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Warranty and Preparation of New, Unsold, Noncurrent Product

NOTICE
This bulletin replaces service bulletin 2002-05 issued May 2002.

Models Affected

Models Covered
All Mercury, Mariner, Force, and Jet Drives

Situation

New, unsold product that is not current (more than one year from original Mercury Marine manufactured 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 manufactured date. The original manufactured date can be found in the product history section of MercNET.

1 to 2 Years

- Check the serial number of the product. Verify if the product was affected by any updates and/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.

2 to 6 Years

- Check the serial number of the product. Verify if the product was affected by any updates and/or recalls communicated in Service Bulletins. Correct as necessary.
- 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 & Maintenance Manual (owner's manual). Rotate the propeller shaft several times on the Mercury Racing dry-sump drives to prime. Transom assembly tailstock bearing lubricant should be drained and refilled using lubricant as specified in the Operations & Maintenance Manual (owner's manual) on all SpeedMaster drive line models.
- Replace all fuel filters.
- Inspect air filters (if applicable). Replace if required.
- Replace the water pump impeller.
- After the water pump impeller replacement and before reinstalling the lower unit, lubricate the lower unit driveshaft and propeller shaft splines (not applicable for Jet Drives).
- For all 4-Stroke engines (outboard, sterndrive, or inboard), change the engine oil and filter as specified in the Operations & Maintenance Manual (owner's manual).
- Supercharger (blower) lubricant should be drained and refilled using lubricant as specified in the Operations & Maintenance Manual (owner's manual) on all nonnaturally aspirated products.
- For all Mercury Racing SpeedMaster models and MerCruiser inboard and tow sport engines, change the transmission fluid as specified in the Operations & Maintenance Manual (owner's manual).

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- For all Mercury Racing and MerCruiser sterndrives, lubricate the engine coupler, gimbal bearing, U-joints (Bravos only), and propeller shaft splines.
- Lubricate all points as required in the Operations & 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.

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 & Maintenance Manual (owner's manual).

- Start the engine. Check for leaks and/or unusual conditions. Correct as necessary.
- Complete inspections per the Predelivery Checklist.
- Complete all additional maintenance requirements as noted in the Operations & Maintenance Manual (owner's manual).
- Complete and submit the warranty registration per current instructions.

6 Years or More

- Product that has been originally manufactured by Mercury Marine six years or more is not eligible for factory warranty.
- Complete all items as described in the **2 to 6 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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