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Hull Identification Number Placement Instructions

Please make sure your customer gets these instructions

Hull Identification Number Display:

DO NOT PLACE ON EITHER SIDE OF BOW

Two identical hull identification numbers are required to be displayed on each boat hull.

- A. The primary hull identification number must be affixed as follows:
 1. On boats with transoms, on the starboard side of the transom within two inches of the top of the transom, gunwale, or hull / deck joint; whichever is lowest.
 2. On boats without transoms or on boats on which it would be impractical to use the transom, to the starboard outboard side of the hull, aft, within one foot of the stern and within two inches of the top of the hull side, gunwale, or hull / deck joint, whichever is lowest.
 3. On catamarans or pontoon boats which have readily replaceable hulls, to the aft crossbeam within one foot of the starboard hull attachment.
 4. If the hull identification number would not be visible, because of the rails, fittings, or other accessories, the number must be affixed as near as possible to the location specified in paragraph A of this section.
- B. The duplicate hull identification number must be affixed in an unexposed location on the interior of the boat or beneath fitting or item of hardware.
- C. Each hull identification number must be carved, burned, stamped, embossed, molded, bonded or otherwise permanently affixed to the boat so that the alteration, removal or replacement would be obvious.
 1. PAINT, MAGIC MARKER, and STICKERS are not acceptable.
 2. If the number is on a separate plate, the plate must be fastened in such a manner that the removal would normally cause some scarring or damage to the surrounding hull area. A plate attached using adhesive is not acceptable. Affix the plate using bolts or screws, so that the removal would leave holes.
 3. A hull identification number must not be attached to parts of the boat that are removable.
 4. The characters of each hull identification number must be no less than one fourth of an inch high.