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Harken® is the Exclusive Distributor of Vang-Master Products Worldwide

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PEWAUKEE, Wis. – Harken has become the exclusive distributor of Marine Product Engineering's Vang-Master

products worldwide. The Vang-Master is an infinitely adjustable, turnkey solution for maintaining optimal mainsail shape. Each Vang-Master product uses air pressure to provide extension force to hold the boom up, without the use of mechanical springs, keeping the operation squeak free and also reducing weight. The vangs are made of 6061 T6 aluminum making them light and strong and have hardcoat-anodized tubing and end fittings that help reduce corrosion.

"Our customers will like the infinitely adjustable return force of the Harken Vang-Master," said Jim Andersen, Harken USA Sales Manager. "The lightweight air cylinder is filled simply with an air pump to the desired pressure, matching the boom weight and ideal leach tension with the opposing purchase system."

Vang-Master was developed by Doug Grant in 1985 who came up with the idea after growing tired of listening to squeaky vangs that didn't function efficiently. Vang-Master products are easy to install and maintain. External purchase systems are comprised exclusively of Harken ball bearing blocks for easy adjustment. Harken distribution makes the vangs easy to obtain while offering enhanced technical service support and quick turnaround on spare parts.

Harken Vang-Master products come in four-cylinder diameters with a menu of 120+ build lengths for everything from Moore 24s to Andrews 70s. Use the boat's pin-to-pin measurements to achieve a precise fit. Stainless steel mast and boom fittings and custom lengths are also available upon request.

For questions about Harken Vang-Masters, please call (262) 691-3320 or email customerservice@harken.com.

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