# Alpha EcoBulbs

Everllence are always pursuing the most efficient propulsion system offerings – including propeller and aft ship solutions – optimized for the individual vessel design and its operational pattern. Our customized EcoBulbs (rudder bulbs) are core elements in the complex hydrodynamic entity – embracing hull, propeller, and rudder designs.

## Benefits at a glance

- Efficiency improvements of up to approx.
   5-6% (proven in model tests)
- Corresponding power reductions lowering fuel consumption and exhaust gas emission
- Efficiency improvements even at higher rudder deflections
- Reduced levels of noise and vibration

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Rudder bulb solutions customized for highest propulsive efficiencies, fuel savings and short payback times – often less than 0.5-1 year

### Hydrodynamic gains

- EcoBulb efficiency gains of up to approx. 5-6% are valid for newbuilding installations
- Retrofitting of existing vessels without bulb, keeping existing propeller blades will typically gain up to approx. 2-4%
- The EcoBulb eliminates the propeller hub vortex and flow separation behind the hub
- With the EcoBulb no hub vortex cavitation will occur on rudder.

### **Optimization processes**

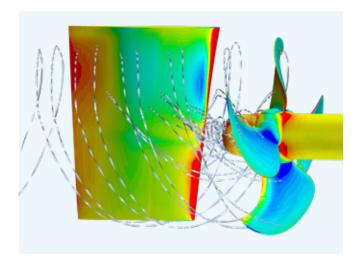
- EcoBulbs are designed and customized as a result of iterative CFD calculations and modelling processes
- For optimized fine-tuning, a large number of designs are calculated prior to model testing verification
- We cooperate with a number of the leading rudder manufacturers
- To verify our results, we cooperate with the world's leading test tanks and research institutes.

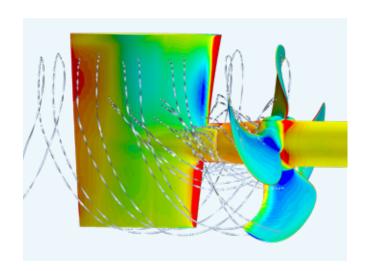
### **Tailored customization**

- Our 'Constrained Heuristic Optimization' software based on CFD masters
  the holistic approach to complex
  multi-factor systems and maximizes
  the EcoBulb gain
- EcoBulb solutions are efficiently integrated with various rudder designs – like spade and fishtail types, high-lift flap designs and rudders with twisted leading edge
- Additionally, we combine propeller nozzle, rudder and bulb where free sailing performance is prioritized together with pulling power ability.

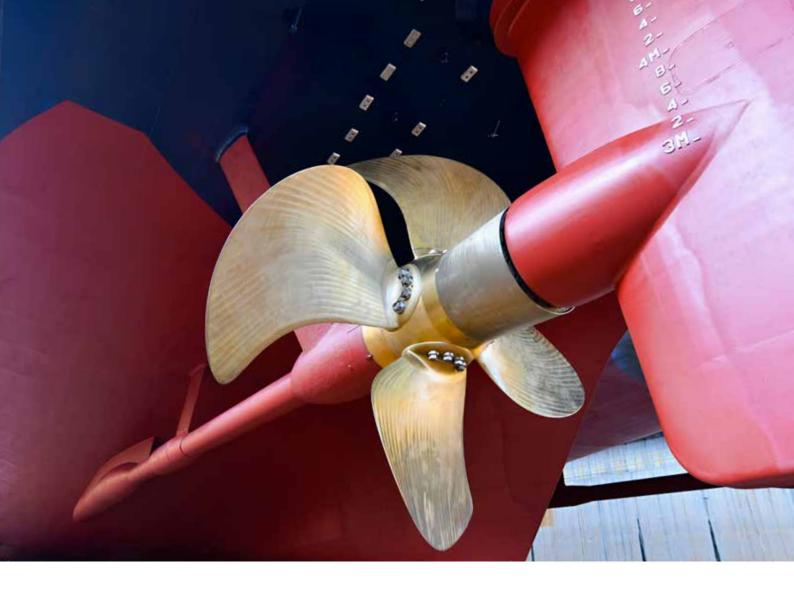
### **EcoBulb application range**

- · CPPs and FPPs
- Single screw and twin screw
- Open and ducted propellers
- · Low speed and high speed
- No Ice and Ice Class
- Newbuilding and retrofit upgrade





Flow separation between rudder and propeller hub creates drag. With EcoBulb installed, uniform flow without separation creates improved thrust ahead. Less power required.



### **General EcoBulb characteristics**

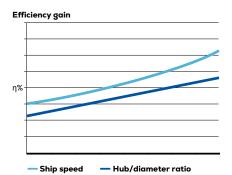
- Higher efficiency is gained at larger propeller hub diameters – meaning the CPP hub size penalty becomes smaller when compared to a FPP
- Higher efficiency is gained at higher ship speeds
- The EcoBulb geometry is by the rudder manufacturer physically integrated with the rudder construction.

### Efficiency – at rudder deflections

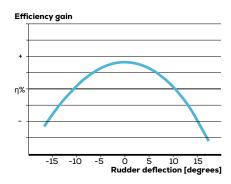
- Highest efficiency and lowest rudder/ EcoBulb resistance are obtained at straight forward steaming with no rudder deflection to compensate for drift, current, waves and wind
- Flap type rudders requiring only small deflections for course keeping ensure high efficiency
- EcoBulb can contribute at rudder angles of up to ±10 degrees.

# Twin screw - toe-in/toe-out

- For optimal efficiency the rudders may be positioned with a toe-in or toe-out alignment in relation to the propeller centerlines
- As a result, asymmetrically designed EcoBulbs can be optimized and design-integrated with toe-in/toe-out location on rudders.



EcoBulb efficiencies increase with higher ship speeds and larger hub/diam. ratios.



EcoBulb efficiency gain at various degrees of rudder deflections.



Easy retrofitting of the EcoBulb – a tailor-made welding-on kit supplied to shipyard.

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