



# SUPERIOR TRACK

Direct Installation to an Aluminum Boat Gunnel

Before beginning: Confirm that the underside of the gunnel is accessible and clear of wiring, hoses, controls, and other obstructions.

## Recommended Tools and Materials

- Pencil
- Masking tape
- Center punch
- Drill with a 9/32-inch drill bit
- Surface-safe degreaser or cleaner
- 3M Marine Adhesive Sealant 4000 UV Fast Cure
- Thread lubricant or anti-seize for stainless steel
- Utility knife
- Supplied through-bolts and mounting hardware

## Installation Steps

**1 Position the Track**
Place the Superior Track in the desired position on the boat's gunnel. Verify the final location and confirm that the underside is accessible and clear before drilling.

**2 Mark the Mounting Locations**
Mark the center of each mounting hole. Using a pencil, lightly trace the outside edges of the track onto the gunnel.

**3 Mask the Installation Area**
Remove the track and apply masking tape along the outside of the traced outline. This will help produce a clean sealant line and make excess sealant easier to remove.

**4 Drill the Mounting Holes**
Center-punch each marked mounting location to prevent the drill bit from wandering. Drill each hole using a 9/32-inch drill bit. Remove any sharp edges and loose metal chips.

**5 Clean the Surfaces**
Thoroughly degrease and clean both the bottom of the track and the mounting surface on the gunnel. Use a cleaner that is safe for the boat's finish. Allow both surfaces to dry completely.

**6 Apply the Sealant**
Apply a thin, continuous bead of 3M 4000 UV Fast Cure approximately 1/2 inch inside the masked outline. The sealant may instead be applied directly to the bottom of the track. Apply a small amount around each drilled hole to help prevent water intrusion.

**7 Position the Track**
Insert one supplied through-bolt into the mounting hole at each end of the track. Use these bolts as guides while carefully lowering the track into position.



## Installation Steps - Continued

**8** **Install and Tighten the Hardware**

Apply thread lubricant or anti-seize to all stainless-steel through-bolts before installing and tightening the hardware. This step is extremely important because stainless-steel threads are susceptible to galling and can seize during tightening.

Install the remaining hardware and tighten all fasteners evenly. Do not overtighten or deform the aluminum gunnel. If needed, a backing plate can be installed on the backside to increase rigidity.

**WARNING: DO NOT use treated lumber as a backing plate. Treated lumber is corrosive to aluminum and may cause future damage.**

**9** **Remove Excess Sealant**

Allow the sealant to set for approximately one hour, or until it has become tacky. Carefully cut away any excess sealant that has squeezed out using a utility knife, then remove the masking tape.

**10** **Allow the Sealant to Cure**

Allow the sealant to cure according to the manufacturer's instructions before placing accessories under load or exposing the installation to water.

**IMPORTANT**

Always inspect the underside of the mounting area before drilling. Superior Fishing Products is not responsible for damage to wiring, hoses, controls, the boat structure, or other components resulting from improper installation.