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Convertible Bimini Top Assembly and Instruction Guide



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This Kit contains the following components: If you are missing any of the listed parts please contact Customer Service at **(800)-628-5188** before proceeding with the installation.

- (1) Sewn Tops and storage boot
- (2) Hardware bag that includes:
 - a. (12) #8 x 5/8" SS sheet metal screws
 - b. (8) #10 x 1" SS sheet metal screws
 - c. (2) Universal deck mounts
 - d. (2) SS eye straps
 - e. (20) SS windshield clips
 - f. (2) Webbing Tie-down Straps with SS dog snaps
- (3) Aluminum Frame Components:
 - a. Two-Bow Frame
 - i. (2) A- Bow Assemblies with attached Jaw-slides (longest) Left/ Right
 - ii. (2) B- Bows (second longest)
 - iii. (2) Center Bows
 - b. Three-Bow Frame
 - i. (2) A- Bow Assemblies with attached Jaw-slides (longest) Left/Right
 - ii. (2) B- Bows (second longest)
 - iii. (3) Center Bows
 - iv. (2) C-Bows (shortest)



Important Notice – This top is for installation on aluminum V hull fishing boats with walk-thru windshields only. It includes 7/8" Windshield clips – if your windshield frame is a different size or design, you'll need to purchase the correct size clips before assembly and installation.



Tools required: Phillips head screw driver, Drill and 5/32" bit and tape measure. Before you begin, you'll need a clean flat workplace and the job is best done with a helper.

Step 1: Attach B & C Bows (Three Bow Tops only) to A Bow Assembly

Locate Left Side A Bow and place to workplace with Jawslides facing upward. Remove screws from jawslide temporarily while you place the eye-end of one C Bow into jawslide closest to the large bend in the A Bow – replace screw and tighten. Repeat this process for a B Bow into the lower jawslide on the A Bow. Note: For Two Bow style tops, you would only need to attach the B-Bows in this manner.

Repeat this step for the Right Side A – B – C Bow assembly – set aside.



STEP 2: Assemble Centers to A, B and C Bows (3 Bow Tops only)

Slide end portion of a Center bow into the Left side A Bow assembly. Two holes on bows should align with holes on center. Secure using two #8 x 5/8" screws.



Continue the assembly process by securing two more Center Bows to the left side C Bow (shortest – for Three Bow tops only) and B Bow with the #8 screws. The left side of the frame is now completed.

Step 3: Feeding the Fabric Top onto the Frame

Unpack the top itself and lay it out upside down on a clean flat surface. Locate the sewn-in identification label – it should be facing up and to the rear edge of the top. Take the Center on the left side A Bow and slide into the rear sewn pocket on the top – slide all the way onto the center until it reaches the ABow. Slide the Center on the C Bow through the smaller middle sewn pocket on the top (three Bow Tops Only) and the Center on the left B Bow through the sewn pocket just above the window section at the front of the top



From the other side of the top, secure the Right Side A-B-C Bow assembly to the Center Bows – using the #8 Screws as in Step 2. This will complete the fabric to the frame assembly.



Step 4: Securing Top to the Boat – Installing windshield Clips - Best to have a helper during this step.

Stand up the top on the boat deck. One person should hold the frame and the other should hold the windshield section of the top. Make sure that the fabric skin is centered on the frame and aligned to the boat windshield. Align snaps on lower portion of the top with upper edge of boat windshield. This will provide a relative location for the installation of the windshield clips. Begin installing the bottom of the clips into the rubber strip or channel – aligning with the snaps on the fabric before fully snapping clip in. Start at the center of the windshield and work outward until all the snaps are located and secured. Snap each of the clips onto the fabric top.



Step 5: Locating the Deck Hinges

Take note of the position of the bottom of the A-Bow eye-end when the windshield snaps are all installed, as this will indicate the deck hinges. This location will vary depending on the make & model of your boat and may be on the top or the side of the gunnels. Make any adjustments to this location to insure that the top is level and that the front panels follow the angle of the windshield.

Mark the location of the deck hinge holes on the boat deck – measure to be sure that both sides are the same. Check under the mount locations to be sure it's free of cables or other obstructions. Carefully drill the deck hinge mounting holes using a 5/32 drill bit. Secure one side hinge with #10 x 1" screws – do not overtighten. Verify position of other side hinge – drill and secure as before.



Step 5 Continued

With deck hinges in place, remove holding screw and insert eye-end from A-Bow into deck hinge – aligning holes. Replace screw and secure – repeat for other side.



Step 6: Install Eye Straps for Tie-Down Straps

Pull the Tie-down straps (from rear Bows) toward the stern of the boat, angling away from the back of the top to determine mounting location for the eye straps. Make sure there is room for adjustment. Locate and mark the holes for the eye straps. Before drilling with the 5/32" drill bit, check area below the mounting location is free from cables or other obstructions. Carefully drill the holes and secure eye straps with #10x1" screws. Do not over-tighten.

Secure dog snaps on tie-down straps to eye straps and tighten adjuster buckle. Straps should be even and top should remain centered and taunt on the frame.



The center section of the top panel will open for easy access thru the walk-thru windshield. Simply unsnap and unzip the center panel. Roll the panel up tightly so that the snaps at the top of the panel meet – snap to secure it up and out of the way.



Care and Cleaning your convertible Bimini Top:

- Top should not be left up when boat is not being used and should NEVER be left up while trailering the boat.
- Fabric should always be completely dry before folding up and storing in the boot.
- Do not allow water to pool or collect on the top. If water does pool - gently push up from underneath to remove water.
- Never operate your boat over 25 MPH with the top up or damage may occur.
- Use a mild detergent solution and a soft brush or sponge to clean the top and rinse thoroughly.
- The clear PVC windows may be cleaned in the same manner – do not use any harsh chemical cleaners or vinyl protectants.
- If top ever develops seam leakage, apply some paraffin wax (like a white candle) to the troublesome area.
- Taylor made Products is not responsible for any injuries to persons or damages to boats during the assembly and installation of this product.

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