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## **TAYLOR MADE UNVEILS NEW POWER ROOF SYSTEMS AT IBEX 2013**

GLOVERSVILLE, N.Y. – Sept. 17, 2013 – Taylor Made Systems is introducing a new range of glass and canvas power sunroof systems for the boating industry at the 2013 International BoatBuilders’ Exhibition and Conference (IBEX).

“At Taylor Made, we have been designing and building power roof systems for boatbuilders for well over a decade,” said Mike Oathout, vice president, sales and marketing, Taylor Made Systems. “For 2014, we have totally re-engineered our glass roof mechanism with a modular track system that can easily be configured for a wider range of boat sizes and types. You’ll also see a cleaner, sleeker, more stylish look to blend harmoniously with the boat’s lines. At the same time, our partner company, Ameritex Fabric Systems, is unveiling a totally new line of retractable canvas roof systems, which provide an attractive lighter-weight alternative for boatbuilders.”

The sliding glass sunroof provides a watertight skylight when closed and a fresh-air experience when open. The sleek glass panel presents a clean seamless appearance with minimal visible framework. The electric control uses 12 or 24V power, and there is an emergency release mechanism for manual operation in case of a loss of power. A built-in manual pop-up vent is available as an option, permitting the owner to open a smaller vent without opening the entire roof.

The retractable canvas roof units are designed so that the fabric unfolds and stacks neatly when retracted, maximizing the open area to allow more airflow into the space below. When

closed, the fabric is tensioned automatically for a tight and snug fit. The canvas roof locks itself into the track for a leakproof connection. The seamless double-skin fabric is waterproof and extremely durable. All metal components are stainless steel.

Don Zirkelbach, president of Ameritex Fabric Systems, commented, “Power-actuated canvas systems are a brand new line for Ameritex. These products will complement the power glass roof systems made by our partners at Taylor Made, and will provide a great alternative that meets OEM boatbuilders’ quality and cost expectations.”

### **About Taylor Made Systems**

A member of Taylor Made Group, LLC, Taylor Made Systems ([www.taylormadesystems.com](http://www.taylormadesystems.com)) is based in Gloversville, N.Y. Together with its partner companies, Trend Marine Products Limited and Water Bonnet, Taylor Made Systems is the world’s largest manufacturer of marine glazing systems and the acknowledged leader in framed-glass windshield technology for powerboats. Other marine product lines include manual and power-actuated doors, roofs, window systems, skylights and hatches. The company also supplies glass products for a variety of agricultural, construction, mass transit and emergency vehicle applications.

### **About Ameritex Fabric Systems**

A member of Taylor Made Group, LLC, Ameritex Fabric Systems ([www.ameritexfabrics.com](http://www.ameritexfabrics.com)) is based in Bradenton, Fla. and is the fabric engineering and manufacturing arm for Taylor Made Systems. Ameritex is a leading supplier of highly engineered fabric solutions for OEM boat manufacturers and the automotive industry.

### **About Taylor Made Group**

Headquartered in Gloversville, N.Y., Taylor Made Group, LLC ([www.taylormadegroup.com](http://www.taylormadegroup.com)) has more than 100 years of experience as one of the recreational marine industry’s largest, most diversified suppliers to boatbuilders and the aftermarket. The Taylor Made Group includes Taylor Made Products, Taylor Made Systems, Taylor Made Glass Systems, Ameritex Fabric Systems, Trend Marine Products Limited, Taylor Made Glass & Systems Limited, Water Bonnet and Taylorbrite. The Group operates eight facilities in the United States, the Republic of Ireland, the United Kingdom and Mexico. Employing more than 1,000 associates, its products are distributed through a worldwide distribution network.

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