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About Thrustmaster of Texas, Inc.

Thrustmaster of Texas, Inc. is based in Houston, Texas USA with offices in Rotterdam, Dubai, Singapore, Brazil, and India. As the world’s leading manufacturer of marine thrusters Thrustmaster has maintained its reputation over the years by strictly adhering to its mission statement of both quality and customer service.

Thrustmaster is ISO 9001 certified by the ABS. Thrustmaster field service engineers and technicians provide worldwide support 24 hours a day. Thrustmaster maintains a large inventory of all essential spare parts in Houston, Texas, backed up by a computer controlled inventory system, ensuring same-day shipping of breakdown spares to any destination in the world.

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**Standard Tunnel Thrusters**

Standard Tunnel Thrusters range from 16in (406) to 84in (2134) diameter and 35hp (26kW) to 2000hp (1500kW) and can be built for aluminum or steel hulls. Electric motors and complete VFD assemblies can be provided and classed accordingly.

**Hydraulic Outboard Thrusters**

Hydraulic Outboard Thrusters range from 26 to 1,500 kW and can be built in a variety of ways to suit your particular application. Sought after by construction and military managers needing a robust propulsion unit that is flexible and fast to install.

**Underwater Demountable Azimuth L-Drive Thrusters**

Underwater Demountable Azimuth L-Drive Thrusters for semi-submersible and large vessels available up to 8MW for Dynamic Positioning. These L-Drive thrusters feature a 7-degree downward angle to reduce interaction with the hull and increase thrust efficiency.

**Bottom Mount and Drop-In Azimuth Z-drive and L-drive configured thrusters range from 55 kW to 8 MW. Z and L drives use electric or diesel prime movers and are perfect for tractor tugs and work vessels needing maximum power in all directions.**

**Retractable Azimuth and Combi - Thrusters**

Retractable Azimuth and Combi - Thrusters that retract into the hull for high speed transit or as transverse thrusters and then extend for dynamic positioning or slow speed maneuvering.
This brochure is designed for HYDRAULIC OR MECHANICAL GEAR DRIVEN RETRACTABLE AZIMUTH THRUSTERS and refers to Electric Motor Driven and Hydraulic Podded Drives with Electric or Diesel HPU’s. We also include Combined Drives that are a combination of thru-hull and retractable thrusters which retract as a tunnel drive and extend as an azimuth drive. For applications requiring other types of thrusters and propulsion please see the appropriate brochure(s) or contact your regional sales representative.

Thrustmaster of Texas, Inc. designs and manufactures the most diverse variety of thrusters in the marine industry to also include;

- Hydraulic and Mechanical Gear Driven Transverse Tunnel Thrusters
- Hydraulic Outboard Propulsion
- Z and L Drive Hydraulic Azimuth Propulsion and Thrusters
- Z and L Drive Mechanical Gear Driven Azimuth Propulsion and Thrusters
- Patented Portable Dynamic Positioning System

All Thrustmaster Thrusters Offer Unparalleled Precision Control When You Need It Most

The Retractable Azimuth Thruster can be used for docking and undocking, slow speed maneuvering, and emergency steering. The Thrustmaster Retractable Thruster powers through 360 degrees (without stopping) and offers deep submersion in rough seas to provide the best control for dynamic positioning and tight maneuvering. This is especially crucial in open seas where waves toss the bow out of the water and cause cavitation of conventional transverse tunnel thrusters.

Thrustmaster Retractable Azimuth Thrusters can be configured as a Retractable Only Azimuth Thruster, or, as a Retractable Combination Azimuth and Tunnel Thruster.

Thrustmaster maintains a staff of highly qualified Design Engineers to assist you with your selection and answer any questions. Thrustmaster Service Engineers provide worldwide service and support for installation, start-up and sea trials.

Visit our web site, or consult with one of our many offices or agents around the world to determine the best solution for your application.

The Cheetah and Cougar of the Seacor’s Crewsaler Class high speed catamaran crew boats use twin 200hp Thrustmaster Retractable hydraulic thrusters when traveling at high speed to offshore sites. Arriving on station they extend the thrusters and set up for critical dynamic positioning during crew changes and loading/unloading of cargo.
Understanding Your Retractable Thruster

Thrustmaster Retractable Azimuth thrusters require a vertical clearance above the thruster. Example 1 (front view of a hydraulic thruster) and Example 2 (side and front view of an electric L-drive) shows that “A” will be given as the total clearance requirement between the mounting plate and the overhead. In each case the hydraulic head or electric motor will travel up and down with the thruster with hoses or cables following. Also note that the thruster travel distance “C” needed to stow the thruster nozzle is equal to the distance of “B” travel inside the hull. These dimensional requirements and additional features will be addressed by our highly qualified engineering staff to ensure form, fit, and function of your Thrustmaster Retractable Azimuth Thruster.

ISO 9001:2001 Quality

Thrustmaster thrusters are built under strict quality standards and classified in accordance with the customer’s requirements. By the time it leaves our factory a thruster will have gone through numerous quality inspections. Quality at Thrustmaster begins with selection and control of our suppliers and the basic elements from which our products are made. Materials are processed in strict accordance with our rigorous specifications.

Dedicated Engineers and Production Staff

Thrustmaster is dedicated to the total engineering and manufacturing process of building thrusters and ONLY thrusters. The new 200,000 sq/ft factory and office was built to deliver thrusters to our customers. The first floor of the office supports operations and running the factory while the second floor houses the departments of training, finance, project managers, and top engineers, many with PhD’s, who delve into the intricate and complicated sciences related to long term reliability and efficiency of your thruster design.

Thrustmaster engineers continue to invent new thruster concepts and improve existing designs using state-of-the-art design and analysis tools such as SolidWorks®, AutoCAD®, ANSYS®, STARCCM+ and Magma.

Fixed Pitch vs. Controllable Pitch Propellers

Any captain or pilot worth their salt will easily learn the nature of their retractable thruster system and how to make it respond as they wish. The most important factors are the amount of thrust, response time, and reliability.

Controllable Pitch Propellers (CPP) have their place but one tenant of Thrustmaster is that a Fixed Pitch Propeller (FPP) will easily out perform the CPP in cost and service life. Long term use proves them efficient and cost effective due to the absence of seals, push-rods, and bearings. The root of the blades on the FPP are much less susceptible to cracking and breakage, reducing the potential for downtime and drydock fees.

The ability to quickly change directions with a robust four blade, high thrust Nickel-Aluminum-Bronze propeller and to respond to speed controls are simply good design work. Fixed pitch propellers used in Thrustmaster thrusters have been proven over and again in the harshest of environments.

At Thrustmaster we are thrusters.

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Each step of our manufacturing process is controlled by our quality control procedures and requirements, all in line with our ISO 9001 Quality Management System. Part specifications are verified and monitored with the highest quality of instruments and latest technology, which provides us with exceptional control and confidence in the durability and performance of our products.

The Zeiss CMM (right) is of the newest addition to Thrustmasters many insurances of a quality product.

Your Investment Is Secure

Considering increases in efficiency, awesome DP capabilities, safer handling, and emergency get-home power the Thrustmaster Retractable Thruster is the choice of brilliant minds.

Having our engineering and manufacturing facilities in the same Houston, Texas factory complex also helps resolve hidden issues that can plague other thruster manufacturers. Lead times, parts availability, and planning & scheduling all result in shorter lead times and better quality.

Thrustmaster’s extensive line of thrusters makes selection and fitting to just about any style vessel your best choice, bar none!

Note: Thrustmaster of Texas, Inc. Engineers work to design the best solution for each customer. Brochures, documents, or representatives may have made statements about the merchandise described with the Customer. Such statements DO NOT constitute warranties, shall not be relied upon by the Customer, and are not part of the contract of sale. The entire warranty is embodied in the writing of the contract and that writing will constitute the final expression of the parties’ agreement as a complete and exclusive statement of the terms of that agreement.
Thrustmaster Retractable Combi-Thrusters

Thrustmaster offers more thruster selections than any other thruster manufacturer. A Thrustmaster Retractable Combi-Thruster can double as a transverse tunnel thruster in the raised position, or as a dynamic positioning thruster in the lowered position. The Combi-Thruster nozzle uses a 37A type nozzle and Kaplan propeller to enhance thrust in both directions when used as a transverse tunnel thruster while still optimizing thrust in the forward direction when used in the extended mode.

A Thrustmaster Combi-Thruster can be hydraulic or electric L-Drive and offers various engineered mounting and profile configurations tailored to fit your architectural needs.

For Military Applications

U.S. Navy's Littoral Command Ship trimarans deploy in hazardous waters to any where in the world as needed. The narrow, streamlined fast hulls were a perfect fit for 850hp Thrustmaster Hydraulic Retractable Azimuth Thrusters. In retracted mode the hulls maintain their sleek design allowing for maximum speed. Arriving on station the thrusters are on stand-by for tight quarter maneuvering or “get-home” power in an emergency.

For Other Government Services

Thrustmaster has over a quarter century of experience in supplying navies and government projects around the world with a wide variety of thrusters. From active duty military to dam and reservoir construction and maintenance, vessel operators find the exceptional maneuverability and functions of a 360 degree steering retractable thruster making their lives much easier and their work safer and more productive.

For Offshore Supply, Dive Support, and Salvage Vessels

Two ABS class 1000hp Thrustmaster Hydraulic Retractable Thrusters, one fore and one aft, deliver more power for DP-2 service than some ships of similar size have for main propulsion. Whether used for dive support or supplying a rig the retractable thrusters can spin the ship 180 degrees on its center axis or walk it sideways. Better still, Thrustmaster Retractable Thrusters can hold position for days without fatigue. After deploying a ROV the thrusters can also be used to track the asset and then hold position with pin-point accuracy as recovery or intricate work is carried out.

Tracking ROV’s and Divers

Staying on track of divers and keeping tethers and life lines out of main propulsion rudders and screws can be a daunting task... not to mention near impossible. Thrustmaster Retractable Thrusters feed back systems coupled to a reputable dynamic positioning system can provide maximum thrust any direction at up to three full revolutions per minute without having to return to a home position.

Add a 7-degree down angle and the degrading effect of interaction with a flat bottom hull is significantly reduced resulting in more efficient thrust.

Engineered HPU (Hydraulic Power Unit) Configurations

No two vessels are alike. The HPU provides power for steering, retraction, and powering the podded hydraulic motor. While the hydraulic pump, reservoirs, and valves to supply function and motive power are relatively defined, your vessel might be challenged with space, location, mission needs, or other areas. Some vessels with extra electrical power to spare are better suited for electric HPU’s while another vessel might be better suited for a diesel engine. Either way, Thrustmaster’s engineers and production staff can supply what you need to make the best use of your resources.

For Dynamic Positioning

Versabar 10000 Heavy Lift System uses 8ea - 1000hp Thrustmaster Retractable Thrusters, 4 in each barge, to dynamically position over projects such as setting new or removing dead platforms.

The Thrustmaster Hydraulic Retractable Thruster system allowed HPU’s to be mounted on deck where space permitted rather than requiring that essential equipment be moved or relocated to accommodate the thrusters.

The thrusters are retracted while in transit to the site. Upon arriving the thrusters are lowered and used to DP over the site while the tow boats maneuver the dumb barge. Adjustments to reposition the heavy lift vessel can also be made with the thrusters.