

COVERLIFT INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS – CARE & USE GUIDELINES

2018-19 Targa V-18 & Targa V-19

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 that you read and understand these installation instructions. If while reading these instructions you are unsure about installing the cover, please feel free to contact the dealer where you purchased your boat. Improper installation as a result of not following these instructions may result in damage to the canvas that is not covered by the warranty.

INSTALLATION



NOTE

If you need to install mounting hardware you will need a tape measure, a grease pencil/crayon/pen, #2 and #3 Philips screwdriver bit, 3/16" drill bit, 1/8" drill bit, 7/64" drill bit, center punch, power drill, hammer, safety glasses



WARNING

Be sure to use all required safety equipment when using tools and installing hardware

CONGRATULATIONS, YOU HAVE PURCHASED THE LATEST INNOVATION IN BOAT COVERS!

This cover uses a new way to fasten to your boat. It has a support system that uses no poles. You don't need to crawl under the cover to prop up the poles. Instead a unique rope-ratchet & strap support system is securely sewn into the underside of the cover. Once the cover is installed on the boat you simply pull on the rope ratchet to create tension with the straps underneath. The straps rise up slightly creating the tented effect so that water or rain will run off the cover.

Your boat dealer or the factory may have pre-installed the mounting hardware for the cover – if yes, skip to STEP 4 for cover deployment instructions. If this has not been done please follow the installation instructions. Locate the mounting hardware and make sure you have all of the parts indicated.

STEP 1: INSTALLING SPECIAL HARDWARE FOR YOUR COVER

MOUNTING HARDWARE



MOUNTING BUTTONS
Quantity: 2



MOUNTING BUTTON SCREWS
Quantity: 2

STEP 2

Using a tape measure, locate where each mounting button will be installed for the particular boat model you own (see Figure 1 for gunnel mount, Figure 2 for transom mount, or Figure 3 for motor well mount). All measurements are to the center on the buttons and studs. Mark this location.

1" down from versa track
3" forward from end of carpet

FIG. 2



FIG. 3



CAUTION

MAKE SURE THERE ARE NO WIRES, FUEL LINES, OR HOSES BEHIND THE AREAS YOU ARE DRILLING

STEP 3

Inspect the area underneath the gunnel to be sure obstructions or wiring is out of the way. Drill a pilot hole at the proper mounting button location with a 3/16" drill bit. Install the aft mounting button using the mounting button screw in the area described above by inserting the screw through the center of the mounting button and secure with a #3 Philips bit. Repeat this step for the other aft corner mounting location.

**NOTE**

Ensure cover fits properly and tight, indicating all mounting locations line up with cover. At this point, cover can be removed and packed away for shipping with boat.

COVER DEPLOYMENT**STEP 4**

Unfold the cover and locate the sewn-in white tag. This tag is at the front of your cover. Place the front tip of the cover over the nose and the trolling motor and slowly work the cover over the windshield toward the back corners making sure that the cover is below the rub rail on both sides as you go.

**NOTE**

Pay attention to the rope under the cover to make sure that it doesn't get caught on anything. This rope should remain loose at this time.

STEP 5

When you get to the waterproof zippers in the back make sure that the rope goes through the ratchet (Figure 7), then back to the metal ring, and then back through the web loop by the zipper (Figure 6). This will help you tension the cover easily and help you find the rope when you access it during the tenting process. Tying a knot in the end of the rope can help keep it from sliding through the web loop unintentionally.

FIG. 4



FIG. 6



FIG. 7

**STEP 6**

Hook the web tensioner (black key hole shaped part) (Figure 4) to the button installed in step 3.

STEP 7

Pull the cover over the back corners. It may be a little tight at first. Double check to make sure that the cover is below the rub rail and relatively centered around the boat.

STEP 8

Hook the "S hooks" to the transom bolts (Figure 8).

FIG. 8**STEP 9**

Open the perimeter ratchet pockets to access the rope ratchet assembly (Figure 9).

FIG. 9**STEP 10**

Tension the perimeter rope by pulling on the rope toward the bow of the boat on both sides. Then, use the ratchets to add additional tension. Proper tension is achieved when it is difficult to get your fingers between the cover and the boat. When tensioning is complete gather the loose rope, place it into the pocket, and zip it closed (Figure 10).

FIG. 10

STEP 11

Open the waterproof zipper on either / or both sides of your cover to access the tenting rope. The rope should be visibly going through the web in step 5. Pull the rope toward the back to tent your cover. The rope should be taut, but excessive force is not needed to achieve proper drainage. Properly installed your cover should look similar to this (Figure 11).

FIG. 11

**CAUTION**

Trailer straps must be properly installed when trailering your boat. There are either 3 (one at the bow and two on the sides) or 5 (two additional straps in the back). Loop the strap around the trailer and run the buckle through the looped end. Twist the strap a few times and then clip to the buckle under the flap in the cover and tighten. Secure the loose end by tying it to the tensioned strap.

**WARNING**

Periodically check cover during trailering.

**CAUTION**

Never store a wet cover. Always allow to fully dry prior to storage.

STEP 12

To remove the cover, access a lifting ratchet by opening a waterproof zipper. Pull the rope and loosen the ratchet by pressing on the silver tab on the backside of the ratchet. Once the tab is pressed the rope should slide easily through it releasing the tension. Release the perimeter rope tension using the ratchets on the side. Unhook the transom hook and the tensioners from the buttons and carefully roll your cover to the front of your boat.

DOWCO LIMITED WARRANTY – TRAILERABLE BOAT COVERS

LIMITED FIVE YEAR WARRANTY

Dowco warrants, to the original purchaser, the boat cover to be free from defects in material and workmanship for a period of 5 years from date of purchase.

THIS WARRANTY IS SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:

FIRST 24 MONTHS:

All Dowco boat covers proven to be defective within 24 months from the date of original purchase will be repaired or replaced at Dowco option at no charge.

AFTER 24 MONTHS THROUGH 60 MONTHS:

All Dowco boat covers proven to be defective will be repaired on a pro-rated basis. Discount off MSRP of 75% in year 3, 65% in year 4, 55% in year 5, and 45% in year 6. The replacement will be based on the current MSRP.

When the product is in hand, please call Dowco at (800) 404-5252 for a Return Materials Authorization (RMA) number and ship to address.

All boat covers must be returned prepaid. Returns must be received by Dowco within 15 days of RMA issue. COD or collect shipments will not be accepted. Proof of purchase must accompany boat cover.

UNAUTHORIZED RETURNS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

This warranty does not cover damage caused by misuse, neglect, accident or improper installation, allowing the cover to come in contact with chemicals or tree sap, allowing water, snow or ice to accumulate or pocket, not properly securing the cover or allowing sharp objects to damage cover.

HOW TO ACTIVATE THE LIMITED WARRANTY?

In order to activate the limited warranty all Dowco products must be warranty registered on www.dowcomarine.com by the end user completing and submitting the warranty registration form.

CANVAS STORAGE & CARE

Proper care and maintenance of the canvas will maximize its useful life. The fabric used on this boat is ClimaShield® Plus, a 600 denier, solution dyed polyester fabric that has DWR (durable water repellent) coating on the outside and a mildew inhibitor on the underside. To keep this material performing well against the elements, the following instructions should be followed.

1. Never store the cover while it is wet or dirty. Make sure the cover is completely dry and clean prior to storage as 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. Do not steam, pressure wash, use harsh cleaners or bleach.
3. Prevent sharp objects, solvents and hot items from coming in contact with all canvas parts.
4. Do not allow ice, water, or snow to accumulate on the canopy or bimini top as this may cause damage.