

Choosing Outboard steering systems

Issue 10

Bullhorn & Front-mount steering for OUTBOARDS

OBKIT1 BULLHORN STYLE OUTBOARD KIT Professional boats Complete with:-1 x **401**N8 helm 1 x 211BH cylinder 2 litres ULTRA-15 15M nylon hydraulic tubing Fittings Bleeding kit MODEL 211BH MODEL 211BH-HONDA MODEL 211BH-MERC

Selection of the most suitable steering system for your boat is a simple matter of:-

- 1) Matching the HP of your outboard to the recommended capacity of the steering system. Note: with the COMKIT6 which has a rated maximum capacity of 150HP motor, the **optimum** performance is from 40HP-120HP for comfortable handling. You should consider the COMKIT1 for higher HP motors for lightest control.
- 2) Deciding which TYPE of cylinder best suits your engine-well.
- 3) Considering your budget as to whether you want to go for the normal pleasure rated system or invest in the top-of-the-range commercial system.

TYPES

BULLHORN type steering is by far the most popular steering system for outboard motors as it is compact, simple to install and requires the minimum amount of clearance in an engine well.

FRONT MOUNT type steering is also popular because of the lower cost, combined with the fact that the hoses are in a fixed position and do not move. The disadvantage is the amount of space required in the engine well due to the piston rod travelling in each direction.

SERIES

The Commander Series (COMKIT models) are designed for use on pleasure boats only with outboard motor Horsepower limitations as shown. They utilise a state-of-the-art aluminium cylinder design, with unique electrolytic insulation between metals for maximum corrosion resistance. The PRO versions are designed for both pleasure and commercial use

The Admiral Series (OBKIT models) are designed for the most robust operation in both pleasure and commercial vessels and offer the strongest and most corrosion resistant steering cylinders on the market. There is no equivalent of these cylinders available from any other manufacturer.

MATCHING YOUR OUTBOARD TO THE **CORRECT CYLINDER TYPE AND STYLE**

Manufactured in Australia, HyDrive continues to manufacture the highest quality steering systems to suit the ever changing designs and developments in outboard motors. The following chart should be used as a guide to select the correct kit to match your motor(s). If in doubt, contact your nearest HyDrive distributor.

COMKIT1

BULLHORN STYLE OUTBOARD KIT Complete with:-1 x 501N8 helm 1 x 511BH cylinder 2 litres ULTRA-15 15M nylon hydraulic tubing Fittings Bleeding kit Instructions



COMKIT1-PRO **BULLHORN STYLE OUTBOARD KIT** Complete with:-1 x **401**N8 helm 1 x 511BH cylinder 2 litres ULTRA-15 15M nylon hydraulic

tubing Fittings Bleeding kit Instructions



COMKIT6

BULLHORN STYLE OUTBOARD KIT Complete with:- 1 x 501N8 helm 1 x 512BH cylinder 2 litres ULTRA-15 15M nylon hydraulic tubing Fittings Instructions



COMKIT5

FRONT MOUNT Style **OUTBOARD KIT** Complete with:- 1 x 501N8 helm 1 x 516FM cylinder 2 litres ULTRA-15 15M nylon hydraulic tubing Fittings Bleeding kit



Also see mounting options for helm units - such as Rear-Mount kits and Wedges

Selection of steering for OUTBOARDS - SIDE-MOUNT STYLE

SPORTKIT OUTBOARD KIT

Complete with:1 x 401N8 helm
1 x 512T cylinder
2 litres ULTRA-15
15M nylon hydraulic
tubing
Fittings

Bleeding kit



COMKIT-SPORT OUTBOARD KIT

Complete with:1 x 501N8 helm
1 x 512T cylinder
2 litres ULTRA-15
15M nylon hydraulic
tubing
Fittings
Bleeding kit
Instructions



OBKIT-2 OUTBOARD KIT

Complete with:1 x 401N8 helm
1 x 210T cylinder
2 litres ULTRA-15
15M nylon hydraulic
tubing
Fittings
Bleeding kit



OBKIT-3 OUTBOARD KIT

Complete with:1 x 401N8 helm
1 x 210TSE cylinder
2 litres ULTRA-15
15M nylon hydraulic
tubing
Fittings
Bleeding kit



SIDE- MOUNT or TUBE-MOUNT

The Side or Tube-mount type cylinders are very popular because of the ease of fitting and the economical price which allows a very simple upgrade from cable steering to hydraulic for vastly improved results.

Selection of this type of steering is entirely dependent on the HP of the outboard(s) as the type of mount is universal to all brands and HP of motors that are fitted with tilt-tubes. Some very small outboards do not have tilt-tubes and therefore must use the same pivoting bracket that is attached to the customer's current cable.

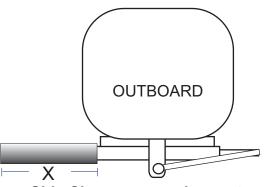
Fitting is very simple as the hydraulic cylinder screws directly onto the threaded tilt-tube in the same location as the existing cable steering. It connects to the tiller arm of the outboard using the standard drag-link already connecting the cable.

ADVANTAGES

Low cost system
Ease of fitting
Hoses remain stationary

DISADVANTAGES

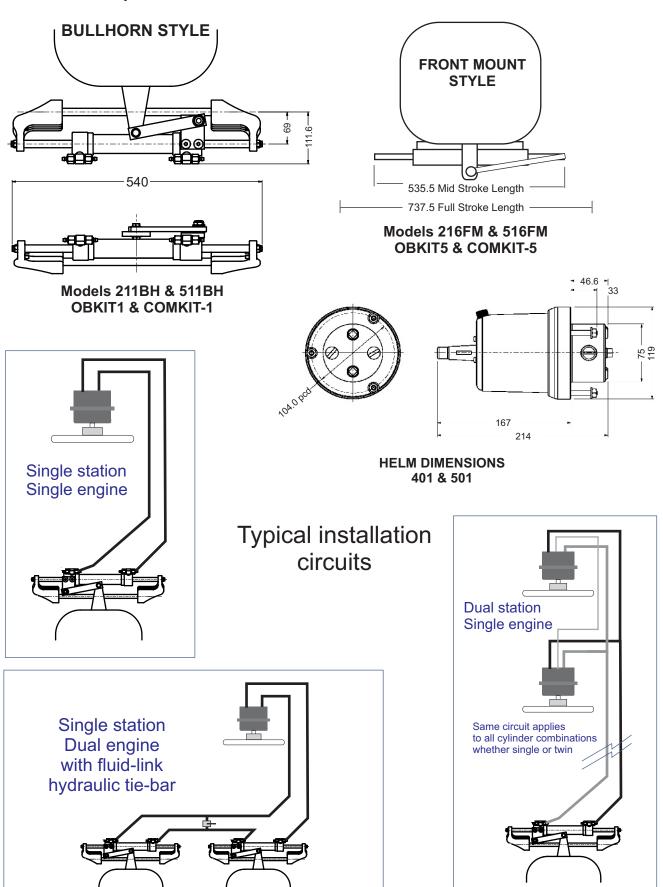
The amount of side-clearance required.



Side Clearance requirements

Model 210T (balanced) - 540mm (21.2") Model 210TSE - 330mm (13") Model 512T - 315mm (12.4")

BASIC DIMENSIONS AND CLEARANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR CYLINDERS





HYDRIVE MODEL SELECTION - OUTBOARD MOTORS ONLY

Note:- The model COMKIT6 can be used in place of the COMKIT1 on all SINGLE motors up to 150HP maximum.

Optimum performance range for comfortable wheel effort on COMKIT6 is 40HP - 120HP

The same version should be used as indicated in the listed options - Honda, Mercury etc.

BRAND	YEAR	MOTOR	НР	HYDRIVE KIT OPTIONS	NOTES
JOHNSON EVINRUDE	ALL YEARS	2 Stroke Single	up to 200HP	Commander - COMKIT1 Bullhorn style Admiral-OBKIT1 Bullhorn style Commander - COMKIT5 Front-mount style Admiral- OBKIT5 Front-mount style	
		2 Stroke Single	up to 300HP	Commander - COMKIT1-PRO Bullhorn style Admiral-OBKIT1 Bullhorn style	
		2 Stroke Twin counter-rotating	up to 400HP	Commander - COMKIT1 Bullhorn style Admiral-OBKIT1 Bullhorn style Commander - COMKIT5 Front-mount style Admiral- OBKIT5 Front-mount style	
		2 Stroke Twin counter-rotating	up to 600HP	Commander - COMKIT1-PRO Bullhorn style Admiral-OBKIT1 Bullhorn style	
HONDA	PRE-2006	4 Stroke Single	75HP-90HP	Commander - COMKIT1-HONDA Bullhorn style Admiral-OBKIT1-HONDA Bullhorn style Commander - COMKIT5 Front-mount style Admiral- OBKIT5 Front-mount style	
		4 Stroke single	100HP-200HP	Commander - COMKIT1 Bullhorn style Admiral-OBKIT1 Bullhorn style Commander - COMKIT5 Front-mount style Admiral- OBKIT5 Front-mount style	Note: The 130HP requires the use of the Honda version
		4 Stroke Single	225HP	Commander - COMKIT1-PRO Bullhorn style Admiral-OBKIT1 Bullhorn style	
		4 Stroke Twin counter-rotating	up to 400HP	Commander - COMKIT1 Bullhorn style Admiral-OBKIT1 Bullhorn style Commander - COMKIT5 Front-mount style Admiral- OBKIT5 Front-mount style	Note - if using twin 75HP, 90HP or 130HP motors then Honda version required
		4 Stroke Twin counter-rotating	twin 225HP	Commander - COMKIT1-PRO Bullhorn style Admiral-OBKIT1 Bullhorn style	
	POST-2006	4-Stroke single	75-90HP	Commander - COMKIT1 Bullhorn style Admiral-OBKIT1 Bullhorn style Commander - COMKIT5 Front-mount style Admiral- OBKIT5 Front-mount style	
		4-Stroke single	115HP	Commander - COMKIT1-HONDA Bullhorn style Admiral-OBKIT1-HONDA Bullhorn style Commander - COMKIT5 Front-mount style Admiral- OBKIT5 Front-mount style	
		4-Stroke single	135HP-200HP	Commander - COMKIT1 Bullhorn style Admiral-OBKIT1 Bullhorn style Commander - COMKIT5 Front-mount style Admiral- OBKIT5 Front-mount style	
		4-Stroke single	225HP	Commander - COMKIT1-PRO Bullhorn style Admiral-OBKIT1 Bullhorn style	
		4 Stroke Twin counter-rotating	up to 400HP	Commander - COMKIT1 Bullhorn style Admiral-OBKIT1 Bullhorn style Commander - COMKIT5 Front-mount style Admiral- OBKIT5 Front-mount style	Note - if using twin 115HP motors then Honda version required
		4 Stroke Twin counter-rotating	twin 225HP	Commander - COMKIT1-PRO Bullhorn style Admiral-OBKIT1 Bullhorn style	
		4-Stroke single	30 - 40HP	Commander - COMKIT1 Bullhorn style Admiral-OBKIT1 Bullhorn style	
YАМАНА	ALL YEARS	4-Stroke single	50-70HP PLUS 80B PLUS F90LB 2019	Commander - COMKIT1 Bullhorn style Admiral-OBKIT1 Bullhorn style Commander - COMKIT5 Front-mount style Admiral- OBKIT5 Front-mount style	Note: The transom clamps on these motors must be cut off to allow full tilt of the steering system which would otherwise interfere on the clamps. These clamps will interfere on ALL makes and brands of bullhorn or front-mount steering cylinders.
		4-Stroke single	80A-90HP PLUS 115B NOT 2109 F90LB	Commander - COMKIT1-HONDA Bullhorn style Admiral-OBKIT1-HONDA Bullhorn style Commander - COMKIT5 Front-mount style Admiral- OBKIT5 Front-mount style	Note: The transom clamps on these motors must be cut off to allow full tilt of the steering system which would otherwise interfere on the clamps. These clamps will interfere on ALL makes and brands of bullhorn or front-mount steering cylinders.
		4-Stroke single	100-200HP	Commander - COMKIT1 Bullhorn style Admiral-OBKIT1 Bullhorn style Commander - COMKIT5 Front-mount style Admiral- OBKIT5 Front-mount style	
		4-stroke single	200-300HP	Commander - COMKIT1-PRO Bullhorn style Admiral-OBKIT1 Bullhorn style	

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YАМАНА	ALL YEARS	4-stroke single	350HP	Admiral OBKIT1-XT	XT High peformance unit required on 350HP
		4 Stroke Twin counter-rotating	50-70HP PLUS 80B	Commander - COMKIT1 Bullhorn style Admiral-OBKIT1 Bullhorn style Commander - COMKIT5 Front-mount style Admiral- OBKIT5 Front-mount style	Note: The transom clamps on these motors must be cut off to allow full tilt of the steering system which would otherwise interfere on the clamps. These clamps will interfere on ALL makes and brands of bullhorn or front-mount steering cylinders.
		4 Stroke Twin counter-rotating	80А-90НР	Commander - COMKIT1-HONDA Bullhorn style Admiral-OBKIT1-HONDA Bullhorn style Commander - COMKIT5 Front-mount style Admiral- OBKIT5 Front-mount style	Note: The transom clamps on these motors must be cut off to allow full tilt of the steering system which would otherwise interfere on the clamps. These clamps will interfere on ALL makes and brands of bullhorn or front-mount steering cylinders.
		4-Stroke Twin counter rotating	100-200HP	Commander - COMKIT1 Bullhorn style Admiral-OBKIT1 Bullhorn style Commander - COMKIT5 Front-mount style Admiral- OBKIT5 Front-mount style	
		4 Stroke Twin counter-rotating	200-300HP	Commander - COMKIT1-PRO Bullhorn style Admiral-OBKIT1 Bullhorn style	
		4 Stroke Twin counter-rotating	350HP	Admiral OBKIT1-XT	XT High peformance unit required on 350HP
		2-Stroke single	115-200HP	Commander - COMKIT1 Bullhorn style Admiral-OBKIT1 Bullhorn style Commander - COMKIT5 Front-mount style Admiral- OBKIT5 Front-mount style	
		2-Stroke single	50-90HP	Commander - COMKIT1-MERC Bullhorn style Admiral-OBKIT1-MERC Bullhorn style Commander - COMKIT5 Front-mount style Admiral- OBKIT5 Front-mount style	Note- Merc versions required on bullhorn type steering for these motors
MERCURY	ALL YEARS	VERADO SINGLE	135-175HP	Commander - COMKIT1 Bullhorn style Admiral-OBKIT1 Bullhorn style Commander - COMKIT5 Front-mount style Admiral- OBKIT5 Front-mount style	
		VERADO DUAL Counter rotating	135-175HP	Commander - COMKIT1 Bullhorn style Admiral-OBKIT1 Bullhorn style Commander - COMKIT5 Front-mount style Admiral- OBKIT5 Front-mount style	
		OPTIMAX SINGLE	75-115HP	Commander - COMKIT1-MERC Bullhorn style Admiral-OBKIT1-MERC Bullhorn style Commander - COMKIT5 Front-mount style Admiral- OBKIT5 Front-mount style	Note- Merc versions required on bullhorn type steering for these motors
		OPTIMAX SINGLE	135-200HP	Commander - COMKIT1 Bullhorn style Admiral-OBKIT1 Bullhorn style Commander - COMKIT5 Front-mount style Admiral- OBKIT5 Front-mount style	
l		OPTIMAX DUAL counter rotating	75-115HP	Commander - COMKIT1-MERC Bullhorn style Admiral-OBKIT1-MERC Bullhorn style Commander - COMKIT5 Front-mount style Admiral- OBKIT5 Front-mount style	Note- Merc versions required on bullhorn type steering for these motors
		OPTIMAX DUAL counter rotating	135-200HP	Commander - COMKIT1 Bullhorn style Admiral-OBKIT1 Bullhorn style Commander - COMKIT5 Front-mount style Admiral- OBKIT5 Front-mount style	
		OPTIMAX SINGLE	225HP	Commander - COMKIT1-PRO Bullhorn style Admiral-OBKIT1 Bullhorn style	
		OPTIMAX DUAL counter rotating	225HP	Commander - COMKIT1-PRO Bullhorn style Admiral-OBKIT1 Bullhorn style	
		4-Stroke single	60-115HP NEW 150HP USES STANDARD ARM	Commander - COMKIT1-MERC Bullhorn style Admiral-OBKIT1-MERC Bullhorn style Commander - COMKIT5 Front-mount style Admiral- OBKIT5 Front-mount style	Note- Merc versions required on bullhorn type steering for these motors - Except new 150HP uses standard tiller arm

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		60-115HP -	Commander - COMKIT1-MERC Bullhorn style	Note- Merc versions required on bullhorn type steering
MERCURY ALL YEAR	4-Stroke DUAL	see above for	Admiral-OBKIT1-MERC Bullhorn style	for these motors - Except new 150HP uses standard tiller
	Counter rotating	150HP	Commander - COMKITS Front-mount style	arm
			Admiral- OBKIT5 Front-mount style Commander - COMKIT1 Bullhorn style	
	2 Chroke single	40 200110	Admiral-OBKIT1 Bullhorn style	
	2-Stroke single	40-200HP	Commander - COMKIT5 Front-mount style	
			Admiral- OBKIT5 Front-mount style	
	2-Stroke single	EFI 250HP	Commander - COMKIT1-PRO Bullhorn style Admiral-OBKIT1 Bullhorn style	
			Commander - COMKIT1 Bullhorn style	
	2-Stroke single	40-90HP	Admiral-OBKIT1 Bullhorn style	
	2 Stroke single	40 30111	Commander - COMKIT5 Front-mount style	
			Admiral- OBKIT5 Front-mount style Commander - COMKIT1 Bullhorn style	
		Bigfoot	Admiral-OBKIT1 Bullhorn style	
	2-Stroke single	40-60HP	Commander - COMKIT5 Front-mount style	
			Admiral- OBKIT5 Front-mount style	
	2-Stroke DUAL		Commander - COMKIT1 Bullhorn style Admiral-OBKIT1 Bullhorn style	
	Counter rotating	40-200HP	Commander - COMKIT5 Front-mount style	
			Admiral- OBKIT5 Front-mount style	
	2-Stroke DUAL	EFI 250HP	Commander - COMKIT1-PRO Bullhorn style	
	Counter rotating	211 250111	Admiral-OBKIT1 Bullhorn style	
	2-Stroke DUAL		Commander - COMKIT1 Bullhorn style Admiral-OBKIT1 Bullhorn style	
	Counter rotating	40-90HP	Commander - COMKIT5 Front-mount style	
	· ·		Admiral- OBKIT5 Front-mount style	
			Commander - COMKIT1 Bullhorn style	
	2-Stroke DUAL	Bigfoot	Admiral-OBKIT1 Bullhorn style	
	Counter rotating	40-60HP	Commander - COMKIT5 Front-mount style Admiral- OBKIT5 Front-mount style	
			Commander - COMKIT1 Bullhorn style	NOTE: From 2022, the DF115B and DF140B models
			Admiral-OBKIT1 Bullhorn style	require the MERC version.
SUZUKI ALL YEAF	4-stroke single	40-140HP	Commander - COMKIT5 Front-mount style	Note: some older models may requre a spacer to fit into the
			Admiral- OBKIT5 Front-mount style	recess under the tiller arm. These are available on request. Current motors do not require them.
			Commander - COMKIT1 Bullhorn style	
	4-Stroke single	150-200HP	Admiral-OBKIT1 Bullhorn style	
			Commander - COMKITS Front-mount style	
			Admiral- OBKIT5 Front-mount style Commander - COMKIT1-PRO Bullhorn style	
	4-Stroke single	225-250HP	Admiral-OBKIT1 Bullhorn style	
			Commander - COMKIT1 Bullhorn style	NOTE: From 2022, the DF115B and DF140B models
	4-Stroke DUAL	40-140HP	Admiral-OBKIT1 Bullhorn style	require the MERC version.
	Counter rotating	40-140116	Commander - COMKIT5 Front-mount style	Note: some older models may requre a spacer to fit into the recess under the tiller arm. These are available on request.
			Admiral- OBKIT5 Front-mount style	Current motors do not require them.
			Commander - COMKIT1 Bullhorn style	
	4-Stroke DUAL Counter rotating	150-200HP	Admiral-OBKIT1 Bullhorn style Commander - COMKIT5 Front-mount style	
	Counter rotating		Admiral- OBKIT5 Front-mount style	
	4-Stroke DUAL	225-250HP	Commander - COMKIT1-PRO Bullhorn style	
	Counter rotating	223 23UIIF	Admiral-OBKIT1 Bullhorn style	
			Commander - COMKIT1-MERC Bullhorn style Admiral-OBKIT1-MERC Bullhorn style	Note- Merc versions required on bullhorn type steering
TOHATSU ALL YEAR	SINGLE	60-90HP	Commander - COMKIT5 Front-mount style	for these motors
			Admiral- OBKIT5 Front-mount style	,
			Commander - COMKIT1 Bullhorn style	
	SINGLE	100-200HP	Admiral-OBKIT1 Bullhorn style	
			Commander - COMKIT5 Front-mount style Admiral- OBKIT5 Front-mount style	
			Commander - COMKIT1-MERC Bullhorn style	
	DUAL	60-90HP	Admiral-OBKIT1-MERC Bullhorn style	Note- Merc versions required on bullhorn type steering
	Counter rotating	00-3011F	Commander - COMKIT5 Front-mount style	for these motors
			Admiral- OBKIT5 Front-mount style Commander - COMKIT1 Bullhorn style	
[DUAL		Admiral-OBKIT1 Bullhorn style	
	Counter rotating	100-200HP	Commander - COMKIT5 Front-mount style	
			Admiral- OBKIT5 Front-mount style	