

## **DECKadence Template Preparation Guide**

**1.0 Introduction:** This guide was prepared to outline the steps that should be followed when submitting a marine flooring template for fabrication to a dealer.

**2.0 Estimating template size:** Using a tape measure, estimate the maximum length and width of the boat you are going to template to ensure you will have enough material to complete the template.

**3.0 Materials:** The following materials supplies should be available during the template making process:

- a) Template material
  - 1. Plastic (6 mil material, available at most home improvement stores); **recommended**
  - 2. Or construction paper or butcher paper
- b) Sharpie (black) for marking outline of template
- c) Cutting utensil
  - 1. Scissors, sharp (**recommended**)
  - 2. Or a utility knife, care should be taking using a utility knife to not score the surface of the hull
- d) Sandbags, small or other not damaging weights to hold the material in place while positioning
- e) Masking tape, repositionable so as not to leave tape or residue on hull surface
- f) Tape Measure, as needed

**A note about template material:** Plastic is recommended as it has been found, (at least by us,) to be easier to work with. However, your personal preference and individual experiences may vary from ours. Regardless, of the material used, the completed pattern should be packaged in such a way to deliver the template **without any folds**; therefore the template should be rolled avoiding the creasing that is inherent in a folded template.

4.0 “ The following procedure is recommended for creating the template:

- a) Layout the template material stretching out and securing it to the hull
  - 1. The template material should go beyond the area to be marked by a few inches 2”-3” is a good rule of thumb (plastic works well here since you can see underneath the plastic.)

2. Use the sandbags or other weights to position the template while removing any wrinkles in the material until the template is laying flat on the hull surface
  3. Tape the template in place before beginning the marking process
- b) Using the sharpie, mark the template according to the **template marking guide section** on Exhibit A
- c) When the template is completed and marked, remove the tape and other objects used to secure the template and roll it up and prepare for shipping.

### Template Marking Guide

The template should be marked according to the following specifications to ensure accurate interpretation of the template and fidelity in the fabrication of the final product in terms of fit and appearance.

#### A. **Marking where to cut on the template**

1. Using a sharpie mark the template where the edge of the finished product should be. **DO NOT CUT THE TEMPLATE ALONG THIS LINE.**
2. Use a solid line for lines that represent cuts and dotted lines where the material should be left uncut, as when forming a “smile”  
Note: a *smile* is a hatch cutout where only 3 of the 4 sides are cut and the remaining side is left attached provided a “flap” opening the hatch without having to remove the flooring
3. Mark any other cuts that should be made such as cutting out hatches, seat posts or pedestal (inside these marking write the words “Cut Out”)

#### B. **Marking positional information on the template**

1. Mark each piece of the template with the letters: TOP, the side facing up toward the sky
2. Mark the port side of each piece of the template with the letters: PORT
3. Mark the starboard side of each piece of the template with the letters: STBD
4. Mark where forward is located with the letters: FWD
5. Mark where aft is located with the letters: AFT

#### C. **Mark the main piece of the template (in the centre) provide the following identifying information:**

1. Name of Hull Type (Manufacturer, such as MasterCraft, Intrepid, Centurion, Tige, etc.)
2. Name of Hull Model
3. Name of Customer
4. Customer's Phone Number
5. Mark the main piece with a name such as Main Deck
6. Mark the main piece as Piece 1 of X, where X is the total number of pieces that make up the template
7. At the AFT end of the template on the STBD side provide the following information:
  - a. Name of patternmaker as P/M: their name
  - b. Phone number of patternmaker

**D. Marking the remaining pieces, if applicable**

1. Ensure that each piece has been marked with the location information described in section B. \*\*\* there appears to be several section B's?
2. Mark each piece with a name such as Aft Cargo, Port Runner, etc.
3. Mark each piece with its specific number in the set, such as piece 2 of X, 3 of X, etc. Remember, the main piece is number 1 of X.

**E. Logo Marking Instructions**

1. Provide a minimum of **one** of the following to indicate where the logo, applicable should be placed
  - a. A geometric shape such as a rectangle that indicates the size of the logo from both a length and width perspective, i.e. the logo will fit as close as possible to the shape provided
  - b. Indicate on the template where the shape (the rectangle in our example) should be placed.

OR

- a. Indicate on the template the centre point of the logo, and
  - b. Indicate on the template the width of the logo and the height of the letters
  - c. If there are both capital and lower case letters, provide the height of each
2. Provide via Email a graphic of the logo indicating, any pertinent information such as font, colors, etc.

Template Marking Example  
Exhibit A

