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## DOLE POWER TRIM and TILT KIT

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Mercury Marine has tested the DOLE POWER TRIM AND TILT SYSTEM on Mercury Outboard Motors. Our tests show that the following POTENTIALLY HAZARDOUS PROBLEMS can occur during operational use.

### DOLE KIT for MERCURY 500-thru-1500

1. NO ENERGY ABSORBING FEATURE. If the outboard strikes an underwater object with sufficient momentum, the outboard could tear itself loose from the transom and land in the boat.
2. LOSS of REVERSE THRUST and STEERING. The Dole instruction sheet recommends leaving the reverse lock mechanism intact and trimming the outboard "in" to engage the lock before shifting into reverse. An operator on a collision course may not have time to trim "in", or an operator could forget in a panic situation.
3. HIGH SPEED INSTABILITY. In a light, fast boat, opening the valve to trim "in" allows the outboard to drop rapidly, which could cause stability and control problems.

### DOLE KIT for MERCURY 402

1. LOSS of REVERSE THRUST and STEERING. Same comment as Item 2, preceding.
2. HIGH SPEED INSTABILITY. Same as in Item 3, above, but it is not likely because of slower boat speed.

### DOLE KIT for MERCURY 200

1. LOSS of REVERSE THRUST and STEERING. Same as Item 1 for Mercury 402, preceding.

In view of the above, Mercury Marine does not recommend that the Dole Power Trim and Tilt Kit be installed on Mercury Outboards. Any damage, that occurs as a result of the use of the Dole Power Trim and Tilt Kit, will not be covered by Mercury Marine's warranty.