merCruiser STERN DRIVES & INBOARDS

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TO: SERVICE MANAGER ☐ TECHNICIANS ☐
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Changes To The 1997 Operation And Maintenance Manuals

Models

All 1997 MCM Stern Drive and MIE Inboard gasoline and diesel models.

Changes

Two important changes to the recommended inspection and maintenance schedules have occurred in the Operation and Maintenance Manuals that will come with the 1997 products.

1. The 20 hour check has been removed from the manual.

   MerCruiser now recommends that inspection and maintenance be done at the end of the first boating season or after the first 100 hours of operation, whichever occurs first. This service should be done by an authorized MerCruiser Dealer. The customer and their selling or servicing MerCruiser dealer can customize the inspection and maintenance schedule according to how and where the boat will be used (i.e., fresh water, salt water, pleasure/limited hours, commercial/high hours, etc.).

2. Certain maintenance procedures, that are normally done by a dealer, have been removed from the 1997 manuals.

▲ Step by step instructions for winterizing (laying up) a MerCruiser and other complex services or maintenance procedures have been removed from the 1997 manuals. The time schedule for having these services or maintenance procedures done will still be in the Operation and Maintenance Manuals. They can be performed by any authorized MerCruiser dealer.

▲ If the customer wants to do some of these services or maintenance procedures themselves, a separate manual must be ordered. This new publication is called a Maintenance Procedures manual. This manual can be ordered from a MerCruiser dealer or directly from Mercury Marine.

▲ **Model**	**Part Number**
Alpha	90-860170970
Bravo/Blackhawk-Gasoline	90-860173970
Bravo-Diesel	90-860166970
Ski	90-860179970
Bluewater Inboard-Gasoline	90-860176970
Bluewater Inboard-Diesel	90-860167970

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