





SUPERIOR TRACK

Fiberglass Boat Gunnel Installation Instructions

RECOMMENDED TOOLS AND MATERIALS

Pencil | Masking tape | Drill with 3/16-inch bit | Countersink bit | Fiberglass-safe cleaning solvent | 3M 4000 Fast Cure | Wax or thread lubricant | Impact driver | Utility knife | Supplied mounting screws

INSTALLATION STEPS

1	Position and mark the track Place the track in the desired location on the boat's gunnel. Mark the center of each mounting hole. At the same time, lightly trace the outside profile of the track onto the gunnel with a pencil.
2	Mask the installation area Remove the track. Apply masking tape around the outside of the installation area, positioning the edge of the tape along the pencil line.
3	Drill the mounting holes Drill each marked mounting location using a 3/16-inch drill bit.
4	Chamfer the holes Lightly countersink each drilled hole to create a chamfer approximately 1/4 inch in diameter. This helps prevent the fiberglass gelcoat from cracking and provides space for the sealant to form a watertight seal.
5	Clean the mating surfaces Wipe and clean both the bottom of the track and the installation area on the gunnel using a cleaning solvent that is safe for fiberglass and the track's finish. Allow both surfaces to dry completely.
6	Apply the sealant Apply a thin, continuous bead of 3M 4000 Fast Cure approximately 1/2 inch inside the outer edge of the mating surface. The sealant may be applied to either the bottom of the track or directly to the gunnel.
7	Position the track Carefully lower the track into place, aligning the track's mounting holes with the drilled holes in the gunnel.
8	Lubricate the mounting screws Apply wax or an appropriate thread lubricant to the supplied screws before installation. This reduces installation resistance and allows the screws to tighten smoothly.
9	Secure the track Install and tighten one screw at each end of the track to hold it in position. Install the remaining screws, then tighten them evenly. Do not overtighten, as excessive force may damage the fiberglass, strip the mounting holes, or distort the track.
10	Trim the excess sealant Allow any sealant that squeezes out around the track to tack up. Carefully trim away the excess using a utility knife.
11	Remove the masking tape Remove the masking tape and inspect the installation. Allow the sealant to cure according to the manufacturer's instructions before placing the track into service.

IMPORTANT: Avoid using excessive impact force when tightening the screws. Final tightening should be controlled to prevent damage to the fiberglass gunnel.