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Dear Sir/Madam

Firstly, thank you for your purchase. Your new outboard cover/s will give many years of protection from the harsh Australian conditions if maintained and treated in the correct manner. To ensure that you get the most from your *Outboard Cover/s*, below is a guideline of how to care and install your new cover/s.

Before fitting this outboard cover you should clean the motor so if any exchanges are needed (e.g. wrong leg size), the outboard cover can be returned without grease and stains on it. We will not exchange dirty or grease stained covers!

Note: Oil filler holes on 2 stroke motors are not provided for the following reasons: Oil can be spilt between the cover & the cowling & damage both e.g. sand sticking etc. Your cover should be removed & cleaned about the same time as your oil will need to be replenished, so this is a good time to clean both your cover and cowling. Oil view holes are provided on all splash covers if fitted.

Care & Cleaning

Ensure the outboard has a good coat of wax at **all** times. Recommended waxes can be obtained from your local marine dealership (**DO NOT USE A CUTTING COMPOUND WAX**).

1. Keep the inner and outer surfaces of your *Outboard Covers* free from dirt and grime. This can be done by simply hosing off the cover and letting it air dry. You should take your cover off every 6 weeks to check & clean it. You can use a high pressure cleaner on your cover at a safe distance of about 1.0 metre, but please avoid high pressure cleaning of the logo, as the shear force will literally remove the print from the product.
2. Use a mild cleaner for stains (Detailed cleaning instructions & recommended products can be found on the following page). Outboard Covers Australia offer products for sale that when applied will make cleaning easier. Also we have a range of fabric protectors, UV & dirt remover products. Please call and ask what product might be helpful to you on Ph: 1300 135 666.

Installation:

Remove dirt/ salt and grime from the outboard motor before covering (this includes Splash/Full or Combo Covers).

Splash® Cover Fitting:

The Splash® Cover (cowling cover) has been designed to be a **very** tight fit & may be used when towing, storing and when operating on the water. The best way to fit this cover is to open it out and stretch it over the cowling using both hands. Try & get the cover on about ¾'s of the way down & once this is achieved (Picture 1), go to the front of the motor (front of the boat), & fit this end first. Ensuring that your cover is over the front where the cowling meets the main motor and covers the rubber seal (Picture 2). Once you have achieved this and only then, come to the rear of the motor & pull the back of the cover the rest of the way over (Picture 3). In most cases the bottom of the cover will sit over the rubber seal where the top cowl meets the motor base. **Some** Splash® covers will go well below this point, the trick is to make the cover fit by pulling it tight and lining it up straight. Don't be afraid the pull your cover on using force it will not rip (rated to 300kg). A badly fitted cover will have lot's of wrinkles in it! This can be fixed by ensuring the cover is on straight, to achieve this line up our OCA logo to the centre of the back of the motor.

Caution: Each cover has either a mesh vent or hole in it to allow air to be pulled in by the engine. This is a normal operation by the motor & you must ensure your cover is fitted correctly to ensure this happens. Blocking the air intakes or misaligning your cover could potentially harm your motor! If you are not happy with the fit you may have the wrong cover for your motor. Outboard Covers Australia will not be held responsible for poorly fitted covers & the damage cause by this.



Picture 1



Picture 2

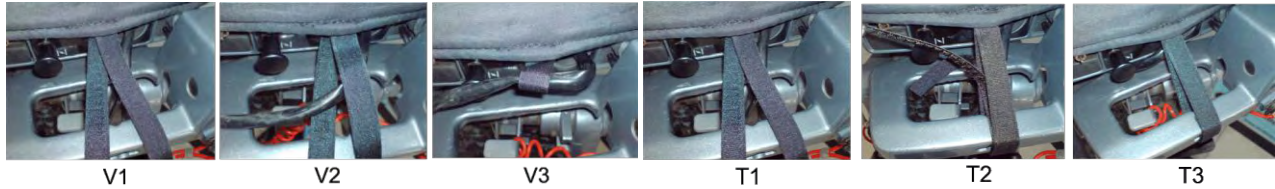


Picture 3

Some Splash® covers may come with a Velcro strap at the front which is made up of a 250mm male and a 250mm female lengths, this is designed to be attached to the wiring loom, cables, steering arm or front handle on smaller motors. It is designed to stop any chance of a poorly fitted cover "blowing off". Secure the Velcro in suitable position male on female and cut to length to make neat. See **cable or wiring loom** pictures V1- V3 below or T1- T3 to attach to the front arm of the motor or similar. Either method will work but anywhere on the front of the motor should work. **DON'T** install on any moving parts/point at the front of the motor.



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Full Cover & Combo Fitting:

The Full Cover has been designed to be a snug fit & is to be used when towing at legal speeds & for storing. If you have purchased the Splash® Cover as well this is designed to be installed first then the Full Cover goes over that. The best way to fit the full cover is to open all zips and Velcro patches (**leave the full cover in ONE piece, DO NOT SEPARATE the leg from the top section**) and start by putting the *Outboard Cover* over the skeg & prop (Picture 1), then gently pull up and over the top cowling. Each zipper is fitted with a zip protection placard to protect the zip from rubbing against the motor. Ensure when doing up the zips this placard is folded out correctly to prevent the zip from touching the gel coat of motor.

Now close the leg zip (Picture 2) first then secure the zip stopper tag in place. Then take the “leg flap” (Picture 3) that is located in the middle of the cover and placed it-between the leg and the mounting bracket (Picture 4). Now pass it through the gap (Picture 5) and Velcro it on the other side of the cover in the provided area on the head cover (Picture 6). If you have installed the leg flap in the correct place the motor should be able to be moved up and down and left and right without interference. Now come to the top of the motor and pull the “top” zip down now ensure all Velcro patches are pulled up as tight as possible (Picture 7 & 8), as a loose installation *may* cause abrasion. *Again note the zipper placard is correctly installed to prevent zip chafe!*



FULL COVER & SPLASH COVER™ WARNINGS

When using the **Full Cover**, never start or run the outboard whilst this cover is fitted. When using the “Splash® Cover” you must ensure that the vent holes provided in the “Splash® Cover” align with those on the outboard and that any “tell tale” water outlets or exhaust ports are not obstructed. Clean your covers regularly to ensure no salt build up between the cover and the motor.

“Outboard Covers Australia Pty Ltd take NO responsibility for damages done through improper use, lack of maintenance or badly or incorrectly installed covers”

As your *Outboard Cover* has been measured up to suit your particular motor, if for some reason it does not fit correctly, you may have ordered the incorrect cover?

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Common Questions and Detailed Cleaning and Maintenance Instructions

1. Are these Outboard Covers waterproof?

The main material used in the manufacturing of these covers are among the most highly water repellent marine fabrics on the market today. The material is called "Polysoft®". To be truly waterproof, a fabric must be completely non-porous like a vinyl and therefore have zero breathability. Our covers offer both superior water repellency & breathability compared to almost any other woven marine or awning fabrics on the market today.

2. Do these covers breathe?

Yes. Breathability and water repellency are converse features. The more breathable a fabric is, the less water repellent it is and vice versa. For marine and awning purposes, we have chosen greater water repellency and limited breath ability to give greater protection against the elements of weather. 95% waterproof and 5% breathability.

3. How long should this Outboard Cover last?

There are many factors that contribute to the life of a fabric (amount of sun exposure, average temperatures, care and cleaning, etc.) As a general rule, these covers should last 3 to 5 years with good general maintenance.

4. How often should I clean my Outboard Cover?

Depending on what the fabric is exposed to. Remember that the presence of soil is necessary for mildew to form and spread. As a general guide our covers should be cleaned after **6 uses or 6 weeks when in use**, but most owners will clean the motor & the cover/s after every use which would maximize longevity of the motor and the cover/s. If storing for winter clean your cover/s and motor and follow the manufacturer's hand book for winterising. Your cover/s should be cleaned thoroughly twice a year as per "medium cleaning" laid out below.

5. How do you clean an Outboard Cover?

Mild Cleaning: For use around salt water, simply hose off and/or take the cover/s off and soak in a bucket of warm water. Clean the cowling as recommended by the manufacturers hand book. After cleaning your cover/s hang out to dry and once completely dry re-install on cleaned motor.

Medium Cleaning: For a dirty cover (dirt/light grease stains) try a wool wash such as "Martha Gardner's Wool Wash". This can be done by soaking in a bucket of warm water and "gently" hand rubbing to get the stains out. This may need to be done again if severely dirty.

Heavy Cleaning: For bad soiling and/or mildew mix 2 ounces of non-detergent soap and 4 ounces of chlorine bleach to 4 litres of water. Pre-soaking in a large drum of this same mix will greatly help. For more stubborn stains, a mild detergent may be needed. However, the use of detergent may require that a water repellent be applied after the fabric is thoroughly rinsed and dried. Aerospace 303 water repellent is the recommended product to use.

6. Can you use Aero space 303 on all boat covers and awning fabrics?

Aero space 303 is very effective on Polysoft® & other material but not recommended for PVC's or Vinyl's as used on Bimini's we recommend another great product for this application called Aero Space 303 cleaner or protector, again which Outboard Covers Australia stock and recommend.

7. Can I use an Outboard Cover whilst traveling?

Absolutely, our materials are both very strong, tear resistant, and dimensionally stable. They are designed to be able to go down the road at highway speeds and perform flawlessly when fitted correctly.

8. Is this Outboard Cover suitable for use with both fresh & salt water?

Our materials are designed to take the harshness that comes being used around salt & fresh water. By simply hosing off the cover at the end of the day (taking the cover off), this will ensure many years of use. The use of any product around salt air and water will place a huge demand on that product. If you find your cover is not as waterproof as when you first bought it you may need to apply a water proofing (only our recommended products) agent to ensure your cover lasts for many years.

All materials used are marine grade, which includes binding, thread and elastic. Zips are the best quality on the market today and are also rated as marine grade. However, should a zipper be broken/faulty due to stone damage it is not covered under warranty.

9. Warranty

All Outboard Covers carry a 1 year guarantee against faulty workmanship etc and fading etc, when the maintenance instructions are abided by. If you should find a fault with the product, please contact Outboard Covers Australia on the numbers listed above. It is the discretion of Outboard Covers Australia Pty Ltd to replace or repair faulty cover/s as we see fit.

For Cover Returns DO NOT SEND covers back via Toll/pec we buy prepaid satchels and do not have an account. If you return your cover via this method you will pay the actual cost of the freight which may be as high as \$60.

Contact OCA first & advise us why. Return all covers via Australia Post using a pre paid Express bag available from any Aust. Post office, **PLEASE ensure covers are cleaned before returning or they will be returned un-repaired due to OC health & safety laws.**

Replacing broken zips are not covered under warranty, however you can send the item back with \$20 for a full zip replacement, return postage is included. **Once again ensure covers are clean!**