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BoatBuckle Kwik-Lok Gunwale Tie-Down F13114 Instruction Manual

Model: F13114

1. Introduction

This manual provides essential instructions for the proper installation, operation, and maintenance of your BoatBuckle Kwik-Lok Gunwale Tie-Down, Model F13114. This product is designed to securely fasten your boat to its trailer, ensuring safe transport. Please read these instructions thoroughly before use to prevent injury or damage to property.



Image 1: The BoatBuckle Kwik-Lok Gunwale Tie-Down, featuring a durable black strap and a robust silver Kwik-Lok buckle for secure fastening.

2. Safety Information

- **Inspect Before Each Use:** Always inspect the tie-down strap and buckle for any signs of wear, cuts, fraying, or damage before each use. Do not use if damaged.
- **Load Capacity:** Do not exceed the stated load capacity of 400 pounds. Overloading can lead to failure and potential accidents.
- **Secure Attachment:** Ensure the tie-down is securely attached to both the boat's gunwale and the trailer's frame. Loose connections can cause the boat to shift during transit.
- **Proper Tension:** Apply sufficient tension to hold the boat firmly in place, but do not overtighten, which can damage the boat or the tie-down.
- **Avoid Sharp Edges:** Route the strap to avoid contact with sharp edges or abrasive surfaces that could cut or fray the material.

- **Secure Excess Strap:** Always secure any excess strap length to prevent it from flapping during transport, which can cause wear or become a hazard.
- **Regular Checks:** Periodically check the tie-down tension during long trips and re-tighten if necessary.

3. Package Contents

Your BoatBuckle Kwik-Lok Gunwale Tie-Down package includes:

- One (1) BoatBuckle Kwik-Lok Gunwale Tie-Down (2" x 13')
- Instruction Manual (this document)

4. Setup and Installation

Follow these steps to properly install and secure your BoatBuckle Kwik-Lok Gunwale Tie-Down:

1. **Position the Boat:** Ensure your boat is correctly positioned and centered on the trailer bunks or rollers.
2. **Identify Attachment Points:** Locate suitable, strong attachment points on both your boat's gunwale (or transom) and the trailer frame. These points should be robust enough to withstand the tension of the tie-down.
3. **Attach One End:** Secure one end of the tie-down strap to a designated attachment point on your trailer. Ensure the hook is fully engaged and cannot slip off.
4. **Route the Strap:** Extend the strap over the boat's gunwale or transom to the corresponding attachment point on the other side of the trailer. Ensure the strap is not twisted and does not pass over any sharp edges.
5. **Attach Second End:** Secure the other end of the tie-down strap to the second attachment point on the trailer.
6. **Engage Kwik-Lok Buckle:** Feed the loose end of the strap through the Kwik-Lok buckle mechanism.
7. **Tighten the Strap:** Pull the loose end of the strap firmly to remove slack and apply tension. The Kwik-Lok buckle is designed to hold the strap securely once tension is applied. Ensure the boat is snug against the trailer.
8. **Secure Excess Strap:** Roll up or tie off any excess strap length to prevent it from flapping in the wind during transit. This reduces wear and prevents potential hazards.
9. **Verify Security:** After tightening, double-check both attachment points and the buckle to ensure everything is securely fastened and the boat is stable on the trailer.

5. Operating Instructions

The BoatBuckle Kwik-Lok Gunwale Tie-Down is designed for straightforward operation:

- **Securing:** Follow the "Setup and Installation" steps (Section 4) to secure your boat to the trailer. The Kwik-Lok buckle allows for quick and easy tightening.
- **Releasing:** To release the tie-down, simply disengage the Kwik-Lok buckle mechanism and pull the strap free. Unhook both ends from the trailer.
- **Pre-Trip Check:** Before every trip, perform a visual inspection of the tie-down and ensure it is properly tensioned.

6. Maintenance

Proper maintenance will extend the life of your tie-down:

- **Cleaning:** Clean the strap with mild soap and water if it becomes dirty. Rinse thoroughly and allow it to air dry completely before storage.
- **Inspection:** Regularly inspect the entire strap for cuts, fraying, tears, or excessive wear. Check the buckle for

corrosion, deformation, or any signs of damage.

- **Storage:** Store the tie-down in a dry place, away from direct sunlight and extreme temperatures, when not in use.
- **Replacement:** Replace the tie-down immediately if any damage is found. Do not attempt to repair damaged straps or buckles.

7. Troubleshooting

- **Strap Not Tightening:**
  - Ensure the strap is correctly threaded through the Kwik-Lok buckle.
  - Check for any obstructions in the buckle mechanism.
  - Verify that the strap is not twisted.
- **Buckle Sticking/Difficult to Release:**
  - Clean the buckle mechanism to remove dirt or debris.
  - Apply a small amount of silicone lubricant to moving parts if necessary.
  - Ensure the strap is not under extreme tension when attempting to release.
- **Strap Showing Wear/Fraying:**
  - Immediately discontinue use.
  - Replace the tie-down with a new one.
  - Inspect attachment points on the boat/trailer for sharp edges that may be causing damage.

8. Specifications

Feature	Detail
Model Number	F13114
Dimensions (L x W)	156 inches (13 feet) x 2 inches
Load Capacity	400 pounds
Material (Strap)	Polypropylene, Vinyl
Material (Fastener/Hardware)	Stainless Steel, Zinc
Fastener Type	Kwik-Lok Buckle
Item Weight	1.4 Pounds
Compatible Vehicle Type	Watercraft

9. Warranty Information

This BoatBuckle Kwik-Lok Gunwale Tie-Down is covered by a manufacturer's warranty. For specific details regarding warranty coverage, terms, and conditions, please refer to the documentation provided with your purchase or contact BoatBuckle customer support.

10. Support

If you have any questions, require assistance, or need to report an issue with your BoatBuckle Kwik-Lok Gunwale Tie-Down, please contact BoatBuckle customer support. Refer to the product packaging or the official BoatBuckle website for contact information.

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