

REVOLUTION ROWING

Trophy Oar Blade Finishing and Care Manual

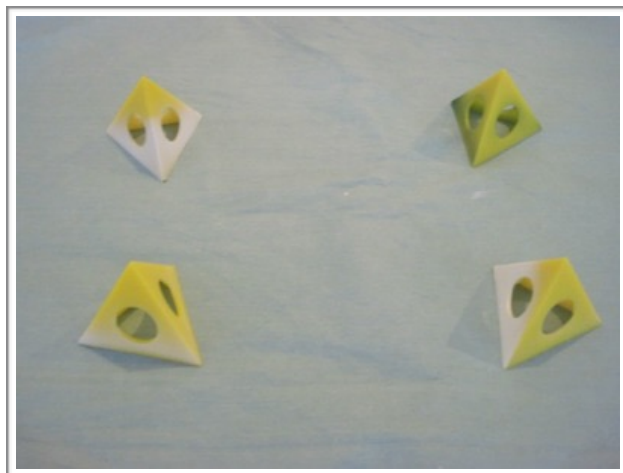


I. Finishing with Paint

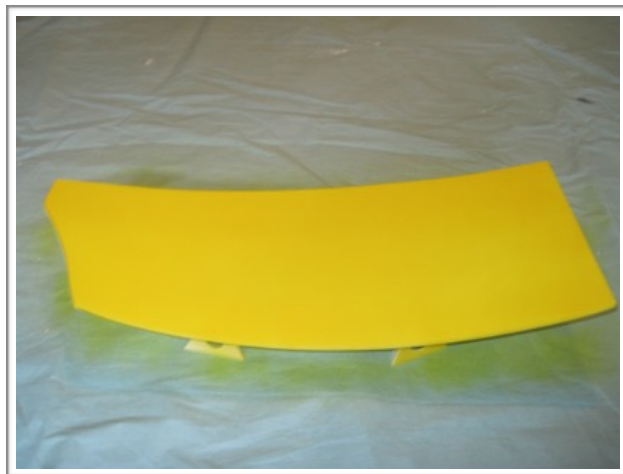
A. Materials Needed for Painting

- Roll on One-Part Polyurethane Paint (Ex: Interlux Brightside)
- Compatible Primer (use oil based primer if using oil based paint)
- Foam Rollers
- Drop Cloth
- Painter's Pyramids or other supports to keep the oar blades off the ground
- Sandpaper (400 grit or lighter)
- Soap and Water
- Clean Rags
- Painter's Tape

B. Instructions for Painting

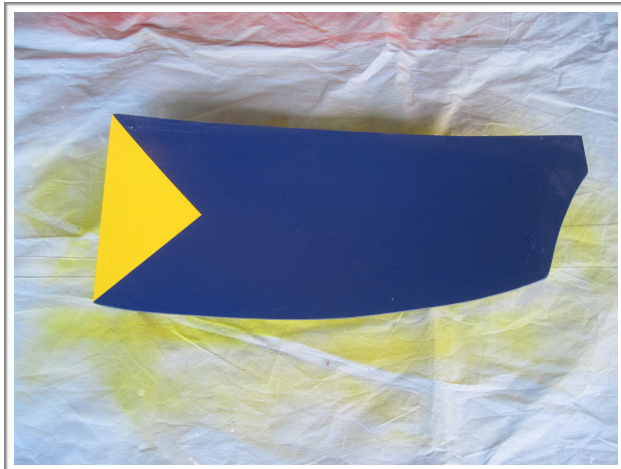


Use sandpaper to rough up your oar blade, sanding in one direction to avoid irregular scratches. Rinse your blade(s) with soap and water to remove any residual dust and oils. Wipe dry with a clean rag. Lay down a drop cloth in a dust free location where the temperature will aid in paint drying. Transfer your oar blade to the painter's pyramids to elevate your oar blade and allow the blade to completely air dry.



Apply primer according to the manufacturer's directions, allowing appropriate dry times in between coats. Use a compatible primer with the kind of paint you will be using.

If you are applying more than one color of paint, apply the lighter of the two coats first. Follow the manufacturer's guidelines for application of paint and dry times.



Once you have applied your first coat of paint, use painter's tape to tape off your preferred design. Apply your next color of paint to complete your design. Note that some paints require light sanding or specific dry times between coats.

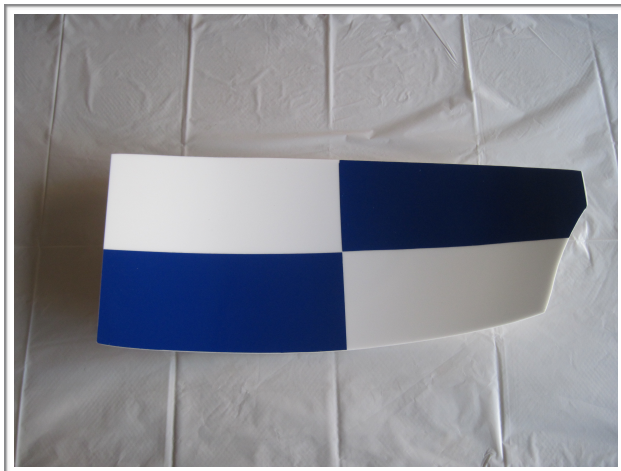
Please allow enough time for your blades to completely dry before presenting them to their recipients!

II. Finishing with Vinyl Decals

A. Materials Needed for Decal Application

- Adhesive backed colored vinyl (acquired from your local sign shop)
- Soap and Water
- Clean Rag
- Decal Squeegee
- Exact-O knife

B. Instructions for Decal Application



Rinse your oar blade using a clean rag, soap and water.

Measure and cut your vinyl pieces with a sharp knife or scissors, allowing a bit of extra material to overhang the edge of the blade. Apply the vinyl, pressing out any air bubbles from underneath the surface with a squeegee. Run your knife along the outer edge of the oar blade to trim away the excess vinyl.



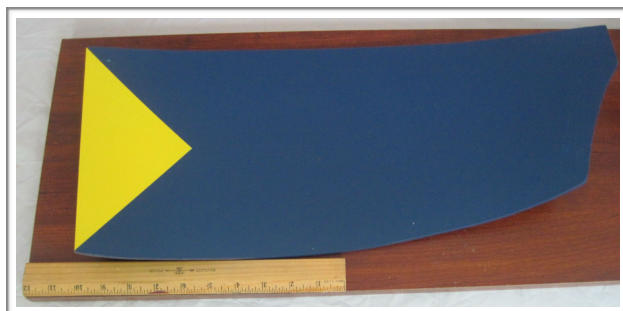
For teams with intricate blade designs, blade wraps can also be purchased. If you are interested in blade wraps, please contact us at (770) 561-9995.

III. Mounting Your Oar Blades Permanently

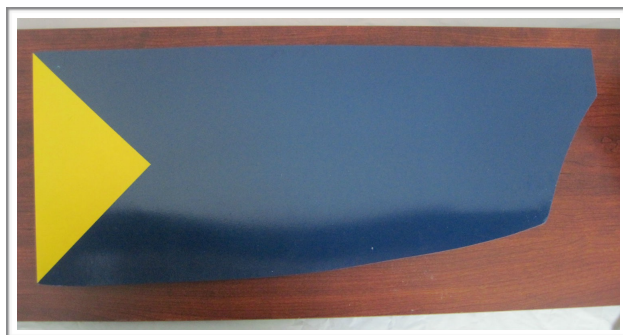
A. Materials Needed for Permanent Plaque Mounting

- 12" X 24" Wood Mounting Surface
- West System or Other Comparable Epoxy
- West System Adhesive Filler
- Mixing Cup
- Tongue Depressor
- 100 Grit Sandpaper
- Ruler or Measuring Tape

B. Instructions for Permanent Plaque Mounting



Lay the oar blade on your plaque, placing it where you want it mounted. Use a ruler to measure where the oar blade makes contact with the plaque vertically and horizontally. Use sandpaper to rough up the blade and plaque where they make contact.



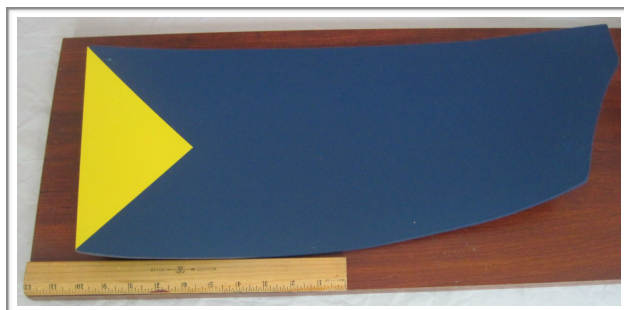
Mix a small batch of epoxy (about 1 tablespoon) and thicken with adhesive filler. Apply epoxy to the roughened up area of the plaque. Press the blade to the plaque, positioning the blade as you would like it to be mounted. Leave the blade and plaque where it can not be disturbed for 12 hours.

IV. Mounting Your Oar Blades Semi-Permanently

A. Materials Needed for Semi-Permanent Plaque Mounting

- 12" X 24" Wood Mounting Surface
- Antique Pie Plate Holders (sold at Home Depot or Lowes)
- (2) 1/2" long (#10) wood screws
- (2) #10 washers
- Ruler

B. Instructions for Semi-Permanent Plaque Mounting



Lay the oar blade on your plaque, placing it where you want it mounted. Use a ruler to measure where the oar blade makes contact with the plaque horizontally. Measure from the top of the plaque to the top of the blade. Remove the blade.



Using the dimensions obtained above, mount the pie plate holder to the plaque using (2) screws and washers. The top set of hooks will need to stay where you would like the top of the blade to be. Mount the screws in the corners of the top set of hooks. The bottom hooks will need to remain free so that the springs can stretch to hook around the bottom of the oar blade.



Place your oar blade into the hooks of the pie plate holder. You will have some wiggle room and some adjustability with the pie plate holders that you do not have with the permanent epoxy mounting.

V. Non-Permanent Mounting

Instructions for Easel Mounting



This is the easiest way to mount your trophy oar blade with no preparation and very little additional materials cost. 8" acrylic easels are available for purchase at your local Walmart store.

VI. Oar Blade Care

Print this page for all Trophy Oar Blade recipients!



Dusting: Gently use a soft, damp cloth or chamois

Cleaning: Use a small quantity of soap and lukewarm water, rinse well with clean water, and dry with a soft cotton cloth or chamois.

We recommend a product called Brillianize for cleaning plexiglass (acrylic), glass and hard shiny surfaces. It helps to repel dust and it's non-toxic - alcohol & ammonia free. (For use with non-painted oar blades only)

For Scratch Removal: After years of use and cleaning, plexiglass may develop fine surface scratches. We recommend using NOVUS 2 with a 100% cotton cloth to buff out fine scratches. (For use with non-painted oar blades only)

Caution: Do not use window cleaning fluids, scouring compounds, gritty cloths, household scouring compounds, lacquer thinner, benzene, leaded or ethyl gasoline, strong solvents containing alcohol, acetone, or carbon tetrachloride, or ammonia.

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