

HOW TO ...

Fix or glue inflatable boat PVC fabric patches and accessories to Hypalon fabric RIB collars and tubes (and vice versa)

We are regularly asked; *"I have a PVC patch, 'D' ring patch, PVC tube handle {etc} but my RIB or dinghy inflatable boat tube is made from Hypalon – can I fix or glue the patch onto the collar or inflatable tube?"*

Yes, you can, but you do have to follow some basic instructions to ensure a good bond is achieved:

PVC adhesive and Hypalon fabric (and vice versa) are not compatible but a successful bond can be achieved by:

1. First, prepare the fabric patch. For a PVC fabric patch or handle etc; clean/prime the [to be] glued face of the PVC fabric with **MEK solvent** (or you can use acetone) and then allow to dry. If applying a Hypalon fabric patch or synthetic rubber tube handle etc onto a PVC tube or collar, thoroughly abrade the back (the dull/matt/rubber feel' side – usually dark grey or black in colour) of the Hypalon patch first. Then clean the abraded side with Hypalon Cleaner Solvent or **MEK solvent**.
2. PVC patch to Hypalon Tube: after cleaning/priming the PVC fabric patch or handle etc, apply a 'primer coat' of 1-part **PVC adhesive** to the glued face of the PVC patch, allow to dry and then simply affix the patch to the Hypalon collar or inflatable tube by following the instructions on the **ToobBond Hypalon adhesive** label. See our **inflatable boat repair guide**, for further details if necessary.
3. For Hypalon patch to PVC tube: after abrading and **solvent cleaning** the back of the Hypalon patch or rubber handle etc, then apply a 'primer coat' of **1-part Hypalon adhesive** to back of the Hypalon patch. Allow to dry and then simply affix to the PVC collar or inflatable boat tube by following the instructions on the **RIBstore PVC Inflatable Boat adhesive** label or see our **guide**, for further details.