







# Suzuki's Award Winning Technology

The product of unrivaled expertise and world class technology, Suzuki's four-stroke outboards have long been on the cutting edge of outboard performance winning acclaim and awards for their advanced technology, innovative ideas, and designs. We were the first to introduce a digital Electronic Fuel Injection four-stroke; an idea that allowed the DF60 and DF70 to receive further recognition from the International Marine Trades Exposition and Convention when they captured the IMTEC Innovation Award. We were the first to offer an automotive type self-adjusting timing chain in a four-stroke engine with performanceenhancing dual overhead cams and four valves per cylinder. This brought us recognition again, when our DF40 and DF50 received the IMTEC Innovation Award making Suzuki the first manufacturer to receive this distinguished award two years in a row, and also giving us our third IMTEC award, again an industry first, DF90/115 and DF140 are the first to offer an offset driveshaft with a two-stage cam drive system and two-stage gear reduction system, making them the most compact outboards in their class.

At its first showing at a special preview at the 2003 Miami International Boat Show, the DF250 captured the NMMA (National Marine Manufacturers Association) 2003 Innovation Award making this the fourth Innovation Award for Suzuki.





DF250

### "The Ultimate" DF250

The flagship DF250 is the industry's first 250PS (184kW) V6 four-stroke outboard and the most powerful outboard ever built by Suzuki. Its 3614cm<sup>3</sup> (220.5 cu. in.) displacement is of course, our largest to date, and the largest to date in the industry as well. At 69PS (51kW) per liter, it holds the greatest power to displacement ratio the industry has ever seen in the fourstroke category. Additionally it holds the industry's greatest power to weight ratio and is the lightest outboard motor in this category. Relying on experience we've gained through the manufacture of not only outboards, but technologically-advanced motorcycles and automobiles, our engineers have put decades of knowledge into the design, development, and production of an all new V6 motor designed specifically for outboard use. This new V6 holds some of our most advanced innovative ideas to date, making it a showcase for Suzuki's advanced four-stroke outboard technology.

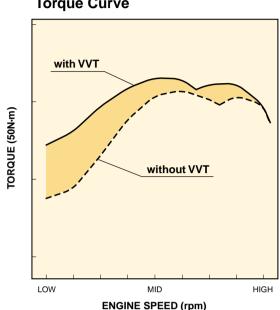


### I The Ultimate in Performance

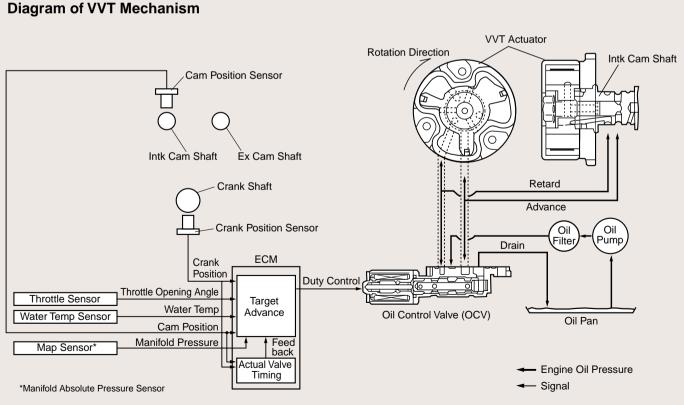
#### **DOHC 24-Valve with VVT Delivers High Performance**

Our engineers designed a 3.6-liter V6 engine-the largest displacement found in the industry thus far-and an aggressive cam profile designed specifically for the DF250 to create the industry's first 250PS (184kW) four-stroke outboard. However, our goal was not just to create an outboard that could deliver 250PS (184kW), but to create an outboard that could deliver high performance that suits its 250PS (184kW) output along with the many benefits that a four-stroke can deliver.

A high performance camshaft designed to deliver 250PS (184kW) produced the wanted power output, but to get the strong mid and low-end torque outboards need when accelerating requires altering valve timing. In general, only using a camshaft setting like those found in racing engines produces an engine that develops insufficient low and mid range torque. This is because the valve timing for intake and exhaust differs according to load and engine speed.



\* At the comparison test, Multi-Stage Induction System of the motor was operated.

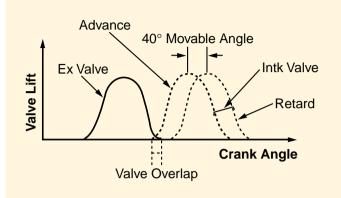


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#### **Torque Curve**

The common idea is that the intake valve opens after the exhaust valve is fully closed however, the intake valve actually starts opening before the exhaust valve fully closes, creating a momentary overlap in the timing where both valves are open. Using VVT (Variable Valve Timing) in the DF250, this overlap can be increased or decreased by altering intake timing with the camshaft, thereby optimizing camshaft timing for low range and mid range operation. As the DF250's camshaft is already setup to deliver maximum output at high rpm, a change in timing in this range is mostly unnecessary. Increasing the overlap is necessary during acceleration in the low and mid power range, but no change in timing is required for stable idling. In the DF250's VVT system there are two chambers within the VVT actuator, one on the phase angle forward side and another on the phase angle backward side, to which hydraulic pressure is continuously applied to change the valve timing of the intake cam. When the engine is stopped, idling or other times that there is no oil pressure in the system, the VVT actuator locks, disengaging the system.

## Graph Illustrating the Variance in Valve Lift Using VVT

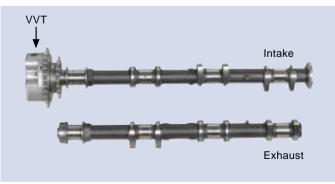






Cylinder Block

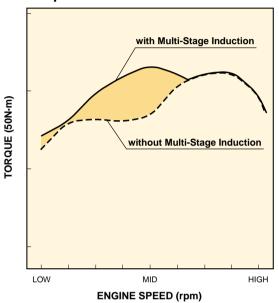
Cylinder Head



Camshaft

#### **Multi-Stage Induction**

Multi-stage induction enhances engine performance by changing the length of intake manifold pipes according to engine speed. The system utilizes two intake manifold pipes per cylinder, one operating at low engine speed and another operating at high. When the engine is operating at lower rpm, air enters the combustion chamber through the



Torque Curve

longer, curved manifold pipe. The length of the pipe is designed for entering the most suitable volume of fresh air into the chamber to improve combustion and boost lowend torque.

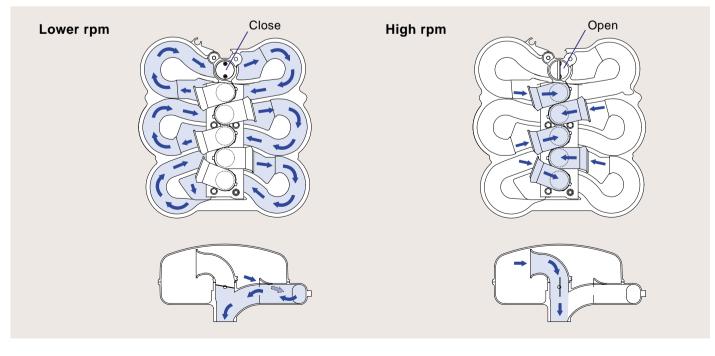
As rpm pass a preset threshold, the valve on the direct intake pipe opens up letting air enter directly into the combustion chamber. Short, straight and lacking resistance it gets a greater volume of air into the chamber, increasing the engine's ability to breathe at high rpm, thus improving high speed power output.

The engine cover is designed with a large air intake, which extends from the back of the cover, well around both sides to provide maximum airflow into the cowling.



Multi-Stage Induction Module

#### Air Flow in Multi-Stage Induction Module



#### **Two-Stage Gear Reduction**

With such a high performance engine now at our disposal, losing any power in the propulsion system would be a waste, so our engineers chose an efficient means of supplying maximum propulsion. A propeller rotating at high speed in the water has a tendency to slip and when two propellers of the same pitch but different diameters are rotated, the smaller propeller will slip more than the larger. So to obtain maximum propulsion, spinning a larger diameter propeller with a suitable pitch is the answer.

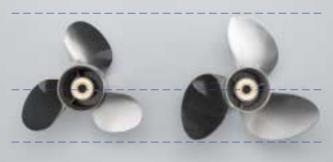
But to spin a larger propeller, more torque in the propeller shaft becomes necessary. In order to obtain the required amount of torque however, the corresponding increases in weight and resistance due to the use of larger gears and a larger gearbox do not always provide effective results. The answer to this dilemma is found in the use of a two-stage gear reduction system that provides the necessary torque without adding unwanted bulk and weight.

The DF250 utilizes a first stage gear reduction (32:40) between the crankshaft and driveshaft, and a second stage reduction (12:22) in the lower unit's gear case, resulting in an overall gear ratio of 2.29. This is the largest gear reduction ratio found in any outboard over 200PS (147kW) two-strokes included. Such a powerful reduction allows

the DF250 to turn a 16-inch diameter propeller, which, while being larger than the 14-1/2-inch diameter propeller found on the two-stroke DT225, is also larger than those previously used on a V6 outboards. The propeller used on the DF250 is specially designed for greater acceleration and maximum speed.

Along with greater acceleration, the gear reduction in combination with the four-stroke engine's wide power band is capable of handling a wide variety of loads, which is a significant benefit to boaters whose loads vary from day to day.

#### **Propeller Diameter Comparison**



DT225

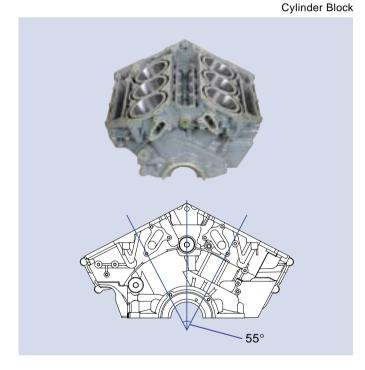
DF250



### Compact Designs

#### 55-Degree Bank Angle Creates a Compact V6

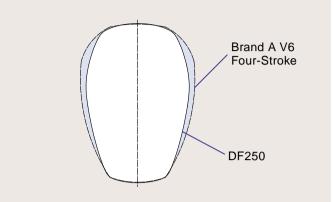
With the DF250, one major design objective our engineers set out to realize was to design and produce a compact, narrow profile motor. This was met by abandoning the 60-degree bank angle normally utilized in V-type blocks and designing an all-new V-design block using a 55-degree bank angle—an industry first. When compared to the industry norm of 60-degrees, as shown in the engine cover comparison, the difference in size is quite clear.



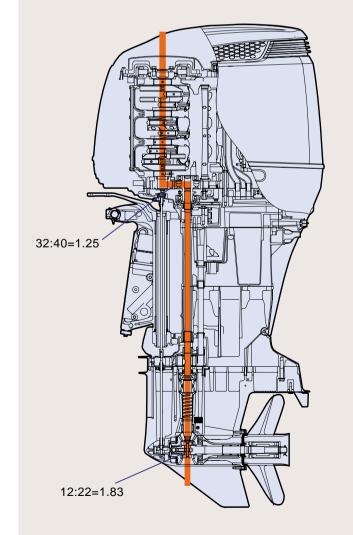
#### **Offset Driveshaft**

Suzuki's utilization of an offset driveshaft in the DF90, 115 and 140 has proven successful in reducing the size of the outboard. The DF 250 benefits from this same design which positions the crankshaft in front of the drive shaft, simultaneously moving the outboard's center of gravity forward. This system adds to the compactness of the outboard and provides an improvement in power performance. It also places the engine's axis of inertia, the point where vibrations produced by the engine are at a minimum, up over the upper engine mount thus greatly reducing vibration.

#### **Engine Cover Profile Comparison**



#### **Offset Drive Shaft**



#### **Two-Stage Cam Drive System**

The two-stage cam drive system utilized in the DF250 incorporates both gears and a chain. The system's first stage gears transfer power between the crankshaft and the drive shaft (32:40) while the second stage utilizes a chain to deliver power from the drive shaft to the camshaft (20:32). This allows for the use of smaller diameter cam sprockets, which in turn allows for a reduction in valve angles also reducing the size of the cylinder head. The timing chain is equipped with an automatic hydraulic tensioner to keep the chain properly tensioned. This system provides years of maintenance-free operation.

#### **Direct Ignition**

The DF250's V6 engine utilizes an advanced direct ignition system, which uses integral type spark plug caps with ignition coils. While reducing the number of parts and simplifying the wiring system, this arrangement also greatly reduces electronic engine "noise" that can interfere with VHF radios, fish finders and other marine electronics. Controlled by the outboard's powerful 32-bit computer this system provides each cylinder with optimum spark strength and timing.

### Durability and Reliability

#### **Keeping The Engine and Components Cool**

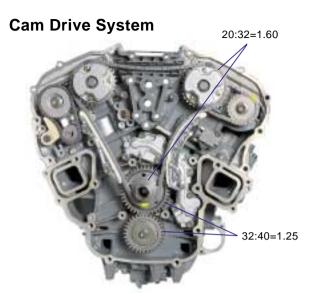
Fitted with fan blades the flywheel serves a dual purpose by efficiently expelling heat from within the engine cover out of the side of the cowl, keeping the temperature within the cowl under control.

Water circulating around the oil jacket located at the base of the V-bank cools oil flowing through the pipe, keeping oil temperature under control. This contributes to the cooling of the engine thereby enhancing durability.

The DF250 also utilizes piston cooling jets, each of which shoots a stream of oil onto the backside of the pistons to aid in cooling. Fine nozzles deliver a well-defined stream of oil that is precise and accurate. The engine is equipped with another cooling jet that shoots a stream of oil onto the main cam chain and drive gear to keep those components cool and lubricated as well.

#### Suzuki Anti-Corrosion Finish

Suzuki has formulated a new anti-corrosion finish that both increases the durability of the engine and protects those parts of the aluminum exterior that are constantly exposed to saltwater. The Suzuki Anti-Corrosion Finish is an specially formulated advanced finish that offers maximum bonding of the finish to the aluminum surface for an effective treatment against corrosion. The Suzuki Anti-Corrosion Finish can be found on all 2004 fourstroke models from the DF25 and up.





Plug Top Ignition Coil



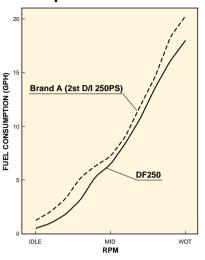
Flywheel Magneto



### I Excellent Fuel Economy 🛛 Low Emissions

The graph shows a comparison in the performance of the DF250 engine with the two-stroke direct fuel injection (D/I) model. At idle, fuel consumption of the DF250 is over 60% less than the DI model. Even when operation at maximum performance level, the DF250 consumes less fuel than its two-stroke counterpart.

#### Comparison



\*According to Suzuki Internal Running Test

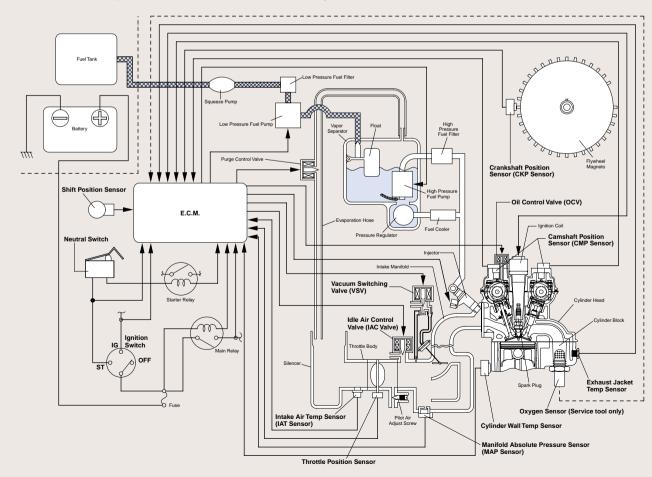
#### **Multi Point Electronic Fuel Injection**

As Suzuki was the first in the industry to incorporate multi point electronic fuel injection in a four-stroke outboard with the DF60 and DF70, it is only natural that the DF250 would incorporate the same. Along with Suzuki's Multi Point Sequential Fuel Injection, the DF250 incorporates an ECM (Engine Control Module) which constantly

monitors crucial data, in real time, from a series of sensors placed in critical areas on the engine. This comprehensive network of sensors includes the Manifold Absolute Pressure Sensor, Crankshaft Position Sensor, Intake Air Temperature Sensor, Cylinder Wall Temperature Sensor, Camshaft Position Sensor and Exhaust Jacket Temperature Sensor. To process all of this data



Injector & Manifold Module



#### **Multi Point Sequential Electronic Fuel Injection**

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efficiently, the ECM relies on a very powerful 32-bit computer which instantly calculates the optimum amount of fuel to be injected at high pressure into each of the cylinders by the Multi Point Sequential Fuel Injection system. This system greatly reduces exhaust emissions allowing the DF250 to pass both the EPA 2006 regulations and CARB 2008 regulations, the strictest exhaust regulations to date, while providing lower fuel consumption, smooth starts, crisp acceleration, smooth performance and maximum efficiency.

#### **CARB 3 Stars**

The DF250 has received the CARB three-star rating which identifies engines that meet the California Air Resources Board's 2008 exhaust emission standards. The strictest exhaust regulations to date, they represent a 65% reduction in emissions from the EPA 2006 emission

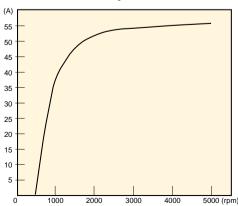
standards.



### Convenient Function

#### **High Output Alternator**

The outboard is also equipped with a high output alternator that delivers 54 A (12V) of electrical power. Designed to produce a majority of this power at low rpm, around 38 A is delivered even at 1,000rpm. It delivers a generous amount of current to keep an assortment of electronics up and running.



#### **Alternator Output**

#### **Tilt Limit Switch**

The motor tilt system incorporates a user settable tilt limit switch, which prevents the motor from tilting beyond a predetermined position. This can be used to protect both the boat and motor from damage that can occur when tilting the motor.



Tilt Limit System

#### **Fuel Filter**

The fuel system is equipped with a large and easy to maintain fuel filter which removes contaminants from the fuel before they reach the engine to protect the engine from damage.



Fuel Filter

#### **Other Features**

- Counter rotation models, the DF250Z, are available in 25-inch and 30-inch transom lengths for greater compatibility with a wider range of offshore boats.
- Lower cover separates into two sections to allow easier access for maintenance to the V6 engine.
- An oil change reminder system, built into the Multi-Function Tachometer (Optional), informs the user with a flashing oil lamp when it is time to change the oil.
- Oil changes are easy with the oil drain plug located on the front of the oil pan, the oil filler cap on the top of the cylinder head, and a spin-on oil filter.
- A comprehensive monitoring system built into the Multi-Function Tachometer (Optional) detects abnormalities in the running of the outboard to provide information and alerts so that appropriate measures can be taken before the problem becomes serious.



#### **DF250 SPECIFICATIONS**

MODEL	DF250	DF250Z (Counter Rotation)
ENGINE TYPE	Four-Stroke DOHC 24 Valves	
FUEL DELIVERY SYSTEM	Multi Point Sequential Electronic Fuel Injection	
TRANSOM HEIGHT mm (in.)	X: 635(25), XX: 762(30)	
STARTING SYSTEM	Electric	
WEIGHT kg (lbs.)	X: 263 (580) XX: 268 (591)	
NO. OF CYLINDERS	V6 (55-degree)	
PISTON DISPLACEMENT cm <sup>3</sup> (cu. in.)	3,614 (220.5)	
BORE  imes STROKE m/m (in.)	95 × 85 (3.74 × 3.35)	
MAXIMUM OUTPUT PS (kW)/rpm	250 (184)/5800	
FULL THROTTLE OPERATING RANGE rpm	5500-6100	
STEERING	Remote	
OIL PAN CAPACITY <i>ℓ</i> (US/Imp. qt.)	8.0 (7.6/9.1)	
IGNITION SYSTEM	Fully-transistorized	
ALTERNATOR	12V 54A/3000rpm	
ENGINE MOUNTING	Shear Mount	
TRIM METHOD	Power Trim and Tilt	
GEAR RATIO	2.29 : 1 (Two-stage Reduction Gear)	
GEAR SHIFT	F-N-R	
EXHAUST	Through Prop Hub Exhaust	
DRIVE PROTECTION	Rubber Hub	
PROPELLER SIZE (in.) OPTIONAL	$\begin{array}{c} 16 \times 17 \\ 16 \times 18.5 \\ 16 \times 20 \\ 16 \times 21.5 \\ 16 \times 23 \\ 16 \times 24.5 \end{array}$	$16 \times 18.5$ $16 \times 20$ $16 \times 21.5$ $16 \times 23$

\* The weight of the motors are "Dry-Weight", not including propeller.

Please read your owners manual carefully. Remember, boating and alcohol or other drugs don't mix. Please operate your outboard safely and responsibly.

Suzuki encourages you to operate your boat safely and with respect for the marine environment.

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#### **DF250 FEATURES**

- V-design Engine Block using a 55-degree Bank Angle
- DOHC 24-valve Engine with Variable Valve Timing System
- Multi-Stage Induction
- Multi Point Sequential Electronic Fuel Injection
- Direct Ignition
- Offset Driveshaft
- Two-stage Gear Reduction
- Two-stage Camshaft Drive System
- Flywheel Designed with Fan Blades
- 54A Alternator
- Counter Rotation Models Available
- Tilt Limit Switch
- Oil Change Reminder System
- Low Oil Pressure Caution
- Over-Rev Limiter
- Overheat Cooling Water Caution
- Self Diagnostic System
- Neutral rpm Limiter
- Anti-Corrosion Protection
- Freshwater Engine Flush Port
- High Performance 16-in. Diameter Stainless Steel Propeller (Optional)
- Multi Function Tachometer (Optional)





CARB Three-Star Label The three-star label identifies engines that meet the California Air Resources Board's 2008 exhaust emission standards. Engines meeting these standards have 65% lower emissions than EPA 2006 exhaust emission standards.

EPA 2006 Label Suzuki's four-stroke technology ensure compliance with EPA 2006 exhaust emission standards set by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.



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<sup>\*</sup> Boats and motors come in a large variety of combinations. See your authorized dealer for correct prop. selection to meet recommended RPM range at W.O.T.