

Title: Faria Marine Instruments to introduce a SmartCraft Networked□ version of their MG2000 System□ for Mercury Engines

Body: Faria Marine Instruments announced today their planned launch of a SmartCraft Networked□ version of their MG2000 System□ for Model Year 2005 boats. The SmartCraft Networked□ Faria MG2000 System□ links to all 1999 or newer Mercury engines and controls, as well as internal and external sensors, to provide up-to-the-second information at a glance.

The Faria MG2000 System□ represents a breakthrough in electronic marine engine monitoring instrumentation due to its open architecture that enables the boat builder to develop a standardized instrument panel for all engine types rather than changing the dash for each type of engine used. Today, the Faria MG2000 is the only system on the market that will interface with all of the following marine engine communication protocols including NMEA 2000 Certified, SmartCraft Networked□ for Mercury & Cummins Engines, J1587 for Volvo Penta Marine Engines, ALDL for PCM□ Marine Engines & Indmar Engines and J1939 CAN for Diesel Engines

The MG2000's are multifunction fog-resistant gauges that show a standard analog display for Tach and Speed and a high-resolution dot matrix LCD to display other user-selectable functions. The system tachometer and speedometer offer the user a wealth of information including Fuel Flow, Fuel Level, Fuel Consumed, Fuel Remaining, Estimated Range to Empty, Trip Log, Clock, GPS Speedo, Heading, Latitude/Longitude, Voltage, Engine Hours, Water or Oil Pressure, Air & Water Temperature, Depth, Trim, Engine Temperature and monitors and reports Engine Diagnostic Messages.

The MG2000 System□ offers easy installation via single wire connection from engine ECU to instruments. All connections utilize quick-connect waterproof connectors and Faria's patent pending push and twist-on backclamps. Up to five additional 2" or one 5" multi-function Serial Bus Instruments can be added to the system.

Mark O'Brien, VP of Sales for Faria said, "We are pleased to offer our boatbuilders a SmartCraft Networked□ version of our MG2000 System□. We as a company are committed to providing leading-edge instruments with outstanding quality, performance and styling that will interface with all engine protocols including Mercury to our customers.

Phil Gaynor, Director of SmartCraft, stated "We believe that Faria's focus on designing innovative instruments that are used by a multitude of boatbuilders around the world will allow many more customers to enjoy the safety, convenience and piece of mind that the SmartCraft system offers".

Faria Marine Instruments is a division of the Thomas F. Faria Corporation that was established in 1956 and is a leading supplier of engine monitoring and telematic systems, instrumentation, and depth sounders to more than 300 of the world's leading boatbuilders, engine companies, distributors and retailers.