventilation may draw in carbon monoxide. Install one or more carbon monoxide detectors in your boat.

Although the occurrence is rare, on a very calm day, swimmers and passengers in an open area of a stationary boat that contains or is near an operating engine may be exposed to a hazardous level of carbon monoxide.

1. Examples of poor ventilation while a boat is stationary:



(a)

a - Operating the engine when the boat is moored in a confined space



(b)

b - Mooring close to another boat with its engine operating

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2. Examples of poor ventilation while a boat is moving:



(a)

a - Operating the boat with the trim angle of the bow too high



(b)

b - Operating the boat with no forward hatches open (station wagon effect)

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Basic Boat Operation

Trailing the Boat

Your boat can be trailered with the sterndrive unit in the up or down position. Adequate clearance is required between the road and sterndrive when transporting.

If adequate road clearance is a problem, place the sterndrive unit in full trailer position and support it with an optional trailer kit which is available from your authorized Mercury MerCruiser dealer.

Freezing Temperature Operation

IMPORTANT: If the boat is operated during periods of freezing temperature, precautions must be taken to prevent freeze damage to the power package. Damage caused by freezing is not covered by Mercury MerCruiser Limited Warranty.

Drain Plug and Bilge Pump

The engine compartment in your boat is a natural place for water to collect. For this reason, boats are normally equipped with a drain plug and/or a bilge pump. It is very important to check these items on a regular basis to ensure that the water level does not come into contact with your power package. Components on your engine will be damaged if submerged. Damage caused by submersion is not covered by the Mercury MerCruiser Limited Warranty.

Protecting People in the Water

While You Are Cruising

It is very difficult for a person in the water to take quick action to avoid a boat heading in their direction, even at slow speeds.



Always slow down and exercise extreme caution any time you are boating in an area where there might be people in the water.

Whenever a boat is moving (even coasting) and the gear shift is in neutral, there is sufficient force by the water on the propeller to cause the propeller to rotate. This neutral propeller rotation can cause serious injury.

While Boat Is Stationary

WARNING

A spinning propeller, a moving boat, or any solid device attached to the boat can cause serious injury or death to swimmers. Stop the engine immediately whenever anyone in the water is near your boat.

Shift into neutral and shut off the engine before allowing people to swim or be in the water near your boat.

High-Speed and High-Performance Operation

If your boat is considered a high-speed or high-performance boat with which you are unfamiliar, we recommend that you never operate it at its high speed capability without first requesting an initial orientation and demonstration ride with your dealer or an operator experienced with your boat. For additional information, refer to **Hi-Performance Boat Operation** booklet (90-849250-R2) from your dealer, distributor or Mercury Marine.

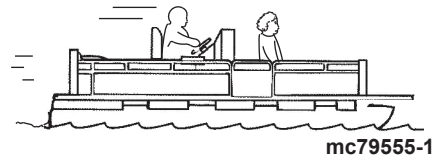
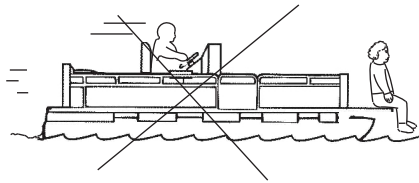
Passenger Safety in Pontoon Boats and Deck Boats

Whenever the boat is in motion, observe the location of all passengers. Do not allow any passengers to stand or use seats other than those designated for traveling faster than idle speed. A sudden reduction in boat speed, such as plunging into a large wave or wake, a sudden throttle reduction, or a sharp change of boat direction, could throw them over the front of boat. Falling over the front of the boat between the two pontoons will position them to be run over.

Boats Having An Open Front Deck

No one should ever be on the deck in front of the fence while the boat is in motion. Keep all passengers behind the front fence or enclosure.

Persons on the front deck could easily be thrown overboard or persons dangling their feet over the front edge could get their legs caught by a wave and pulled into the water.



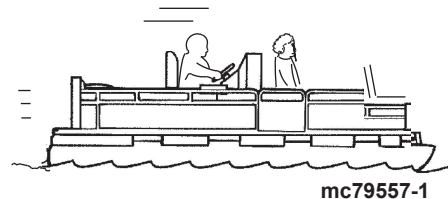
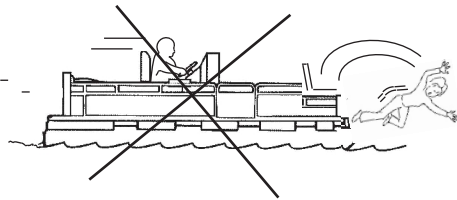
⚠ WARNING

Sitting or standing in an area of the boat not designed for passengers at speeds above idle can cause serious injury or death. Stay back from the front end of deck boats or raised platforms and remain seated while the boat is in motion.

Boats With Front-Mounted, Raised Pedestal Fishing Seats

Elevated fishing seats are not intended for use when the boat is traveling faster than idle or trolling speed. Sit only in seats designated for traveling at faster speeds.

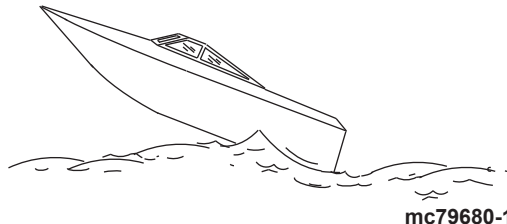
Any unexpected, sudden reduction in boat speed could result in the elevated passenger falling over the front of the boat.



Wave and Wake Jumping

⚠ WARNING

Wave or wake jumping can cause serious injury or death from occupants being thrown within or out of the boat. Avoid wave or wake jumping whenever possible.



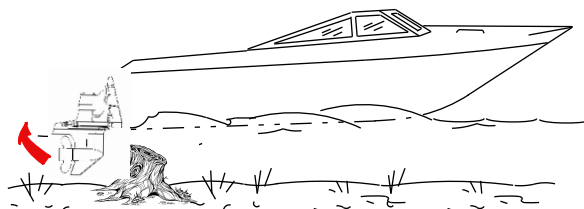
Operating recreational boats over waves and wakes is a natural part of boating. However, when this activity is done with enough speed to force the boat hull partially or completely out of the water, certain hazards arise, particularly when the boat re-enters the water.

The primary concern is the boat changing direction while in the midst of the jump. In such cases the landing may cause the boat to violently veer in a new direction. Such a sharp change in direction or turn can cause occupants to be thrown out of their seats or out of the boat.

There is another less common hazardous result from allowing your boat to launch off of a wave or wake. If the bow of your boat pitches down far enough while airborne, upon water contact it may penetrate under the water surface and submarine for an instant. This will bring the boat nearly to a stop in an instant and can send the occupants flying forward. The boat may also veer sharply to one side.

Impact with Underwater Hazards

Reduce speed and proceed with caution whenever you're driving a boat in shallow water or in areas where the waters are suspected of having underwater obstacles that could be struck by the underwater drive components, rudder or the boat bottom.



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IMPORTANT: The most important thing you can do to help reduce injury or impact damage from striking a floating or underwater object is control the boat speed. Under these conditions, boat speed should be kept to a maximum speed of 24 to 40 km/h (15 to 25 mph).

Striking a floating/underwater object may result in an infinite number of situations. Some of these situations could result in the following:

- The boat could move suddenly in a new direction. Such a sharp change in direction or turn can cause occupants to be thrown out of their seats or out of the boat.
- A rapid reduction in speed. This will cause occupants to be thrown forward, even out of the boat.
- Impact damage to the underwater drive components, rudder and/or boat.

Keep in mind, one of the most important things you can do to help reduce injury or impact damage in these situations is control the boat speed. Boat speed should be kept to a minimum planing speed when driving in waters known to have underwater obstacles.

After striking a submerged object, stop the engine as soon as possible and inspect the drive system for any broken or loose parts. If damage is present or suspected, the power package should be taken to an authorized Mercury MerCruiser dealer for a thorough inspection and necessary repair.

The boat should be checked for hull fractures, transom fractures and water leaks.

Operating with damaged underwater drive components, rudder or boat bottom could cause additional damage to other parts of the power package, or could affect control of the boat. If continued operation is necessary, do so at greatly reduced speeds.

WARNING

Operating a boat or engine with impact damage can result in product damage, serious injury, or death. If the vessel experiences any form of impact, have an authorized Mercury Marine dealer inspect and repair the vessel or power package.

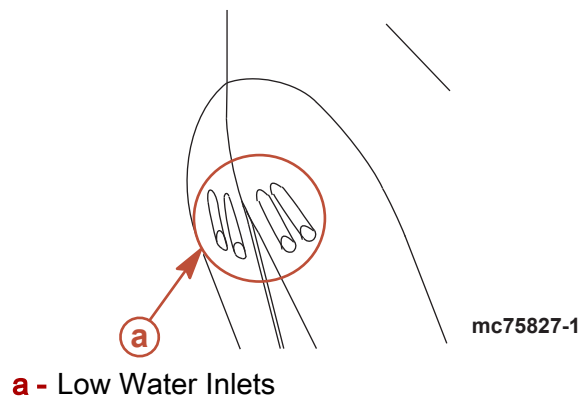
Drive Unit Impact Protection

The power trim hydraulic system is designed to provide impact protection for the sterndrive unit. If a submerged object is struck while the boat is moving forward, the hydraulic system will cushion the pickup of the sterndrive unit as it clears the object, reducing damage to the unit. After the sterndrive unit has cleared the object, the hydraulic system allows the sterndrive unit to return to its original operating position, preventing loss of steering control and engine overspeed.

Use extreme caution when operating in shallow water or where underwater objects are known to be present. No impact protection is provided in reverse; use extreme care to prevent striking submerged objects while operating in reverse.

IMPORTANT: Impact protection system cannot be designed to ensure total protection from impact damage under all conditions.

Operating with Low Water Inlets in Shallow Water



NOTICE

Operating in shallow water can cause severe engine damage due to clogged water inlets. Ensure that the water inlets on the gearcase do not ingest sand, silt, or other debris, which can restrict or stop cooling water supply to the engine.

Extreme care should be exercised when operating a boat equipped with low water inlets while maneuvering in shallow water. Also, avoid beaching a boat with the engine operating.

Conditions Affecting Operation

Weight Distribution (Passengers and Gear) Inside the Boat

Shifting weight to rear (stern):

- Generally increases speed and engine RPM
- Causes bow to bounce in choppy water
- Increases danger of following wave splashing into the boat when coming off plane
- At extremes, can cause the boat to porpoise

Shifting weight to front (bow):

- Improves ease of planing
- Improves rough water ride
- At extremes, can cause the boat to veer back and forth (bow steer)

The Bottom of the Boat

To maintain maximum speed, the boat bottom should be:

- Clean, free of barnacles and marine growth
- Free of distortion; nearly flat where it contacts the water
- Straight and smooth, fore and aft

Marine vegetation may accumulate when the boat is docked. This growth must be removed before operation; it may clog the water inlets and cause the engine to overheat.

Cavitation

Cavitation occurs when water flow cannot follow the contour of a fast-moving underwater object such as a gear housing or a propeller. Cavitation increases propeller speed while reducing boat speed. Cavitation can seriously erode the surface of the gear housing or the propeller. Common causes of cavitation are:

- Weeds or other debris snagged on the propeller
- Bent propeller blade
- Raised burrs or sharp edges on the propeller

Ventilation

Ventilation is caused by surface air or exhaust gases that are introduced around the propeller resulting in propeller speed-up and a reduction in boat speed. Air bubbles strike the propeller blade and cause erosion of the blade surface. If allowed to continue, eventual blade failure (breakage) will occur. Excessive ventilation is usually caused by:

- Drive unit trimmed out too far.
- A missing propeller diffuser ring.
- A damaged propeller or gear housing, which allows exhaust gases to escape between propeller and gear housing.
- Drive unit installed too high on transom.

Elevation and Climate

Elevation and climate changes will affect the performance of your power package. Loss of performance can be caused by:

- Higher elevations
- Higher temperatures
- Low barometric pressures
- High humidity

For you to have optimum engine performance under changing weather conditions, it is essential that the engine be propped to allow the engine to operate at or near the top end of the specified maximum RPM range with a normal boat load during your normal boating weather conditions.

In most cases, recommended RPM can be achieved by changing to a lower pitch propeller.

Propeller Selection

IMPORTANT: The engines covered in this manual are equipped with an RPM rev-limiter that is set to an upper RPM limit. This limit, which is slightly above the normal operating range of the engine, helps prevent damage from excessive engine RPM. Once the RPM returns to the recommended operating RPM range, normal engine operation resumes.

The boat manufacturer and the selling dealer are responsible for equipping the power package with the correct propeller. Refer to Mercury Marine's web page http://www.mercurymarine.com/everything_you_need_to_know_about_propellers6.

Select a propeller that will allow the engine power package to operate at or near the top end of the recommended WOT operating RPM range with a normal load.

If full-throttle operation is below the recommended range, the propeller must be changed to prevent loss of performance and possible engine damage. On the other hand, operating an engine above the recommended operating RPM range will cause higher than normal wear and damage.

After initial propeller selection, the following common problems may require that the propeller be changed to a lower pitch.

- Warmer weather and greater humidity cause a loss of RPM.
- Operating in a higher elevation causes a loss of RPM.
- Operating with a dirty boat bottom causes a loss of RPM.
- Operating with increased load (additional passengers, pulling skiers) causes a loss of RPM.

For better acceleration, such as is needed for water skiing, use the next lower pitch propeller. When not pulling skiers, do not operate at full throttle when using the lower pitch propeller.

Getting Started

20-Hour Break-In Period

IMPORTANT: The first 20 hours of operation is the engine break-in period. Correct break-in is essential to obtain minimum oil consumption and maximum engine performance. During this break-in period, the following rules must be observed:

- Do not operate below 1500 RPM for extended periods of time for the first 10 hours. Shift into gear as soon as possible after starting and advance the throttle above 1500 rpm **if conditions permit safe operation**.
- Do not operate at one speed consistently for extended periods.
- Do not exceed 3/4 throttle during the first 10 hours. During the next 10 hours, occasional operation at full throttle is permissible (5 minutes at a time maximum).
- Avoid full throttle acceleration from idle speed.
- Do not operate at full throttle until the engine reaches normal operating temperature.
- Frequently check engine oil level. Add oil as needed. It is normal for oil consumption to be high during the break-in period.

Launching and Boat Operation

IMPORTANT: Install bilge drain plug prior to launching boat.

OPERATION CHART

Operation Chart			
BEFORE STARTING	AFTER STARTING	WHILE UNDERWAY	AFTER STOPPING
Install bilge drain plug.	Observe all gauges to check condition of engine. If not normal, stop engine.	Observe all gauges to check condition of engine. If not normal, stop engine.	Turn ignition key to the "OFF" position.
Open engine hatch.	Check for fuel, oil, water, fluid and exhaust leaks.	Listen for the audio alarm.	Turn battery switch to the "OFF" position.

Operation Chart			
BEFORE STARTING	AFTER STARTING	WHILE UNDERWAY	AFTER STOPPING
Turn battery switch on.	Check shift and throttle control operation.		Close fuel shut off valve.
Operate bilge blowers.	Check steering operation.		Close seacock, if equipped.
Open fuel shut off valve.			Flush cooling system if in saltwater.
Open seacock, if equipped.			Drain bilge.
Close the drain system.			
Place sterndrive unit in full down/in position.			
Check the engine oil.			
Perform all other checks specified by your dealer and/or boat builder.			
Listen for Audio Warning Alarm to sound when the ignition switch is in the "ON" position.			

Starting and Stopping the Engine

NOTE: Perform only those functions applicable to your power package.

STARTING THE ENGINE

1. Check all items listed in the Operation Chart.
2. Place the remote control handle in neutral.

NOTICE

Without sufficient cooling water, the engine, the water pump, and other components will overheat and suffer damage. Provide a sufficient supply of water to the water inlets during operation.

⚠ WARNING

Explosive fumes contained in the engine compartment can cause serious injury or death from fire or explosion. Before starting the engine, operate the bilge blower or vent the engine compartment for at least five minutes.

NOTE: MerCruiser DTS models are equipped with SmartStart. The SmartStart feature incorporates push-button starting. Rather than holding the start button or key switch to start the engine and then releasing it when the engine starts, SmartStart completely controls the starting process. When the start button is pushed, the DTS system signals the engine PCM to start the engine. If the engine does not start, the starting process times out after a few seconds or when the engine reaches 400 RPM. Attempting to start the engine with the engine already running will turn the engine off.

3. Turn the ignition key to the "RUN" position.

⚠ WARNING

A spinning propeller, a moving boat, or any solid device attached to the boat can cause serious injury or death to swimmers. Stop the engine immediately whenever anyone in the water is near your boat.

4. Turn the ignition key switch to the "START" position then release, or depress the start/stop button and release. If the engine is cold, allow the engine to operate at idle for 6–10 minutes or until the engine temperature reaches 60° C (140° F).
5. If the engine does not start after three attempts:
 - a. Push the throttle-only button and position the remote control handle or throttle lever to the 1/4 throttle position.
 - b. Turn the ignition key to "start." Release key when the engine starts and allow the switch to return to the "on" position.
6. If the engine does not start after step 5:
 - a. Move the remote control lever to the full throttle position, then return to 1/4 throttle.
 - b. Turn the ignition key to "START." Release key when the engine starts and allow the switch to return to the "on" position.
7. Inspect the power package for fuel, oil, water, and exhaust leaks.
8. Move the control handle with a firm, quick motion forward to shift to forward gear, or backward to shift to reverse. After shifting, advance throttle to desired setting.

NOTICE

Shifting into gear at engine speeds above idle will damage the drive system. Shift the drive into gear only when the engine is operating at idle.

STOPPING THE ENGINE

1. Move the remote control handle to neutral/idle and allow the engine to slow to idle speed. If the engine has been operated at high speed for a long period of time, allow the engine to cool at idle speed for 3 to 5 minutes.
2. The engine can be stopped by any one of the following four methods:
 - a. Move the ignition key switch to the "ACCESSORY" or "OFF" position. The engine will stop and the control system will be deactivated.
 - b. Depress the start/stop button, if equipped. The engine will stop and the control system will remain active.
 - c. Momentarily move the ignition key switch to the "START" position, then release immediately. The control system will recognize that the engine is running and will stop the engine. The control system will remain active. Moving the ignition key switch to the "START" position again will issue a start request to the control system and the control system will start the engine, if appropriate.
 - d. Activate the lanyard stop switch, if equipped. The engine will stop, but the control system will remain active. The control system will not allow the engine to start if the lanyard stop switch is activated.

Throttle Only Operation

NOTE: When operating in throttle only (neutral) mode, the DTS Control System will not allow the engine speed to increase above 3500 RPM.

Console mount remote controls are equipped with a throttle-only button. To activate throttle only mode:

1. Refer to the **Remote Controls** section for remote control features.
2. Move the control lever to the idle/neutral position.
3. Depress the throttle-only button, and move the control lever to the idle/forward or idle/reverse position. The DTS control system will sound two beeps on the audio warning horn to indicate throttle only mode is active. On console mount remote controls, the neutral light will begin to blink.

4. Advancing the control lever beyond the idle/forward or idle/reverse position will cause engine speed to increase.

IMPORTANT: Moving the control lever back to the idle/neutral position will not deactivate the throttle only mode or allow the engine to shift into gear.

5. Throttle only mode is deactivated by moving the control lever to the idle/neutral position and pressing the throttle only button. Moving the control lever from the idle/neutral position to the idle/forward or idle/reverse position without pressing the throttle-only button will just increase the engine speed. Be sure to take both engines out of throttle only before use.

Traditional Maneuvering with Steering and Thrust

You can maneuver your Axius-equipped vessel much like a traditional sterndrive boat. However, the Axius drive system expands the maneuvering capability of your vessel at both slow and planing speeds. At slow speeds, the drive system is capable of directing the thrust to produce more responsive turning of the vessel. The Axius drive system features counter-rotating propellers that do not produce any sideways motion when accelerating or slowing down.

NOTE: During slow-speed turning with the wheel, the drive on the inside turns as much as 42° to create very tight turns. Unlike traditional boats, you can increase power to the inside drive to tighten the turn.

TO MANEUVER THE BOAT IN FORWARD

Place one or both engines in forward gear and steer with the steering wheel as you would any comparable boat.

TO STEER THE BOAT IN TIGHT TURNS AT LOW SPEEDS

- To turn the boat in tight turns at low speeds, turn the wheel in the direction of the turn.
- To increase the turn rate of the boat after the wheel is completely turned, you may increase the power to the inside drive.

TO SPIN THE BOAT AT LOW SPEEDS

- To spin to the right, place the starboard engine in reverse and the port engine in forward.
- To spin to the left, place the port engine in reverse and the starboard engine in forward.
- To increase the rate of turn, simultaneously adjust each ERC lever for more throttle.

Maneuvering with the Joystick

WARNING

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The joystick provides an intuitive driver interface to maneuver the vessel. Operating the vessel with the joystick is well suited for close quarter operations and when docking. The computer control system automatically calculates the steering angle of each drive, the throttle level, and the proper gear to push or rotate the boat in a direction corresponding to a joystick movement or twist. For example, if you move the joystick sideways, the computer control system applies a thrust to the boat in the sideways direction. Rotating the joystick prompts the computer to create forces that rotate the boat around its center. You can move and rotate the joystick at the same time, allowing intricate movements in tight quarters.

The joystick is proportional, which means that the greater distance from the center that the joystick is moved, the more thrust that is applied to the boat in that direction, to move the boat.

The computer control system automatically attempts to dampen bow swinging during joystick operation. If the joystick is not twisted, the computer measures the yaw rate of the boat and actively counteracts the yaw motion of the boat.

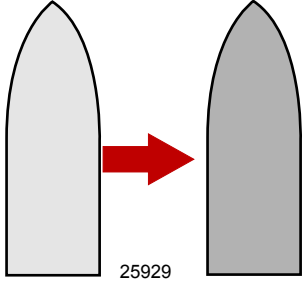
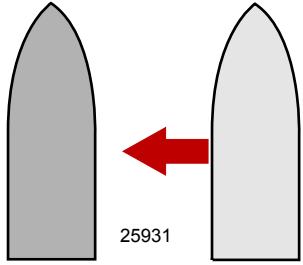
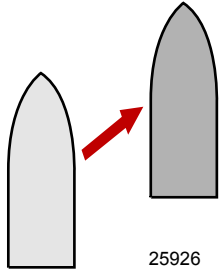
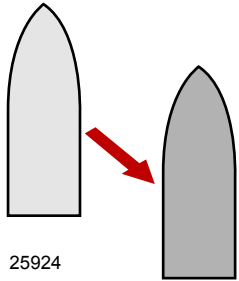
For joystick movement of the boat:

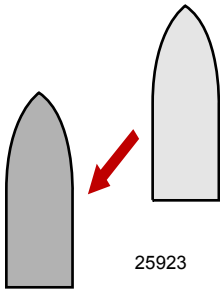
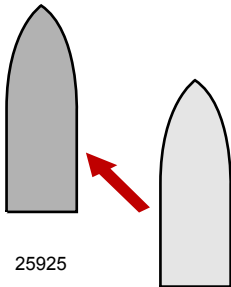
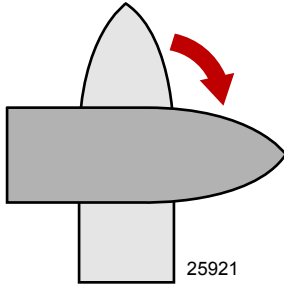
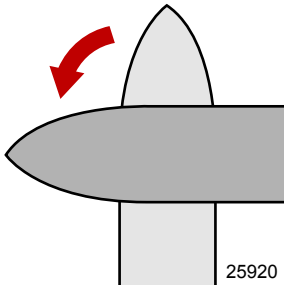
- 1. Both engines must be running for the Joystick to operate.
- 2. For best control, trim both drives to the full down position.
- 3. Move both electronic remote control (ERC) levers to the neutral position.
- 4. Move the joystick in the direction that you want the boat to move, or twist the joystick in the direction that you want the boat to rotate. The joystick can be moved and rotated at the same time.

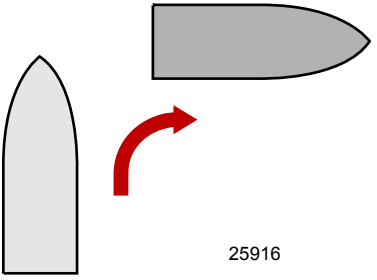
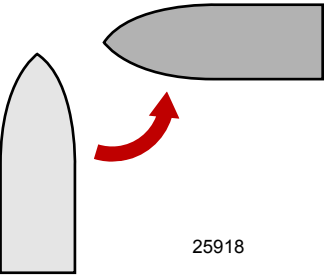
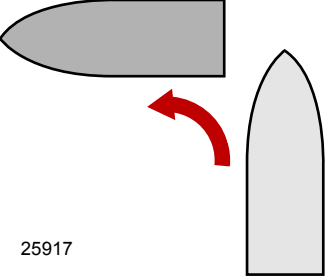
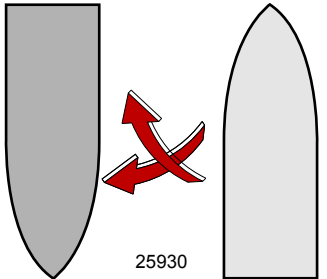
The following table gives some limited examples of the basic responses to inputs from the joystick.

Maneuvering with the Joystick

Joystick Input	Boat Response	Movement (shown from light gray to dark gray)
 24705	Boat moves forward	 25928
 24706	Boat moves aft	 25927

Joystick Input	Boat Response	Movement (shown from light gray to dark gray)
 24707	Boat moves to starboard without rotating	 25929
 24708	Boat moves to port without rotating	 25931
 24709	Boat moves diagonally forward and to the starboard without rotating	 25926
 24710	Boat moves diagonally aft and to the starboard without rotating	 25924

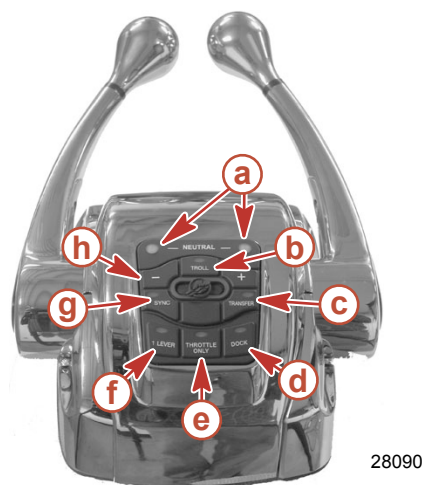
Joystick Input	Boat Response	Movement (shown from light gray to dark gray)
 24711	Boat moves diagonally aft and to the port without rotating	 25923
 24712	Boat moves diagonally forward and to the port without rotating	 25925
 24713	Boat rotates clockwise	 25921
 24714	Boat rotates counter clockwise	 25920

Joystick Input	Boat Response	Movement (shown from light gray to dark gray)
 24715	Boat moves diagonally forward and to the starboard while rotating clockwise	 25916
 24718	Boat moves diagonally forward and to the starboard while rotating counterclockwise	 25918
 24719	Boat moves diagonally forward and to the port while rotating counterclockwise	 25917
 24720	Boat moves to the port while rotating clockwise	 25930

Special Digital Throttle and Shift (DTS) Features

The DTS system features several alternate operational modes for the Electronic Remote Control (ERC) levers. Any of the listed features can operate simultaneously and can help you with:

- Warming the engines.
- Synchronizing the engines.
- Accessing the slow-speed trolling features of the integrated transmission system.



Yacht handled ERC levers with DTS trackpad, Typical

Item	Control	Function
a	"NEUTRAL" lights	Illuminate when the transmission is in the neutral gear position. The lights flash when the engine is in throttle only mode.
b	Not used	None
c	"TRANSFER"	Allows boat control to be transferred to a different helm. Refer to Helm Transfer.
d	"DOCK"	Reduces throttle capacity to approximately 50% of normal throttle.
e	"THROTTLE ONLY"	Allows the boat operator to increase engine RPM for warm-up without shifting the transmission into gear.
f	"1 LEVER"	Enables the throttle and shift functions of both engines to be controlled by the port lever.
g	"SYNC"	Turns off or on the auto-synchronization feature. Refer to Synchronizing Engines.
h	"+" (increase) and "-" (decrease)	Increases and decreases settings for various functions, like cruise control speed.

NOTE: Not all functions may be active.

DOCK

Dock mode reduces the RPM throughout the range by 50%. Dock mode also reduces available power when the joystick is enabled, allowing finer control of engine power in close quarter situations.



"DOCK" button

To engage Dock mode:

1. Place both ERC levers in neutral.
2. Press the "DOCK" button located on the DTS Trackpad attached to the ERC levers.
3. The "DOCK" button light turns on.
4. Place either ERC lever into gear.
5. The engines raise the RPM at a proportionally lower RPM for the ERC lever position, and with half the usually available power.

To disengage Dock mode:

NOTE: Dock only disengages with the levers in a detent.

1. Bring both ERC levers to any detent.
2. Press the "DOCK" button. The "DOCK" button light turns off.

THROTTLE ONLY



"THROTTLE ONLY" button

To engage Throttle Only mode:

1. Place both ERC levers in neutral.

2. Press the "THROTTLE ONLY" button, located on the DTS trackpad.
3. The "THROTTLE ONLY" button light illuminates and the neutral lights blink.
4. Place either ERC lever into gear.
5. The RPM of the engines can be increased, while the transmissions remains in Neutral.

NOTE: Pressing the "THROTTLE ONLY" button while the ERC levers are in gear, turns off the button light, but the boat remains in throttle only mode until you place the levers in neutral.

To disengage throttle only mode:

1. Bring both ERC levers to neutral. Throttle only will not disengage unless the ERC levers are in neutral.
2. Press the "THROTTLE ONLY" button. The "THROTTLE ONLY" button light turns off.
3. The neutral lights remains on.

1 (SINGLE) LEVER

The Axis system features the ability to command both engines with a single lever. This feature simplifies engine management during rough sea conditions by allowing you to grasp a single lever to command both engines simultaneously.



"1 LEVER" button

To engage 1 (single) lever mode:

1. Place both ERC levers in neutral.
2. Press the "1 LEVER" button located on the DTS Trackpad attached to the ERC levers.
3. The "1 LEVER" button lights.
4. Place the starboard ERC lever into gear.
5. The engine RPM raises and lowers simultaneously while the transmissions remain in the same gear.

To disengage 1 (single) lever mode:

1. Place both ERC levers in neutral.
2. Press the "1 LEVER" button. The "1 LEVER" button light turns off.

SYNC

The Axis system features Sync, an automatic engine synchronization feature, which engages automatically at key-up. Sync monitors the position of both levers. If both levers are within 10% of one another, the port engine synchronizes to the starboard engine's RPM. The smartcraft system will automatically disengage Sync at the last 10% of lever range to allow each engine the ability to reach maximum available RPM. Sync cannot engage until its minimum RPM is met.

VesselView shows an orange icon if the engines exceed a 10% difference in RPM of each other, and the icon turns red when they synchronize. The icon turns off when Sync is off.



"SYNC" button

To disengage Sync mode:

1. Place the ERC levers in any detent.
2. Press the "SYNC" button.

To re-engage Sync mode, press the "SYNC" button.

After Break-In Period

To help extend the life of your Mercury MerCruiser power package:

- Ensure the propeller allows the engine to operate at or near the top of the specified WOT RPM range (Refer to **Specifications** and **Maintenance**) when at full throttle with a normal boat load.
- Operate at 3/4 throttle setting or lower. Refrain from prolonged operation at WOT RPM.
- Change the engine oil and oil filter. Refer to **Maintenance**.

End of First Season Checkup

At the end of the first season of operation, contact an authorized Mercury MerCruiser dealer to discuss and/or perform scheduled maintenance items. If you are in an area where the product is operated continuously, year-round, you should contact your dealer at the end of the first 100 hours of operation or once yearly, whichever occurs first.

Axius Premier (If equipped)

Axius Premier Touchpad Features

GENERAL INFORMATION

NOTE: Not all of the functions of the Axius system work when DTS functions are engaged. Disengage the DTS functions to use the functions of Axius track pad.

- Axius Premier functions are controlled through the Axius touchpad only.
- Axius Premier touchpad screens appear on the VesselView for three seconds.
- Pressing any button on VesselView dismisses the Axius Premier CAN touchpad screen from the VesselView screen, unless the screen was chosen from the VesselView environment menu.

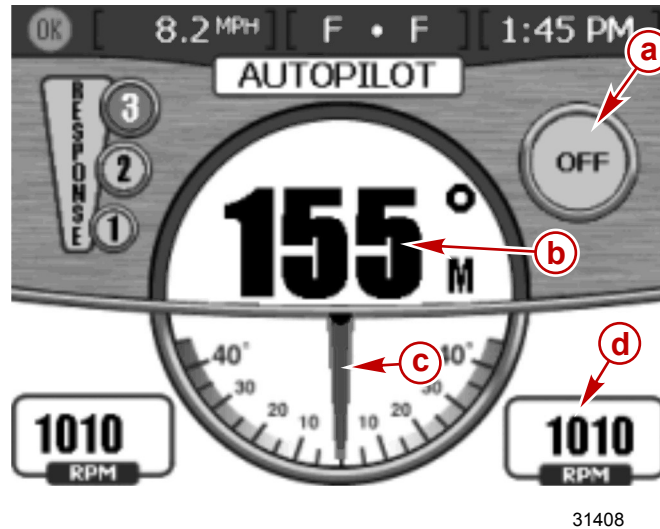
The following information shows the location and explains the function of the Axius touchpad lights and buttons.

STANDBY

The elements of the Standby screen are:

- In standby mode, the display shows a digital compass value and the angle of the drives.
- The compass value is the actual current heading from the GPS.
- On the right side of the screen, an icon labeled "OFF" indicates that Axius Premier is not engaged.

NOTE: Not all of the functions of Axius Premier work when DTS functions are engaged. Disengage the DTS functions to use the functions of Axius Premier.



Standby screen on VesselView

- a** - "OFF" icon
- b** - Heading
- c** - Drive angle reference
- d** - Engine RPM

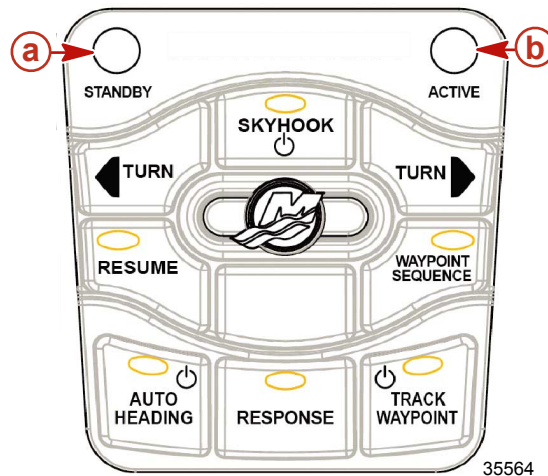
STANDBY

- In standby mode, the display shows a digital compass value and the angle of the drives.
- The compass value is the current heading from the Axius CAN.
- The icon labeled "OFF" indicates the Axius track pad is not engaged.

STANDBY AND ACTIVE LIGHTS

Axius Premier trackpad is off when the "STANDBY" light is illuminated. You must press a button to activate Axius

The "ACTIVE" light is illuminated when one mode of Axisus is on.



a - "STANDBY" light

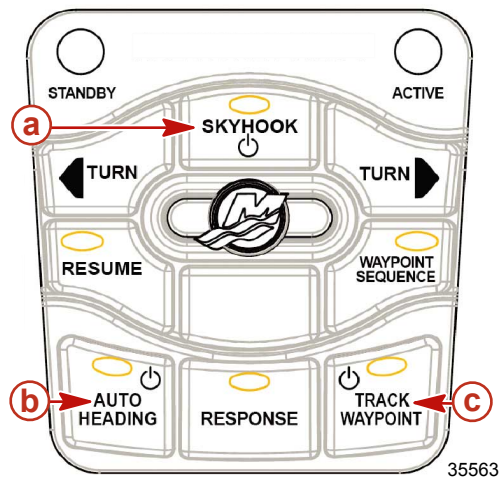
b - "ACTIVE" light

POWER ICON

The power icon  indicates a button that engages or disengages an Axisus Premier touchad function indicated on the button. Only one function can be on at a time.

If you press a button that has the power icon  when that button light is on, the light turns off for that button and the "STANDBY" light illuminates.

If you press a button with the power icon  when that button light is off, the light turns on for that button, a single beep sounds, and the "ACTIVE" light illuminates.



Buttons with power icons

a - "SKYHOOK" button

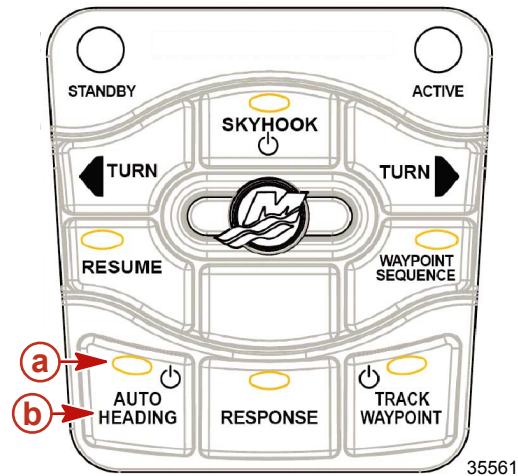
b - "AUTO HEADING" button

c - "TRACK WAYPOINT" button

AUTO HEADING

1. At least one engine must be running for auto heading to function.

2. Press the "AUTO HEADING" button to engage Axis. The button illuminates and beeps once. The button will beep twice if auto heading does not engage.



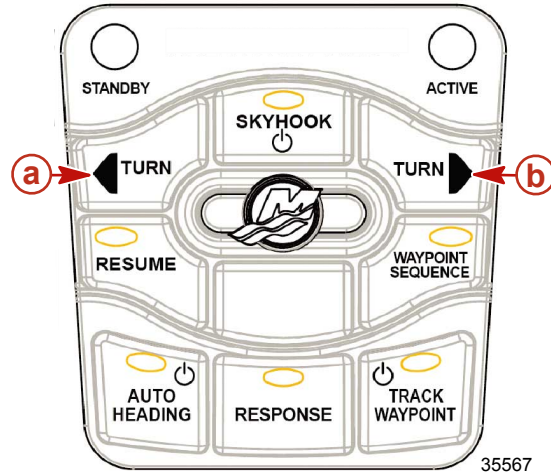
- a** - Indicator lamp
b - "AUTO HEADING" button

3. Axis will hold the current compass heading the boat is following when the "AUTO HEADING" button is pressed.



4. To adjust the heading while auto heading is active and the button light is on, press the "TURN" button on the touchpad or tap (quickly move) the joystick.
5. To make a turn:

- Press one of the "TURN" buttons in the direction you want to turn. Each press of the button changes the desired heading by 10°.



a - Port "TURN" button

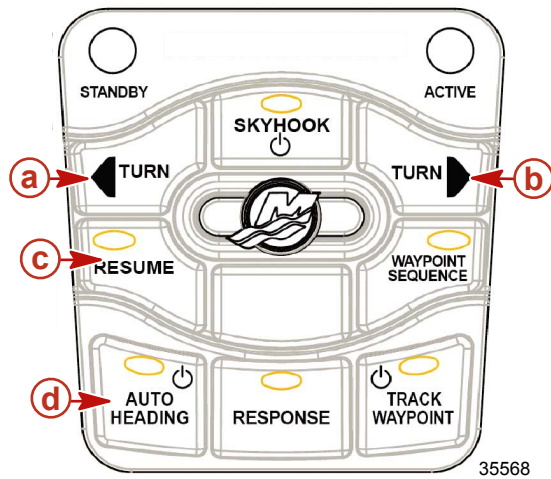
b - Starboard "TURN" button

- Tap the joystick in the direction you want to turn. Tap the joystick left (port) or right (starboard) to adjust your course by 1°.



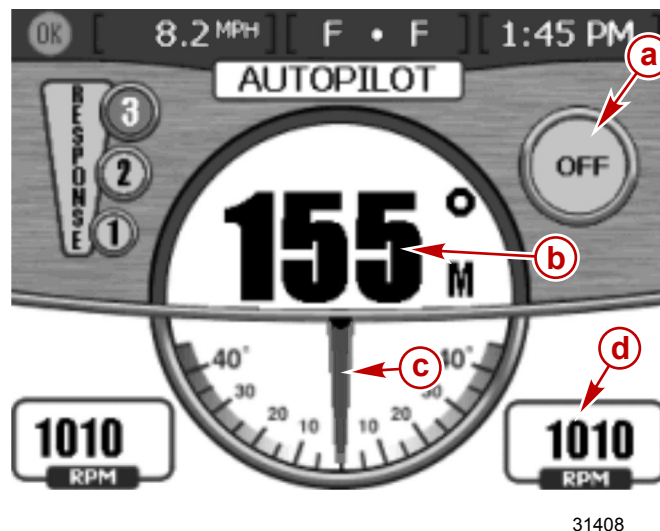
Adjusting the heading to starboard (port opposite)

6. To disengage auto heading, turn the steering wheel or press the "AUTO HEADING" button. A single beep sounds when it disengages. If the steering wheel is used to disengage auto heading, the "RESUME" button LED turns on and a single beep sounds. While the LED is lit, you can press the "RESUME" button to resume auto heading.



- a** - Port "TURN" button
- b** - Starboard "TURN" button
- c** - "RESUME" button
- d** - "AUTO HEADING" button

7. If the ERC handles are moved to neutral, Auto Heading turns off, a single beep sounds, and the "STANDBY" light turns on. You cannot resume your course by pressing the "RESUME" button.



- a** - "OFF" button
- b** - Current heading
- c** - Drive positions
- d** - Engine RPM

Pressing the "AUTO HEADING" button causes VesselView to display the "AUTO HEADING" screen for three seconds. If the VesselView "AUTO HEADING" screen does not appear, the "AUTO HEADING" screen needs to be activated in VesselView calibration. Axis still engages whether the screen appears or not.

NOTE: If you press the "AUTO HEADING" button a second time, the Axis goes to standby mode and all lights other than "STANDBY" turn off.

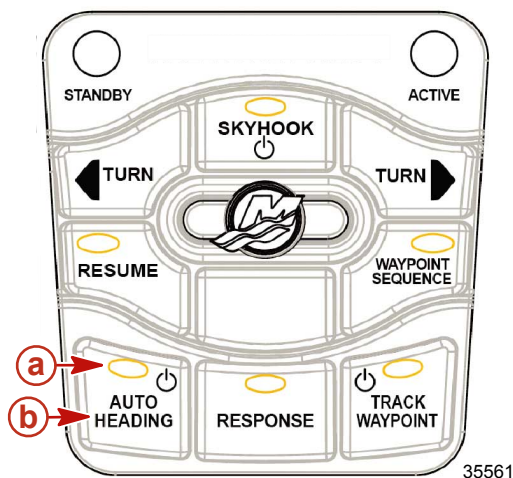
HEADING ADJUSTMENT AND OVERRIDE

When Auto Heading is engaged, the steering wheel is locked into a detent. Approximately 3.4–4.5 kg (8–10 lb.) of force are required to overcome this detent. Manually overcoming the steering wheel's detent puts Axis into standby mode and restores control to the steering wheel.

- When Auto Heading is engaged, the "TURN" buttons provide a 10° course correction for each press to the port or starboard.
- The joystick provides a 1° course correction for each press to the port or starboard.

DISENGAGE AUTO HEADING

1. Disengage the "AUTO HEADING" mode by any of the following actions:
 - Place the ERC levers for both engines in neutral.
 - Turn the steering wheel beyond the detent.
 - Press the "AUTO HEADING" button on the Axis touchpad. The "AUTO HEADING" button LED light turns off.



- a** - Indicator light
b - "AUTO HEADING" button

TO RESUME TO A HEADING

The "RESUME" button light turns on if the previous course heading is available to resume. The previous heading can only be resumed within one minute of the Auto Heading being disengaged or if the boat has not turned more than 90°. You can adjust these values during configuration.

If you disengage the Auto Heading by turning the steering wheel or if you press one of the "TURN" buttons with Auto Heading still engaged, press the "RESUME" button to resume the previous heading.

CHANGING VESSELVIEW MODE DISPLAY TIMES

All modes display a screen on VesselView for three seconds by default. The length of time that a screen is visible in VesselView can be changed from no display at all, display up to 10 seconds, or display the screen until changed.

To change the display time:

1. Open VesselView.
2. Select Setting.
3. Select Screen Options.
4. Select the mode you want to change.
5. Select the option you desire.
6. Press × to exit.

Skyhook

WARNING

A rotating propeller, a moving boat, or a device attached to a moving boat can cause serious injury to people in the water. When Skyhook is engaged, the propellers rotate and the boat moves to maintain the position of the boat. Stop the engines immediately whenever anyone is in the water near the boat.

Skyhook uses GPS and the compass heading information to control the throttle, gear position and steering to maintain the boat's position within approximately 3 m (10 ft)3 meters (10 feet).

The Skyhook feature can hold your boat nearly stationary, for example, while you wait for a space at the fuel dock, or while waiting for a bridge to open. You can also use Skyhook to maintain your boat's position when the water is too deep for an anchor.

Skyhook should not be used when the boat is next to a dock, or any other object, including other anchored boats. Because Skyhook holds the boat in an approximate position, not a precise one, it can cause your boat to collide with objects close to the boat causing damage to the boat and the nearby objects. Occasionally the Skyhook system may apply a brief surge in power while holding a position. This may cause a person standing near the edge of the boat to lose their balance and fall.

To engage Skyhook the drives must be shifted into neutral. However, after engaging Skyhook the drive response is not the same as with drives normally shifted into neutral. The propellers will turn when Skyhook is activated, and propeller rotation may not be obvious. As in all boats when the engines are running, it is important to ensure that no one is in the water near the boat and to ensure that passengers are secure. Compliance with this practice is even more important when Skyhook is engaged.

Before engaging (activating) Skyhook the operator must:

- Inform passengers how Skyhook operates, to stay out of the water and off the swim platform, and to be alert for any sudden shifts in the boats position.
- Check to see no one is on the swim platform, or in the water anywhere near the boat.

When Skyhook is engaged the operator must:

- Remain at the helm and maintain a vigilant watch.
- Disengage (deactivate) Skyhook if anyone enters the water or approaches the boat from the water.

The capability of most vessels limits the ability of Skyhook to counteract currents of up to 2 knots (2.3 MPH) when the boat is sideways to the current. If you notice your boat drifting sideways while Skyhook is engaged, move the bow or stern more directly into the current to help reduce the effects of the current.

⚠ WARNING

When the Skyhook is engaged, the boat stays in a preset position; however, Skyhook can disengage unexpectedly. When Skyhook disengages, the boat does not hold the preset position and may drift, causing the potential of damage or personal injury. The helm operator must be able to take control of the boat when using Skyhook.

Skyhook relies on an operational GPS receiver and operational heading sensor. Occasionally, due to imperfect satellite communications, the GPS signal may be temporarily unavailable. Skyhook will continue to operate through a GPS signal outage for up to 10 seconds, but disengages if the GPS signal outage persists. If Skyhook disengages, you are alerted by the sound of a horn and the indicator light on the Axis Premier touchpad for the "SKYHOOK" button turns off. In such a circumstance, the boat will drift with the wind or current because the engines continue to run but the drive units are now in neutral.

Skyhook performance is largely dictated by the performance of the onboard Zeus GPS system. The Zeus GPS system is accurate within 3 meters (10 feet) when receiving a Wide Area Augmentation System (WAAS) correction. WAAS is a system of satellites and ground stations that provide GPS signal corrections. When WAAS is not available, the performance of the system maintains the boat within 20 meters (60 feet) of the desired position.

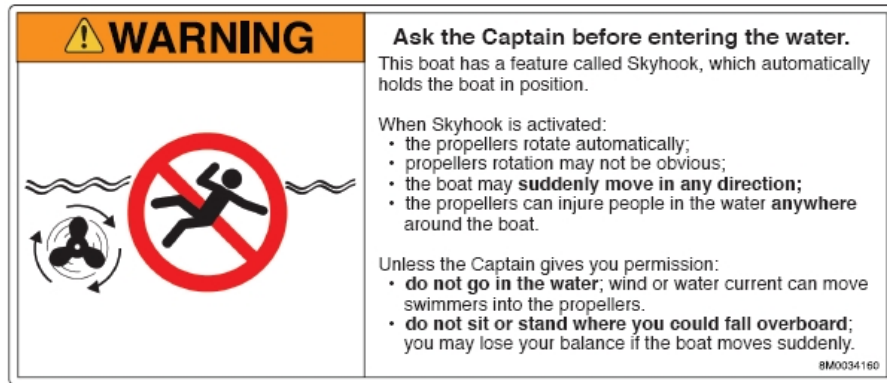
ENGAGING (ACTIVATING) SKYHOOK

IMPORTANT: Activities in the water near the vessel while Skyhook is engaged may result in injury. The Captain (or operator) and passengers should read and observe the warning labels on the boat before Skyhook is engaged.



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Label adjacent to the Axis Premier CAN touchpad



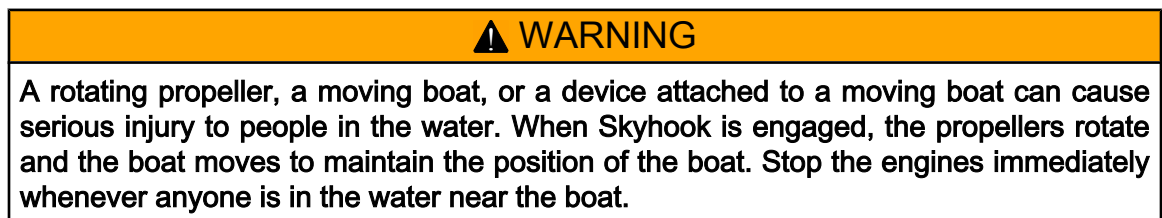
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Label in the vicinity of the transom boarding area

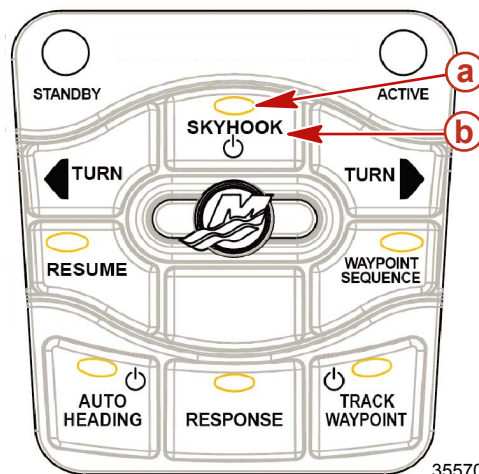
IMPORTANT: If either of the labels cannot be located or are not legible, they must be replaced before engaging Skyhook. Contact the manufacturer of your boat, your Cummins distributor, or an Authorized Cummins MerCruiser Diesel Repair Facility and replace the labels.

NOTE: Skyhook will not engage while "DOCK" mode is engaged. Disengage "DOCK" mode prior to engaging "SKYHOOK."

1. Bring the boat to a stop and move the ERC levers to neutral. Skyhook will not engage until the boat is in neutral.
2. Inform passengers to stay out of the water and off the swim platform, and to be alert for any sudden shifts in the boats position when skyhook is engaged.
3. Ensure that no one is on the swim platform, or in the water anywhere near the boat.



4. Press the "SKYHOOK" button to engage Skyhook.



- a** - Indicator light
- b** - "SKYHOOK" button

5. A safety popup (warning screen) appears on VesselView.



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Skyhook warning screen on VesselView

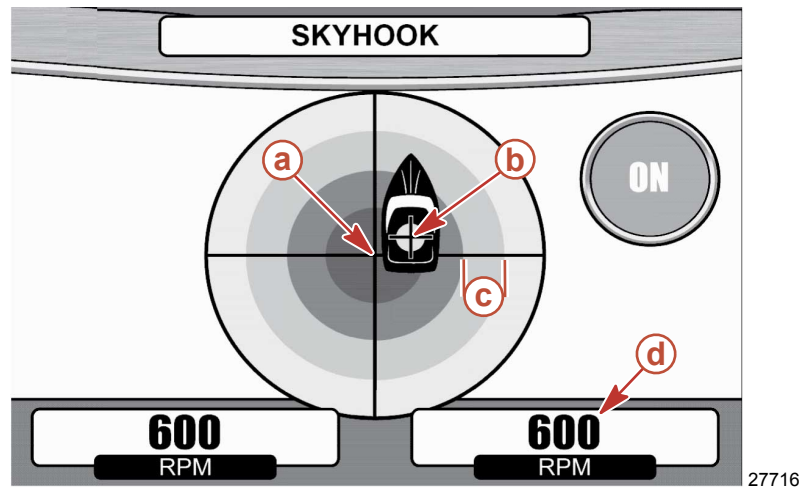
6. To acknowledge that you understand the warning on the screen and close the safety popup, press the enter button on VesselView. The enter button is the button with the check mark on it.
7. When the Skyhook system engages, a one second solid horn beep sounds one time. The "SKYHOOK" button light stops blinking and remains on once Skyhook is engaged.
8. The VesselView "SKYHOOK" screen displays a green circle with the word "ON" when Skyhook engages. See **The Skyhook Screen in VesselView** information.
9. When Skyhook is engaged you must remain at the helm and maintain a vigilant watch. Disengage Skyhook if anyone enters the water or approaches the boat from the water.
10. Press the "SKYHOOK" button a second time to put Axis Premier in standby. All lights other than "STANDBY" turn off.
11. To disengage Skyhook, you must choose one of the following methods:
 - Press the "SKYHOOK" button on the Axis Premier touchpad.
 - Move any ERC lever out of neutral.
 - Move the joystick.
 A single horn beep sounds when the feature disengages. See **Disengaging Skyhook** for complete details.

THE SKYHOOK SCREEN IN VESSELVIEW

In Skyhook mode VesselView displays a special Skyhook screen. The elements of the Skyhook screen are:

- RPM of the engines.
- The rotation angle of the boat icon shows the yaw of the boat relative to its position when Skyhook was first engaged.
- The horizontal and vertical displacement of the vessel from the cross hairs is proportional to the position error reported by the GPS.

- Each gradation of color in the circular target on the VesselView screen is equivalent to 5 meters of error. If the boat exceeds 20 meters of error, then the boat is located at the edge of the circle. The boat continues to try to correct until Skyhook is disengaged.



Skyhook screen on VesselView

- a** - Location where Skyhook is set
- b** - Location where boat is relative to set location
- c** - 5 meter gradation
- d** - Engine RPM

DISENGAGING (DEACTIVATING) SKYHOOK

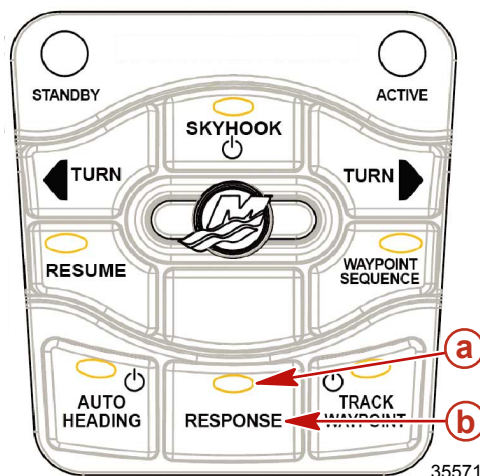
IMPORTANT: Under most circumstances, both engines and drives must be operational to achieve acceptable Skyhook performance. If the necessary reference signals from an engine or drive become unavailable, Skyhook automatically disengages.

- To disengage the Skyhook, you must do one of the following:
 - Press the "SKYHOOK" button on the Axis Premier CAN touchpad.
 - Move any ERC lever out of neutral.
 - Move the joystick.

NOTE: In each method, the light on the Axis Premier CAN touchpad for the "SKYHOOK" button will turn off.

Response Button

1. Press the "RESPONSE" button to change the how hard the selected Axis Premier program tries to keep the boat in position in the various modes.



- a** - Indicator lamp
b - "RESPONSE" button

2. Press the "RESPONSE" button again to change the gain further. Each time you press the "RESPONSE" button, the button light blinks to indicate the gain setting for that mode. The initial button press shows the current setting value. Additional button presses increase the gain in steps up to three and then return to one.

Number of blinks	Response setting indicated	Aggressiveness of correction
1	1	Mild (for gentle or calm conditions)
2	2	Medium (for moderate conditions)
3	3	Aggressive (for severe conditions)

3. The response level indication will appear on the Auto Heading page in VesselView.

Track Waypoint

⚠ WARNING

In some Precision Pilot modes—"Auto Heading," "Track Waypoint," and "Waypoint Sequence"—the boat navigates a preset course. The boat does not automatically respond to hazards such as other watercraft, obstacles, swimmers, or underwater terrain. Collision with these hazards could cause boat damage, serious injury, or death. The operator must stay at the helm, ready to evade hazards and warn others of course changes.

IMPORTANT: Track Waypoint can only be used with chart plotters approved by CMD.

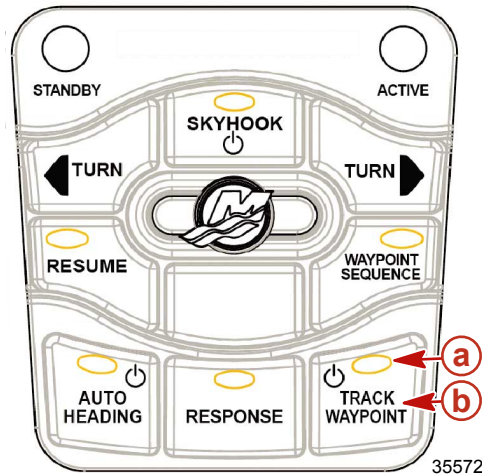
Track Waypoint allows the boat to automatically navigate to a specific waypoint or sequence of waypoints, called a waypoint route. Waypoint data needs to be provided to VesselView by a third party chart plotter. Refer to your chart plotter's user manual for details.

ENGAGING TRACK WAYPOINT MODE

To engage the Track Waypoint mode of Axis Premier:

1. Turn on the chart plotter and select a single waypoint or waypoint route to be tracked.

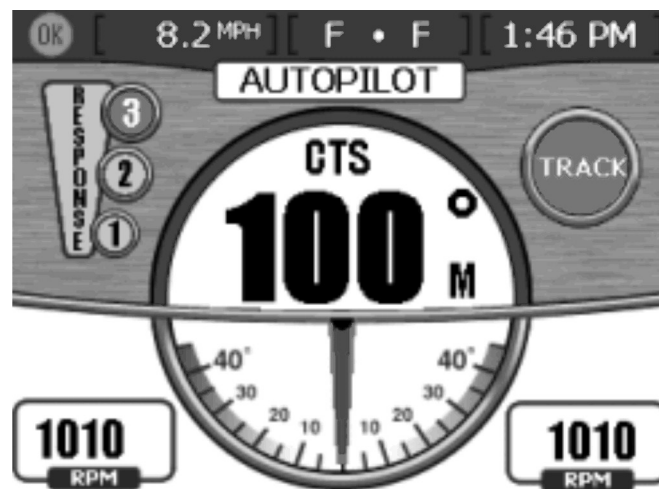
2. Place at least one ERC handle in forward gear. Track Waypoint does not function if both handles are in neutral or reverse.
3. Manually steer the boat to the direction of the first waypoint and hold the boat steady at a safe operating speed.
4. Press the "TRACK WAYPOINT" button on the Axis Premier touchpad. The "TRACK WAYPOINT" button light turns on and a single horn beep sounds, indicating Track Waypoint engaged. Track Waypoint tracks to the first waypoint on the chart plotter course. Two horn beeps sound if Track Waypoint does not engage.



- a** - Indicator lamp
b - "TRACK WAYPOINT" button

5. The VesselView "TRACK WAYPOINT" screen displays on VesselView for one second after pressing the "TRACK WAYPOINT" button. The display shows the digital heading that the boat is traveling, the angles of the drives, and engine speed in RPM. See **Mode Display in VesselView**.

NOTE: This display screen is activated during VesselView calibration. The GPS system generates the displayed heading based on magnetic North.



Track Waypoint screen

DISENGAGING TRACK WAYPOINT MODE

1. Disengage the Track Waypoint mode by one of the following methods:

- Press the "TRACK WAYPOINT" button on the Axis Premier touchpad. The "TRACK WAYPOINT" button light goes off and Axis Premier goes to Standby. The "STANDBY" light turns on
 - Turn the steering wheel hard enough to overcome the detent and Axis Premier features go into Standby.
 - Move both ERC levers back to neutral and Axis Premier goes to Standby.
 - Press either "TURN" button and Axis Premier goes to Auto Heading mode.
 - Press the "AUTO HEADING" button and Axis Premier CAN touchpad goes to Auto Heading mode.
 - Turn off the chart plotter and Axis Premier goes to Standby.
2. You can resume the Track Waypoint heading within one minute, if the vessel has not turned too far and the "RESUME" light is still on or flashing.

TURN BUTTONS OR JOYSTICK IN TRACK WAYPOINT MODE

While in "TRACK WAYPOINT" mode, press the left or right "TURN" buttons on the touchpad or use the joystick to change the mode to "AUTO HEADING."

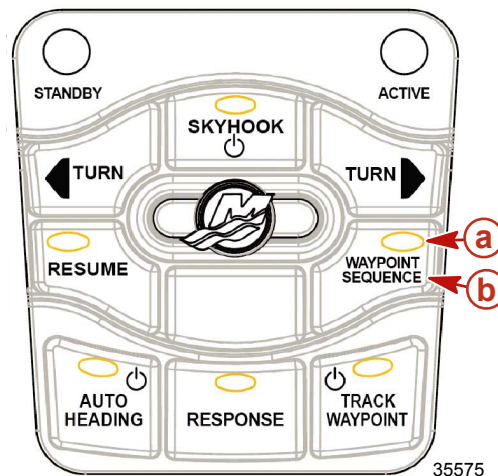
AUTO HEADING BUTTON IN TRACK WAYPOINT MODE

While in "TRACK WAYPOINT" mode, press the "AUTO HEADING" button to cause Axis Premier to change to "AUTO HEADING" mode.

ACKNOWLEDGING A TURN DURING A WAYPOINT ARRIVAL

IMPORTANT: Track Waypoint mode does not automatically turn the boat upon arrival at a plotted waypoint.

1. When the boat enters a waypoint arrival zone as indicated by the chart plotter, a short horn beep sounds and the "WAYPOINT SEQUENCING" button light starts blinking to inform the operator to make a turn.



a - Indicator light

b - "WAYPOINT SEQUENCE" button

2. If the Waypoint Sequence mode has not been engaged, the "WAYPOINT SEQUENCE" icon light blinks at the arrival zone.



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Waypoint Sequence icon light

3. VesselView displays a pop-up screen warning. The operator must determine it is safe to turn the boat. If so, press the "WAYPOINT SEQUENCE" button to acknowledge that it is safe for Axis Premier CAN touchpad to automatically turn the boat and maneuver to the new course.



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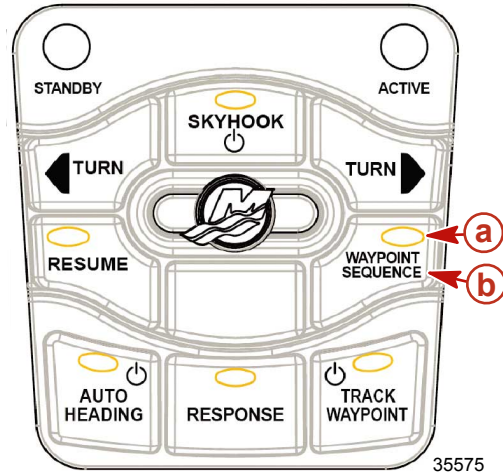
Pop-up screen warning

4. If the waypoint is not acknowledged, the boat continues on its current heading.
5. At the end of the Track Waypoint course, input a new route or take control of the boat. Otherwise, the boat will revert to auto heading mode and continues on its last course heading.

WAYPOINT SEQUENCE

1. Place the ERC lever or levers into forward. "WAYPOINT SEQUENCE" does not engage if the levers are in neutral or reverse.
2. If the Track Waypoint button light is not on, press the "TRACK WAYPOINT" button.

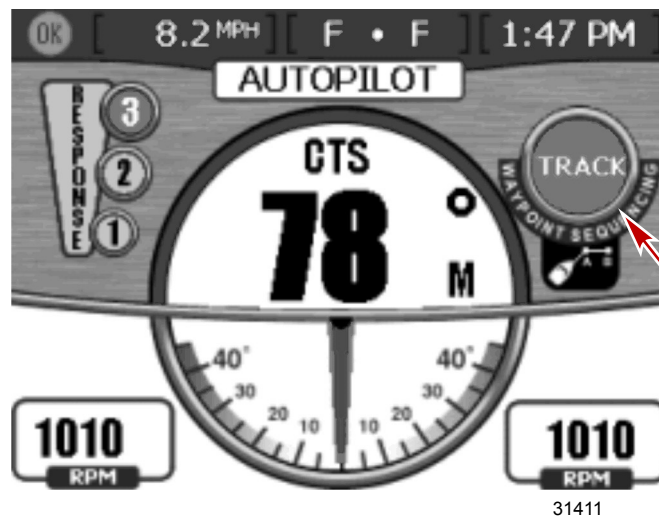
3. Press the "WAYPOINT SEQUENCE" button to engage Waypoint Sequence mode. The indicator light on the button will illuminate.



a - Indicator lamp

b - "WAYPOINT SEQUENCE" button

4. A horn beep sounds on VesselView and the green circle icon on the Axis Premier screen will display "TRACK." The "TRACK" icon on the VesselView screen should illuminate.



Waypoint Sequence TRACK icon

5. If you are in a waypoint arrival zone set by the chart plotter, Waypoint Sequence mode only informs Axis Premier it is OK to proceed to next waypoint. Waypoint Sequence mode acts as a waypoint acknowledge function and Axis Premier sounds a horn beep when in the zone.

⚠ WARNING

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6. Press the enter button to acknowledge it is OK to turn. The enter button is in the upper right corner of VesselView and has a check mark symbol. Once acknowledged, Axis Premier touchpad tracks to the next waypoint in the route.
7. Stay alert; the boat turns automatically in this mode. The operator must know if it is safe to turn when the vessel is entering a waypoint arrival zone. Inform passengers that the boat automatically turns so they can be prepared.



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Waypoint acknowledge screen

8. If you are not in a previously set waypoint arrival zone, "WAYPOINT SEQUENCE" mode starts auto sequencing to the waypoints in the route. Acknowledge that you understand the information presented by the pop-up screen warning and press the enter button—the button with a check mark symbol.



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Pop-up screen warning

9. Press the "TRACK WAYPOINT" button. The "WAYPOINT SEQUENCE" button light turns on and a single horn beep sounds.
10. Press the "TRACK WAYPOINT" button a second time to put Axis Premier in Standby mode. All lights other than "STANDBY" turn off.

Cruise Control

The VesselView system features integrated throttle cruise control (cruise), which allows the operator to limit the peak RPM of choice below Wide Open Throttle (WOT). This feature requires VesselView. Refer to the owner's manual provided with your VesselView for operation instructions.

These additional notes are exclusive to your package:

- You can change or disengage cruise through the screen at any time.
- Cruise resets when the key is turned off.
- If the cruise limit is changed while the levers are at WOT, cruise gradually changes to the new speed.
- Cruise does not disengage if the ERC levers are at a higher engine speed than the actual RPM. Bring the levers back to the forward detent to disengage.

Contingent Operations

Port Engine Only Operation

The force feedback feature of the steering wheel is only available when the starboard key switch is in the on position. If the starboard key switch is off or there has been damage to the starboard electrical system, the port control system monitors the steering wheel.

If only the port side is operational, or only the port key switch is in the on position, the force feedback system will not provide end stops for the steering wheel. In this case, the drive will turn in the direction of steering wheel rotation until the mechanical limits of the drive are reached.

NOTE: *If the port electrical system is damaged, the steering wheel will operate normally with complete force feedback and end stops.*

Note that joystick is not available in single-engine operation. However, Axis features redundant track pad systems, so Auto Heading mode is still available during single-engine operation.

Axis Shift Override—Emergency Procedure

If the VesselView display shows the error message "GEAR POS DIFF" and an engine will not start or will not shift into gear, there is a problem with the Electronic Shift Control (ESC) system. If one drive is working, you may operate on one engine and drive.

CAUTION

Using the emergency procedure to manually shift the drive disengages shift control at the helm. To avoid damage or injury, drive cautiously when a gear is engaged manually. To stop the drive and its propeller, you must turn the key switch to the off position.

You can disengage the shift actuator to manually shift the drive into neutral for starting and into forward gear position for operation. Engine speed will be limited to 1000–1200 RPM while operating in emergency shift override.

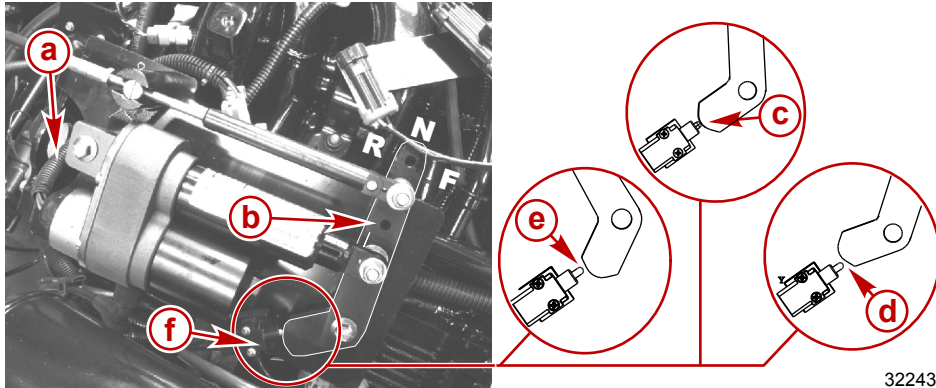
To disengage the shift actuator:

1. Turn the ignition switch to the off position and engage the emergency lanyard, if equipped.

⚠ WARNING

Engine components and fluids are hot and can cause serious injury or death. Allow the engine to cool before removing any components or opening any fluid hoses.

2. Unplug the shift actuator wiring harness connector.
3. Move the shift lever into the neutral position. The shift actuator is in the neutral position when the shift lever is straight up and the shift interrupt switch is fully engaged.



- a** - Harness
- b** - Shift lever
- c** - Shift lever in neutral position
- d** - Shift lever in forward position
- e** - Shift lever in reverse position
- f** - Gear position indicator switch

4. With the drive in neutral, place the ERC into the neutral (idle) position.
5. Reset the lanyard.

⚠ WARNING

A spinning propeller, a moving boat, or any solid device attached to the boat can cause serious injury or death to swimmers. Stop the engine immediately whenever anyone in the water is near your boat.

6. Ensure that no one is in the water near the boat, then start the engine.
7. With the engine running at idle speed, the drive can be shifted into gear and out of gear by manually moving the shift lever.

NOTE: Engine speed will be limited to 1000–1200 RPM while operating in emergency shift override. The Auto Heading feature using the Axis track pad will still function but is limited to this reduced RPM setting.

IMPORTANT: The boat's stopping distance increases during manual gear engagement operation.

Section 4 - Specifications

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Fuel Requirements

IMPORTANT: Use of improper gasoline can damage your engine. Engine damage resulting from the use of improper gasoline is considered misuse of the engine, and damage caused thereby will not be covered under the limited warranty.

Fuel Ratings

Mercury MerCruiser engines will operate satisfactorily when using a major brand of unleaded gasoline meeting the following specifications:

USA and Canada—having a posted pump Octane Rating of 87 (R+M)/2 minimum. Premium gasoline [92 (R+M)/2 Octane] is also acceptable. Do not use leaded gasoline.

Outside USA and Canada—having a posted pump Octane Rating of 90 RON minimum. Premium gasoline (98 RON) is also acceptable. If unleaded gasoline is not available, use a major brand of leaded gasoline.

Using Reformulated (Oxygenated) Gasolines (USA Only)

This type of gasoline is required in certain areas of the USA. The 2 types of oxygenates used in these fuels is Alcohol (Ethanol) or Ether (MTBE or ETBE). If Ethanol is the oxygenate that is used in the gasoline in your area, refer to Gasolines Containing Alcohol.

These Reformulated Gasolines are acceptable for use in your Mercury MerCruiser engine.

Gasolines Containing Alcohol

If the gasoline in your area contains either methanol (methyl alcohol) or ethanol (ethyl alcohol), you should be aware of certain adverse effects that can occur. These adverse effects are more severe with methanol. Increasing the percentage of alcohol in the fuel can also worsen these adverse effects.

Some of these adverse effects are caused because the alcohol in the gasoline can absorb moisture from the air, resulting in a separation of the water/alcohol from the gasoline in the fuel tank.

The fuel system components on your Mercury MerCruiser engine will withstand up to 10% alcohol content in the gasoline. We do not know what percentage your boat's fuel system will withstand. Contact your boat manufacturer for specific recommendations on the boat's fuel system components (fuel tanks, fuel lines, and fittings). Be aware that gasolines containing alcohol may increase:

- Corrosion of metal parts
- Deterioration of rubber or plastic parts
- Fuel permeation through rubber fuel lines
- Difficulty starting and operating the engine

WARNING

Fuel leakage is a fire or explosion hazard, which can cause serious injury or death. Periodically inspect all fuel system components for leaks, softening, hardening, swelling, or corrosion, particularly after storage. Any sign of leakage or deterioration requires replacement before further engine operation.

Because of possible adverse effects of alcohol in gasoline, we recommend only alcohol-free gasoline when possible. If the only fuel available contains alcohol or if you do not know whether the fuel contains alcohol, inspect for leaks and abnormalities more frequently.

IMPORTANT: When operating a Mercury MerCruiser engine on gasoline containing alcohol, do not store the gasoline in the fuel tank for long periods. Whereas cars normally consume alcohol-blend fuels before they can absorb enough moisture to cause trouble, boats often sit idle long enough for phase separation to take place. In addition, internal corrosion may take place during storage if alcohol has washed protective oil films from internal components.

Engine Oil

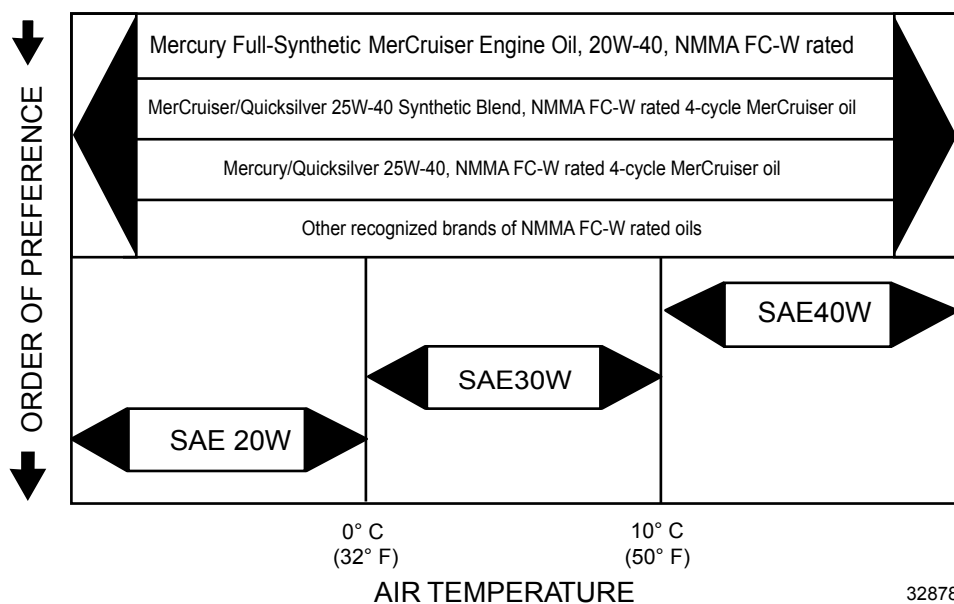
To help obtain optimum engine performance and to provide maximum protection, we recommend using the following oil:

Application	Recommended Oil
All MerCruiser engines	Mercury MerCruiser Full-Synthetic Engine Oil, 20W-40, NMMA FC-W rated

If the Mercury MerCruiser Full-Synthetic, 20W-40 oil is unavailable, you can use the following lubricants, listed in order of recommendation:

1. Mercury/Quicksilver 25W-40 Synthetic Blend, NMMA FC-W-rated 4-cycle MerCruiser oil
2. Mercury/Quicksilver 25W-40, NMMA FC-W-rated 4-cycle MerCruiser oil
3. Other recognized brands of NMMA FC-W-rated 4-cycle oils
4. A good-grade, straight-weight detergent automotive oil per the operating chart below.

NOTE: We do not recommend non-detergent oils, multi-viscosity oils (other than as specified), non FC-W-rated synthetic oils, low-quality oils, or oils that contain solid additives.



Engine Specifications

NOTE: Performance ratings are obtained and corrected in accordance with SAE J1228/ISO 8665 Crankshaft Power.

NOTE: All measurements are taken with the engine at normal operating temperature.

Models	Axius 496 MAG Axius SeaCore 496 MAG	Axius 496 MAG H.O. Axius SeaCore 496 MAG H.O.
Power	280 kW (375 hp)	317 kW (425 hp)
Number of cylinders	8	
Displacement	8.1 L (496 cid)	
Bore and stroke	108 × 111 mm (4.25 × 4.38 in.)	
Compression ratio	9.1:1	
Idle RPM in neutral	625	
Specified WOT RPM range	4400–4800	4600–5000
Minimum oil pressure at idle	103 kPa (15 psi)	
Thermostat	71° C (160° F)	
Timing at idle	Not adjustable	
Firing order	1–8–7–6–5–4–3	
Electrical system	12 V negative (–) ground	
Alternator Rating	65 A	
Recommended battery rating (Non-DTS models) (minimum)	750 CCA, 950 MCA, or 180 Ah	
Recommended battery rating (DTS models) (minimum)	800 CCA, 1000 MCA, or 190 Ah	
Spark plug type	AC Platinum (AC 41-983)	
Spark plug gap	1.5 mm (0.060 in.)	

Fluid Specifications

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Engine

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All Models	Capacity	Fluid Type
Engine oil (with filter)	8.5 L (9 US qt)	Mercury Full-Synthetic MerCruiser Engine Oil 20W-40
Seawater cooling system (winterization use only)	20 L (21 US qt)	Propylene glycol and purified water
Closed cooling system	18 L (19 US qt)	Mercury Extended Life Coolant Antifreeze or extended life ethylene glycol 5/100 antifreeze mixed 50/50 with purified water

Sterndrive—Bravo

NOTE: Oil capacity includes gear lube monitor.

Model	Capacity	Fluid Type
Bravo Three with dual water pickups	2736 mL (92-1/2 oz)	High Performance Gear Lubricant
Bravo Three with side water pickups only	2972 mL (100-1/2 oz)	

Steering

Axius—All Models	Capacity	Fluid Type
Steering system	2914 mL (98-1/2 oz)	Dexron III

Power Trim

Description	Part Number
Power Trim and Steering Fluid	92-858074K01
SAE Engine Oil 10W-30	Obtain locally
SAE Engine Oil 10W-40	

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Section 5 - Maintenance

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Owner/Operator Responsibilities

It is the operator's responsibility to perform all safety checks, to ensure that all lubrication and maintenance instructions are complied with for safe operation and to return the unit to an authorized Mercury MerCruiser dealer for a periodic checkup.

Normal maintenance service and replacement parts are the responsibility of the owner/operator and as such, are not considered defects in workmanship or material within the terms of the warranty. Individual operating habits and usage contribute to the need for maintenance service.

Proper maintenance and care of your power package will ensure optimum performance and dependability and will keep your overall operating expenses at a minimum. See your authorized Mercury MerCruiser dealer for service aids.

Dealer Responsibilities

In general, a dealer's responsibilities to the customer include predelivery inspection and preparation such as:

- Ensure that the boat is properly equipped.
- Prior to delivery, make certain that the Mercury MerCruiser power package and other equipment are in proper operating condition.
- Make all necessary adjustments for maximum efficiency.
- Familiarize the customer with the on-board equipment.
- Explain and demonstrate the operation of the power package and boat.
- Provide you with a copy of a Predelivery Inspection Checklist.
- Your selling dealer should fill out the Warranty Registration Card completely and mail it to the factory immediately upon sale of the new product.

Maintenance

WARNING

Performing service or maintenance without first disconnecting the battery can cause product damage, personal injury, or death due to fire, explosion, electrical shock, or unexpected engine starting. Always disconnect the battery cables from the battery before maintaining, servicing, installing, or removing engine or drive components.

WARNING

Fuel vapors trapped in the engine compartment may be an irritant, cause difficulty breathing, or may ignite resulting in a fire or explosion. Always ventilate the engine compartment before servicing the power package.

IMPORTANT: Refer to the maintenance schedule for complete listing of all scheduled maintenance to be performed. Whereas you can perform some items, others should be performed only by an authorized Mercury MerCruiser dealer. Before attempting maintenance or repair procedures not covered in this manual, we recommend that you purchase a Mercury MerCruiser service manual and read it thoroughly.

NOTE: Maintenance points are color coded for ease of identification. See the decal on engine for identification.

Maintenance Point Color Codes	
Blue	Coolant
Yellow	Engine oil
Orange	Fuel
Black	Gear lube oil (sterndrive models only)
Brown	Transmission (inboard models only)

Do-It-Yourself Maintenance Suggestions

Present day marine equipment, such as your Mercury MerCruiser power package, are highly technical pieces of machinery. Electronic ignition and special fuel delivery systems provide greater fuel economies, but also are more complex for the untrained mechanic.

If you are one of those persons who likes to do it yourself, here are some suggestions for you.

- Do not attempt any repairs unless you are aware of the Cautions, Warnings and procedures required. Your safety is our concern.
- If you attempt to service the product yourself, we suggest you order the service manual for that model. The service manual outlines the correct procedures to follow. It is written for the trained mechanic, so there may be procedures you don't understand. Do not attempt repairs if you do not understand the procedures.
- There are special tools and equipment that are required to perform some repairs. Do not attempt these repairs unless you have these special tools and/or equipment. You can cause damage to the product in excess of the cost a dealer would charge you.
- Also, if you partially disassemble an engine or drive assembly and are unable to repair it, the dealer's mechanic must reassemble the components and test to determine the problem. This will cost you more than taking it to the dealer immediately upon having a problem. It may be a very simple adjustment to correct the problem.
- Do not telephone the dealer, service office or the factory to attempt for them to diagnose a problem or to request the repair procedure. It is difficult for them to diagnose a problem over the telephone.

Your authorized dealer is there to service your power package. They have qualified factory trained mechanics.

It is recommended you have the dealer do periodic maintenance checks on your power package. Have them winterize it in the fall and service it before the boating season. This will reduce the possibility of any problems occurring during your boating season when you want trouble free boating pleasure.

Inspection

Inspect your power package often, and at regular intervals, to help maintain its top operating performance and correct potential problems before they occur. The entire power package should be checked carefully, including all accessible engine parts.

- Check for loose, damaged or missing parts, hoses and clamps; tighten or replace as necessary.
- Check plug leads and electrical leads for damage.
- Remove and inspect the propeller. If badly nicked, bent or cracked, contact your authorized Mercury MerCruiser dealer.
- Repair nicks and corrosion damage on power package exterior finish. Contact your authorized Mercury MerCruiser dealer.

Maintenance Schedules—Axis Models

Routine Maintenance—Axis Models

NOTE: Only perform maintenance that applies to your particular power package.

Task Interval	Maintenance to Be Performed
Each day start	- Check the engine oil level. (You can extend this interval based on experience with the product.) - Check the sterndrive gear lube level. - Check the trim pump oil level. - Check the power steering pump fluid level.
Each day end	If operating in saltwater, brackish water, or polluted water, flush the seawater section of the cooling system after each use.
Weekly	- Check the water inlets for debris or marine growth. - Check and clean the seawater strainer, if equipped. - Check the coolant level. - Inspect the sterndrive anodes and replace if 50% eroded.
Every two months or 50 hours	- Lubricate the propeller shafts and tighten the propeller nuts to specifications. (If operating only in freshwater, you can extend the interval to four months.) - If operating in saltwater, brackish water, or polluted water, apply Corrosion Guard to the power package. - Check the battery connections and the fluid level. - Ensure that the gauges and the wiring connections are secure. Clean the gauges. (If operating in saltwater, reduce this interval to 25 hours or 30 days, whichever occurs first.)

Scheduled Maintenance—Axis Models

NOTE: Only perform maintenance that applies to your particular power package.

Task Interval	Maintenance to Be Performed
After the first 20 hours and not to exceed 25 hours	- Change the engine oil and filter. - Check and adjust the serpentine belt tension.
Every 100 hours or annually (whichever occurs first)	- Touch up the paint on the power package. - Change the engine oil and filter. - Change the sterndrive gear lube. - If the condition of the spark plugs, spark plug wires, and the distributor cap and rotor was satisfactory at the initial inspection (as listed in Every 300 hours or 3 years), inspect the condition of these components. Replace as necessary. - Tighten the connection of the gimbal ring to the steering shaft to specifications. - Replace the water-separating fuel filter element. - Check the steering system and the remote control for loose, missing, or damaged parts. Lubricate the cables and the linkages. - Check the continuity circuit for loose or damaged connections. If the package is equipped with a MerCathode, test the MerCathode unit output. - Clean the flame arrestor, IAC muffler (MPI engines), and the crankcase ventilation hoses. Inspect the PCV valve (if equipped) and replace if needed. - Inspect the condition and the tension of the belts. - Check the coolant level and antifreeze concentration for adequate freeze protection. Correct if necessary. Refer to the Specifications section.

Record all maintenance performed on your power package here. Be sure to save all work orders and receipts.

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Engine Oil

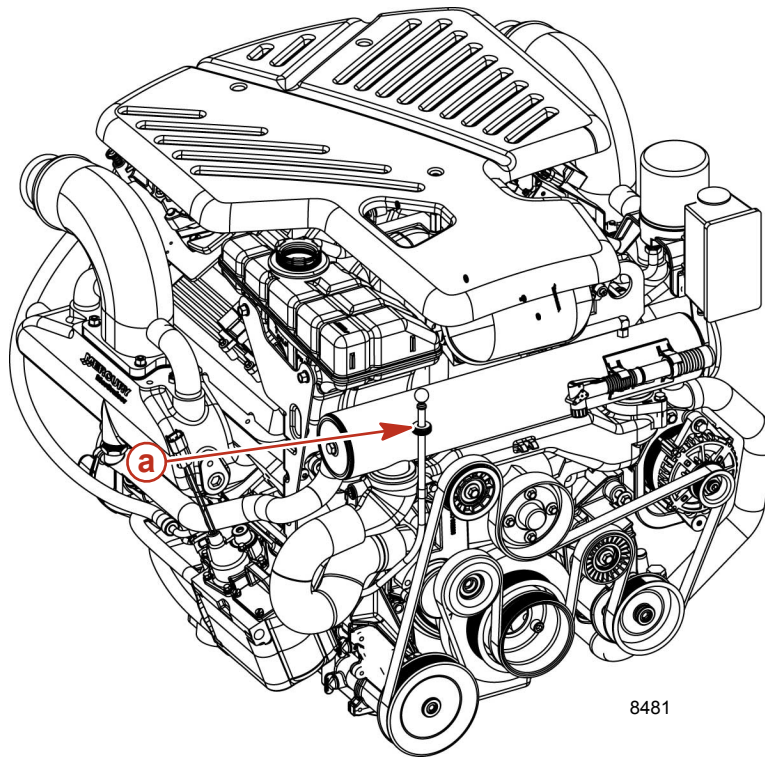
NOTICE

Discharge of oil, coolant, or other engine/drive fluids into the environment is restricted by law. Use caution not to spill oil, coolant, or other fluids into the environment when using or servicing your boat. Be aware of the local restrictions governing the disposal or recycling of waste, and contain and dispose of fluids as required.

Checking

1. Stop the engine. Allow approximately 5 minutes for the oil to drain into the oil pan. The boat must be at rest in the water.
2. Remove the dipstick. Wipe clean and reinstall fully into the dipstick tube. Wait 60 seconds to allow trapped air to vent.

NOTE: Ensure that dipstick is installed with oil level indication marks facing the rear of the engine (flywheel end).



a - Dipstick tube

IMPORTANT: Add the specified engine oil to bring the level up to, but not over, the full or OK range mark on the dipstick.

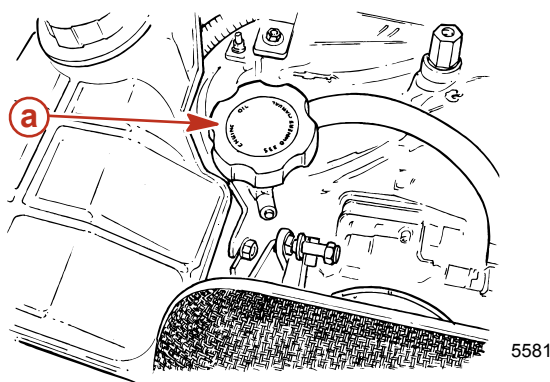
3. Remove the dipstick and observe the oil level. Oil level must be between full or OK range and add. Reinstall dipstick into dipstick tube.

Filling

IMPORTANT: Do not overfill the engine with oil.

IMPORTANT: Always use the dipstick to determine the exact quantity of oil or fluid required.

1. Remove oil fill cap.



a - Oil fill cap

IMPORTANT: Add the specified engine oil to bring the level up to, but not over, the full or OK range mark on the dipstick.

2. Add the specified engine oil to bring the level up to, but not over, the full or OK range mark on the dipstick. Recheck oil level.
3. Replace the fill cap.

All Models	Capacity	Fluid Type
Engine oil (with filter)	8.5 L (9 US qt)	Mercury MerCruiser Full-Synthetic Engine Oil, 20W-40

Changing Oil and Filter

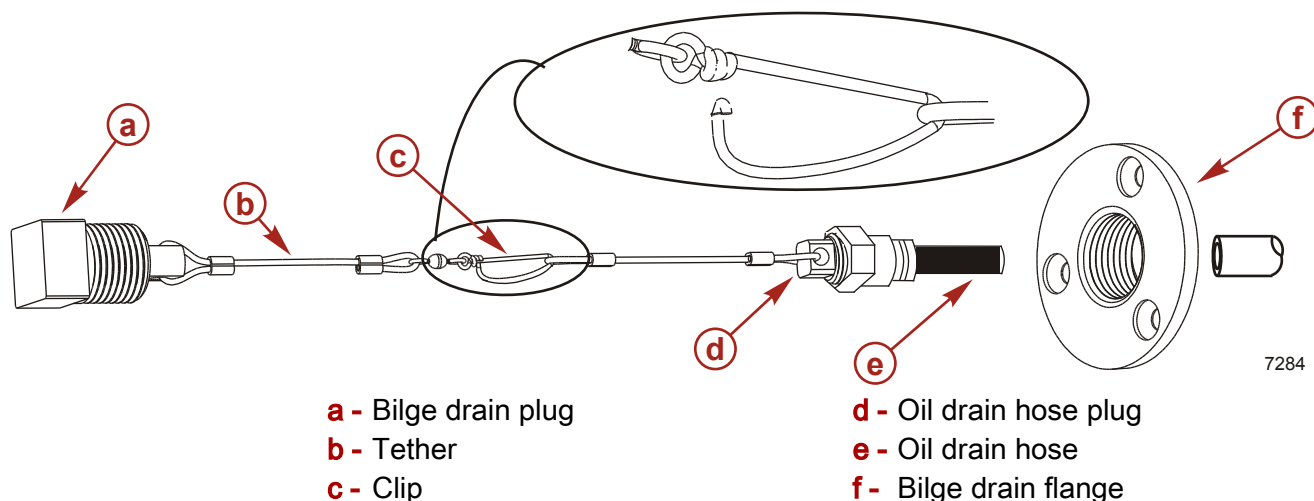
Refer to the Maintenance schedule for the change interval. Engine oil should be changed before placing the boat in storage.

IMPORTANT: Change engine oil when the engine is warm from operation. Warm oil flows more freely, carrying away more impurities. Use only recommended engine oil (refer to Specifications).

EASY ENGINE OIL DRAIN SYSTEM

NOTE: Boat must be out of water to perform this procedure.

1. Loosen the oil filter to vent the system.
2. Remove the bilge drain plug.
3. Pull tether through the bilge drain.



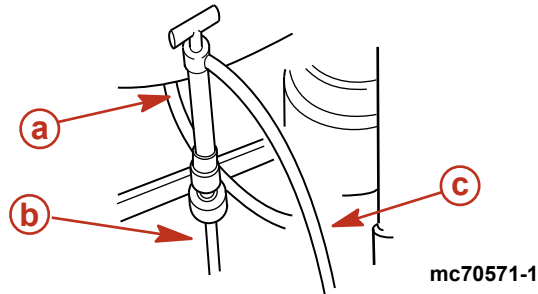
a - Bilge drain plug
b - Tether
c - Clip

d - Oil drain hose plug
e - Oil drain hose
f - Bilge drain flange

4. Place the oil drain hose in a suitable container.
5. Remove the drain plug from the oil drain hose.
6. After oil has drained completely, install the drain plug in the oil drain hose.
7. Push the hose through bilge drain and install the plug.

ENGINE OIL DRAIN PUMP

1. Loosen the oil filter to vent the system.
2. Remove the dipstick.
3. Install the oil pump onto the dipstick tube.



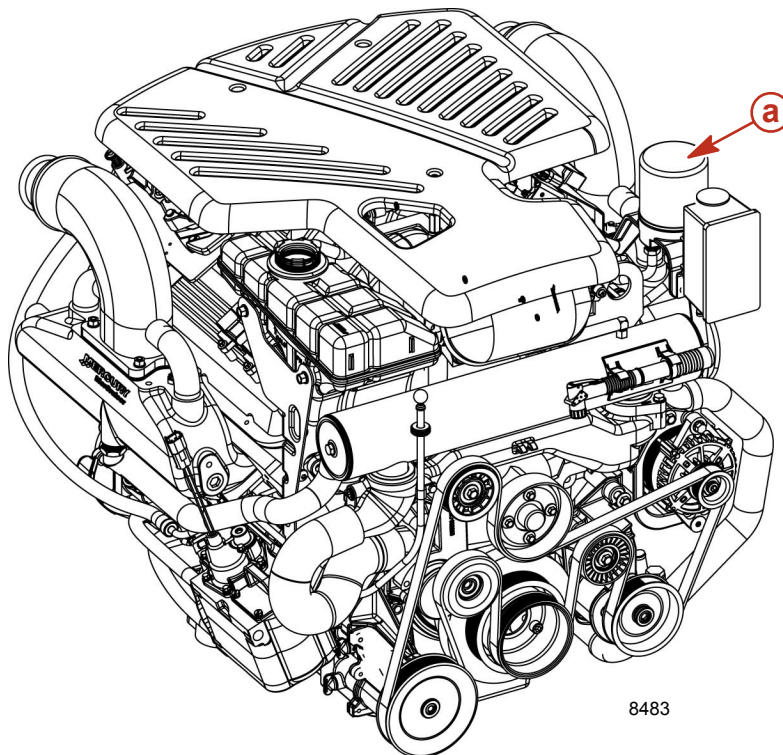
a - Typical oil pump
b - Dipstick tube

c - Oil drain hose

4. Insert the hose end of the crankcase oil pump onto an appropriate container and, using the handle, pump until the crankcase is empty.
5. Remove the pump.
6. Install the dipstick.

CHANGING FILTER

1. Remove and discard oil filter.



a - Oil filter

2. Coat sealing ring on new filter with engine oil and install.
3. Tighten oil filter securely (following filter manufacturer's instructions). Do not overtighten.
4. Remove oil fill cap.

IMPORTANT: Always use dipstick to determine exactly how much oil is required.

5. Add recommended engine oil to bring level up to the bottom of the OK range on the dipstick.
6. With the boat at rest in the water, check the oil level and add specified fluid to bring the oil level up to, but not over, the full or OK range.

NOTE: Adding 0.95 L (1 qt) of engine oil will raise the level from the add mark to the top of the OK range.

All Models	Capacity	Fluid Type
Engine oil (with filter)	8.5 L (9 US qt)	Mercury MerCruiser Full-Synthetic Engine Oil, 20W-40

7. Start the engine, run the engine for three minutes, and check for leaks. Stop the engine. Allow approximately 5 minutes for the oil to drain into the oil pan. The boat must be at rest in the water.

Steering Fluid

Checking and Filling Steering Fluid

IMPORTANT: Use only specified lubricant.

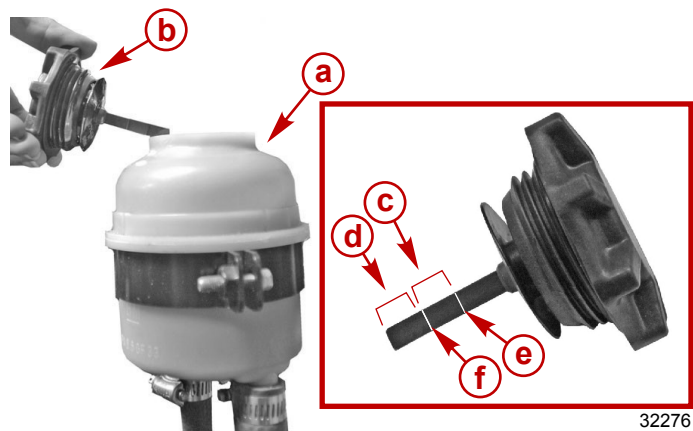
IMPORTANT: Running the pump dry will damage the pump. Always check steering fluid levels before operating the boat.

1. With the engine running, center the sterndrive units.
2. Stop the engine.
3. Using a clean, lint-free cloth, wipe the dirt and debris from the fill cap and the exterior of the fluid reservoir.
4. Remove the fill cap from the reservoir and observe the fluid level using the dipstick.

IMPORTANT: If fluid is not visible in the reservoir, contact your authorized Mercury MerCruiser dealer.

5. The fluid level must be in the warm range and not above the full hot mark when the engine is warm. When the engine is cold the fluid level must be in the cold range and not above the full cold mark.

6. Add the specified fluid if required.



- a - Reservoir
- b - Fill cap
- c - Warm range
- d - Cold range
- e - Full hot mark
- f - Full cold mark

Tube Ref No.	Description	Where Used	Part No.
28	Dexron III Automatic Transmission Fluid	Steering system	Obtain Locally

7. Reinstall the fill cap.

NOTE: If the fluid level was low or you are installing or performing service to the system, be prepared to stop the engine and add fluid after the first operation.

Changing Steering Fluid

You do not need to change the steering fluid unless it becomes contaminated with water or debris. Contact your authorized Mercury MerCruiser dealer.

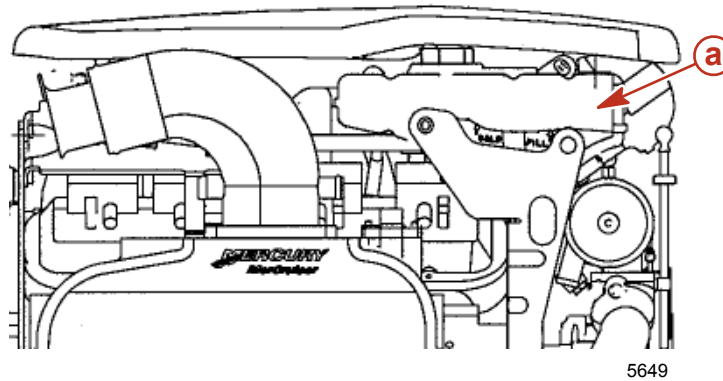
Engine Coolant

Checking

⚠ CAUTION

A sudden loss of pressure can cause hot coolant to boil and discharge violently resulting in serious injury from burns. Allow the engine to cool down before removing the coolant pressure cap.

1. With the engine at normal operating temperature, check the coolant level in the coolant recovery bottle.



a - Coolant recovery bottle

2. Add the specified fluid as necessary.

Tube Ref No.	Description	Where Used	Part No.
 122	Extended Life Antifreeze/ Coolant	Closed Cooling System	92-877770K1

Filling

NOTICE

Using propylene glycol antifreeze in the closed cooling system can damage the cooling system or the engine. Fill the closed cooling system with an ethylene glycol antifreeze solution suitable to the lowest temperature to which the engine will be exposed.

NOTICE

Without sufficient cooling water, the engine, the water pump, and other components will overheat and suffer damage. Provide a sufficient supply of water to the water inlets during operation.

NOTICE

Air trapped in the closed cooling system can cause the engine to overheat, resulting in engine damage. Minimize the possibility of trapping air when initially filling the closed cooling system by positioning the boat so that the front of the engine is higher than the rear of the engine.

NOTE: Add coolant only when engine is at normal operating temperature.

1. Remove the fill cap from the coolant recovery bottle and inspect the gasket. Replace the gasket if necessary.

IMPORTANT: This closed cooling system flows coolant at a high rate. Higher idle speeds increase dispersion of trapped air into the system making it more difficult to purge trapped air. Operate at idle during filling and air purging when specified.

2. Fill to the full mark with the specified coolant.

Tube Ref No.	Description	Where Used	Part No.
 122	Extended Life Antifreeze/ Coolant	Closed Cooling System	92-877770K1

3. Install the fill cap onto the coolant recovery bottle.

Changing

Contact your authorized Mercury MerCruiser dealer.

Drive Unit Oil

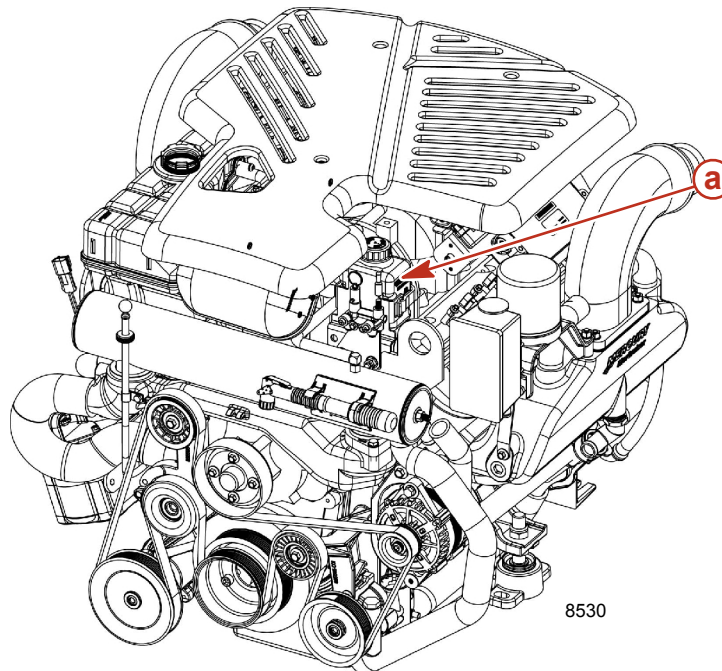
NOTICE

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Checking

NOTE: Oil level will fluctuate during operation. Oil level should be checked with the engine cold, before starting.

1. Check the gear lube oil level. Keep the oil level within the recommended operating range. If any water is visible at the bottom of the monitor or appears at the oil fill/drain plug and/or if oil appears discolored, contact your authorized Mercury MerCruiser dealer immediately. Both conditions may indicate a water leak somewhere in the sterndrive unit.



a - Gear lube monitor

Filling

IMPORTANT: If more than 59 ml (2 fl. oz.) of High Performance Gear Lubricant is required to fill the monitor, a seal may be leaking. Damage to the sterndrive unit may occur due to lack of lubrication. Contact your authorized Mercury MerCruiser dealer.

1. Remove the gear lube monitor cap.
2. Fill the monitor with the specified fluid so that the oil level is in the operating range. Do not overfill.

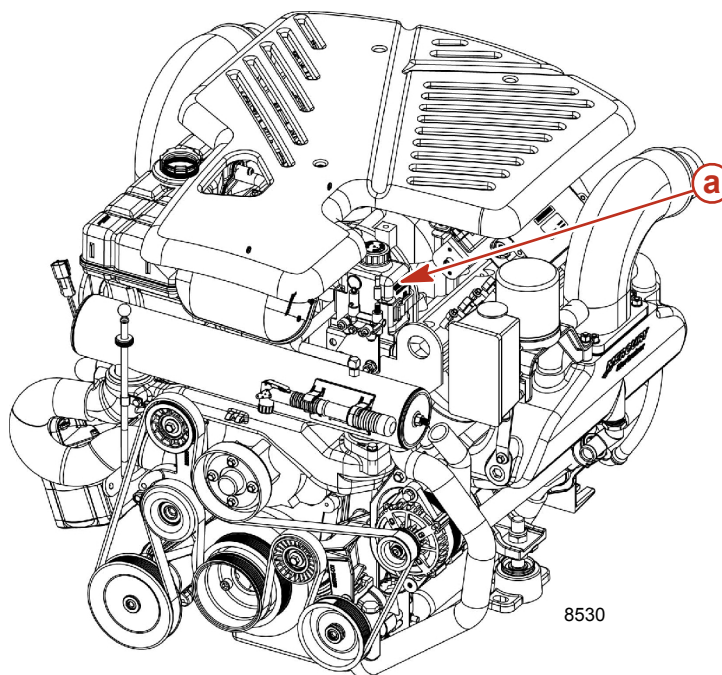
Tube Ref No.	Description	Where Used	Part No.
 87	High Performance Gear Lubricant	Gear lube monitor	92-858064K01

3. Replace the cap.

NOTE: When filling the entire sterndrive unit refer to Changing instructions, following.

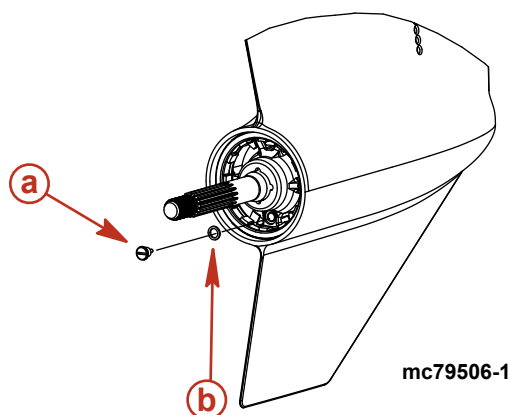
Changing

1. Remove the gear lube monitor from the bracket.



a - Gear lube monitor

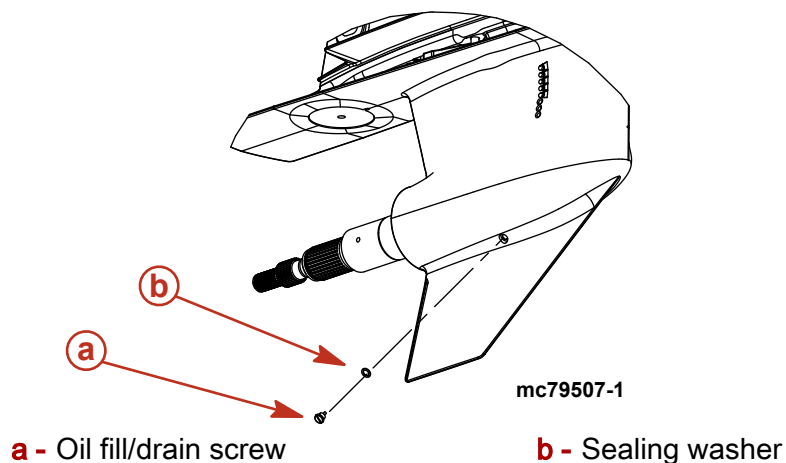
2. Empty the contents into a suitable container.
3. Install the gear lube monitor in the bracket.
4. **Bravo One Models:** Remove the propeller, lower the sterndrive unit to the full down/in position, remove the oil fill/drain screw and sealing washer and drain the oil.



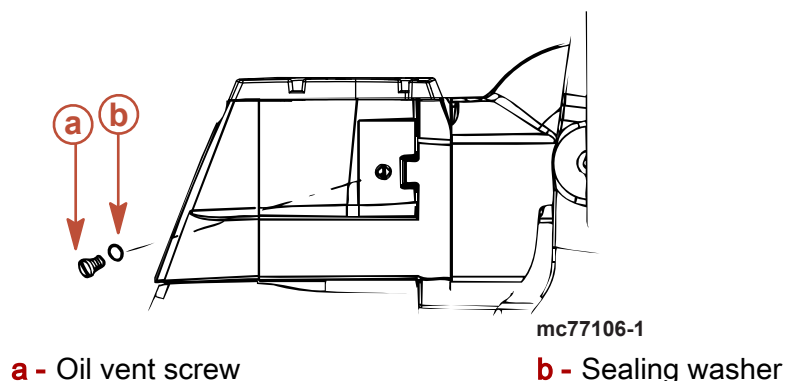
a - Oil fill/drain screw

b - Sealing washer

5. **All Other Models:** Place the sterndrive unit in full trim limit out position, remove the oil fill/drain screw and sealing washer and drain the oil.



6. Remove the oil vent screw and sealing washer. Allow the oil to drain completely.



IMPORTANT: If any water drained from the oil fill/drain hole, or if the oil appears milky, the sterndrive unit is leaking and should be checked immediately by your authorized Mercury MerCruiser dealer.

7. Lower the sterndrive unit so that the propeller shaft is level. Fill the sterndrive unit, through the oil fill/drain hole, with specified gear lubricant until an air-free stream of lubricant flows from oil vent hole.

Tube Ref No.	Description	Where Used	Part No.
 87	High Performance Gear Lubricant	Sterndrive unit	92-858064K01

IMPORTANT: Use only Mercury/Quicksilver High Performance Gear Lubricant in sterndrive unit.

8. Install the oil vent screw and sealing washer.
9. Continue to pump gear lubricant into the drive through the oil fill/drain hole until the gear lubricant appears in the gear lube monitor.
10. Fill the monitor so that the oil level is in the operating range. Do not overfill. Ensure that the rubber gasket is inside the cap and install. Do not overtighten.

NOTE: Oil capacity includes gear lube monitor.

Model	Capacity	Fluid Type
Bravo One	2736 ml (92-1/2 oz.)	High Performance Gear Lubricant
Bravo Two	3209 ml (108-1/2 oz.)	
Bravo Three	2972 ml (100-1/2 oz.)	

11. Remove the pump from the oil fill/drain hole. Quickly install the sealing washer and oil fill/drain screw. Tighten securely.

12. Reinstall the propeller. Refer to **Propellers**.

13. Recheck the oil level after the first use.

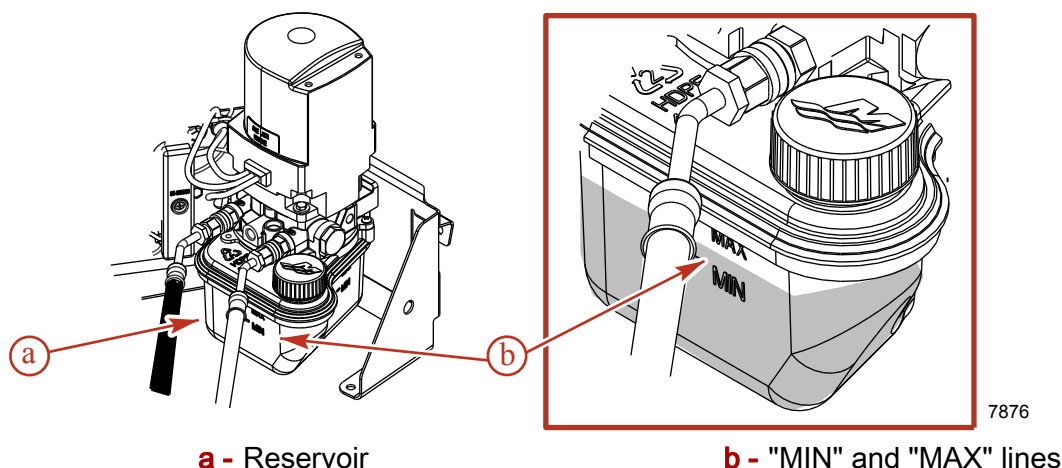
IMPORTANT: Oil level in the gear lube monitor will rise and fall during sterndrive operation; always check the oil level when the sterndrive is cool and the engine is shut down.

Power Trim Fluid

Checking

IMPORTANT: Check the oil level with the sterndrive unit in the full down/in position only.

1. Place the sterndrive unit in full down/in position.
2. Observe the oil level. Level must be between the "MIN" and "MAX" lines on the reservoir.



3. Fill as necessary with the specified fluid.

Tube Ref No.	Description	Where Used	Part No.
114	Power Trim and Steering Fluid	Power trim pump	92-858074K01

Filling

1. Remove the fill cap from the reservoir.

NOTE: Fill cap is vented.

2. Add lubricant to bring level to the within the "MIN" and "MAX" lines on the reservoir.

Tube Ref No.	Description	Where Used	Part No.
114	Power Trim and Steering Fluid	Power trim pump	92-858074K01

3. Install the cap.

Changing

Power trim fluid does not require changing unless it becomes contaminated with water or debris. Contact your authorized Mercury MerCruiser dealer.

Battery

Refer to specific instructions and warnings accompanying your battery. If this information is not available, observe the following precautions when handling a battery.

WARNING

Recharging a weak battery in the boat, or using jumper cables and a booster battery to start the engine, can cause serious injury or product damage from fire or explosion. Remove the battery from the boat and recharge in a ventilated area away from sparks or flames.

WARNING

An operating or charging battery produces gas that can ignite and explode, spraying out sulfuric acid, which can cause severe burns. Ventilate the area around the battery and wear protective equipment when handling or servicing batteries.

Multiple EFI Engine Battery Precautions

Alternators: Alternators are designed to charge the battery that supplies electrical power to the engine that the alternator is mounted on. When batteries for 2 different engines are connected, one alternator will supply all of the charging current for both batteries. Normally, the other engine's alternator will not be required to supply any charging current.

EFI Electronic Control Module (ECM): The ECM requires a stable voltage source. During multiple engine operation, an onboard electrical device may cause a sudden drain of voltage at the engine's battery. The voltage may go below the ECM's minimum required voltage. Also, the alternator on the other engine may now start charging. This could cause a voltage spike in the engine's electrical system.

In either case, the ECM could shut off. When the voltage returns to the range that the ECM requires, the ECM will reset itself, and the engine will operate normally. The ECM shuts off and resets itself so quickly that the engine may only seem to have an ignition miss.

Batteries: Boats with multi-engine EFI power packages require each engine be connected to its own battery. This ensures that the engine's ECM has a stable voltage source.

Battery Switches: Battery switches should always be positioned so each engine is operating off of its own battery. Do not operate engines with switches in both or all position. In an emergency, another engine's battery can be used to start an engine with a dead battery.

Battery Isolators: Isolators can be used to charge an auxiliary battery used for powering accessories in the boat. They should not be used to charge the battery of another engine in the boat unless the type of isolator is specifically designed for this purpose.

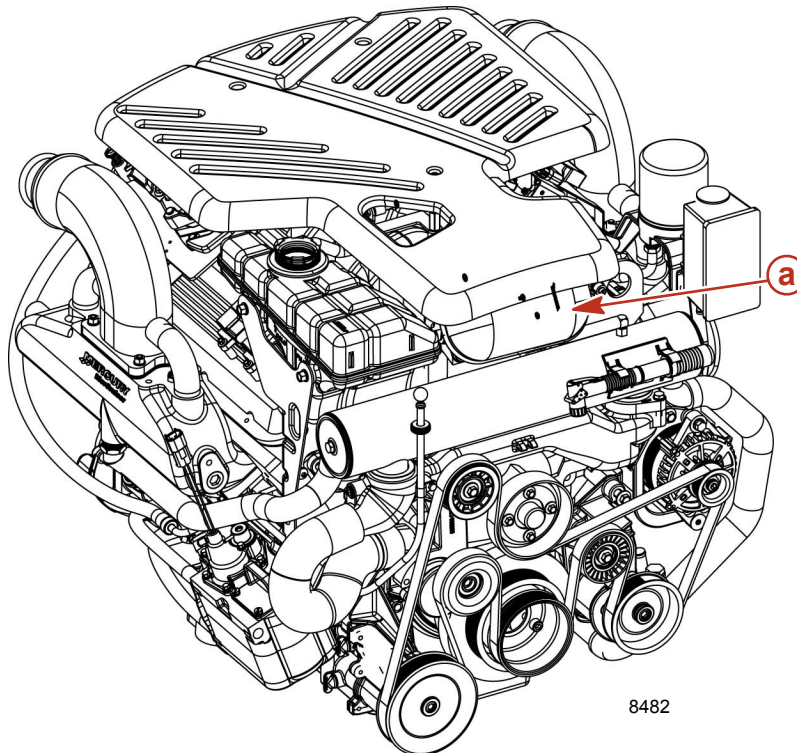
Generators: The generators battery should be considered another engine's battery.

Cleaning The Flame Arrestor

⚠ WARNING

Fuel is flammable and explosive. Ensure the key switch is off and the lanyard is positioned so that the engine cannot start. Do not smoke or allow sources of spark or open flame in the area while servicing. Keep the work area well ventilated and avoid prolonged exposure to vapors. Always check for leaks before attempting to start the engine and wipe up any spilled fuel immediately.

1. Remove the engine cover.
2. Loosen the flame arrestor clamp and remove the flame arrestor.
3. Clean the flame arrestor with solvent. Dry with compressed air or allow to air dry completely.



a - Flame arrestor

4. Install flame arrestor. Tighten the flame arrestor clamp.
5. Install the engine cover.

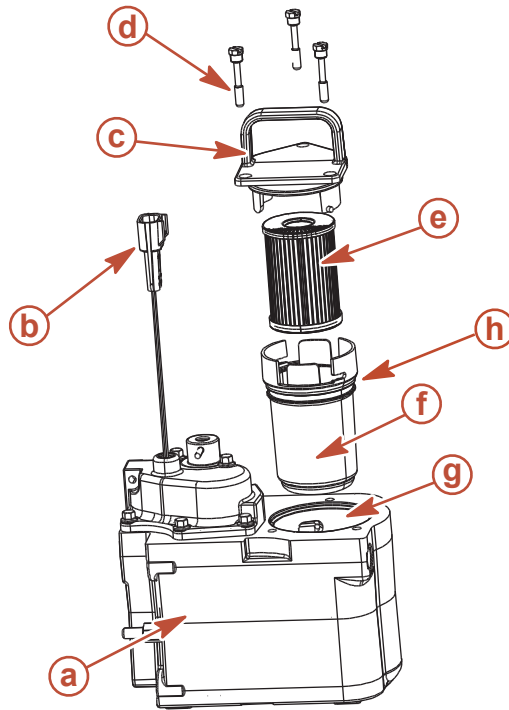
Water-Separating Fuel Filter

⚠ WARNING

Fuel is flammable and explosive. Ensure the key switch is off and the lanyard is positioned so that the engine cannot start. Do not smoke or allow sources of spark or open flame in the area while servicing. Keep the work area well ventilated and avoid prolonged exposure to vapors. Always check for leaks before attempting to start the engine and wipe up any spilled fuel immediately.

⚠ CAUTION

Failure to release pressure from the fuel system will result in fuel spraying out, which can cause a fire or explosion. Allow the engine to cool completely and release all fuel pressure before servicing any part of the fuel system. Always protect eyes and skin from pressurized fuel and vapors.

GEN III Models

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| a - Cool Fuel Module | e - Fuel filter element |
| b - Cool Fuel Module harness | f - Filter cup |
| c - Filter cap | g - Cool Fuel Module filter reservoir |
| d - Filter assembly retaining screw | h - O-ring |

REMOVAL

1. Allow the engine to cool down.

NOTE: Mercury MerCruiser recommends that the engine be shut off for 12 hours prior to filter removal.

2. Close fuel supply valve, if equipped.
3. Disconnect the Cool Fuel Module harness from the engine wiring harness.
4. Turn the key switch to the start position and allow the starter to operate for 5 seconds.
5. Turn key switch to off position.
6. Loosen each filter assembly retaining screw until the screw is disengaged from the Cool Fuel Module. Do not remove the filter assembly retaining screws from the filter cap.
7. Unseat the filter assembly by grasping the filter assembly handle and pulling upward. Do not remove the filter assembly from the Cool Fuel Module at this time.
8. Allow any fuel that may be in the filter assembly to drain out through the bottom of the filter assembly and into the Cool Fuel Module filter reservoir.

9. Remove the filter cup from the filter cap by grasping the filter cap and rotating it in a clockwise direction while holding the filter cup stationary.
10. Remove the used water-separating fuel filter element from the filter cup, place it in a clean, approved container.
11. Dispose of any water or debris that may be in the filter cup.

INSTALLATION

1. Install a new water-separating fuel filter element into the filter cup. Push the element into the cup until completely seated.
2. Install new O-ring on the filter cup.
3. Attach the filter cap to the filter cup by grasping the filter cap and rotating it in a counter clockwise direction while holding the filter cup stationary, until the filter cap locks securely into place.
4. Install the fuel filter assembly slowly into the Cool Fuel Module to prevent spilling fuel, and align the screws retained in the filter cap with the screw holes in the Cool Fuel Module. Tighten the filter assembly retaining screws until hand tight.
5. Ensure that the filter cap is firmly seated against the Cool Fuel Module and torque each filter assembly retaining screw.

Description	Nm	lb. in.	lb. ft.
Filter assembly retaining screw	6	53	

6. Open fuel supply valve, if equipped.
7. Reconnect the Cool Fuel Module harness to the engine wiring harness.
8. Properly ventilate the engine compartment.

NOTICE

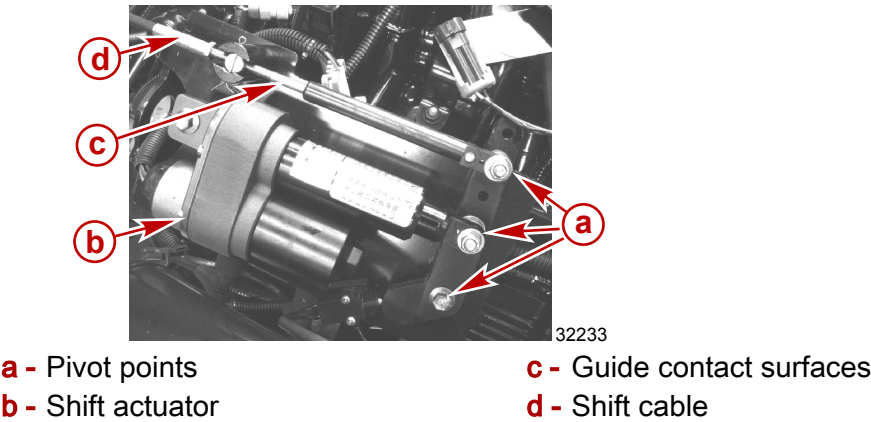
Without sufficient cooling water, the engine, the water pump, and other components will overheat and suffer damage. Provide a sufficient supply of water to the water inlets during operation.

9. Supply cooling water to the engine.
10. Start the engine. Check for gasoline leaks around the fuel filter assembly. If leaks exist, stop the engine immediately. Recheck the filter installation, clean spilled fuel and properly ventilate the engine compartment. If leaks continue, stop engine immediately and contact your authorized Mercury MerCruiser dealer.

Lubrication

Electronic Shift Control (ESC) Shift Cable

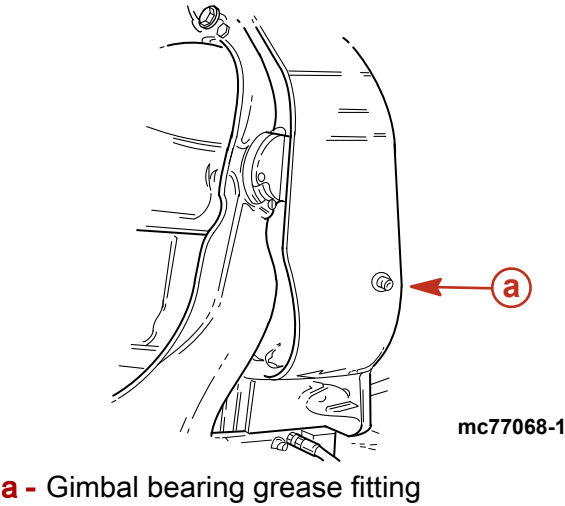
1. Lubricate the pivot points and the guide contact surfaces.



Tube Ref. No.	Description	Where Used	Part No.
	Synthetic Blend MerCruiser Engine Oil SAE25W-40	Shift cable pivot points & guide contact surfaces	92-883725K01

Sterndrive Unit and Transom Assembly

1. Lubricate gimbal bearing by applying approximately 8-10 pumps of grease from a typical hand-operated grease gun.

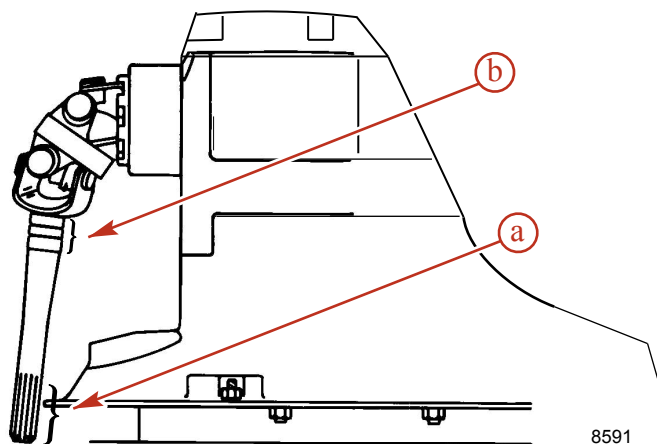


Tube Ref No.	Description	Where Used	Part No.
	U-joint and Gimbal Bearing Grease	Gimbal bearing	92-802870A1

2. For propeller shaft lubrication, refer to **Propellers**.

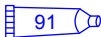
Sterndrive U-joint Shaft Splines And O-rings (Sterndrive Unit Removed)

1. Coat sterndrive U-joint O-rings and driveshaft splines with grease.



a - Driveshaft splines

b - U-joint O-rings (3)

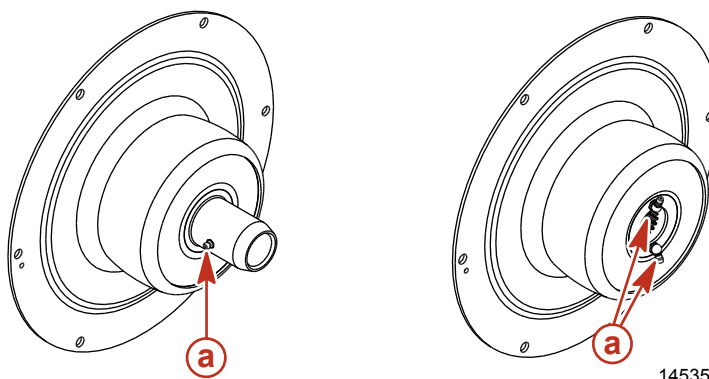
Tube Ref No.	Description	Where Used	Part No.
 91	Engine Coupler Spline Grease	Driveshaft splines and U-joint O-rings	92-802869A 1

2. For propeller shaft lubrication, refer to Propellers.

Engine Coupler

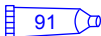
1. Lubricate engine coupler splines through the grease fittings on the coupler by applying approximately 8–10 pumps of grease from a typical hand-operated grease gun.

NOTE: If the boat is operated at idle for prolonged periods of time, coupler should be lubricated every 50 hours



Bravo drive coupler

a - Grease fitting

Tube Ref No.	Description	Where Used	Part No.
 91	Engine Coupler Spline Grease	Coupler	92-802869A 1

NOTE: On Bravo models, the coupler and shaft splines can be lubricated without removing the sterndrive. Apply lubricant from a typical hand-operated grease gun until a small amount of grease begins to push out.

Propellers

Propeller Repair

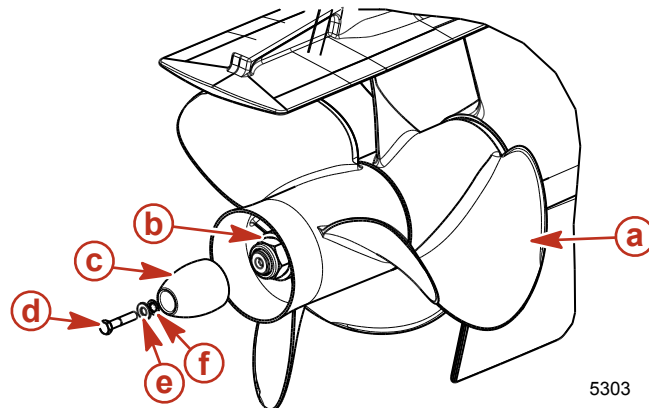
Some damaged propellers can be repaired. Contact your authorized Mercury MerCruiser dealer.

Bravo Three Propeller Removal

⚠ WARNING

Rotating propellers can cause serious injury or death. Never operate the boat out of the water with a propeller installed. Before installing or removing a propeller, place the drive unit in neutral and engage the lanyard stop switch to prevent the engine from starting. Place a block of wood between the propeller blade and the anti-ventilation plate.

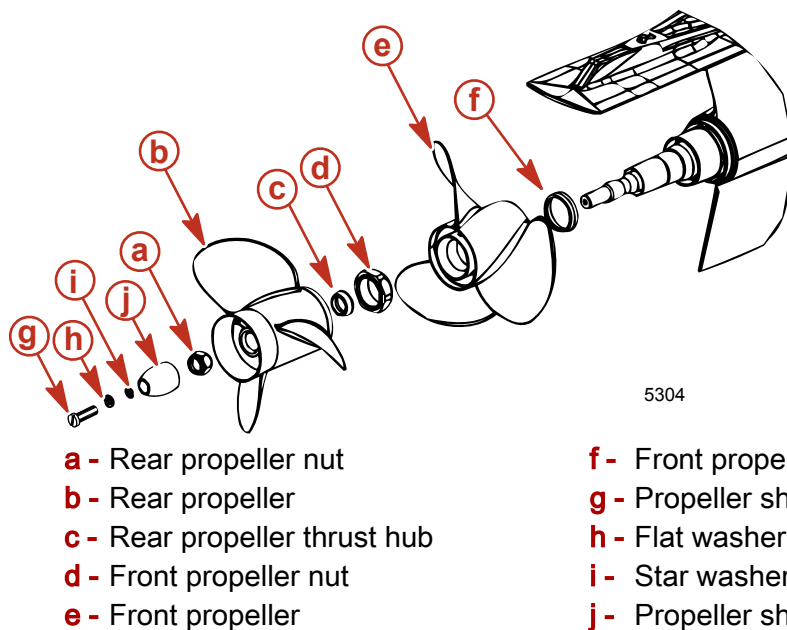
1. Place wood block between propeller blades and anti-ventilation plate to prevent rotation.
2. Remove the bolt and washers securing the propeller shaft anode.
3. Remove the propeller shaft anode.



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| a - Propeller | d - Propeller shaft anode screw |
| b - Propeller shaft nut | e - Flat washer |
| c - Propeller shaft anode | f - Star washer |

4. Turn aft propeller shaft nut 37 mm (1-7/16 in.) counterclockwise to remove nut.
5. Slide propeller and thrust hub off propeller shaft.
6. Turn front propeller shaft nut 70 mm (2-3/4 in.) counterclockwise to remove nut.
7. Slide propeller and thrust hub off propeller shaft.

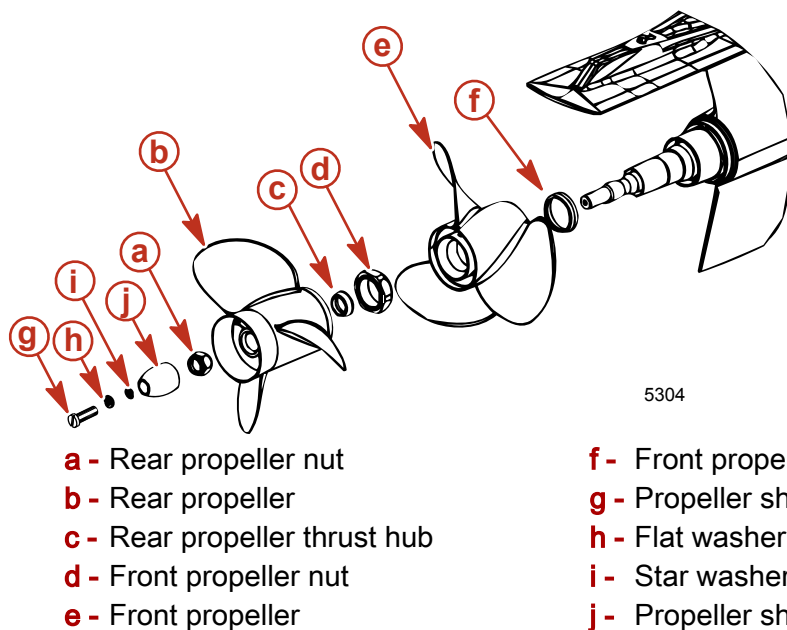
NOTE: Some damaged propellers can be repaired. Contact your authorized Mercury MerCruiser dealer.



Bravo Three Propeller Installation

NOTICE

Operating the engine with a loose propeller can damage the propeller, the drive, or drive components. Always tighten the propeller nut or nuts to specification and check for tightness periodically and at the required maintenance interval.



1. Slide forward thrust hub onto propeller shaft with tapered side toward propeller hub (toward end of shaft).
2. Apply a liberal coat of one of the following lubricants to the propeller shaft.

Tube Ref No.	Description	Where Used	Part No.
 34	Special Lubricant 101	Propeller shaft	92-802865Q02
 94	Anti-Corrosion Grease	Propeller shaft	92-802867Q 1
 95	2-4-C Marine Lubricant with Teflon	Propeller shaft	92-802859A 1

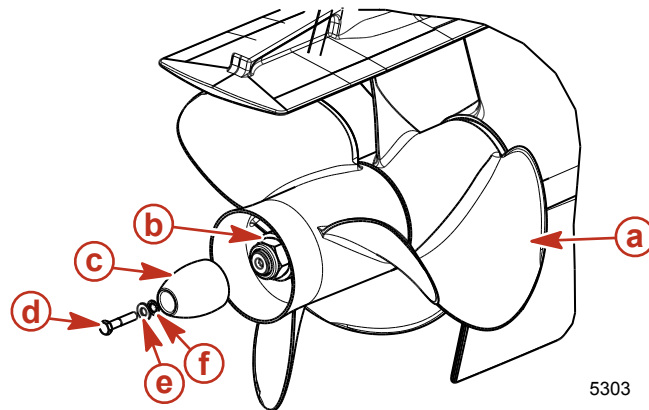
3. Align splines and place propeller on propeller shaft.
4. Install and torque the propeller nut. Check propeller at least every 20 hours of operation and retorquing as needed.

Description	Nm	lb-in.	lb-ft
Forward propeller nut	136	–	100

5. Slide aft thrust hub onto propeller shaft, with tapered side toward propeller hub (toward end of shaft).
6. Align splines and place propeller on propeller shaft.
7. Install and torque the propeller nut. Check propeller at least every 20 hours of operation and retorquing as needed.

Description	Nm	lb-in.	lb-ft
Aft propeller nut	81	–	60

8. Install the propeller shaft anode over the propeller shaft nut.
9. Place the flat washer onto the propeller shaft anode screw.
10. Place the star washer onto the propeller shaft anode screw.
11. If a propeller shaft anode is reinstalled, apply Loctite Threadlocker 271 to the threads of the propeller shaft anode screw.



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| a - Propeller | d - Propeller shaft anode screw |
| b - Propeller shaft nut | e - Flat washer |
| c - Propeller shaft anode | f - Star washer |

Tube Ref No.	Description	Where Used	Part No.
 7	Loctite 271 Threadlocker	Propeller shaft threads	92-809819

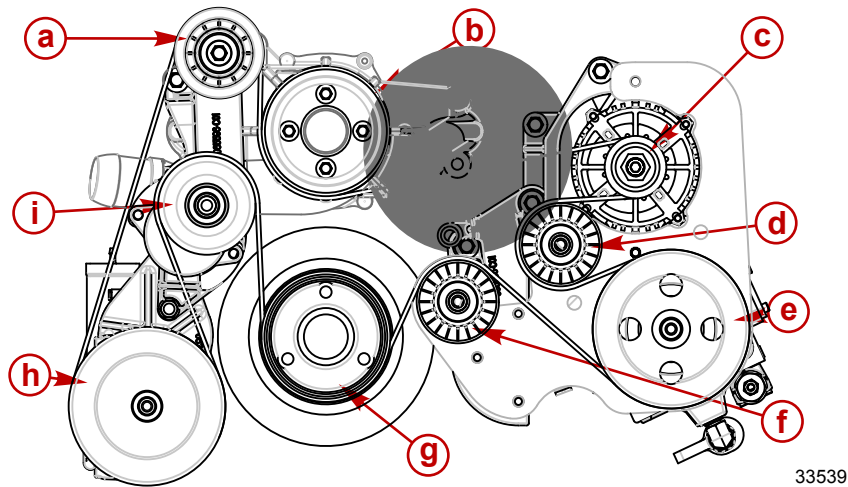
12. Secure the propeller shaft anode to the propeller shaft using the propeller shaft anode screw and washers. Torque the screw.

Description	Nm	lb-in.	lb-ft
Propeller shaft anode screw 38 mm (0.3125-18 x 1.5 in.) long	27	–	20

Serpentine Drive Belt

⚠ WARNING

Inspecting the belts with the engine running may cause serious injury or death. Turn off the engine and remove the ignition key before adjusting tension or inspecting belts.



Belt Routing Diagram

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| a - Idler pulley | f - Idler pulley |
| b - Water circulating pump pulley | g - Crankshaft pulley |
| c - Alternator pulley | h - Seawater pump pulley |
| d - Idler pulley | i - Tensioner pulley |
| e - Power steering pump pulley | |

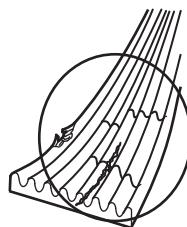
Checking

1. Inspect the drive belt for proper tension and for the following:

- Excessive wear
- Cracks

NOTE: Minor, transverse cracks (across the belt width) may be acceptable. Longitudinal cracks (in the direction of belt length) that join transverse cracks are NOT acceptable.

- Fraying
- Glazed surfaces
- Proper tension - 13 mm (1/2 in.) deflection, with moderate thumb pressure, on the belt at the location that has the longest distance between two pulleys.



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Replacing

IMPORTANT: If a belt is to be reused, it should be installed in the same direction of rotation as before.

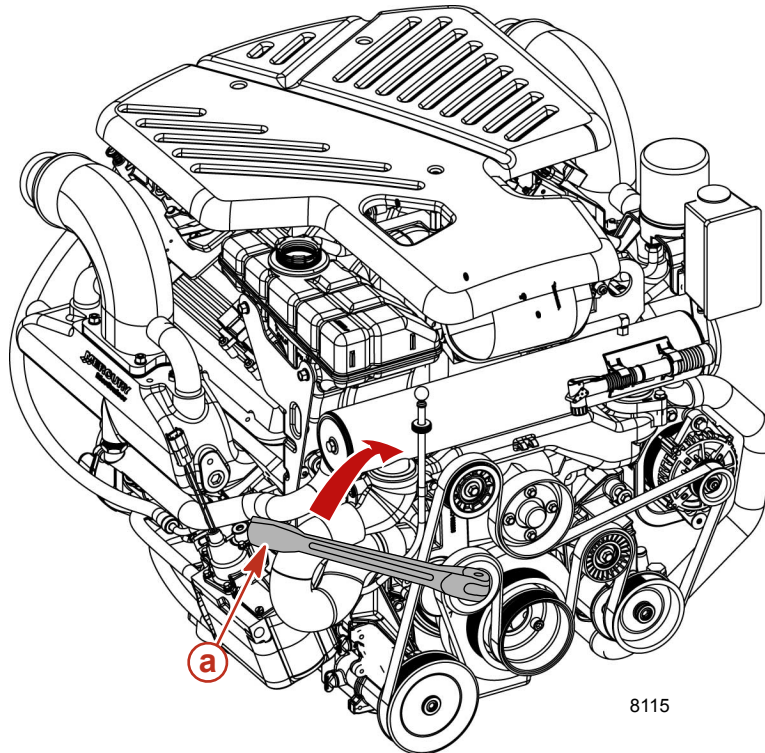
The belt tensioner is designed to operate within the limits of arm movement provided by the cast stops when the belt length and geometry are correct.

If the tensioner is contacting either of the limits during operation, check the mounting brackets and the belt length. Loose brackets, bracket failure, accessory drive component movement, incorrect belt length, or belt failure can cause the tensioner to contact the limits. See your authorized MerCruiser dealer for service if these conditions exist.

⚠ CAUTION

Rapid release of the belt tensioner, or allowing the tensioner to snap back quickly, could cause injury or product damage. Relieve the spring tension slowly.

1. Use a breaker bar and appropriate socket to hold back the tensioner and relieve the belt tension. Rotate the tensioner away from belt until it stops. Remove the belt from the idler pulley and slowly relieve the tension on the breaker bar.

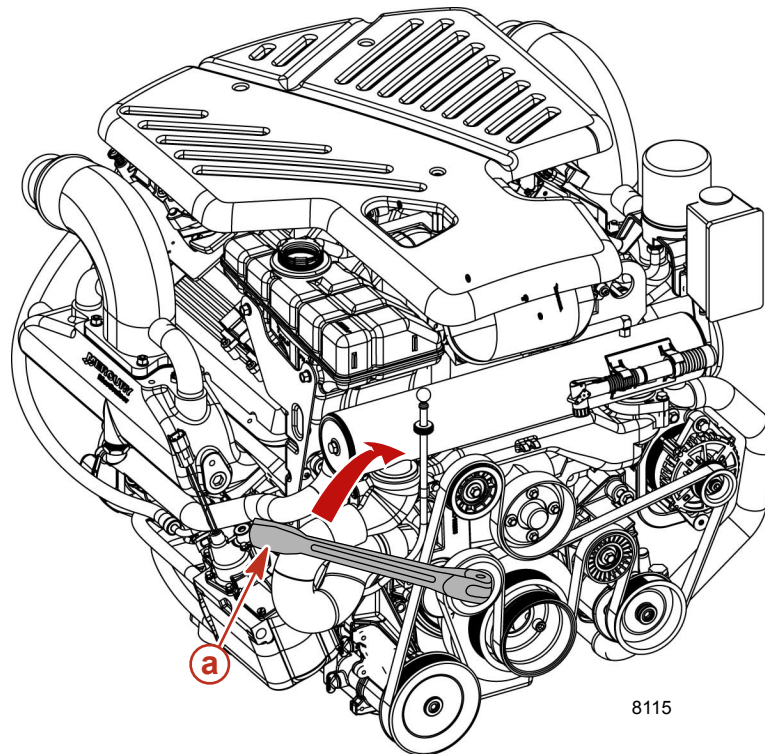


Breaker bar with arrow in direction of movement to relieve tension

a - Breaker bar

2. Remove the belt and reroute the replacement belt according to the belt routing diagram.

3. Use a breaker bar and appropriate socket to position the tensioner back to the engine running location and slide the belt over the tensioner pulley. Slowly relieve the tensioner to the belt.



Breaker bar with arrow in direction of movement to install belt

a - Breaker bar

Corrosion Protection

Corrosion Information

Whenever two or more dissimilar metals are submerged in a conductive solution, such as saltwater, polluted water or water with a high mineral content, a chemical reaction takes place causing electrical current to flow between metals. The electrical current flow causes the metal that is most chemically active, or anodic, to erode. This is known as galvanic corrosion. For more information contact your authorized Mercury MerCruiser dealer and refer to the **Mercury Precision Parts / Marine Corrosion Protection Guide** (90-881813003).

Maintaining Ground Circuit Continuity

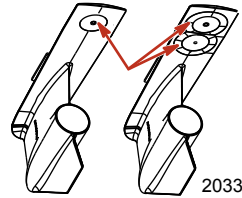
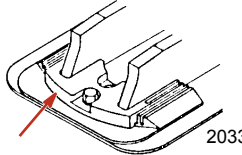
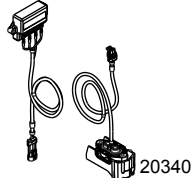
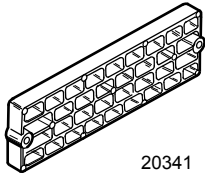
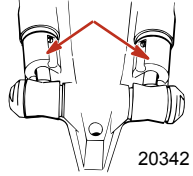
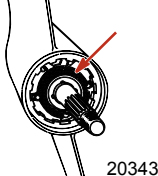
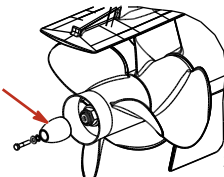
The transom assembly and sterndrive are equipped with a ground wire circuit to ensure good electrical continuity between the engine, transom assembly, and sterndrive components. Good continuity is essential for the MerCathode System to function effectively.

Anodes and MerCathode System Locations

IMPORTANT: Replace sacrificial anodes if eroded 50 percent or more.

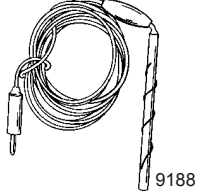
The following sacrificial anodes are installed at different locations on your power package. These anodes help protect against galvanic corrosion by sacrificing its metal to be slowly eroded instead of the metal components on the power package.

MerCathode System— Electrode assembly replaces the Anode block. System should be tested to ensure adequate output. The test should be performed where boat is moored, using Quicksilver Reference Electrode and Test Meter.

Description	Location	Figure
Gearcase anode plate	Mounted on the underside of the lower gearcase.	 20336
Ventilation plate anode	Mounted on the front of the gearcase.	 20338
MerCathode System	The MerCathode electrode is mounted to the underside of the gimbal housing. The MerCathode controller is mounted on the engine or on the boat transom. The controller harness connects to the electrode harness.	 20340
Anode kit (if equipped)	Mounted to the boat transom.	 20341
Trim cylinder anodes	Mounted on each of the trim cylinders.	 20342
Bearing carrier anode (Bravo One)	Located in front of the propeller, between the front side of the propeller and the gear housing.	 20343
Propshaft anode (Bravo Three)	Located behind the aft propeller.	 20344

Checking the Quicksilver MerCathode System

The MerCathode system should be tested to ensure adequate output. Perform the test where boat is moored, using the reference electrode and test meter. Contact your authorized Mercury MerCruiser dealer for service and information .

Reference Electrode	91-76675T 1
	Senses and electrical current in the water when testing the MerCathode system. Use to check hull potential.

Power Package Exterior Surfaces

1. Spray the entire power package at recommended intervals with Corrosion Guard. Follow the instructions on the can for proper application.

Tube Ref No.	Description	Where Used	Part No.
 120	Corrosion Guard	Painted surfaces	92-802878 55

2. Clean the entire power package. External surfaces that have become bare should be repainted with the recommended primer and spray paint at recommended intervals.

Description		Part Number
Mercury Light Gray Primer	Painted surfaces	92-802878 52
Mercury Phantom Black		92-802878Q 1

Boat Bottom Care

To achieve maximum performance and fuel economy, the boat bottom must be kept clean. Accumulation of marine growth or other foreign matter can greatly reduce boat speed and increase fuel consumption. To ensure best performance and efficiency, periodically clean the boat bottom in accordance with manufacturer's recommendations.

In some areas, it may be advisable to paint the bottom to help prevent marine growth. Refer to the following information for special notes about the use of anti-fouling paints.

Anti-fouling Paint

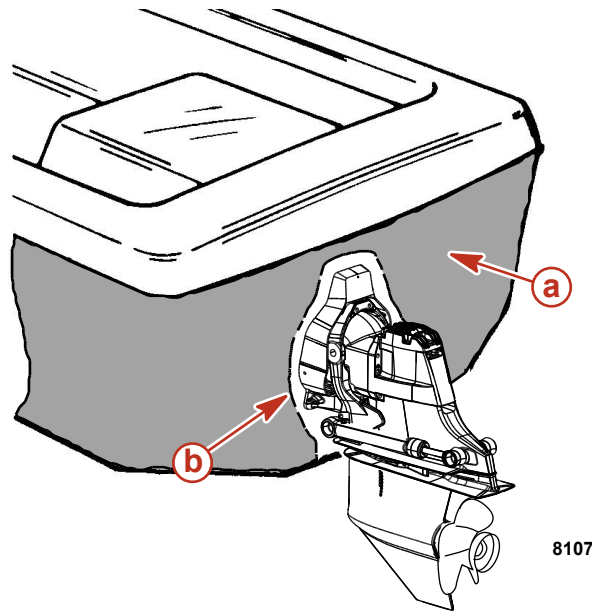
IMPORTANT: Corrosion damage that results from the improper application of anti-fouling paint will not be covered by the limited warranty.

You may apply anti-fouling paint to the boat hull and boat transom but you must observe the following precautions:

IMPORTANT: Do not paint or pressure-wash the anodes or the MerCathode System reference electrode and anode. Doing so will render them ineffective as inhibitors of galvanic corrosion.

IMPORTANT: If anti-fouling protection is required for the boat hull or boat transom, you can use copper-based paint if it is not prohibited by law. If you are using copper based anti-fouling paint, observe the following precaution:

- Avoid an electrical interconnection between the Mercury MerCruiser Product, Anodic Blocks, or MerCathode System and the paint by allowing a minimum of 40 mm (1-1/2 in.) UNPAINTED area on transom of the boat around these items.



a - Painted boat transom

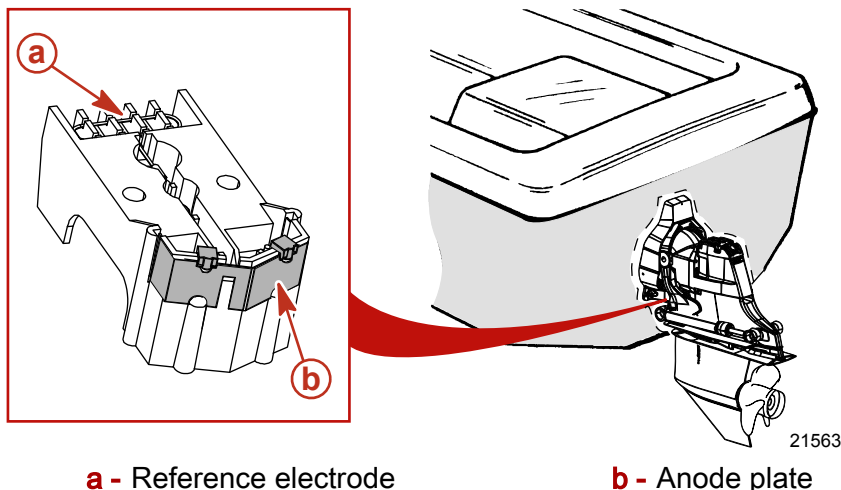
b - Minimum 40 mm (1-1/2 in.) unpainted area around transom assembly

NOTE: Sterndrive and transom assembly can be painted with a good marine paint or an anti-fouling paint that **DOES NOT** contain copper or any other material that could conduct electrical current. Do not paint drain holes, anodes, the MerCathode system or items specified by the boat manufacturer.

NOTICE

Washing the MerCathode assembly can damage components and lead to rapid corrosion. Do not use any cleaning equipment such as brushes or high-pressure washers to clean the MerCathode assembly.

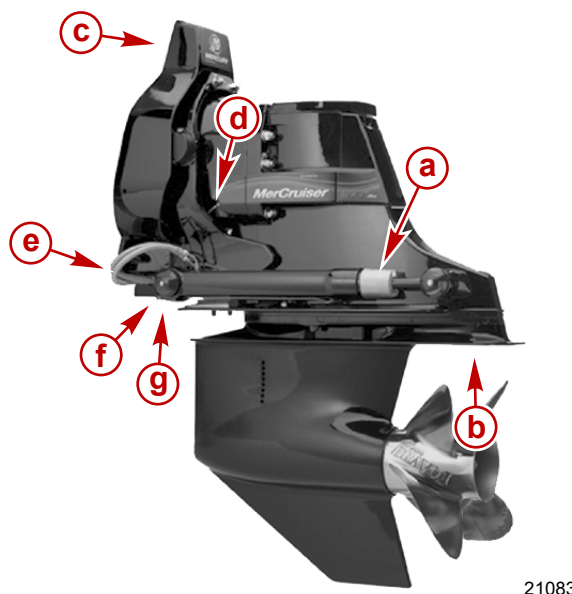
Do not power-wash a sterndrive that has a MerCathode assembly. Doing so can damage the coating on the reference wire of the MerCathode assembly and increase corrosion.



a - Reference electrode

b - Anode plate

Sterndrive Surface Care



Standard Bravo sterndrive

a - Sacrificial trim cylinder anode

b - Sacrificial anodic plate

c - Steering lever ground wire

d - Ground wire between the gimbal ring and bell housing

e - Stainless steel hoses

f - Ground wire between the gimbal housing and trim cylinder

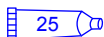
g - Ground wire between the gimbal ring and gimbal housing

We recommend the following maintenance items to help keep your sterndrive corrosion-free:

- Maintain a complete paint covering on the sterndrive.
- Check the finish regularly. Prime and paint nicks and scratches using Mercury enamel paint and touch up paint. Use only tin-based anti-fouling paint or its equivalent on or near aluminum surfaces below the waterline.
- If bare metal is showing, apply 2 coats paint.

Description	Where used	Part number
Mercury Phantom Black	Bare metal	92- 802878-1

- Spray all electrical connections with sealant.

Tube Ref No.	Description	Where Used	Part No.
 25	Liquid Neoprene	All electrical connections	92- 25711 3

- Inspect the sacrificial trim tab or anode plate if equipped, at regular intervals and replace it before it is half gone. If a stainless steel propeller is installed, additional anodes or a MerCathode System will be required.
- Inspect the propeller shaft for fishing line, which can cause corrosion on a stainless steel shaft.
- Remove the propeller at least every 60 days and lubricate the propeller shaft.
- Do not use lubricants containing graphite on or near the aluminum in saltwater.
- Do not paint trim tabs or the mounting surface.

Flushing the Seawater System—Sterndrive Models

General Information—Bravo Sterndrive

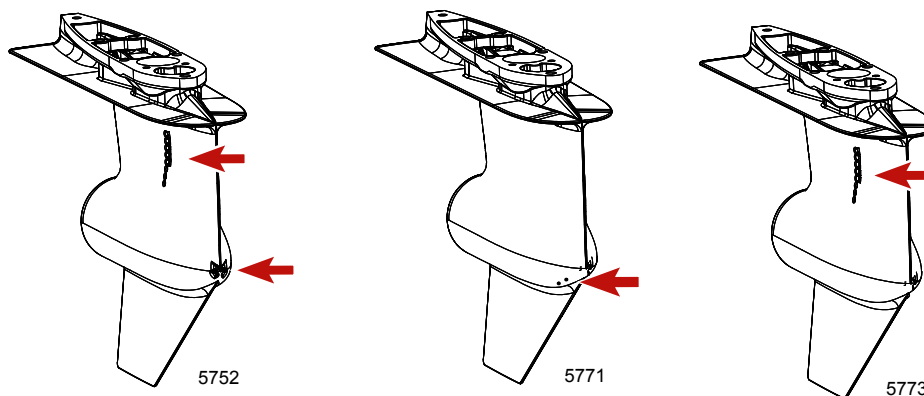
Your boat could be equipped with a combination of any of three different types of water pickups: through-hull, through-transom, and through-sterndrive. The flushing procedures for these systems are separated into two categories: sterndrive water pickups and alternative water pickups.

FLUSHING ATTACHMENTS

Flushing Device	91-44357Q 2
 9192	Attaches to the water intakes; provides a fresh water connection when flushing the cooling system or operating the engine.
Dual Water Pick-up Flush Gearcase Seal Kit	91-881150K 1
 9194	Blocks off the front water inlet holes on the dual water inlet gearcases.
Flushing Kit	91-849996T 1
 9195	Use for flushing gearcases with low water inlets.

STERNDRIVE WATER PICKUPS

There are three types of water pickups available on Mercury MerCruiser sterndrives: low water, dual water, and side pickups. Dual water pickups require the flushing attachment (44357Q 2) and the flush seal kit (881150K 1), low water pickups require the flushing attachment (849996T 1), and side pickups require the flushing attachment (44357Q 2).



Dual Water Pickup

Low Water Pickup

Side Pickup

The Boat out of the Water—Bravo Sterndrive

IMPORTANT: Flushing the power package is most effective when performed with the boat and sterndrive out of the water.

IMPORTANT: Flushing is needed if the engine package has been operated in saltwater, brackish water, mineral-laden water, or polluted water. For best results, flushing is recommended after each outing and before cold weather and extended storage.

1. Lower the sterndrive to full down/in position.

⚠ WARNING

Rotating propellers can cause serious injury or death. Never operate the boat out of the water with a propeller installed. Before installing or removing a propeller, place the drive unit in neutral and engage the lanyard stop switch to prevent the engine from starting. Place a block of wood between the propeller blade and the anti-ventilation plate.

2. Remove the propeller. Refer to the appropriate **Mercury MerCruiser sterndrive service manual**.
3. Install the appropriate flushing attachment over the water inlet holes in the gear housing.
4. Connect the water supply hose to the water source.

NOTICE

Flushing the engine when it is not operating will result in water collecting in the exhaust system, damaging the engine. Do not supply flush water for more than 15 seconds without the engine operating.

5. With the sterndrive in the normal operating position, completely open the water source to provide maximum water supply.
6. Place the remote control in the neutral idle speed position.
7. Immediately start the engine.

NOTICE

Operating the engine out of the water at high speeds creates suction, which can collapse the water supply hose and overheat the engine. Do not operate the engine above 1400 RPM out of the water and without sufficient cooling water supply.

8. Depress the throttle-only button and slowly advance the throttle until the engine reaches 1300 RPM ($\pm$ 100 RPM).
9. Observe the water temperature gauge to ensure that the engine is operating in the normal range.
10. Operate the engine with the sterndrive in neutral for a minimum of 10 minutes.
11. **For power packages operated in saltwater, brackish water, mineral-laden water, or polluted water**, continue to operate the engine until the discharge water is clear.
12. Slowly return the throttle to idle speed position.
13. Stop the engine.
14. Immediately shut off the supply water and remove the flushing attachment.
15. Install the propeller. Refer to the appropriate **Mercury MerCruiser sterndrive service manual**.

The Boat in the Water—Bravo Sterndrive

IMPORTANT: Flushing the power package is most effective when performed with the boat and sterndrive out of the water.

IMPORTANT: Flushing is needed if the engine package has been operated in saltwater, brackish water, mineral-laden water, or polluted water. For best results, flushing is recommended after each outing and before cold weather and extended storage.

1. Raise the sterndrive to the trailer position.
2. Install the appropriate flushing attachment over the water inlet holes in the gear housing.
3. Lower the sterndrive to the full down/in position.
4. Connect the water supply hose to the water source.

NOTICE

Flushing the engine when it is not operating will result in water collecting in the exhaust system, damaging the engine. Do not supply flush water for more than 15 seconds without the engine operating.

5. With the sterndrive in the normal operating position, completely open the water source to provide maximum water supply.
6. Place the remote control in the neutral idle speed position.
7. Immediately start the engine.

NOTICE

Operating the engine out of the water at high speeds creates suction, which can collapse the water supply hose and overheat the engine. Do not operate the engine above 1400 RPM out of the water and without sufficient cooling water supply.

8. Depress the throttle-only button and slowly advance the throttle until the engine reaches 1300 RPM ($\pm$ 100 RPM).
9. Observe the water temperature gauge to ensure that the engine is operating in the normal range.

10. Operate the engine with the sterndrive in neutral for a minimum of 10 minutes.
11. **For engine packages operated in saltwater, brackish water, mineral-laden water, or polluted water**, continue to operate the engine until the discharge water is clear.
12. Slowly return the throttle to the idle speed position.
13. Stop the engine.
14. Immediately shut off the supply water. Do not remove the flushing attachment from the sterndrive at this time.

NOTICE

Flushing the engine with the boat in the water can cause seawater to flow into the engine, resulting in engine damage. Close the seacock before flushing the engine. Keep the seacock closed until starting the engine.

NOTICE

Disconnecting the seawater inlet hose will cause water to enter the bilge resulting in engine damage. Close the seacock before disconnecting the seawater inlet hose. Plug the seawater inlet hose immediately after disconnecting it.

15. Close the seacock, if equipped, then disconnect the seawater inlet hose to prevent water from siphoning into the engine or boat.
16. If not equipped with a seacock, disconnect the seawater inlet hose from the seawater pump, and immediately plug the hose to prevent water from siphoning into the engine or boat.
17. Raise the sterndrive to the trailer position.
18. Remove the flushing attachment from the sterndrive.
19. Tag the ignition switch with an appropriate tag requiring the seacock to be opened or the seawater inlet hose to be reconnected before operating the engine.

The Boat out of the Water—Alternative Water Pickups

IMPORTANT: Flushing the power package is most effective when performed with the boat and sterndrive out of the water.

IMPORTANT: Flushing is needed if the engine package has been operated in saltwater, brackish water, mineral-laden water, or polluted water. For best results flushing is recommended after each outing and before cold weather and extended storage.

1. Lower the sterndrive to the full down/in position.

⚠ WARNING

Rotating propellers can cause serious injury or death. Never operate the boat out of the water with a propeller installed. Before installing or removing a propeller, place the drive unit in neutral and engage the lanyard stop switch to prevent the engine from starting. Place a block of wood between the propeller blade and the anti-ventilation plate.

2. Remove the propeller. Refer to the appropriate **Mercury MerCruiser sterndrive service manual**.
3. Close the seacock, if equipped.
4. If not equipped with a seacock, disconnect the seawater inlet hose from the seawater pump.
5. Using a suitable adapter, connect the flushing hose from the water source to the water inlet of the seawater pump.

NOTICE

Flushing the engine when it is not operating will result in water collecting in the exhaust system, damaging the engine. Do not supply flush water for more than 15 seconds without the engine operating.

6. With the sterndrive in the normal operating position, completely open the water source to provide maximum water supply.
7. Place the remote control in the neutral idle speed position.
8. Immediately start the engine.

NOTICE

Operating the engine out of the water at high speeds creates suction, which can collapse the water supply hose and overheat the engine. Do not operate the engine above 1400 RPM out of the water and without sufficient cooling water supply.

9. Depress the throttle-only button and slowly advance the throttle until the engine reaches 1300 RPM ($\pm$ 100 RPM).
10. Observe the water temperature gauge to ensure that the engine is operating in the normal range.
11. Operate the engine with the sterndrive in neutral for a minimum of 10 minutes.
12. **For engine packages operated in saltwater, brackish water, mineral-laden water, or polluted water**, continue to operate the engine until the discharge water is clear.
13. Slowly return the throttle to the idle speed position.
14. Stop the engine.
15. Immediately shut off the supply water and remove the flushing attachment.
16. Install the water inlet hose to the seawater inlet of the seawater pump. Tighten the hose clamp securely.
17. Install the propeller. Refer to the appropriate **Mercury MerCruiser sterndrive service manual**.

The Boat in the Water—Alternative Water Pickups

IMPORTANT: Flushing the power package is most effective when performed with the boat and sterndrive out of the water.

IMPORTANT: Flushing is needed if the engine package has been operated in saltwater, brackish water, mineral-laden water, or polluted water. For best results flushing is recommended after each outing and before cold weather and extended storage.

1. Lower the sterndrive to the full down/in position.

NOTICE

Disconnecting the seawater inlet hose will cause water to enter the bilge resulting in engine damage. Close the seacock before disconnecting the seawater inlet hose. Plug the seawater inlet hose immediately after disconnecting it.

2. Close the seacock, if equipped, then disconnect the seawater inlet hose to prevent water from siphoning into the engine or boat.
3. If not equipped with a seacock, disconnect the seawater inlet hose from the seawater pump and immediately plug the hose to prevent water from siphoning into the engine or boat.
4. Using a suitable adapter, connect the flushing hose from the water source to the water inlet of the seawater pump.

NOTICE

Flushing the engine when it is not operating will result in water collecting in the exhaust system, damaging the engine. Do not supply flush water for more than 15 seconds without the engine operating.

5. With the sterndrive in the normal operating position, completely open the water source to provide maximum water supply.
6. Place the remote control in the neutral idle speed position.
7. Immediately start the engine.

NOTICE

Operating the engine out of the water at high speeds creates suction, which can collapse the water supply hose and overheat the engine. Do not operate the engine above 1400 RPM out of the water and without sufficient cooling water supply.

8. Depress the throttle-only button and slowly advance the throttle until the engine reaches 1300 RPM ($\pm$ 100 RPM).
9. Observe the water temperature gauge to ensure that the engine is operating in the normal range.
10. Operate the engine with the sterndrive in neutral for a minimum of 10 minutes.
11. **For engine packages operated in saltwater, brackish water, mineral-laden water, or polluted water,** continue to operate the engine until the discharge water is clear.
12. Slowly return the throttle to the idle speed position.
13. Stop the engine.
14. Immediately shut off the supply water and remove the flushing attachment.
15. Tag the ignition switch with an appropriate tag requiring the seacock to be opened or the seawater inlet hose to be reconnected before operating the engine.

SeaCore Power Package Flushing Procedure

***NOTE:** Flushing is needed only for salt, brackish, mineral laden or polluted water applications. Flushing is recommended after each outing for best results.*

IMPORTANT: Flushing the SeaCore power package with the boat and sterndrive in the water is less effective. Flushing the SeaCore power package is most effective when performed with the boat and sterndrive out of the water, such as on a boat lift or trailer.

MODELS USING THE STERNDRIVE WATER PICKUP

IMPORTANT: The system is designed to flush the Bravo sterndrive and the engine with one water source. Do not block or remove the inlet water hose from the sterndrive to the engine.

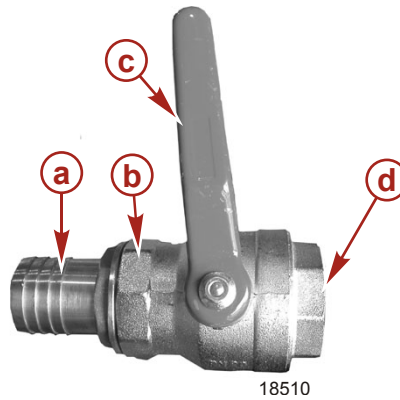
***NOTE:** Engines with the sterndrive water inlet blocked off at the gimbal housing: Refer to Alternative Water Pickups.*

⚠ WARNING

Rotating propellers can cause serious injury or death. Never operate the boat out of the water with a propeller installed. Before installing or removing a propeller, place the drive unit in neutral and engage the lanyard stop switch to prevent the engine from starting. Place a block of wood between the propeller blade and the anti-ventilation plate.

IMPORTANT: Do not allow the engine to pull air or seawater from alternative water pickup sources during the flushing procedure. If equipped, ensure that all alternative water inlet hoses are plugged at both ends.

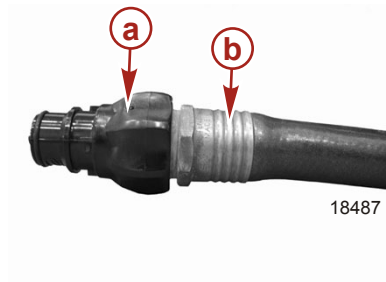
1. Remove the boat from the water.
2. Close the seacock, if equipped.



For visual clarity, the seacock shown is not installed

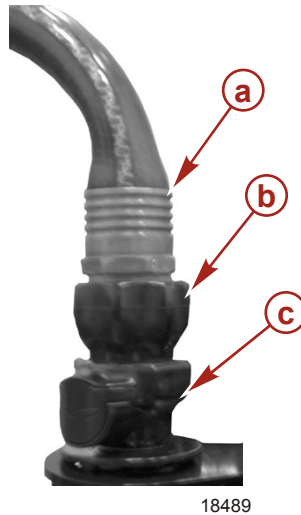
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| a - Hose fitting to engine | c - Handle (closed position) |
| b - Seacock | d - To water source pickup attachment |

3. If equipped with an alternative water pickup and not equipped with a seacock, disconnect the water hose from the alternative water pickup and plug both ends, excluding the Bravo sterndrive.
4. Ensure that the inlet water hose from the sterndrive to the engine is connected.
5. Remove the quick-connect fitting from the parts bag supplied with the engine.
6. Attach the quick-connect fitting to a water hose.



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|---|-----------------------|
| a - Quick connect fitting (water hose end) | b - Water hose |
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7. Snap the quick-connect fitting with the water hose into the flush socket on the engine.



a - Water hose

b - Quick-connect fitting (water hose end)

c - Flush socket

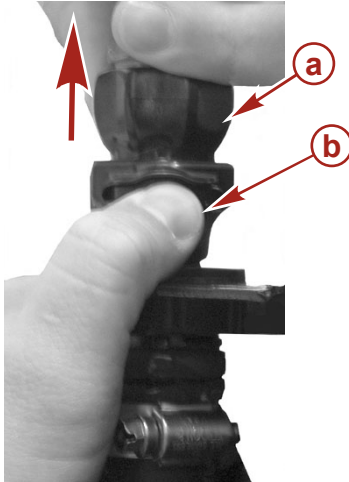
8. Open the water source of the water hose to a full flow.
9. Allow the water to flush the sterndrive for 30 seconds.
10. Place the remote control in neutral idle speed position and start engine.

NOTICE

Without sufficient cooling water, the engine, the water pump, and other components will overheat and suffer damage. Provide a sufficient supply of water to the water inlets during operation.

11. Operate the engine at idle speed in neutral gear. Do not exceed 1200 RPM.
12. Monitor the engine temperature while operating the engine.
13. Flush the engine for 5 to 10 minutes or until discharge water is clear.
14. Shut off the engine.
15. Allow the water to flush the sterndrive for 10 seconds.
16. Turn off the water source.

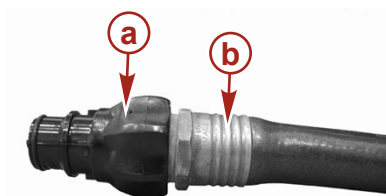
17. Disconnect the quick-connect fitting and water hose from the flush socket on the engine by pressing the release button on the flush socket.



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- a** - Quick-connect fitting (water hose end) **b** - Flush socket release button

18. Remove the quick-connect fitting from the water hose.

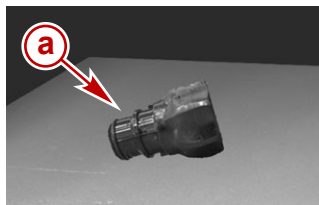


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- a** - Quick-connect fitting (water hose end) **b** - Water hose

19. Retain the quick-connect fitting with the water hose end for repeated use by storing it separately in a storage compartment on the boat for easy access.

IMPORTANT: Do not store the quick-connect fitting in the flush socket on the engine. Doing so would allow the seawater pump to suck air during engine operation causing an overheating problem. Damages due to engine overheating are not covered by Mercury MerCruiser Warranty.



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Quick-connect fitting stored in the boat

- a** - Quick-connect fitting (water hose end)

20. Insert the dust cover in the flush socket on the engine.



Dust cover installed in the flush socket

a - Dust cover

b - Flush socket

IMPORTANT: If the unit is to be stored in the water, the seacock should remain closed until time of usage. If unit is to be stored out of the water, open the seacock.

21. Open the seacock, if equipped, or reconnect the alternative water inlet source prior to operating the engine.

Notes:

Section 6 - Storage

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Cold Weather or Extended Storage

IMPORTANT: Mercury MerCruiser strongly recommends that this service should be performed by an authorized Mercury MerCruiser dealer. Damage caused by freezing temperatures IS NOT covered by the Mercury MerCruiser Limited Warranty.

NOTICE

Water trapped in the seawater section of the cooling system can cause corrosion or freeze damage. Drain the seawater section of the cooling system immediately after operation or before any length of storage in cold weather. If the boat is in the water, keep the seacock closed until restarting the engine to prevent water from flowing back into the cooling system. If the boat is not fitted with a seacock, leave the water inlet hose disconnected and plugged.

***NOTE:** As a precautionary measure, attach a tag to the key switch or steering wheel of the boat reminding the operator to open the seacock or unplug and reconnect the water inlet hose before starting the engine.*

IMPORTANT: Mercury MerCruiser requires that propylene glycol antifreeze, mixed to the manufacturers instructions, be used in the seawater section of the cooling system for freezing temperatures or extended storage. Make sure that the propylene glycol antifreeze contains a rust inhibitor and is recommended for use in marine engines. Be certain to follow the propylene glycol manufacturer's recommendations.

Preparing Power Package for Storage

1. Fill the fuel tanks with fresh gasoline (that does not contain alcohol) and a sufficient amount of Quicksilver Gasoline Stabilizer for Marine Engines to treat the gasoline. Follow instructions on the container.
2. If the boat is to be placed in storage with fuel containing alcohol in fuel tanks (if fuel without alcohol is not available): Fuel tanks should be drained as low as possible and Mercury/Quicksilver Gasoline Stabilizer for Marine Engines added to any fuel remaining in the tank. Refer to **Fuel Requirements** for additional information.
3. Flush the cooling system. Refer to the **Maintenance** section.
4. Supply cooling water to engine. Refer to the **Maintenance** section
5. Operate the engine sufficiently to bring it up to normal operating temperature and allow fuel with Mercury/Quicksilver Gasoline Stabilizer to circulate through the fuel system. Shut off the engine.
6. Change the oil and oil filter.
7. Prepare the engine and fuel system for storage. Refer to **Engine and Fuel System Preparation**.
8. Drain the engine seawater cooling system. Refer to **Draining the Seawater System**.

NOTICE

Water trapped in the seawater section of the cooling system can cause corrosion or freeze damage. Drain the seawater section of the cooling system immediately after operation or before any length of storage in cold weather. If the boat is in the water, keep the seacock closed until restarting the engine to prevent water from flowing back into the cooling system. If the boat is not fitted with a seacock, leave the water inlet hose disconnected and plugged.

9. For additional assurance against freezing and rust, after draining, fill the seawater cooling system with propylene glycol mixed to the manufacturer's recommendation to protect engine to the lowest temperature to which it will be exposed during freezing temperatures or extended storage.
10. Store the battery according to the manufacturer's instructions.

ENGINE AND FUEL SYSTEM PREPARATION

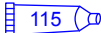
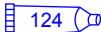
WARNING

Fuel is flammable and explosive. Ensure the key switch is off and the lanyard is positioned so that the engine cannot start. Do not smoke or allow sources of spark or open flame in the area while servicing. Keep the work area well ventilated and avoid prolonged exposure to vapors. Always check for leaks before attempting to start the engine and wipe up any spilled fuel immediately.

WARNING

Fuel vapors trapped in the engine compartment may be an irritant, cause difficulty breathing, or may ignite resulting in a fire or explosion. Always ventilate the engine compartment before servicing the power package.

1. In a 23 liter (6 US gal) remote fuel tank mix:
 - a. 19 liter (5 US gal) regular unleaded 87 octain (90 RON) gasoline
 - b. 1.89 liter (2 US qt) Premium Plus 2-Cycle TC-W3 Outboard Oil
 - c. 150 ml (5 oz) Fuel System Treatment and Stabilizer or 30 ml (1 oz) Fuel System Treatment and Stabilizer Concentrate

Tube Ref No.	Description	Where Used	Part No.
 115	Premium Plus 2-cycle TC-W3 Outboard Oil	Fuel system	92-858026K01
 124	Fuel System Treatment & Stabilizer	Fuel system	858071K01

2. Allow the engine to cool down.

IMPORTANT: Immediately wipe up any fuel spills or sprays.

3. Close the fuel shut off valve, if equipped. Disconnect and plug the fuel inlet fitting if not equipped with a fuel shut off valve.
4. Connect the remote fuel tank (with the fogging mixture) to the fuel inlet fitting.

IMPORTANT: Supply cooling water to the engine.

5. Start and operate the engine at 1300 RPM for 5 minutes.
6. After specified operating time is complete, slowly return throttle to idle RPM and shut engine off.

IMPORTANT: Ensure that some fogging mixture remains in the engine. Do not allow the engines fuel system to become completely dry.

7. Replace the water separating fuel filter element. Refer to Section 5 for proper procedure.

Draining the Seawater System

⚠ CAUTION

Water can enter the bilge when the drain system is open, damaging the engine or causing the boat to sink. Remove the boat from the water or close the seacock, disconnect and plug the seawater inlet hose, and ensure the bilge pump is operational before draining. Do not operate the engine with the drain system open.

IMPORTANT: Only drain the seawater section of the closed cooling system.

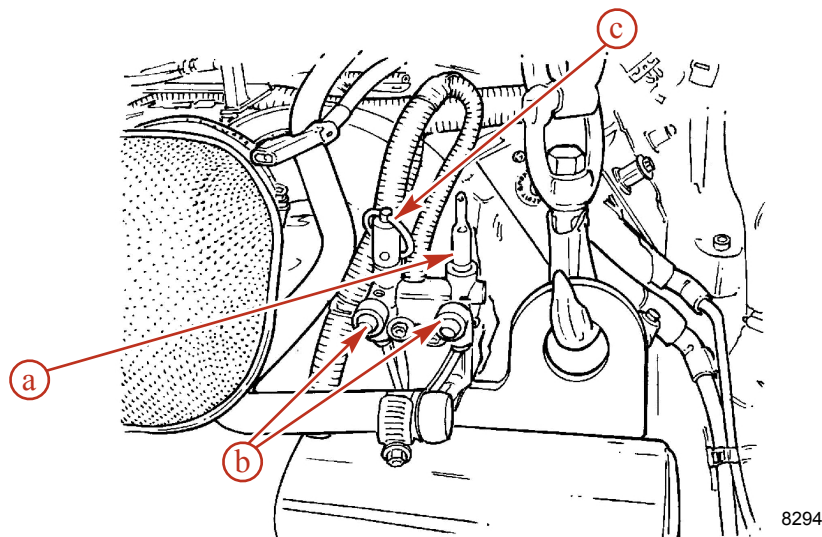
IMPORTANT: The boat must be as level as possible to ensure complete draining of the cooling system.

Your power package is equipped with a drain system. Refer to **Drain System Identification** to determine which instructions apply to your power package.

IMPORTANT: The engine must not be operating at any point during the draining procedure.

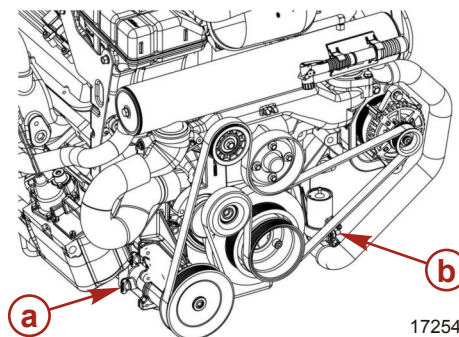
Drain System Identification

AIR ACTUATED SINGLE POINT DRAIN SYSTEM



- a** - Actuator fitting
- b** - Green indicators

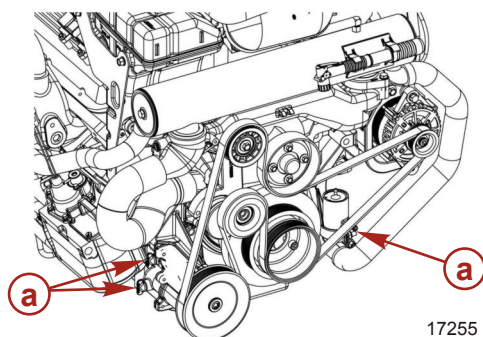
- c** - Manual release valve



- a** - Port side drain location

- b** - Starboard side drain location

MANUAL DRAIN SYSTEM



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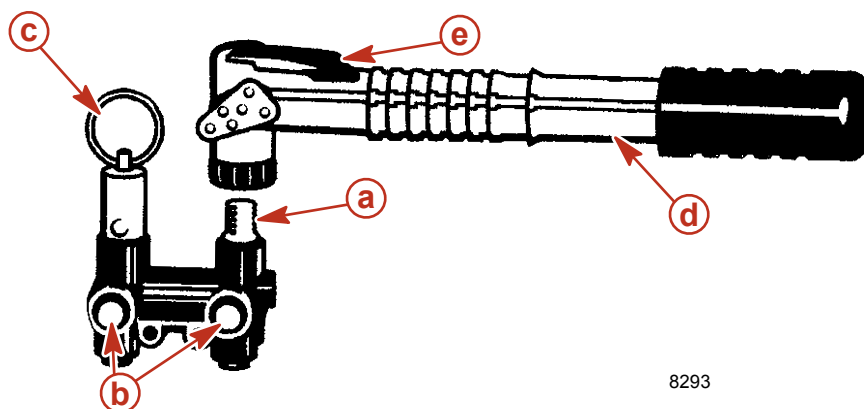
a - Blue drain plug locations

Air Actuated Single Point Drain System

BOAT IN THE WATER

NOTE: This procedure is written for the air pump that is attached to the engine. However, any air source can be used.

1. Close the seacock (if equipped) or remove and plug the water inlet hose.
2. Remove the air pump from the engine.
3. Ensure that the lever on top of the pump is flush with the handle (horizontal).
4. Install the air pump on the actuator fitting.
5. Pull lever on air pump (vertical) to lock pump on the fitting.

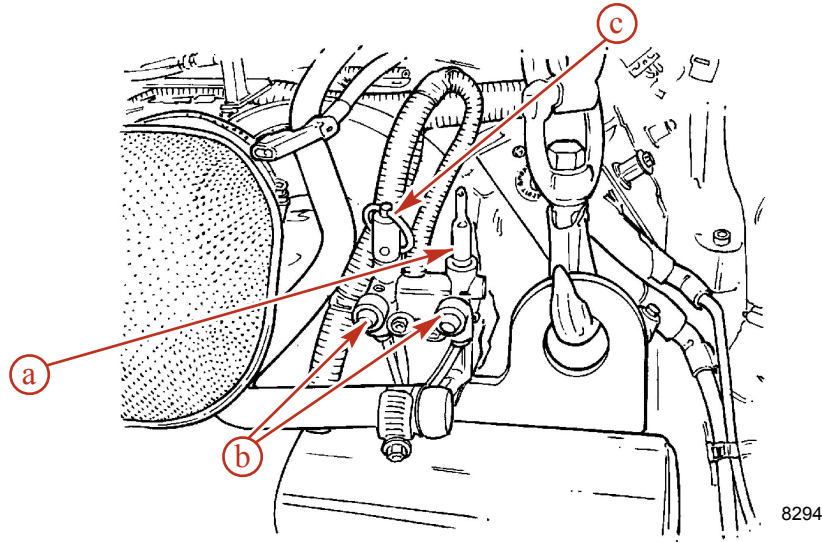


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a - Actuator fitting
b - Green indicators
c - Manual release valve

d - Air pump
e - Lever (locking)

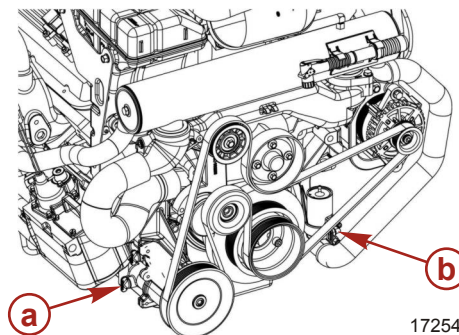
6. Pump air into the system until both green indicators extend and water drains from both sides of the engine. The port side will begin draining before the starboard side.



a - Actuator fitting
b - Green indicators

c - Manual release valve

7. Verify that water is draining from each opening. If not, use the **Manual Drain System** instructions.

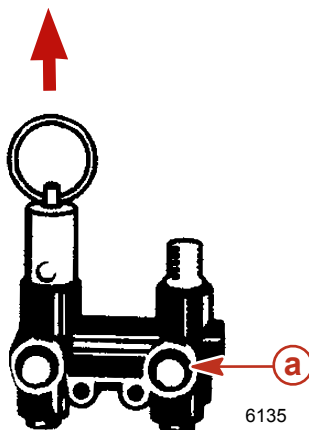


a - Port side drain location

b - Starboard side drain location

8. Allow the system to drain for a minimum of five minutes. Pump air as necessary to keep the green indicators extended.
9. For DTS engines, pull the lanyard stop switch (if equipped), or disable the ignition circuit by pulling the fuse marked "CD".
10. Crank the engine over slightly with the starter motor to purge any water trapped in the seawater pump. Do not allow engine to start.
11. Remove the air pump from the air manifold and return it to the mounting bracket.
12. Mercury MerCruiser recommends leaving the drain system open while transporting the boat or while performing other maintenance. This helps ensure that all water is drained.

13. Before launching the boat, pull up on the manual release valve. Verify that the green indicators are no longer extended.



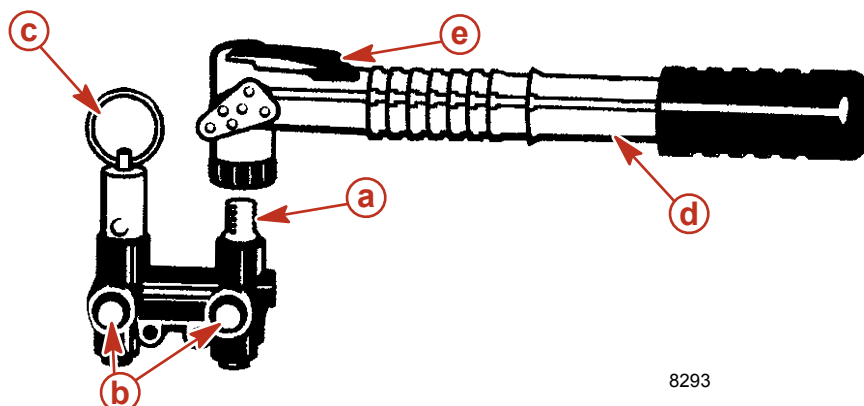
a - Green indicators

14. Open the seacock, if equipped, or unplug and reconnect the water inlet hose prior to operating the engine.

BOAT OUT OF THE WATER

NOTE: This procedure is written for the air pump that is attached to the engine. However, any air source can be used.

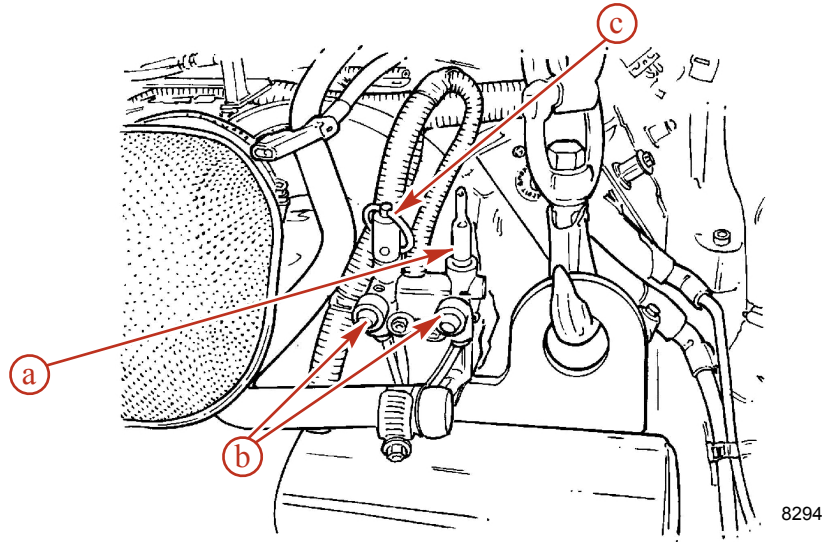
1. Place the boat on a level surface to ensure complete draining of system.
2. Remove the air pump from the engine.
3. Ensure that the lever on top of the pump is flush with the handle (horizontal).
4. Install the air pump on the actuator fitting.
5. Pull lever on air pump (vertical) to lock pump on the fitting.



a - Actuator fitting
b - Green indicators
c - Manual release valve

d - Air pump
e - Lever (locking)

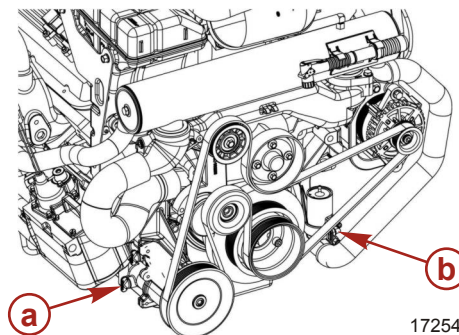
6. Pump air into the system until both green indicators extend and water drains from both sides of the engine. The port side will begin draining before the starboard side.



a - Actuator fitting
b - Green indicators

c - Manual release valve

7. Verify that water is draining from each opening. If not, use the **Manual Drain System** instructions.



a - Port side drain location

b - Starboard side drain location

8. Allow the system to drain for a minimum of five minutes. Pump air as necessary to keep the green indicators extended.
9. For DTS engines, pull the lanyard stop switch (if equipped), or disable the ignition circuit by pulling the fuse marked "CD".
10. Crank the engine over slightly with starter motor to purge any water trapped in the seawater pump. Do not allow engine to start.
11. Remove the air pump from the air manifold and return it to the mounting bracket.
12. Mercury MerCruiser recommends leaving the drain system open while transporting the boat or while performing other maintenance. This helps ensure that all water is drained.

13. Before launching the boat, pull up on the manual release valve. Verify that the green indicators are no longer extended.



a - Green indicators

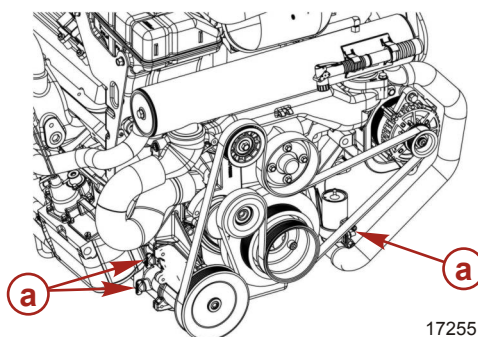
Manual Drain System

BOAT IN THE WATER

NOTE: Use this procedure if the air actuated single point drain system fails.

NOTE: It may be necessary to lift, bend, or lower hoses to allow water to completely drain when hoses are disconnected.

1. Close the seacock (if equipped) or remove and plug the water inlet hose.
2. Remove the two blue drain plugs from the seawater pickup pump (front, starboard side).



a - Blue drain plug locations

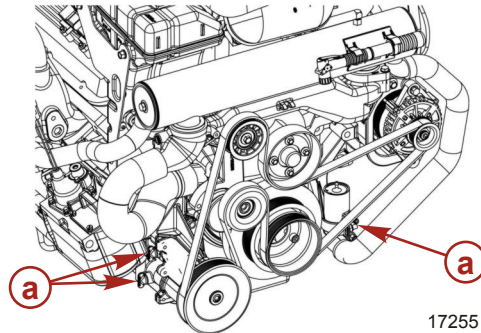
3. Verify that water is draining from each opening.
4. Allow the system to drain for a minimum of five minutes. Mercury MerCruiser recommends leaving the drain system open while transporting the boat or while performing other maintenance to ensure that all water is drained.
5. For DTS engines, pull the lanyard stop switch (if equipped), or disable the ignition circuit by pulling the fuse marked "CD".
6. Crank the engine over slightly with starter motor to purge any water trapped in the seawater pickup pump. Do not allow the engine to start.
7. Prior to launching the boat or starting the engine, close the drain system by installing the four blue drain plugs.
8. Open the seacock, if equipped, or unplug and reconnect the water inlet hose prior to operating the engine.

BOAT OUT OF THE WATER

NOTE: Use this procedure if the air actuated single point drain system fails.

NOTE: It may be necessary to lift, bend, or lower hoses to allow water to completely drain when hoses are disconnected.

1. Place the boat on a level surface to ensure complete draining of the system.
2. Remove two blue drain plugs from the seawater pickup pump (front, starboard side).



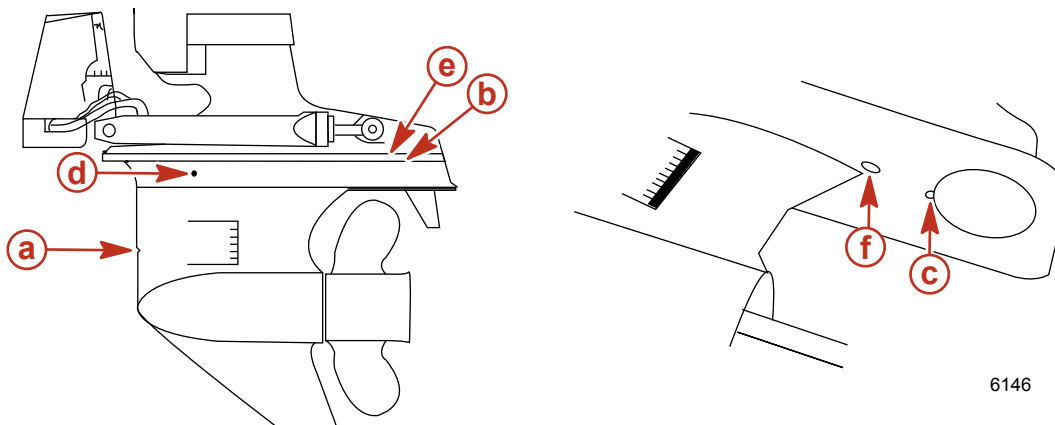
a - Blue drain plug locations

3. Verify that water is draining from each opening.
4. Allow the system to drain for a minimum of five minutes. Mercury MerCruiser recommends leaving the drain system open while transporting the boat or while performing other maintenance to ensure that all water is drained.
5. For DTS engines, pull the lanyard stop switch (if equipped), or disable the ignition circuit by pulling the fuse marked "CD".
6. Crank the engine over slightly with starter motor to purge any water trapped in the seawater pickup pump. Do not allow the engine to start.
7. Prior to launching the boat or starting the engine, close the drain system by installing the two blue drain plugs.

Draining the Sterndrive

NOTE: This procedure is needed only for salty, brackish, mineral laden, or polluted water applications; and for freezing temperatures or extended storage.

1. Insert a small wire repeatedly to make sure that vent holes, water drain holes, and passages are unobstructed and open.



Sterndrive Water Drain Holes

- | | |
|--|--|
| a - Speedometer pitot tube | d - Gear housing water drain hole (1 each - port and starboard) |
| b - Trim tab cavity vent hole | e - Gear housing cavity vent hole |
| c - Trim tab cavity drain passage | f - Gear housing cavity drain hole |

NOTICE

The universal joint bellows may develop a set when stored in a raised or up position, causing the bellows to fail when returned to service and allowing water to enter the boat. Store the sterndrive in the full down position.

2. Lower the sterndrive unit to the full down/in position.
3. For additional assurance against freezing and rust, after draining, fill the cooling system with propylene glycol mixed to the manufacturer's recommendation to protect engine to the lowest temperature to which it will be exposed during freezing temperatures or extended storage

IMPORTANT: Mercury MerCruiser requires that propylene glycol antifreeze, mixed to the manufacturers instructions, be used in the seawater section of the cooling system for freezing temperatures or extended storage. Make sure that the propylene glycol antifreeze contains a rust inhibitor and is recommended for use in marine engines. Be certain to follow the propylene glycol manufacturer's recommendations.

Battery Storage

Whenever the battery will be stored for an extended period of time, be sure the cells are full of water and the battery is fully charged and in good operating condition. It should be clean and free of leaks. Follow the battery manufacturer's instructions for storage.

Power Package Recommissioning

1. Ensure that all cooling system hoses are connected properly and hose clamps are tight.

⚠ CAUTION

Disconnecting or connecting the battery cables in the incorrect order can cause injury from electrical shock or can damage the electrical system. Always disconnect the negative (-) battery cable first and connect it last.

2. Install a fully charged battery. Clean the battery cable clamps and terminals and reconnect cables. Tighten each cable clamp securely when connecting.
3. Coat the terminal connections with a battery terminal anti-corrosion agent.
4. Perform all the checks in the before starting column of the **Operation Chart**.

NOTICE

Without sufficient cooling water, the engine, the water pump, and other components will overheat and suffer damage. Provide a sufficient supply of water to the water inlets during operation.

5. Start the engine and closely observe instrumentation to ensure that all systems are functioning correctly.
6. Carefully inspect the engine for fuel, oil, fluid, water and exhaust leaks.
7. Inspect the steering system, shift and throttle control for proper operation.

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Check VesselView First

Your VesselView display is the primary information source for the various functions of your boat. Consult the VesselView display if you suspect something is wrong. VesselView displays faults and other information that can be helpful in determining the current status of various systems that could be causing your concern and the solution to the problem.

Diagnosing EFI Problems

Your authorized Mercury MerCruiser dealer has the proper service tools for diagnosing problems on Electronic Fuel Injection (EFI) Systems. The Electronic Control Module (ECM) on these engines has the ability to detect some problems with the system when they occur, and store a Trouble Code in the ECM's memory. This code can then be read later by a service technician using a special diagnostic tool.

Diagnosing DTS Problems

Your authorized Mercury MerCruiser dealer has the proper service tools for diagnosing problems on Digital Throttle and Shift (DTS) Systems. The Electronic Control Module (ECM)/Propulsion Control Module (PCM) on these engines has the ability to detect some problems with the system when they occur, and store a Trouble Code in the ECM/PCM's memory. This code can then be read later by a service technician using a special diagnostic tool.

Engine Guardian System

The Engine Guardian System monitors the critical sensors on the engine for any early indications of problems. The system will respond to a problem by emitting a continuous beep and/or reducing engine power in order to provide engine protection.

If Guardian System has been activated, reduce throttle speed. The horn will turn off when throttle speed is within the allowable limit. Consult an authorized Mercury MerCruiser dealer for assistance.

Troubleshooting Charts

Starter Motor Will Not Crank Engine, Or Cranks Slow

Possible Cause	Remedy
Battery switch turned off.	Turn the switch on.
Remote control not in neutral position.	Position the control lever in neutral.
Open circuit breaker or blown fuse.	Check and reset the circuit breaker or replace fuse.
Loose or dirty electrical connections or damaged wiring.	Check all electrical connections and wires (especially battery cables). Clean and tighten all faulty connections.
Bad battery or low battery voltage.	Test the battery and charge if necessary; replace if bad.
Lanyard stop switch activated.	Check the lanyard stop switch.

Engine Will Not Start or Is Hard to Start

Possible Cause	Remedy
Lanyard stop switch activated.	Check the lanyard stop switch.
Improper starting procedure.	Read the starting procedure.
Insufficient fuel supply.	Fill fuel tank or open valve.
Faulty ignition system component.	Service the ignition system.
Clogged fuel filter.	Replace fuel filter.
Stale or contaminated fuel.	Drain fuel tank. Fill with fresh fuel.
Fuel line or tank vent line kinked or clogged.	Replace kinked lines or blow out lines with compressed air to remove obstruction.
Faulty wire connections.	Check wire connections.
EFI system fault.	Have EFI System checked by an authorized Mercury MerCruiser dealer.

Poor Performance

Possible Cause	Remedy
Throttle not fully open.	Inspect the throttle cable and linkages for proper operation.
Damaged or improper propeller.	Replace the propeller.
Excessive bilge water.	Drain and check for cause of entry.
Boat overloaded or load improperly distributed.	Reduce load or redistribute load more evenly.
Flame arrestor dirty.	Clean the flame arrestor.
Boat bottom fouled or damaged.	Clean or repair as necessary.
Ignition problem.	See Engine Runs Rough, Misses or Backfires .
Engine overheating.	See Excessive Engine Temperature .
EFI System fault	Have EFI System checked by an authorized Mercury MerCruiser dealer.

Engine Runs Rough, Misses, or Backfires

Possible Cause	Remedy
Clogged fuel filter.	Replace filter.
Stale or contaminated fuel.	If contaminated, drain tank. Fill with fresh fuel.
Kinked or clogged fuel line or fuel tank vent line.	Replace kinked lines or blow out lines with compressed air to remove obstruction.
Flame Arrestor dirty.	Clean Flame Arrestor.
Faulty ignition system component.	Service ignition system.
Idle speed too low.	Have EFI system checked by an authorized Mercury MerCruiser dealer.
EFI System fault.	Have EFI System checked by an authorized Mercury MerCruiser dealer.

Excessive Engine Temperature

Possible Cause	Remedy
Water inlet or seacock closed.	Open.
Drive belt loose or in poor condition.	Replace or adjust belt.

Possible Cause	Remedy
Seawater pickups or sea strainer obstructed.	Remove obstruction.
Faulty thermostat.	Replace.
Coolant level (if equipped) low in closed cooling section.	Check for cause of low coolant level and repair. Fill system with proper coolant solution.
Heat Exchanger or Fluid Cooler plugged with foreign material	Clean Heat Exchanger, Engine Oil Cooler, and Transmission Oil Cooler (if equipped).
Loss of pressure in closed cooling section.	Check for leaks. Clean, inspect and test pressure cap.
Faulty seawater pickup pump.	Repair.
Seawater discharge restricted or plugged.	Clean exhaust elbows.

Insufficient Engine Temperature

Possible Cause	Remedy
Faulty thermostat.	Replace.

Low Engine Oil Pressure

Possible Cause	Remedy
Insufficient oil in crankcase.	Check and add oil.
Excessive oil in crankcase (causing it to become aerated).	Check and remove required amount of oil. Check for cause of excessive oil (improper filling).
Diluted or improper viscosity oil.	Change oil and oil filter, using correct grade and viscosity oil. Determine cause for dilution (excessive idling).

Battery Will Not Recharge

Possible Cause	Remedy
Excessive current draw from battery.	Turn off non-essential accessories.
Alternator drive belt loose or in poor condition.	Replace and/or adjust.
Unacceptable battery condition.	Test battery, replace if necessary.
Loose or dirty electrical connections or damaged wiring.	Check all associated electrical connections and wires (especially battery cables). Clean and tighten faulty connections. Repair or replace damaged wiring.
Faulty alternator	Test alternator output, replace if necessary.

Joystick

Symptom	Remedy
The joystick does not control the boat.	One or both remote controls are not in neutral. Put both remote controls in neutral.
	One or both engines are not running. Start the engine or engines.
Response to joystick input is erratic, or the joystick operates independent of input.	Ensure there are no radios or other sources of electronic or magnetic interference near the joystick.
The joystick does not function properly and a fault code is set.	Check VesselView for Guardian fault codes that indicate reduced engine power. If found, have the system checked by your authorized Mercury MerCruiser dealer.
The joystick does not work; No fault code is set and cruise control engaged.	Disengage cruise control.

Electronic Remote Controls

Symptom	Remedy
The ERC (electronic remote control) lever is too hard or too easy to move out of neutral detent.	Adjust detent tension. See Section 2, Dual Handle Electronic Remote Control with DTS Trackpad Features and Operation .
The ERC lever has too much or too little resistance through its range of motion.	Adjust the handle tension screw. See Section 2, Dual Handle Electronic Remote Control with DTS Trackpad Features and Operation .
The ERC lever increases engine RPM, but does not engage gears and the boat does not move.	Key off and key on.
	Check the "Throttle Only" button on the DTS trackpad. Put the ERC levers in neutral and push the button to disengage, if the light is on.
	Engage gears manually. See Section 3, Gear Engagement—Emergency Procedure .
The ERC lever controls the engine and drive, but does not reach wide open throttle.	Contact your authorized Mercury MerCruiser dealer.
	If the engine only reaches 50% of WOT, check the "DOCKING" button on the DTS trackpad. Put the handles in neutral and push the button to disengage, if light is on.
	Check VesselView to see if cruise control enabled. Disable cruise control.
The ERC lever controls the engine and drive, but does not respond in a linear manner.	Check for damage to the propeller. Check VesselView for Guardian fault codes that indicate reduced engine power. If found, contact your authorized Mercury MerCruiser dealer to ask if the propellers need to be changed.
	Check the "TROLL" button on the DTS track pad. Put the handles in Neutral and push the "TROLL" button to disengage, if light is on.
When one ERC lever is moved, both engines respond.	Check whether dock mode or cruise control are on. If on, turn off or disengage.
	Check the "1 LEVER" button on the DTS track pad. If the light is on, put the handles in neutral and push the "1 LEVER" button to disengage.
The ERC control, joystick, and steering wheel do not function.	Press "HELM" on DTS track pad to restore helm control. (Multiple helm boats only.)

Steering System

Symptom	Remedy
The steering wheel steers the boat, but operates without resistance.	The starboard key switch is tuned off. Turn on the key.
	Check and start the starboard engine.
	Check if the starboard harness circuit breaker has tripped. Reset the circuit breaker, if tripped.
Steering wheel does not steer the boat.	Reduce speed and change to joystick for directional control.
	Check steering fluid level and fill if necessary. See Section 5—Maintenance .
	Contact your authorized Mercury MerCruiser dealer.
Steering works, but the boat is not as responsive.	Key off and key on.
	Check and start the port engine.
	Check the trim tab function.
	Check the steering fluid level and fill if necessary. See Section 5—Maintenance .
	Contact your authorized Mercury MerCruiser dealer.

Symptom	Remedy
The steering wheel turned past end stop.	Key off and key on to restore steering wheel self-centering, cruise control, and to eliminate the fault code.

Power Trim Does Not Operate (Motor Does Not Operate)

Possible Cause	Remedy
Blown fuse.	Replace fuse. Fuses may be located near the dash trim switch, at the trim pump, in the positive (red) power trim battery lead near the battery switch, or a combination of these.
Loose or dirty electrical connections or damaged wiring.	Check all associated electrical connections and wires (especially battery cables). Clean and tighten faulty connection. Repair or replace wiring.

Power Trim Does Not Operate (Motor Operates but Sterndrive Unit Does Not Move)

Possible Cause	Remedy
Trim pump oil level low.	Fill pump with oil.
Drive unit binding in gimbal ring.	Check for obstruction.

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Owner Service Assistance

Local Repair Service

If you need service for your Mercury MerCruiser-powered boat, take it to your authorized dealer. Only authorized dealers specialize in Mercury MerCruiser products and have factory-trained mechanics, special tools and equipment, and genuine Quicksilver parts and accessories to properly service your engine.

NOTE: *Quicksilver parts and accessories are engineered and built by Mercury Marine specifically for Mercury MerCruiser sterndrives and inboards.*

Service Away From Home

If you are away from your local dealer and the need arises for service, contact the nearest authorized dealer. Refer to the Yellow Pages of the telephone directory. If, for any reason, you cannot obtain service, contact the nearest Regional Service Center. Outside the United States and Canada, contact the nearest Marine Power International Service Center.

Stolen Power Package

If your power package is stolen, immediately advise the local authorities and Mercury Marine of the model and serial numbers and to whom the recovery is to be reported. This information is maintained in a database at Mercury Marine to aid authorities and dealers in recovery of stolen power packages.

Attention Required after Submersion

1. Before recovery, contact an authorized Mercury MerCruiser dealer.
2. After recovery, immediate service by an authorized Mercury MerCruiser dealer is required to reduce the possibility of serious engine damage.

Replacement Service Parts

WARNING

Avoid fire or explosion hazard. Electrical, ignition, and fuel system components on Mercury Marine products comply with federal and international standards to minimize risk of fire or explosion. Do not use replacement electrical or fuel system components that do not comply with these standards. When servicing the electrical and fuel systems, properly install and tighten all components.

Marine engines are expected to operate at or near full throttle for most of their life. They are also expected to operate in both fresh and saltwater environments. These conditions require numerous special parts. Exercise care when replacing marine engine parts, because specifications are different from those of the standard automotive engine. For example, one of the most important special replacement parts, is the cylinder head gasket. Marine engines cannot use steel-type automotive head gaskets because saltwater is highly corrosive. A marine engine head gasket uses special materials to resist corrosion.

Because marine engines must be capable of running at or near maximum RPM much of the time, they also have special valve springs, valve lifters, pistons, bearings, camshafts and other heavy-duty moving parts.

Mercury MerCruiser marine engines have other special modifications to provide long life and dependable performance.

PARTS AND ACCESSORIES INQUIRIES

Direct any inquiries concerning Quicksilver replacement parts and accessories to your local authorized dealer. The dealer has the necessary information to order parts and accessories for you if they are not in stock. Only authorized dealers can purchase genuine Quicksilver parts and accessories from the factory. Mercury Marine does not sell to unauthorized dealers or retail customers. When inquiring on parts and accessories, the dealer requires the **engine model** and **serial numbers** to order the correct parts.

Resolving a Problem

Satisfaction with your Mercury MerCruiser product is very important to your dealer and to us. If you ever have a problem, question or concern about your power package, contact your dealer or any authorized Mercury MerCruiser dealership. If you need additional assistance:

1. Talk with the dealership's sales manager or service manager. Contact the owner of the dealership if the sales manager and service manager have been unable to resolve the problem.
2. If your question, concern, or problem cannot be resolved by your dealership, please contact Mercury Marine Service Office for assistance. Mercury Marine will work with you and your dealership to resolve all problems.

The following information will be needed by the Service Office:

- Your name and address
- Daytime telephone number
- Model and serial numbers for your power package
- The name and address of your dealership
- Nature of problem

Mercury Marine Service Offices are listed on the next page.

Mercury Marine Service Offices

For assistance, call, fax or write. Please include your daytime telephone number with mail and fax correspondence.

Telephone	Fax	Mail
(405) 743 6566	(405) 743 6570	Mercury MerCruiser 3003 N. Perkins Rd. Stillwater, OK 74075
(905) 567 MERC (6372)	(905) 567 8515	Mercury Marine Ltd. 2395 Meadowpine Blvd. Mississauga, Ontario L5N 7W6 Canada
(61) (3) 9791 5822	(61) (3) 9793 5880	Mercury Marine Australia 132-140 Frankston Road Dandenong, Victoria 3164 Australia
(32) (87) 32 32 11	(32) (87) 31 19 65	Marine Power - Europe, Inc. Parc Industriel de Petit-Rechain B-4800 Verviers, Belgium

Telephone	Fax	Mail
(954) 744 3500	(954) 744 3535	Mercury Marine - Latin America & Caribbean 11650 Interchange Circle North, Miramar, FL 33025 U.S.A.
(81) 53 423 2500	(81) 53 423 2510	Mercury Marine - Japan 283-1 Anshin-cho Hamamatsu, Shizuoka 435-0005 Japan
(65) 6546 6160	(65) 6546 7789	Mercury Marine Singapore 72 Loyang Way , 508762 Singapore

Ordering Literature

Before ordering literature, please have the following information about your power package available:

- Model
- Serial Number
- Horsepower
- Year built

United States and Canada

For information on additional literature that is available for your particular Mercury MerCruiser power package and how to order that literature contact your nearest dealer or contact

Mercury Marine Publications
P.O. Box 1939
Fond du Lac, WI 54936-1939
(920) 929-5110
Fax (920) 929-4894

Outside The United States and Canada

Contact your nearest dealer or Marine Power Service Center for information on additional literature that is available for your particular Mercury MerCruiser power package and how to order that literature.

Please return with payment to:

Mercury Marine
Attn: Publications Department
W6250 West Pioneer Road
P.O. Box 1939
Fond du Lac, WI 54936-1939

Ship To: (Please Print Or Type - This Is Your Shipping Label)

Name

Address

City State ZIP

Dealer Checklist and Customer Orientation

Contact Information		
Dealer name and number		
Dealer technician or salesperson's name		
Boat Model and HIN		
Customer name		
Customer phone number		
TVM		Dealer
Inspect the starboard TVM steering clevis pin.		☐
Inspect the port TVM steering clevis pin.		☐
Engine		Dealer
Inspect the starboard hydraulic steering fluid reservoir level.		☐
Inspect the port hydraulic steering fluid reservoir level.		☐
Helm		Dealer
Inspect the joystick.		☐
Inspect the steering wheel and tilt mechanism.		☐
Inspect the VesselView, if equipped.		☐
Inspect the Axis trackpad, if equipped.		☐
Wet Test		Dealer
Confirm vessel personality list.		☐
Ensure the steering wheel returns to center position during key "ON" of starboard engine.		☐
Perform IMU (compass) calibration and zero heading correction.		☐
Maneuver the boat to port by moving the joystick to full port. Ensure undesirable movement can be corrected by minimal operator joystick input.		☐
Maneuver the boat to starboard by moving the joystick to full starboard. Ensure undesirable movement can be corrected by minimal operator joystick input.		☐
Ensure vessel tracks a straight course at cruising speed. Perform drive alignment if required.		☐
Check steering response by steering boat from lock to lock at different speeds, starting at idle and accelerating through cruising speed in 1000 RPM increments.		☐
Perform a hard starboard turn at in-gear idle while increasing to WOT while in turn. Ensure boat steering remains responsive.		☐
Perform a hard starboard turn at in gear idle with both engines running. Turn the starboard engine off during the turn. Ensure boat steering remains responsive.		☐
Wet Test Upgrades		Dealer
Verify Auto Heading enable and disable, if equipped.		☐
Enable Auto Heading and drive for one minute at cruising speed ensuring less than 5° degree deviation to port or starboard.		☐
Verify Skyhook enable and disable, if equipped.		☐
Verify Waypoint Sequencing, if equipped.		☐
Safety	Customer	Dealer
Enable Throttle Only and demonstrate its ability to disable shifting of the electronic remote control and joystick while engines are running.	☐	☐

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Joystick	Customer	Dealer
Demonstrate that the joystick requires both engines to be running to operate.	☐	☐
Rotate the joystick to port and starboard to demonstrate pivot capabilities.	☐	☐
Place the joystick to port to translate the boat while demonstrating the ability to compensate for current and wind by rotating the top of the joystick and inputting slight forward and reverse inputs. Repeat going starboard.	☐	☐
Enable docking mode to demonstrate reduced throttle response for joystick maneuvers.	☐	☐

Upgrades	Customer	Dealer
Demonstrate methods to enable and disable Auto Heading, if equipped.	☐	☐
Demonstrate methods to enable and disable Skyhook, if equipped.	☐	☐
Demonstrate methods to enable and disable AutoPilot Waypoint Sequencing, if equipped.	☐	☐

Steering wheel	Customer	Dealer
Demonstrate that the starboard keyswitch is required to be on for steering wheel autocenter and force feedback.	☐	☐
Inform the consumer where the 20 A circuit breaker is located.	☐	☐
Demonstrate the steering wheel autocenter ability and conditions.	☐	☐

Maintenance	Customer	Dealer
Inform the consumer about hydraulic power steering fluid level checks and service intervals.	☐	☐

NOTE: Refer to the installation or owners manual provided with this power package for detailed information on performing the items in the above checklist.

NOTE: Dealers, please consult Mercury MercNET or your Mercury Technical Area Manager for further information about submitting this form.