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## **SI-TEX INTRODUCES NEW SP36 AUTOPILOT FOR RANGE OF VESSELS UP TO 100'**

Long List of Advanced Features Includes Virtual Feedback Capability, Sunlight Viewable Color Display, Intelligent Steering Technology, Advanced No Drift Mode and More

**(July 2010)** — SI-TEX has expanded its leading autopilot line-up with the addition of the new-for-2010 SP36 Autopilot. The company's most advanced pilot yet, the new SP36 has been designed to provide a wide range of powerboats and Commercial vessels with sophisticated steering functions and reliable performance under the harshest conditions at sea.



The SP36 is the first SI-TEX autopilot to offer full Virtual Feedback capabilities, eliminating the need for a rudder feedback unit when installed on outboard powered or stern drive vessels. SI-TEX's Virtual Feedback feature makes installation of the SP36 straightforward and uncomplicated and improves reliability of the overall system by eliminating a critical part. For commercial vessels that use a rudder feedback unit, the SP36 is available with full "fly by wire" follow-up steering levers.

Among the innovative features engineered into the SP36 is SI-TEX's Intelligent Steering Technology (IST). With IST, the autopilot's computer "learns" a vessel's steering characteristics over time and fine-tunes its settings and parameters to deliver optimum steering performance. The "smart" SP36 pilot does this automatically and ensures boaters of the best auto steering experience for their vessel and their style of boating. SI-TEX's advanced Proportional Rate Steering Control and Adjustable Rate of Turn (ROT) Control provide smooth and precise turns in any sea conditions and deliver the control today's boaters demand, particularly when following a GPS route.

The SP36 also features Auto Setup to make system calibration a breeze, with Auto Drive Detection, Auto Tune and Auto Compass Calibration (for the system's new one-piece 3-axis rate compass). Pre-defined parameter sets for outboard and inboard power— as well as planing hulls, semi-displacement and displacement hulls — further eases setup and optimizes performance for every vessel type.

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The SP36's Auto Sea State and Auto Trim features further enhance steering performance under a range of vessel and sea conditions. Preset turn patterns including Adjustable Fish Zag, Continuous Circle, Adjustable U-Turn and Emergency MOB Turn make it easy to access commonly used turning commands for sportfishing and boating safety. Advanced No Drift Mode and Leeway Control help maintain a vessel's Course Over Ground, even in severe wind and/or current conditions. For commercial vessels, the SP36 features advanced Work modes for fishing and towing applications.

The SP36's compact control head is waterproof (to IP67 Standard) and features a vivid hi-resolution sunlight-viewable color display with rotary steering and course control knob for easy course adjustments, and "fly by wire" electronics steering. This advanced control head, overall system performance and multi-station capabilities make the SP36 an ideal choice for a wide variety of vessels, from center consoles, flybridge sportfishers, cruising yachts, and commercial vessels. Its robust construction is more than a match for harsh conditions aboard many types of commercial vessels, as well.

The SI-TEX 36 with Virtual Feedback is competitively priced at \$3,299, excluding pump.

For additional technical specifications or application information on the new SI-TEX SP36 autopilot, visit your authorized SI-TEX marine electronics dealer or contact SI-TEX at 25 Enterprise Zone Drive, Suite 2, Riverhead, NY 11901. Telephone: (631) 996-2690. Website: [www.si-tex.com](http://www.si-tex.com).

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