

## INSTALLATION GUIDE

### Dowco Full Protection Pontoon Ratchet Cover Sylvan M-series and Starcraft SX-series



#### **MOUNTING / INSTALLATION HARDWARE**

*Snap studs for the back / aft of the cover*

*Vico support poles*

*10' safety straps*

*2 Dowco Lok mounting buttons with 3 phillips flat ¼-20*

*bolt, 2 washers, and 2 lock nuts*



## DOWCO FULL PROTECTION PONTOON RATCHET COVER FOR M AND SX SERIES:

This is a full protection ratchet cover with support poles. The cover will drape over the front, sides, and rear of the boat and securely wrap over the deck and rubrail. The cover is designed with (5) poles with vented caps for optimal breathability and water shedding. The back or aft of the cover is secured by snaps along the bottom edge of the cover. The ratchet cover is designed with a sewn in adjustable rope system and (2) stainless steel Dowco lok buttons that are mounted discreetly on the underside of the boat. One ratchet is located at both the starboard and portside for easy access. The cover also has aft zipper entry for convenience and Velcro collars for any cleat access. The ratchet rope system has an adjustable buckle design to offer a snug fit every time.

### MOUNTING LOCATIONS:

#### SX MODELS:

Mark an "X" centered on the aluminum extrusion as shown below for your Dowco lok button to be mounted. Pre-drill a hole and use the supplied Dowco lok button, bolt, washer, and lock nut to complete installation. Repeat process on other side.

SX SERIES: FIG. A



M SERIES: FIG. B



#### M SERIES:

Mark an "X" centered on the flat area fiberglass rear as shown below (white china marker recommended). This should lay on flat part of fiberglass overlay

## HOW TO INSTALL AND USE YOUR DOWCO FULL PROTECTION PONTOON RATCHET COVER:

### STEP 1:

Unfold the cover and locate the RED binding along the front bottom edge of the cover. Carefully lay the front bow of the cover around the front edge of rub rail. By using the boat sides for support, roll the cover towards the back of the boat and over the windshield. Once you get the cover to the first canopy top leg open the Velcro collar and buckle of the cover to wrap around the canopy frame leg and then close the collar by fastening the Velcro flap and buckling. Continue to do this for each collar/canopy leg until the cover securely wraps around the aft or rear of the boat and the aft or rear of the cover is laying to the bottom edge of the aft back furniture and deck. For the M series, the rear of the cover has two "coat tails" that wraps snugly around the aft fiberglass edge of rub rail, like the front of the cover. Each ratchet assembly has a receiving end that securely slides into the Dowco lok button as shown below in Figures A & B. Once the cover is in place, prior to ratcheting the cover down, please position the perimeter ratchet collar buckles to the front of the collar exposed area as shown below in Figure C. This will position to the center of the collar once the cover is ratcheted down.

FIG. C

**STEP 2:**

Once the cover is installed correctly with the perimeter collar buckles to the forward position and ratchet receiving end secured into the mounted Dowco lok button you may ratchet the cover. Continue ratcheting the cover until the hem of the cover is very tight (you should not be able to get your fingers under the hem) and the cover feels taunt and secure.

**STEP 3:**

Install the rear snap studs located at the aft bottom of the cover and snap the rear of the cover to the snap studs. Locate the female snaps installed on the hem of the cover and use a grease pencil to mark on the boat where to install the snap stud to match. After the cover is ratcheted down and the rear snaps are installed and secured don't forget to place your poles and safety straps! Using the aft cover zipper entry go under the cover and install one pole into each vent cap. Raise each pole up by releasing the lever lock and extend the pole tip up as high as the cover will allow. After you have installed your poles you may exit the same way you entered and close the access zipper. It is now time to install the safety straps. You have (5) tri glide attachments on the bottom perimeter of your cover that the 5' safety straps included in your hardware kit connects to if on a trailer to help secure the cover even more. Either while installing the safety straps or before you walk away please go walk around your covered boat and inspect it to ensure the cover is properly installed. (See photos below)



Please note once your cover is installed the first time, reinstallation should only take 5 minutes as the Dowco lok buttons, snaps, and ratchet buckles are already pre placed and installed.