

INSTALLATION OF CARPET | HELPFUL HINTS

- Roll out your new marine carpet back to front on a clean and dry deck to ensure the carpet is the proper length. After checking the length, roll up the carpet straight and set it aside.
- Using a 1/8" notched trowel, apply glue to the deck, starting at the back of the deck. If possible, apply the glue out of direct sunlight. This will make your project much easier. If you must apply glue in direct sunlight, work on only half of the deck at a time. In indirect sunlight, you may apply glue to the whole deck at once. We recommend a heavy coat, usually 2 gallons on a 16' deck, and 2½ or 3 gallons on a 20' deck. *
- When the color of the glue changes to a slightly darker shade of tan, roll out the carpet. **Do not** put the carpet on too quickly, and make sure the slight color change occurs before laying the carpet. (The color changes as a result of water evaporating from the glue.)
- Lay the carpet down starting at the rear of the deck. (The edge of the carpet should reach the edge of the wood.) Roll it out straight and flush with an edge. Keep it tight as you roll it out. If you have any wrinkles, work them out by pulling with your hands to the front.
- Staple the carpet across the back, keeping to the edge so the staples will be covered by the aluminum edge cap. We recommend stainless steel staples, if available.
- Go to the front of the deck and pull the carpet tight. When everything looks straight and flush, roll a roller over the entire carpet to ensure complete glue-to-carpet contact. While a floor roller is the best tool, other round items from the garage or even the kitchen (a rolling pin) will work.
- When you are finished rolling your carpet, staple the rest of the edges and trim off any excess tight to the edge of the plywood.
- Please do not allow your freshly carpeted deck to get wet for at least 24 hours (longer if the weather is cool).**

* *The carpet glue that we sell is formulated for Syntec marine carpet. It assures you of a quality product with no worry of chemical incompatibility.*

** *Please read the information specified on your glue container.*