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# *instructions for screw hatch + mesh bag*

Kit to fit a screw hatch and mesh bag.

This kit should contain the following:

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| 1x screw hatch collar                    | 6x self tapping screws   |
| 1x screw hatch cover with retaining cord | 1x strip of sealant tape |
| 1x mesh bag                              |                          |

You will also require some tools to fit this kit:

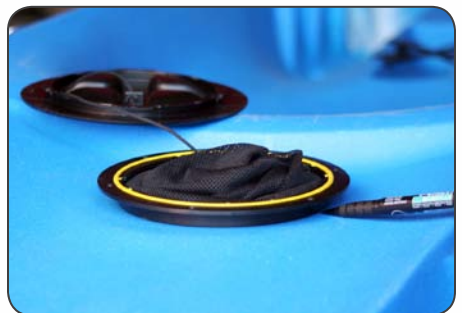
- Phillips screwdriver
- Jigsaw or Stanley knife
- Marker pen
- Sandpaper or surform

**PLEASE READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY BEFORE FITTING!**

## Step 1 - Marking hatch position

The hatch must be fitted to a flat section of deck to ensure a water tight fit. With the hatch cover unscrewed, place the **hatch collar** in position on a flat area of the boat. Make sure the collar is the right way up, with the sealing ring and collar rim facing up.

Use a marker to draw around the outside base of the collar (see picture). Check that the circle drawn is from the base of the hatch collar and not from the outside diameter of the collar rim.





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## Step 2 - Cutting out hatch area

Very carefully cut out the marked area using a jigsaw or Stanley knife. If using a jigsaw you will need to first drill a pilot hole to enable you to insert the blade. Use the jigsaw blade at the correct angle as per the manufacturers guidelines. If using a Stanley knife a cutting angle of 45 degrees is best.

**Exercise great care in completing this step.**

## Step 3 - Trimming hatch area

Cutting out the hatch will leave a rough or sharp edge. This edge must be trimmed using either a surform blade or coarse sandpaper. To fit the hatch into position you may find that it is necessary to take off a little more than just the rough edges from around the area you have cut. Be as careful with this part of the step as possible - if you take too much material off you may end up with a leaking screw hatch. You need a tight collar when you slide the hatch into position.

**Caution as the plastic edging will be extremely sharp.**

## Step 4 - Fixing hatch collar

Take the **strip of sealant tape** and apply it to the underside of the rim on the hatch collar. Make sure the sealant is spread evenly around the entire underside of the rim. Now place the hatch collar into position and press down firmly. The adhesive strip should hold the hatch firmly in position whilst you screw each of the **self-tapping screws** into place around the hatch rim.

Fully fit and tension one screw, then fit the screw directly opposite and tighten. This ensures that the hatch seal is fitted evenly. Repeat this process fitting one screw and then the screw directly opposite until all the screws are fitted.

The **hatch cover** and **mesh bag** should already be fitted. If not use the retaining strap on the hatch to tie to the hatch collar before fitting the mesh bag in place.

**KEEP HATCH COVER IN PLACE IF ON THE WATER!**