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Volvo Penta Introduces Ethanol Fuel Treatment for Marine Engines

Alcohol-Free Additive Extends Storage Life of Ethanol-Blended Fuel and Protects Engine

(CHESAPEAKE, Va.) Aug. 29, 2013 – (Marine NewsWire) Volvo Penta of the Americas now offers a fuel additive to protect marine engines from the harmful effects of fuels containing ethanol.

Volvo Penta Ethanol Fuel Treatment is suitable for any outboard or sterndrive system and is strongly recommended for use every time you fill up with ethanol-blended gas to protect your engine from damage.

“Ethanol-blended fuels such as E10 and E15 are approved by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for the automotive market, but ethanol damages marine engines and fuel systems due to the corrosive properties of alcohol,” explained David Kennedy, Director Parts and Accessory Operations, Volvo Penta of the Americas. “Unlike automobiles, most marine engines are only operated intermittently. Today’s oxygenated and ethanol-blended fuels can begin to oxidize in as little as 30 days if left untreated in the boat’s tank, resulting in corrosion inside the engine and fuel system.”

Volvo Penta Ethanol Fuel Treatment contains special antioxidants to combat fuel breakdown and also contains chemical corrosion inhibitors that form a protective barrier on fuel system components. It has been engineered, tested and approved by Volvo Penta to prevent fuel degradation and keep marine engines running smoother and more efficient. It also helps enable easier starting, maximum power output and optimal fuel economy.

“Importantly, our Ethanol Fuel Treatment is totally alcohol-free and helps ensure longer life and better performance for marine engines,” said Kennedy.

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