

Vanair Awarded Contract to Provide Marine Corps with Stealth70 Underhood Air Compressors

New Buffalo, MI - Tank-Automotive and Armaments Command (TACOMRI), Rock Island, Illinois, has awarded Vanair Manufacturing, the innovator of truck-mounted power take-off (PTO) air compressor technology, a contract to provide three U.S. Marine Corp units with Vanair Stealth70 Underhood Air Compressors.

According to TACOMRI, the Stealth70s will be installed on Shop-Equipment, Contact Maintenance Trucks, which are, specifically, High-Mobility, Multi-purpose Wheeled Vehicles (HMMWVs).

To be considered for the contract, Ralph Kokot, Vanair President/CEO, and Jim Raymond, Regional Sales Manager, contacted the Rock Island arsenal to introduce the company, capabilities, and the Vanair Stealth70 technology to TACOMRI personnel. After evaluation of all respondents to TACOMRI's request for proposal, in December of 2004, Vanair was awarded the contract, due to its extensive history in PTO development and the innovation of the Stealth70 underhood unit.

The first unit will be delivered to the Rock Island base in February and, in fact, according to Kokot, the HMMWV is currently in Vanair's New Buffalo, Michigan manufacturing facility for engineering and project development. Subsequent units will go to Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, and Camp Pendleton, California. According to Kokot, either the HMMWVs will be transported to Vanair for Stealth70 installation or Vanair will send one of its technicians to the U.S. Marine Corp. bases for on-site installation. Regardless of installation procedures, a Vanair representative will travel to each of the three locations to provide personnel with training on the Stealth70's capabilities and safe operating practices.

Under the terms of the contract, the HMMWV Stealth70-equipped trucks will undergo a "trial" period to test the performance and effectiveness of the underhood air compressors for the tasks at hand.

Upon successful completion of the test period, the Stealth70 will be available to other service arms within the U.S. Department of Defense.

"We are confident that the Stealth70 will live up to the expectations of the U.S. Marine Corps personnel," concluded Kokot. "With the availability of true 70 CFM underhood, the Stealth70 can handle any application that our armed forces would need."

For more information on the Stealth70 or Vanair's comprehensive line of abovedeck, underdeck, or underhood air compressors, generators, or accessories, contact Ralph Kokot at (269) 469-4461 or visit www.vanair.com today.

