

Suzuki Release 300hp Outboard

Gentlemen, Start Your Engines - The Outboard Race Is About To Begin !



Of the many craft running around on the Suzuki media day last month, several stood out - including the above Powercat 3000 complete with a brace of 300hp Suzies (at full noise, it scarcely touched the water!) and an immaculate platey from Barton Thomas' AMM outfit. This showed why he's still regarded as one of the best plate builders in OZ. Simply, a beautifully built fishing rig.



Suzuki Marine's new DF300 proves that one of the most powerful 4-stroke outboards in the world can also be lightweight, compact and streamlined, making it the ideal power choice for an increasingly popular class of saltwater heavy hitters — offshore fishing boats, cruisers and power catamarans.

At 4.0 litres, this new engine offers the largest displacement of any V-6 outboard ever made. The low-end grunt and torque to power heavily loaded offshore boats out of the hole is second to none. And the silky smooth acceleration keeps on climbing as you push the new electronic shift/throttle forward; right up until the boat reaches its eye-watering top end speeds.

Suzuki's DF300 delivers all this power and performance in a package that fits with today's modern fishing and performance boats. With a target weight of 274kg for the 25" shaft model (or 279kg for the 30" shaft), Suzuki's 300-horsepower 4-stroke weighs about the same as other normally aspirated 250-horsepower models and considerably less than any supercharged 4-stroke 200



horsepower and up. And thanks to weight-saving features like new Alumite-coated forged aluminium pistons, which are attached to connecting rods with full float hollow wrist pins, Suzuki tips the scales in its favour, despite boasting considerably more displacement than the competition.

"With the advent of these large displacement 300hp 4-stroke outboards, many boat builders are now designing their boats to suit these fuel efficient engines," said Haines Suzuki Marine General Manager, Greg Haines.

"Boat builders and the public are realising the advantage of outboard power; increased cockpit space, reliability, weight saving, fuel efficiency and ease of maintenance," he added. "They are an attractive alternative to petrol or diesel inboard engines and we see the larger plate aluminium boats and power catamarans being well suited."

The DF300 was designed with a narrow 55-degree Vee block. This narrow design allows for easy mounting of twin or triple installations on 26-inch centres without contact. Suzuki also uses its reliable offset driveshaft on the DF300, for better