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# Outboard Lower Units — OEM vs Aftermarket

*Real Savings Guide — 2026*

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## The Savings Are Real

Engine	OEM Price	Aftermarket	Saving
Yamaha 150hp	~\$2,800	~\$1,400	~\$1,400 (50%)
Mercury 115hp	~\$2,200	~\$1,050	~\$1,150 (52%)
Honda 90hp	~\$1,900	~\$900	~\$1,000 (53%)

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## Quality Aftermarket vs Cheap Imports

Sierra Marine and Mallory Marine deliver OEM-equivalent performance at 40–55% less. Professional marine mechanics specify these brands routinely. Cheap no-name imports are a different category entirely — do not confuse them.

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## Before You Buy — What to Check

- Compatibility by full engine serial number — not just horsepower
- Supplier warranty terms — quality suppliers provide real warranties
- Propeller shaft compatibility — spline count and diameter must match
- Include a water pump impeller in the same order — always replace at the same time

→ *Always verify compatibility using the complete engine serial number — not just the horsepower rating.*

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## Trusted Brands

Sierra Marine: The benchmark for quality aftermarket marine parts. Wide coverage across Yamaha, Mercury, Honda, OMC. Genuine warranty.

Mallory Marine / CDI: Long-established alternative to Sierra. Same quality standards. Competitive pricing.

Certified Rebuilt Units: Best option for engines over 10 years old where new aftermarket compatibility is harder to guarantee.

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## Final Recommendation

Sierra Marine or Mallory Marine for most replacement needs. Always verify by serial number. Always include an impeller. Total cost will typically be 45–55% of OEM dealer pricing.

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