



Press Release

EVINRUDE MULTI-FUEL ENGINES ADVANCE MILITARY USE

Virginia Beach, Virginia, June 5, 2007 – BRP's 55-hp Evinrude® multi-fuel engines (MFE) provide the defense industry with the capability to deploy a large number of outboard-powered vessels. These new engines meet the emerging needs of the U.S. Department of Defense and its foreign counterpart. This advancement enables BRP's Evinrude engines to power the U.S. military for years to come and provides an opportunity for new applications of the technology.

"The development of our Evinrude multi-fuel engines is the result of combining BRP's design ingenuity and proprietary engineering to meet the exact fuel requirements of the U.S. Department of Defense," said Roch Lambert, vice president and general manager, Outboard Marine Engines, BRP. "We are proud to offer military forces and rescue operations worldwide with specialty engines that meet the Common Fuels Initiative 2010 requirement for running on common fuels. BRP's engineering innovation in military applications will continue to advance marine power for government use," he concluded.

Evinrude MFE are the only outboards to provide sufficient horsepower capable of running on multiple fuels including aviation fuels (JP-4, JP-5, JP-8, Jet-A and Jet-B), kerosene, standard gasoline and, in an emergency, diesel fuels. This fuel flexibility meets the U.S. military requirement to remove gasoline from shipboard use. By adapting innovative design elements from the industry-leading Evinrude E-TEC® technology, the MFE meets the Common Fuels Initiative, a Department of Defense mandate that will require all U.S. military forces to use a series of common fuels to power their equipment for simpler logistics and increased safety by the year 2010. Other technologies, due to their large number of moving parts and complex valve systems and air passages, do not allow this capability.

The Evinrude MFE engines are designed for mission flexibility allowing special operations forces to be transported via aircraft or ship without requiring the fuel tanks to be purged and cleaned before deployment. This will allow them to operate on any fuel available through the

standard logistics system, or through commercially available sources worldwide. The fuel selection can be changed with the simple flip of a switch, without compromising performance.

The two-cylinder 55-hp engine is rope started with a convenient break-down tiller steering arm and is available in two models; a propeller model (E55MRL) and a jet propulsion model (E55MJRL). They include built-in de-watering capabilities necessary when operated in extreme environments. A customized military design enables stealth operation including minimal engine noise, ultra-low emissions, a wrap-around assist handle that is capable of fitting through a 30-inch submarine tube, tilt-assist strap for easy lifting and carrying, and a matte black finish.

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