AutoChief® C20 Propulsion control system

Simple installation  Reliable operation  Easy to use

Experience
We developed the first remote control system for low speed propulsion plants, the AutoChief I, back in 1967. By March 2011 we have delivered approximately 7,000 remote control systems, including more than 3,000 AutoChief® C20, to vessels all over the world. AutoChief® has become a trademark for safe and efficient propulsion control.

Key features
The main components of the AutoChief® C20 are:
- Control Panel
- Engine Telegraph Unit
- Engine Safety System
- Digital Governor System
- Manoeuvring Recorder
- Distributed Processing Units

Few moving parts ensure that little maintenance is required. Modular design makes it easy to meet individual customer’s requirements.

Remote control system
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Distributed Processing Units
The design of the AutoChief® C20 is based on the use of Distributed Processing Units, installed directly in the junction boxes on the main engine. All signals to and from the engine are transmitted on dual redundant CAN lines (bus on engine).

All non-essential sensors can be shared with the K-Chief 500 / K-Chief 600 alarm and monitoring system, requiring only one interface to the main engine. This principle drastically reduces the installation and cabling cost.

Main features:
- Dual/redundant field bus (CAN)
- Signal interfacing to sensors and actuators
- Alarm detection and process control
- Time stamping of alarms and events
- Direct mounting on engine is possible
- Design focused on EMC compatibility

Digital Governor System
The Digital Governor System is both a stand-alone and a fully integrated part of the AutoChief® C20 family.

Main features:
- Speed order inputs from all control positions
- Automatic fuel limiter functions according to main engine builders specifications (scavenge air, torque limiter etc.)
- Manual fuel and RPM limiter adjustable from the control panel (chief limiter)
- Redundant speed measuring system using inductive speed pick-ups
- Limiters can be cancelled from each control position
- Self-check functions

Engine Safety System
The Engine Safety System is both a stand-alone and a fully integrated part of the AutoChief® C20 family.

Main features:
- Separate overspeed detection system
- Automatic shutdown of main engine, both cancellable and non-cancellable, stops the engine by activating solenoid valves. The sensors may be analogue or digital
- Four dedicated shutdown inputs with backup and double power supply
- Separate emergency stop system with full loopfail detection and redundant power supply
- Automatic slowdowns, both cancellable and non-cancellable, reduces engine speed to a safe level if technical problems on the main engine
- Engine RPM detection system with two independent systems, including automatic change over
- RPM indicators on redundant CAN network
- All sensors and valves are monitored for cable failure
- Settings may be altered and values may be inspected on any control panel
- Redundant power supply

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Distributed Processing Units
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**AutoChief Control Panel**

The AutoChief®C20 Control Panel and Engine Telegraph is designed for ease of operation, and can be installed into any standard console. The system is easy to use, providing the information you need only when you need it. An advanced, yet simple to use multifunction controller gives access to all system functions. A colour display presents key information graphically for simple operator action. Main variables such as RPM, pitch, start air and scavenging air pressure, engine state etc. are displayed. Several levels of control are available to distinguish between user groups.

**Indications**

- Main engine mimic display
- Current main engine state
- Start blocks
- Shutdown/Slowdown
- Alarm indications and pop-ups
- Analogue RPM/Pitch and setpoint
- Analogue start air pressure
- Control position
- Wrong way
- Blowers running

**Operation**

- Engine/Propulsion modes
- Bumpless control transfer
- Cancel shutdown/slowdown
- Alarm acknowledge/sound off
- Changing of engine parameters
- Night dimming and daylight setting

**Engine Telegraph Unit**

A lever type Engine Telegraph is used on the bridge, and in the engine control room. In the engine room a Push-Button Telegraph is used.

**Telegraph positions**

- Ahead: Dead slow, slow, half, full, navigation full
- Stop
- Astern: Dead slow, slow, half, full, emergency astern

**Sub telegraph modes**

- Finished with engine (FWE)
- Stand-by
- At sea

**Available control locations**

- Bridge
- Engine control room (ECR)
- Local
- Optional, other locations

**Manoeuvring Recorder**

The Manoeuvring Recorder (or Order Printer Unit, OPU) is designed to continuously log specific events related to the propulsion plant and commands from the bridge, and provide a paper printout.

- Engine-telegraph Command
- Propulsion-system Modes
- Propulsion-system States
- Control Location and Transfer
- Alarms

**Bridge Wing Unit**

The Bridge Wing Panel BWU09 is designed for use with AutoChief®C20 remote control systems.

The TFT technology gives good visibility in night and daylight. The illuminated Lever has 11 telegraph positions with well defined notch in each position. Emergency Stop Switch is independent of panel and connected directly to Main Engine Safety System. Communication with the rest of AutoChief C20 is by CAN bus.