Stern Drive Identification



There are a few ways to identify which drive you need. If the boat is a 1973 to 1990, you will most likely need a SE106. If it is 1991 to present, you will most likely need a SE116 drive. If you have a 1990-1992 boat you should make sure to I.D. it correctly before ordering. Also, if you do not know the history of the boat, it is possible that someone changed the model stern drive at some point. They are not interchangeable without changing the gimbal housing assembly.

The first thing to look at is the way the trim cylinders are attached to the drive. The SE106 drive uses rubber bushings, large washers and nuts to hold them on. The SE116 drive uses small plastic bushings, small washers and e-clips to hold them on.

The next thing to look at is the water pump housing (red arrows). The SE106 drive uses a plastic water pump housing (fig. 1). The SE116 uses a stainless steel housing (fig. 2).



Figure 1 (SE106™)



Figure 2 (SE116™)

Also worth noting is the shift lever (green arrows). As seen in fig. 1 the SE106 drive does not have the "L" shaped lever whereas the SE116 drive does as shown in fig. 2. You will also notice that the SE106 upper and lower are held together with studs and nuts and the SE116 is held together with bolts and nuts (yellow arrows).





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