

CIRCULATE
TO:

SERVICE MGR.

PARTS MGR.

MECHANICS

Place in Your
"Service Bulletins"
Binder

OFFICIAL NOTIFICATION Under the U.S. Federal Boat Safety Act

WIRING HARNESS CHAFING

(Attach Bulletin Reference Sticker to Section 2B Index Page of Your Service Manual.)

Mercury Marine has determined that the engine wiring harness on MerCruiser Models 898, 228, 250 and 260 can chafe against the harness connector mounting bracket. If this occurs, the insulation may be worn off the harness and allow a wire to contact the bracket. This can result in a short with damage to the electrical system and cause a potential fire hazard.

To prevent this situation from occurring, the installation of an insulator protector sleeve and tie-strap is necessary. Immediately, contact each customer--with boats equipped with MerCruiser models within the specified engine serial group, below--and have them arrange to check the harness and install an insulator protector sleeve, as illustrated in Figure 1 (over).

MCM 898	4876492 thru 4921067
MCM 228	4902422 thru 4903164 and 4877810 thru 4879209
MCM 250	4879742 thru 4880259
MCM 260	4908914 thru 4909217

A certified letter and campaign claim card are being sent to all registered owners of these models advising them of the above, if our records indicate that their engine has not been repaired. **YOU ALSO MUST CONTACT YOUR CUSTOMERS--to whom you have sold boats equipped with these MerCruiser Engines--and arrange to have them bring their MerCruiser boats to you for this service.** This modification is to be completed at no charge to the customer.

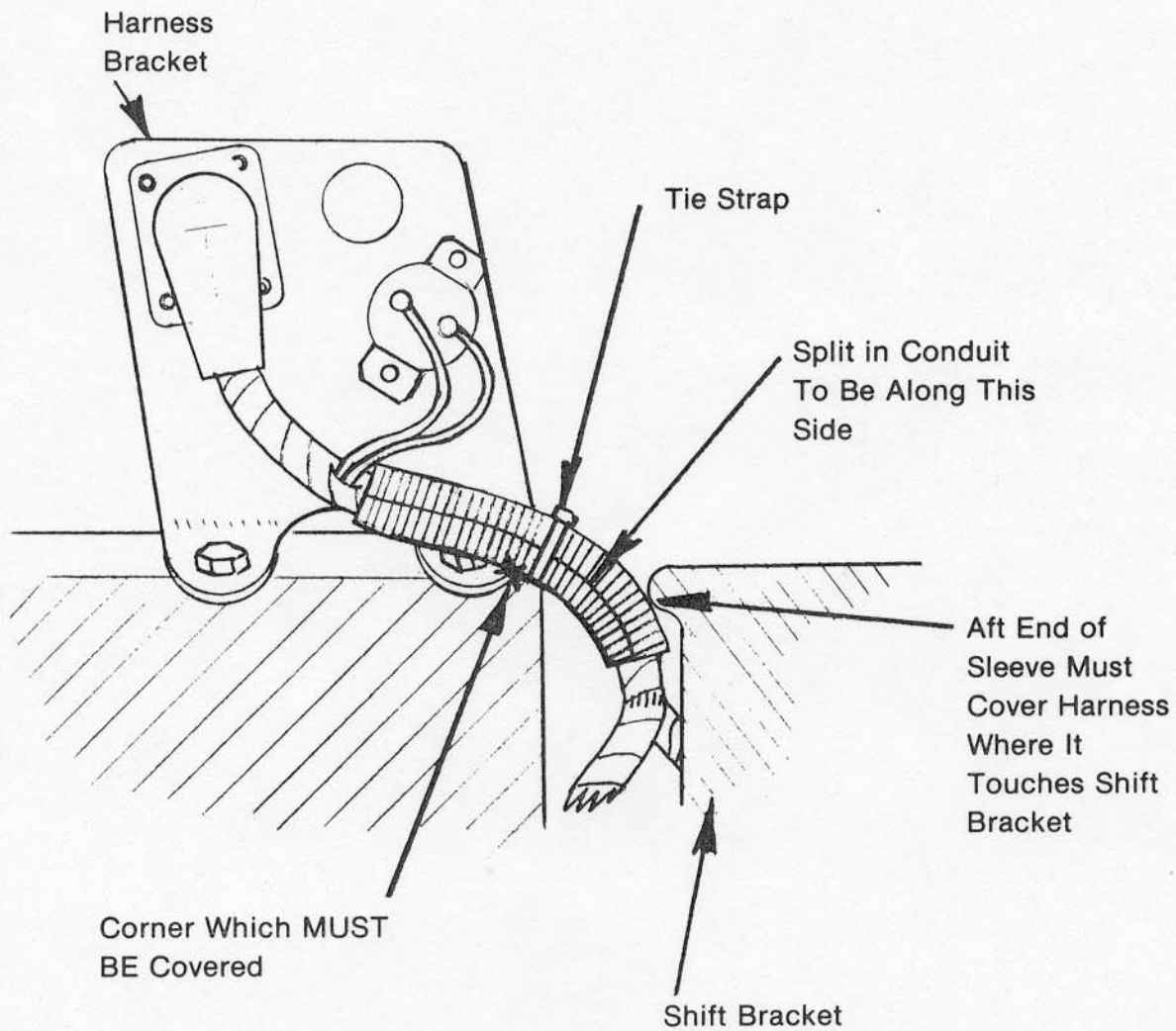
Also rework all engines in boats in your inventory. Order one Insulator Protector Sleeve (Part No. B-85-79844-1) and Tie-Strap (Part No. C-61990) each per engine. This is required under the Federal Boat Safety Act.

Campaign claim cards are to be submitted to your factory branch or distributor for warranty credit.

Labor Allowance

0.5 Hours per Engine

(OVER)



NOTE: If Harness Is Tied to Leg of Harness Bracket, Remove That Tie.

Figure 1. Installation of Insulating Conduit