



## **TAB TALK**

Email To All Lectrotab Users

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**Alloy Tabs:** Orders are increasing both at the OEM level and from boatyards, and we are pleased; these tabs are really very nice. Last month's alloy question was strength; this month's question is durability. First, we use 6005 marine grade aluminum alloy, a highly corrosion resistant alloy which is also suitable for extruding. After cutting, drilling and assembling the tab plate, transom plate, bracket studs, and polypropylene hinge, we anodize the entire tab assembly as one piece, leaving no surface uncoated. In the field, we have one set of 12x12 alloy tabs on a 28' walk around, with twin outboards, in South Florida waters, which has spent 6 months in the water, 5 months in outdoor storage, and 5 more months in the water as of now. These tabs were neither anodized nor painted, just bare. Currently neither the transom plates nor the tab plates are shiny anymore, however, both are still smooth. The polypropylene live hinge also does not show any sign of deterioration. This summer, our Chesapeake test vessel will be running with production alloy tabs, and for comparative analysis, one tab will be plain and the other will be anodized. Neither will have bottom paint or an anode. We'll keep you posted.

**Thanks:** To Sabre Yachts in Raymond, Maine, [www.sabreyachts.com](http://www.sabreyachts.com), for choosing Lectrotab for their 34' Express, which has been Lectrotab equipped since last spring. Thanks also for our more recent opportunity to provide trim tabs for their new 52' Express. At 28 knots, the boat is pretty fast, so the tabs are 12"x 24" with two actuators each. But that's not all. The system is 24 VDC, using the black Oval control, and the tabs are specified as asymmetrical, with the sides turned down, and the thwartship trailing edges turned up. And that's still not all. On March 26th, we shipped the first 54' Express system, just 14 days after the first system sketches landed on our custom design desk! And thanks also to North End Composites, which is associated with Sabre, and builds the Back Cove 26', 29' and 33' in Maine, [www.backcoveyachts.com](http://www.backcoveyachts.com). Back Cove uses Lectrotab across the board and has been with us since July, 2004.

**Welcome:** To our new Lectrotab distributor in the UK, Unipart Marine, [www.burdengroup.com](http://www.burdengroup.com), located in Wareham, Dorset. Unipart is a distributor of RV and Marine products, with a good percentage of these products made in the U.S.A., including Shurflo, Rule, Locktite 3M, Teleflex and others, and now including Lectrotab. Mark Dowland is our contact and their initial order has been shipped. Unipart will complement A.S.A.P. Supplies, [www.asap-supplies.com](http://www.asap-supplies.com), our first Lectrotab distributor in the UK, on board since 1998. Our guys there are Peter, Mark and Nigel whose continued assistance we sincerely appreciate.

**Thanks for the chat** – more next month. In the meantime, give us a call, toll free, 888-LECTROTAB (532-8768). Two rings and no buttons to push. Tab Talk is available via email, or by fax, or from our website, [www.lectrotab.com](http://www.lectrotab.com).

Regards,

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