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New Thermostats and Thermostat Covers 3.0 Liter

Models Affected

MERCURY/MARINER
 200/225 Optimax, S/N 0G386496 Thru 0T598999
 1998 Thru 2002 Model year
 225/250 EFI, S/N 0T409000 Thru 0T598999
 2002 Model year

Situation

The 120° F [49° C] thermostat P/N 850279 2 currently used on the above listed models has been made No Longer Available (NLA) and is being replaced with a 130° F [54° C] thermostat. The new thermostat has a thicker seal, which is bonded onto the thermostat. The thicker seal on the new thermostat will require the use of a new thermostat cover.

For standard production outboards (non Hi-performance) order new 130° F [54° C] thermostat **P/N 885599 1** to replace the 120° F [49° C] thermostat and order the required thermostat cover from the list below.

Engine Model	Cover Description	Cover Part Number
3.0 Liter EFI	Port or starboard side	887926
3.0 Liter OptiMax 1998/99 Models	Port or starboard side	887926
3.0 Liter OptiMax 2000 and Newer	Port side	887601
	Starboard side	887602

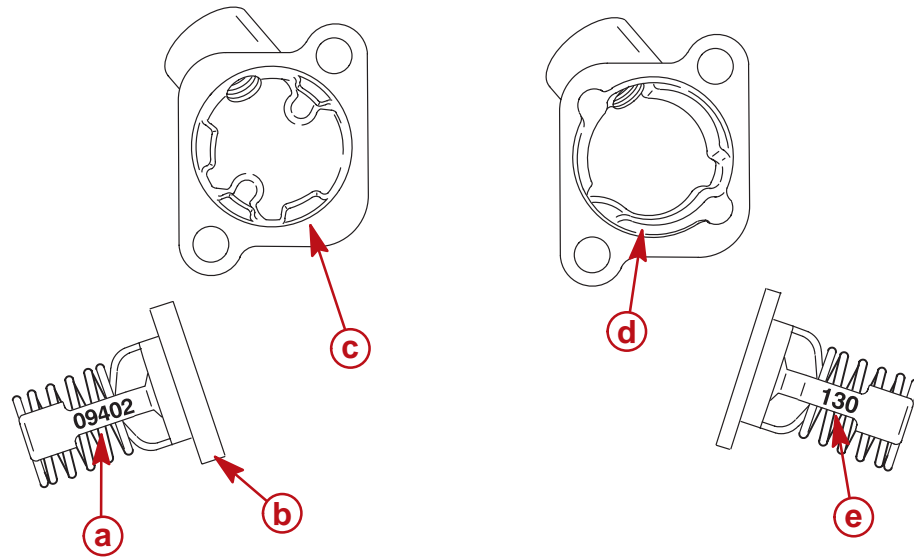
NOTE: Kit P/N 885599A1 is available for the 2000 and Newer Optimax engines that includes both port and starboard covers, two cover gaskets and two 130° F [54° C] thermostats.

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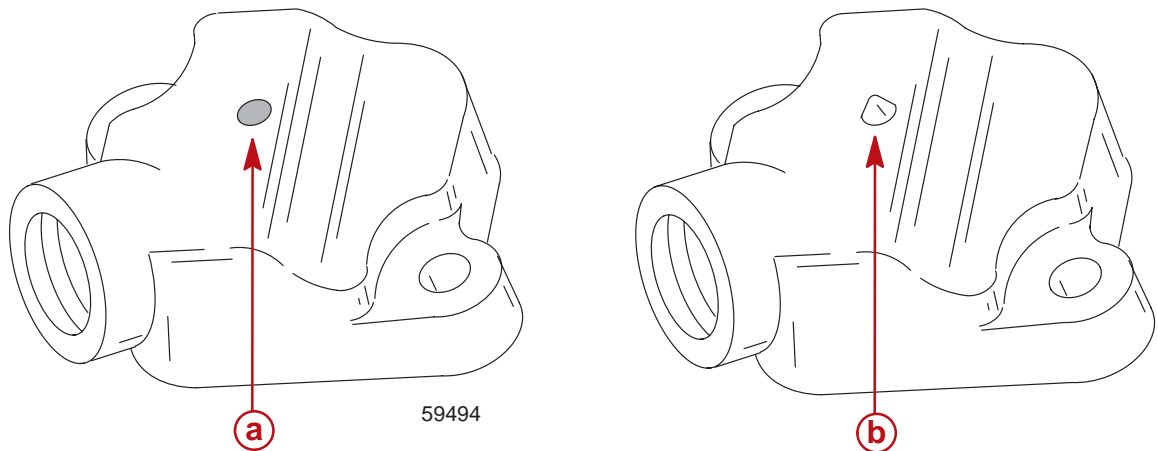
Part Identification

- Some early replacement covers had no marking on the outside of the cover and can only be identified by looking at the inside of the cover. Look for narrower support ribs on the new style covers. Later replacement covers had a WHITE paint dot or a raised dot on the cover.



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- a** - Typical date code stamping
- b** - Thicker rubber seal new style thermostat
- c** - New cover with narrower support ribs
- d** - Old cover with wider support ribs
- e** - Temperature rating stamped on thermostat



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- a** - New cover with white paint dot
- b** - New cover with raised dot

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