

Perkins in Wimborne, UK



The Perkins marine engine facility in Wimborne, UK, is responsible for all marine auxiliary and propulsion engines under the Perkins brand.

Located on the south coast of England and with a strong marine heritage, engines have been manufactured here since 1968. The facility has received significant investment in both the manufacturing and office areas to facilitate efficient operations, future growth and enable the support of customers worldwide.



The facility employs approximately 115 people and, at a total of 5,055 square metres, has the capability of manufacturing in excess of 3,000 engines per year to a global customer base.

Perkins Wimborne facts

- Size 5,055 square metres
- Capacity in excess of 3,000 engines per year
- Dedicated marine expertise
- Manufactures and supplies marine propulsion engines (86-1000 hp), auxiliary engines and generator sets (10-200 eKW)

In common with all Perkins facilities, our engines are manufactured using the Caterpillar Production System, thus ensuring that the exacting standards expected by our customers are consistently achieved.

In addition to the manufacture and testing of engines, the knowledgeable team based at the facility on the Ferndown Industrial Estate are responsible for the design, engineering, and new product introduction of Perkins marine engines. There is also a dedicated sales support department who look after the marine global distributor network and end users.

The engines manufactured are used in oceangoing (cruise and cargo), high performance (pleasure craft, Government Defence, and fast ferry) and workboat (offshore, tug and salvage, passenger, inland waterways, fishing, and dredging) applications. Additionally, as an indication of our commitment to meeting our customers' needs, some 33 percent of engines produced are designed to order to meet specific requirements.

“ We work closely with the Perkins distributor network around the world to deliver dependable power customers can rely on. ”

Ben Lewis, sales support and customer services manager

400 Series

The Perkins® 400 Series provides compact power from a robust family of 3 and 4 cylinder diesel engines designed to meet today's uncompromising demands within the power generation industry.

With naturally aspirated and turbocharged diesel engines available, the engines come with a range of features that provide economic and durable operation for prime duty.

1100 Series

The 1104 range is designed to provide precisely tailored technology marine applications customers can depend on.

The engines provide customers with a high level of reliability, low cost of ownership, improved performance and crucially less engine noise. Rapid starting and pick-up are naturally built in for cold operation.

Ideal for repower, the 1104 offers powerful technology that is tailored specifically for your requirements.

1200 Series

Renowned for superior performance and reliability the current models in the range offer turbocharged, air cooled, 6 cylinder, 7 litre engines ranging from 120 to 240 kWm at 110% load.

The series offers operator and environmentally friendly low noise, rapid startability and low emissions. Extended service intervals and exceptionally low fuel consumption make this a cost-effective choice with significant owner savings.

“ Here at Wimborne, we are proud of our heritage in building high-quality engines. Our experience, skills and expertise are recognised and valued by our marine customers worldwide. ”

Tony Suttle, facility manager



Your peace of mind is our priority, so we are committed to delivering excellence in everything we do from the products we manufacture to the service we provide.