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3000 Series Zeus Pods Product Improvement – Corrosion Prevention Enhancements

NOTICE
This bulletin supersedes the previous service bulletin number 2013-64/OEM 2013-63 June 2013.

Models Affected

Models Covered	Serial Number
Zeus Models HH, IH, JH, and KH	Prior to serial number 0M969460

Scope

Worldwide

Situation

A number of product improvements have been made recently to Zeus pods related to corrosion prevention. As part of our commitment to product quality and customer satisfaction, Mercury Marine will provide these improvements to owners of Zeus pods (IH, HH, JH, and KH models) for the serial number range shown above. These improvements are part of a continued strategy to enhance Zeus product reliability and performance.

Perform these improvements whenever the boat is hauled out of the water for maintenance or service that requires the removal of any of the following: lower gearcase assembly, kingpin adaptor plate, or water inlet cover. Haul out and technician travel time expenses will not be allowed when addressing the actions described in this bulletin.

1. MerCathode anode assembly – replace the existing anode assembly with the new anode assembly which contains a deflector shield.



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NOTE: The new anode assembly requires the use of the backing plate assembly. If this is either not present or needs to be replaced, please order backing plate assembly 8M8025265. For further information, refer to Service Bulletin 2010-72.

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- Midsection plate – apply a ceramic coating to the respective portion of the bronze midsection plate as shown below.



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Parts Required

Qty.	Description	Part Number
1	MerCathode anode assembly (one per pod)	8M0074249
1	Ceramic coating kit (kit can coat 10–12 pods) <i>NOTE: Use only if no sign of pitting or pinhole corrosion is present in the midsection plate cavity that is shown above. For reference, see Mercury Diesel Service Bulletin 2012-70R1.</i>	8M0082937

Qty.	Description	Part Number
1	Putty/ceramic coating kit (can repair 4–5 pods) <i>NOTE: Use if pitting or pinhole corrosion is present in the midsection plate cavity that is shown above. For reference, see Mercury Diesel Service Bulletin 2012-70R1.</i>	8M0074256
1	Backing plate assembly (if needed) <i>NOTE: For reference, see Service Bulletin 2010-72.</i>	8M8025265

Repair Procedure

Follow instructions contained in the respective kits.

Warranty

United States and Canada: Mercury Marine will credit the dealer for the cost of parts and labor. Submit a warranty claim through your normal warranty-processing channel, listing:

For MerCathode anode assembly and ceramic coating only:

- Zeus pod serial number
- Labor: 2.0 hours (per pod)
- Flat rate code: SB20
- UFO part code: 558
- UFO failure code: 00
- This takes into account the gearcase/kingpin adaptor plate/water inlet cover have been removed due to other service requirements.

For MerCathode anode assembly and putty/ceramic coating only:

- Zeus pod serial number
- Labor: 2.5 hours (per pod)
- Flat rate code: SB20 and SB05
- UFO part code: 558
- UFO failure code: 00
- This takes into account the gearcase/kingpin adaptor plate/water inlet cover have been removed due to other service requirements.

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