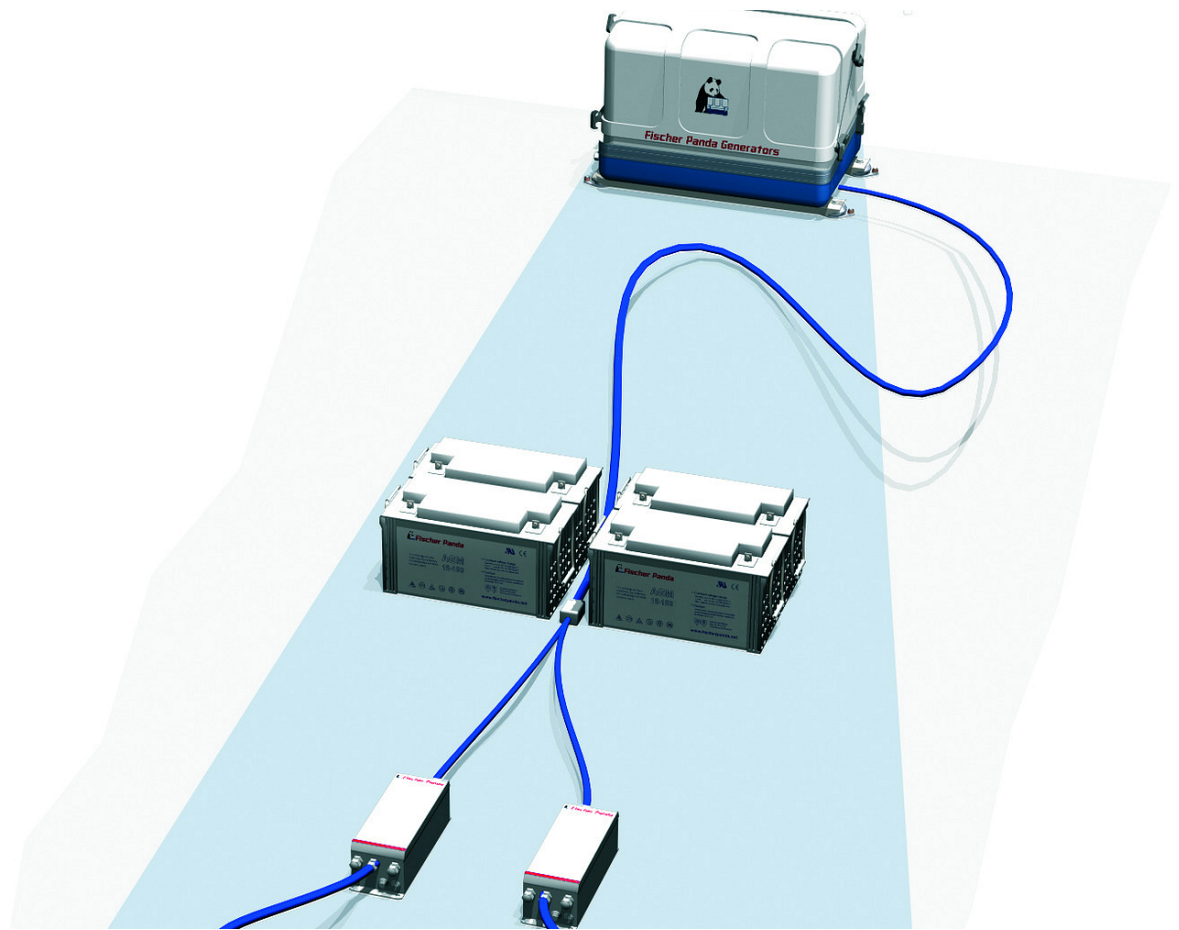




Fischer Panda electric drive system

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Fischer Panda: Fischer Panda Introduces Electric Drive Systems for UK Rivers and Canals

Crick Boat Show, May 27th to 29th, Stand WW62-64

Since the introduction of precision manufactured electric propulsion systems from German manufacturer Fischer Panda, Fischer Panda UK has become the UK's leading supplier of electric drive systems for a wide variety of vessels from ferries to canal boats. This year, Fischer Panda UK introduces a comprehensive range of electric powered drives at the Crick Boat Show.

In addition to its highly respected Whisperprop Drive Systems, Fischer Panda UK now introduces the Bellmarine electric drive systems designed in the Netherlands specifically for the marine market and their extensive inland waterway fleet. These competitively priced systems are now available in the UK, exclusively through Fischer Panda UK.

Silent running and up to 100% emission free, electric power can provide all the power and manoeuvrability needed for cruising. Batteries are charged through the on-board charger when connected to shore power. For more adventurous cruising where shore power is unavailable, the system can be supported by a compact Fischer Panda diesel generator to charge the batteries. The generator only needs to run when the batteries need charging and operating noise on board is barely audible. The result is extremely low cost cruising which is environmentally advanced when compared to traditional petrol or diesel drive systems.

Introducing the electric systems at the Crick Boat Show, Chris Fower, of Fischer Panda UK, commented: "These systems are now technically advanced and can be designed to meet the specific cruising needs of our customers. We can develop the right system for virtually any craft from basic low cost power drives charged via shore power only through to full Hybrid systems linked to our compact and efficient generators that can quickly recharge the batteries quieter and faster than any other generator of comparable size and weight.

"We have already fitted systems to sailboats, cruising boats, ferries and narrowboats. With the advances made in technology, prices are now very competitive and we look forward to seeing even more electric powered craft on our rivers and canals next season."

The Fischer Panda Whisperprop and Bellmarine electric propulsion systems dramatically reduce annual maintenance costs over standard petrol or diesel engines. Fuel costs plummet with the systems providing very quiet operation. With areas of UK rivers and canals soon to be designated low emission areas, the advancement of electric drive systems from Fischer Panda UK will ensure vessels can continue to enjoy these superb cruising waters for many years to come.

The electric propulsion systems from Fischer Panda UK will be presented at this year's Crick Inland Boat Show from May 27th to 29th on Stand WW62/64. Visit www.fischerpanda.co.uk for more information about Fischer Panda's

range of marine generators and other products.

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About Fischer Panda UK

Fischer Panda UK Ltd offers full-system design capability, servicing and aftercare as a leading distributor of diesel generators and a major supplier of the latest technology in air-conditioning systems, hybrid electric propulsion systems, integrated mobile power solutions and watermakers for a variety of commercial and leisure vessels.

Renowned worldwide as innovative, reliable and extremely quiet, the extensive Fischer Panda range of compact diesel generators includes its next generation highly efficient and powerful variable speed iSeries-Generators. Other world-class products from Fischer Panda UK include desalination systems from Sea Recovery, HRO, and Village Marine, with models suitable for day-boats to warships and offshore platforms, plus air-conditioning systems from leading marine HVAC supplier Dometic.

Fischer Panda UK is ISO UKAS 9000/1 accredited and operates from a purpose built 9,000 sq. ft facility in Verwood, Dorset. Its experienced engineers, sales and operational staff work with OEMs to develop integrated systems for custom vessels and offer specialist technical support and on-going aftercare to its customers.

Also active in the military and automotive sectors, the company works with UK MOD and other armies around the world providing solutions for specialist vehicle and land-based applications. Two thirds of Formula 1 mobile truck units install Fischer Panda generators, as do the BBC, Sky and many other mobile broadcasting vehicles.

Operating since 1977, Fischer Panda GmbH is headquartered in Paderborn, Germany. The Fischer Panda team covers more than 500 technicians and partners in over 90 countries worldwide and this year is celebrating its 40th anniversary.