



Fischer Panda's Bellmarine DriveMaster 15kW shaft motor

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Fischer Panda: Fischer Panda Named Exclusive UK Distributor for Bellmarine Electric Drive Systems

UK supplier strengthens electric propulsion offering with addition of leading marine range

Fischer Panda UK is now the exclusive UK distributor for Bellmarine electric drive systems, designed in the Netherlands specifically for the marine market.

The UK's leading supplier of electric drive systems for a wide variety of vessels from ferries to sailboats to canal boats, Fischer Panda UK adds the Bellmarine DriveMaster and SailMaster systems and accessories to its highly respected range of Fischer Panda 'Easy Box' Electric Drive Systems.

Now available in the UK through Fischer Panda, the competitively-priced Bellmarine systems include the new liquid-cooled range of DriveMaster Ultimate and Modular systems. Liquid cooling allows for exact temperature management and improved efficiency. Developed to cope with the harsh maritime environment, all models include motor with integrated thrust bearing, mounting frames and smart controller for compact installations, less noise and vibrations and higher efficiency. In addition, Bellmarine's collaboration with Mastervolt ensures complete and fully-integrated electric propulsion systems.

Chris Fower, of Fischer Panda UK, said: "We are very pleased to announce that we can now offer our customers the Bellmarine systems, renowned as durable, reliable and high quality systems designed by a company with years of experience in the field, gained from the thousands of motor systems they have working in different applications.

"With our strengthened portfolio of technically advanced systems, we are well placed to meet the specific cruising needs of our customers. We have the capability to develop the right system for virtually any craft from basic low cost power drives charged via shore power only, through to full Hybrid systems linked to our compact and efficient generators that can quickly recharge the batteries quieter and faster than any other generator of comparable size and weight.

"We have already fitted systems to sailboats, cruising boats, ferries and narrowboats. With the advances made in technology, prices are now very competitive and we look forward to seeing even more electric powered vessels on our waters in the years to come."

Fischer Panda UK supplies electric and hybrid drive systems to both commercial and private boat builders and owners for newly built vessels or retro-fitting.

Silent running and up to 100% emission free, electric power can provide all the power and manoeuvrability needed for cruising. Batteries are charged

through the on-board charger when connected to shore power. For more adventurous cruising where shore power is unavailable, the system can be supported by a compact Fischer Panda diesel generator to charge the batteries. The generator only needs to run when the batteries need charging and operating noise on board is barely audible. The result is extremely low cost cruising which is environmentally advanced when compared to traditional petrol or diesel drive systems.

The Fischer Panda Whisperprop and Bellmarine electric propulsion systems dramatically reduce annual maintenance costs over standard petrol or diesel engines. Fuel costs plummet with the systems providing very quiet operation.

Fischer Panda UK is now able to offer drive systems in the range from 2 kW to 100 kW, available with voltages ranging from 24V to 360V depending on the power requirements.

The electric propulsion systems from Fischer Panda UK will be presented at this year's Southampton Boat Show from September 15th to 24th on Stand E020. Visit www.fischerpanda.co.uk for more information about Fischer Panda's range of electric drive systems, marine generators and other products.

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About Fischer Panda UK

Fischer Panda UK Ltd offers full-system design capability, servicing and aftercare as a leading distributor of diesel generators and a major supplier of the latest technology in air-conditioning systems, hybrid electric propulsion systems, integrated mobile power solutions and watermakers for a variety of commercial and leisure vessels.

Renowned worldwide as innovative, reliable and extremely quiet, the extensive Fischer Panda range of compact diesel generators includes its next generation highly efficient and powerful variable speed iSeries-Generators. Other world-class products from Fischer Panda UK include desalination systems from Sea Recovery, HRO, and Village Marine, with models suitable for day-boats to warships and offshore platforms, plus air-conditioning systems from leading marine HVAC supplier Dometic.

Fischer Panda UK is ISO UKAS 9000/1 accredited and operates from a purpose built 9,000 sq. ft facility in Verwood, Dorset. Its experienced engineers, sales and operational staff work with OEMs to develop integrated systems for custom vessels and offer specialist technical support and on-going aftercare to its customers.

Also active in the military and automotive sectors, the company works with UK MOD and other armies around the world providing solutions for specialist vehicle and land-based applications. Two thirds of Formula 1 mobile truck units install Fischer Panda generators, as do the BBC, Sky and many other mobile broadcasting vehicles.

Operating since 1977, Fischer Panda GmbH is headquartered in Paderborn, Germany. The Fischer Panda team covers more than 500 technicians and partners in over 90 countries worldwide and this year is celebrating its 40th anniversary.