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

### PVC 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 sandpaper
7. PVC Adhesive. We recommend Polymarine <sup>Brand</sup> One Part Inflatable Boat PVC Adhesive. Any similar one or two part PVC adhesive / cement, as well.

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

1. 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 getting MEK/Acetone and adhesive on the areas where the plate will not be applied.
3. Using medium grit sandpaper, abrade/scuff the fabric on the boat. **Do not scuff the back of the 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.
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 6-12 are designed for the use of Polymarine One Part Inflatable Boat PVC 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 10 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 2-3 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.
13. Your plates are now installed and ready for use.

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