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OCEAN EQUIPMENT ANNOUNCES NAVPOD GEN3

Marine Manufacturer Dramatically Improves and Expands Product Line

Bend, Ore. – Ocean Equipment, manufacturer of high-quality waterproof housings for marine electronics, announced today the completion of its newly redesigned and retooled NavPods for the 2016 model year. The NavPods represent the culmination of a period of substantial investment by Ocean Equipment and development of a new manufacturing facility equipped with the latest CAD/CAM design software, CNC routers, a full complement of thermoforming manufacturing equipment and a talented engineering team, following a relocation to Oregon.

"We are committed to the NavPod brand and offer pre-cut NavPods for all the popular marine electronics manufacturers' displays," said Rob Walsh, president and owner, Ocean Equipment. "With the introduction of our high-quality NavPod Gen3, we have over 350 models to choose from ensuring that there is a NavPod that fits every owner's needs."

The Gen3 enhancements over previous NavPod models include a thicker gauge, custom co-extruded acrylic capped ABS material. The UV stability of the acrylic is combined with the durability of the ABS. Each unit is created through the Thermoforming manufacturing process in which sheet plastic is heated to a temperature that makes it pliable. It is then formed to a specific shape over a mold and trimmed to create a usable part.

"NavPods are thermoformed because it's the best way to produce a product with excellent high gloss retention, great UV stability and strong structural rigidity," continued Walsh. "These new NavPods are really strong and will keep their high gloss for decades."

All NavPods are manufactured with a double gasket system that provides a watertight seal between the front and back. Designed to withstand the harshest of offshore conditions, the NavPod Gen3 enhancements also include a thicker external silicone

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gasket with improved flush fit. The internal Poran Microcell Polyurathane gasket is now 50% thicker than previous models – ensuring a tight seal. All new NavPods are shipped with nickel chrome-plated, 316 stainless steel, tamperproof screws for security.

"We are very committed to producing high-quality waterproof housings for marine electronics. We stand behind our products and our '*commitment to quality*' by offering a 10-year warranty on all Gen3 NavPods," added Walsh.

For more information on the NavPod Gen3, Ocean Equipment or its full product line, please visit www.oceanequipment.com.

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About Ocean Equipment:

Based in Bend, Oregon, Ocean Equipment is best known for its NavPod series of waterproof housings designed for nearly every brand of marine electronics. All design and production of the NavPod product line is done in-house on state-of-the-art thermoforming equipment and using the latest manufacturing techniques. To learn more information on Ocean Equipment and its full line of products, please visit www.oceanequipment.com.



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