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exp backband kit

Instructions to fit an EXP backband.

This kit should contain the following:

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| 1x EXP backband with adjustable fitting straps | 2x rubber washer |
| 3x retainer strap with release buckle | 3x washers |
| 2x screws | 2x capnuts |
| 1x self tapping screw | |

You will also require some tools to fit this kit:

- Drill with 4mm & 2mm drill bit (for retrofits)
- Phillips screwdriver

PLEASE READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY BEFORE FITTING!

NB: If your kayak is already fitted with our EXP backband and you are replacing it, we recommend reusing the retaining straps and just swapping over the backband itself (follow steps 1 & 2). However, if you are retrofitting the EXP backband or wish to replace all the fittings you will need to follow all the steps in these instructions. Before retrofitting this backband to any kayak make sure you are fully satisfied it will fit before permanently altering any of your kayaks outfitting or drilling any holes. If after reading these instructions you are unclear as to whether you can fit this backband, please contact us via the website www.perception.co.uk or get in touch with your local Perception dealer.

Step 1 - Removing old backband

Remove your existing backband and any of its fittings. If your existing backband uses the seat bolts in your kayak to hold it in place, you will need to retain them to use again. If your seat has two bolts on either side to hold it in place, only loosen the front most one before fully removing the rear ones. This will stop the metal plate which the bolts screw into from falling down under the seat.



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Step 2 - Secure EXP backband with seat fixings

Fully loosen the fitted straps on the rear of the **backband**. Make sure the backband is up the correct way (rear has two retaining buckles above the fitted straps and one below). Use your existing seat fixings to secure the metal plates on each of the backbands straps between the seat pillar and the underside of the cockpit. Leave the backband straps fully loosened for now.

Step 3 - Fitting retainer straps

Take two of the **retainer straps** and clip them to the top buckles on the rear of the backband. Adjust the length of each retainer strap so that the end with the pre-drilled hole is long enough to reach the back of the cockpit rim as seen in the image. If you are retrofitting the backband you may need to drill holes in the kayak to fix each of these straps. Use a 4mm drill bit and drill two holes down through the deck just behind the cockpit rim as shown in the image. To fix the straps in place, push a **rubber washer** on to each of the two **screws** and push the screws through the holes in the kayak behind the cockpit rim. Under the deck, push the retaining straps up onto the screws and then place a **washer** followed by a **capnut** to secure.



Step 4 - Fitting the third retainer strap

Clip the third **retainer strap** onto the remaining buckle on the rear of the backband. Loosen the retainer strap so that the end with the pre-drilled hole is long enough to reach the back of your seat. If you are retrofitting this backband you may need to drill a hole in the back of your seat. Use a 2mm drill bit to drill a pilot hole centrally in the rear of your seat. Now place the remaining **washer** onto the **self tapping screw** and screw through the hole in the third retaining strap and into the back of your seat. You can now tension all the retainer straps and adjust the backrest straps for your comfort.

MAKE SURE ALL FITTINGS ARE TIGHT BEFORE USE!