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NOTICE

This is a copy of a Service Bulletin being sent to all boat builders. We wanted to make you aware of the problems that can occur with shrink wrapped boats. If you shrink wrap boats for storage, make sure moisture and condensation can vent out from the engine compartment.

Shrink Wrapping Boats

Models

All MerCruiser Stern Drive, Ski and Inboard Models

Problem

MerCruiser has been getting complaints from dealers about engines in new boats being rusty and/or covered with droplets of water. Further investigation reveals that the boat was shrink wrapped at the boat company before it was shipped to the dealer.

Shrink-wrapping a boat is an ideal way to protect it during storage or shipment. However, it can also be the reason the engine is rusty or have droplets of water all over it. Caution must be taken to ensure that the engine compartment and other areas of the boat under the shrink-wrap are vented properly to get rid of condensation. Failure to do this will result in rusty engines and similar types of failure to other components in the boat.

Venting the shrink wrap in the cockpit area of the boat is generally not sufficient to ensure proper ventilation of the engine compartment. Shrink-wrap should not cover any of the engine compartment vents.

Warranty

MerCruiser will not honor any warranty for rusty or damaged engines caused by poor ventilation in shrink wrapped boats. MerCruiser's painting process is designed to withstand the elements an engine is subjected to in a vented, covered engine compartment. It is not designed to withstand a non-vented or improperly vented shrink-wrap that traps all the moisture and condensation.