



FITTING GUIDE

ALUMINIUM FENDERING AND PVC INSERT

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INTRODUCTION

Please read these instructions fully before starting work. Should you require any clarification then please contact our Sales Team.

Unless otherwise stated, all of our aluminium profiles are supplied etched, polished and anodised to give a smooth, bright appearance. This finish is highlighted within our 'Elite' range where the surfaces lend themselves to reflect sunlight, emphasising the quality of the polishing.

ASSISTANCE

In order to achieve a good finish we recommend that 2 people work together when fitting our profiles.

MEASURING

To calculate the amount of fendering required the simplest method is to double the boat's length, add the boat's beam (width) plus a further 1-2m to allow for the hull's radius. This will give a total meterage of fendering required.

We strongly recommend taking the time to plan the fitting of your boat in order to be aware of where any bends or mitres will be required before commencing any work.

MATERIALS

- Aluminium fendering & flexible PVC insert
- Silicone sealant (marine grade)
- Stainless steel screws
- Safety goggles

TOOLS

We recommend having the following tools available when fitting our Traditional range and toe rail:

- Tape Measure
- Putty Knife
- Rubber/ nylon mallet
- Hot air gun/ hot water
- Variable speed reversible drill
- Sealant applicator gun
- Drill bits (plus appropriate screwdriver bits)
- Hack Saw

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FIXING METHOD

Place Aluminium Body against the hull (if the profile has a lip then this should cover the underside of the deck moulding). Using the centre line within the aluminium as a guide, drill directly into the hull and secure in place with screws.

Tip: by applying some sealant to the end of each screw before fitting you will ensure that each hole is well sealed.

Lengths should be butt joined to give the appearance of a continuous length.

Trimming may be required of the body in order to finish the transom. We recommend using a hack saw to achieve this and an end cap should then be used to complete the finish.

INSTRUCTIONS

WEAR SAFETY GOGGLES AT ALL TIMES .

If you are replacing an existing fendering system then it will typically be held in place by one of two methods – screws or pop rivets. These instructions will cover replacing the fendering in both instances.

1. Remove end caps to allow access to profile. Typically these are held in place by screws and perhaps some silicon sealant.
2. If there is an insert within the profile remove this too which will then allow you to ascertain the method of fixing:

Screws - simply put the required screwdriver bit (either Philips or flathead) into your drill and remove them by reversing the drill.

Pop rivets - these are slightly trickier as the heads will need to be drilled out. To do so you will require a drill bit that is no bigger than the shaft of the rivet. This is to ensure that you only remove the head of the rivet. Once done the shaft can then be pushed through.
3. Fixings will usually be found every 225-300mm. Depending on your working conditions and size of profile being removed it may be easier to remove the old fendering in sections.
4. Remove end caps, insert, fixings and fendering. There will quite likely be silicone sealant behind the fendering which will pull away when the fendering is removed.
5. Now use the putty knife to gently remove any excess or loose silicone sealant that was revealed with the removal of the fendering.
6. Put the silicone sealant in the applicator gun and go around the boat filling in the holes left by the old fendering's fixings. New holes will be required for the new fendering.
7. Using a pencil, mark a centre point on a length of aluminium. Hold this mark against the centre of the bow and then 'roll' the fendering body around the hull until you reach the end of the length. This gives you your first fixing point to start the installation of the fendering.

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8. Drill and secure with screws or rivets every 225-300mm

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9. Pull the body around the radius of the boat, fastening as you go.

Important note: for the bow of the boat and other tight radius it is advisable to pack the internal corners of the aluminium body with either wire or a piece of the insert which covers the area to be curved. This prevents the profile from collapsing whilst being formed which could later hinder the fitting of the insert. Whilst our aluminium is suitable for bending, larger profiles may require preforming or mitreing in the case of very tight bends.

10. Soak the PVC Insert in a tub of hot water (approx 40C or 105F) for around 20 minutes to make it easier to fit. If this is not practical then either lay the profile in the sun to heat or gently warm it with a hot air gun – both will also have the desired effect.
11. When you are ready to fit the insert, start at the transom and allow approximately 300-600mm to overhang the end of the body (this allows for shrinkage when the insert cools). Clip the insert into the body and work your way around the boat. A rubber mallet may gently be used to ensure a tight fit. Tight bends may require the reheating of the insert with a hot air gun to ensure a good fit.
12. Once the insert is in place do not trim the ends for 3 or 4 days in order to allow for shrinkage.
13. Trim any excess insert and then secure and finish the fendering with an end cap.

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