



SIDE-POWER Thruster Systems

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Installation Manual



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SX-Hydro pod



For installing SX thruster with the Hydro-pod modification please use the SX-Hydro pod installation guide.



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Products

SM908124		SX35/140-12V-50MM	-	SX35/140 -12V -50mm w/Controller
SM908126		SX50/140-12V-150MM	-	SX50/140 - 12V-150mm w/Controller
SM908127		SX50/140-12V-50MM	-	SX50/140 - 12V -50mm w/Controller
SM908123		SX35/140-12V-150MM	-	SX35/140 - 12V -150mmw/Controller
SM908125		SX35/140-12V-OEM02	-	SX35/140 - 12V -OEM02 w/Controller

DECLARATION OF CONFORMITY

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Declare that this product with accompanying standard control systems complies with the essential health and safety requirements according to:

DIRECTIVE 2013/53/EU
DIRECTIVE 2014/30/EU
DIRECTIVE 2014/35/EU

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Thruster Installation Considerations and Precautions

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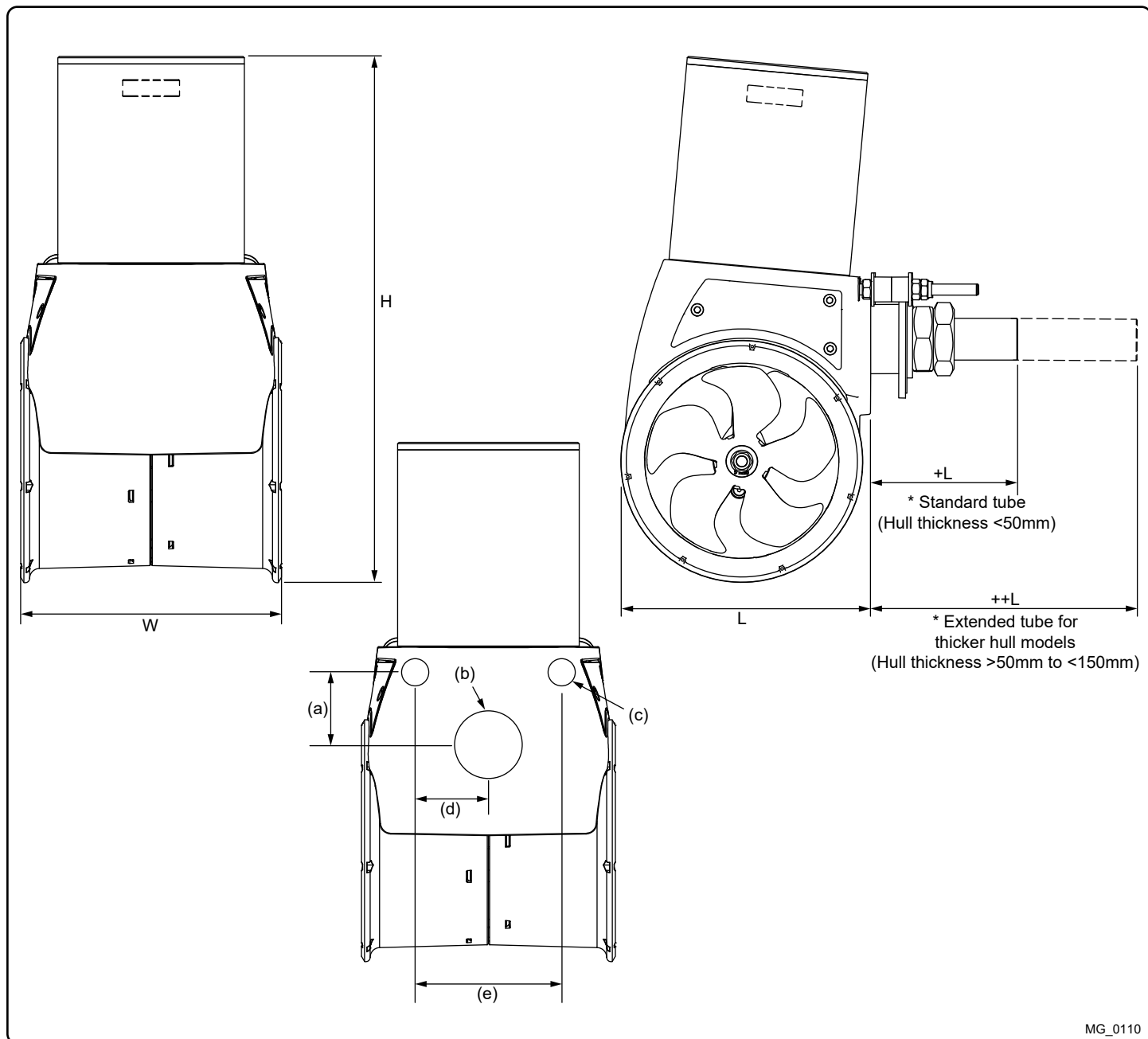
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- Never run the thruster out of water.
- It is important to follow the guidelines in this manual. Failure can result in severe damage to the thruster.

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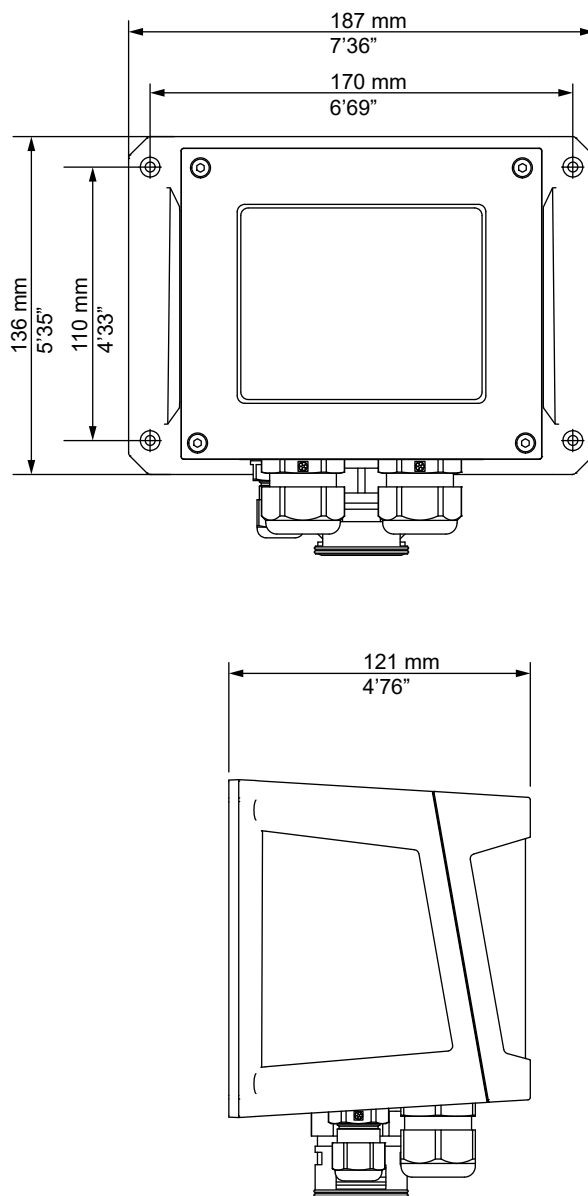
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Measurement code	Measurement description	*35 12v		*50 12v	
		mm	inch	mm	inch
H	Motor Height	374	14.72	374	14.72
W	Width	183	7.20	183	7.20
L	Length	171	6.7	171	6.7
+L	Standard tube length	108	4.3	108	4.3
++L	Extended tube length for thicker hulls	276	10.9	276	10.9
(a)	Height of support bolts from tube	35.8	1.4	35.8	1.4
(b)	Main tube diameter	50	2	50	2
(c)	Support bolts diameter	18	0.7	18	0.7
(d)	Distance of support bolts from tube	65	2.6	65	2.6
(e)	Distance of support bolts	130	5.1	130	5.1

*Valid for SX & SXP

Description	* 35	* 50
Available DC System (v)	12v	12v
Thrust 12v or 24v (kg * lbs)	43 kg * 94 lbs	62 kg * 136 lbs
Thrust 10.5v or 21v (kg * lbs)	35 kg * 77 lbs	50 kg * 110 lbs
Typical Boat Size (m * ft)	6m - 10m * 19ft - 32ft	8m - 11m * 27ft - 37ft
Propulsion System	Single	Single
Power (kw * Hp)	1.8kw * 2hp	2.8kw * 3.75hp
Weight (kg * lbs)	15.3 kg * 33.73 lbs	15.3 kg * 33.73 lbs

- Motor:** Custom made reversible DC-motor.
- Gear house:** Seawater resistant aluminium. Ball-bearing and ceramic axial seals at propeller shaft and a combination of ball bearing/ slide bearing at drive shaft. (Pre-filled and sealed for life)
- Motor bracket:** Seawater resistant aluminium, galvanically insulated from the motor..
- Tunnel:** Hydrodynamic fibreglass reinforced snap on composite.
- Propeller:** 5-blade skewback "Q-prop" propeller, fibreglass reinforced composite.
- Batteries:** Minimum recommended battery capacity (cold crank capacity by DIN/SAE standard)
Contact a battery supplier for more information.
- Max. Use:** 2 - 3 min. duty cycle at 20°
- Safety features:**
- Electronic time-lapse device protects against sudden change of drive direction.
 - The electric thermal cut-off switch in electro motor protects against overheating (auto-reset when electro motor cools down).
 - Original Sidepower panels shut off automatically 6 minutes after last use.
 - Original Sidepower panels use child-safe double ON buttons.
 - An integrated microprocessor monitors solenoids, reduce wear and risk of solenoid lock-in.
 - Auto-stop of the thruster occurs when an undesirable solenoid lock-in occurs or when continuous operation cut-off timer exceeds 3 minutes.



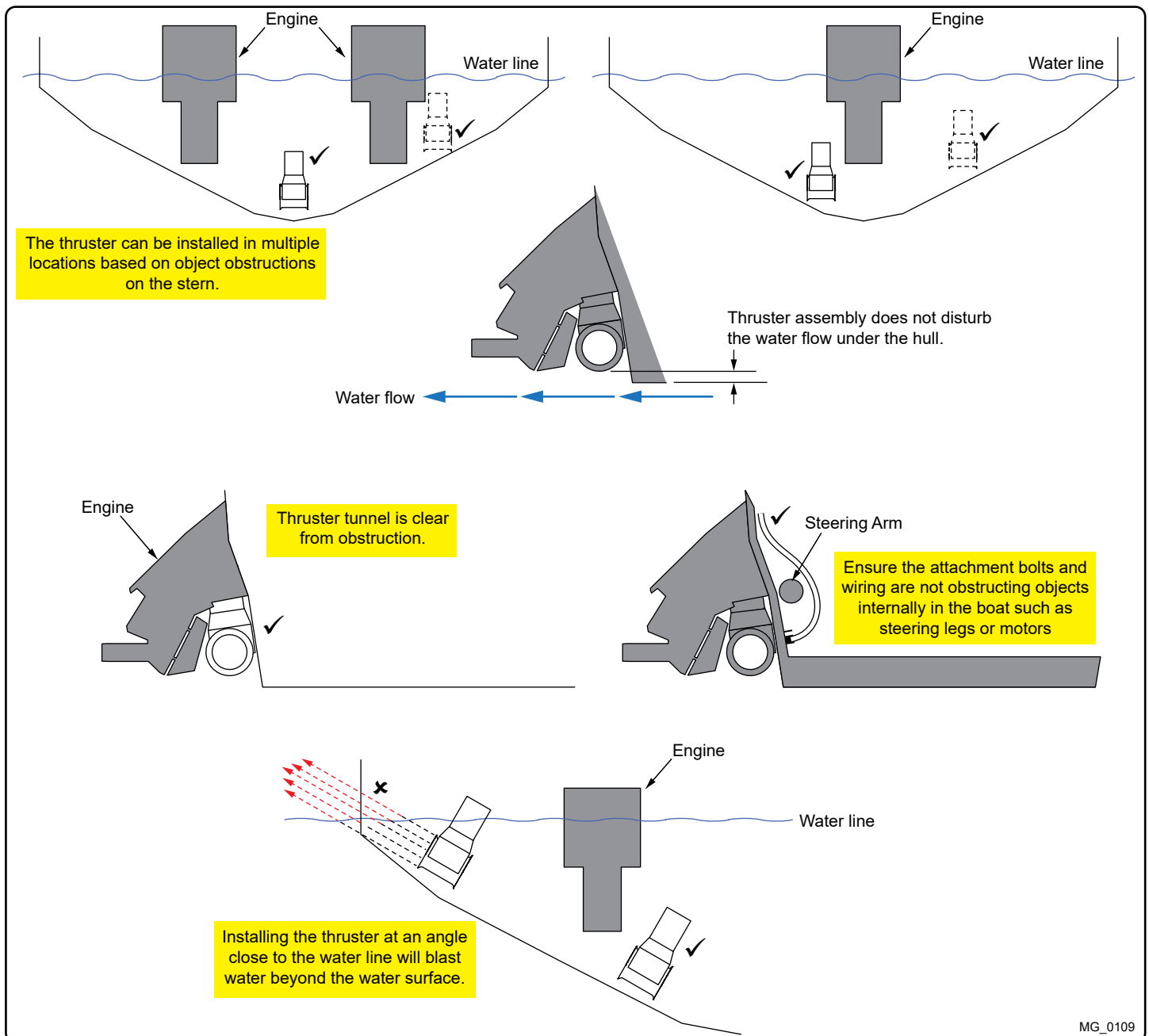
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Control Box Technical Specifications

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	SX35	SX50
Operation volts:	12v.	12v
Max Current:	250A	380A
Duty Cycle:	S2.	S2
Max ambient temp:	50°C	50°C
Min ambient temp:	-25°C	-25°C
Power supply cable:	35 - 70mm²/ AWG 2 - 00	35 - 70mm²/ AWG 2 - 00
Mount direction :	Any	Any



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Positioning the stern thruster

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For best performance, the thruster must be installed as deep on the stern as possible and the thrusters water flow must not obstruct any objects.

The thruster should be installed as deep under the waterline as possible for two reasons:

1. So it does not suck air from the surface which will reduce performance and increase noise levels.
2. To receive maximum efficiency and thrust.

The thruster must be installed to ensure the propulsion water flow must not be obstructed by other objects. Objects that obstruct the water flow will greatly reduce the thrust output.

Position

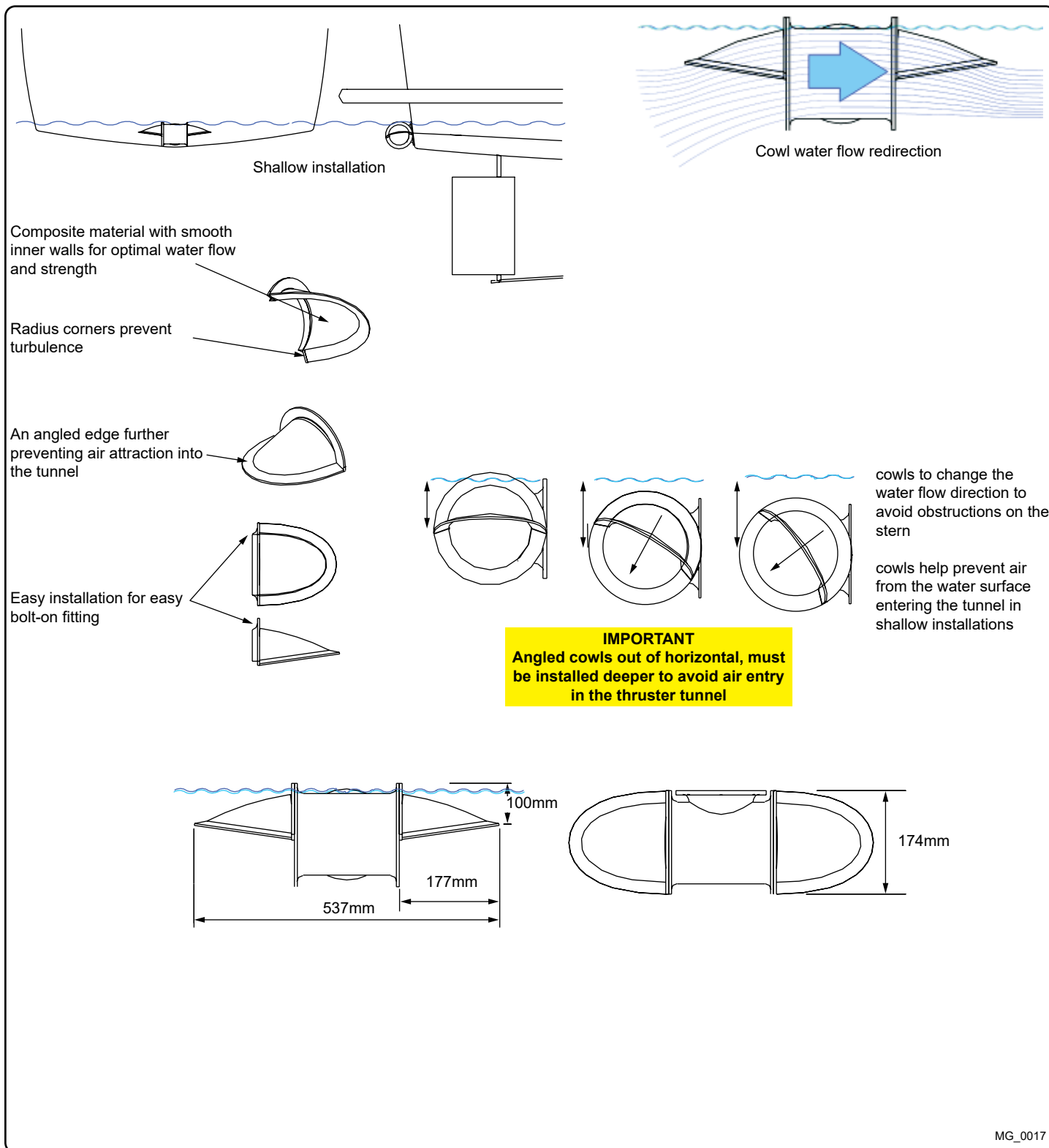
The thruster can be installed in multiple locations on the boat transom. Installing the thruster slightly off centre will not affect the overall effectiveness of the thruster. Installing the thruster off centre may be required to avoid any obstructions externally or internally on the vessel.

Ensure that the external stern thruster assembly does not disturb the water flow under the hull. At higher speeds, if the thruster is installed to low can cause damage to the thruster, additional drag and unwanted water splashing.

Alignment

The thruster can be installed at a slight angle if required for the water flow to avoid obstructions. These obstructions can include propellers systems, trim tabs or the hull. The average force the thruster propels water is 5-7 meters per sec, therefore angled installations must be as deep as possible under the water to minimise spray breaking beyond the water surface. **(NB: install the thruster at an angle only if no other suitable location can be found.)**

Max hull thickness 50mm include spacer



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Stern Thruster Cowls/ Grids

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Installing a stern thruster cowl for stern thrusters that will allow installations in boats with shallow drafts or due to other obstructions on the stern. These can include obstacles such as trim tabs, jets or surface drive propeller systems where shallow installation of a stern thruster is the only option.

Cowls:

Designed to aid in water redirection and reduce air entering the tunnel in shallow installations.

Grid's:

Designed to protect the thruster from objects while in use.

IMPORTANT

Install the cowls/ grids before mounting the tunnel to the SX thruster.

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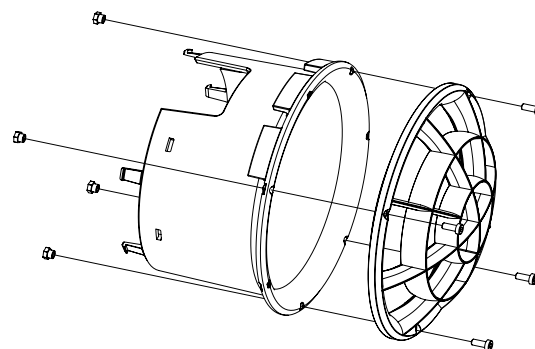
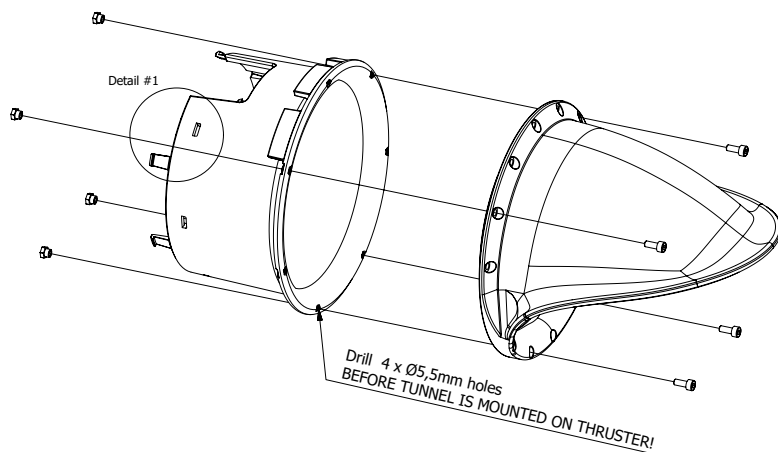
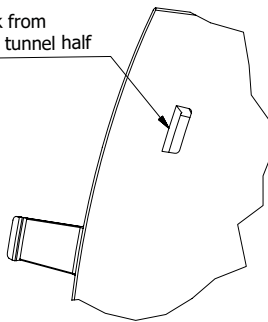
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Snaplock from
opposite tunnel half



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Grids or Cowls assembly

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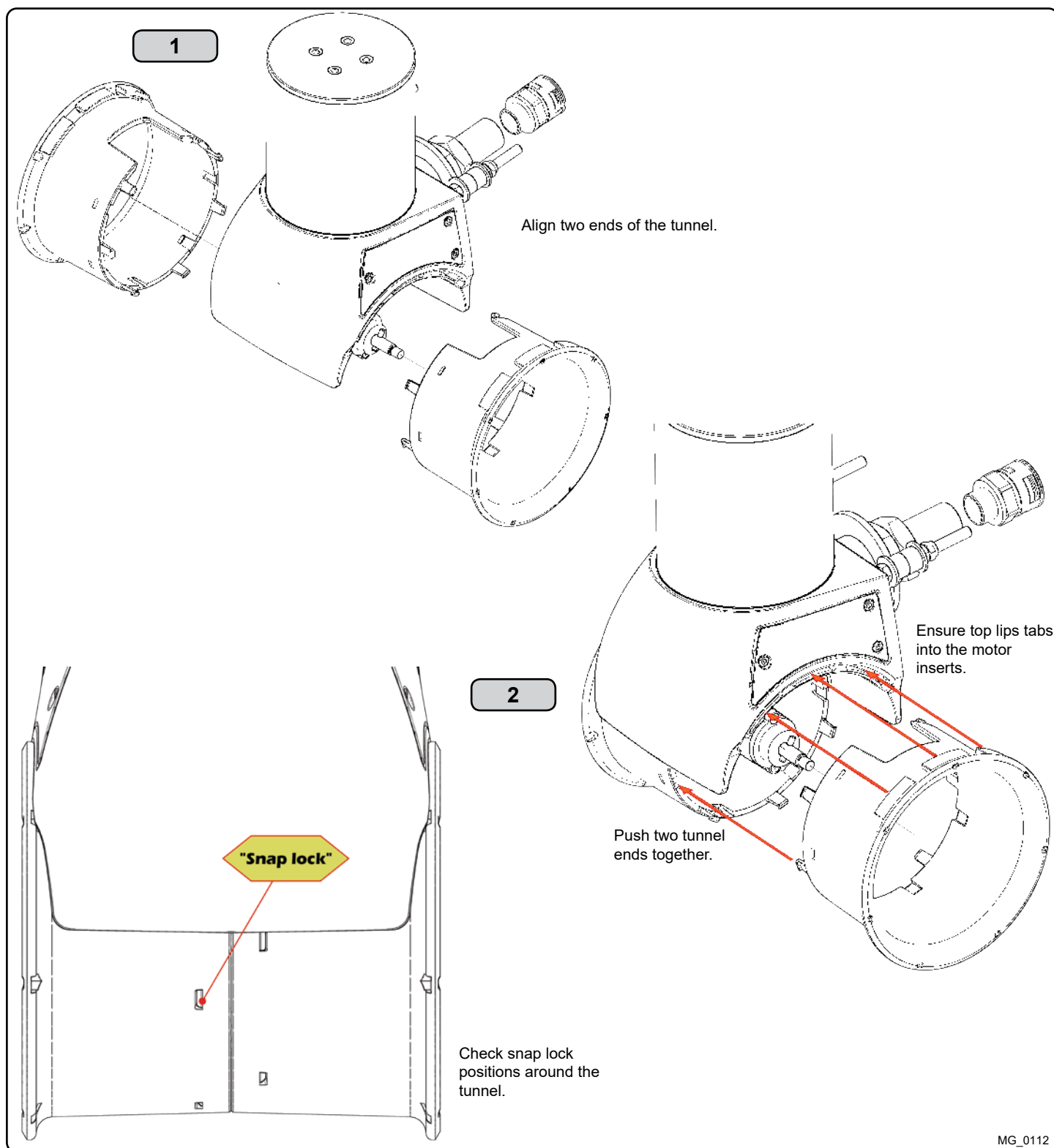
1. Install the cowls or grids before mounting the new tunnel to the thruster. **(NB: Remember the tunnel can not be removed without being destroyed.)**
2. Drill 4 holes in the mould marking on the tunnel.
3. Attach the cowls or grids with included bolts and washers. **(NB: Ensure the appropriate twist of the cowl to direct water away from obstacles)**
4. Attach the completed tunnels.

For retrofit

1. Remove propeller and the old tunnel. **(NB: the tunnel is not designed to be removed non-destructively. Break off the snaplocks between the tunnel half ends by pushing a small screwdriver through the holes from the outside.)**
2. Follow the above installation process.

IMPORTANT

Cowls or Grids must be fitted to each tunnel half before you assemble the tunnel to the thruster unit.



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Tunnel Installation

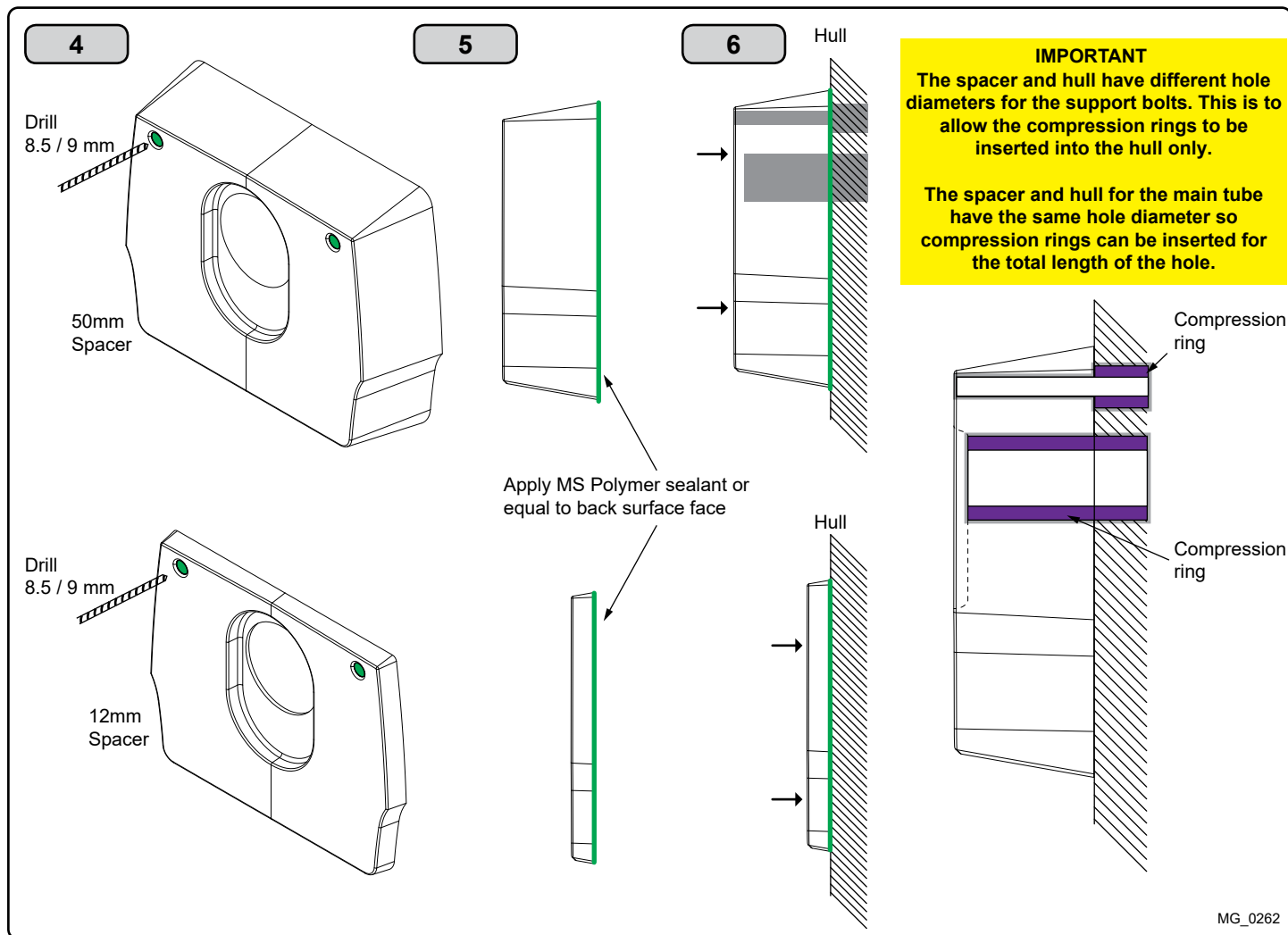
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1. Ensure grids or cowls are installed if in use.
2. Connect both ends of the tunnel to the thruster motor. All hooks must be completely interlocked making the inside of the tunnel smooth. **(NB: Ensure tunnel moulding around the gear leg and tunnel top align.)**

IMPORTANT

Ensure all snap-lock positions are correctly connected into place.



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SX Spacer

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Follow the installation of the SX thruster in the **Motor Installation** to step 3. see next page

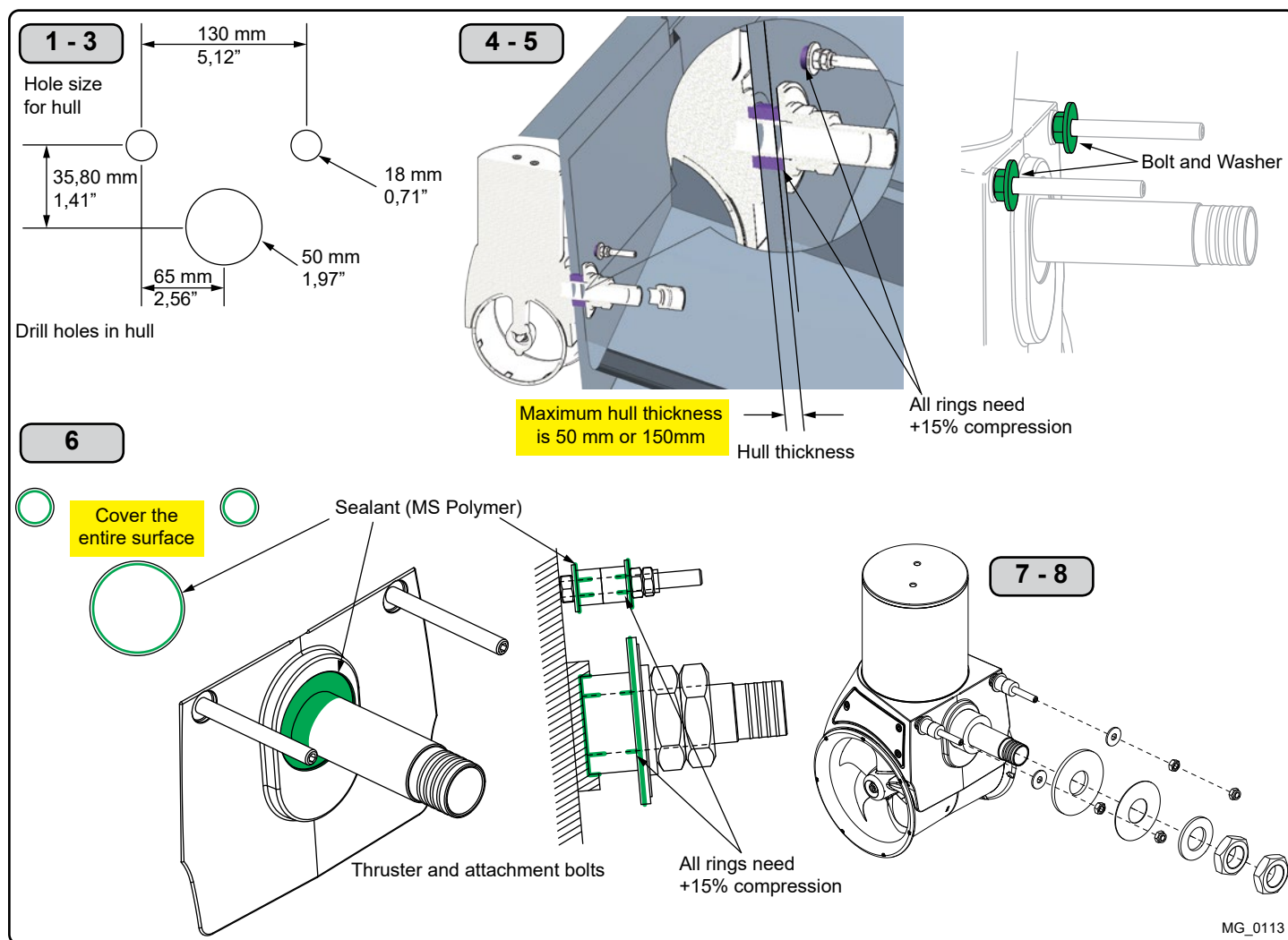
1. Define the location to install the thruster. **(NB: Ensure the thruster does not protrude past the transom profile on any side and there is no obstruction to the thrusters water flow. Also, check internally the thruster will not obstruct any objects.)**
2. Mark the locations of the three drill holes using the defined measurements in this manual or from a template. **(NB: Maximum hull thickness is 50mm including optional spacer or 150mm for extended hull thickness models.)**
3. Drill main hole, then two support bolt holes. Clean the area from dust for installation of the thruster. **(NB: Hull holes must be drilled first before attaching the spacer as the top support holes are larger than the spacers.)**

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4. Drill out the two support bolt holes in the spacer.
 5. Apply MS Polymer sealant or equal to the back surface face of the spacer.
 6. Place the spacer to the hull.

Continue the installation of the SX thruster from step 4 in the **Motor Installation**.

IMPORTANT

If using the 50mm spacer ensure you have the extended tube SX model.



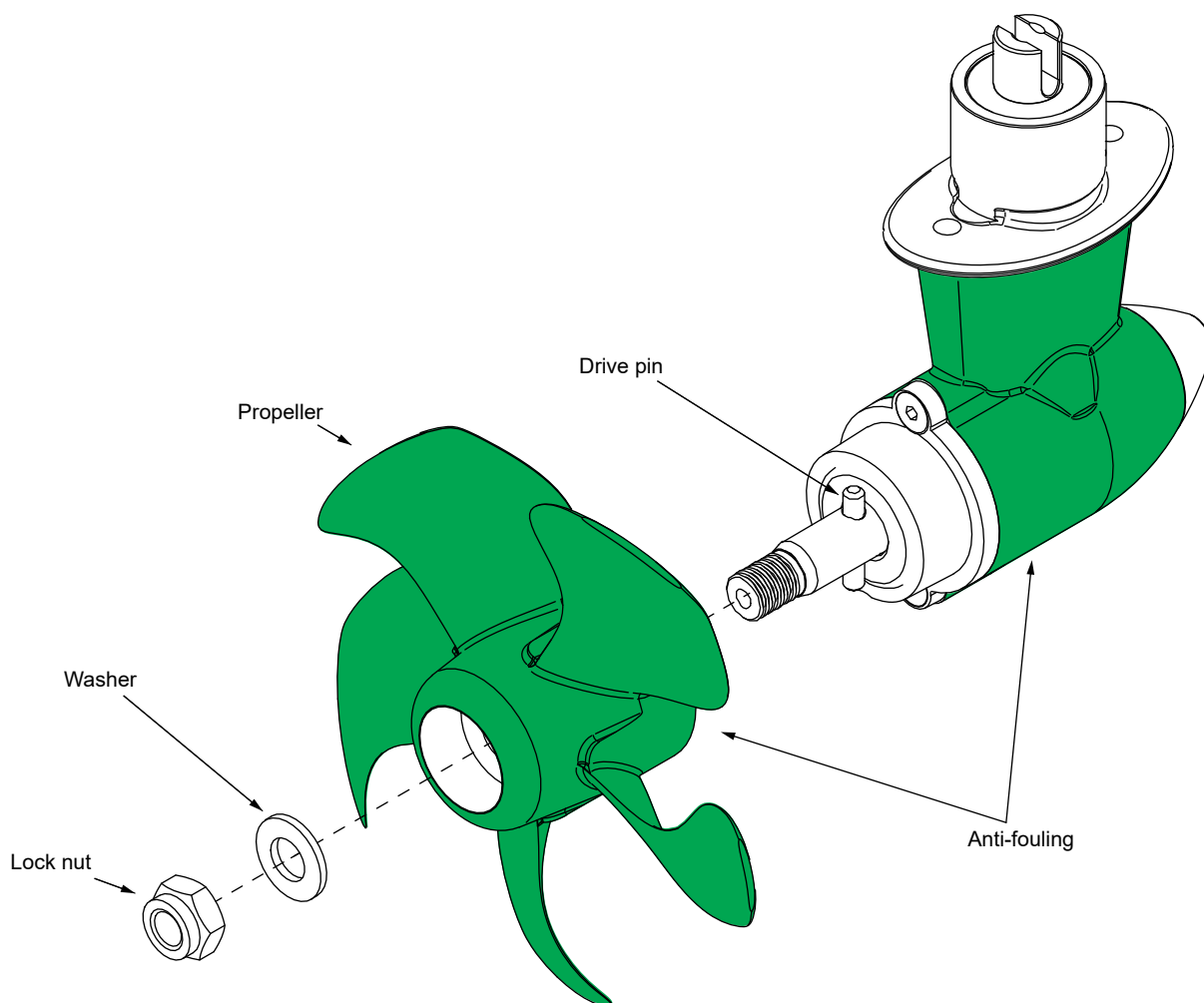
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Motor Installation

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3. Drill main hole, then two support bolt holes. Clean the area from dust for installation of the thruster.
4. Install a bolt and washer to ensure top bolts contact surface area is level with the main tube. Temporally place the thruster through the holes to ensure correct fitting. Using the cable leads from the thruster define the location within the vessel for the installation of the control box. **(NB: If using a spacer the support bolt and washer are not required.)**
5. Check the length of the compression rings. Compression rings must be longer than hull thickness to allow for compression **(NB: Cut compression sealants to length top achieve 15% compression.)**
6. The thruster assembly must sit flush on the transom. Grind and sand the area if required to ensure a secure fit. **(NB: Use caution when grinding/ sanding surfaces as to not remove too much fibreglass.)**
7. Ensure both bolts and washers to the support bars on the thruster are attached.
Apply a sealant (MS Polymer) to:
 - the inside surface of the cut-out holes on the hull.
 - To the surface of the washer to the thread and
 - in the recess of the main tube to the thread.
 - 1cm deep inside all compression ring.
 place all compression rings to bolt threads. **(NB: Ensure ample sealant (MS Polymer) around the bolts and centre tube for a watertight fitting.)**
8. Insert the thruster with compression rings into the hole.
9. Fasten the thruster



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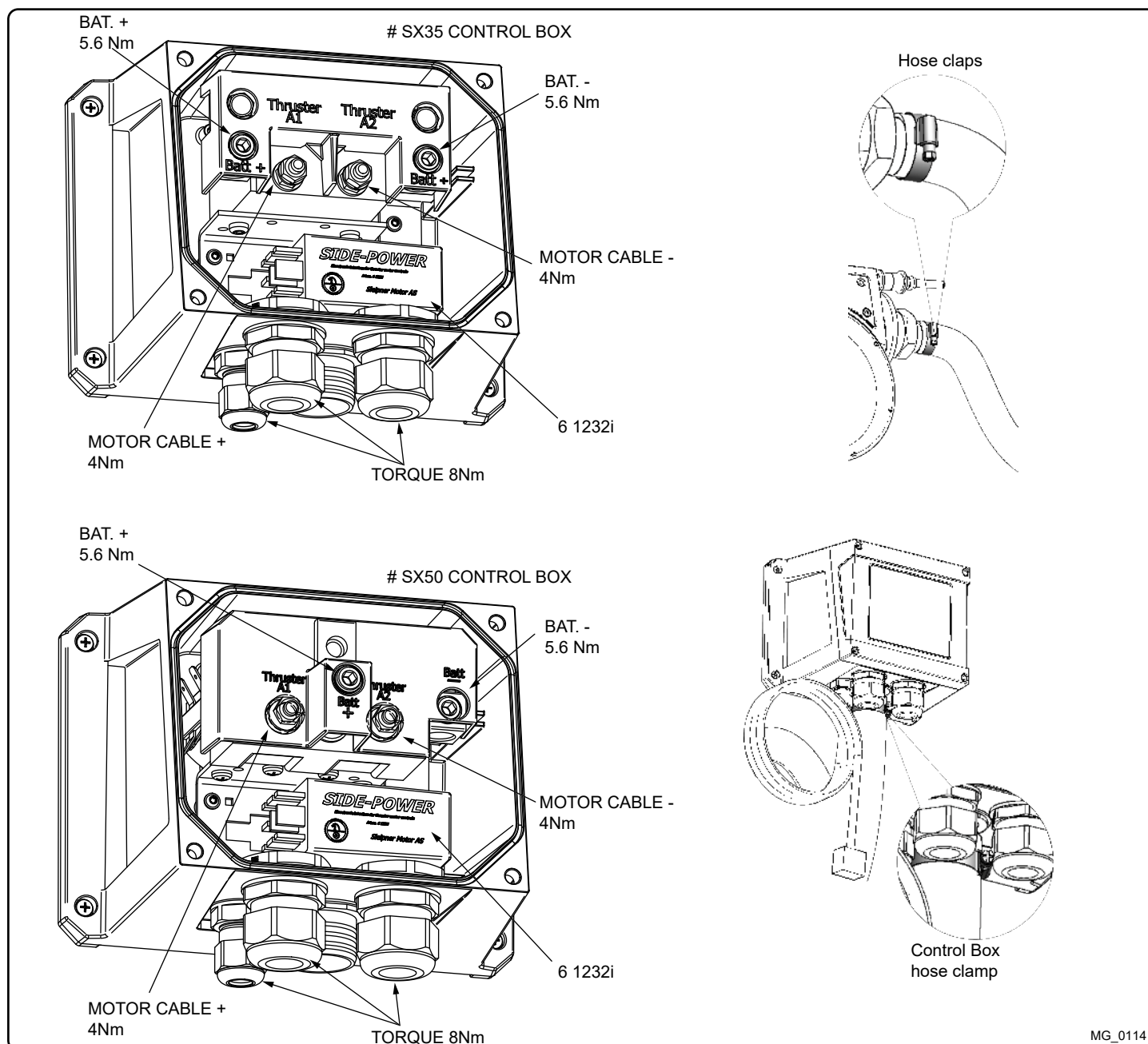
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Propeller Installation

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1. Centre the drive pin and Insert the propeller onto the shaft spine. Rotate the propeller until the drive pin aligns with the internal slot in the propeller.
2. Insert the washer to the end of the shaft spline. Tighten with the propeller lock-nut.
3. Apply anti fouling to the gear leg and propeller. Do not apply anti fouling to any rubber elements of the gear leg or anodes.



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Control Box Installation

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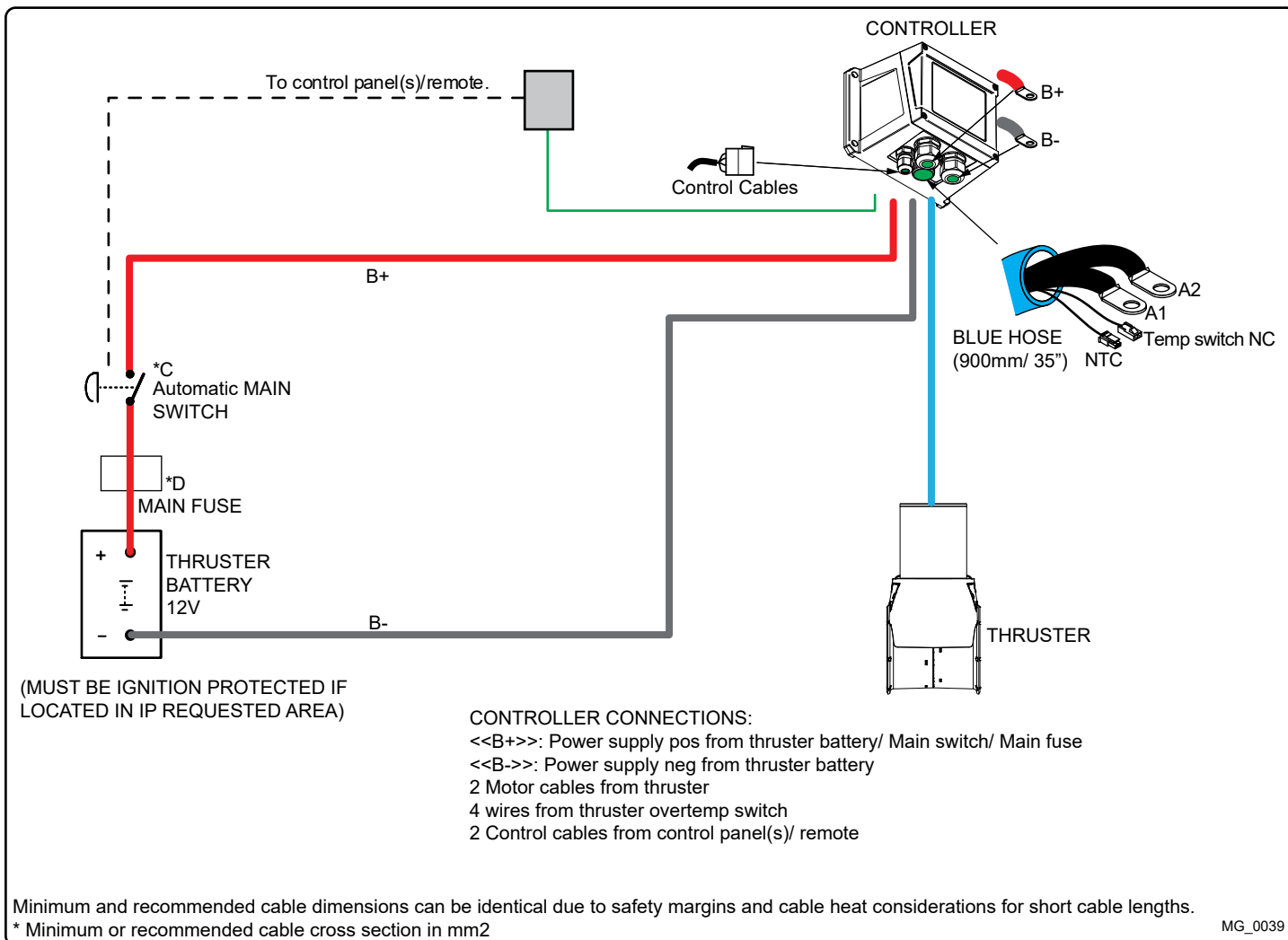
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The control box is the central component that can be connected to several other control panels. The control box can be mounted in any orientation, preferably with cables facing down. **(NB: The control box must be positioned within 0,75 meters from the thruster assembly with the provided cables and not near any object that radiate high temperatures.)**

1. Define the location to install the control box. **(NB: Ensure cables will not obstruct any objects.)**
2. Mark the locations of the four drill holes and drill the holes.
3. Attach cables to the control box **(NB: the control box internal components can be removed via its attachment screws for easier installation using thick battery cables.)**
4. Tighten hose clamps in order to ensure Ignition Protection as illustrated.
5. Fasten the control box to the hull.

IMPORTANT

It is the installers full responsibility to follow instructions and ensure total Ignition Protection.



Thruster Electrical Installation

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- Information of electrical table. *see next page*
 - All power cable lengths represent the total length of the combined (+) and (-) cables.
 - Battery capacity is stated as minimum cold crank capacity, (CCA).
 - Use slow blow rated fuses to hold stated Amp-Draw for min. 5 minutes.
 - Consider the AMP hours (Ah) for your specific duty cycle.
- Use appropriate sized cables and batteries with high cranking capacity to feed the thruster. The actual voltage at the motor while running the thruster decides the motors output RPM and thrust. Use larger cables and stronger batteries for better results.
 - See electrical specifications for advised minimum cables and batteries (CCA).
- Connect the battery supply to the control unit (PPC).
 - Install a main manual/ automatic switch from the positive lead terminal on the battery PPC unit). The main switch must be accessible to turn off the thruster independently from the rest of the electrical operation of the vessel when not on-board or in emergencies. **(NB: It is advised to install a fuse on the positive cable for protection against short-circuiting of the main cables. The fuse should ensure no voltage decrease, slow-blow and sized to take the amperage draw for at least 5 minutes.)**
 - A circuit breaker can be used instead of the fuse and main power switch If the functionality is the same.

(NB: For Ignition Protected installations remember to use ignition protected fuses and switches if fitted in areas that require this feature. Ensure to follow your national regulations)

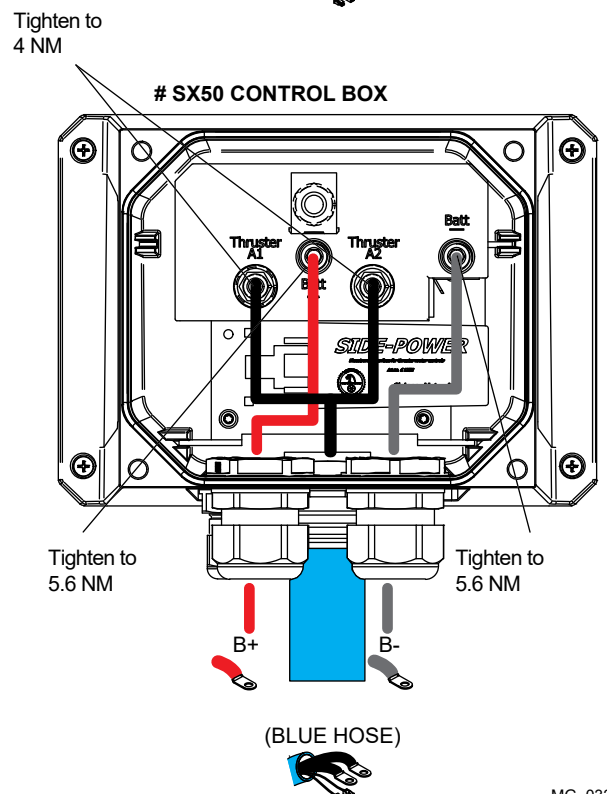
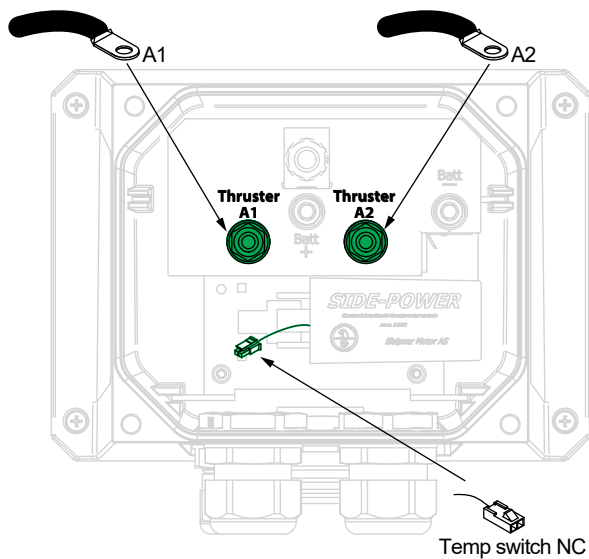
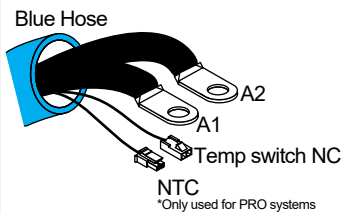
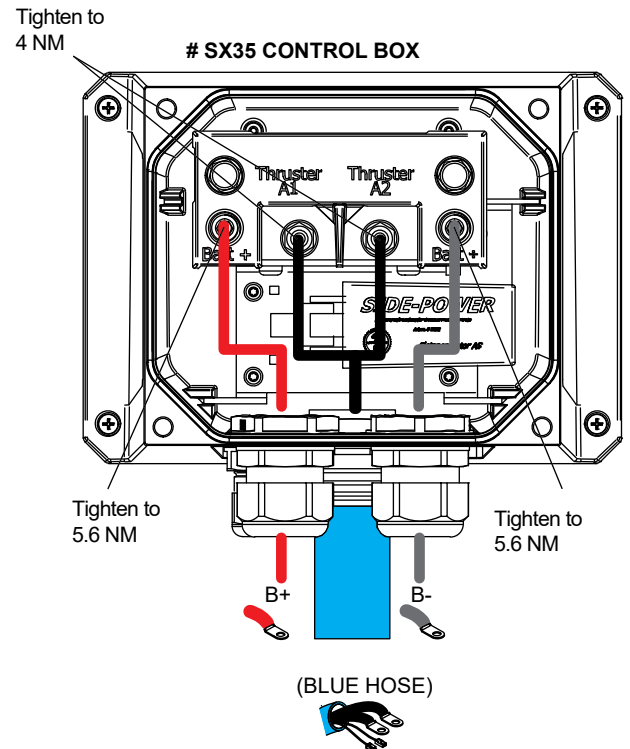
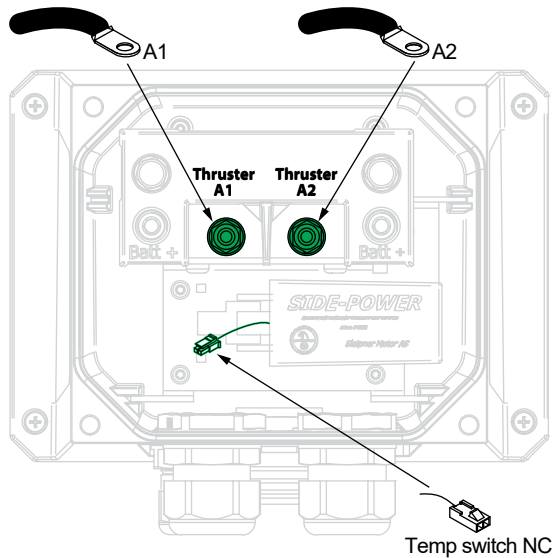
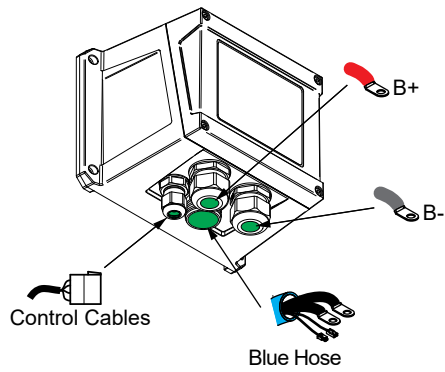
- Cable lugs must have adequate electrical and mechanical isolation and fitted with cable lug covers.
- Fasten cables to the required torque.

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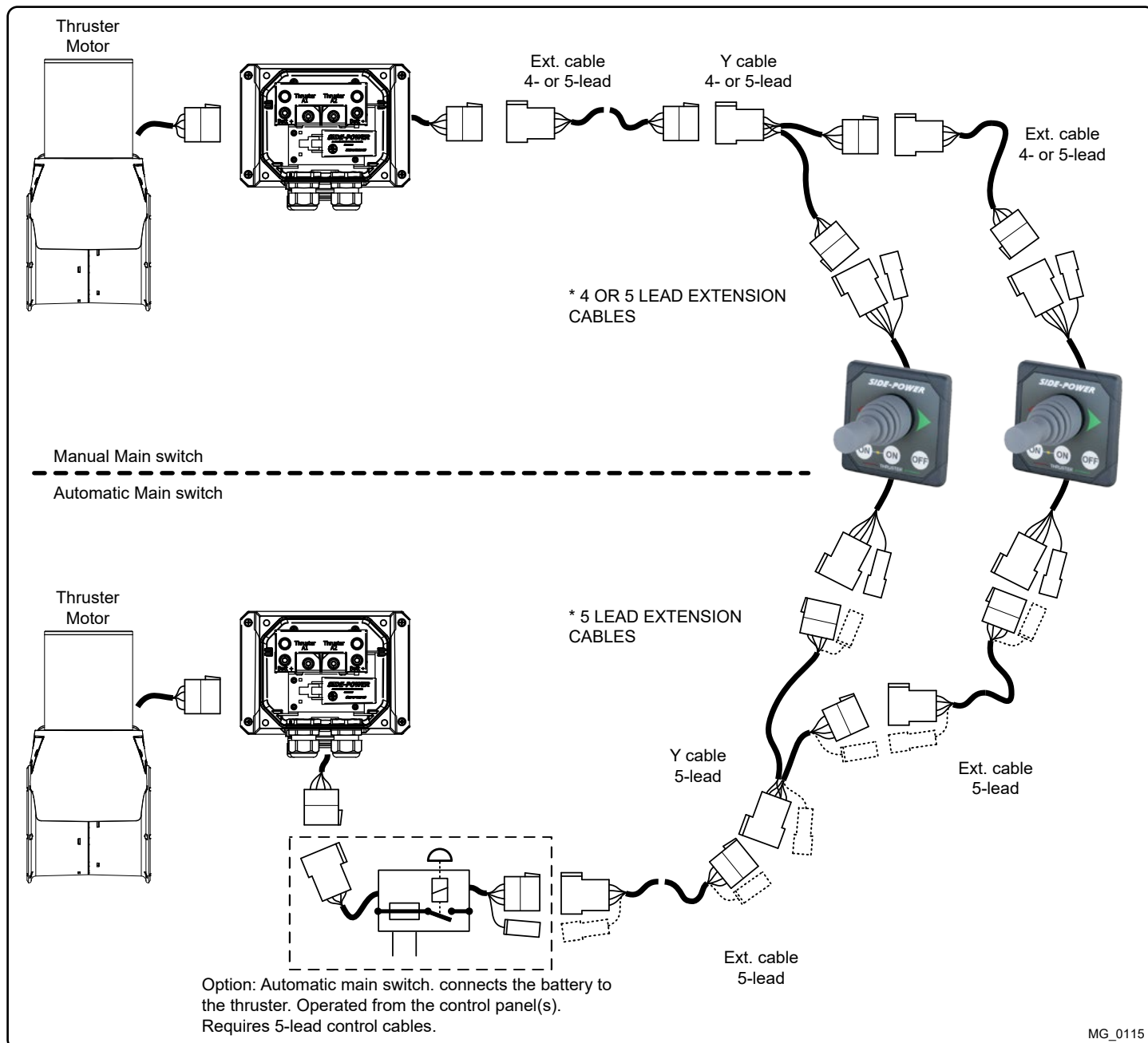
Check the following with the main switch is set to off :
 After all electrical connections have been completed check with an ohm meter that there is no electrical connection between
 1. electro-motor flange and the positive terminal on the motor
 2. electro-motor flange and the battery negative terminal on the motor

If unsure contact skilled personnel.

Thruster Electrical Installation



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Control Panel Cable Installation

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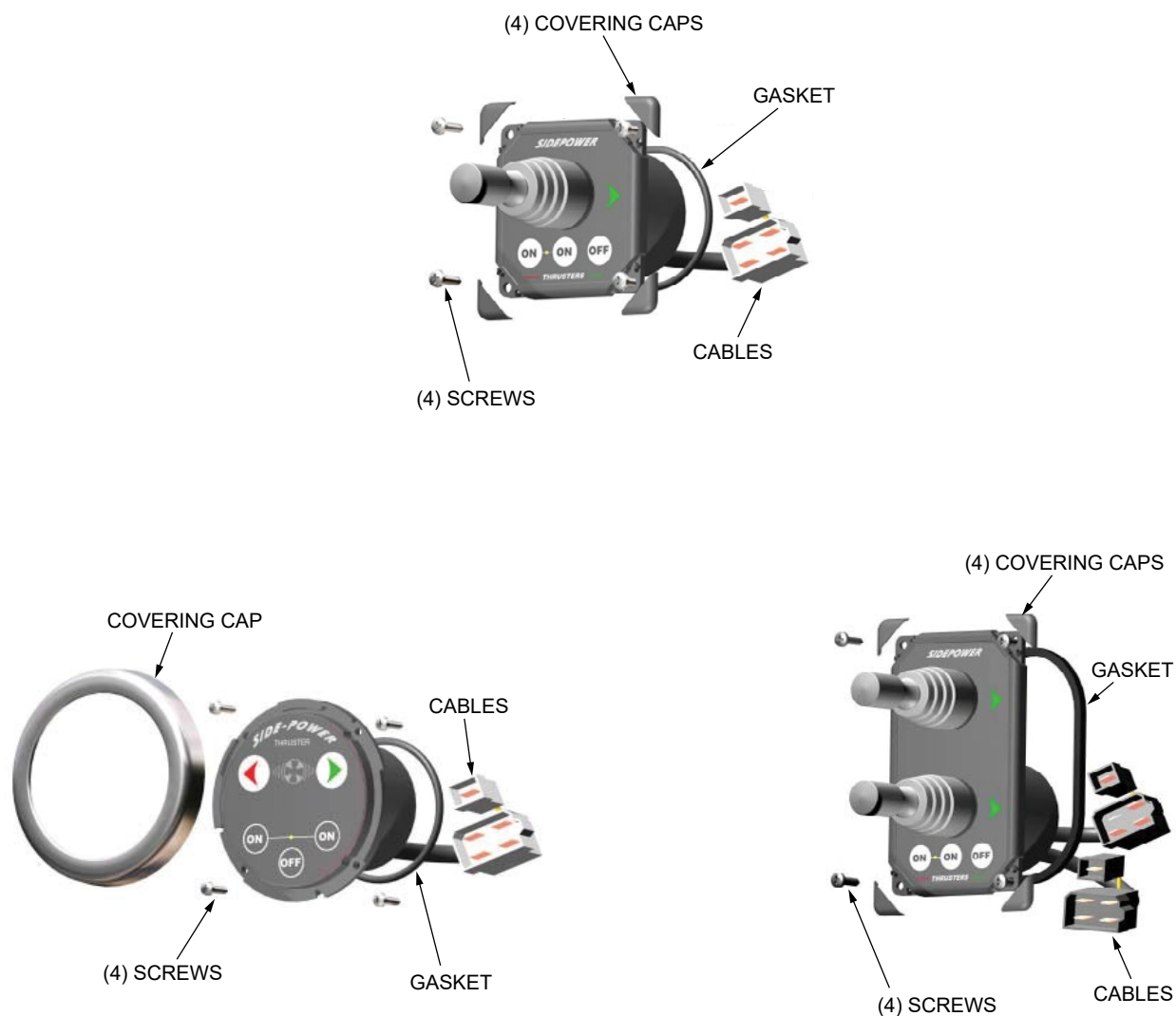
- All Sidepower control panels can be used in any combination.
- All control panels can be installed using:
 - Y-connectors - for standard on/off
 - T-connectors - for S-link proportional power system.

(NB: If two or more control panels are operated at the same time in opposite directions, the electronic control box will stop the thruster until it receives a single signal or thrust in one direction.)

- Sidepower on/off equipment it is entirely "plug & play" and require no additional configuration setup.

See the Control panel manual for more information.

Example of control panels



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Control Panel Installation

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Find a suitable location for the control panel where it does not obstruct or is obstructed by other devices. Install the control panel on a flat surface where it is easy to use.

1. Use the supplied cut-out template to mark the area to remove on your control dash.
2. Cut out the area per template for the control panel. **(NB: If the front surface around your cut out is jagged or chipped, use a sealant to assist the gasket.)**
3. Place the gasket to the back face of the panel
4. Plug cables into the connectors at the rear of the control panel.
5. Insert the control panel in place and fasten screws.
6. Insert the control panels covering caps.

- ☐..... Propeller is fastened correctly to the shaft.
- ☐..... Propeller turns freely in tunnel.
- ☐..... Primer and anti-fouling have been applied to the gear house and propeller but NOT on the anode or the gear house lid where the propeller is fastened.
- ☐..... Correct drive direction as per control panel.
- ☐..... The bolts holding the thruster are tightened correctly.
- ☐..... The bolts holding the motor to its bracket are tightened correctly.
- ☐..... All electrical connections are clean, dry and tight, and the correct cable, fuse and main switch size.
- ☐..... No water leakage around hull penetrated studs
- ☐..... Check that there is no electrical connection between the electro motor body and positive terminal on the motor, and between the electro motor body and the negative (A1) terminal on the motor with an ohm meter.

The thruster has been installed as per the instructions in this manual and all points in checklist above have been controlled.

Signed:

Date:

Extra pre-delivery tests by installer / yard who does not use other quality control systems !

Thruster type:

Serial number:.....

Date of delivery:.....

Correct drive direction as per control panel:

The compartment for the thruster has been isolated from general bilge water and has no obvious or suspected risks for flooding:

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Other comments by installer:

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