HydroActive™ Bulkhead Seals
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Technology & operational need

**PRODUCT OPTIONS**

ISO 9001:2008 certified, Midé Marine sells three types of bulkhead seals. All of our seals have been rigorously tested following US Naval and Class Certification guidelines.

**Reliant RM**
The Reliant RM range of bulkhead seals are cartridge or diaphragm replacements for ships that already have bulkhead seal housings. For these ships, Reliant RM seals offer a cost effective retrofit solution, along with all of the advantages and benefits of Midé Marine HydroActive™ technology. Measurements on Reliant RM seals, installed on US Navy ships, concluded that the non-rotating seals offer superior wear performance over existing diaphragms that rotate with the shaft.

**Reliant YM**
Reliant YM is Midé Marine’s next evolution seal design in which total system weight is reduced and maintenance is simplified. Instead of a housing, the Reliant YM series uses flat interface plates bolted to the bulkhead, on which the seal floats, to allow for large radial motions of the shaft. Reliant YM seals are installed and operating on many vessels.

**Omni**
Omni seals are designed for vessels that don’t have the large shaft radial deflections typically required for naval ships. With fewer components, the non-floating Omni seals are significantly less expensive, and easier to install and maintain.

**HYDROACTIVE™ TECHNOLOGY**
Foam with embedded hydrogel particles is the key technology that enables our HydroActive™ seals. The foam is placed inside a lip that is not normally in contact with the shaft. The hydrogel particles absorb water during a flooding event, and, as the particles swell, the foam pushes the lip seal into contact with the shaft—creating a water tight seal.

In summary, under normal operating conditions, no part of the seal is in contact with the shaft—allowing for unlimited shaft rotation speed without any seal wear. During a flooding event, the engaged lip seal still allows the shaft to rotate, allowing the stricken ship to reach a safe haven.

**OPERATIONAL NEED**
Bulkhead seals are safety components on ships. Their purpose is to stop compartment-to-compartment flooding through the shaft opening in the bulkhead. Currently most bulkhead seals on the market are based on designs that are constantly contacting or have the seal spinning with the shaft. Due to radial and axial shaft motions, shaft run out, vibrations, poor shaft/bulkhead alignment, and air differential pressures, these types of seals are unreliable and expensive to maintain. High installation and maintenance costs result in unacceptable seal life-cycle costs. Midé Marine’s patented non-contacting HydroActive™ bulkhead seals are not in contact with the shaft until a flooding event occurs—essentially eliminating wear.

**HYDROACTIVE™ BENEFITS**
- **Reduced Total Ownership Cost**
  Midé Marine’s line of bulkhead shaft seals have been designed using carefully chosen materials, and engineered to ensure they last the life of the vessel with little to no maintenance required. Midé Marine’s HydroActive™ based design alone can result in a vessel cost savings of nearly $100,000 per seal when comparing to existing competitors’ products and maintenance schedules that require costly part change outs every 3-5 years. This cost savings allows owners and operators to focus more on increasing profit, and less on maintenance and repair of safety equipment such as bulkhead seals.
- **Improved Safety**
  The non-contacting design enabled by hydrogel embedded foam actuator ensures the seal does not pre-maturely wear and works every time in an emergency.
- **High Shaft Angle and Vertical Operation**
  Unlike Midé Marine’s non-contacting seals, conventional seals are likely to activate prematurely in vertical applications.
- **Silent Sealing**
- **Self-Resettable**
- **Easy Customization**

**HYDROACTIVE™ KEY FEATURES**
- Non-Contacting Seal
- Hydrogel Embedded Foam Actuation
- Split Design
- Lightweight

**Key HydroActive™ Features**
Features & benefits
Reliant YM & RM Series
Complete assembly & retrofit models

**RELIANT KEY FEATURES & BENEFITS**

- **Non-contacting, non-rotating floating design**
  - Can withstand large axial and radial shaft movements up to 50mm of radial shaft deflection and unlimited axial deflection allowed

- **Self-centering seal**

- **Utilizes HydroActive™ technology**
  - to engage seal

- **Shock & vibration qualified to military standards**

- **Dirt excluder & emergency clamp ring**
  - Provides backup seal

- **Components are lightweight & non corroding**

- **Superior performance**

- **Ready to integrate into military ships & boats**

- **Retrofit solution**
  - For Reliant RM models only

**RELIANT SPECIFICATIONS**

- **Operating Pressures**
  - Up to 30 psi (2 bar)

- **Shaft Surface Speed**
  - Dry: unlimited. Flooded: up to 82 ft/s (25 m/s)

- **Surface Finish Required**
  - 63 µ-inch or better (1.6 µ-meter)

- **Allowable Angular Misalignment**
  - 0.5 degrees

- **Leak Rate**
  - Less than 1 US Pint per minute (473 mL/min)

- **Shaft Deflections**
  - Up to 50mm, 1.97" (zero to peak)

- **Key Features**
  - Non-Contacting, Non-Rotating, Reusable

- **Approvals**
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**ORDERING INFORMATION**

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**Dimensions - all dimensions are in mm.**

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**Contact Midé Marine Today!**

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OMNI SERIES
Cost effective HydroActive™ Solutions

OMNI KEY FEATURES & BENEFITS
- Utilizes HydroActive™ technology to engage seal
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- Simplified shipboard installation
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- Lock Rate: Less than 5 US ft-lb per minute (47.3 kg-cm/min)
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HYDROACTIVE™ TECHNOLOGY
- Military and Commercial Vessels: Omni seals have designs and sizes that meet the requirements of a wide range of military and commercial vessels.
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- Cardan Shafts: Omni seals allow for the typical radial run out of the intermediate shaft between the universal joints of the cardan shaft - the only technically sound solution for a reliable bulkhead seal for cardan shafts.
- Drawn Over Mandrel Shafting: Omni seals have been successfully tested to seal on shafts with high-out of round values. Due to their non-contacting design, there is no need to machine a shaft to a desired roundness.
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Origins
Midé Marine’s HydroActive™ Seal

Midé Marine (a Division of Midé Technology Corporation) is an engineering company that excels in the development of advanced engineering components and systems. After the United States Navy Destroyer USS Cole (DDG 67), was attacked in Yemen in 2000, and a compartment was flooded when a bulkhead seal failed, the United States Navy sought a better bulkhead seal design to protect its fleet and sailors.

Through a Navy small business innovative research (SBIR) award, the Navy funded Midé Marine to develop a novel approach to solving the bulkhead seal problem. The HydroActive™ bulkhead seal was the outcome of this multi-year development program.

Today Midé Marine offers a turn-key solution to bulkhead seal systems, with the analytical and experimental facilities to develop new designs for unique marine applications and to analyze, test and validate that the design will perform according to customer requirements. Midé Marine’s quality assurance standards and procedures have been reviewed and approved by large OEM customers and Midé Marine has been assessed and approved by National Quality Assurance, U.S.A., against the provisions of: ISO 9001: 2008.

QUALIFIED SERVICE PROVIDER
Midé Marine provides unparalleled customer service and support throughout the life of its marine products.

- A professional team with an extensive repertoire of skills and expertise
- Delivering support, installation, inspection, and maintenance
- Managing complex efforts at U.S. shipyards and abroad

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