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INLAND RUDDER AND STEERING SYSTEMS

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VAN DER VELDEN® HD

Designed with an asymmetrical profile, the HD rudders assure your vessel of excellent manoeuvring performance and course-stability. With their main purpose to smoothen challenging manoeuvring operations, these rudders have proven themselves in the most stringent tank tests and in practice since 1984.

Another feature of this reliable rudder system are the asymmetric rudder angles of 60/80 degrees, which provide optimal slipstream guidance. The HD rudders have been designed to increase manoeuvrability on inland waterways, particularly at low speeds. Tapping into years of experience and proprietary technology, these rudders have a long lifespan and require minimal maintenance.

KEY FEATURES
- Excellent manoeuvrability
- Long lifespan
- Optimal slipstream guidance
- Minimal maintenance

ESPECIALLY SUITED FOR
- Vessels sailing on inland waterways

VAN DER VELDEN® XR

Built to provide optimal propulsion efficiency, the XR rudders are designed for inland vessels, for which course-keeping is most important. With their slim profile, these rudders are designed to be eco-friendly. This refinement results in considerable fuel savings, as well as reducing drag and noise levels.

The slim rudder profile allows the water to flow along the rudders with minimal resistance. With their dedicated design philosophy for this specific operational profile, the XR rudders are excellent for ahead operations.

The position of the rudders can be changed according to client specific requirements.

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- Reduction of resistance
- Eco-friendly design
- Reduction of noise levels

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VAN DER VELDEN® THREE-RUDDER-SYSTEM

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The three-rudder-system has been designed with a combination of chain drives and cylinders, of which the three slim-profiled rudders optimise the wakefield of the ship. These refinements result in less rudder correction, which leads to considerable fuel savings.

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VAN DER VELDEN® FLEX FLANKING

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A reliable manoeuvring system is the key to a safe and expeditious voyage. Circumstances such as weather conditions, current and water levels in inland waterways can differ widely from one route to another. Challenging manoeuvring situations often come along, be it shallow waters, narrow passages or locks.

That’s where high-quality steering gear and propulsion efficiency come in. Damen Marine Components specialises in the engineering, construction and installation of manoeuvring systems for the highly specific operational profile of inland vessels.

To maximise your performance it is advised to add a Van der Velden® hydro spoiler to your package. A spoiler is placed behind, and on, the centreline of the propeller to minimise water rotation. It bends revolving water into a straight-outgoing flow, which results in more equable outflow of the propeller water. Additionally, a more equable water flow results in reduced noise and vibrations. Research and practical experience have shown that these refinements increase vessel efficiency up to 8%.

At DMC, there are three spoiler options to choose from: HD-B spoiler, XR-B spoiler and XR-T spoiler. These hydro spoilers improve the propulsion efficiency and speed performance of a vessel, and enhance the ship’s course-keeping capabilities.

The Van der Velden® XR rudders are often combined and integrated with the Van der Velden® FLEX Tunnel system. This system consists of a retractable tunnel, which offers many benefits such as increased energy efficiency and resistance reduction. The Van der Velden® FLEX Tunnel system is considered to be Damen Marine Components’ most efficient energy saving system for the inland shipping industry. See our FLEX Tunnel system brochure for more information.