Fiberglass Center Console Installation Instructions

1. Using the diagram below, begin by drilling 4 equally spaced holes through the teak strips, down the center. The hole diameter must be 1/4", but first drill a smaller pilot hole of 1/8". Be sure to secure or clamp the teak strip so it does not shift while drilling.



2. Temporarily place the teak strip at the base of the console and use a marking tool such as a pencil to mark the location of each hole onto the fiberglass.

3. Drill a 1/8" pilot hole, followed by a 1/4" hole at one end of the base of the console. Then, use one of the 1/4" x 2" machine screws and insert through the teak strip and console, and hand tighten with a lock nut. This is used to hold the teak in place so it can be used as a guide to drill the remaining 3 holes. Repeat on opposite side of the console.

4. The next step is to drill the holes into the aluminum "L" bracket, which holds the console to the deck of the boat. Remove the teak strip and set aside until the last step. Place the bracket on the inside of the console and center. Use a marking tool and mark the hole locations onto the bracket. Note you only need to mark one hole.

5. Drill a 1/8" pilot hole, followed by a 1/4" hole into the bracket at the marked location. Then use one of the 1/4" x 2" machine screws with lock nut and insert through the console and bracket and hand tighten. With the bracket in place, drill the remaining 3 holes. Repeat on opposite side.

6. The last step of the process will vary depending on whether you are replacing an existing console or installing the console with no pre-existing holes. Skip to step 8 if replacing a console.

7. Remove the aluminum bracket from the console if attached. Using the diagram below, drill 7 holes in a staggered pattern through the bracket. Use a 1/8" bit to drill pilot holes before drilling 1/4" holes.



8. If you are replacing a console, use the old bracket as a template to drill holes in the new bracket.

9. Temporarily fasten both brackets to the bottom of the console with one or two machine screws and nuts. Place the console in the boat in the desired location. Using a marking tool, thoroughly trace the corners of each bracket onto the deck of the boat.

10. Remove the brackets from the console. Place the first bracket in the location marked in the prior step. Using a 3/16" drill bit (while holding the bracket firmly in place) drill a hole at one end through the hole and into the deck. Then, use one of the 1 1/4" pan wood screws and fasten the bracket temporarily to the deck. Drill the remaining 6 holes into the deck using the bracket as a guide.

11. The last step is to fasten the console to the deck. It is highly recommended to use 3M 5200 marine adhesive sealant (4200 can also be used) along with the wood screws to fasten the brackets to the deck. Spread a small bead of 5200 to the bottom of the bracket. Place the bracket in place and fasten with 7 of the pan screws with flat washers. Apply 5200 to the threads of each screw before fastening.

12. Place the console on the deck and fasten to the brackets with the 8 1/4" machine screws with finish washers and lock nuts.