

Tactician & Kayaker

Operation, Installation and Maintenance Instructions

Made in U.S.A.

CAUTION

All Magnetic Compasses are vulnerable to magnetic interference which will produce errors (deviation). The compass should be checked for accuracy and compensated for permanent interference in the compass environment. It is also the Owner / Helmsman's responsibility to keep the environment of the compass clear of objects which cause temporary magnetic interference such as: Tools, Portable Radios and Navigational Instruments, Beverage Cans, Fishing Tackle and any other metal objects.

CAUTION

Never use IRON or CHROME PLATED FASTENERS.

- Drill: To match selected fasteners.
- Screwdrivers: You will also need a slim flat or phillips head screwdriver to fit your fastener selection.

Installation

Using the mounting template supplied, drill two (2) pilot holes in the desired mounting location and insert the #6 fasteners selected. Do not fully tighten. Leave the heads high enough (approx. 1/4") to accept the gasket and compass bezel. Next, remove movable bezel ring. Remove the Peel and Stick covering from the foam gasket and apply the sticky surface of the gasket to the bottom of the compass. Be sure to line-up the slots for the fasteners in the gasket with the slots in the bezel. (Note: the foam gasket can also be applied to the deck or mounting location. However, it may be subject to lose or damage.) To install the compass, simply place the fastener slots of the bezel over the heads of the fasteners. Push the compass down and turn clockwise to lock on. The fit should be snug enough to hold the compass securely. Tighten or loosen the fasteners as necessary so that the compass can be removed by pushing down and turning counter clockwise. When adjusted, snap the movable bezel ring back in place. (Make sure that the rubber O-ring remained in place on the removable bezel).

Maintenance

Ritchie compasses require very little care. To remove salt spray deposits or dirt, rinse the entire compass with clean fresh water and wipe carefully with a damp cloth.

CAUTION Never use chemical or abrasive cleaners.

Warranty

We warrant all Ritchie Magnetic Marine Compasses to be free of defects in workmanship or materials. If within three years of purchase date, a compass fails to give satisfactory service, it will be repaired or replaced without charge. This warranty does not cover breakage through accident or misuse. Replacement or repair will be made if the instrument is returned prepaid to a Ritchie Service station or directly to E.S. Ritchie & Sons, Inc. 243 Oak Street, Pembroke, MA 02359.