



Installation Instructions

Your Waterboot has been custom designed to the specifications indicated in your order form. Please read these instructions completely before installing Waterboot. The four easy steps, if followed correctly, will ensure the most effective and attractive mast/deck seal for your boat.

1. Wrap the Waterboot around the mast positioning and making the velcro closure on the aft end. Overlap the Waterboot over the deck collar. Waterboot now begins to take the place of your old "mast boot".
2. If for any reason you find the Waterboot needs to be trimmed at either the top, bottom or both to achieve a snug fit, simple mark with a pencil how much material needs to be trimmed. Remove the Waterboot from the mast and lay it on a flat surface. This way you will be able to neatly trim an even amount of material. Use scissors and remember it is always better to trim too little than too much!
3. Once the Waterboot provides a snug fit on top and bottom and the closure is made facing aft, it is ready to be sealed. Some owners prefer to use stainless steel hose clamps that perhaps were used to seal their previous mast boot. Other methods that work just as well and prove to be more attractive are using white electrical tape or self amalgamating tape used in the marine industry. Just be sure to make a number of passes with the tape to ensure an effective seal. We have also seen Waterboots sealed merely by using a bead of silicone applied around the top and bottom edges respectively.
4. This is the most important step! To achieve a completely watertight seal, apply a thin bead of silicone around the horizontal edge of the Waterboot where it meets the mast. If you are certain the tape or clamps have made a watertight seal then this is not necessary. Make sure to completely fill the sail track on the aft side of the mast with sealant along with any other noticeable voids along this complete horizontal edge. Also apply a bead of silicone down the vertical edge of the Velcro closure where the two pieces of Velcro meet. This will, in effect, seal the closure. If the Waterboot is removed for any reason, simply reapply these two silicone beads when reinstalling.
Your Waterboot should now be complete giving you both an effective and attractive mast/deck seal for your sailing pleasure.

Waterboot is cleaned by using any Marine spray cleaner. To preserve the life of the material many owners cover their Waterboot with a cosmetic canvas or Sunbrella outer cover. More info can be found on www.waterboot.com. The Waterboot we send you can actually be used as a template for such an outer cover, which can be given directly to your canvas installer without them coming to the boat. We welcome any input regarding our product and also welcome any "before" and "after" photos of Waterboot installs for the website.