Oil Specification for Gas Engines
Models: Gas Engines

This bulletin clarifies the engine oil specification stated in some earlier Operator's Manuals.

The manuals state:

Engine Oil Specifications

Whenever oil is specified, use the use of our Volvo Penta oils. These oils are engineered to meet all of the performance requirements of our gas engines. The oils are formulated specifically for marine engines. The oils are available at Volvo Penta dealers. If the Volvo Penta oils are not available, use a high quality oil that meets API SM and/or ILSAC GF-4 specifications. Viscosity should be SAE 10W30 or higher (examples: 10W30, 10W40, 15W50). Straight 30W oil is also acceptable if it meets the API SM and/or ILSAC GF-4 specifications. Do not use OW30, 5W30 or any W20 oils (example 5W20).

More recent versions of the Operator's Manuals have been updated to highlight that the Volvo Penta oils are not available, to emphasize that the requirements after this point in the paragraph only apply to non-Volvo Penta oils and do not apply to the Volvo Penta oil specifications.

All information past this point in the manual applies to the use of oils from sources other than Volvo Penta.

IMPORTANT! All gasoline engine oils sold by Volvo Penta are engineered to meet all of the viscosity, API and ILSAC requirements of our gas engines.