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### **AMERITEX SHOWCASES LATEST INNOVATIONS IN ARCH TOP SHADE SYSTEMS AT IBEX 2014**

BRADENTON, Fla. – Oct. 1, 2014 – Ameritex Fabric Systems, a member of the Taylor Made Group, will introduce two new shade top systems at the 2014 International BoatBuilders’ Exhibition and Conference (IBEX), one for sport boats with radar arches and another for boats with tubular towers.

“Boatbuilders have been looking for solutions that marry bimini tops to radar arches and towers, while boat owners have been looking for something that gives them shade but is easy to operate,” said Don Zirkelbach, president of Ameritex Fabric Systems. “Both of our systems have made life much easier for boaters when they wish to either deploy a top, giving them more shade, or collapse a top for water sports or storage purposes.”

Ameritex’s new Folding Radar Arch Top uses an easy glide system. Previously, this style of top required parts to be detached or reattached and/or stored, during the opening/closing process. With Ameritex’s new system, simply push a few pins, slide a few jaw slides up or down the frames they are permanently attached to, and the top is either fully deployed, stored against the arch, or ready for skiing/boarding. There are no removable parts and nothing to store. With this top, the boater can leave the front tensioned open while the back is quickly folded for skiing/boarding. It is easily booted for compact storage. It has ski tow access through a zipper on the rear top and aesthetically pleasing minimal framework.

The Horizontal Retracting Tower Top is easy to use and slides open or closed in seconds. Push in a couple of pins and the top effortlessly slides on its parallel rails into the closed position. Push the pins again and it glides back out to the open position. This simplicity of design

makes the top economical and affordable. When open, there is no framework visible on the tower, allowing the boat to look much more aesthetically pleasing than other frame-heavy tops. And when closed, a collapsible tower can easily be lowered inside the windshield for transport or dry storage, without needing to fully remove the top. The rear can be put into the stored position independently of the front, giving easy access to the ski pylon, and the fabric can be unzipped and entirely removed from the frame quickly, when needed.

“Both of these products eliminate so many of the hassles that boaters need to deal with during a day on the water,” said Mike Oathout, vice president, sales and marketing for Taylor Made Systems, Ameritex’s parent company. “It’s the type of rethinking and re-engineering that will have them asking why they ever had to remove connector pins and find a place to store the canvas parts they’ve been detaching for years. Both of these tops are true game changers.”

### **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 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, Trend Marine Products Limited, 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 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 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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