

TEST FIT INSTRUCTIONS

Why Paper Test Fits?

The GatorStep design team philosophy is: measure twice, cut once. This paper test fit ensures the final product will properly fit your boat.

How does the test fitting process work?*

Enclosed are paper test fits for your Gatorstep parts. They are numbered to correspond with the attached template map for your boat. Use the template map while placing your test fits to ensure the layout of your boat and the layout of the template map are identical.

If the paper test fits do not fit or match the layout of your boat, mark corrections directly on the paper and mail the test fits back to the regional GatorStep Templating Department closest to you. Ensure all test fits extend a minimum of 1/4" beyond any factory nonskid area on all sides. In order to create a long-lasting, watertight seal, the GatorStep adhesive must bind with a smooth surface. Do not cut the paper as it makes it difficult for our designers to see your changes. Alignment lines may be included on test fits to ensure accurate pattern placement. If they don't line up properly, mark and return with your revisions. Pictures of areas that need revisions are also helpful during this process. Please email the photos to customersupport@gatorstep.com or your designated customer service representative. Neatly roll up and box the paper test fits and your template map, as we will have to scan them to process the revisions. We will need your template map returned to identify your test fits when we receive them. GatorStep does not provide a return label.

**If you are a Tier One Dealer, reference page 12 and 13 of your Dealer Deck for your Photo-G test fit revision process.*

What's next?

Once the paper test fit revisions are received, our design team will process your revisions, and we will ship revised paper test fits within 5 business days. The test fitting process will continue until you have approved the fitment of all required test fits. We strive to make this process as quick and simple as possible, but there are situations where multiple rounds of test fits are required to correct any fitment issues. If the test fit revisions increase the square footage amount of any parts, your invoice will be updated to reflect the increase

If your paper test fits fit correctly, you do not need to return them. Email your fitment confirmation to customersupport@gatorstep.com or your designated customer service representative. If you would like to modify the color or design, add a logo, or customize your GatorStep in any way, please relay this information now.

If you would like to opt out of the test fit process, you must sign and return a Paper Test Fit Liability Waiver. Contact our customer service department to receive a copy of the waiver.

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GatorStep Photo-G Department

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CREATE YOUR TEMPLATE

Please follow the instructions carefully. The better your template, the better the finished product will be. For optimal results, we recommend using **our Mylar or Mylar that is 300 Gauge**. Our **max cut size is 43 x 83 inches**. Any larger pieces must be split.

1. **Photograph** each traced part before removing the mylar from your boat.
2. Lay the Mylar film over the area to be templated. **Trim the film** to slightly larger margins than the area to be templated.
3. **Secure the film** or paper in place with masking tape.
- 4A. **(Factory Non Skid Method)** Use a pen or permanent marker to **trace** a path that **overlaps** the perimeter of the rough, factory nonskid area **by .25 inches** on all sides. In order to create a long-lasting, watertight seal, the adhesive must bind with a smooth surface. Use a straight edge or ruler to produce a cleaner template.
- 4B. **(Smooth Surface Method)** Use a pen or permanent marker to **trace** the desired area. Use a straight edge or ruler to produce a cleaner template.
5. **Number** each part (See #4 on Reference Diagram).
6. **Draw an arrow** on each part pointing toward the Front/Bow (See #5 on Reference Diagram).
7. **Identify the top** of all parts and their respective locations on your boat (See #6 on Reference Diagram).
8. **Identify areas with holes** or hinges to be cut out (See #7 on Reference Diagram).
9. To add a logo, **write "Logo Here"** on the desired part (See #8 on Reference Diagram).
10. **Draw lines between parts** for proper alignment in the design process (See #9 on Reference Diagram).
11. **Write** your name/phone number/email, boat make/model/year, and color choices on at least one part (See #10 on Reference Diagram).
12. **DO NOT** cut film or paper to the lines you have drawn. We need the extra space for digitizing.
13. See the Reference Diagram for examples.

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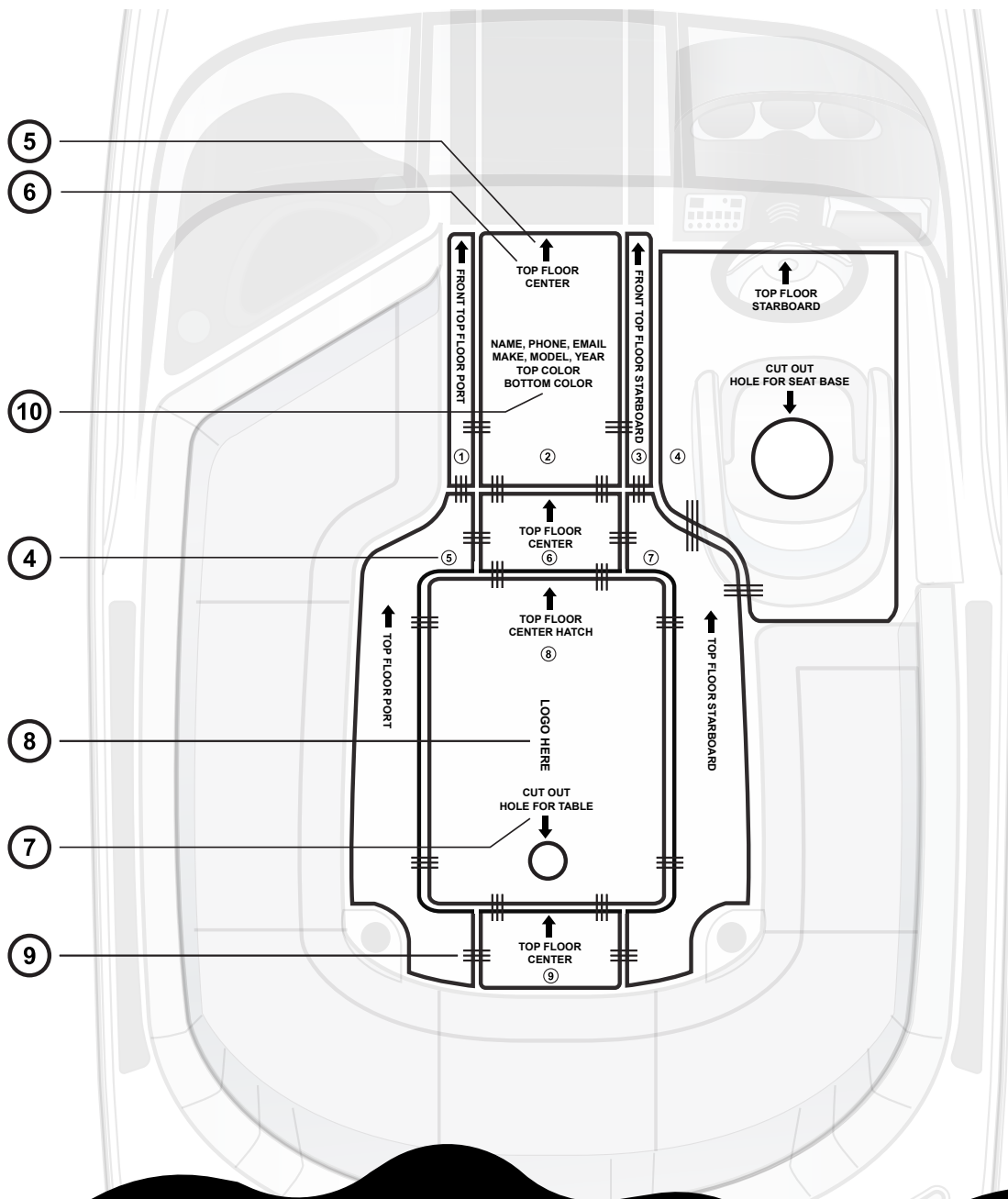
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REFERENCE DIAGRAM

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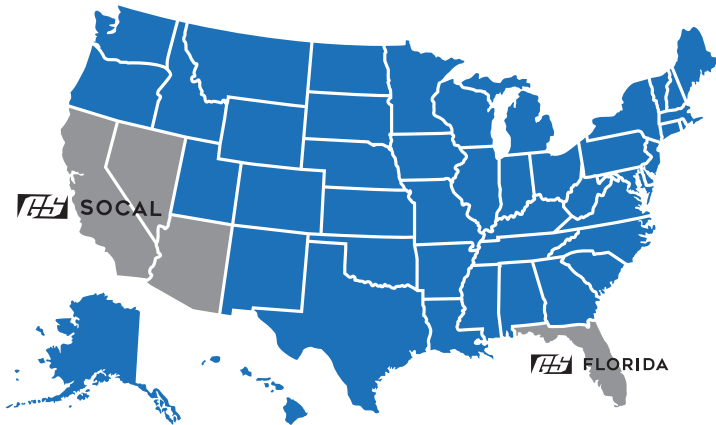
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RETURNING YOUR TEMPLATE

When you've completed your work of GatorStep art, roll it up loosely and package it as it was received, so the ends don't get damaged. Then, just mail it back to your nearest regional GatorStep location below. GatorStep does not provide a return label. We'll follow up new templates with Paper Test Fits to ensure a perfect fit.

PLEASE COMPLETE THE ATTACHED TEMPLATE FORM INCLUDED ON THIS PAGE

Include the attached template form with your mylar template so we have accurate information to start your order. If you do not return the template form, your template may require longer processing time.



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TEMPLATE FORM

PLEASE RETURN

CUSTOMER INFORMATION

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____

STATE: _____

ZIP: _____

EMAIL: _____

PHONE: _____

BOAT INFORMATION

YEAR: _____

MAKE: _____

MODEL: _____

DESIGN

TOP COLOR: _____

MIDDLE COLOR: _____

BOTTOM COLOR: _____

TEXTURE: _____

PATTERN: _____

SPECIAL ORDER NOTES: _____
