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Oil Temperatures on 1996 Hi-Performance Engines

MODELS: ALL HI-PERFORMANCE ENGINES WITH OIL THERMOSTAT.

Customers owning 1996 MerCruiser Hi-Performance engines with oil thermostats will experience peak operating oil temperatures more frequently than on engines produced in the past. These temperatures will be attained sooner and on shorter WOT runs because of the oil thermostat; however, the peak oil temperatures remain the same between engines with or without the thermostat. It should also be noted that the temperature sender is located in the block where the hottest oil is leaving to be cooled and filtered. This is not the oil temperature that the internal engine components are seeing.

Peak oil temperatures in the 285°F (140° C) range would be considered normal.