INSTALLATION MANUAL

Piccolo 4, Piccolo 5 and M-GV 1 Piccolo genverters for marine use

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1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 USE OF THIS MANUAL
This manual serves as a guideline for the safe and effective installation of the WhisperPower Piccolo 4 and 5 genverters for marine applications.

It is obligatory that every person who is involved with the installation of the genverter must be completely familiar with the contents of this manual, and that he/she carefully follows the instructions contained herein.

To ensure reliability and durability of the equipment, it is very important that the installation is carried out with the utmost care and attention. To avoid problems, such as temperature problems, noise levels, vibration, etc. the instructions set out in this manual must be followed and all installation work must be carried out only by qualified, authorized and trained personnel, consistent with the locally applicable standards and taking into consideration the safety guidelines and measures (Chapter 2 of the user’s manual).

The information, specifications, illustrations and statements contained within this publication are given with our best intentions and are believed to be correct at the time of going to press.

Our policy is one of continued development and we reserve the right to amend any technical information without prior notice.

Whilst every effort is made to ensure the accuracy of the particulars contained within this publication neither the manufacturer, distributor, or dealer in any circumstances shall be held liable for any inaccuracy or the consequences thereof.

Keep this manual in a secure place!

1.2 VALIDITY OF THIS MANUAL
All of the specifications, provisions and instructions contained in this manual apply solely to standard versions genverters delivered by WhisperPower.

This manual is valid for the following models:

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Refer to the user’s manual for identification of the genverter set. For other models see our website: www.whisperpower.com.

1.3 INSTALLATION PARTS
Besides the parts that are included with the delivery you need at least the parts listed at section 4.4 to install the genverter. Please note that this listing may not be complete, as every installation differs from the other. Oil is not included in the supply. Refer to the user manual for the right specifications.

1.4 CHP: COMBINED HEAT AND POWER GENERATION
The optimum engine operating temperature is between 80° and 110° Celsius. The outgoing oil temperature is about 90° up to 110°C. The heat exchanger reduces the temperature of the cooling liquid by 20°C to 25°C. The returning “cold” oil therefore has a minimum temperature of at least approx. 65°C Celsius.

This means that the cooling circuit can be used for heating up water or any other medium to almost 100°C (optional). This can be done with an additional heat exchanger. Also it could be useful to use the hot air of the radiator for heating purposes. WhisperPower can advise on such applications and supply additional installation parts for CHP.
2 INSTALLATION

2.1 GENERAL

To ensure reliability and durability of the equipment, it is very important that the installation is carried out with the utmost care and attention. To avoid problems, such as temperature problems, noise levels, vibration, etc., the instructions set out in this manual must be followed and all installation work must be carried out professionally.

WARNING!
The genverter incorporates powerful permanent magnets. Cardiac patients, especially those living with a pacemaker, should bear this in mind.

2.2 LOCATION

When looking for a proper place for a WhisperPower Piccolo genverter in a boat all relevant aspects have to be taken into account:
- Accessibility
- Solid foundation
- Space to mount the exhaust
- A route to fit the fuel lines

Since WhisperPower genverters have extremely compact dimensions, they can be installed in tight locations. Please consider that even almost maintenance-free machinery must still remain accessible.

When selecting the location area in which to mount the genverter, make sure there is sufficient room to carry out any maintenance work. The unit must be easily accessible on the service side.

All models can be serviced from one side. Oil filling can be done on the service side and on the top. (The top of the engine (rocker cover) has to be accessible for adjustment of the valve clearance.

Please also note that in spite of the automatic oil pressure switch it is still essential that the oil level is checked regularly.

2.3 PROTECTION AGAINST DIRT, WATER, HIGH TEMPERATURE AND WEATHER CONDITIONS

The unit is designed to be mounted inside a boat. The genverter is not suited to mount on deck in the open air to be subjected to bad weather conditions and (salt) water spray and rain or snow. The best place is a dedicated machine room. Also inside the boat, the genverter should be protected against bilge water, condensation, frost and other conditions that will affect the machinery. The air inlet of the engine room must be protected against the ingress of water and it is recommended to fit an air inlet strainer for protection against dirt and dust.

2.4 INSTRUCTIONS FOR OPTIMAL SOUND AND VIBRATION INSULATION

Position the genverter as low as possible in the vessel. The engine is secured to the base frame inside the canopy by means of a double flexible engine mountings system. This frame is must be solidly mounted in the vessel, not using rubber mountings again. When it is possible to mount the unit directly on the vessel’s frames this has advantages in preventing vibrations by resonance.

2.4.1 Further recommendations

Whisper generating sets are standard equipped with a sound cover canopy. This sound cover has been designed to give effective sound insulation. For optimum sound and vibration dampening, the following factors should be considered.

1. Most important is the structure on which the genverter is placed to be stiff. Directly below the base frame the structure should be supported vertically to the trusses of the boat. When this is not possible horizontal structures should be made stiff by additional provisions (refer to Figure 1).
2. In larger vessels a separate and insulated machine room for the genverter will help to damp the noise even further.
3. Avoid mounting the generating set in close proximity to thin walls or floors that may cause resonance.
4. Sound dampening is extremely poor if the generating set is mounted on a light weight flimsy surface such as plywood which will only amplify vibrations. If mounting on a thinner surface cannot be avoided, this should be at least be reinforced with stiffening struts or ribbing. If possible, holes should be drilled or cut through the surface to help reduce the resonance. Covering the surrounding walls and floors with a heavy coating plus foam will certainly improve the situation.
5. Never connect the base of the generating set directly to walls or tanks (refer to Figure 1).

Figure 1: Mounting of a Whisper generating set. X = wrong, V = OK
2.5 VENTILATION

2.5.1 General

The genverter normally draws air from the engine compartment or machine room. An engine compartment with natural ventilation must have vent openings of adequate size and location to enable the genverter to operate without overheating. To allow an ample supply of air within the temperature limits of the generating set an opening of at least 100 cm² is required.

A “sealed” engine compartment must have a good extraction ventilator to maintain reasonable ambient temperatures. High temperature of intake air reduces engine performance and increases engine coolant temperatures. Air temperatures above 40°C reduce the engine power by 2% for each 5°C of rise. Further the electronic inverter is rated for 40°C. At higher temperatures the electric output will be lower. To minimise these effects the engine room temperature must not be more than 15°C above the outside ambient air temperature.

Apply a combination of ventilators, blowers and air intake ducting to meet the temperature limit. The air inlet ducts should run to the bottom of the engine compartment to clear fumes from the bilge and to circulate fresh air. Air outlets should be at the top of the engine compartment to remove the hottest air. An engine compartment blower should be used as an extraction ventilator to remove air from the engine room.

In cases where it is impossible to meet the above mentioned temperature limit by using engine compartment ventilation, connections are to be made for an air inlet directly to the genverter enclosure.

Air inlets should be louvered, where appropriate, to protect the engine room and to protect the generating set from water spray.

2.7 FUEL SUPPLY

2.7.1 Fuel tank

Fuel tanks should be made of appropriate material such as (stainless) steel or plastic. Steel tanks should not be galvanised or painted inside. Condensation can occur in metal tanks when temperature changes. Therefore, water accumulates at the bottom of the tank and provisions should be made for the drainage of this water.

The tank will need a filling connection, a return connection and an air ventilation connection which will require protection against water entry.

Some official regulations do not allow connection points at the base of the fuel tank; connections are to be made at the top of the tank with internal tubing down to a few cm above the bottom of the tank.

2.7.2 Fuel lift pump

Apart from the machine fuel pump, the generating set is supplied with a separate fuel lift pump; therefore the tank can be installed at a lower level than the generating set (see Figure 3). The maximum suction height is 1 m.

If the pump has to lift the fuel higher than one meter an external fuel lift pump must be installed (Art. No. 50201062).

When using a second electric fuel supply pump, it is recommended to mount a loose supplied pump close to the tank and mount it in an angle or vertical to prevent air bubbles to block the system. The pump makes clicking noises and therefore could be mounted on rubber mountings. When the clicking noises of the pump are not acceptable another noiseless pump is available as an option (Art. No. 50202200).
Figure 2: Connections

Figure 3: Fuel supply (fuel tank is below the genverter)
2.7.3 Fuel pipes

When the tank is above the generating set (Figure 4), WhisperPower recommends ending the return line on the top of the tank. When the return is on the top - in case of a leakage the return line cannot overflow because of siphoning. One will only need a fuel cock in the fuel supply line. When the tank is below the generating set (Figure 3) we recommend ending the return line on the bottom of the tank (A) below the inlet of the supply line. In this way the fuel cannot drain back into the tank when the engine is stopped; as the return line will not let air in. This prevents starting trouble caused by air in the fuel supply line.

Both supply and return fuel pipe lines should be appropriate material and 8 mm outer diameter tubing. The quality of the tubing of fuel pipes could be submitted to local regulations depending on the application of the boat.

The fuel pipes can be connected to the flexible hoses which are on the generator and are prepared to be fitted to 8 mm pipe. The resulting fuel line complies with CE standards as well as ISO 7840/A2.

It is important to avoid bends in the pipes, as they could trap air bubbles. The return pipe should never be connected to the suction pipe. The return line should be of 8 mm diameter and go straight back to the tank. When the return is too narrow, has too many bends and goes back to the bottom of the fuel tank, the back-pressure could be too high. This results in irregular running of the engine. When the engine runs irregular, one can check if back-pressure is the problem by disconnecting the return line just outside the canopy and draining it in a canister. When the engine runs smooth now, the return piping has to be changed. It could also help to install a second (electrical 12V) fuel lift pump in the supply line to increase the pressure.

2.7.4 Fuel filters

A fine fuel filter is installed which requires maintenance. advises to install an extra fuel filter/ water fuel separator near the fuel tank.

Before starting your generating set for the first time follow the fuel system bleeding procedure in the user manual.
2.8 COOLING

2.8.1 General

For the cooling of an engine on a boat there are two methods available: inter-cooling and keel cooling. Inter-cooling is based on a raw water pump, heat exchanger and water-injected exhaust.

Keel cooling means cooling the coolant (in case of the Piccolo 4 and Piccolo 5 this is oil) by circulating the hot coolant through a space in the keel, or through a double walled skin of the boat, through a box cooler welded in a steel boat, using a big tank or any other external cooler.

Most of the time; using keel cooling, one apply a dry exhaust, but other combinations could be supplied on request:

1) Inter-cooling with water injected a wet exhaust
2) Inter-cooling with a dry exhaust
3) Keel cooling with a dry exhaust
4) Keel cooling with a wet exhaust

2.8.2 Inter-cooling

When applying inter-cooling the genverter should have its own sea water inlet and should not be connected to any other engine systems (see Figure 6). A properly installed cooling system is critical to keep engine temperatures within an acceptable range. Ensure that the installation complies with the following installation instructions.

2.8.3 Raw water supply

For raw water supply the following installation materials are required: - a skin fitting - a sea cock - a water strainer - hoses and clamps. In order to keep the suction resistance in the line at a minimum, the sea water intake system (i.e. sea cock, thru-hull fitting, inlet filter, etc.) must have an inner diameter of at least 12.5 mm diameter (1/2”). The suction hose should be kept as short as possible. Raw water plumbing should avoid bends as much as possible.

Restriction of raw water flow, caused by kinked hoses, undersized pipes or connections, will reduce the engine cooling capability. This is the main cause for overheating of an engine.

When in doubt check the coolant flow rate using a stopwatch and by holding a pail of a known volume under the wet-exhaust outlet. The flow rate should be 8 to 12 litres /min.

Figure 6: Raw water cooling system
2.8.4 Installation of through hull fitting

It is good practice for yachts to use a hull inlet fitting with an integrated strainer (water scoop). For propulsion engines in motorboats the water scoop is often mounted against the sailing direction to induce more water intake for cooling.

![Diagram of sailing direction and flow direction](image)

**Figure 7: Installing water intake**

**Cautions:**

- **THIS SHOULD NOT BE DONE IN THE CASE OF A Piccolo 4/5 OR ANY OTHER GENVERTER! WHEN SAILING AT HIGHER SPEEDS, WATER WILL BE FORCED INTO THE INLET AND YOUR ENGINE WILL OVERFLOW!**

See Figure 7. On motorboats and on sailing boats the water scoop for a Piccolo 4 or 5 should be fitted with the opening faced backwards to prevent water being forced in during sailing. Use a sealant when mounting the skin fitting.

2.8.5 Water strainer

Use an appropriate water strainer with connections of 12.5 mm (1/2"). Install the water strainer in a well accessible position, (refer to Figure 6, ref 6) 5 cm above the waterline.

2.8.6 Siphon breaker (air vent)

When the point of water injection is below the waterline, then - when the engine is stopped - there is a risk that the cooling water may enter the engine as a result of siphoning. To avoid this happening, the Piccolo is designed to accommodate a siphon breaker (air vent). In the standard delivery these connections are bypassed. Hose of 12.5 mm (1/2") inner diameter should be used.

If the Piccolo cannot be mounted such that the bottom of the unit is placed above the waterline, an air vent must be installed. Extend the water hose of the by-pass 60 cm above waterline and install an air vent. Ideally, the air vent should be mounted above the yacht keel centre line (i.e. to minimize the influence of swaying on the water intake).

Fast motorboats will lay deeper when sailing at large speed (non-planing) and have additional pressure on the water inlet. This should be avoided to prevent water from entering into the engine.

- **If the air vent is clogged the water hoses will not be vented when the Piccolo has stopped and water can be forced into the engine. this leads to immediate engine problems and eventually severe damage!**

- **DAMAGE CAUSED BY THE INGRESS OF WATER IN THE ENGINE IS NOT COVERED BY WARRANTY.**

The siphon breaker that is delivered with the WhisperPower siphon breaker installation kit does not require a connection for a hose to drain the little water that could be spilled from the valve. If you use another kind of siphon breaker that has a hose connection, make sure that the drain should go downwards down directly and that it may not end under water. Water must flow out freely and air has to flow in freely as well (refer to Figure 8).

![Diagram of wrong siphon breaker hose routing](image)

**Figure 8: Wrong siphon breaker hose routing (non-WhisperPower siphon breaker)**

Check the air vent at regular intervals. Open, clean and lubricate the valve as required (Figure 8).

2.9 EXHAUST SYSTEM

Inter-cooling is almost always combined with a wet exhaust system: Water is injected in the exhaust system of the genverter. In this way the cooling water that has passed the heat exchanger is mixed with the exhaust gases. Temperature and volume of the gases are thereby reduced considerably, so that a rubber exhaust hose can be used and the level of noise is reduced as well.

However a dry exhaust is possible dumping the water over board separately. Keel cooling is almost always combined with a dry exhaust.
2.9.1 Standard wet exhaust system installation

The genverter wet exhaust system must remain completely independent and separate from the exhaust system of any other engine on board. A water lock prevents the genverter from being flooded by cooling water and should be installed as close to the genverter as possible. The lock must be large enough to hold the entire water volume held in the hose from the top of the goose neck to the water lock. The water lock must be installed at the lowest point of the exhaust system (refer to Figure 9, ref. 1). The exhaust hose must have an inner diameter of 40 mm no less, no more-. The exhaust system must be installed so that the back pressure inside the exhaust does not exceed 0.8 psi 60 cm. water pressure (refer to the user’s manual) and total length up to the outlet or water separator does not exceed 2.5 m. The exhaust hose descends from the capsule to the water lock. Then the hose rises maximum lift 120 cm via the “goose neck” to the through-hull exhaust outlet, situated minimum 50 mm above the water line (refer to Figure 6, ref. 5). The “goose neck” must be vertical and situated preferable along the ship’s keel centre line. It is recommended to install an extra muffler (see Figure 9, ref. 2) close to the through-hull fitting.

![Figure 9: Standard exhaust system](image)

Because of the small gas flow of the small engine it is very important to keep strictly to the instructions above. Some mufflers and water locks cause too high back pressure. It is recommended to use a WhisperPower installation kits or check the back pressure (refer to the user’s manual). Too high back pressure causes the system to fill up with water affecting the outlet valve and valve seat.

2.9.2 “Super silent” exhaust system

See Figure 10. In order to reduce the noise level of the genverter to a minimum, an option to reduce the exhaust noise further (especially exhaust water splashing) is an exhaust/water separator. The exhaust/water separator allows the cooling water to be ejected through a line separate from the exhaust fumes and also functions as a goose neck to prevent water from flooding the engine. The exhaust/water separator is mounted more than 60 cm above the water level.

See Figure 11. If the through-hull exhaust outlet has to be mounted far from the genverter, an exhaust/water separator must definitely be installed. (Total length of the exhaust piping from genverter to top of goose neck (water separator) is more than 2.50 m.) The sea water from the separator must run down along the shortest possible path to the through-hull outlet.
Only when using an exhaust / water separator the exhaust may have a length up to 7.5m after the water/gas-separator. However water traps should be avoided as the fumes still contains water and this should not accumulate in bends (refer to Figures 12 and 13). An additional outlet exhaust muffler close to the hull outlet will help further to reduce noise emission.

If the Piccolo 4/5 and the exhaust system have been installed correctly, neighbouring boats will not be disturbed by outlet noise. With the "super silent" exhaust system, noises are almost inaudible. For optimal noise reduction, the sea water outlet from the exhaust/water separator (centre outlet on the unit) should be installed below the water level to eliminate noisy splashing of the effluent sea water. The through-hull outlet for the exhaust fumes should not direct the fumes directly toward the water surface as this will cause excessive noise (refer to Figure 14).

**Figure 10: Super silent exhaust system**

1. Water level  
2. Water/exhaust separator  
3. Seacock  
4. Waterlock

**Figure 11: Install the water lock close to the generator**

Max. length A - B = 2.5 m. (8 ft)
2.10 DRY EXHAUST SYSTEM

2.10.1 General remarks

A dry exhaust muffler system should be very effective in silencing exhaust noises when applying the right mufflers. However, noise could be generated by vibrations in the mufflers and be transferred to the boat. Tacit factors like the length of specific pipe sections could cause the noise to be amplified. It is very difficult to take these factors into account.

The standard WhisperPower exhaust kit contains the materials to perform a professional installation. In the kit is a stainless steel flexible bellow (hose) to allow for expansion and to prevent vibrations to be transferred. Rubbers are supplied to mount the mufflers flexible. The insulation jacket for the flexible bellow and the resonance muffler are also very effective in damping vibrations. Still it could be that additional measures has to be taken like an extra clamp in a vibrating section of pipe, insulation blankets on other parts of the system and possibly even additional mufflers.

When the exhaust is led through the roof of a boat, measures has to be taken to prevent rainwater to enter the system. Special rain caps are available as an option.

A negative feature of a dry exhaust system is the heat radiated by its components. Measures must be taken to overcome the heat problem: When a dry exhaust has its outlet on the deck or on the roof of the steering house, all the pipes inside the boat has to be insulated.
THE EXHAUST PIPES WILL BE VERY HOT AND ALL ACCESSIBLE PIPES AND MUFFLERS ARE DANGEROUS TO PEOPLE WHEN NOT INSULATED.

There are companies that are specialised in insulating hot pipes and fancy systems are available to make it good looking. However it is also possible to do it yourself by winding fibreglass or Rockwool around the pipes and seal it with aluminium tape. On request WhisperPower can supply insulation jackets for all kind of pipes and bends.

1 THE STANDARD DRY EXHAUST SYSTEM

The standard exhaust system contains:

On the genverter:
- An insulated exhaust bend

In the exhaust installation kit:
- A stainless steel shielded flexible bellow.
- One resonance muffler
- One absorption muffler
- Clamps and rubbers to mount the system flexible
- Fittings, bends and pipes to make the different connections
- Jackets for thermal and sound insulation.

The mufflers are high quality marine mufflers that are much more effective, robust and durable than mufflers made for automotive use.

WHEN THE EXHAUST IS LED THROUGH THE SIDE, DECK OR ROOF OF THE DECK HOUSE, MEASURES HAS TO BE TAKEN TO PREVENT RAINWATER TO ENTER THE SYSTEM. SPECIAL RAIN CAPS ARE AVAILABLE AS AN OPTION.

INSTALLATION OF THE DRY EXHAUST

Before determining the location of the genverter set one has to consider how to get away with the exhaust. In wind still conditions a light smell of exhaust fumes around the boat will not be avoidable.

To bring the exhaust to the deck or to the top of the deck house gives the best results on noise and smell. However, when the pipes go through the boat they should be insulated and around the hole in the deck or roof should be a collar to prevent rainwater to leak in. Both mufflers could be on the roof or one of them or both could be in the machine room.

In general it is better to have the mufflers wide apart: the resonance muffler close to the genverter and the absorption muffler on the end of the line. A short pipe (30cm) should be on the far end after the absorption muffler. The absorption muffler has no flow direction and could be mounted both ways. The resonance muffler should be mounted according to the indication on the muffler itself.

The resonance muffler should be fitted according to direction of the gas flow indicated.

In the kit are clamps to mount the exhaust pipes to stainless steel bars. These bars should be mounted to the structure of the boat. It is recommend to use rubber mountings whenever possible. However take care that the heat conducted through the brackets will not affect the rubber. Refer to Figure 17 how to mount the rubber in a safe way. When any doubt an extra safeguard could be constructed from steel wire or chain.

Figure 17: Mounting bracket in rubber with safeguard
3 ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION

3.1 ENGINE CONTROL SYSTEM
Engine control (standard 12V) is incorporated in the PMG Power Module for Genverter. Use the PMG or a separate DDC box to operate the generator.

3.2 STARTER BATTERY
For starting, the Piccolo 4/5 requires a 12V starter battery with at least 55 Ah.
The Piccolo 4/5 can be started using the main engine battery or have its own battery. We strongly recommend the use of a separate battery and to keep the wiring system for the propulsion engine and the domestic DC supply system completely separate and individually connected to separate batteries.
However, the negative of all the batteries on the boat should be interconnected to avoid difference in the voltage level of the earth on different places causing trouble to electronic devices which might be in the system.
The above recommendation is not valid for boats having the starter battery of the propulsion engine or other auxiliary equipment positive grounded. When this is the case an expert should be consulted.
A battery switch may be used to interrupt the positive connection.
The starter battery is charged by the alternator on the engine. An additional battery charger will help to keep the battery in good condition when the generating set is not used.
A battery charger is not included in the standard supply. A high efficiency battery charging unit can be ordered from WhisperPower which is able to charge both the boat’s main battery and the starter battery. Also a small charger can be used to charge the starter battery only.

3.3 OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS AND WARNINGS
The battery should be secured for rough sea conditions and the terminals should be insulated. For extra safety the battery can be enclosed in a wooden, plastic, fibreglas etc. (non metal) box.
Even when the earth return system is applied a negative battery cable should be used and the boat should not to be used as a conductor.
Battery cables are not included (recommended: 1.5 m, 10mm2; if longer cables are required a larger cross sectional area should be considered to compensate for voltage reduction). Connect the cables as described in section 4.1.

When two batteries are used in series to provide a 24 Volt supply system, never take off 12 Volt (starting) power from one of these batteries. This will result in severe damage to both batteries within a short time.

Disconnect the battery leads if electrical welding is to be carried out, otherwise damage will be caused to the diodes of the alternator.

As explosive hydrogen gases may be discharged during charging, the battery should be located in a well-ventilated room. Ensure that the supplied battery cable connectors are properly fitted and never remove during or shortly after charging as sparking can occur, which may ignite the hydrogen gasses.

3.4 AC POWER SYSTEM

The electric power supplied by the genverter is of a high voltage and dangerous to people. Before working (installation) on the system read the sections on safety in the users manual.

Generators used on boats that are operated in a hazardous environment have often to fulfil special regulations and additional measures have to be taken accordingly.

Be sure that all electrical installations (including all safety systems) comply with all required regulations of the local authorities. All electrical safety/shutdown and circuit breaking systems have to be installed on board as the generating set itself cannot be equipped with such equipment for every possible variation.
The boats power supply system should be suitable and safe for the AC voltage which is applied and the power that will be generated. Special attention has to be paid on dividing the system in branches which are fused individually.
It is absolutely essential that each and every circuit in the electrical system is properly installed by a qualified electrician.

3.5 CABLE PROTECTION (FUSES)
It is the installer’s responsibility to protect the live wires between the genverter and the PMG/DC PowerCube. Check the electrical information on the identification plate in order to calculate the right fuse size.
Please note that the above is in addition to any fuses required between the PMG/DC PowerCube and the AC installation or batteries, as applicable.
3.6 GROUNDING
The AC alternator windings are not grounded. The housing of the alternator and all other metal parts are
grounded.
Genverters described in this manual require to be installed with either a Power Module for Genverter (PMG) or a DC
PowerCube and batteries. Refer to the relevant manuals for additional information on grounding.
It is necessary that the electric installation in the boat must be
protected against insulation failures. Methods of protection are
subjected to rules that can be different depending on the use of
the boat and local standards. Experts in this field should be
consulted.

3.7 CABLE
For the power cable we recommend the use of 4 wire three
phase oil resistant cable with a sufficient cross sectional area.
One wire for earth is included. For long cables it is
recommended to apply cables with a larger cross section (refer
to ISO 13297 annex A).

3.8 TRANSFER SWITCH
A power source selector switch must be installed between the
PMG box and the vehicle’s electrical supply system. This switch
must ensure that all AC consumers can be switched off at once.
This switch should also be installed to keep the genverter and
shore (grid) power systems separate.
Transfer switches - to switch over from shore to ship or from
genverter to inverter - should be well designed to switch over
all wires including neutral (and not only phases or line) and
there should be provisions with the aid of timers to prevent
relays from clattering.
WhisperPower recommends the installation of a WhisperSwitch
as the power source selector. This works automatically. While
the genverter is not running, the input remains in the shore
position. When the genverter is started, the WhisperSwitch
switches to the generating set position after 10 seconds delay
time.

In all situations the transfer switches between
land line, inverter and genverter should switch
both neutral and L1.
4 INSTALLATION SPECIFICATIONS

4.1 GENERAL
1. Mount the generating set directly, without additional vibration dampers, on a solid surface.
2. Mount the cooling system for the engine.
3. Connect exhaust system.
5. Connect ‘fuel return line’ to the fuel tank.
6. Connect remote panel (just plug in).
7. Connect the AC cables to the PMG/DC PowerCube.
8. Connect the battery cables to the starter motor as shown in Figure 21:

![Battery Cable Positive and Negative](image)

Figure 21: Connecting the battery cables to the starter motor

9. Connect the battery cables to the 12V starter battery’s positive and negative terminals.
10. Install a WhisperPower battery charger (optional).

4.2 COMMISSIONING TABLE
1. Check if the cooling system for the engine is properly installed.
2. Check if the exhaust system is properly installed. Check maximum length of exhaust hose, diameter of exhaust piping.
3. Check all coolant connections.
4. Check the AC cables and the grounding.
5. Check if an AC breaker is installed before or after the power source selector. When there is only a circuit breaker, use it to disconnect the generating set from the grid.
6. Check all DC connections, check if the battery switch/ circuit breaker is closed.
7. Open the fuel valve. Check if there are no air leaks in the fuel supply line, and check if the lift of the fuel is less than 1 meter. Check if there is no air in the water fuel separator.
8. Check if the air intake in the canopy is not blocked.
9. Check the oil level and colour of the oil.
10. To bleed the fuel system:
    Push the “Start” button on the local control (not on the remote panel) and hold at least 5 seconds and as long as necessary to bleed the system.
11. Start the engine by pushing the start button.
12. Check when the generator is running, the delay of some seconds in the power source selector transfer.
13. Check voltage and frequency under ‘no load’ conditions.
14. Check if the generator increase speed when loaded more. Check if the generator can bring the full load.
15. Check if the generator can speed up when largest load step that can occur comes in. If not increase no load speed (Refer to DDC manual).
16. Check if the battery charger of the generating set is working (max. 14.5 Volt).
17. Close the sound shield and check the noise level.
18. Stop the generator set and check the engine again for leakages of oil, fuel or coolant and check the oil level again.

Installation checklist available on our website:
Commissioning form available on our website:

4.3 TECHNICAL DATA
Refer to the User’s Manual for an overview of general technical specifications.
4.4 SPECIFICATION OF THE ACCESSORIES

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4.5 INSTALLATION MATERIALS

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- Spare parts fuel kit

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WATER INLET KIT

Figure 23: Water inlet kit and syphon breaker kit

WATER INLET KIT 12.5 mm

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WET EXHAUST KIT

According to ABYC recommendations all hose connections must be fitted with two hose clamps.
Maximum torque hose clamps: 12Nm / 105 InLbs

"DELTA" EXHAUST KIT Ø 40 mm (1 5/8")

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"DELTA" WATER SEPARATOR KIT 40 mm (1 5/8")

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**DRY EXHAUST KIT**

![Diagram of Dry Exhaust Kit]

Figure 25: Dry exhaust kit

**DRY EXHAUST KIT 1”**

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**BATTERY INSTALLATION KIT**

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**RECOMMENDED BATTERY**

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5 DIAGRAMS & DRAWINGS

5.1 ELECTRICAL DIAGRAMS

Figure 26: Layout of Piccolo 4 [120V] and Piccolo 5 [230V] genverter systems
Figure 27: Layout of Piccolo 5 [120V] genverter system
Figure 28: Layout of DC-oriented system featuring M-GV 1 Piccolo and DC PowerCube
5.2 MECHANICAL DRAWINGS

Figure 29: Piccolo 5 dimensions