



Care and Maintenance

Safety tips

Always leave the drain plug(s) in the water-craft when it is raised on the Air-Dock.

Maintenance

Clean exposed areas when necessary with a soft bristle brush and water. Check the ropes and rope connections for wear. Also check the electrical connections. If leaving in the water for long periods of time without the watercraft you should inflate the main chambers just enough to keep the top surfaces clean. Do not do this, however, if you expect high winds.

Repairing

Small cuts or tears in the material can be repaired on site. Call Air-Dock at 727-577-0151 or visit Airdock.com for additional patching materials. Use only cement provided by Air-Dock boat lifts. Do not use cement if it has yellowed and thickened. If necessary, a temporary patch can be applied with a vinyl repair kit, Flex tape, or Gorilla Waterproof Patch and Seal Tape available from hardware stores.

Cleaning

Clean with a soft bristle brush or garage broom and water. Mild soaps can be used. **Do not use chemical cleansers such as snowbowl or limeaway** as they can damage material and void warranty. A pressure sprayer can also be used. If using a pressure sprayer, **do not hold the nozzle close to the material.**

Saltwater Use

Salt water and saltwater growth do not harm the Air-Dock material. Applying anti-fouling paint is optional. It may be beneficial for seasonal use to avoid most of the cleaning at end of season. For year round use it may not be time or cost effective compared to scraping the barnacles one time whenever the air chambers are removed.

If you choose to paint, we recommend West Marine "Bottom Shield Antifouling Paint" (1 gal.) product code 329583 or equivalent. Do not use a marine primer, simply apply with a roller to the bottom surface of the Air-Dock. Paint edge to edge and any top area that may be submersed. You might also paint any portion of the hoses that will be in contact with the water. For seasonal use, apply only one coat. Then clean and re-apply one coat at the beginning of each season. For year-round use, apply 2 coats.

Storage

Roll or fold air chambers in one direction only (like rolling a rug). **Do not fold the material in more than one direction** (like folding a blanket or a flag) Store the air chambers in a clean, dry place away from rodents such as a garage, a basement, or in your boat. Do not fold or unfold the air chambers in temperatures below freezing to prevent cracking.

Spring Installation

Inspect the air chambers for abrasions. Patch abrasions if white polyester fabric is showing.

