

TRANSPORT SEATING

PRESTIGE AND EVOLUTION SEATS PASS IMO-HSC CODE

Australian seating manufacturer Transport Seating has announced the successful testing and certification of their Prestige, Cruiser and Evolution series' of high-speed ferry seats.

The International Maritime Organisation High Speed Code (IMO-HSC) is the internationally recognised standard for marine passenger seating, which is conducted under rigorous controlled testing to examine materials, structure, design criteria, strength and safety.

Rod Ferguson, managing director of Transport Seating, incorporated aircraft technology and lightweight materials into the design and construction of the Prestige, Cruiser and Evolution seating ranges. The unique "No weld" all-aluminium frame provides a fatigue free factor where the strength-to-weight ratio



Prestige

enables the seat to be certified for international waters.

"For our marine seats we have our own in-house research and development department where we carry out, amongst other tests, 'static test' to the IMO-HSC code," commented Mr Ferguson.

"For other tests such as dynamic testing, we use test facilities in Melbourne, Victoria."

According to Mr Ferguson, research and development take a high priority at Transport Seating, with new and improved designs continuously developed to improve safety, comfort, strength and value for money.

The company's research and development processes ensure every seat design is built for a specific purpose, resulting in well-engineered products that reduce maintenance, increase performance and provide fuel savings for the operator with reduced overall weight.

In January, 2013, Mr Ferguson and the team celebrated 50 years in the seating industry. Such an achievement exemplifies the company's constant quest for innovation, as well as an unchallenged reputation for quality and outstanding customer service, resulting in longevity and repeat customers and clients in a tough business environment.

Recently completed commercial marine projects include the 400-pax vessels 'Catalina' and 'Mandalay', Riverside Marine's 24 metre, 246-pax 'Avalon', and a 84-pax passenger vessel for Cairns in Queensland, Australia.



Evolution

The company has also recently launched a new lightweight indoor/outdoor marine seat, featuring elastomeric fabric suspension technology that offers "huge weight and fuel savings without a huge price tag", and the company has also developed a weldable tracking system for substantial timesavings when installing or removing seats.

With 2012 a highly successful year for Transport Seating, notching up passenger seat sales in excess of 11,000 passenger units, the company has moved from strength to strength. A number of contractual supply and licence agreements are in place going into the remainder of 2013, and Rod Ferguson's team brings considerable expertise and knowledge in producing seating solutions for Australia and abroad.

Currently, Transport Seating exports to locations such as the United Arab Emirates, India, New Zealand and Fiji, with response towards the company's certifiable seats described by Mr Ferguson as "overwhelming".

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