

#7272X - KAYAK DODGER

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Putting the Dodger Together

1. When unrolling your dodger kit you'll notice 5 fiberglass rods, 2 short and 3 longer. Join the two shorter rods together. Then join the three longer rods together.
2. Much like setting up a tent the shorter rod assembly fits inside the narrow front of the dodger. On the underside of the dodger you will notice a fabric sleeve. Slide the batten assembly into the sleeve, stretch and install the batten ends into the webbing pockets on both sides of the dodger.
3. The longer batten installs on the wider rear section of the dodger. Install the longer batten assembly as you did on the front.



Installing the Eyelet Posts on your Kayak

In this dodger kit are 6 plastic eyelet posts and installation screws. You will need to mount these posts to your kayak to give the dodger something to fasten to. Read these instructions fully before starting your install to prevent putting any unnecessary holes in your kayak. Note: in the hardware kit along with 6 screws are 2 machine bolts with nyloc nuts, these bolts are for the installation on the front hatch of the current Outback, Adventure and Revolution. These bolts are more time consuming to install but lack the sharp point of the screws that could scratch or poke holes inside any gear stored in the large front hatch.

The mounting location of the eyelet posts are different for each model kayak, read below for specific locations for your Hobie model. You will need to install 2 posts in the front of the mast base and 4 others along the side rails (2 on each side). Things to keep in mind are that all posts should be mounted below the deck rails so that they do not conflict with sliding your kayak onto a roof rack or trailer bunks. Also keep in mind the location of the post with regards to paddle storage.

Mirage Sport

Front posts:

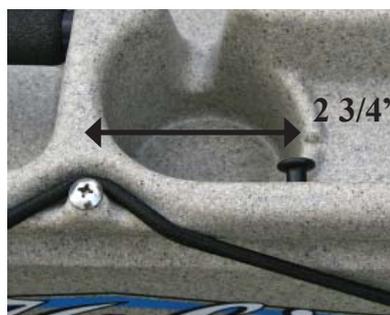
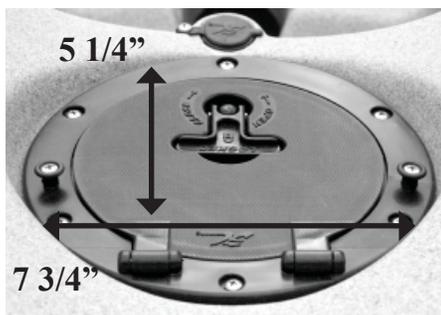
Mount the two forward posts 5 1/4" from the rear edge of the lip and place them 5 1/2" apart from one another.

Middle posts:

Locate the Phillips head screw from the paddle holder bungee. Measure 3" forward of this screw and mount the post inside the storage tray and just out of the way of the cup holder, repeat on the opposite side.

Rear posts:

Locate the Phillips head screw that holds in the paddle holder bungee. Measure 22" back from this screw and mount the post on the outside surface of the kayak just below the rail.



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Mirage Revolution.

Front posts:

Mount the two forward posts so they are equal with the top of the diamond logo and 5 1/2" apart.



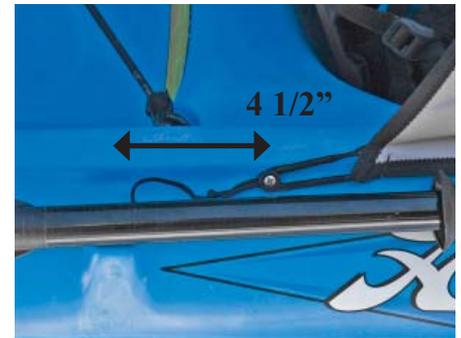
Middle posts:

Mount the middle posts 1 1/2" or so from the back of the mesh storage pockets and inside the top of the pocket.



Rear posts:

Mount the rear post about 4 1/2" forward of the rear paddle holder bump. Mount them high enough that they do not interfere with the paddle while stored.



Mirage Adventure.

Front posts:

Mount the two forward post just behind the forward hatch lid and place them 5 1/2" apart.



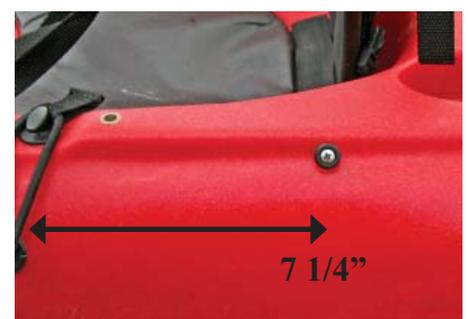
Middle posts:

Locate the top rear-most screw that is facing the mesh covered pockets to your kayak. Measure 4 3/4" forward of this screw and mount the post on the inside surface of this pocket. Repeat on the opposite side.



Rear posts:

Locate the hook for the paddle holder bungee. Measure 7 1/4" back from the center of the hook and mount the post on the outside surface of the kayak just below the rail. It is important to keep this one high to prevent interfering with the paddle when in it's stored away



Outback.

Early Mirage Outback (with small forward hatch).

If your Outback features a 6" front hatch you'll need to locate the eyelet posts 5-1/4" in front of the rear most edge of the hatch. The posts need to be 5 1/2" away from one another.



Current Mirage Outback.

Front posts:

Mount the posts 4 1/2" from the rear edge of the lid and space them 5 1/2" apart.

Middle posts:

Locate the forward paddle holder bump on the outside of the hull. Mount the post on the inside of storage tray so that it aligns with the center of the paddle bump. Repeat this step with a second post on the opposite side.

Rear posts:

Locate the rear paddle holder bump. Mount your rear post on the inside of the tray so that it aligns with the back end of the paddle bump.



Middle bump

Rear bump

Dodger installation.

1. Now that the posts are installed you are ready to install the dodger on your kayak. Begin in the front by looping forward dodger bungees over the two forward posts.
2. While stretching the dodger back loop the rear bungees around the rear post and finish with the middle.