

NEW DIESEL ENGINE OPTION IS AVAILABLE FOR BOATOWNERS

MarineDiesel-USA, based in Stillwater, Oklahoma, and serving the North and South American marine markets, has started assembly operations of its 170 to 400 brake horsepower Optimizer 6500-based diesel engine line. The 6.5-litre, 8-cylinder blocks are also the foundation of the world renowned Humvee (High Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicle) military vehicles.

The production rights of the engine were acquired from General Motors in 1999 by General Engine Products, a subsidiary of A.M. General Corporation. The MarineDiesel products incorporate state-of-the-art technology and are the only true, direct replacements for gasoline V-8s. These rugged, proven engines are compact and lightweight, having evolved from feedback and requests from boat owners.

Top performance is a hallmark of the 6500 line. The custom developed supercharging system allows optimum performance at all levels of the rpm range, and its large displacement yields torque that smaller displacement, turbo-charged engines can't match. The MarineDiesel product fits the engine mounts, exhaust systems and most wiring harnesses of typical 5.0-, 5.7-, 7.4- or 8.2-L gasoline V-8 engines. A center-rise exhaust system further simplifies conversions.

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From day one, MarineDiesel's product development has focused on the repower industry, as well as OEM installations. The standardized "9-pin" electrical harness connection, engine and bell housing mountings, overall package dimensions and weight make is a great fit for most repowers.

MarineDiesel's performance deserves attention, too. Combining the Optimizer 6500's overall engine displacement with MarineDiesel's 4-stage intercooled supercharging system and high-flow, D-port exhaust results in performance similar to that of larger, gasoline-powered engines. Maintaining one of the lowest fuel consumption ratings in the industry, this family of engines defines and delivers new levels of expectations to the industry.

Added to these benefits are the inherent, long-life duty cycles of diesel engines, which can be operated for several thousands of hours under normal usage. To date, more than 50,000 of the Optimizer 6500 engines have been produced by GEP, in compliance with the stringent QS 9000 manufacturing certification guidelines. The resulting warranty track record shows that the Optimizer 6500 engine truly is a durable, revolutionary, new V-8 diesel product.

MarineDiesel-USA provides a central geographic location for its dealer network, and offers more than 20 years of experience developing and manufacturing marine products. MarineDiesel – Sweden has also been producing engines for the European and African markets for several years.

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