

Hobie® Mirage®
Kayak Manual



In 1950, Hobie's dream was born in his parents' garage when he decided to apply his love of woodworking to the sport of surfing. Dad backed out the Buick... Hobie carved out his very first surfboard...

Hobie's business of fun had begun.

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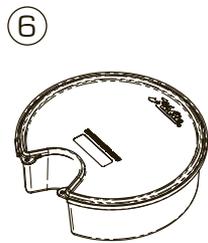
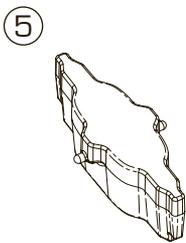
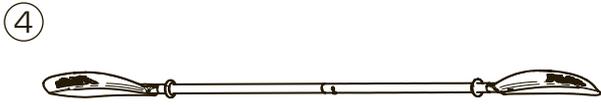
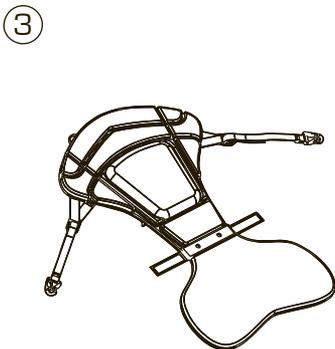
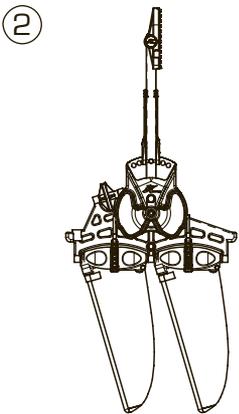
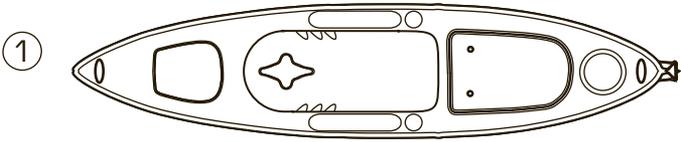
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1. Hull
2. MirageDrive
3. Seat
4. Paddle
5. Cassette Plug
6. Gear Bucket

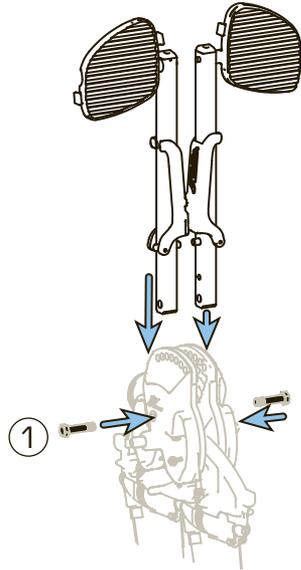


MirageDrive Cranks

Depending on the Mirage kayak model, cranks may or may not require assembly.

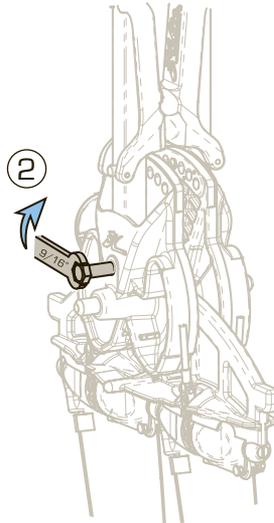
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Insert cranks into drums



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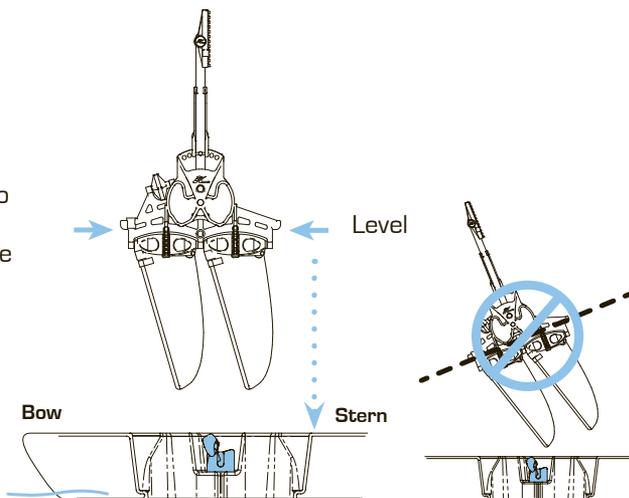
Tighten crank bolt using a 9/16" or 15mm wrench until the bolt is flush with the drum.



Installation

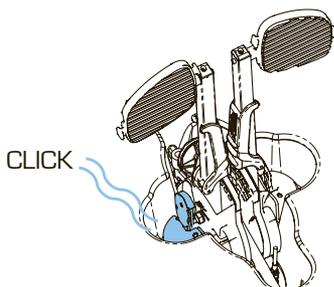
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Lower drive into Mirage well making sure the spine is level.



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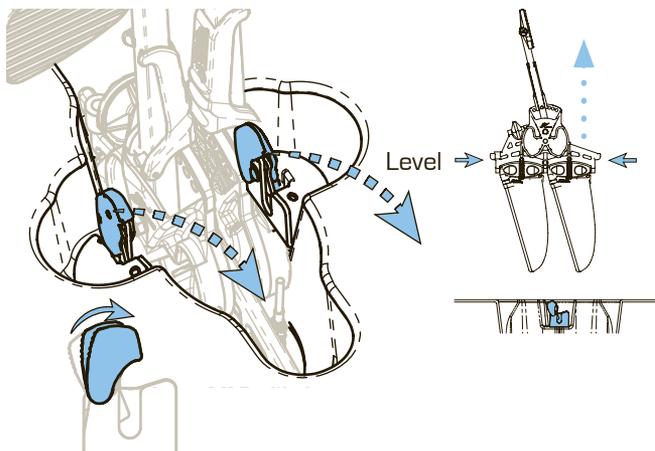
Press down and lock drive into Click and Go's. The drive locks automatically when installed.



Removal

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Pull back each Click and Go lever



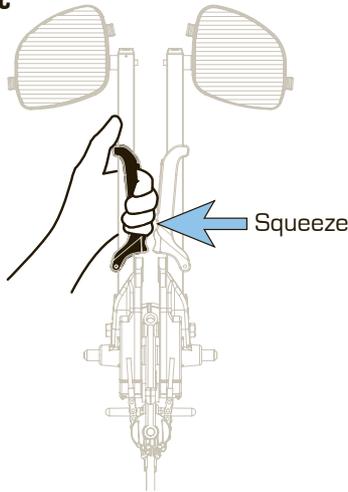
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Lift drive straight up

Pedal Adjustment

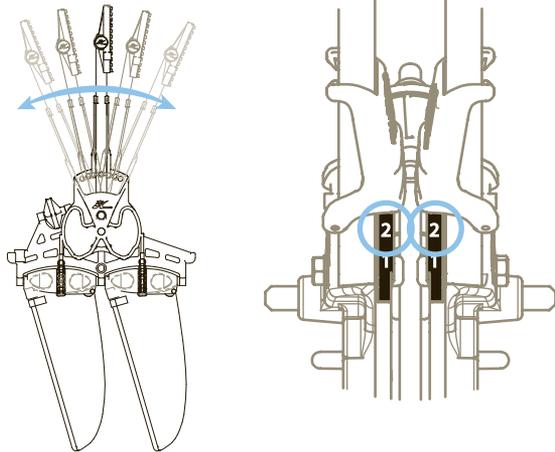
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Squeeze adjuster handle



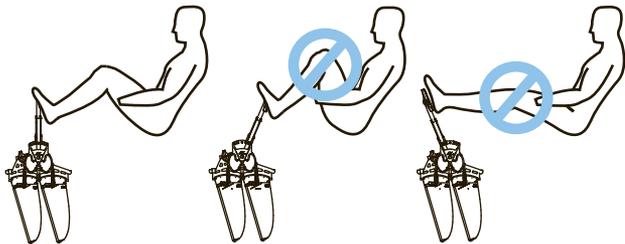
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Adjust cranks to desired position by rotating and clicking them into the desired position. Make sure both cranks are in the same position number.

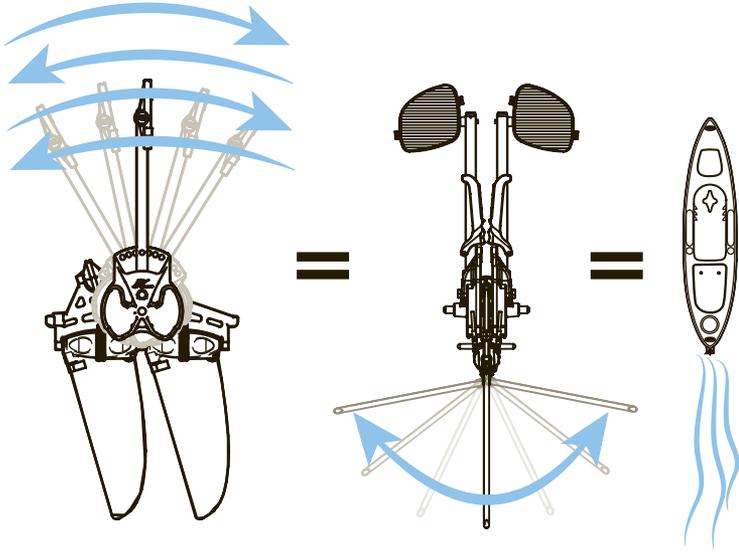


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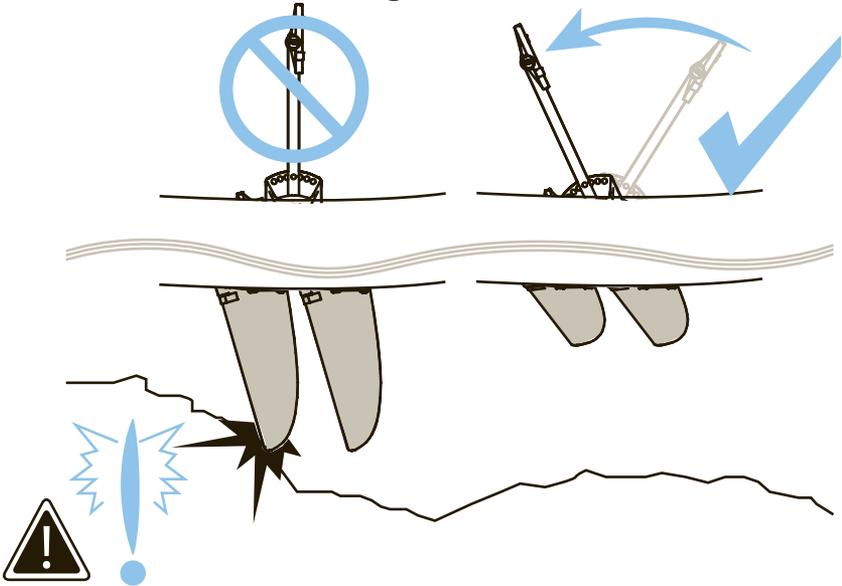
With both feet on the pedals and together (fins straight down), your knees should be comfortably bent and not over crunched or extended.



MirageDrive Operation

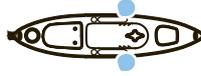


Shallow Water + Beaching

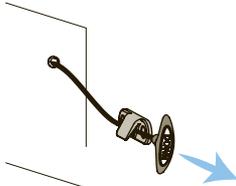


Press either pedal forward in shallow water to raise fins. Pressing one pedal fully forward will orient the fins with the kayak underside to allow beaching.

Rudder Down

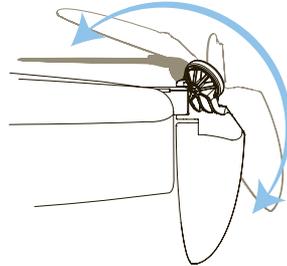
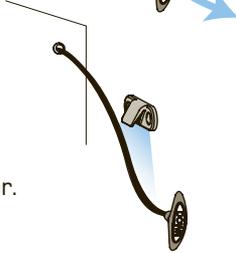


Pull on "down" fully and cleat to engage rudder.

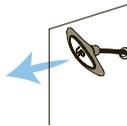


Rudder Up

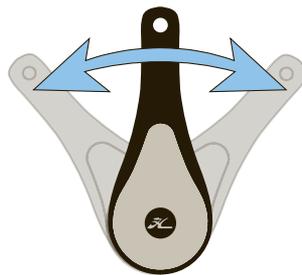
Uncleat "down" line before retracting rudder.



Pull "up" to retract rudder.

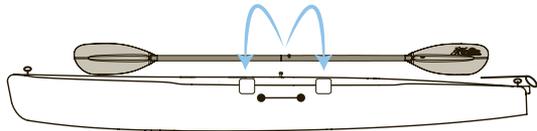


Steering



Paddle Storage

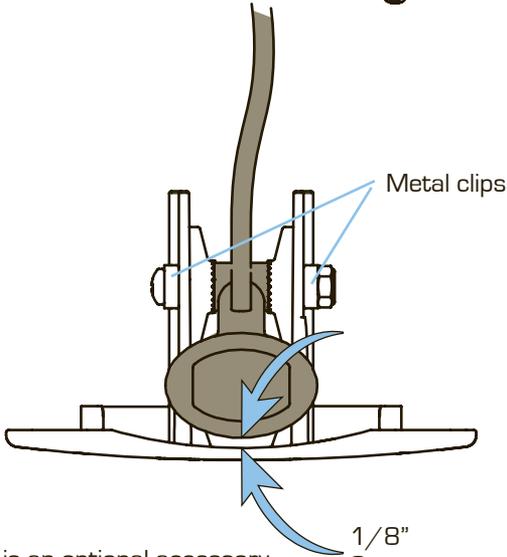
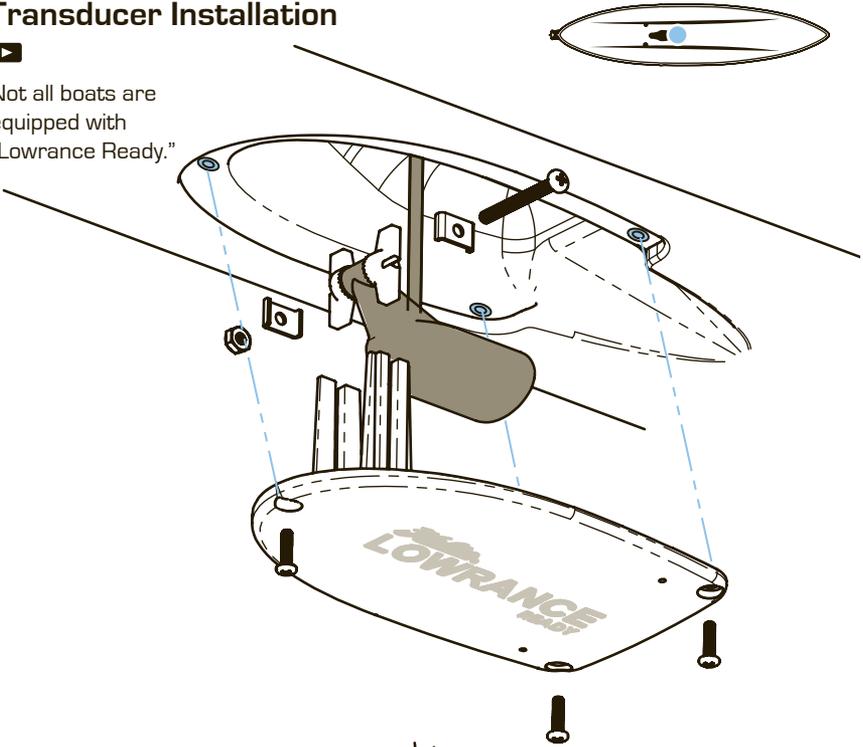
Rest paddle on side rails for storage. Secure by hooking the shock cord around eyelet post.



Transducer Installation



Not all boats are equipped with "Lowrance Ready."

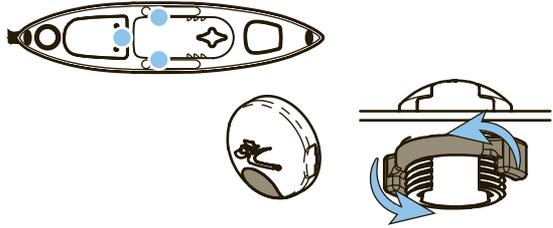


The transducer is an optional accessory and is not included with boat

Thru-Hull Plugs

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Locate the thru-hull plug and unscrew the nut on the inside of the boat.



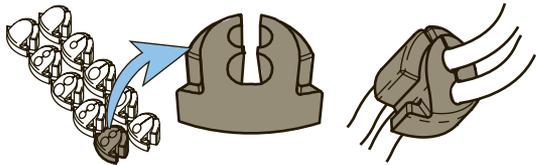
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Remove the solid rubber plug.



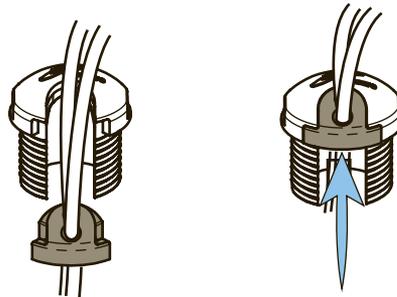
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Choose the correct plug for your wire size and insert the wire by opening the plug along the slit.



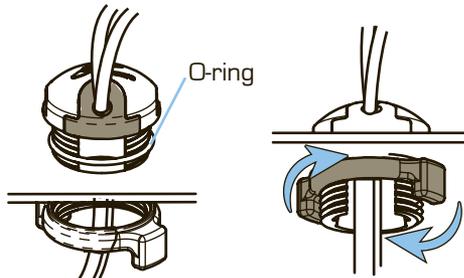
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Press the new plug with the wire installed into the plastic plug making sure it fits tightly.



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Bolt the thru-hull wire assembly to the hull using the nut, and making sure you have the o-ring installed.

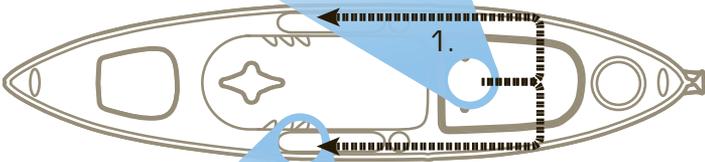
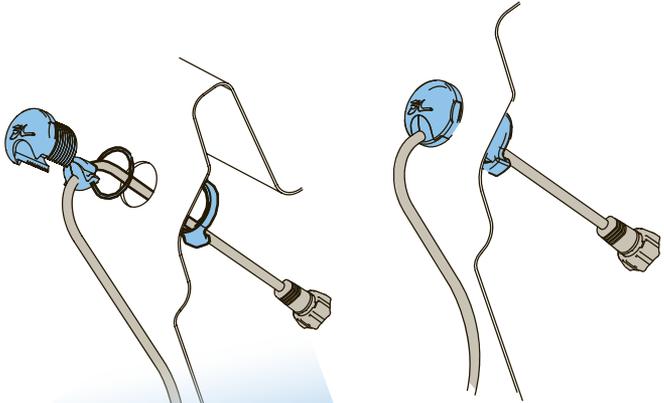


Wire Installation



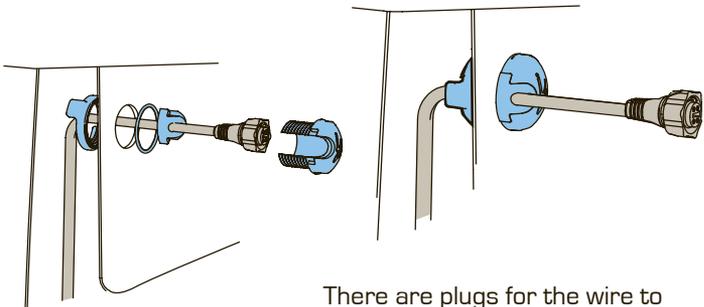
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Run the cable into the plug just behind the transducer scupper.



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Lead the cable through the inside of the boat and exit the cable out through the thru-hull fitting.

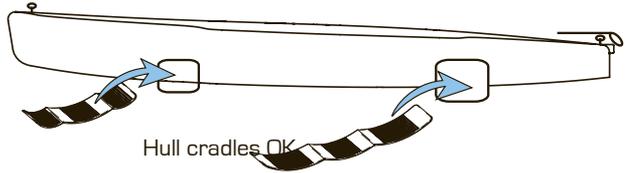


There are plugs for the wire to come out on either side of the boat if you prefer a right/left side screen location.

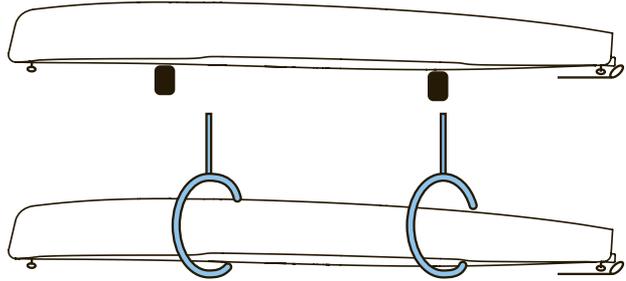
NOTE: Some plugs are located in cup holders and mesh pockets.

Storage Do's

Storing your boat upright with properly fitting cradles is most advised.

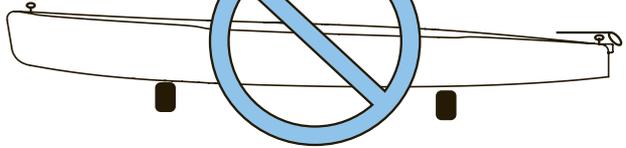


Storing your boat upside down on crossbars or hanging from wide strapping are two other great ways to keep the boat stored.

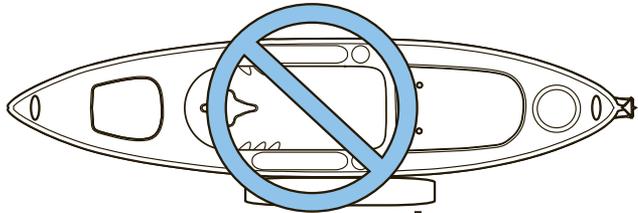


Storage Don'ts

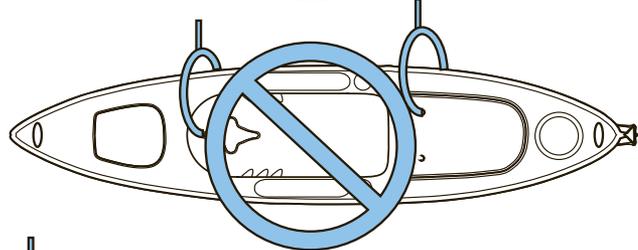
Storing your boat cockpit side up on crossbars can dent the bottom.



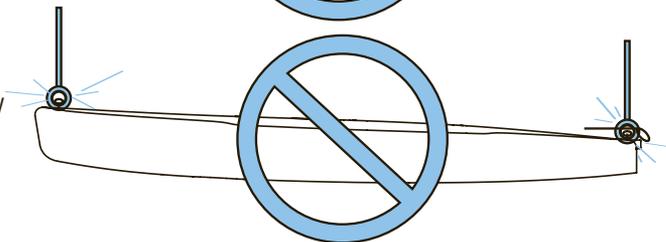
Storing your boat on its side over a long period of time can flatten/dent the sides.



Hanging the boat by the scuppers can distort the scupper holes.



Never hang the boat by handles or pad eyes. They are not designed to handle long-term load and will fail.

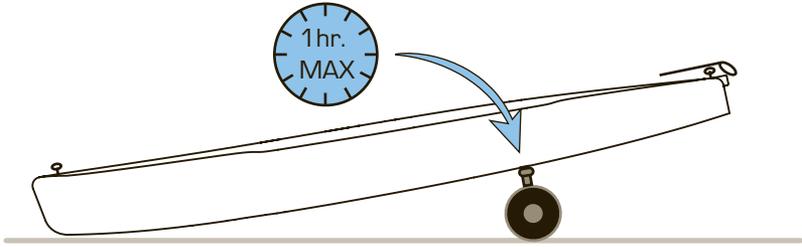


Additional Storage Key Points

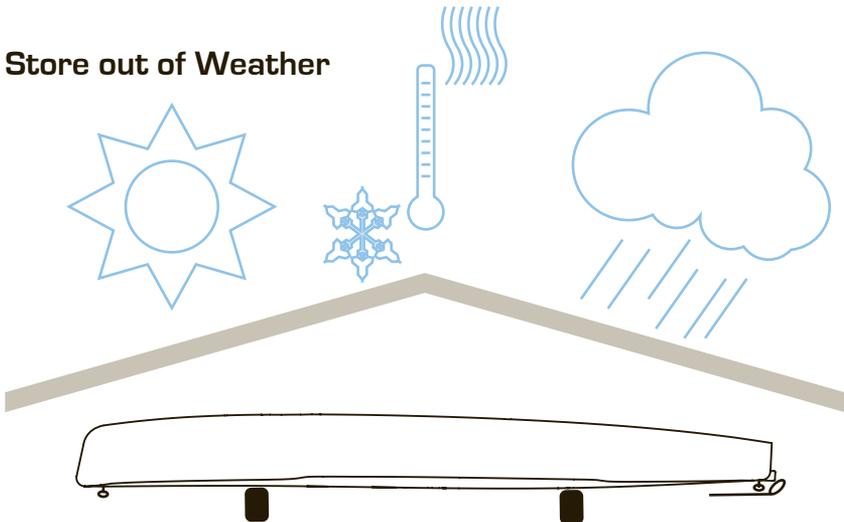
- Always remove all water from boat
- Don't leave tie-down straps tight over a long period of time
- Storing in non-recommended configurations can result in hull damage and can void your warranty

Cart

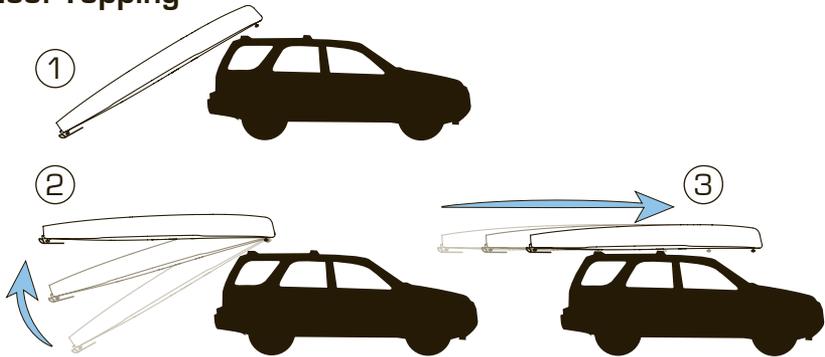
The cart should be used for transportation purposes only and not as a storage platform. Do not leave your boat on the cart for more than one hour (less time in warmer temperatures or direct sunlight).



Store out of Weather



Roof Topping



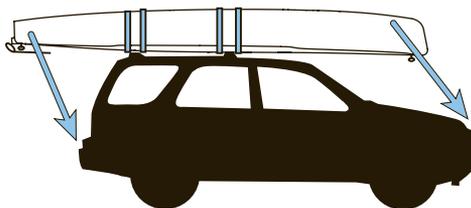
The best way to transport your boat is to purchase a trailer or roof rack from your dealer. Using proper cradles that support the hull, the boat can be transported right side up. Straps can then be laid across the boat and tied to the bars. Straps should be tight, but not so tight that they distort the shape of the boat. Avoid using ratchet straps to prevent overtightening.



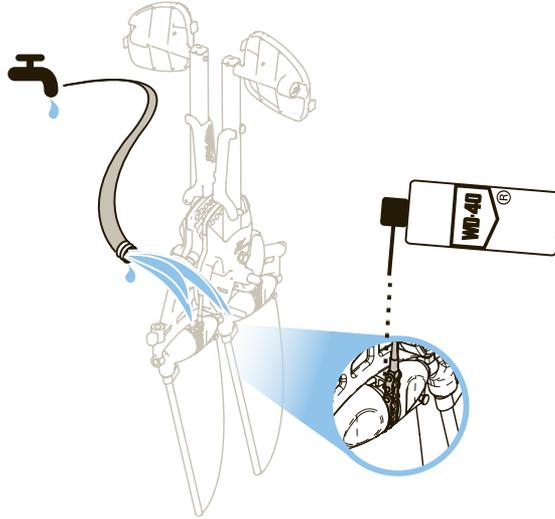
Be sure to first consult your car and roof rack owner's manual to ensure that you comply with all recommendations, precautions and specifications.

Running a line or strap from the bow and stern of the boat to each bumper is required. If your bumpers do not have a gap to pass a rope around, look underneath. There should be a loop of metal, which is used by car transports such as tow trucks.

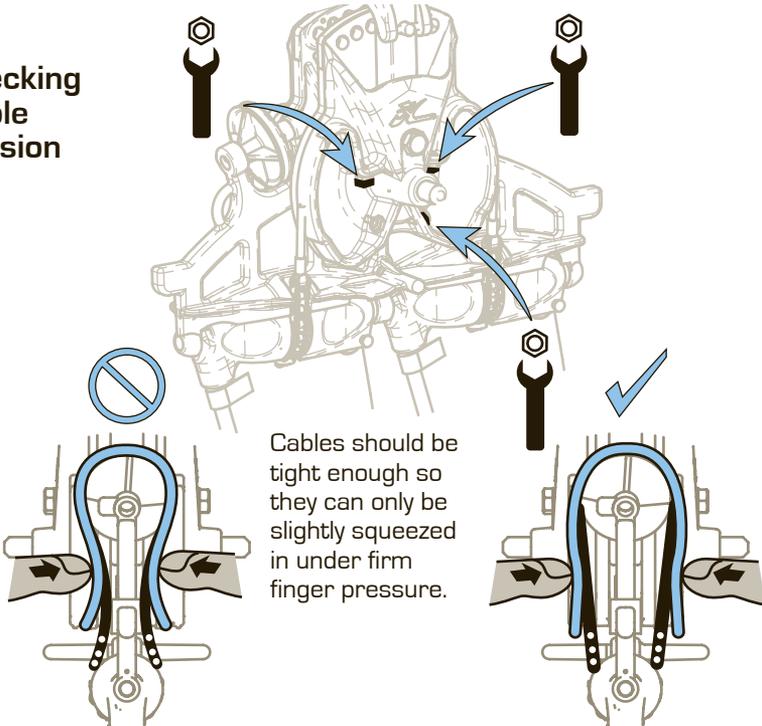
Many people like to use the scupper holes to tie the boat to the car. This helps prevent the boat from sliding back and forth or the tie-down rope from slipping off the boat. (This is an acceptable method for tying the boat down for transport.)



MirageDrive Regular Maintenance



Checking Cable Tension



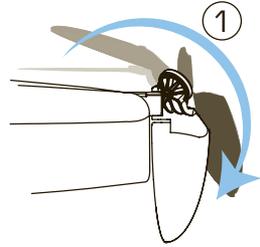
Cables should be tight enough so they can only be slightly squeezed in under firm finger pressure.

Visit the “support” section at hobiecat.com for information on the MirageDrive.
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Rudder Tuning

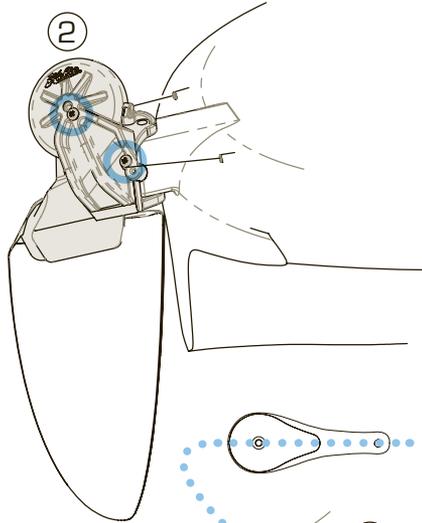
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Pull down rudder.



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Locate screws that clamp the rudder line.

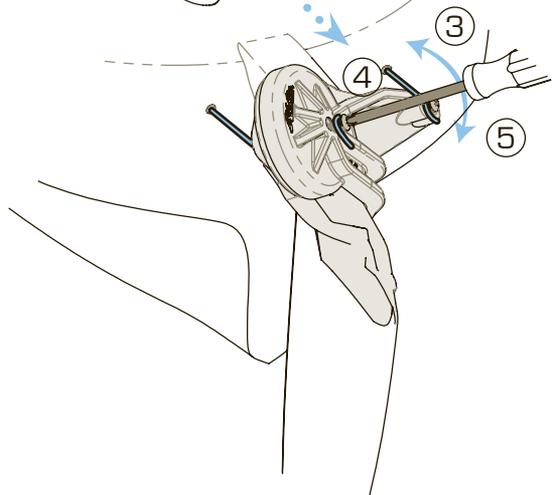


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Loosen the screw clamping the rudder line.

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Pull the slack out of the rudder line making sure that the steering handle is still straight. If it is not straight, adjust the lines accordingly.



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Tighten the screw to clamp the line and hold it in place.

Checklist

Please read through the owners information package prior to using this product.

The user of this product acknowledges both an understanding and assumption of risk involved in paddle/pedal sports. Consult your physician prior to beginning.

Always:

- Wear a Coast Guard approved personal flotation device (lifejacket).
- Dress appropriately for weather conditions; cold water and/or weather can result in hypothermia; apply sunscreen and other sun protective clothing.
- Check your equipment prior to each use for signs of wear or failure.
- Tie a safety leash to your paddle and MirageDrive.
- Scout unfamiliar waters.
- Be aware of river water levels, tidal changes, wind conditions, obstacles in and above the water and weather changes.
- Always make sure that your hatches are secure and closed.
- Carry a pump and/or bailing device.
- Always carry the spare paddle provided with the boat.

Never:

- Never go alone and always file a float plan.
- Never go in flood and/or fast moving water conditions. Hobie kayaks are not designed for fast moving water.
- Never exceed your ability and be aware of your limitations.
- Never use alcohol or mind-altering drugs prior to or while using this product.
- Never open your hatches in unstable water conditions.
- Never remove the foam pieces inside the hull. They are installed for structure, additional flotation and safety.

Shakedown Cruise

As with any new product, it is important that you become familiar with the boat and all its features. It is also important to determine that the boat is sound before long trips. We recommend that you do what we call a “shake-down cruise” when the boat is new, after shipping or transport, before long trips and after installing any thru-hull fittings. This test is typically done in shallow, calm conditions where you can familiarize yourself with or test the boat before taking any long trips into open water. Things you should check or practice are:

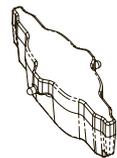
- MirageDrive installation, adjustment and removal
- Rudder operation
- Closing hatches properly
- Drain plug locations to make sure they are properly installed
- Getting in and out of the boat from a capsized state
- Taking the kayak sail down on the water (if applicable)

Getting into your Boat

If you fall out of your boat, stay with the boat. You should be properly wearing a life jacket/PFD which will keep you afloat. If the boat is upside-down, it will need to be turned over. To do this, reach across the bottom of the boat and grab the scupper hole or the Hobie MirageDrive and pull the boat upright. Position yourself so your head is near the cockpit area of the boat and you are facing the boat. You will want to be between the seat and the footwell areas of the boat. Reach across the boat to the far edge with one hand. Place the other hand on the near-side rail, then kick with your feet, pulling yourself up and onto the boat. Roll over onto your backside toward the seat, which should place your backside in the seat. Sit up, swing your feet into the footwells and you're ready to go.

Mirage Cassette Plug

You Hobie is shipped with a Mirage Cassette Plug. The plug is provided as standard equipment in the Mirage Kayak package. Insert the plug into the Mirage well when the MirageDrive is removed to provide added safety and to “fair” the bottom of the hull when paddling.



Kayak Sail Safety

The kayak sail is a very popular optional accessory that works really well with Hobie Mirage kayaks. It is important to familiarize yourself with the use of the sail and how wind power affects the stability of the boat. The sail is not recommended to be used in wind conditions over 10 MPH.

**It is very important that you complete and send us your
Warranty Registration Card as soon as possible.**

This information enables Hobie Cat Company to contact you should there be important product information that needs to be shared with you in a timely manner. Please complete the Warranty Registration Card in your Owner's Packet, or take advantage of our online option at:

<http://www.hobiecat.com/support/warranty-registration/>

or

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If you have a question or issue with your Hobie product, please see your Authorized Hobie Kayak Dealer. They will be able to assess the problem, assist with a repair and file a warranty claim with Hobie Cat Company if needed. All warranty claims must go through your Authorized Hobie Kayak Dealer. The Warranty Registration Card and Warranty Policies are included with each model in the Owner's Packet. Type in the address below to go to our dealer finder webpage.

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