

GENERAL INFORMATION FOR MOORING COVERS

For Pontoon Covers with Cutouts with PX Clips

Please carefully read the entire instructions before proceeding. To emphasize special information you may see these symbols and words:



WARNING

Indicates potential hazard that could result in death or injury



CAUTION

Indicates potential hazard that could result in boat damage



NOTE

Indicates special information to make maintenance easier or instructions clearer

Pay special attention to these messages.

It is very important to us at Dowco that you, our customer, read and understand these installation instructions. If while reading these instructions you are unsure about installing the cover, please feel free to contact us at 1-800-558-7755. Improper installation as a result of not following these instructions may result in damage to the cover that is not covered by the warranty.

INSTALLATION



CAUTION

Pontoon covers are not designed to be trailered. Dowco's Pontoon Cover Limited Warranty does not cover damage caused by trailering.

POSITIONING AND FASTENING THE COVER:



NOTE

The canopy top must be in the radar arch position during covering. It may also be necessary on some models to remove and store the windshield.

STEP 1

Unfold the cover and locate the tag that reads "Front" sewn into the underside. This side of the cover should be placed toward the front and inside of the pontoon. Unfold and lay the cover over the top of the pontoon. Pull the corners and flaps to their positions.

STEP 2

Check for proper fit in all critical areas such as the corners and flaps. Velcro flaps on the cover must match with the frame brackets on the pontoon. Attach the velcro to close the flaps and center them. Before installing any PX Clips check the rest of the cover for proper fit.

STEP 3

Make sure all corners and sides are pulled evenly and the cover is centered. The corners of the cover should fit snugly to the pontoon frame. This is critical in assuring a proper fit. If pulling the cover forward or back pulls the flaps away from the bracket locations (pulls the velcro apart) there may be a problem with your cover. Before continuing call Dowco.



STEP 4

After checking for proper fit you may begin installing the PX Clips into the rail near the bracket locations.

STEP 5

Some covers come with snaps in the bow or aft that must be installed to complete the installation of the cover. The snaps are typically located on the bow door flap or, if equipped, the bow extension. Mark where snaps (if necessary) touch the rail, and install a screw stud for each. Repeat this process at the rear checking again that the cover is pulled evenly over the pontoon and is centered. When installing the screw studs, it is very important that the snaps in the cover line up directly with the screw studs in the rails.

STEP 6

Position collared flaps and secure them by connecting the Velcro. It may be helpful to first install the PX Clips near the middle of the pontoon or where there is a rail drop. Remaining PX Clips should then be installed. Installing each PX Clip as you go. Note: The pontoon will receive poles in the center to take up the loose fabric in the cover and make it taut to allow for proper drainage.



NOTE
 If your pontoon or deck boat has fishing seats, you may notice loose or sagging areas near the seats. Try opening the seats so that they contact and help support the cover to remove sags.

POLE PLACEMENT AND PROPER DRAINAGE:

STEP 1

Some covers come with adjustable poles. To place these poles you may need to crawl inside the boat under the cover. When placed under the cover into grommets, pole pockets or vents, these poles help to provide proper drainage. The poles can be adjusted to raise the cover until it is taut (no sags) and allows water to drain.

NOTE
 Avoid overextending the poles and stretching the fabric. Poles can be made shorter by removing the black end cap and placing it on the opposite end and reassemble.

STEP 2

For Pole Pockets: For covers equipped with pole pockets, the top of the poles are not pointed, but should have a small black end cap. This side of the pole should be inserted into the pole pocket and the pole assembly should be extended until the cover is taut!

STEP 3

Some poles may be positioned near the rest seat cushions. In some cases the rear seat may be flipped up and the pole placed inside and down to the deck.

STEP 4

At this point, please take time to look for possible point of abrasion (sharp objects or angles) where the cover may rub and be damaged. Add protective padding (foam or soft cloth) as needed.

NOTE
 Poles may be made shorter by removing the black end cap, placing it on the opposite end and reassembling the pole.

PREVENTING TEARS

Take time to look for possible points of abrasion (sharp objects or angles) where the cover may rub and be damaged. Add protective padding (foam or soft cloth) as needed.



CAUTION

The most common mistake, which leads to a damaged cover, is improper strapping. The back rope and all straps must be taut. NO slack or play in the fabric. This will prevent the cover from moving or flapping during trailering or in the wind; therefore, preventing damage caused by rubbing or excessive wear.

INSTALLATION

STORAGE AND CARE:

- 1**
Never store the cover while wet. Dry the cover prior to storage; this will help prevent mildew growth, which will damage the fabric.
- 2**
Clean the cover with mild soap and water to remove dirt, bird droppings, etc.
- 3**
Prevent sharp objects, solvents, and hot items from coming into contact with the cover.
- 4**
If stored outdoors, do not allow ice or water to accumulate on the cover, as they may cause damage.