



## Installation Instructions

TACO Marine manufactures rub rail that are usable with a horizontal flange type of hull to deck joint.

### STEP 1 - Make a reference line on the horizontal flange for installing the insert:

- Cut a 2 inch piece of the rub rail.
- Cut a 3 inch piece of the insert.
- Put the two pieces together with the insert sticking out one end.
- Position the sample rub rail on the horizontal flange of your boat until the ends touch the hull.
- With a pencil mark the flange of your boat where the legs of the insert end.
- While holding a pencil on the end of the insert legs, slide the sample rub rail along the horizontal flange of your boat keeping.

**Required\***  
**\*not included**

● SMALL FLAT HEAD STAINLESS-STEEL SCREWS (\$4 OR \$6).

● DRILL BIT

● PENCIL

● 2 BATTERY POWERED DRILLS

● SCREWDRIVER BIT

● HACKSAW

● TAPE MEASURE

● SAFETY GLASSES

● HEAT GUN

● TUBE OF 3M 520

### STEP 2 - Installing the insert

- Take the first 12 ft. section of insert and using a heat gun to soften it, bend it to conform to the shape of the front of your boat. If you have a very sharp bow, you may make a V- cut in the legs of the insert with a hacksaw.
- Place the insert up to the mark you made on the flange of your boat.
- Drill a pilot hole for the small flat head screw through the insert and into the horizontal flange and countersink the hole.
- Put a little 3M 5200 on the threads of the screw and install the screw.
- Repeat drilling, countersinking and installing screws with 3M 5200 every 6 inches or so, making sure the insert lines up with the mark you made on the horizontal flange.
- Keep installing additional lengths of insert as needed using the same procedure going around the stern as you did at the bow.

### STEP 3 - Installing the rub rail:

- Starting at the middle of the transom, open the rub rail and snap it over the insert. If you installed the insert right, it will just touch the hull.
- When you get to the corner of the transom use a heat gun to soften the rub rail and with a stretching motion bend it around the corner. You may get some distortion because you will be compressing the legs of the rub rail as you bend it around. If the buckling is excessive, make a narrow V-cut in the legs of the rub rail where the buckling occurred. This should relieve the pressure and cause it to lay flat. Apply some 3M 5200 to seal it.
- Keep installing the rub rail in this manor until you come back to where you started. With the exception of the turns, try not to stretch the rub rail. When you get to where you started, cut the rub rail a little longer and try to compress the rub rail into the space butting it to the other end. You may want to install a screw through.