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Warranty and Preparation of New, Unsold, Noncurrent Product

Scope

Worldwide

Models Affected

This bulletin replaces Mercury Racing Sterndrive Service Bulletins 2002-04 and 2008-04, along with Mercury Racing Sterndrive OEM bulletins 2002-03 and 2008-04.

All Mercury Racing sterndrive products invoiced after January 1, 2015.

Situation

New, unsold product that is not current (more than one year from the original Mercury Marine invoice date) requires proper inspection and preparation to ensure that it is in good operational condition for sale to the consumer. Below is an explanation of the procedures to be followed for the sale of new, unsold, noncurrent products. The time periods listed all start with Mercury Marine's original manufacturing date. The original invoice date of sale can be found in the Product History section of MercNET.

One to Two Years for all Mercury Racing Sterndrive Products

- Check the serial number of the product. Verify if the product was affected by any updates or recalls communicated in service bulletins. Correct as necessary.
- Complete normal inspections and preparations per the predelivery checklist packaged with the product.
- Complete and submit the warranty registration per current instructions.
- Inspect the product for damage and/or corrosion. Correct as necessary.
- Gearcase lubricant should be drained and refilled using the lubricant as specified in the Operations and Maintenance Manual (owner's manual). Rotate the propeller shaft several times on the Mercury Racing dry-sump drives to prime. If applicable on some Mercury Racing products, drain the transom assembly tailstock bearing lubricant and refill using the lubricant specified in the Operations and Maintenance Manual (owner's manual).
- Replace all fuel filters.
- Inspect air filters (if applicable). Replace them if required.
- Replace the water pump impellers.
- Lubricate the lower unit driveshaft and propeller shaft splines.
- Change the engine oil and filter as specified in the Operations and Maintenance Manual (owner's manual).
- Supercharger (blower) lubricant should be drained and refilled using lubricant as specified in the Operations and Maintenance Manual (owner's manual) on all non-naturally aspirated products.
- For all Mercury Racing products with nonshiftable drives, change the transmission fluid as specified in the Operations and Maintenance Manual (owner's manual).
- For all Mercury Racing and MerCruiser sterndrives, lubricate the engine coupler, gimbal bearing, U-joints (if applicable), and propeller shaft splines.
- Lubricate all points as required in the Operations and Maintenance Manual (owner's manual).
- Remove and inspect the spark plugs. Before reinstalling the spark plugs, spray lubricant into the cylinder bores.
- Prime the engine oil system, if applicable, and the fuel system before starting the engine.

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IMPORTANT: Mercury Racing dry-sump engines should not have the crankshaft rotated prior to manually priming the external oil pump to obtain 40 PSI oil pressure on the engine as specified in the Operations and Maintenance Manual (owner's manual).

- Start the engine. Check for leaks and/or unusual conditions. Correct as necessary.

Two Years or More for all Mercury Racing Sterndrive Products

- Product that has been originally invoiced by Mercury Marine for two years or more is not eligible for factory warranty.
- Complete all items as described in the **One or Two Years** section to ensure customer satisfaction. The bill of sale should be marked Sold AS IS without Factory Warranty. It is very important to complete the registration of the product even though it will not be covered by warranty. This information is necessary for the purpose of notification of any future recalls or product updates.

Warranty

- Parts and labor, required for preparation of noncurrent product for sale, are not covered by warranty.
- Concealed shipping damage is not covered by warranty.

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