PortVisor[™] □ 14-R □ 15-R □ 18-R □ 19-R □ 23-R □ 26-R □ 14-RE □ 17-RE □ 11-RO □ 19-FB

Lexan and industrial adhesive tapes have a long track record in manufacturing. Their excellent strength, durability, and weather resistance makes them ideal for marine applications. We use 3M VHB tape because of its verifiable performance record over a wide variety of conditions.

Installation is quick and simple, but 2 things are required for a long lasting bond:

CLEANLINESS & PRESSURE

INSTALLATION

1 Prepare the Boat Surface

For a good bond the gel coat or paint must be free of all wax, dirt, oils, moisture, and oxidation. Clean using lint-free rag with isopropyl alcohol (IPA) or a clear light thinner. DO NOT use oily thinners like mineral spirits, or kerosene. Only IPA will not damage the PortVisor, so avoid other thinners. (Special removers are required for any invisible silicone residue, to which VHB tape will not adhere.)

2 Clean and Dry the Boat Surface

Use the ScotchBrite pad where the Visor will attach. Remove chalkiness and provide a slightly rough surface for lasting VHB tape adhesion. Clean the surface again with IPA. Let dry completely or wipe with clean dry rag.

3 Affix PortVisor™

STOP and read TIP 1 before attaching. Determine the Visor placement *before* installation, since shifting is NOT possible after installation. The red liner protects tape from contamination. After the boat surface is clean and dry, remove the liner and affix the Visor. It is critical that you DO NOT touch the tape surface or the boat surface you just cleaned. Skin oil is a major contaminant.

4 Apply Pressure to the PortVisor™

Press and FIRMLY rub the taped areas using a soft cloth like a clean towel or T-shirt material, pushing continuously on the visor lip, all along the tape area. It is crucial to apply sufficient pressure on the tape to ensure a good bond. Go ahead and *lean on it as hard as you can*. You won't hurt the PortVisor. You won't hurt your boat.

CARE

Your Visor is made from tough Lexan XL102UV, a salt and sunlight resistant plastic. **Clean with a freshwater rinse only.** AVOID (*like the plague*) all abrasive or ammonia-based cleaners, which can fog the plastic surface and damage the UV-resistant coating. Dry with a clean soft cloth to prevent water spots.

PRO TIPS

• To get **even alignment** of the PortVisors, dry fit each before removing the red strip. Mark placement with blue painters tape and use another person to help align them while installing.

• VHB tape provides excellent bonds to flat smooth surfaces. **Irregularities**, like curved surfaces, prevent it from sticking. PortVisors may be attached with mechanical fasteners if the curvature is only minor.

Request our *Mechanical Fastener Instructions* or download it from our website. It recommends hole sizes, screw dimensions, and procedures. DO NOT over-tighten fasteners, which may damage the PortVisor and/or boat.



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