

WATERAT

SAILING EQUIPMENT

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Centerboard Slot Gasket

To install the slot gasket:

- 1 - Clean the boat and aluminum keelbands, repair any striped screw holes, clean the inside of the CB well.
- 2 - Fit the rubber front cover - the leading edge of the board should deflect the rubber about 1/2" when fully down. It goes on the outside of the gasket.
- 3 - Put silicone sealer in the screw holes - you will not be able to do this after you start installing the gasket.
- 4 - Position the gasket and rubber cover with masking tape, install the front 3 or 4 screws.
There should be about 1/4" of overlap (the stitching should line up).
- 5 - Stretch the gasket - use a vise grip plier or clamp on the aft end of the gasket. Run a line with a 2 or 3:1 loop to the transom and pull HARD. Be careful not to damage the corner of the transom when tensioning. The edges of the gasket should 'snap', and the wrinkles should be flat.
- 6 - Check the position of the gasket and adjust. Masking tape can be removed as the screws are installed.
- 7 - Trim the back & edge of gasket with a knife - be careful not to cut into the gelcoat. Seal with a hot knife.