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MARINE CORPORATION
AN EMPLOYEE OWNERSHIP COMPANY

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Dear Hunter owner,

It has come to our attention that a particular brand of ball valve installed by Hunter Marine in the boats bearing hull numbers listed below may fail under certain conditions or after an extended period of time. The suspected ball valves in question were manufactured by Marine Hardware and are most easily identified by their blue handles and the drain / grounding screw (please see attached photos) incorporated into the body. Failures have taken place when the ball valve stem corrodes prematurely leaving the handle unable to close the internal ball. If the valve cannot close, the connections may lead to water entry. Due to this possible failure, Hunter Marine has decided to voluntarily recall this brand (only) of ball valves. This voluntary recall is being launched and monitored under Coast Guard campaign number 060053T.

The models & hull numbers in question are as follows and involve only the ball valves as described above:

H240 - HUN24462F203 through HUN24516C404
H260 - HUNF0027A202 through HUNF0140B404
H270 - HUNK0162F102 through HUNK0173D304
H27 - HUN27101G405 through HUN27105J405
H306 - HUN30465F102 through HUN30568C404
H326 - HUN32255F102 through HUN32362I304
H33 - HUN33101I304 through HUN33258J405
H356 - HUN35101F102 through HUN35421F304
H36 - HUN36101F304 through HUN36231J405
H38 - HUN38101C405 through HUN38145J405
H386 - HUN38718E102 through HUN38836C404
H410 - HUN41332K102 through HUN41357H203
H41 - HUN41101J102 through HUN41218J405
P420 - HUN42189J102 through HUN42230J304
H426 / 44 Aft Cockpit - HUN4A101G203 through HUN4A155J405
H426 / 44 Deck Salon - HUN4D101D203 through HUN4D196J405
P450 / 456 - HUN45272J102 through HUN45315I405
H460 / 466 / 46 - HUN46270G203 through HUN46337J405

To complete this recall, we are asking for each owner to complete the attached form and return it to Hunter Marine using the enclosed self-addressed stamped envelope or by faxing the form to 386-462-2862 or by email to bvretrofit@huntermarine.com . Upon receipt of the form Hunter Marine will send, at no charge, replacement ball valves for installation at Hunter Marines cost. The replacement of the valves should take no longer than approximately thirty minutes per valve or less. Because the replacements will require a haul out of your boat you will need to coordinate the haul out with the Customer Service Department at Hunter Marine.

If you have any questions or concerns about this recall or if you are uncomfortable in making this inspection and completing the inventory list of the ball valves, please contact Hunter Marine at 800-771-5556, 386-462-3077 by fax to 386-462-2862 or by email to bvretrofit@huntermarine.com and we will assist you in obtaining this information.

FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THIS RECALL COULD LEAD TO WATER INTRUSION IN YOUR BOAT SHOULD A HOSE BELOW THE WATERLINE RUPTURE OR BE REMOVED FROM A FAILING BALL VALVE. AS RECOMMENDED BY CHAPMANS PILOTING AND FOR GOOD SAFETY REASONS WE ENCOURAGE EVERY OWNER TO HAVE ONBOARD SOFTWOOD TAPERED PLUGS (ONE FOR EACH THRU-HULL) IN THE EVENT WATER INTRUSION OCCURS.

Where practical we ask that owners please return the old ball valves to Hunter Marine. It would be appreciated if the valves were returned prepaid with shipping cost attached to the repair invoice for reimbursement.

In the US please send old valves to:
Hunter Marine
Route 441
Alachua, FL 32615

In Europe:
Luhrs Marine Limited
Portland Beach Road
Portland Dorset DT5 7BL

This recall pertains only to boats built by and at Hunter Marine in the U.S. A.

Thank You

Hunter Marine Customer Service Department
P.O. Box 1672
Alachua, Fl 32615

**Questionnaire- for ordering replacement ball valves under
Coast Guard campaign #**

Some Hunter Marine supplied optional equipment may have been installed at the dealer level, therefore completing this questionnaire is necessary. Hunter Marine appreciates your time and support in completing and returning this essential information.

Date _____

Owner

Name & address _____

Phone # _____

Email address _____

Hull ID # _____
(Required, please)

After visual inspection of brand please list ball valves needed:
(Attached is a list of ball valves installed by Hunter Marine by boat model.)

1/2" _____

3/4" _____

1" _____

1-1/4" _____

1-1/2" _____

I do not have this brand of ball valves on my boat _____

Date Inspection completed _____

Please list comments, instructions or request for support below:

If your boat falls within the guidelines of needing this retrofit, but you do not wish to take advantage of this free offer, under Coast Guard Campaign #060053T, please list your reasons under comments and return the form to Hunter Marine.

Questionnaire- for registering the retrofit of the ball valves and payment for services rendered. Coast Guard campaign #

Date work completed: _____

Hull ID number _____
(Required)

Work Completed by: _____
(Required if seeking payment)

Signature (installer) _____

Receipts for services rendered must accompany request for payment.

Owner Name and address _____
(Required to register retrofit with Hunter)

Owner's signature _____

Phone number _____

Please list comments, instructions or request for support below:

If your boat has Marine Hardware ball valves installed, but you do not wish to take advantage of this free offer, under Coast Guard Campaign #060053T, please list your reasons under comments and return the form to Hunter Marine.



Location of ball valve size indicator



Appearance of typical ball valve

