

HELPFUL HINTS – INSTALLATION OF VINYL FLOORING ON NEW MARINE PLYWOOD DECKS

- Roll out your new floor vinyl onto your clean, dry deck to ensure vinyl is the correct length. After checking the length, with a person on each side of the rear deck, pick up rear corners and fold ½ of the vinyl over, moving to the front of the boat.
- Using a paint roller with a 3/8” or deeper nap, apply white glue/adhesive onto the rear half of your deck. You **MUST** apply an adequate amount of glue. You **MUST** wait for the water to “Flash Out”* of the glue before applying the floor vinyl to the decking. Failure to give adequate time for the glue to “flash out” will cause water to trap behind the non-porous vinyl. In other words, **the glue will not cure.**

*When the glue becomes “tacky” to the touch, but before it becomes clear, apply the floor vinyl. The cooler the temperature the longer this will take.

- Lay the folded over vinyl with to the rear of the deck. (We suggest you have some help) The edge of the floor vinyl should reach the edge of the deck. Press the floor vinyl in place at the rear. Work any wrinkles or air bubbles out to the edges. Be careful to keep the vinyl squared with the edge of the decking.
- Repeat these procedures on the front half of the deck.
- When completely installed, you need to get any air pockets out of the vinyl. To do this, roll the vinyl working from the center to the edges. (A floor roller is best when doing this, but many household items would work such as an empty lawn roller, a kitchen roller. Also helpful is using a firm squeegee such as a 12-16” length of board with carpet or a rag on the edge.)
- Once all air pockets are removed, staple around the perimeter of the decking within the area that will be covered by the deck trim. After stapling the edges, trim off any excess tight to the edge of the deck.
- For proper curing keep the deck at 60°F or higher and keep it out of the rain for at least a few days.