

# **Stainless Steel Neat Cleat Installation Instructions**

66515, 66517, 66519, 66816, 66819 SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS

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This product carries a limited Lifetime Warranty.

#### **APPLICATION**

This Attwood Neat Cleat is intended for recreational applications only.



Read all instructions carefully before installing and using this product.

## $\triangle$ WARNING:

The Neat Cleat is not to be used for watercraft towing or lifting. Any misuse of the intended application will void the warranty and may result in personal injury and/or damage to the boat.

To prevent injury, remove boat from water when installing this product and before using 120V AC power tools.

#### REQUIRED FOR INSTALLATION

- Deep-socket wrench: 1-1/4" (32mm) for 4-1/2" and 6" Cleats; 1-1/2" (38mm) for 8" Cleat
- · Hole saw (see chart below for size)
- Cordless drill
- 1/4" O.D. (6 mm) tubing, or marine speedometer tube
- · Polyurethane marine sealant
- Thread sealant such as Loctite<sup>™</sup> or Threadlocker<sup>™</sup>

NOTE: Attwood has stamped stainless steel backing plates available for applications that require additional strength. Product Numbers: 66529 for 4-1/2" Cleat (66515); 66531 for 6" Cleat (66517, 66816); 66533 for 8" Cleat (66519, 66819).

#### LOCATION

Select an installation location that meets the following criteria:

- Location on vessel must be able to withstand anticipated loads.
- If space allows, a 1/2" (13 mm) backing plate of marine plywood is recommended, if not included in hull lay-up.
- Maximum thickness of hull and backing plate (if used): 1" (25mm) for 4-1/2" and 6" Cleats; 1-1/2" (38mm) for 8" Cleat.
- Interior space beneath the Neat Cleat must allow clearance and access to the stanchion nuts, backing plate (if used), drainage receptacles, and tubing.

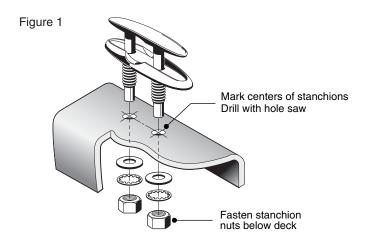
#### **NEAT CLEAT INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS**

NOTE: Before you drill or cut a hole in your boat, BE ABSOLUTELY CERTAIN there is room for the fasteners and backing plate (if used) below deck. (Figure 1)

- Remove drainage receptacles, stanchion nuts and washers. Set them aside.
- Place bottom of stanchions against deck in intended position. Mark position of stanchions on the deck. (Figure 1)
- Carefully mark centers of the stanchion positions. Chart shows proper distance between centers:

Cleat Size	Distance Between Centers	Hole Saw Size
4-1/2" (66515)	1-3/4" (44.5mm)	1" (25.4mm)
6" (66517, 66816)	2-1/4" (57.2mm)	1" (25.4mm)
8" (66519)	2-13/16" (71.4mm)	1-1/8" (28.6mm)
8" (66819)	2-1/2" (63.5mm)	1-1/8" (28.6mm)

- At center marks, use a hole saw (see chart above for size) to cut holes for each stanchion.
- 5. Apply a small bead of marine sealant under the flange, then place Neat Cleat stanchions into the hole cutouts.
- 6. From inside the hull, fit backing plate (if used) and fasteners over the stanchions. To ensure nuts do not loosen over time Attwood recommends the use of a locking washer and thread sealant such as Loctite™ or Threadlocker™.
- Use deep-socket wrench (see REQUIRED FOR INSTALLATION for size) to tighten nuts firmly. Do not damage transom or gelcoat by overtightening.



### DRAINAGE RECEPTACLE INSTRUCTIONS

Small amounts of water can enter the stanchions when the cleat is up. The drainage receptacles are designed to lead this water to the bilge.

- Press drainage receptacles cups onto ends of the stanchions. (Figure 2)
- 2. Insert the short tube (included) between the drainage receptacles.
- Attach length of 1/4" drain tube to open end of drainage receptacle and run to bilge area.

