

# PortVisor™

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Thank you for buying PortVisors™

Industrial grade adhesive tapes have a long track record in industrial, automotive, and aerospace manufacturing. They have excellent strength, durability, and weather resistance, which makes them suitable for marine applications. We use only 3M VHB tape because of its verifiable performance record in the field, over a wide variety of applications. PortVisor™ installation is quick and simple, but two things are required for a long lasting bond: **CLEANLINESS** and **PRESSURE**.

## INSTALLATION

### Step 1 – Prepare the Surface

For a good bond between the PortVisor™ and cabin trunk, the gel coat or painted surface must be free of wax, dirt, oils, moisture, and oxidation. If the boat is more than a few years old, the trunk surface may be chalky from oxidation. Use the included ScotchBrite pad to lightly sand the area where the visor will attach to remove any oxidation.

### Step 2 – Clean and Dry the Surface

Clean the trunk surface with a rag dampened with isopropyl alcohol (IPA) or a clear light paint thinner (lacquer thinner or acetone). Do not use thinners like mineral spirits or kerosene that will leave an oily film, which will alter the color of your cabin side and inhibit adhesion of the tape. Let dry completely or wipe with clean dry rag.

### Step 3 – Affix PortVisor™

The tape's red liner is there to protect it from contamination. Only after the boat surface is clean and dry should you remove the liner and affix the visor. It is very important that you DO NOT touch either the surface of the tape or the boat surface you just cleaned. Skin oil is another contaminant.

### Step 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 important you apply sufficient pressure on the tape to ensure a good bond. Go ahead and lean on it. You won't hurt the PortVisor™. You won't hurt your boat.

## CARE

Your Visor is made from Lexan XL102UV, which is a tough, salt and sunlight resistant plastic. Clean with a freshwater rinse. Avoid using any abrasive or ammonia-based cleaners which can fog the plastic surface and may damage the UV-resistant coating.

*If you like PortVisors™ please tell your friends about them. If not, tell us.*

## NOTES

- For precise alignment, dry fit the PortVisors™ before removing the red backing strip. Mark their position with masking tape.
- PortVisors™ come with 3M VHB tape for attaching to your boat. This tape provides an excellent bond to smooth surfaces. Irregularities, such as fasteners that protrude above the surface, will prevent the tape from sticking. The fasteners should be countersunk to provide a flush surface. If you prefer, the tape may be removed and the visor attached with a continuous, full-coverage bead of marine grade silicone.

If you choose to attach the PortVisor™ with mechanical fasteners, request our *Mechanical Attachment Instructions* or download it from our website. Carefully drill holes through the visor one size larger than the fastener. Do NOT over-tighten the fastener as it may damage the visor and/or cabin trunk.



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