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This is a brief guide to the technical features and advantages of the Wärtsilä 26 engine.

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Dry cargo vessel Morgenstond is equipped with a Wärtsilä 9L26 engine.



Naval vessel De Zeven Provincien is equipped with two Wärtsilä 16V26 engines.

Semi-submersible platform Thunder Horse PDQ is equipped with a Wärtsilä 12V200 engine, two 6L20 engines, two 18V26 engines and two 18V32 LNE engines.

DESIGN PHILOSOPHY

Wärtsilä engine designs are based on generations of know-how combined with innovations in response to customer needs. They are also fully optimized for today's flexible manufacturing methods.

The WÄRTSILÄ $^{\ensuremath{\mathbb{R}}}$ 26 engine offers the following core values:

- Easy space-saving installation
- Easy to install
- High availability
- Environmental friendliness
- Low operating costs.

The Wärtsilä 26 was developed in response to a need in the market for a new engine in the 260 mm cylinder bore class. The Wärtsilä 26 represents the latest technical advances,





combining fuel economy and low emission rates with high fuel versatility. The shortest and lowest engine in its class, the Wärtsilä 26 requires minimum space in the engine room.

Wärtsilä works in close co-operation with its customers when conducting field tests and monitoring selected test components. This has resulted in satisfied customers: 870 engines have been manufactured or are on order since the new design in 1996.

With fewer parts, lower maintenance requirements, low fuel consumption, less emissions, and the ability to run reliably on a variety of fuels, the Wärtsilä 26 is unquestionably the state-of-the-art in marine propulsion.

LOW NO_X COMBUSTION

IMO NO_X COMPLIANCE

Any hydrocarbon fuel can be burned provided the fuel temperature is right and there is sufficient oxygen. However, the way it is burned has a great effect on the engine's thermal efficiency and exhaust emissions, particularly NO_X formation. The Wärtsilä 26 has been developed to perform with the optimum load acceptance and efficiency, while keeping emission levels substantially below the limits set by the IMO (International Maritime Organization). The engine is delivered with an EIAPP (Engine International Air Pollution Prevention) Statement of Compliance as well as a Technical File listing the parts that influence NO_X formation to enable correct identification of these parts.

The combustion is optimized by means of a:

- High compression ratio that ensures a higher combustion air temperature to reduce the ignition delay, and a
- High fuel injection pressure for short injection duration, making the combustion take place at the optimal point with respect to efficiency and reduction of NO_X.



PISTON AND PISTON RINGS

The piston design consists of a forged steel crown and nodular cast iron skirt with pressurized skirt lubrication. The three-ring pack comprises two ceramic chromium-plated compression rings and an oil distributor ring. This ring pack ensures optimum pressure distribution and reduces lubricating oil consumption. The combustion chamber ensures efficient combustion at all loads, while the component temperatures are kept low.

CONNECTING ROD

The connecting rod has a horizontally-split bottom end to obtain minimal length and high rigidity. It has only one single drilled hole, without plugs, for the flow of lubricating oil to the piston, securing oil supply under all circumstances without risk of leakage.

CAMSHAFT

The camshaft is composed of individual singlecylinder units with bolted flange connections to separate journals. The flanges are formed by cams, allowing maximum rigidity for the fuel cam loads. Valve tappets are built into modules integrated in the engine block, which ensures easy maintenance and reliable operation.







MAIN BEARING

The geometry of the main bearing creates an oil film thickness which greatly exceeds the safety margins set by the bearing manufacturers, in accordance with the 'Thick Pad' philosophy of Wärtsilä. The studs and nuts of the bearing caps are hydraulically tensioned.

CRANKSHAFT

Special attention has been given to optimizing the various geometrical characteristics, such as cylinder distance, to achieve a space-saving solution. Three-dimensional finite-element analysis has been used to achieve the optimal result with maximum overall rigidity and moderate bearing loads. All criteria of the classification societies are met with large margins. The engine can be delivered with a 100% power take-off shaft at the free end.

ENGINE BLOCK AND FOUNDATION

The combination of design elements such as underslung crankshaft, integral air receiver, short cylinder distances, and material choice has resulted in a very rigid engine block.

The camshaft bearing environment forms an integral part of the engine block, contributing to its overall stiffness and taking the large forces caused by actuation of the fuel pumps. Bolted-on engine feet facilitate installation in all kinds of seating arrangements, including resilient mounting.





CYLINDER LINER WITH ANTI-POLISHING RING

Flanged liner with tangential water flow, and symmetrically supported at the top. Antipolishing ring removes the carbon from the top land of the piston, thereby preventing liner polishing. This system results in a drastic reduction of cylinder wear, lower lubricating oil consumption and a clean piston.

CYLINDER HEAD

The use of four cylinder head studs offers easy access for maintenance, while requiring less space. Rigidity of the cylinder head design ensures adequate and uniform sealing between cylinder head and liner.

Rigidity of the flame plate prohibits deformation of the valve seat environment. The thick flame bottom has drilled cooling water passages to prevent thermal stresses. Low thermal loads and careful selection of valve and seat material result in excellent valve reliability.



FUEL SYSTEM

Fuel feed and return lines are integrated in the fuel pump housing. This results in fewer pipe connections and therefore high reliability. Shielded high-pressure lines and the 'hot box' design contribute to safety, especially in heavy fuel operation. The pressure pulses in the lowpressure system are very low.

FUEL INJECTION SYSTEM

The Wärtsilä 26 fuel injection system achieves the optimum fuel spray pattern and droplet size. Proper dimensioning of the camshaft, camshaft bearings and rollers ensures long lifetimes and low maintenance costs.

ENGINE-DRIVEN PUMPS

Engine-driven lubricating oil and cooling water pumps are an integral part of the engine.

All pumps are located on the free end of the engine, allowing easy connection to the ancillary systems. Using engine-driven pumps reduces the total investment costs for the shipowner.

AIR INTAKE AND EXHAUST SYSTEM

Turbochargers are designed for high compression ratios and high efficiencies at all loads. The charge air receiver is designed for minimum pressure variation and good engine 'breathing'. The exhaust system has a flowoptimized design. Its modular construction ensures easy assembly.

Insulation is provided by insulating panels which are easily removable for inspection.

The V-engine is equipped with a two-stage charge air cooler to maximize the heat to be recovered. The charge air cooler is housed in a multifunctional casting which also incorporates the turbocharger support.

AUTOMATION SYSTEM

The engine is equipped with a scaleable engine automation system:

- The basic version (UNIC C1) consists of a hardwired system containing sensors, switches and handles the basic engine safeties.
- The extended automation system (UNIC C2) is a complete electronic engine control system including speed governing functions.

The two systems differ in the way signals are handled and in the amount of functionality covered by the system. Both systems include all start and stop related functions. The advanced control system generates alarms and load reduction requests when set point values are exceeded and has speed governing unit integrated. In the basic automation system these functionalities must be foreseen in the external system.





MAINTENANCE

The design features of the engine facilitate direct access to the vital parts. This cuts the time needed for maintenance. Other key aspects of easy maintenance include:

- Minimized number of parts by combining several functionalities in the same componenet
- Hydraulic tensioning of the studs for the cylinder head, connecting rod and main bearings
- Automatic lubricating oil filter
- Easy removal of the cylinder head.



Main assembly shop for Wärtsilä 26 engines in Trieste, Italy.





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WÄRTSILÄ 26 MAIN TECHNICAL DATA

Cylinder bore Piston stroke Speed Mean effective pressure Piston speed Voltage Alternator efficiency Fuel specification: Fuel oil

260 mm 320 mm 900–1 000 rpm 25.5-24.0 bar 9.6–10.7 m/s 0.4–13.8 kV 0.95-0.96

730 cSt/50°C 7200 sR1/100°F ISO 8217, category ISO-F-RMK 700 SFOC 186–192 g/kWh at ISO condition ± 5% tolerance

Rated power: Propulsion engines						
	Output in kW/I	ohp at 900 rpm	Output in kW/bhp at 1 000 rpm			
Engine type	kW	bhp	kW	bhp		
6L26	1 950	2 651	2 040	2 774		
8L26	2 600	3 535	2 720	3 698		
9L26	2 925	3 977	3 060	4 160		
12V26	3 900	5 303	4 080	5 547		
16V26	5 200	7 070	5 440	7 396		

Principal engine dimensions (mm) and weights (tonnes)						
Engine type	A*	А	B*	В	C*	С
6L26 8L26 9L26 12V26 16V26	4 258 5 117 5 507 5 218 6 223	4 110 4 890 5 280 4 968 5 973	1 881 2 019 2 019 2 074 2 151	1 802 1 825 1 825 2 074 2 151	1 912 1 912 1 912 2 453 2 489	1 883 1 979 1 979 2 453 2 489
	D	F dry sump	F wet sump	Weight dry sump	Weight wet sump	
6L26 8L26 9L26 12V26 16V26	2 430 2 430 2 430 2 060 2 060	818 818 818 800 800	950 950 950 1 110 1 110	18.4 22.9 24.8 29.2 33.0	16.9 21.0 22.7 31.9 36.5	

* Turbocharger at flywheel end.

Rated power: Generating sets						
	Output at 90)0 rpm/60 Hz	Output at 1000 rpm/50Hz			
Engine type	kW	kWe	kW	kWe		
6L26	1 950	1 882	2 040	1 969		
8L26	2 600	2 509	2 720	2 625		
9L26	2 925	2 823	3 060	2 953		
12V26	3 900	3 764	4 080	3 937		
16V26	5 200	5 018	5 440	5 250		
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Engine type	A*	E*	*	K	L*	Weight*
6L26	7 500	2 300	1 200	2 430	3 081	40
8L26	8 000	2 300	1 200	2 430	3 219	45
9L26	8 500	2 300	1 200	2 430	3 219	50
12V26	8 400	2 700	1 560	2 765	3 634	60
16V26	9 700	2 700	1 560	2 765	3 711	70

Gen. output based on generator efficiency of 96.5%. *Dependent on generator type and size.





Wärtsilä enhances the business of its customers by providing them with complete lifecycle power solutions. When creating better and environmentally compatible technologies, Wärtsilä focuses on the marine and energy markets with products and solutions as well as services. Through innovative products and services, Wärtsilä sets out to be the most valued business partner of all its customers. This is achieved by the dedication of more than 16,000 professionals manning 150 Wärtsilä locations in 70 countries around the world. Wärtsilä is listed on The Nordic Exchange in Helsinki, Finland.

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