

# Deck Plate Installation

Cut a hole in the deck to fit the deck plate into. Use a compass to mark a circular line on the deck at the position you will install your deck plate. Your opening should be the same diameter as the bottom of the deck plate (5 3/8"). Using a 1/16" drill bit drill five small holes next to one another in a row on the line you have drawn on your deck. In a vice grip, clamp a narrow, fine cut, wood jig saw blade (e.g. Bosch #T101A0). Take the saw blade tip and scratch through the drill holes to make a slit. Insert your saw blade and carefully cut along the line to create the opening. Position the deck plate on the boat and use a pencil to mark each of the mounting screw hole positions on to the deck. Set the plate aside and drill a 3/16" hole at each mark. Use epoxy to seal the plywood edges at each hole and the deck plate cut out. Let cure.

Install the deck plate using stainless steel #10 x 1/2" pan head machine screws and nylock nuts (not included with the deck plate. Available at most hardware stores).