Optimized propulsion systems

For over a century, MAN has been developing ever more sophisticated propulsion systems. Starting with the first Alpha controllable pitch propeller in 1902, we have steadily increased operational reliability and durability. Our innovative technologies have raised output and efficiency while decreasing environmental impact. We have also raised propulsion flexibility, with hybrid propulsion and gas systems allowing ships to apply different power modes more efficiently.

Benefits at a glance
- Increased fuel efficiency
- Improved performance
- Solutions for your specific needs
- Optimized for your ship’s operational profile
- All components from a single source
In constant pursuit of energy efficiency

General competence
Starting from a complete understanding of the ship’s operational profile we can now optimize all the relevant components: engine, gearbox, shaft machine, propeller, nozzle, rudder, and propulsion control system – including speed setting, maneuvering and load control.

No matter how complex your needs are, we can customize a solution that delivers the best propulsive efficiencies and gives your ship a greener profile.

We use MAN Alpha shafts and propellers, hybrid propulsion systems like the energy-saving MAN HyProp ECO. Under the MAN Cryo brand, we offer dual fuel propulsion and liquified natural gas (LNG) supply systems which reduce emissions, raise fuel efficiency and power density and keep operation economical.

Key components
- **Main engines**
  Fuel-efficient, powerful and reliable four-stroke high and medium speed propulsion engines.
- **Auxiliary GenSets**
  Reliably deliver power at a low cost per kWh while respecting the environment.
- **Nozzles**
  MAN Alpha nozzles can be customized to adjust the propeller thrust and pulling performance to the vessels’ working patterns.
- **Engine automation**
  MAN SaCoS combines all the functions of modern engine control in one system.
- **Propulsion control systems**
  The MAN Alphatronic 3000 propulsion control system optimizes the function of the complete propulsion train in terms of maneuverability and overall economy.

Quality components tailored to your needs
We take a holistic approach to your ship, examining the operational profile to optimize all relevant components – from the engine to the rudder, including all speed, maneuvering and load control settings. Whatever your needs may be, we can design the most efficient propulsion system for your specific operational profile to make your ship greener. For example, our MAN Alphatronic 3000 propulsion control system optimizes propeller function as well as engine operation for better maneuverability and overall efficiency.

Together with our affiliates RENK (gearboxes) and AKA (hybrid propulsion systems) we can create innovative solutions for the complex propulsion needs of ships. The advantages are that all components fit perfectly and crews work with only one system, which has one set of controls. A further benefit is that you have a single point of contact for contract, installation and aftersales.

A green approach to fuel costs
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