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FURUNO RELEASES NEW AUTOPILOT PACKED WITH FEATURES

Revolutionary “Safe Helm” & “Power Assist,” along with new “Precision” & “Economy” modes distinguish NavPilot 700 series from all others.

Camas, WA – September 22, 2011. Several years ago, Furuno introduced their NavPilot 500 Autopilot series, which brought an advanced, self-learning and adaptive Autopilot to market. That Autopilot enjoyed years of success and now Furuno is following it up with the all-new NavPilot 700 series, which includes a host of new, groundbreaking and extremely beneficial features.



On the surface, the NavPilot 700 series flaunts a refreshed look, providing it a family look with Furuno’s popular NavNet 3D, GP33, RD33 and FI50 instruments. However, it’s “under the hood” where the NavPilot 700 series really excels! First is the “Safe Helm” and “Power Assist” modes. “Safe Helm” temporarily disables the NavPilot steering control when manual operator helm changes are sensed. “Safe Helm” is a critical safety feature designed for emergency maneuvering or dodging obstacles. The original course is restored automatically or manually after the maneuver is completed. “Power Assist” mode significantly reduces steering effort, similar to power steering on a car. These revolutionary new modes enhance the safety of the Autopilot and provide a unique interface to the vessel’s hydraulic hand steering system, delivering unrivaled comfort and steering control from any manual helm on the vessel. The optional FPS8 Power Steering Module and appropriate software are required to activate the Safe Helm feature.

Two new navigation modes, “Economy” and “Precision,” were also added to the NavPilot 700 series. These new modes combine adaptive technology and sophisticated software algorithms to provide fuel and power savings of up to 2.5%.

In addition to the exclusive capabilities mentioned above, here's an at-a-glance look at a host of other great features you'll find in the NavPilot 700 Series:

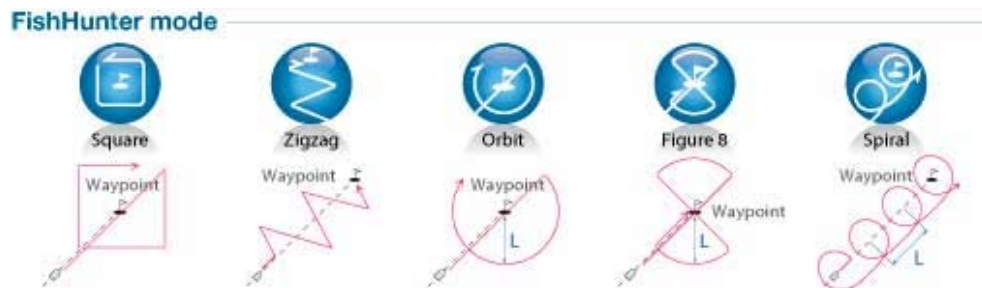
- Improved adaptive, self-learning software
- Precision XTE accuracy within .003nm
- Dual Network Interface: Fully certified NMEA2000 & Furuno CANbus provide isolation & redundancy

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- An NMEA2000 & two NMEA0183 ports provide flexible navigation inputs
- Built-in NMEA0183/NMEA2000 bi-directional data converter
- Improved input power filtering allows for reduced power cable sizes
- Designed for use with Reversing Motor or Solenoid Rudder Drive systems
- Simplified activation and system set-up with on-screen "Wizard" guidance
- Ideal Autopilot for Inboard or Outboard Power Boats, as well as Sail Boats
- Sailing "Wind" Modes are greatly improved over the NavPilot 500
- Simple one-touch steering mode selections

The innovation with this Autopilot doesn't end there. For fishing captains, Furuno's unique "FishHunter" mode is back and better than ever, adding two new routines to its already flexible repertoire.



Like its predecessor, the NavPilot 700 series consists of three display sizes to fit a wide variety of installation options: the NavPilot 700 – Full-size, Double-DIN control head; the NavPilot 711 – Compact, Single-DIN control head; and the NavPilot 720 – which incorporates the same size display as the NavPilot 711 housed in a wired, handheld remote controller. All pilot models offer the same performance and use a common processor – the only difference is the display type and size! All NavPilot 700 models are packaged with the PG700 NMEA2000 waterproof, rate-compensated Heading Sensor. It will also work with a variety of other heading sensors, Nav sensors, hydraulic pump sets, steering levers and rudder angle indicators. No matter what type of vessel you have, the NavPilot 700 Autopilot series has a solution that will fit your needs and steer you in the right direction.

For more information on Furuno's NavPilot 700 series or their entire line of marine electronics, contact: Furuno U.S.A., 4400 NW Pacific Rim Blvd., Camas, WA 98607. Phone: (360) 834-9300. Fax: (360) 834-9400. Online boaters can also check out Furuno U.S.A.'s web site at www.FurunoUSA.com.

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