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## Inflatable Boat/RIB Boat Number & Name Plate Installation Instructions

### Hypalon® Plate Gluing Instructions

*For best results, be sure to fully read and understand the instructions prior to installing your plates.*

#### **Materials Needed:**

Available at local marine supply store (West Marine, Defender) or Home Center (Home Depot, Lowe's, Ace).

1. MEK (methyl ethyl ketone) or Acetone.
2. Clean rags
3. Masking tape
4. Nitrile/Rubber gloves
5. Stiff Bristle Paint Brush
6. Medium (100-150) grit sand paper

Available only at local marine supply store (West Marine, Defender, etc.)

7. Hypalon® compatible glue. We recommend Polymarine <sup>Brand</sup> One Part Inflatable Boat Adhesive. Any similar one or two part marine Hypalon® adhesive or similar, as well.

#### **How to Install the Plate: Can be applied Inflated or Deflated.**

1. If possible, install your plate away from direct sunlight, humidity less than 70%, temperature 65-77F.
2. Mask off the area where the plate is to be applied to help prevent abrading, and getting MEK/Acetone and adhesive on the areas where the plate will not be applied
3. Using medium grit sand paper, abrade/scuff the fabric on the boat and number plates. **Use caution to not cut into the threads under the coating.** You just need to cut through the surface to allow the solvent and adhesive to penetrate. Wipe the surfaces with a clean rag to remove grit and residue. **USE EXTREME CAUTION TO SCUFF THE BACK OF THE BOAT NUMBER PLATES, SO AS NOT TO DAMAGE / BREAK THE STITCHING.**
4. Scrub the surface of the boat and the back of the plate with MEK/Acetone applied to a clean rag. **Be sure to follow the manufacturer's instructions for the safe use of the MEK/Acetone.** For proper adhesion the areas must be thoroughly cleaned and free of any old glue or other foreign material.

**NOTE: Acetone evaporates much faster than MEK.**

**To ensure proper cleaning, work in smaller areas and dampen rag more often.**

5. Wait 10 minutes.
6. If necessary, a second cleaning may be required to ensure the areas are thoroughly cleaned. Wait 10 minutes.

**NOTE: Steps 7-12 are designed for the use of Polymarine <sup>Brand</sup> One Part Inflatable Boat Adhesive. If another adhesive is used, follow the manufacturer's instructions for the proper use.**

7. Using a stiff bristled brush, brush a thin layer of adhesive to the boat area and the back of the plate. **Be sure to follow the manufacturer's instructions for the safe use of the adhesive.**
8. Allow 20 minutes for the layer to dry.
9. Brush a second thin layer of adhesive to the boat area and the back of the plate.
10. Wait 5 minutes and apply the plate. Start from one edge and slowly lay the plate onto the glued area.
11. With the palm of your hand, firmly rub the plate starting from the center to the edges to ensure all air bubbles are removed and a good bond is achieved.
12. Wait at least 48 hours before use to ensure the adhesive is properly cured.

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