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Fuel Hose Routing and Inspection

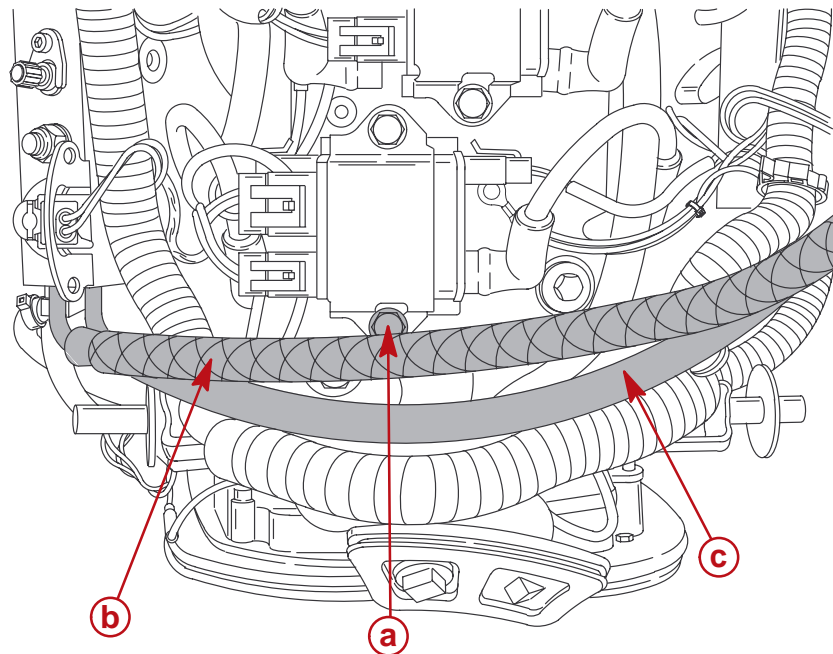
Models Affected

MERCURY/MARINER/TRACKER

2001 Model Year 135/150/175 HP Optimax

S/N OT178500 Thru OT364902

The fuel balance hose between the port and starboard fuel rail could come in contact with an ignition coil driver mounting bolt. This could cause the hose to wear/chafe, at the point of contact with the bolt. If allowed to continue, this could cause a fuel leak.



- a** - Coil driver mounting bolt (may contact fuel hose)
- b** - Fuel balance hose
- c** - Air balance hose

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Owner Notification

A letter will be sent to every registered owner of an affected outboard. The letter will advise the owner to return their outboard to their selling dealer or any Mercury/Mariner authorized dealer for the inspection and rerouting of the fuel hose.

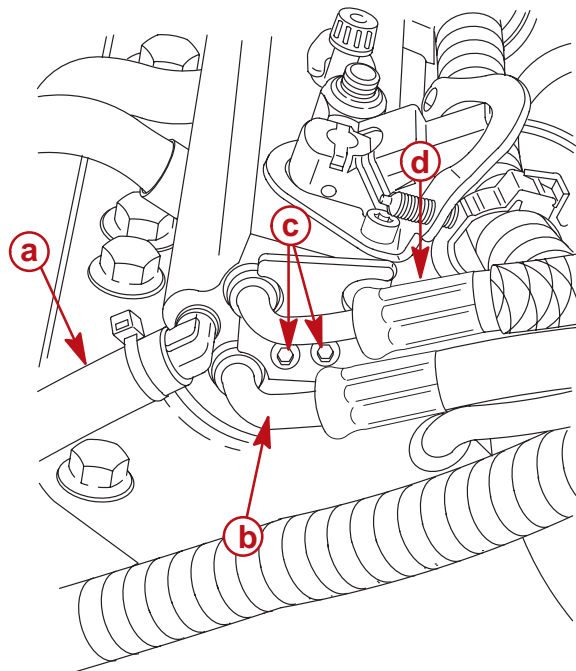
Dealer Outboard Inventory

Affected outboards in dealer inventory **MUST BE** reworked prior to customer delivery.

Correction

Use the following steps to route the fuel balance hose away from the mounting bolt.

- Remove the top and bottom cowls.
- Remove the two allen head bolts, and hose retainer plate from the bottom of the port fuel rail.

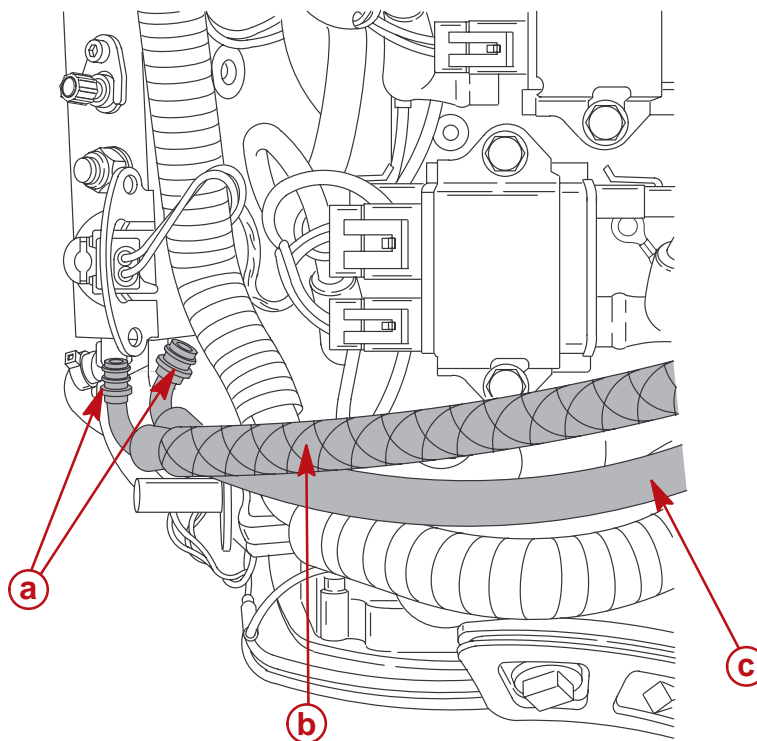


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Port Bottom Fuel Rail Connections

- a** - Water inlet hose to fuel rail
- b** - Air balance hose
- c** - Allen screws (remove)
- d** - Fuel balance hose

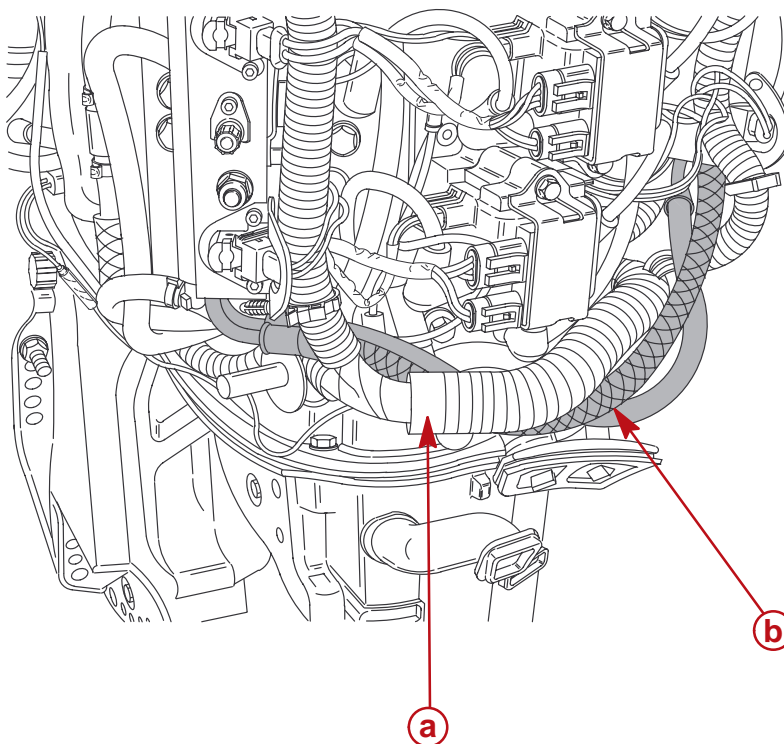
- Pull both the fuel and air balance hoses out of the rail.



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- a** - Connector O-rings, coat with 4-stroke oil before assembling
- b** - Fuel balance hose
- c** - Air balance hose

- Route the fuel and air balance hoses around the outside of the engine wire harness, as shown below.



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- a** - Wire harness
- b** - Balance hoses

- Insert the hoses into the bottom of the port rail
- Install retainer plate and allen bolts, (torque bolts to 70 lb-in [8 Nm])

Warranty

Mercury Marine will credit the dealer for the cost of labor for one year from the issuance of this advisory. Please note the month and year located at the lower left corner of the front page of the advisory.

Complete warranty claim listing:

- Engine serial number
- One (1.0) hour labor
- Warranty Flat Rate Code: NJC
- Part code: 713
- Failure Code: 00

US and Canada: Complete/process claim via Midas or return warranty claim form.

INTERNATIONAL: Follow instructions issued by Marine Power International office or by your distributor.



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Dear Mercury Marine Customer:

Our records indicate that you are the owner of a Mercury/Mariner outboard included in a recall. The fuel balance hose between the port and starboard fuel rail could come in contact with an ignition coil driver mount bolt. This could cause the hose to wear/chafe at the point of contact with the bolt. If allowed to continue, this could cause a fuel leak. It is necessary to have your Mercury/Mariner outboard inspected and reroute the fuel hose.

WHAT YOU SHOULD DO

Contact your authorized dealer, preferably the one who sold you the engine, and make arrangements for rerouting of the fuel hose. The dealer will refer to Mercury Outboard Service Information Bulletin 2001-03 for instructions. You must deliver your engine to the dealer and present this letter, the reverse side of which is a claim-form your dealer needs to send to us for reimbursement.

NOTE: *If your boat is in storage, you may want to wait until you remove it from storage to have this service performed.*

WHAT WE WILL DO

We will reimburse the authorized dealer for the rerouting of the fuel hose in line with the service bulletin.

We apologize for any inconvenience this recall may have caused you; however, we have taken this action to ensure that your boating experiences will be safe and enjoyable.

Sincerely,

Mercury Technical Service Department

