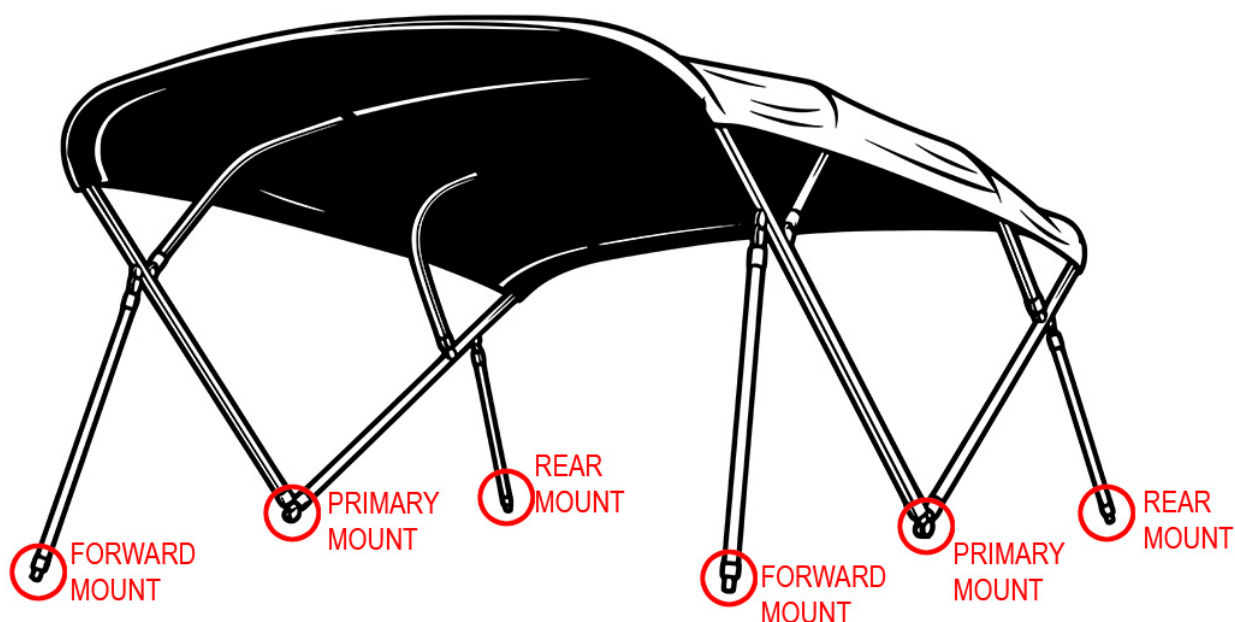


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## Troubleshooting Guide – Bimini Tops

IMPORTANT: This guide identifies bimini mount locations in the following manner



| ISSUE                    | RESOLUTION                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
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| TOO NARROW / WIDE        | Installation width is dependent on the side-to-side measurement between primary mounts. We size our top based on the most common primary mount location. If you are re-using existing mounts, your width at the primary mount may differ from ours and you may need an alternate bimini size. |
| LOOSE THREADS            | These are likely untrimmed sewing threads and will not affect cover performance or lifespan. Feel free to trim them down to 3-4 mm length.                                                                                                                                                    |
| STRONG SMELL WHEN OPENED | “New cover” smell is normal and will fade over time. Dissipation can be encouraged by placing the cover outside, unfolded, in fresh air and sunshine.                                                                                                                                         |
| LOOSE CANVAS             | If there is any sagging of the bimini canvas, tighten the forward and rear tension straps to eliminate it. Accumulations of water may be removed by gently pressing upward on the canvas from beneath.                                                                                        |
| WRINKLES                 | Wrinkles (if any) may be removed by exposing the canvas to full sun for a few hours with the top open and at full tension.                                                                                                                                                                    |

| ISSUE                                                | RESOLUTION                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
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| HAS A STRANGE ANGLE<br><br>BRACES/STRAPS DON'T REACH | <p>Our bimini tops are designed for a flat horizontal mounting surface across all mount points only. The following may help:</p> <p>Check your tension straps and adjust the tension strap length.</p> <p>If you have adjustable braces, you may need to lengthen or shorten them.</p> <p>If your braces are not adjustable, swapping them for tension straps or adjustable braces may be required.</p> <p>If any of the mount points (forward, rear, or primary) are positioned higher horizontally than any of the others, you may need to change the installation location or change forward and rear mounts. (IE: change from fixed braces to straps or adjustable braces)</p> |
| TRAILERING                                           | <p>Our bimini tops are not travel safe at speeds over 30mph while open. Enclose the canvas top within the storage boot for this type of travel. The top may remain supported by any braces you have installed, if you wish. Failure to fully close the top into the storage boot when traveling at speeds over 25-30mph can cause severe damage to the bimini, boat, or even nearby persons or vehicles.</p> <p>NOTE: Speeds of 31- 35mph are supported ONLY when the bimini is through-bolted to the boat at all mount points and angled forward.</p>                                                                                                                             |
| UNDERSIDE IS DISCOLORED                              | <p>Any color change noted on the underside of the canvas is normal as this is the side with the weatherproofing application. Darker areas are spaces that receive an above average coating and is a direct result of UV exposure to those areas. This does not affect the function or lifespan of the top.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| CLEANING                                             | <p>The canvas may be removed from the frame and machine laundered in cool water on the gentle cycle – alone or like colors only. Do not use detergents as these may remove the weatherproofing coatings. Allow to air dry thoroughly before re-installation.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| STAINS                                               | <p>Small stains may be spot cleaned with cool water and a soft cloth. Do not use detergents. Strong stains may require laundering – see cleaning instructions.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| FADING                                               | <p>Fading is a natural process and the direct result of UV exposure. Fading will not affect product performance. Your cover has a UV protective spray pre-applied at the factory to prevent fading. However, like sunscreen, periodic re-application may be necessary. Canvas UV protectant formulas are easily found online and in most sporting good supply stores (look in the camping/tent area). IMPORTANT: Test the product in an inconspicuous area before applying it to the entire cover.</p>                                                                                                                                                                             |
| NOT ENOUGH SHADE                                     | <p>If your top does not provide enough shade, consider moving the mounts. Setting the bimini top to a slight angle may also help – the forward and back mounts utilize tension straps and/or braces which can generally be adjusted. For significantly more shade over the course of a day, a shorter and/or longer bimini would be necessary.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |

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| WATER PUDDLES ON SURFACE | Here are several things that will help:<br><br>Check for surface puddles that may cause drip-through and adjust the tension of the top at the forward and rear mounts.                                                                                         |
| LEAKING                  | Look for stressed seams and adjust the canvas or strap tension to eliminate stress. Stressed seams can also be sealed with seam tape, or with a light coating of candle wax.<br><br>Consider treating especially problematic areas with a waterproofing spray. |

## REPLACEMENT AND ACCESSORY PARTS

| PART DESCRIPTION                                                                 | PART NO                                        |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| STORAGE BOOT (LIMITED AVAILABILITY, MODEL SPECIFIC)                              | BIMBOOT                                        |
| TENSION STRAP (SET OF TWO)                                                       | BIMSTRAP                                       |
| NYLON TONGUE FITTING (INTERNAL) SQUARE TUBE 1" BLACK OR ROUND TUBE 7/8" BLACK    | SQUARE TUBE – 11831<br>ROUND TUBE – 11703      |
| STAINLESS STEEL FITTINGS KIT (ROUND TUBE ONLY)                                   | 3 BOW – SS3<br>4 BOW – SS4                     |
| DECK MOUNTS – SET OF TWO                                                         | BLACK NYLON – 11717<br>STAINLESS – 11734X2     |
| INFLATABLE BOAT MOUNTS (TWO DECK MOUNTS, FOUR D-RING MOUNTS, SPECIALTY ADHESIVE) | VINYL/PVC TUBE – VLKIT<br>HYPALON TUBE – HPKIT |
| STAINLESS RAIL MOUNT (2PC)                                                       | 7/8" – 11749<br>1" – 11750                     |
| STAINLESS WINDSHIELD MOUNT (2PC)                                                 | WM7878SS                                       |
| PULL PIN (EACH)                                                                  | PULLPIN                                        |
| ADJUSTABLE BRACES (PAIR) – ALUMINUM ROUND TUBE                                   | 62014                                          |
| TENSION STRAP EYES - BLACK NYLON (4PC)                                           | 11713                                          |
| TENSION STRAP EYES – CHROME (2PC)                                                | 1225                                           |

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- Your order number
- Which part number(s) you require
- Your shipping address

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