INFLATABLE CHAMBER'S REPAIR - LARGE DAMAGE

Tools: Cutter or scissor, Heat gun or Hair Drier, Measure tape, Pen

Clearer: MEK or Methyl Hydrate

Material: PVC Patch, PVC Glue, Small Blush



STEP 1: Proper clear up the Repair Area, if the cut is over ½ inch, the repair patches should be from inside and outside.



STEP2:

If the cut was too small, enlarge the cut to be about 1x 1.5 inch; Make an inner patch for about 2.5x3.5 inch

You can inflatable the related chamber(s) or the boat a little bit to get the best position for repair.



Draw a damage draft on the patch; make sure all edges of the patch are over 1 inch to the cut line (Min half inch).



STEP3: Use a small brush to apply the glue on the patch for about 2-3 layers.



Wear a cloth material glove and use the finger to apply glue for inner chamber,



Apply 2 3 layer glue for inner surface, please make sure give at least one inch to any edges of the cut.



STEP 4: Use heat gun the let the glue dry well.



Heat up all surface as well



STEP5: Put the patch into the chamber through the cut



Use your finger to check surface dry out. Be careful when slide in the material.



Locate the pen market and let it match the cut



STEP6:

Put the boat in the flat surface; deflate the boat or chamber(s) to help the patch contacting the chamber well.

Use heat glue and push hard to let the patch attach well. Better result is to get no air bubble on the patch.

Make sure the chamber won't stick together; when you feel the patch is done in well, inflatable the boat to check the leaking.

If you can not finish well on this step, you may need to start over by making a new patch.



Now you can make an outside patch to get the best result.

STEP7: Use ruler and tape to locate the service area. Cut the outside patch at the right size; Outside Patch should be double side of inner patch.



Inflatable the boat and Paint the glue on both surfaces. Give extra glue if not enough; make sure the outside patch can have well contact on the chamber.



Use heat gun and give pressure to let it stay well and no air bubble at the middle.



Stay the boat indoor for at least 5 Days to let the glue dry, don't pack the boat or deflate the chamber in this period. It may cause chamber stick together. Chamber is only inflated to 1 PSI. You can re-inflate the chamber after 24 hour to change the air inside. It will be better for the glue drying out.



If you can't apply the outside patch in some case, using marine sealant from West Marine or Home Depot to seal the cut seam will be the 2nd solution.