



Volvo Penta Unveils New Forward Drive

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Volvo Penta has released its revolutionary new concept in marine propulsion - the Volvo Penta Forward Drive (FWD).

Volvo Penta FWD opens up a new realm for recreational water sport users, beginning with forward-facing dual counter-rotating props with an adjustable-trim drive. This patented and innovative design pulls the boat through the water rather than pushing, with an undisturbed water flow to the propellers.

Aimed at the watersports market, FWD delivers superior responsiveness, acceleration, fuel economy and versatility, allowing for an array of activities behind the boat, including wakesurfing and wakeboarding.

In a sports boat, drivers will be able to customize the wake for different ability levels and feel the difference in tighter high-speed turns, as well as more responsive slow-speed maneuvering and docking.

Additionally, the forward-facing DuoProp, with counter-rotating propellers, offers a unique and industry-first symmetrical wakeboarding wake and equally shaped wakesurfing wave on your side of choice.

FWD also reduces noise and vibration, and virtually eliminates annoying fumes on deck since engine exhaust is expelled underwater beneath the boat. The adjustable tilt makes it easy to trim the boat for optimum fuel efficiency and comfort when cruising. When at rest with the drive trimmed down, the forward-facing propellers are inboard of the boat making activities like fishing and swimming more practical astern of the boat.

The Volvo Penta FWD, coupled with the new-generation marine gas engines, is an attractive combination for boatbuilders, providing higher speeds and better performance with a smaller, lighter engine. The engine and drive system are proven and feature accessible service points for easier maintenance.

Dealers and boat owners will also benefit from the commonality of parts across the full range of engines and drives. Most importantly, the builder, dealer and customer have the peace of mind that comes with a fully integrated helm-to-prop solution designed, built and supported by a single manufacturer with an unmatched reputation for customer satisfaction and

after-the-sale customer service.

The new Volvo Penta FWD and gas engines are covered by Volvo Penta's industry-leading warranty with five years of factory protection.

More information is available at <http://www.volvopentaforwarddrive.com>

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About Volpower NZ Ltd

Volpower NZ Ltd represents Volvo Penta and distributes these products through a New Zealand wide Dealer Network and the South West Pacific region.

Under Volpower's enthusiastic management team, Volvo Penta has become the market leader in marine diesel engines.

Volvo Penta is one of the world's leading manufacturers of diesel and petrol engines used in work and leisure applications. Internationally, Volvo Penta engines are used not only as marine propulsion systems, but to power generators, irrigation equipment, excavators, forklift trucks, container handling equipment and forestry machinery.

Volvo Penta also manufactures marine transmissions, and a wide range of accessories. They include diesel engine turbo-charging, the Aquamatic stern-drive, sail boat S-drive, and the remarkable Duoprop system of two counter rotating propellers.

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