



# **Downrigger Mount**

## **Install Instructions**

## ***What's Needed?***

Gorilla Tape\*, Pencil, 100-120 Grit Sand Paper,  
Vinyl Cement Glue and required tools\*\*, M.E.K. or Acetone

*\* Note: The tape should be acid-free, but any sticky tape will work. The tape should only be on for less than 5 or 10 minutes, and acidic glue will not damage the boat material for such a short amount of time. We still recommend using Acid-Free tape when available.*

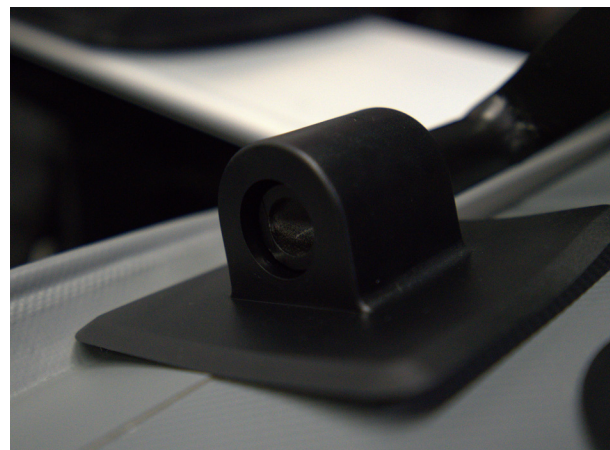
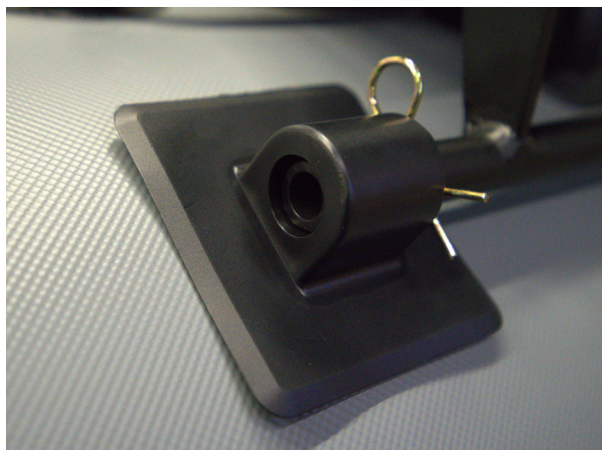
*\*\* Note: This application strongly recommends RH Adhesives HH-66 or StaBond UK-148 glue. Downriggers produce a lot of torque; proper glue is very important.*

**Step One** To start, inflate your boat completely and prepare it for use. It is advisable to arrange your boat accessories, seating, and other items in a way that allows you to verify that the mounts are conveniently and securely placed.

**Step Two** Preparing the downrigger mount is a simple task. Find the holes on the longer side of the tube and insert the R-Clip through them. There is only one section with holes for the R-Clip to pass through.

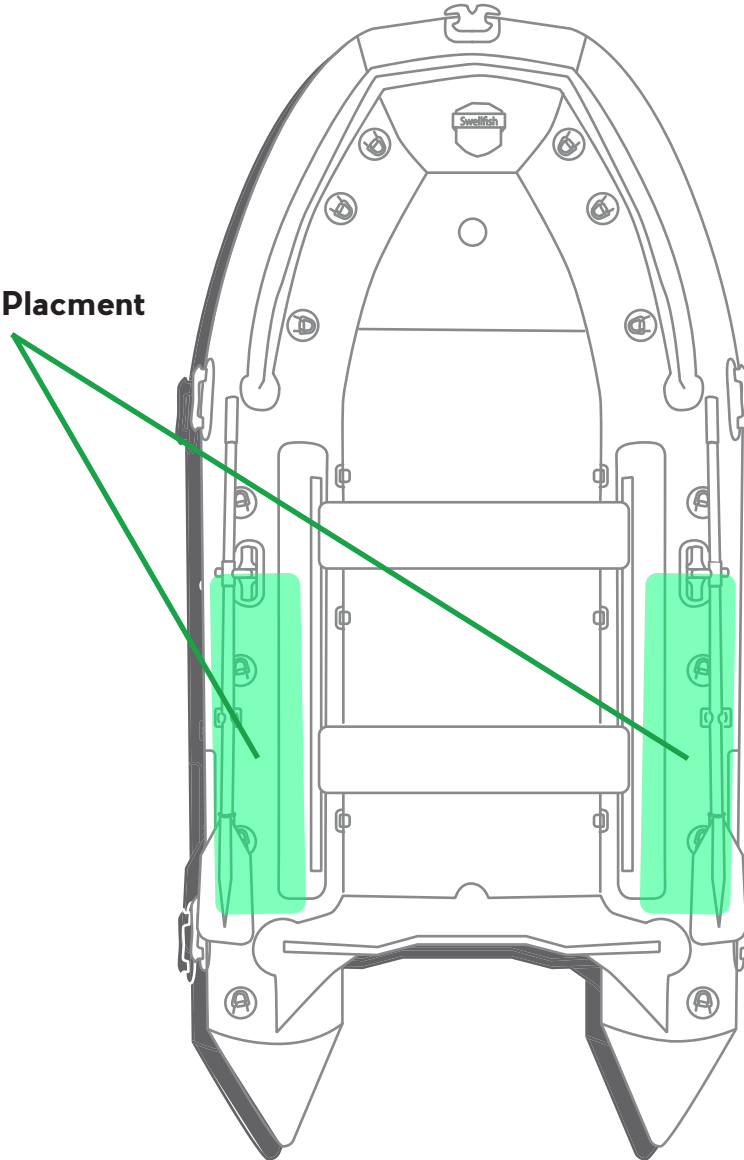
After placing the clip, attach all four glue-on pads onto the bars of the downrigger mount.

*Note: To make it easier to remove the downrigger mount later on, leave a little extra space when placing the glue on the pads. Don't push them all the way onto the mount. This will give you some wiggle room.*



**Step Three** To ensure proper placement, temporarily place the mount on the boat in the approximate place where you will want it. The mount should be positioned on the tube between the center of the boat and the transom. However, it is important to adjust the placement based on your own comfort and needs while on the water. Keep in mind that each person and setup may require a unique placement.

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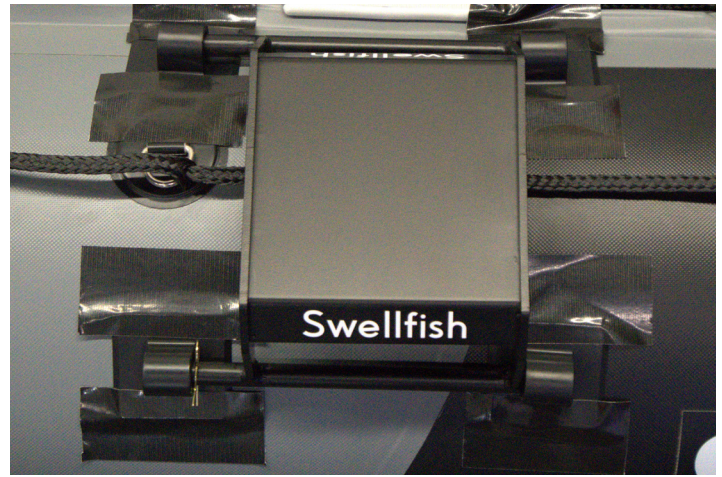
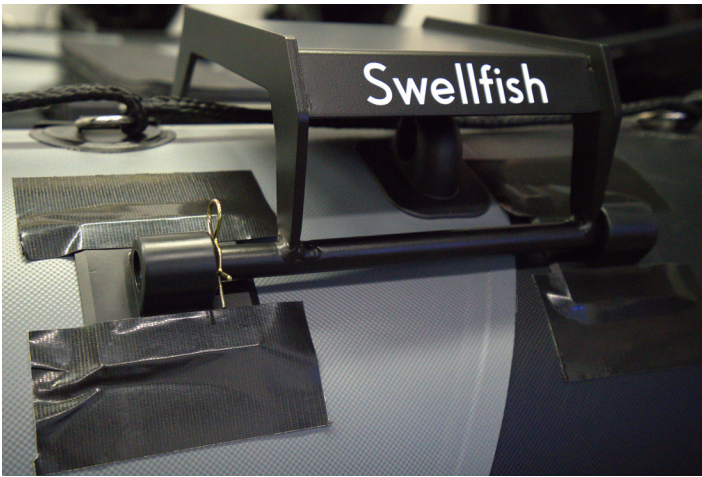


**Step Four** The downrigger mount should slightly overhang the center tube, ensuring the top mounting surface is level. The longer bar with the R-Clip must be on the boat's outside and towards the bow. The short bars point towards the transom.

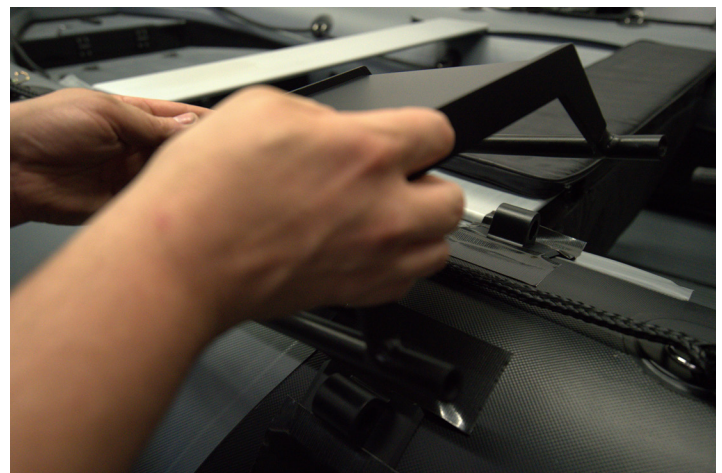
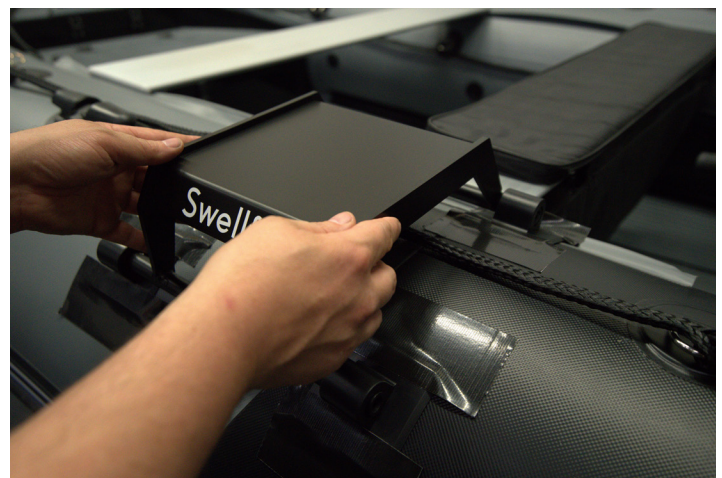




**Step Five** Prepping for the glue up. Once you are happy with the placement, temporarily tape the four glue-on pads to the boat. This will allow you to check the fit with the glue-on pads staying where you have placed them.

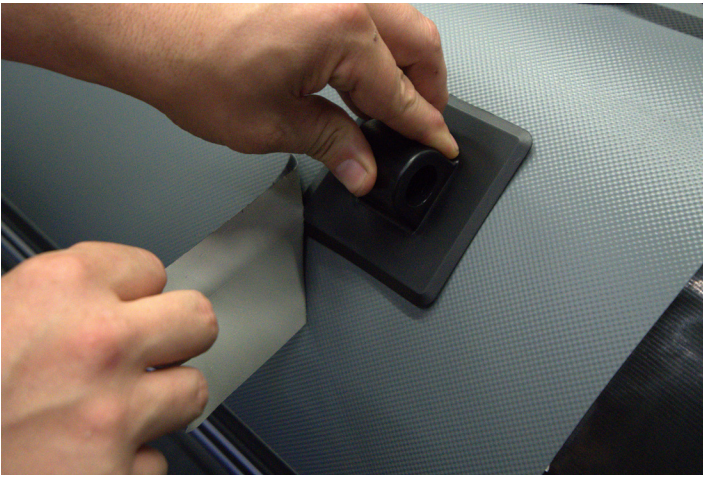
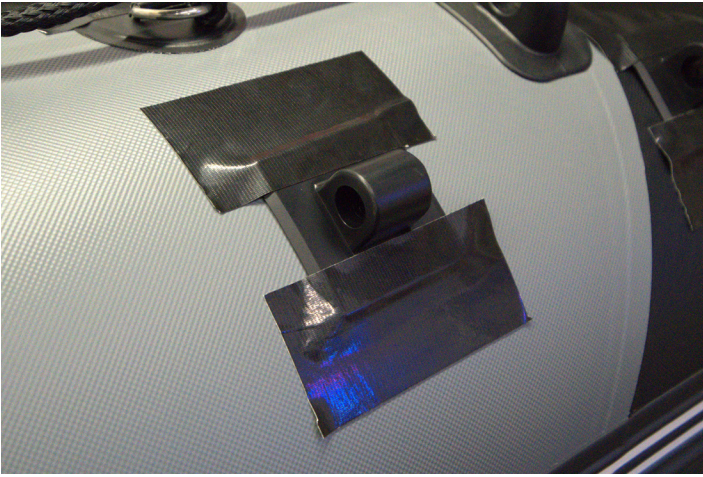


To check the fit and placement of the pads, remove the R-Clip before removing the mount to ensure it can be easily reattached. If you're satisfied that the mount can be unclipped and removed when not in use, proceed to the next step.

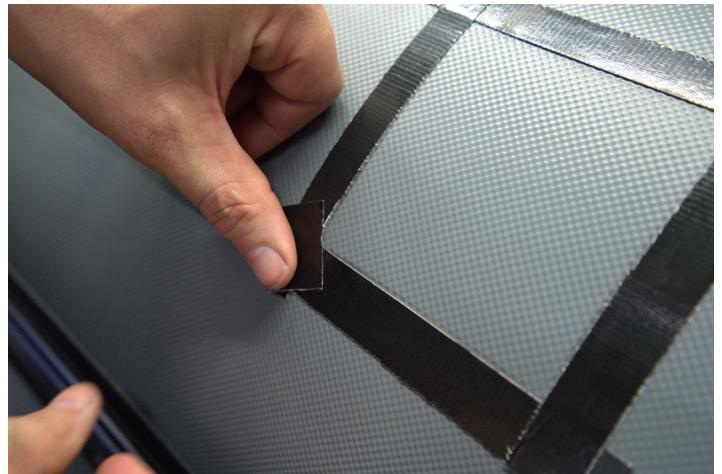
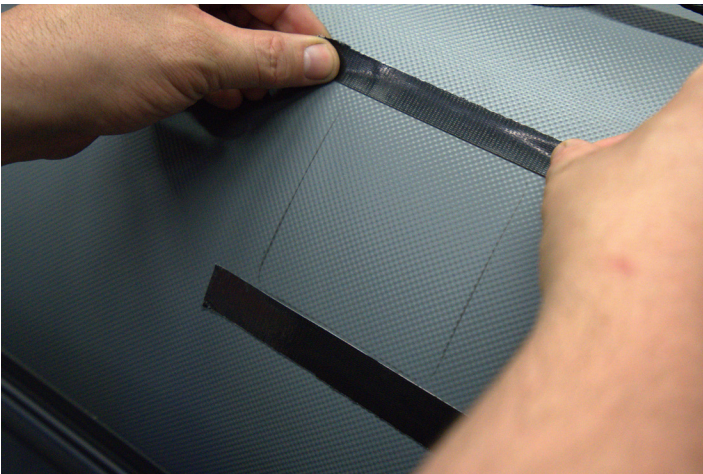




**Step Six** With all four glue-on pads temporarily taped to the boat, carefully remove the tape from one of the glue-on pads without moving the pad's position on the boat. Using an HB pencil, trace around the pad, and leave a clear outline of where the pad will attach to the boat.



Using Gorilla Tape (or similar), tape along the pencil line to protect the outer area of the boat where the glue-on pads will not cover. Repeat for each of the pads.



**Step Seven** Gluing on the pads. We recommend using either Stabond UK-148 or RH Adhesives HH-66. Following the glue's instructions, glue the mount to the boat. Both require 24hrs for full-strength adhesion.

**The typical gluing procedure is as follows:** *Before sanding, clean the areas to be glued with M.E.K. or Acetone to ensure the surface is free of oils or contaminants. Using sandpaper, score the surface of the boat where the pads will be attached, as well as the gluing surface of the glue-on pads. Apply a thin coat on both the boat and the glue-on pads and wait for this first layer to be fully dry to the touch. Apply a second thin coat and wait for the glue to become tacky. Place the pad onto the boat, and use a roller or similar tool(s) to apply pressure over the entire glue-on pad. This pressure is what ensures full adhesion between the pad and the boat.*

*Note: Please follow the instructions for the glue you are using for the best results. We also recommend watching our gluing video before starting.*



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**Step Eight** Wait for a full cure before using. Once the pads are glued on, please wait the appropriate amount of time before deflating the boat or using the mount. (see glue instructions) You will want to make sure the bond between the glue-on pads and the boat is as strong as possible.