## INSTALLATION MANUAL
### 135/150/175 OPTIMAX

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### NOTICE TO INSTALLER:
After completing assembly, these instructions should be placed with the product for the owner’s future use.

### IMPORTANT: If the boat is to be water tested, the operator should be familiar with the operation procedures in the Operation and Maintenance Manual.

## Important Information
### Before Starting Engine
Before starting engine for the first time, prime the oil injection pump. Procedure on page 17.

**CAUTION**

Prevent possible engine damage, Prime the oil injection pump before starting engine for the first time.

### Required Fuel

Do not use pre-mixed gas and oil in this engine. Use a clean and fresh recommended gasoline during engine break-in and after engine break-in.

### Recommended Oil

Mercury or Quicksilver Optimax/DFI 2-Cycle engine oil is recommended for your engine. If Optimax/DFI 2-Cycle engine oil is not available, we recommend using Mercury or Quicksilver TC-W3 Premium Plus 2-Cycle Oil. Severe engine damage may result from use of an inferior oil.

### Avoiding Fuel Flow Restrictions

**IMPORTANT:** Adding components to the fuel supply system as in filters, valves, fittings, etc. may restrict the fuel flow and could cause engine stalling at low speed, and/or a lean fuel condition at high RPM, that could cause engine damage.
Electric Fuel Pump

If an electric fuel pump is used, the fuel pressure must not exceed 4 psig at the engine. If necessary, install a pressure regulator to regulate the pressure.

Boat Horsepower Capacity

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Do not overpower or overload the boat. Most boats will carry a required capacity plate indicating the maximum acceptable power and load as determined by the manufacturer following certain federal guidelines. If in doubt, contact your dealer or the boat manufacturer.

**WARNING**

Using an outboard that exceeds the maximum horsepower limit of a boat can: 1. cause loss of boat control 2. place too much weight at the transom, altering the designed flotation characteristics of the boat or 3. cause the boat to break apart, particularly around the transom area. Overpowering a boat can result in serious injury, death, or boat damage.

Start in Gear Protection

The remote control connected to the outboard must be equipped with a start-in-gear protection device. This prevents the engine from starting in gear.

**WARNING**

Avoid serious injury or death from a sudden unexpected acceleration when starting your engine. The design of this outboard requires that the remote control used with it must have a built in start-in-gear protection device.

Selecting Accessories For The Outboard

Genuine Quicksilver Parts and Accessories have been specifically designed and tested for this outboard.

Some accessories not manufactured or sold by Quicksilver are not designed to be safely used with this outboard or outboard operating system. Acquire and read the Installation, Operation, and Maintenance manuals for all selected accessories.

Fuel Tank Installation

PORTABLE FUEL TANK

Select a suitable location in boat within engine fuel line length limitations and secure tank in place.

PERMANENT FUEL TANK

These should be installed in accordance with industry and federal safety standards which include recommendations applicable to grounding, anti-siphon protection, ventilation, etc.
Installation Specifications

Lifting Outboard

Use Flywheel Puller/Lifting Eye (91-83164M).

Applying Counter Rotation Decals

IMPORTANT: For dual outboard counter rotation installations, the left-hand rotation outboard is generally placed on the port side of boat transom.

Apply “COUNTER ROTATION” decal (supplied with left-hand rotation outboard) onto right-hand rotation outboard. Match decal placement with left-hand rotation outboard.

a - Decal (Left-Hand Rotation Outboard)
b - Decal (Right-Hand Rotation Outboard)
Steering Cable

STARBOARD SIDE ROUTED CABLE

1. Lubricate O-ring seal and entire cable end.

2. Insert steering cable into tilt tube.

3. Torque nut to 35 lb. ft. (47.5 N·m).
Steering Link Rod

1. Install steering link rod per illustration.

a - Special Bolt (10-849838) Torque to 20 lb. ft. (27 N·m)
b - Nylon Insert Locknut (11-34863) Torque to 20 lb. ft. (27 N·m)
c - Flat Washer (2)
d - Nylon Insert Locknut (11-34863) Tighten Locknut Until it Seats, Then Back Nut Off 1/4 Turn

IMPORTANT: The steering link rod that connects the steering cable to the engine must be fastened using special bolt (“a” - Part Number 10-848838) and self locking nuts (“b” & “c” - Part Number 11-34863). These locknuts must never be replaced with common nuts (non locking) as they will work loose and vibrate off, freeing the link rod to disengage.

WARNING

Disengagement of a steering link rod can result in the boat taking a full, sudden, sharp turn. This potentially violent action can cause occupants to be thrown overboard exposing them to serious injury or death.
Determining Recommended Outboard Mounting Height

**NOTE:** Add 5 in. (127mm) for XL models to the listed outboard mounting height.

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**IMPORTANT**

**NOTICE TO INSTALLER**

1. The outboard should be mounted high enough on the transom so that the exhaust relief hole will stay at least 1 in. (25.4 mm) above the water line when the engine is running at idle speed. Having the exhaust relief hole above the water line will prevent exhaust restriction. Exhaust restriction will result in poor performance at idle.

2. However, keep in mind that the mounting height (e) of the outboard must not exceed 25 in. (635 mm) for L models, 30 in. (762 mm) for XL models. Mounting the outboard higher may cause damage to the gear case components.

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**a.** This solid line is recommended to determine the outboard mounting height.

**b.** These broken lines represent the extremes of known successful outboard mounting height dimensions.

**c.** This line may be preferred to determine outboard mounting height dimension, if maximum speed is the only objective.

**d.** This line may be preferred to determine outboard mounting height dimension for dual outboard installation.

**e.** Outboard mounting height (height of outboard transom brackets from bottom of boat transom). For heights over 22 in. (560mm), a propeller, that is designed for surfacing operation is usually preferred.
**Installing Outboard**

1. Use transom drilling fixture (91-98234A2) or attach (tape) engine mounting template (located in this manual) to boat transom.

![Diagram of transom with engine mounting template]

2. Mark and drill four 17/32 in. (13.5mm) mounting holes.

![Diagram of marking and drilling holes]

3. Refer to “Determining Recommended Outboard Motor Mounting Height,” preceding and install outboard to the nearest recommended mounting height.

4. Fasten outboard with provided mounting hardware shown.

![Diagram of outboard fastening hardware]

- **a** - 1/2 in. Diameter Bolts (4)
- **b** - Flat Washers (4)
- **c** - Locknuts (4)
- **d** - Flat Washers (4)
- **e** - Marine Sealer - Apply to Shanks of Bolts, Not Threads
Electrical, Hoses, and Control Cables

IMPORTANT: Warning Horn Requirement – The remote control or key switch assembly must be wired with a warning horn. This warning horn is used with the engine warning system.

Front Clamp Assembly

Open the front clamp assembly.

Remote Wiring Harness

1. Connect wiring. Place harness into the holder.

Battery Cable Size

If standard (original) battery cables are replaced with longer cables, the wire gauge size must increase. See chart following for correct wire gauge size.
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**Battery Information**

⚠️ **CAUTION**

Hex nuts must be used to secure battery to battery posts to avoid loss of electrical power.

Do not use deep cycle batteries. Engines must use a marine starting battery with 1000 MCA or 800 CCA rating.

When connecting engine starting battery, hex nuts must be used to secure battery cables to battery posts. Torque hex nuts to 13.5 Nm (120 lb. in.).

**IMPORTANT:** Battery cable size and length is critical. Refer to battery cable wire gauge size chart for size requirements.

Decal needs to be placed on or near battery box for future service reference. One 5/16 in. hex nut and one 3/8 in. hex nut are supplied per battery for wing nut replacement. Metric hex nuts are not supplied.

**NOTICE – DTS & Optimax Engines**

**DO NOT USE DEEP CYCLE BATTERIES!**

DTS (Digital Throttle and Shift) applications and Optimax engines must use a marine starting battery with 1000 MCA or 800 CCA or 180 Ah rating.

13.5 Nm (120 lb. in.)

**IMPORTANT:** Battery cable size and length is critical. Refer to engine installation manual for size requirements.

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Place decal on or near battery box for future service reference. 5/16" and 3/8" hex nuts supplied for wing nut replacement. Metric hex nuts not supplied.
Battery Cable Connections

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**SINGLE OUTBOARD**

![Diagram of single outboard battery connections]

- **a** - Black Sleeve (Negative)
- **b** - Red Sleeve (Positive)
- **c** - Hex nuts – Torque to 13.5 Nm (120 lb. in.)
- **d** - Starting Battery

**DUAL OUTBOARDS**

Connect a common ground cable (wire size same as engine battery cables) between negative (–) terminals on starting batteries.

![Diagram of dual outboard battery connections]

- **e** - Ground Cable (Same Wire Size As Engine Battery Cable) – Connect Between Negative (–) Terminals
Fuel Hose Connection

**Fuel Hose Size** – Minimum fuel line inside diameter (I.D.) is 5/16 in. (8mm), with separate fuel line/fuel tank pickup for each engine.

Fasten remote fuel hose to fitting with hose clamp.

Oil Hose Connections

Connect the remote oil hoses to the engine hose connections as shown. Fasten hose connections with sta-straps.

**Speedometer Tubing Connection (Models without SmartCraft Speedometer)**

This outboard has a speedometer water pick-up located in the leading edge of the gear case. If you want to use this water pickup for the speedometer, disconnect the water pickup tubing from the speedometer sensor and route tubing out of the cowl. Install coupler (provided with outboard) on end of tubing.

**Water Pressure Tubing Connection (Models without SmartCraft Water PSI Gauge)**

Make the water pressure gauge hose connection to this tubing as shown.

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**Diagram Notes**

- a - Remote Fuel Hose
- b - Hose Clamp – Secure Remote Fuel Hose
- c - Oil Hoses with Blue Stripe - Secure With Sta-Strap
- d - Oil Hoses without Blue Stripe - Secure With Sta-Strap
- e - Sta-Strap (2) - Secure Oil Hoses
- f - Speedometer Water Pickup Tubing (Black Color)
- g - Water Pressure Tubing (Gray Color)
- h - Coupler (859747) – Push In on End of Coupler to Disconnect Plug or Tubing
- i - Plug (if equipped) – Remove when Making Coupler Connection
- j - Barb Hose Fitting (2) (859731) Provided with Outboard – Install this fitting into Coupler, if a Rubber Hose Connection is Required
- k - Speedometer Hose – Insert the barb hose fitting (j) into Coupler and Connect Hose
- l - Water Pressure Tube – Insert into Coupler, Pull on Tube to Verify That it is Locked
Shift Cable Installation

Install cables into the remote control following the instructions provided with the remote control.

**NOTE:** Install the shift cable to the engine first. The shift cable is the first cable to move when the remote control handle is moved out of neutral.

COUNTER ROTATION OUTBOARDS

Counter rotating (left hand) gear cases can be identified by a “L” stamped into the end of the propeller shaft.

The Quicksilver Dual Engine Console Mount Control, P/N 88688A22 or 88688A52, is required to shift the counter rotation outboard. The installation instructions shipped with the control explain the procedure required to connect this control to a counter rotation outboard.

**IMPORTANT:** If the counter rotation outboard is rigged similar to a standard rotation outboard OR if a standard rotation outboard is rigged similar to a counter rotation outboard, the reverse gear and bearing in the gear case must function as forward gear. THE REVERSE GEAR/BEARING ARE NOT DESIGNED TO CARRY THE SUSTAINED LOADS THAT ARE GENERATED WHEN RUNNING UNDER CONSTANT HIGH RPM AND THRUST CONDITIONS.

OUTBOARD SHIFTING DIRECTION

On counter rotation outboards, the shift linkage moves in the opposite direction compared to a standard rotation outboard.

STANDARD ROTATION GEAR OUTBOARDS

![Diagram of standard rotation gear outboard shift linkage]

COUNTER ROTATION OUTBOARDS

![Diagram of counter rotation outboard shift linkage]
Installation

IMPORTANT: Step 1 must be followed for proper adjustment of the shift cable.

1. Locate the center point of the slack or lost motion that exists in the shift cable as follows:
   a. Move the remote control handle from neutral into forward and advance the handle to full speed position. Slowly return the handle back to the neutral. Place a mark (a) on the cable against the cable end guide.
   b. Move the remote control handle from neutral into reverse and advance the handle to full speed position. Slowly return the handle back to the neutral. Place a mark (b) on the cable against the cable end guide.
   c. Make a center mark (c), midway between marks ("a" and "b"). Align the cable end guide against this center mark when installing cable to the engine.

STANDARD ROTATION OUTBOARDS

COUNTER ROTATION OUTBOARDS
2. Position remote control and outboard into neutral.

3. Slide the shift cable retainer forward until resistance is felt, then slide cable anchor toward rear until resistance is felt. Center the anchor pin between resistance points.

4. Align the shift cable end guide with the center mark as instructed in Step 1.

5. Place shift cable on anchor pin. Adjust cable barrel so it slips freely into the barrel holder.


7. Check shift cable adjustments as follows:
   a. With remote control in forward, the propshaft should lock solidly in gear. If it does not, adjust cable barrel closer to cable end guide.
   b. Shift remote control into neutral. The propshaft should turn freely without drag. If not, adjust barrel away from cable end guide. Repeat steps a and b.
   c. Shift remote control into reverse while turning propeller. The propshaft should lock solidly in gear. If not, adjust barrel away from cable end guide. Repeat steps a thru c.
   d. Return remote control handle to neutral. The propeller should turn freely without drag. If not, adjust barrel closer to cable end guide. Repeat steps a thru d.
Throttle Cable Installation

INSTALLATION

1. Position remote control into neutral.

2. Attach throttle cable to the throttle lever. Secure with washer and locknut.

   - Washer and Locknut – Tighten locknut and back off 1/4 turn

3. Adjust the cable barrel so that the installed throttle cable will hold the idle stop screw against the stop.

   - Cable Barrel – Adjust To Hold Idle Stop Screw Against Stop
   - Idle Stop Screw

4. Check throttle cable adjustment as follows:
   a. Shift outboard into gear a few times to activate the throttle linkage. Make sure to rotate the propeller shaft while shifting into reverse.

   - F
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   b. Return remote control to neutral. Place a thin piece of paper between idle adjustment screw and idle stop. Adjustment is correct when the paper can be removed without tearing, but has some drag on it. Readjust cable barrel if necessary.
IMPORTANT: The idle stop screw must be touching the stop.

a - Idle Stop Screw
b - Idle Stop

5. Lock the barrel holder in place with the cable latch.

Front Clamp Reassembly

IMPORTANT: Sufficient slack must exist in engine wiring harness, battery cables, fuel hose, and oil hoses routed between clamp and engine attachment point, to relieve stress and prevent hoses from being kinked or pinched.

1. Place the neoprene wrap over the wiring, hoses, and control cables as shown.
2. Fasten clamp together with two screws.

a - Neoprene Wrap
b - Screw (2)
Filling Fuel System

NOTE: For initial start of a new engine or for an engine that ran out of fuel, or was drained of fuel, the fuel system should to be filled as follows:

- Squeeze the fuel line primer bulb until it feels firm.
- Turn the ignition key switch to the ON position for three seconds. This operates the electric fuel pump.
- Turn the ignition key switch back to the OFF position, and squeeze the primer bulb again until it feels firm. Turn the ignition key switch to the “ON” position again for three seconds. Continue this procedure until the fuel line primer bulb stays firm.

Oil Injection Set-Up

Filling

1. Fill remote oil tank with the recommended oil listed in the Operation and Maintenance Manual. Tighten fill cap.

   ![Fill Cap](a)

   a - Fill Cap

2. Remove cap and fill engine oil tank with oil. Reinstall the fill cap.

   ![Engine Oil Tank](a)
   ![Fill Cap](b)

   a - Engine Oil Tank
   b - Fill Cap
Before starting engine for the first time, prime the oil injection pump. Priming will remove any air that may be in the pump, oil supply hose, or internal passages.

**CAUTION**

To prevent damage to the fuel pumps, fill the engine fuel system with fuel. Otherwise the fuel pumps will run without fuel during the priming process.

Prime the oil injection pump as follows:

1. Fill the engine fuel system with fuel. Connect fuel hose and squeeze primer bulb until it feels firm.

2. Turn the ignition key switch to the “ON” position.

3. Within the first 10 seconds after the key switch has been turned on, move the remote control handle from neutral into forward gear 3 to 5 times. This will automatically start the priming process.

**NOTE:** It may take a few minutes for the pump to complete the priming process.

Purging Air From the Engine Oil Tank

1. Loosen the fill cap on the engine oil tank.

2. Start the engine. Run the engine until the all the air has been vented out of the tank and oil starts to flow out of the tank. Re-tighten fill cap.
**WARNING**

If the propeller shaft is rotated while the engine is in gear, there is the possibility that the engine will crank over and start. To prevent this type of accidental engine starting and possible serious injury caused from being struck by a rotating propeller, always shift outboard to neutral position and remove spark plug leads when you are servicing the propeller.

**Flo-Torq I Drive Hub Propellers**

![Diagram of Flo-Torq I Drive Hub Propellers]

- a - Forward Thrust Hub
- b - Continuity Washer
- c - Thrust Hub
- d - Propeller Nut Retainer
- e - Propeller Nut

**Flo-Torq II Drive Hub Propellers**

![Diagram of Flo-Torq II Drive Hub Propellers]

- a - Forward Thrust Hub
- b - Replaceable Drive Sleeve
- c - Rear Thrust Hub
- d - Propeller Nut Retainer
- e - Propeller Nut

1. Tighten propeller nut to 55 lb-ft (75 Nm). Bend tabs against nut.

![Diagram of Propeller Nut]

- a - Propeller Nut - Torque To 55 lb-ft (75 Nm)
- b - Bend Tabs Into Grooves
Trim-In Stop Adjustment

Some outboard boats, particularly some bass boats, are built with a greater than normal transom angle which will allow the outboard to be trimmed further “in” or “under”. This greater trim “under” capability is desirable to improve acceleration, reduce the angle and time spend in a bow high boat attitude during planing off, and in some cases, may be necessary to plane off a boat with aft live wells, given the variety of available propellers and height range of engine installations.

However, once on plane, the engine should be trimmed to a more intermediate position to avoid a bow-down planing condition called “plowing”. Plowing can cause “bow steering” or “over steering” and inefficiently consumes horsepower. In this condition, if attempting a turn or encountering a diagonal, moderate wake, a more abrupt turn than intended may result.

In rare circumstances, the owner may decide to limit the trim under. This can be accomplished by purchasing a stainless steel tilt pin (P/N 17-49930A1) and inserting it through whatever pin hole is desired. The non-stainless steel shipping bolt should not be used in this application other than on a temporary basis.

⚠️ WARNING
Avoid possible serious injury or death. Adjust outboard to an intermediate trim position as soon as boat is on plane to avoid possible ejection due to boat spin-out. Do not attempt to turn boat when engine is trimmed extremely under or in.

![Diagram of tilt pin](image)

**a** - Tilt Pin
Wiring for SmartCraft Gauges

Paddle Wheel Speed Sensor Installation (If Equipped)

PARTS PROVIDED

- **a** - Paddle Wheel
- **b** - Bracket
- **c** - Flat Washer (2)
- **d** - #10 - 3/4 in. (19 mm) Screw (2)
- **e** - Cable Cap
- **f** - # 6 - 1/2 in. (12 mm) Screw (4)
- **g** - Clamp (2)
- **h** - Connector
- **i** - Wire Retainer
- **j** - Spare Pin Yoke

SELECTING LOCATION

**Single engine installation** – Mount on paddle wheel on the transom where the propeller blade is rotating upward. [usually the right (starboard) side] to minimize cavitation. If feasible, mount at least 2 in. (50mm) beyond the swing radius of the propeller.

**Dual engine installation** – Mount the paddle wheel between the engines as close to the center line (keel) of the boat as possible. On slower, heavier displacement boats, however, positioning it farther from the keel is acceptable.

**NOTE:** Do not mount the paddle wheel directly behind any strakes, ribs, intakes or outlets for live wells or any protrusion that may cause turbulence or cavitation.
Paddle Wheel Speed Sensor Installation (If Equipped)

TRANSOM ANGLE REQUIREMENTS

*Standard 13° to 20° transoms* – No special adjustments required.

*Stepped or undercut transom with 3° angles* – A small shim of tapered plastic, metal or wood must be fabricated and installed as shown. Mount the paddle wheel on the step for best performance.

13° Transom Angle  
20° Transom Angle

Stepped Transom

Stepped Transom

Shim

INSTALLING BRACKET

1. Cut out the template at the end of this installation manual. At the location you’ve selected, tape the template to the transom. Make sure the black dotted line on the template is aligned with the transom’s bottom edge, as shown.

2. Using a #28 or 9/64 in. bit, drill two 7/8 in. (22 mm) deep where indicated on the template. To prevent drilling too deeply, wrap masking tape around the drill 7/81 (22 mm) from the point.

*NOTE:* In fiberglass hulls, first chamfer the gelcoat using a 1/4 in. (6mm) drill and drilling about 1/16 in. (15 mm) deep to prevent surface cracks.

3. To prevent water seepage into the transom, apply a marine sealant (such as RTV) to the two #10 screws provided. Using the washers provided, attach and tighten the bracket to the hull making sure the bracket is flush with the underside of the hull.

4. Fill any gap between the housing and the transom with a caulking material, as shown. Using a putty knife, smooth the surface to ensure proper water flow.

![Diagram of installing bracket](image)

- **a** - Template
- **b** - #10 Screw (2)
- **c** - Flat Washer (2)
Paddle Wheel Speed Sensor Installation (If Equipped)

ROUTING THE CABLE

**NOTE:** You can choose to drill a hole through the transom for routing the cable, or you can route the cable over the transom or through a drain hole above the water line.

If you choose to drill a hole through the transom, follow these instructions:

1. Select a transom location for the hole above the water line that does not interfere with other cables and controls.
2. Drill a 5/8 in. (15 mm) diameter hole.
3. Route the cable through the drilled hole. Seal the transom hole with silicone (RTV) or a comparable marine sealant after you routed the cable through.

**NOTE:** The hole for the first clamp should be 1 in. (25 mm) above the paddle wheel. The hole for the second clamp should be positioned halfway between the first clamp and the cap covering the transom hole you drilled for the cable.

4. Using a 7/64 in. (2.8 mm) bit, drill holes for the clamps and cap approximately 1/2 in. (13 mm) deep.
5. Apply silicone (RTV) or a comparable marine sealant to the screw threads and install the cable clamps and the cable feed-thru cap.

If you choose not to drill a hole through the transom:

If you prefer not to drill a hole, route the cable over the transom or through a drain hole that is above the water line.

```
a - The First Clamp Should be Placed 1 in. (25 mm) Above the Paddle Wheel
b - The Second Clamp Should be Positioned Halfway Between the First Clamp and the Cable Cap
c - Cable Cap
d - If You Prefer Not to Drill A Hole, Route the Cable Over the Transom or Through a Drain Hole
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Paddle Wheel Speed Sensor Installation (If Equipped)

INSTALLING AND REMOVING THE PADDLE WHEEL

Installation – slide the pins into the slots in the bracket and snap the tabs into place.
Removal – squeeze open (unlock) the tabs and pull up on the paddle wheel.

WIRE CONNECTIONS

IMPORTANT: Before making wire connections, make sure wires are routed through the transom.

NOTE: Wires can only be pushed into the connector one way. Align the wire terminal with the tabs inside the connector.

1. Have the wiring routed through the transom.
2. Push each wire terminal into its respective location in the connector. Push wires in until they snap into place.
3. Secure wires into connector with the wire retainer.
Wiring Connections to Paddle Wheel Speed Sensor, Oil Tank and Fuel Tank

IMPORTANT: DO NOT connect the Black/Orange wire to the fuel tank sensor when there is an engine battery ground strap connected to the fuel tank or sender assembly. If not used, plug the unused open bullet connector with rubber plug P/N 13541.

- **a** - Electronic Control Module (ECM)
- **b** - Paddle Wheel Speed/Outside Water Temp Sensor (If Equipped)
- **c** - Oil Tank
- **d** - Fuel Tank
Typical System Layouts – Single Engine Product Configurations

**Speedometer and Tachometer**

**Non CAN Type Gauges**

*NOTE:* Non CAN type gauges can be used on all V-6 Model outboards that are equipped for SmartCraft

**CAN Type Gauges**

*NOTE:* CAN Type Gauges Can only be used on 2002 Model Year and newer V-6 model outboards that are equipped for SmartCraft
Typical System Layouts – Single Engine Product Configurations

System Monitor (CAN)

*NOTE:* System Monitor can be used on 2001 model year and newer outboards that are equipped for SmartCraft

Tachometer Only

**CAN** Type Gauge

*NOTE:* CAN Type Gauges Can only be used on 2002 Model Year and newer outboards that are equipped for SmartCraft
Wiring Information for **CAN** Type Gauges

**REQUIREMENTS**

SmartCraft communications are via the Controller Area Network (CAN), electrically implemented on a twisted pair of wires. signals. Note: SmartCraft harnesses include other signals besides CAN.

The maximum distance between any two modules on the SmartCraft bus is 40 meters (130 feet). This distance is calculated as the total harness length between the modules (trunk length plus drop lengths).

There must be exactly two termination resistors on the CAN bus.

No more than 20 modules may be connected to the bus. This is the maximum number of connections supported by the engine control module software.

**INSTALLATION GUIDELINES**

SmartCraft installations should use Mercury Marine harnesses and junction boxes. This assures a robust mechanical implementation as well as proper connection of all signals.

The ideal installation uses a single trunk line with short drops to individual modules. Two termination resistors, one at each end of the trunk line, minimize signal reflections. Signal reflections can increase radio frequency interference and the potential for bit errors on the bus.

The trunk line is not defined by junction boxes. The trunk should be considered to be the distance between the termination resistors. Drops may be at the ends of the trunk line or anywhere else that is convenient for the installation. Note that the trunk line can “loop-back” in some installations.

- The single engine System Monitor example on page 29 illustrates a trunk line with two drops of essentially zero length, one at the engine and the other at the gauge.
- The single engine System Tach and Speedo example on page 29 illustrates a trunk line with one zero length drop at the engine and two three foot drops at the gauges.
- The dual engine examples on page 30 illustrates a 60 foot trunk line with two zero length drops at the engines and two (or three) three foot drops at the gauges.
- The triple engine example on page 31 illustrates a 45 foot trunk line with a zero length drop at one engine, two 10 foot drops (at the other engines), and four three foot drops at the gauges.
- The trunk line in the single engine dual station example on page 32 is the length of “a” plus the length of “f” There is a zero length drop at the engine and two three foot drops to the monitors.
Wiring Accessories for CAN Type Gauges

Junction Boxes

- 4 Way
- 6 Way
- 8 Way

* Junction Box Terminator/Resistor

** Junction Box Weather Cap

878492A4
878492A6
878492A8

* For correct placement on these terminator/resistors, refer to Wiring Installation Guidelines preceding and Typical Installation configurations following.

** All unused junction box ports must be covered using these weather caps.

SC1000 Series (Blue Cable)

84-879968T_ Harness without Terminator/Resistor

6 Ft
10 Ft
15 Ft
20 Ft
30 Ft

84-879981T_ Harness with Terminator/Resistor on One End

10 Ft
15 Ft
20 Ft
30 Ft

84-879982T_ Harness with Terminator/Resistor on Both Ends

20 Ft
30 Ft

84-879978T-1 System Speed Harness

3 Ft

84-879979T-1 System Monitor and Tachometer Harness

3 Ft

SC100 Series

84-880756b_ System Link Extension Harness

3 Ft
10 Ft
30 Ft
Typical Installation Configurations CAN Type Gauges

**NOTE:** The typical installation configurations shown on this page and the next few pages are the lowest cost solutions. Other solutions are also possible. See Page 15 for general guidelines.

SINGLE ENGINE APPLICATIONS

System Monitor – 2001 Model Year and Newer

Accessory Horn (816492A9) Connection for Water Depth Warning

Optional Depth Transducer

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System Tach and Speedo – 2002 Model Year and Newer

Accessory Horn (816492A9) Connection for Water Depth Warning

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Typical Installation Configurations **CAN** Type Gauges

**DUAL ENGINE APPLICATIONS**

**System Monitor – 2001 Model Year and Newer Outboards**

![Diagram of system monitor connections]

**Termination Resistor On This End**

**Accessory Horn (816492A9) Connection for Water Depth Warning**

**IMPORTANT:** Make Wiring Disconnect On One Of The Engines. Refer to Wiring Disconnect for Multiple Engines That Share A Common Junction Box following.

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**System Tach and Speedo – 2002 Model Year and newer**

![Diagram of system tach and speedo connections]

**Termination Resistor On This End**

**Accessory Horn (816492A9) Connection for Water Depth Warning**

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**NOTE:** A junction box may be added to connect dual engine installation to single wiring harness running forward to dash. See wiring installation guidelines.
Typical Installation Configurations CAN Type Gauges

TRIPLE ENGINE APPLICATIONS – 2002 MODEL YEAR AND NEWER

System Tachometer and Speedometer

Accessory Horn (816492A9) Connection for Water Depth Warning

Termination Resistor On This End

Air Temp Sensor

NMEA GPS Connection

IMPORTANT: Make Wiring Disconnect On One Of The Engines. Refer to Wiring Disconnect for Multiple Engines That Share A Common Junction Box following.

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Typical Installation Configurations CAN Type Gauges

SYSTEM MONITOR – SINGLE ENGINE – DUAL STATION – 2001 MODEL YEAR AND NEWER

Accessory Horn (816492A9) Connection for Water Depth Warning

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Wiring Disconnect for Multiple Engines That Share a Common Junction Box

**CAUTION**

Prevent possible engine electrical component damage. Make this wiring disconnect before powering up the engines.

Each CAN Bus must only be powered from one engine. On dual engine installations that share a common junction box (as shown), the CAN Bus power (3 wire) connector on one of the engines must be disconnected. The CAN Bus power connector is located in the engine wiring approximately 3 in. from the SmartCraft Harness connector. Seal both ends of the power connector with caps. On triple engine installations, the CAN Bus power connector must be disconnected on 2 engines.

Configure Engine Location for Multiple Engines That Share a Common Junction Box

**NOTE:** Engine location will allow user to configure multi engine installations within the SmartCraft network. All engines shipped from the factory are ECM configured as a starboard outside engine. For example, if a dual engine installation is desired, then the appropriate engine ECM needs to be reprogrammed to an outside port engine. Doing this will make sure the correct ECM data is transmitted to the correct set of SmartCraft gauges.

Configure the engine ECM’s Using the Digital Diagnostic Terminal (DDT) along with SmartCraft Engine Diagnostic Cartridge Version 1.0 or newer.

Follow instructions in the reference manual provided with the Diagnostic Cartridge for setting the engine locations.

After the engines have been configured using the DDT, calibrate the SmartCraft gauges to read the correct engine.
Typical Installation Configurations Non CAN Type Gauges

+ 12 Volt (Connect to Same Circuit as Engine Starting Battery)

Tachometer Single Engine

Connection For Optional Visual Warning Light

Air Temp Sensor

NMEA GPS Connection

Drilling Template – Paddle Wheel Speed Sensor

Drill here

Align dotted line with transom bottom edge and fold under

fold line

fold line