T-Top Boat Cover Instructions:

This unique 2-part T-Top cover can easily be installed, (without ladders), by one person and offers total boat cover protection for center console boats that have fixed position “T” Tops. The cover is installed in two halves utilizing zippers. The two cover halves literally zip together at the mid point of the console body. You zip and secure the cover over your console on one side and then zip secure the other side to complete the installation. The cover incorporates several adjustable snap lock straps. During the initial installation you will adjust the top cover straps and tighten the rear sewn in console cover strap so that the cover will conform to fit your boat. These adjustments need to be made only once. The cover design provides a full console cover. Two front to rear adjustable straps lift and secure the cover halves over the console body windshield hand rail. An adjustable strap tightens up the console cover around the “T” Top supports. The top of the cover is secured to the underside of the cover frame. The front half of the console cover incorporates a protective weather flap that covers the open area between the supports. The cover comes complete with a set of pull down straps that tighten and secure the cover to the trailer frame. It will be easier if the initial installation is done with the boat on a trailer, but it can be done while afloat.

Step 1:
Unfold the cover and determine the orientation of the rear Stern to T-Top and front T-Top to Bow sections of the cover. If zipped together, unzip both sides of the cover to separate into two halves. With the cover top side up, place the bow section of the cover over the bow of the boat and pull cover back to the T-Top. Now take the Stern section of the cover and place over the two stern corners. Pull the stern section up till it meets the front bow section of the cover.

Step 2:
Standing on the deck, at one side of the console, you will secure just one side, either the port or starboard side, of the cover. Find the two adjustable strap assemblies on the console cover stern section and the matching quick disconnect buckles on the bow console cover section. Assemble the strap through the buckle per the instructions on the warranty card. In turn, pull the straps up and over the windshield hand rail on the console. Pull one and then the other strap to evenly lift up and pull the two sections together. This will lift and tightly secure the two cover halves together over and above the console body windshield handrail. Once adjusted for your boat, these straps will not require additional adjustment for subsequent installations of the cover. Be sure that the bow and sterns sections of the cover remain properly in place on the boat when the adjustments are made. Next, start one side zipper at the top of the “console tube” and zip it down about 24 inches to close the “console tube” around one side of the console body.
Step 3: Once zipped, secure the snap lock buckle to eliminate any stress on the zipper. Notice that each of the two cover halves has a sewn in loop right next to the zipper. You’ll find two adjustable ball end tie ropes provided. Use one tie rope and push the ball through the two loops and tie both ends together with a simple overhand knot. Use the tie rope to pull up and secure the side of the console cover to the underside of the T Top structure. Secure with a simple overhand knot.

Step 4: Step outside the boat and lock the adjustable snap buckle at the base of the cover below the gunnel. Adjust the snap lock strap so that any potential stress on the zipper will be relieved, (once adjusted for your boat, all the adjustable snap lock straps will simply lock together and not require any additional adjustment on subsequent installations of the cover).

Step 5: Zip the rest of the zipper down to fully secure that side of the two cover halves with the zipper.

Find the two drawstring ropes at the gunnel bottom hem where the cover is zipped together. (Be sure both the quick release buckle and the zipper side are secured), then use the rope lock, (thread the rope lock per the instructions on the warranty card), to tie and secure the both ends of the two draw string ropes in the hem together. DO NOT PULL ON THE ROPES, JUST REMOVE EXCESS SLACK AND SECURE THE ROPE LOCK. (Once this side is secure, and you have secured the other side you’ll be able to tighten both sewn in ropes so that the cover tightly conforms to the shape of your boat.)

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Go to the other side of the boat. AS YOU DID ON THE OTHER SIDE, while standing on the deck, at the other console side, pull the other “cover tube” side up and around the T-Top frame to match the other side. Start the other side zipper at the top of the “console tube” and zip it down about 24 inches to fully enclose the “console tube” around the console body. Once zipped, secure the snap lock buckle to eliminate any stress on the zipper. Once again, notice that each of the two cover halves has a sewn in loop right next to the zipper. Find the other adjustable ball end tie rope provided. As on the other side, push the ball through the two loops and tie both ends together with a simple overhand knot. Use the tie rope to evenly pull up and secure this side of the “cover tube”. Secure the tie rope to any portion of the T-Top structure above the console. Next find the strap and snap lock buckle assembly that is sewn in at the stern side of the “console tube” Assemble the strap through the buckle per the instructions on the warranty card. Pull the strap to gather any excess material and tighten the “console tube” around the T-Top supports. Pulling the strap will gather any excess material at the rear of the “console tube”. Once the “console tube” is in place and secured, find the protective weather flap on the bow “console tube” section of the cover. Pull the weather flap over the open “console tube” section between the vertical T Top supports. Two Hook & Loop fasteners sewn into the stern side of the “cover tube” will hold the weather flap in place.

Step 6:
Step outside the boat and lock the adjustable snap buckle at the base of the cover below the gunnel. Adjust the strap so that any potential stress on the zipper will be relieved. Zip the rest of the zipper down to fully secure the remaining side of the two cover halves with the zipper. Find the two drawstring ropes at the gunnel bottom hem where the cover is zipped together. (Be sure both the quick release buckle and the zipper side are secured), then use a rope lock, (thread the rope lock per the instructions on the warranty card), to tie and secure the both ends of the two draw string ropes in the hem together. USE THE ROPE LOCK AND PULL THE HEM TIGHT AROUND THE BOAT BODY FULLY SECURING THE BASE OF THE BOAT COVER. ONCE THIS SIDE IS SECURE, GO BACK AND RETIGHTEN THE OTHER SIDE TO FULLY SECURE THE BASE HEM OF THE BOAT COVER!

Note: Once the initial installation is complete you can retie the rope lock knots and trim the rope as best suits your installation so that subsequent installations are quickly accomplished.

Step 7:
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When trailering and to prevent the pocketing of water if the boat is left outside in the weather, it is necessary to pull the cover hem downward and secure the hem of the cover to the trailer. Once you have secured the topmost portion of the console cover to the T Top cover frame, pulling the hem of the cover tightly downward will tighten the entire cover and eliminate potential water pockets. Our trailerable T Top cover includes a full set of tie down strap assemblies to secure the cover to the trailer. A number of tie down loops with buckles are sewn into the hem of the cover for this purpose. The individual straps have a sewn in loop that will allow you to quickly noose the strap around the trailer frame. The loose end of the strap threads through the quick release buckle and tightens when pulled. (The buckles instantly release the strap when you lift the lip of the buckle). Be sure to use all the tie down loops and tightly secure your new cover to eliminate wind whip and any potential water pockets. Directions for threading the tie down straps are on the warranty sheet included with the cover.