

# How to Prolong the Life of Your Boat Cover

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- Always tie boat cover down securely with included tie-down kit (if applicable). Additional tie-down kit (sold separately) is highly recommended for covers over 20' in length.
- Take the precaution of padding windshield, trolling motors, depth finders, etc. before installing boat cover.
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- Allow boat cover to dry thoroughly before folding for storage.

# **Carver Limited Warranty**

The materials and workmanship are guaranteed to be free of defects at time of manufacture. Warranty coverage commences on the original date of purchase. The warranty does not cover normal wear, weather soiling, stains from environmental pollution, and/or standing water, cuts from sharp objects, neglect, accident or misuse. The boat cover must be properly installed, utilized and maintained. The length of the warranty is determined by the type of material ordered.

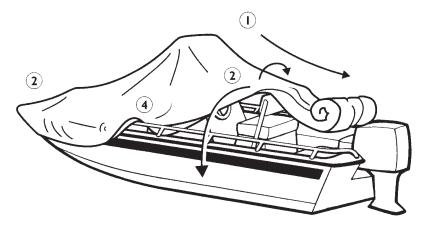
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All Carver Boat Covers are rolled and packaged with the bow (front) end of the cover to the outside. The tag on the bow end is sewn into the **inside** hem of the cover. To cover your boat, proceed as follows:

- 1. Place the bow (front) end of the rolled cover on or near the bow of your boat and unroll towards the stern or back, positioning it down the center of the boat as you unroll.
- 2. Slip the front of the cover over the bow and pull the cover open to the sides as you work towards the back of the boat.
- 3. If using support poles (optional and highly recommended for most covers), position the poles under your cover prior to completely covering the boat. Also add any padding needed for the windshields, trolling motors, depth finders, etc.
- 4. Adjust cover fit by pulling cover tight to eliminate sagging areas. These areas may collect standing water or snow and shorten the life of your cover.
- 5. Using the reinforced tie-down loops, secure the cover to your trailer. One tiedown kit is included with most boat covers, however an additional tie-down kit (sold separately) is recommended for covers 20' and over. If you purchased a travel cover, our heavy-duty tie-downs must always be used when trailering.
- 6. Remove the boat cover by folding to the center from both sides and rolling the cover from back to front. This will make it easier to repeat steps 1 through 5 when covering your boat again. (Important: Allow the cover to dry thoroughly before folding for storage.)



Additional instructions are also provided for specialty and/or certain custom-fit cover styles in the subsequent pages.



# A tie-down kit is included with most boat covers and is sufficient for covers up to 20'.

Based upon the size of your boat cover, it may not be necessary to use all of the tie-down straps, however if your cover is 20' or larger an additional tie-down kit (sold separately) is highly recommended to properly secure your cover.

# Step 1

Thread the buckle-end of the strap through the tie-down loop from back to front. Pull through approximately 12 inches and <u>tie-off with a simple overhand knot</u> so that the strap is secure. Space the straps evenly around the hem. Note: Not all of the hem tabs need to be utilized.

# Step 2

Guide the opposite end of the strap around the trailer from back to front.

# Step 3

Thread the strap through the top slot in the quick release buckle from back to front, pulling the end of the strap toward you.

# Step 4

Continue threading the strap over the center bar of the buckle and into the bottom slot of the buckle. The strap is now fully adjustable by pulling down on the loose end of the webbing. Install all the straps on the cover before tightening.

# Step 5

Be sure the cover is centered on the boat, then tighten all straps securely so that the cover is taut. If installed correctly, the straps should not pull out.

# Step 6

Trim the straps. Leave approximately 12" of webbing for adjustability and trim off any excess using a pair of scissors. Lightly singe the cut edge of the webbing using a cigarette lighter to fuse the yarns and prevent the webbing from unraveling. DO NOT SET ON FIRE AND BE SURE TO EXTINGUISH ANY FLAMES. To remove the boat cover, simply disconnect the quick release buckles by squeezing the sides. For quick and easy re-installation of the cover, leave the straps attached to the tie-down loops. After first use, check straps for tautness. If they require adjustment, untie knot and refer to step 1.









Step 3



Top / Bottom Slots

Top Slot Bottom Slot



Step 4

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Step 5

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Rope ratchet is sold separately unless noted otherwise at time of cover purchase.

If you purchased a boat cover with draw rope encased in the hem, a rope ratchet is a convenient and efficient way to tighten and secure the rope so that the boat cover stays in place.

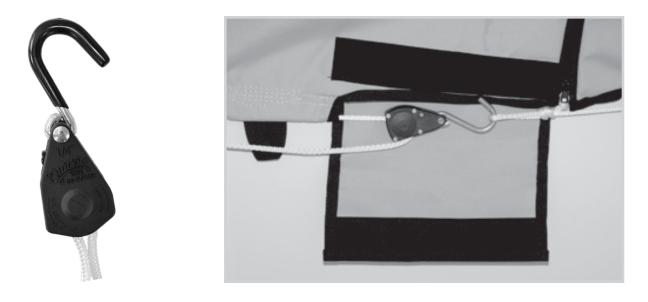
The 1/4" rope in the hem of your cover is tied off on each end to prevent the rope from slipping back into the hem.

Untie one end of the rope. The ratchet casing is marked with an arrow showing the direction to thread the rope. Feed the rope into the bottom of the ratchet casing, around the gear and back out through the bottom.

Insert the hook into the knotted (opposite) end of the rope and pull the loose end through the ratchet until the rope is taut and the cover is tight.

Note: Take care not to trim too much excess from the loose end of the rope as it will be needed to loosen the cover.

To release the rope, press the thumb lever under the hook of the ratchet and pull rope in the opposite direction.





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Before unrolling your boat cover, please take a moment to review the following helpful tips for easy installation:

- VHF antennas and collapsible light poles, if mounted to your boat, should be folded down to the rear.
- It is important that you unroll your cover along the center of your boat leaving ample slack at the bow.
- Zippers should remain closed during installation.

# **To Cover Your Boat, Proceed as Follows:**

### STEP 1

Place the bow (front) end of the cover (tag side down) loosely on top of bow of your boat leaving ample slack for adjustment.

# STEP 2

Unroll the cover toward the Hard Top/ T-Top. Lift the roll onto the top. With cover stationary on top, proceed to the aft end of the boat.

# **STEP 3**

Equally space the two support poles (included) into the rod holders located on the T-Top or Hard Top. The support poles are designed specifically to keep weight and pressure off the antennas.



# STEP 4

From the aft end, grasp roll and unroll the cover taking care to remain between VHF antennas (if applicable). Continue to unroll the cover toward the stern.

# STEP 5

Working from the port and starboard sides, spread the boat cover over the support poles. Locate and open the antenna sleeve. Carefully direct the antennas through the sleeve.

# STEP 6

Fasten the hook and loop closure on the antenna sleeve.



# STEP 7

From either port or starboard side, tie off one side of the draw rope with a secure knot. Thread draw rope into rope ratchet (included) and tighten.



Attach and adjust the included tiedown straps, spacing them evenly in the hem. If your cover is 20' or larger, we recommend an additional tie-down kit be used (sold separately) to properly secure the cover to your boat.



#### **Reinforcement Kit**

For added protection at sharp areas and stress points, a Self-Adhesive Reinforcement Kit with easy-to-follow instructions is included with your T-Top/Hard Top boat cover. For all other covers, Reinforcement Kit may be purchased separately.

**TO REMOVE THE BOAT COVER:** Unfasten the hook & loop antenna sleeve and carefully slide cover toward the stern to release antennas. Place antennas in the upright position. Fold cover to the center from both sides and roll from the back to the front. **IMPORTANT:** Allow the cover to dry thoroughly before folding for storage.

Note: This specialty boat cover is designed for storage only. It is NOT recommended for trailering.



The boat cover is rolled and packaged with the bow end of the cover to the outside. The tag on the bow end is sewn into the **inside** of the hem.

Before unrolling the boat cover, please take a moment to review the following helpful tips for easy installation:

- It is important that the cover is unrolled along the center of your boat leaving ample slack at the bow.
- Unfasten port-side zipper **only** before installing cover.



! Designed for storage only for boat lifts, dry stack or trailer storage.

**NOTE:** For boats with a full windshield, 8 suction cups are included to create mounting points under the fiberglass T-Top. Attach sewn-in strap through bungee on the suction cup and follow suction cup instructions. Depending on style of cover, not all suction cups may be necessary for use.

# To Cover Your Boat, Proceed as Follows:

# **STEP 1**

Place the bow end of the cover (tag side down) loosely on top of the boat leaving ample slack for adjustment.

# STEP 2

Unroll the cover toward the Hard Top/T-Top. Unfasten the port-side zipper only. Working from port to starboard side, guide the cover around the base of the T-Top frame and continue to unroll the cover to the stern, leaving the cover loose atop the boat.

# STEP 3

Enter the boat through the open zipper on the port-side. Locate the adjustable strap on the front, port corner of the T-Top opening. Using the quick release buckle, fasten the strap to the T-Top frame directly above and adjust the strap so that the cover raises as close to the T-Top frame as possible.

# STEP 4

Continue working clockwise and attach each of the remaining straps. The final strap will be port-side at the zippered opening in the cover.

# STEP 5

With the cover outside the T-Top frame, close the zipper half-way, exit the boat and close the zipper completely.

#### STEP 6

Adjust the cover evenly around the perimeter of the boat with the hem of the cover beneath the rub rail.

# STEP 7

From either port or starboard side, tie off one side of the draw rope with a secure knot. Thread the draw rope into rope ratchet (1 included) and tighten until the cover is snug beneath the rub rail. Close the protective ratchet pouch.



# STEP 8

Attach and adjust the tie-down kit (included). If your cover is 20' or larger an additional tie-down kit (sold separately) is highly recommended to properly secure your cover.

**TO REMOVE THE COVER FROM THE BOAT:** Unfasten tie-down straps from trailer. For ease of next cover installation, leave tiedown straps attached to the cover. Unfasten the zipper on one side of the cover and enter the boat. Unfasten all straps from the T-Top frame. Fold the cover to the center from each side and roll the cover from back to front.

**IMPORTANT:** Allow the cover to dry thoroughly before folding for storage.





This cover is recommended for storage only. Do not travel with cover installed.

# Please note that the tag represents the inside of the cover when installing.

**Step 1** - Identify the inside of the cover, unzip the zipper and loosen the hook and loop fastener.

**Step 2 -** Lift the roll onto the top of the Hard Top/T-Top. With the cover stationary on top of the Hard-Top/T-Top, proceed to the aft end of the boat.

**Step 3** - Install the 2 support poles included in the package; space equally between the rod holders. The support poles are designed to keep the weight of the cover off of the antennas and/or outriggers.

**Step 4** - From the aft end, unroll the cover taking care to remain between the VHF antennas (if applicable). Continue to unroll the cover towards the bow.

**Step 5 -** Working from port to starboard side, spread the cover over the support poles. Close the hook and loop fastener and zip the cover.

**Step 6** - Once installed, tighten the strap. The strap is located at the front of the cover on port side and starboard side. Remove the rubber band, unroll the straps and pull to the back of the cover (with zipper closed). One strap will have a quick-release buckle. Thread the loose end of the strap into the buckle and tighten. This buckle is just like the buckle on a life jacket. Picture illustrates proper installation.

The zipper is designed to allow access to the console while the cover is installed.





Support Poles are designed to keep the weight of the T-Top Cover off VHF antennas and/or outriggers.

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# Follow the steps on page 1, adding the following steps:.

**2A** - Locate the vertical hook and loop tape on each side of the boat cover and unfasten. Working back toward the bow, unfasten the hook and loop tower slots and allow them to hang to the sides of the boat, forward of the tower legs. Roll the center of the cover back toward and over the stern.

**3A** - Working from bow to stern, fasten the hook and loop tower slots around the tower legs on each side of the cover. Fasten the vertical hook and loop on each side of the cover.

**4A** - Tighten the draw rope in the hem of the cover using the rope ratchets provided. The ends of the draw rope are located in the envelope-type pouches at the hem on each side of the cover. Refer to Rope Ratchet Instructions in this booklet to tighten the draw rope. When draw rope is tight, close each pouch over the ratchet.

# Reminder: Always use a heavy duty Tie-Down Kit to secure your cover when trailering!

If your cover is 20' or larger an additional tie-down kit (sold separately) is highly recommended to properly secure your cover.





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# Trailerable boat covers must be properly installed and tied down. One Tie-Down Kit now included (12 straps).

# All Carver Boat Covers are rolled and packaged with the bow end of the cover to the outside. The tag on the bow end is sewn into the inside of the hem of the cover. To cover your boat, proceed as follows:

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- 2. Slip the front of the cover over the bow and pull the cover open to the sides as you work towards the back of the boat.
- 3. If using support poles (optional, but recommended for most boat covers), position the poles under your cover prior to completely covering the boat.
- 4. Locate the vertical hook and loop tape on each side of the boat cover and unfasten. Working back toward the bow, unfasten the hook and loop tower slots and allow them to hang to the sides of the boat.
- 5. Heavy-duty double-pull buckles are included in hem at the tower opening/openings. These buckles provide a quick and easy initial adjustment at the openings. Tower opening styles may vary depending on the specific custom boat cover pattern.
- 6. The cover is designed with a heavy-duty 1/4 draw-rope in the hem. Tighten the draw rope in the hem of the cover. The draw-rope may be tightened by hand, or with an optional rope ratchet (sold separately). If a rope ratchet was purchased, please see the rope ratchet instructions on page 3.
- 7. Adjust cover fit by pulling cover tight to eliminate sagging areas. These areas may collect standing water or snow and shorten the life of your cover.
- 8. Using the reinforced tie-down loops, secure cover to your trailer with included heavy-duty tie-down straps. If your cover is 20' or longer, an additional tie-down kit (sold separately) is recommended to secure your cover to your boat and trailer.
- 9. Remove the boat cover by folding both sides to the center and rolling the cover from back to front. This will make it easier to repeat Steps 1-7 when covering your boat again. **Important: Allow the cover to dry thoroughly before folding for storage.**

Note: If you have a Custom "CSR" cover – please see the CSR Installation Instructions.





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- 5. If the cover is designed to accommodate a boat with a Ski Tower, we have installed heavy-duty double pull buckles in the hem at the tower opening. These buckles provide a quick and easy initial adjustment at the openings and are also encased in the hem with a hook & loop closure shown in Figure A.
- 6. Tighten the cover using the pre-installed ratchet located at the back of the cover (Figure B). The ratchet is encased in a protective vinyl pouch secured in the hem with hook and loop fastener tape (Figures C & D). If excess webbing is present after tightening the cover, this is normal and the excess webbing may be trimmed. To keep the raw edge of the webbing from unraveling, singe it lightly with a cigarette lighter to fuse the yarns. Do not set the webbing on fire.
- 7. Using the reinforced tie-down loops, secure cover to your trailer with heavy-duty tie-downs. Two tie-down straps are preinstalled at the rear of the cover (Figure E). These must be secured to the trailer before trailering.
- 8. Remove the boat cover by folding both sides to the center and rolling the cover from back to front. This will make it easier to repeat Steps 1-7 when covering your boat again. Important: Allow the cover to dry thoroughly before folding for storage.

Ski boat CSR covers fit underneath the rub rail and grab rail (where applicable).



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Carver Over-the-Tower (OTC) Covers for Tournament Ski Boats and Tournament Ski Boats w/ Wide or Pickle Fork Bows are designed to go over the entire boat including your ski tower and bolt-on swim platform. Our OTC's for V-Hull Runabouts/ Modified V-Hull Boats and Deck Boats are designed to go over the entire boat including the ski tower and integrated swim platform.

# It may be necessary to spin your wakeboard racks in and to fold and store your bimini top in order to install your new Carver Cover.

- 1. Add any padding needed to the windshield, wakeboard racks or any sharp areas that could damage the boat cover.
- 2. Place the bow end of the rolled cover (the end with the tag) on the bow (front) of your boat and unroll towards the stern or back, positioning it down the center of your boat as you roll.
- 3. Slip the front of the cover over the bow and pull the cover open to the sides and over the tower as you work towards the stern of the boat.
- 4. Adjust cover fit by pulling cover tight to eliminate sagging areas. These areas may collect standing water or snow and shorten the life of your cover.
- Using the reinforced tie-down loops, secure the cover to your trailer with the included tie-down kit (see instructions on Installing a Carver Tie-Down Kit on page 2). Additional tie-down kit (sold separately) is recommended for covers 20' and over.

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- Always tie boat cover down securely.
- Take the precaution of padding the windshield, the wakeboard racks, and any sharp areas before installing the cover.
- Clean the boat cover regularly to remove salt, pollen, and environmental pollutants that could support the growth of mildew. Brush off any loose dirt or soil, then spray the cover with a solution of mild, non-detergent soap (such as Lux, Dreft, Ivory, or Woolite) and cool/warm water. A soft brush may be used on heavily soiled areas. Rinse thoroughly. If cleaning diminishes the water repellency of the cover, we recommend treating with 303 High Tech Fabric Guard<sup>™</sup> Water Repellent.
- Allow the boat cover to dry thoroughly before folding for storage.

No matter how carefully maintained, every boat is a target for a case of mildew. Mildew is a form of fungus present everywhere in the world. It takes dark, damp conditions to encourage their growth. Those conditions are found on a boat.

An essential boat-keeping chore should be regular cleaning of the interior, especially prior to boat cover installation. Any form of dirt (food crumbs, suntan lotion, pollen, etc.) can become a foothold for mildew. Utilize boat cover accessories such as vents, which are invaluable in improving air circulation and allowing moisture from condensation to escape.

Mildew cannot survive in light and heat, so take wet gear out of your boat and spread it in the sun before stowing. Expose all sides to the sunlight and turn items like life jackets inside-out for full effect. Allow your boat to dry in the sun before installing your cover.

Silica gel and activated alumna are porous granules that absorb up to half their weight in moisture from the atmosphere and can be purchased inexpensively at hardware stores. Use a double thickness of nylon stocking as a container, and hang suspended in the boat, under the cover. These products can be reused after drying for about an hour in a 300 degree vented oven. Most remedies rely on sodium hypochlorite (household bleach) to remove mildew. A good, strong, all-around solution is 1/2 cup household bleach per gallon of water. Do not use liquid detergents in combination with bleaches. Scrub the affected surfaces with a soft brush, using rubber gloves and eye protection. Rinse thoroughly.

For cleaning our boat covers and bimini top canvas, we highly recommend 303 Fabric & Vinyl Cleaner which is safe and effective. Be aware that repeated cleanings can diminish the water repellency of certain marine canvas. To restore water repellency to factory-new levels, we highly recommend 303 Fabric Guard.

Remember that anything used to kill or remove mildew will ash or wear away over time, so be prepared for repeated treatments as part of your maintenance routine.

Protecting The Things That Move You<sup>™</sup>



# **Carver Accessories**



Snap & Rubber End

Tip End

#### **Boat Cover Tie-Down Kit**

**Boat Cover Support Poles** 

This is an efficient method for securing a boat cover for trailering. Constructed of 1" black polypropylene webbing and convenient quick-release buckles. Unlike bungee cords, these durable tie-downs don't stretch, so they won't tear your cover or damage your boat. Each kit contains twelve 12' straps.

Prevent dry rot and mildew! These lightweight

telescoping poles are designed to support

your cover so that water does not pool. Available in three styles. Each style is constructed of anodized aluminum tubing which can be adjusted to desired height.



#### **Universal Motor Covers**

Available in our primary boat cover fabrics to match your boat cover, our Universal Motor Covers are a great option if you are upgrading your motor or simply need a replacement motor cover! Available in 9 sizes, each cover has 1/4" draw rope sewn into the hem for easy installation and snug fit.



#### **Boat Cover Reinforcement Kit**

This kit is an ideal way to prolong the life of your boat cover. Kit includes one yard of selfadhesive material. Use it to add extra padding to stress points from windshields, trolling motors, etc. Simply cut to desired size and apply to clean, dry surface.

# Suction Cup Tie Downs

Perfect for hundreds of tie down applications where there simply isn't an anchor point, cleat or other device to anchor conventional tie downs. Giant 3-1/4" suction cups with toggle ball ties stick to boat finishes, auto finishes and windows. Great for boat covers! 6" ties stretch to 11". 4 per pack.

#### 303 Fabric/Vinyl Cleaner

Recommended by Sunbrella<sup>\*</sup>. This product contains no soaps, detergents or solvents. 303 Fabric and Vinyl Cleaner is your BEST choice for cleaning indoor and outdoor fabrics, upholstery, carpeting and vinyl. Perfect for cleaning boat covers and bimini top canvas. Non-toxic, biodegradable and rinses residue free. 32 oz Trigger Sprayer. For general cleaning, use 4 oz. per 1 gallon of warm water.

#### 303 High Tech Fabric Guard

Recommended by Sunbrella". Powerful enough to protect fabrics in the harshest environment...outdoors. On outdoor fabrics, 303 High Tech Fabric Guard restores lost water repellency and stain repellency to factory new levels. Resists soiling, impedes mildew formation and helps protect against the sun's harmful UV rays. Proper maintenance with 303 Products will add to the life of your boat cover or bimini top canvas, save you money and it's easy! 32 oz. Trigger Sprayer covers 150 to 200 square feet.

#### **Boat Skirts**

Protect the hull from UV damage and keep gel coat and decals looking like new. Helps protect from scratches and oxidation. Easy to install with 1-1/2" to 2" OD pipe insulation (not included). Simply insert into skirt pockets and tuck under hem of cover above the rub rail for a secure fit. Boat skirt is available in sizes from 18' to 30' and is sold in pairs for port and starboard side protection. Stern skirts also available!



### Adjustable Support Pole w/ Boat Vent II

Replace a conventional support pole with one that provides an air vent to reduce moisture, heat and mildew under the cover. Includes adjustable anodized aluminum pole, boat vent and simple installation instructions.



#### **Boat Cover Support System**

The easiest most cost-effective way to extend the life of your boat cover. Eliminates virtually all possible areas that could collect water and allow it to pool, causing damage to the cover. Includes adjustable anodized aluminum pole, system center, strap set and simple installation instructions. Two systems can be easily connected for pontoon boats!





#### Universal Power Pole & Talon Covers

These are an excellent solution for protecting the finish and prolonging the original appearance of these costly anchoring devices. Slip-on design makes for quick and easy installation and removal, and attached strap system with heavy-duty buckle keeps cover securely in place. Power Pole Cover is available in 4 sizes. Talon Cover is available in 3 sizes.





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