



TAB TALK

Lectrotab Trim Tab Updates

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Alloy Tabs: The 2008 alloy tab design is now in production. The overall tab in the new design is no different from the original except in the hinge area and the transom plate.

The hinge area of the original tab was a slot with teeth to grip the polypropylene live hinge. This was basically OK but needed rivets to back it up. The new design is a keyhole approach and does not need the rivets, so the tab has a very clean and finished look.

The new transom plate is now 304 stainless steel which fits into a groove in the hinge and attaches directly to the transom. This stainless plate basically serves as a big washer for the retaining screws. So much for a verbal description – a picture is worth 1000 words, so take a look at the attached PDF photo. This is a clean design and a tough product, but since it is an extrusion, it is limited in shapes and sizes, as opposed to the stainless steel approach, which can be cut, bent and shaped in lots of ways. In stainless, if you can draw it, we can probably make it.

While most of our alloy tab production is going to our export accounts, we now have several U.S. builders and numerous boatyards favoring the alloy approach. And I might add, that our Lectrotab R & D vessel is rigged “Lectrotab / alloy / wireless”, and is performing quite well.

Wireless Control: We now have the wireless control available with two stations. Place the two controls wherever you wish, for example, in the pilot house and on the flying bridge, and either control will operate the tabs. In the original wireless design, we elected to use one way instead of two way communication, to keep the product simple and more reliable. However, with two stations, and one way communication, the tabs will respond to either control, at anytime, but only the indicators on the control being used will keep up with the tabs. But, at trip’s end, the tabs, controls and indicators will be recalibrated at switch off, with the tabs fully up.

Welcome: To Jongdee Marine Company, our newest international distributor located in Bangkok, Thailand. Their Managing Director is Mr. Vanai Jongdee, who can be contacted at superjongdee@Yahoo.com. Thailand has about 600 miles of coastline in an area just west of the North China Sea where pleasure boating is enjoying good growth and activity.

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Regards,

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