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EPA APPROVES HONDA FOUR-STROKE OUTBOARDS

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency recently approved Honda's 25 and 30 horsepower 4-stroke outboard motors as meeting the new, stringent exhaust emission standards for marine engines. The new regulations demand a 75% reduction in exhaust emissions from current 2-stroke outboard levels. Manufacturers may comply gradually beginning with 1998 models, with a minimum 8.3% reduction. However, corporate average emissions must be reduced to meet the 75% reduction by the 2006 model year.

The two Honda models are not only approved for 1998, but, in fact, already meet the standard for 2006, and by a large margin. Honda, the acknowledged leader in 4-stroke outboards, expects to have its entire line of clean running outboards, from 2 hp to 90 hp, approved before the end of the year.

Honda, which incorporates respect for the environment as one of its fundamental policies, has produced 4-stroke outboard motors exclusively from the beginning of production over 30 years ago. Honda's quiet 4-stroke outboards produce a low level of exhaust emissions that are only about 1/10 of the emission levels of today's ordinary 2-stroke outboards.

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