

# **RIPTIDE POWERDRIVE**

## **BOW-MOUNT TROLLING MOTOR**

Installation Instructions

# INTRODUCTION

## THANK YOU

Thank you for choosing Minn Kota. We believe that you should spend more time fishing and less time positioning your boat. That's why we build the smartest, toughest, most intuitive trolling motors on the water. Every aspect of a Minn Kota trolling motor is thought out and rethought until it's good enough to bear our name. Countless hours of research and testing provide you the Minn Kota advantage that can truly take you "Anywhere. Anytime." We don't believe in shortcuts. We are Minn Kota. And we are never done helping you catch more fish.

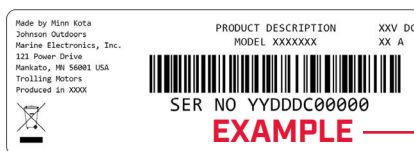
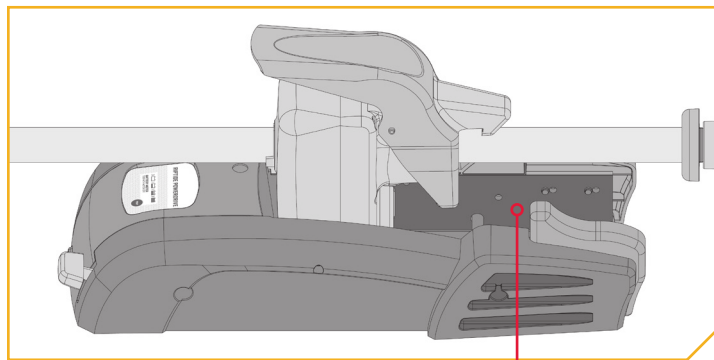
## REGISTRATION

Remember to keep your receipt and immediately register your trolling motor on our website at [minnkota.johnsonoutdoors.com/register](http://minnkota.johnsonoutdoors.com/register).

## SERIAL NUMBER

Your Minn Kota 11 character serial number is very important. It helps to determine the specific model and year of manufacture. When contacting consumer service or registering your product you will need to know your products serial number. A duplicate copy of your serial number label has been included which can also be entered in the One-Boat Network App for future reference.

**NOTICE:** The serial number on your Riptide PowerDrive is located inside the mount below the motor rests.



## MOTOR INFORMATION (For Consumer Reference Only)

Model Serial Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Controller Serial Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Purchase Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Store Where Purchased: \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTICE:** Do not return your Minn Kota motor to your retailer. Your retailer is not authorized to repair or replace this unit. You may obtain service by: calling Minn Kota at (800) 227-6433; returning your motor to the Minn Kota Factory Service Center; sending or taking your motor to any Minn Kota authorized service center. A list of authorized service centers is available on our website, at [minnkota.johnsonoutdoors.com](http://minnkota.johnsonoutdoors.com). Please include proof of purchase, serial number and purchase date for warranty service with any of the above options.

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# SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS

Please thoroughly read the user manual. Follow all instructions and heed all safety and cautionary notices. Use of this motor is only permitted for persons that have read and understood these user instructions. Minors may use this motor only under adult supervision.

## WARNING

You are responsible for the safe and prudent operation of your vessel. We have designed your Minn Kota product to be an accurate and reliable tool that will enhance boat operation and improve your ability to catch fish. This product does not relieve you from the responsibility for safe operation of your boat. You must avoid hazards to navigation and always maintain a permanent watch so you can respond to situations as they develop. You must always be prepared to regain manual control of your boat. Learn to operate your Minn Kota product in an area free from hazards and obstacles.

## WARNING

Never run the motor out of the water, as this may result in injuries from the rotating Prop. The motor should be disconnected from the power source when it is not in use or is off the water. When connecting the power-supply cables of the motor to the battery, ensure that they are not kinked or subject to chafe and route them in such a way that persons cannot trip over them. Before using the motor make sure that the insulation of the power cables is not damaged. Disregarding these safety precautions may result in electric shorts of battery(s) and/or motor. Always disconnect motor from battery(s) before cleaning or checking the Prop. Avoid submerging the complete motor as water may enter the lower unit through control head and shaft. If the motor is used while water is present in the lower unit considerable damage to the motor can occur. This damage will not be covered by warranty.

## WARNING

Take care that neither you nor other persons approach the turning Prop too closely, neither with body parts nor with objects. The motor is powerful and may endanger or injure you or others. While the motor is running watch out for persons swimming and for floating objects. Persons whose ability to run the motor or whose reactions are impaired by alcohol, drugs, medication, or other substances are not permitted to use this motor. This motor is not suitable for use in strong currents. The constant noise pressure level of the motor during use is less than 70dB(A). The overall vibration level does not exceed 2,5 m/sec<sup>2</sup>.

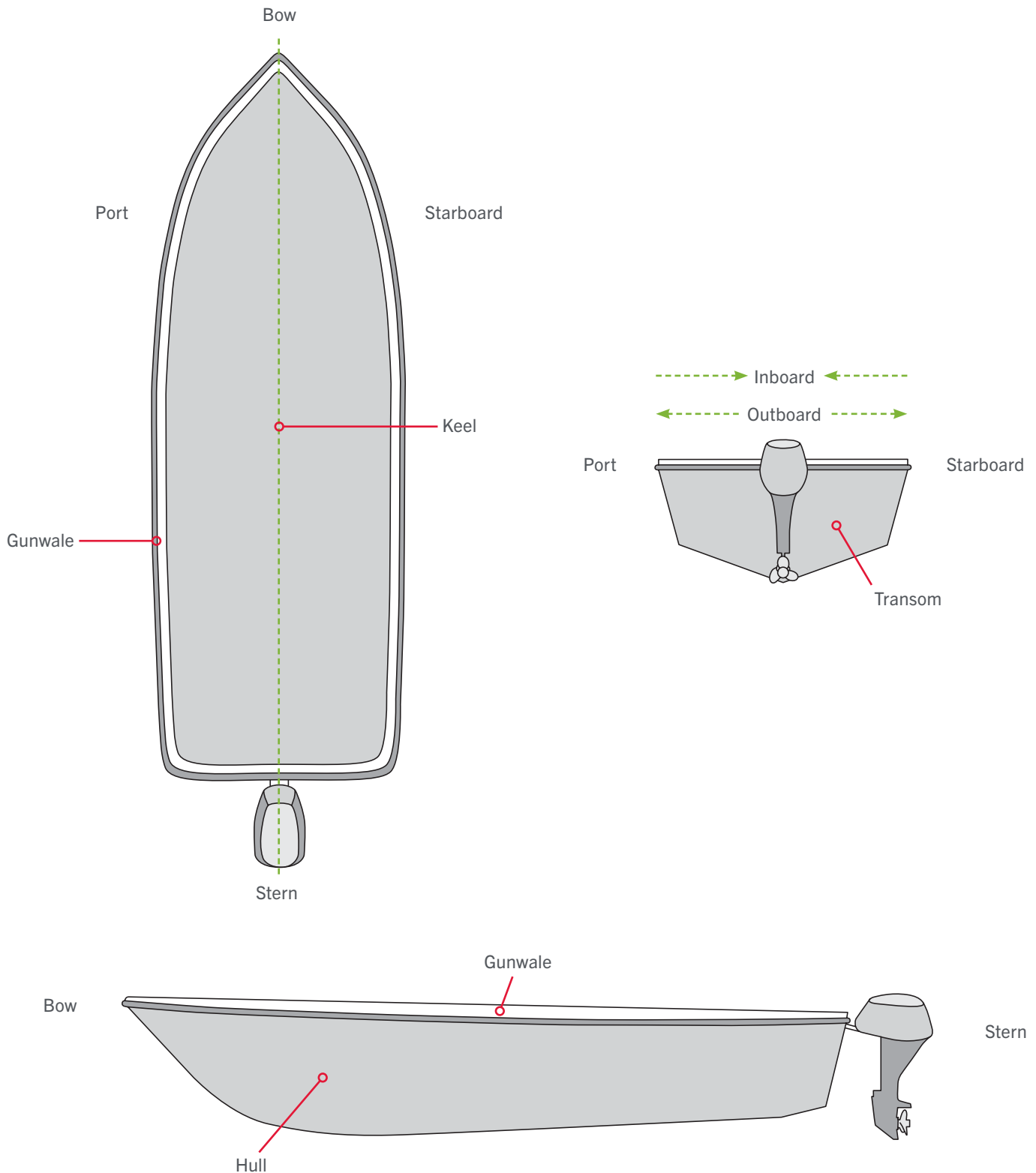
## WARNING

When stowing or deploying the motor, keep fingers clear of all hinge and pivot points and all moving parts. In the event of unexpected operation, remove power leads from the battery.

## WARNING

It is recommended to only use Johnson Outdoors approved accessories with your Minn Kota motor. Using non-approved accessories including to mount or control your motor may cause damage, unexpected motor operation and injury. Be sure to use the product and approved accessories, including remotes, safely and in the manner directed to avoid accidental or unexpected motor operation. Keep all factory installed parts in place including motor and accessory covers, enclosures and guards.

# KNOW YOUR BOAT



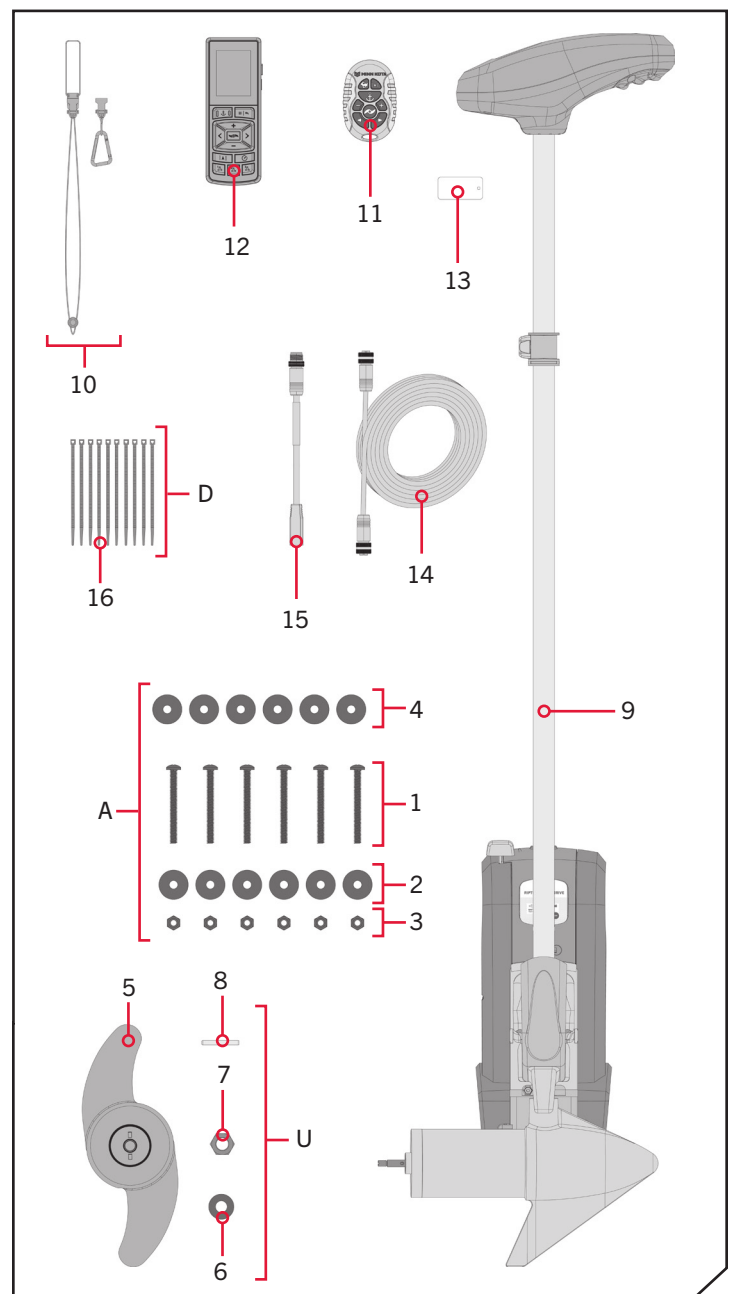
# INSTALLATION

## INSTALLING THE RIPTIDE POWERDRIVE

Your new Riptide PowerDrive comes with everything you'll need to directly install it to the boat. This motor can be directly mounted to the boat or coupled with a Minn Kota quick release bracket for ease of mounting and removal. For installation with a quick release bracket, refer to the installation instructions provided with the bracket. For compatible quick release mounting brackets and to locate your nearest dealer, visit [minnkota.johnsonoutdoors.com](http://minnkota.johnsonoutdoors.com). To install the motor directly to the boat, please follow the instructions provided in this manual. Please review the parts list, mounting considerations and tools needed for installation prior to getting started. For additional product support, please visit [minnkota.johnsonoutdoors.com](http://minnkota.johnsonoutdoors.com).

### INSTALLATION PARTS LIST

Item / Assembly	Part #	Description	Qty.
A Includes 1-4	2994864	BAG ASSEMBLY - (BOLT, NUT, WASHERS)	1
1	2263462	BOLT-MOUNTING-1/4X2 W/STG	6
2	2261713	WASHER-1/4	6
3	2263103	NUT NYLOK 1/4-20 MTG	6
4	2301720	WASHER-MOUNTING RUBBER	6
U Includes 5-8	1378170	PROP KIT 2091170 PWR PRP	1
5	2091170	PROP-PRW (3 5/8") REAMED	1
6	2151726	WASHER-5/16 SS	1
7	2053101	NUT-PROP,NYLOC (MED) 5/16 SS	1
8	2092600	PIN-DRIVE 1.06" LG SS	1
9	✖	MOTOR ASSEMBLY	1
10	2390802 ♦	LANYARD W/CARABINR, IP RMT	1
11	2994175 ♦	REMOTE ASM, MICRO REMOTE	1
12	411690-1 ♦	IPILOT 4.0 REMOTE	1
13	2394110 ♦	TAG, MICRO REMOTE	1
14	490384-4 ♦	CABLE, ETHERNET (M12-M12) 30'	1
15	490380-1 ♦	CABLE, ETHERNET PIGTAIL-700 HD	1
D Includes 16	2996300	TIE WRAP ASM, 60"	1
16	2206300	TIE WRAP, LOW PROFILE 4"	10
▲	2394911 ♦	QCK REF.GUIDE, iP MICRO RMT BT	1
▲	2397115 ♦	GUIDE-QCK REFERENCE IP 4.0	1
▲	2317127	INSTRC-INSTALL, RT PD SW	1
▲	2297165	MANUAL-DISCLAIMER,DWNLOAD INFO	1
▲	2294950	OBN & REMOTE PAIR INSTRUCT	1
▲	2207131	STANDARD QS SETUP GUIDE	1



▲ Not shown on Parts Diagram.

✖ This part is included in an assembly and cannot be ordered individually.

♦ Only available with models factory installed with GPS.

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## MOUNTING CONSIDERATIONS

It is recommended that the motor be mounted as close to the centerline of the boat as possible. Make sure the area under the mounting location is clear to drill holes and install nuts and washers. Make sure the motor rest is positioned far enough beyond the edge of the boat. The motor must not encounter any obstructions as it is lowered into the water or raised into the boat when stowed and deployed. Consider a quick release or adapter bracket with the installation of your motor. To view a list of accessories, please visit [minnkota.johnsonoutdoors.com](http://minnkota.johnsonoutdoors.com).



View accessories available for your trolling motor at [minnkota.johnsonoutdoors.com](http://minnkota.johnsonoutdoors.com).

## TOOLS AND RESOURCES REQUIRED

- #3 and #2 Phillips Screw Driver
  - Drill
  - 9/32" Drill Bit
- 7/16" Box End Wrench
  - A second person to help with the installation
- Pliers or Vice Grip




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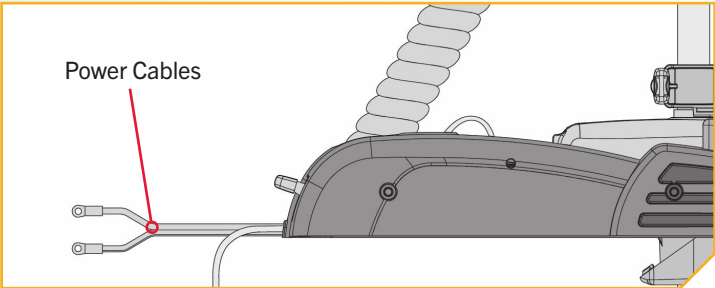
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a. Make sure that the Power Cables from the battery are disconnected, or that the breaker, if equipped, is "off".



### WARNING

Make sure the motor is mounted on a level surface and is not connected to a power source.



**NOTICE:** The Riptide PowerDrive has no power switch. When the Power Cables are connected to a battery, the Riptide PowerDrive is "on". When the Power Cables are disconnected from the battery, the Riptide PowerDrive is "off". If the Power Cables are connected to a breaker, the Riptide PowerDrive is "on" when the breaker is "on" and "off" when the breaker is "off".



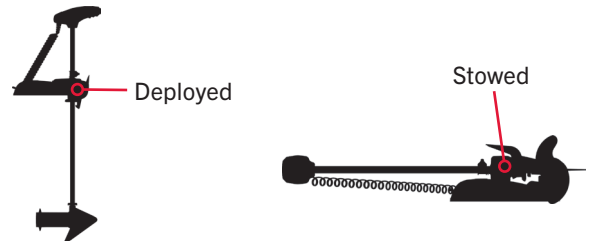
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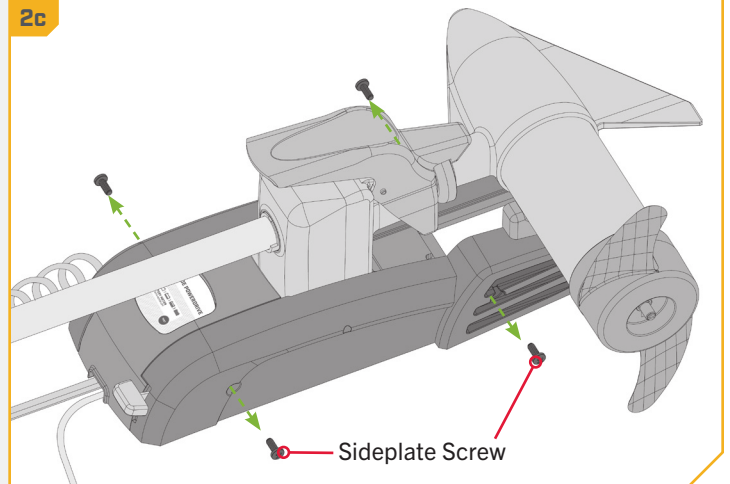
- b. Place the mount on an elevated, level surface such as a workbench or the tailgate of a pickup. The motor, as removed from the box, should be in the stowed position.
- c. Remove the four sideplate screws using a #3 or #2 Phillips screwdriver. Two of these screws will be located on each side of the mount.

**NOTICE:** This motor weighs approximately 30 lbs. We recommend having a second person help with the installation.

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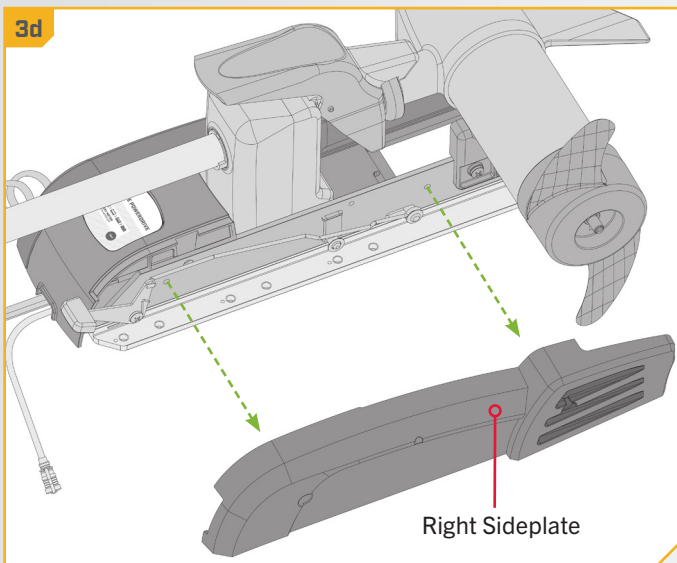
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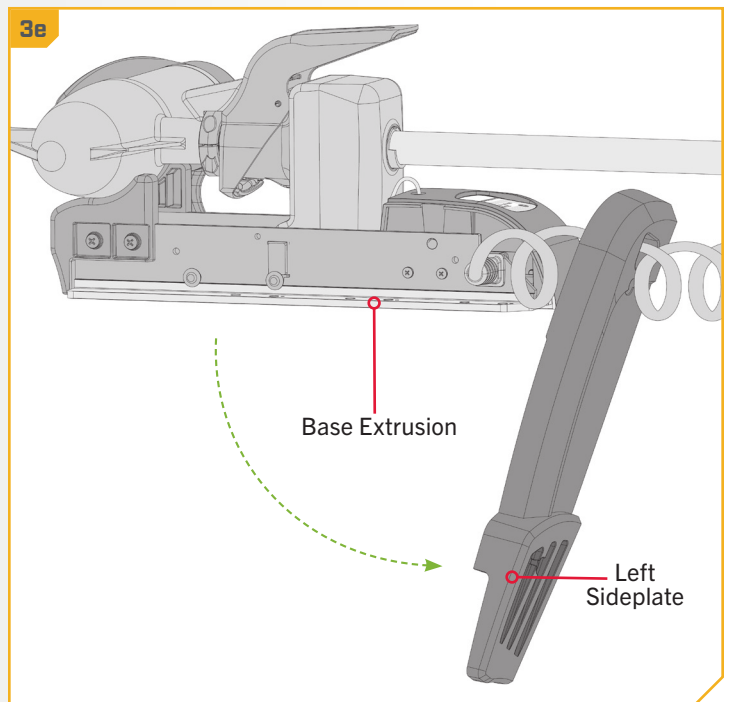
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- d. Remove the Right Sideplate.
- e. Swing the Left Sideplate out and away from the Base Extrusion.

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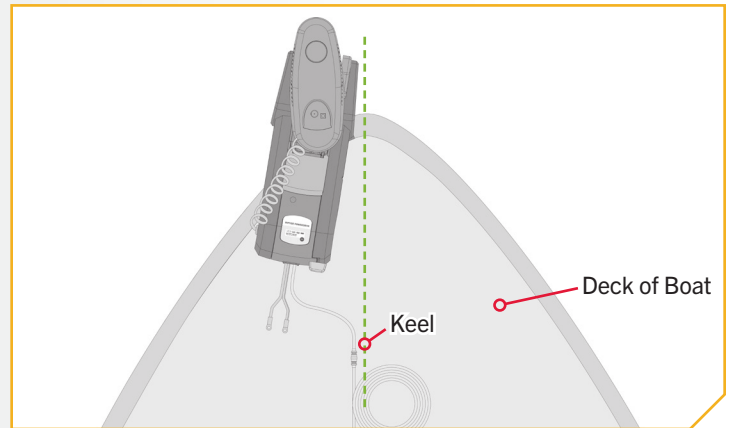
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- f. Place the mount as close to the centerline or keel of the boat as possible. The motor can be installed on either the Port or Starboard side of the boat based on personal preference. Check placement with the motor in the stowed and deployed positions. Review the mounting considerations at the beginning of the installation.

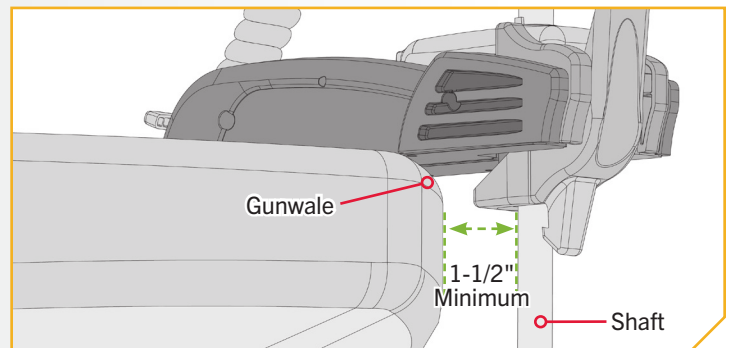


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### ITEM(S) NEEDED

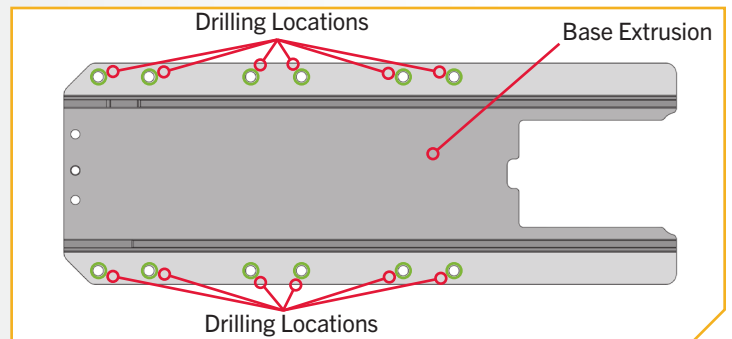
● #4 x 6

- g. When the motor is in the deployed position, make sure that the Shaft is 1-1/2" out past the Gunwale of the boat. The lower unit, when stowed and deployed must not encounter any obstructions.
- h. Check to be sure that the mount is level. Use the Rubber Washers (Item #4) provided to create a level surface if necessary.



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- i. It is recommended to mark at least 6 of the 12 holes in the Base Extrusion and to have a minimum of two bolts on each side that are located the farthest apart. Ideal installation would allow for 6 bolts to be used, with a minimum of 4.
- j. Drill through the deck of the boat using a 9/32" Drill Bit on the marked locations.





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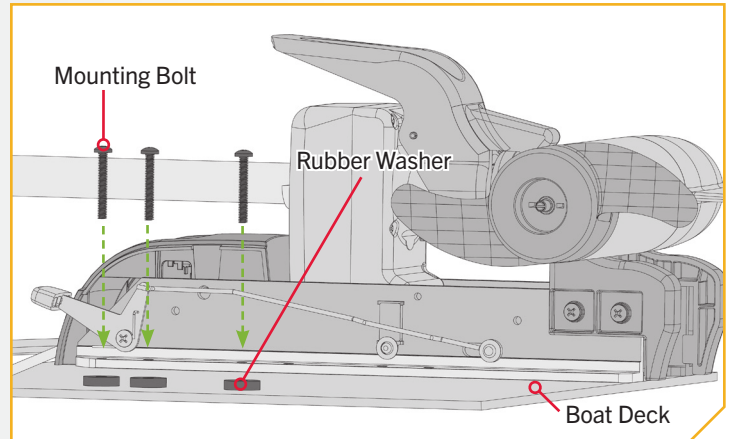
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### ITEM(S) NEEDED

● #4 x 6

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- k. Put a 1/4-20 x 3-1/2" (Item #1) Mounting Bolt in each of the drilled locations. The Mounting Bolt should pass through the Base Extrusion and the boat deck. If the Rubber Washers (Item #4) are used, they should sit between the Base Extrusion and boat deck. Make sure to secure the motor with screws on each side of the Base Extrusion.



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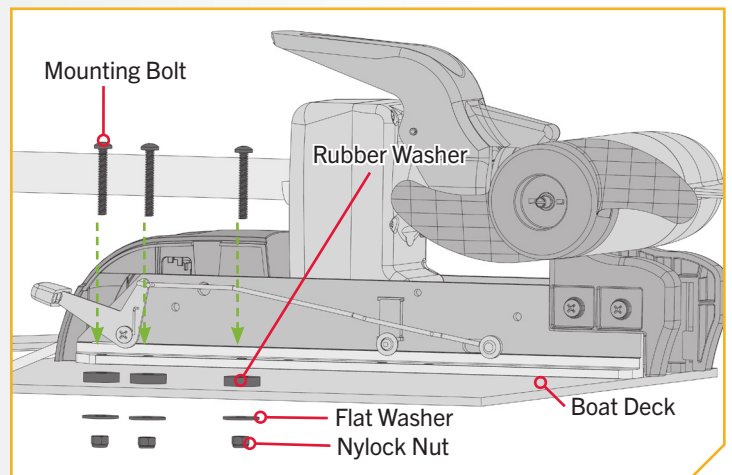
### ITEM(S) NEEDED

● #2 x 6

○ #3 x 6

- l. Place a Flat Washer (Item #2) and then a Nylock Nut (Item #3) at the end of each Mounting Bolt as shown and secure. Make sure all hardware is secure.

**NOTICE:** To prevent seizing of the stainless steel hardware, do not use high speed installation tools. Wetting the screws or applying an anti-seize may help prevent seizing.

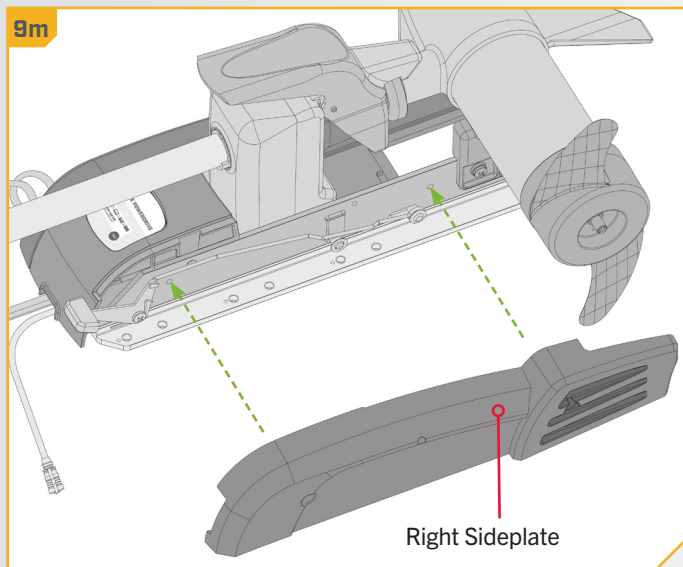


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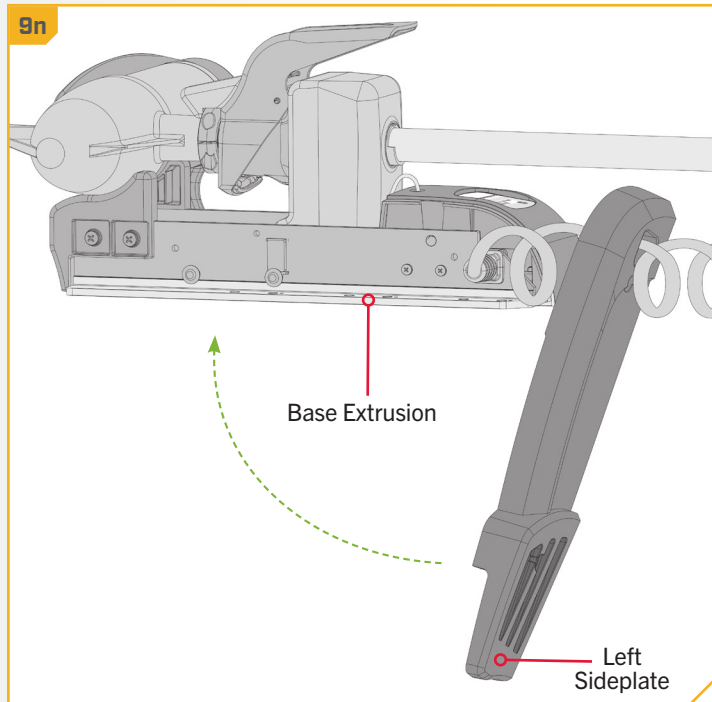
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- m. Replace the Right Sideplate.
- n. Swing the Left Sideplate back into its correct position on the Base Extrusion.

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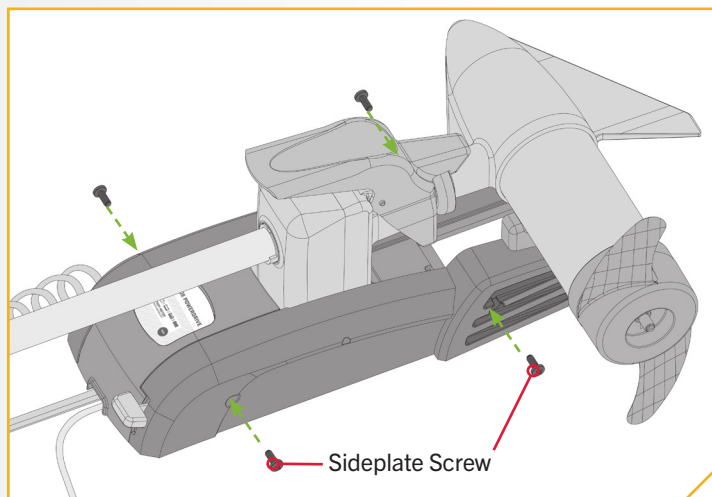


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- o. Replace the four Sideplate Screws using a #3 or #2 Phillips screwdriver. Two of these screws will be located on each side of the mount.



## Installing the Prop

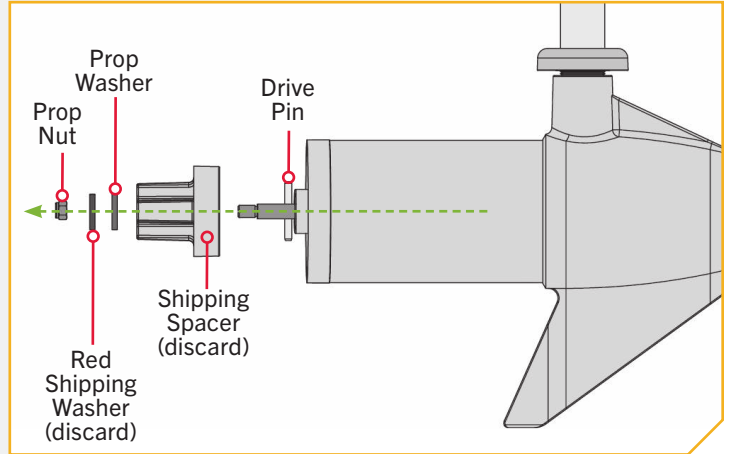
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### CAUTION

Disconnect the motor from the battery before beginning any prop work or maintenance.

- While holding the Shipping Spacer with a pliers or vise grip, remove the Prop Nut, Red Shipping Washer, Prop Washer and Spacer, being careful not to lose the Drive Pin. Reuse the Prop Nut, Prop Washer and Drive Pin to attach the Prop.

**NOTICE:** The Shipping Spacer and Red Shipping Washer are for shipping purposes only and must be discarded. The Red Shipping Washer will rust if used to attach the Prop.

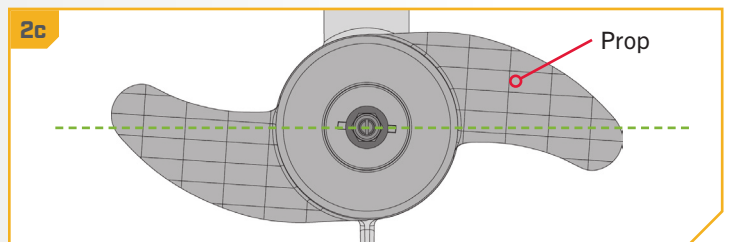
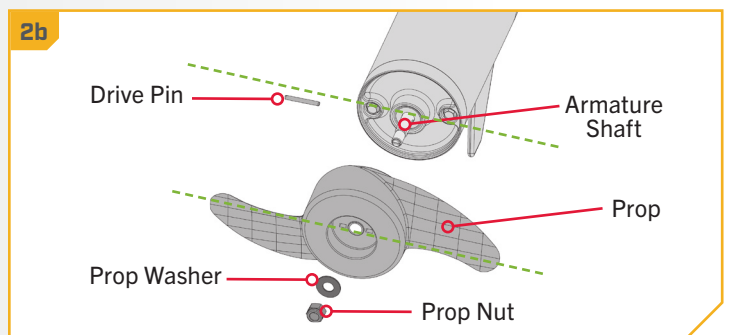


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### ITEM(S) NEEDED



- Take the Drive Pin (Item #8) and slide it through the Hole in the Armature Shaft. Position the Drive Pin horizontal by grasping the Armature Shaft and rotating it with the Drive Pin in place.
- Align the Prop (Item #5) so it is also horizontal and parallel with the Drive Pin. Slide the Prop onto the Armature Shaft and Drive Pin until it is seated against the lower unit.
- Install the Prop Washer (Item #6) and the Prop Nut (Item #7) onto the end of the Armature Shaft.



## IDENTIFYING TROLLING MOTOR FEATURES AND THEIR ASSOCIATED CABLES

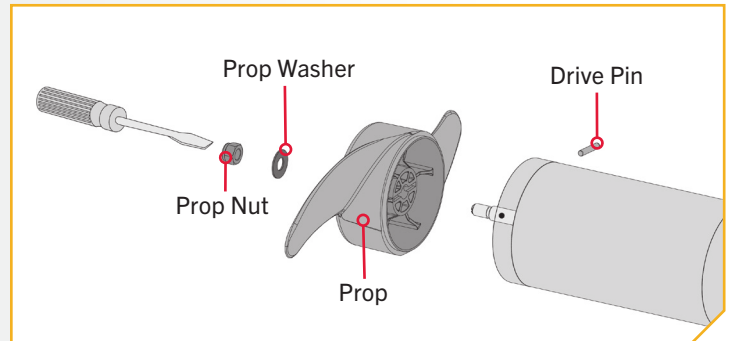
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- e. Holding the end of the Armature Shaft with a Flat Blade Screwdriver, tighten the Prop Nut with a 9/16" Open End Wrench.
- f. Tighten the Prop Nut 1/4 turn past snug to 25-35 in-lbs.



### CAUTION

Do not over tighten as this can damage the prop.

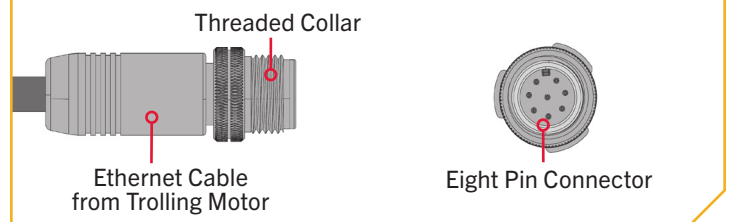


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### Feature & Cable Identification

The Riptide PowerDrive is pre-installed with Advanced GPS Navigation - including the ability to connect via Ethernet to a Humminbird fish finder. To get the full benefit of this feature, it is necessary to connect the Accessory Cables to an output device. The connectors are present on the trolling motor and have cables that exit below the Control Head or exit the Coil Cord at the base of the Mount. To better identify cables present, refer to the diagrams that detail what the Advanced GPS Navigation connectors look like.

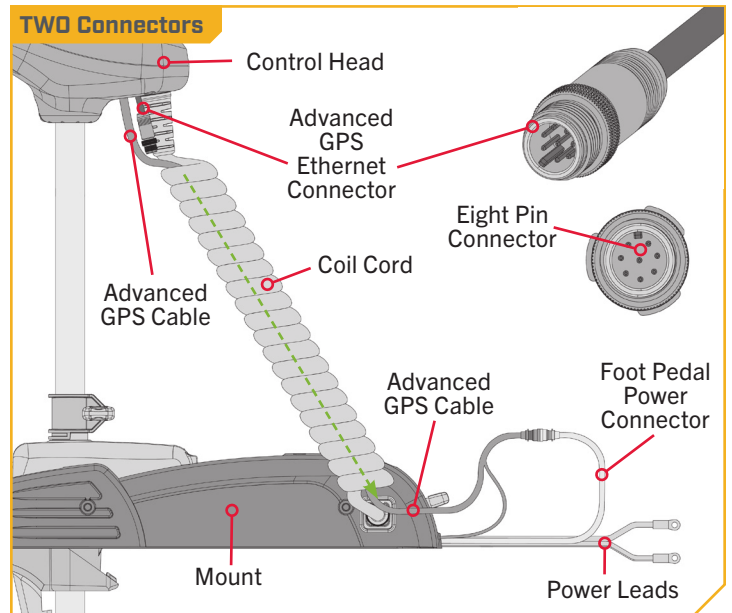
#### Advanced GPS Navigation



### Identifying Connectors

**TWO** connectors are present below the Control Head for Riptide PowerDrive trolling motors equipped with:

**Advanced GPS Navigation** - When Advanced GPS Navigation is pre-installed on your trolling motor, one eight pin Advanced GPS Ethernet Connector will exit the base of the Control Head and rest just below the Control Head next to the Coil Cord and one Advanced GPS Cable will exit the base of the Control Head and run down the center of the Coil Cord. The Advanced GPS Cable will come to a "Y" near the Mount of the trolling motor. One half of the "Y" will enter the Mount next to the Power Leads and the main portion of the cable will be attached from the factory to the Foot Pedal Power Connector. If a trolling motor is equipped with Advanced GPS Navigation, it will not be equipped with a Foot Pedal. If the Advanced GPS Navigation on the trolling motor will be used with a fish finder, an Ethernet Cable may be attached to the Advanced GPS Ethernet Connector below the Control Head. See the "Advanced GPS Navigation" section of this document for details on how to install the Advanced GPS Ethernet Connector to a Humminbird.



### ADVANCED GPS NAVIGATION »

Your Minn Kota trolling motor and Humminbird fish finder communicate with each other to change the way you fish. Advanced GPS Navigation offers a large array of features including controlling speed, steering, Spot-Lock, and the ability to record and retrace tracks on the water, all at your fingertips. To learn more about the GPS capabilities available with your new motor, please refer to the Advanced GPS Navigation Owner's Manual by visiting [minnkota.johnsonoutdoors.com](http://minnkota.johnsonoutdoors.com).

The wireless remote and GPS controller make up the Advanced GPS Navigation system. A wireless remote comes paired to the controller from the factory. The GPS controller contains a very sensitive compass and is where all GPS satellite and remote signals are received. The GPS controller is located in the trolling motor Control Head and may be connected to a fish finder from an Accessory Cable that exits the Control Head. If the Advanced GPS Navigation system will be used with a fish finder, the Ethernet link between the trolling motor and the fish finder must be connected.

### » Considerations for Connecting and Routing Advanced GPS Navigation

If Advanced GPS Navigation is pre-installed on your trolling motor, one eight pin Advanced GPS Ethernet Connector will exit the base of the Control Head and rest just below the Control Head next to the Coil Cord and one Advanced GPS Cable will exit the base of the Control Head and run down the center of the Coil Cord. The Advanced GPS Cable will come to a "Y" near the Mount of the trolling motor. One half of the "Y" will enter the Mount next to the Power Leads and the main portion of the cable will be attached from the factory to the Foot Pedal Power Connector. The Advanced GPS Cable that comes to a "Y" near the mount is pre-installed and should be left in place. If a trolling motor is equipped with Advanced GPS Navigation, it will not be equipped with a Foot Pedal. If the Advanced GPS Navigation on the trolling motor will be used with a fish finder, an Ethernet Cable will need to be attached to the Advanced GPS Ethernet Connector below the Control Head. Consider the distance between the trolling motor and the fish finder to determine how to complete the Ethernet connection.

**ETHERNET CABLES** - Minn Kota provides one 30 ft Ethernet cable ([AS EC 30E - 30' Ethernet Cable - 720073-4](#)) with every trolling motor equipped with Advanced GPS Navigation. The 30 ft Ethernet cable will accommodate a standard Ethernet connection for most installations to a Humminbird fish finder and is "Apex and Solix Ready". If the distance between the trolling motor and Humminbird fish finder is relatively small and a shorter cable is preferred, alternate cable lengths are available from [humminbird.johnsonoutdoors.com](http://humminbird.johnsonoutdoors.com). These options include:

- 10 ft - ([AS EC 10E - 10' Ethernet Cable - 720073-2](#))
- 15 ft - ([AS EC 15E - 15' Ethernet Cable - 720073-5](#))
- 20 ft - ([AS EC 20E - 20' Ethernet Cable - 720073-3](#))

Every length of Ethernet cable plugs directly into a Solix or Apex or directly into a Helix Adapter Cable.

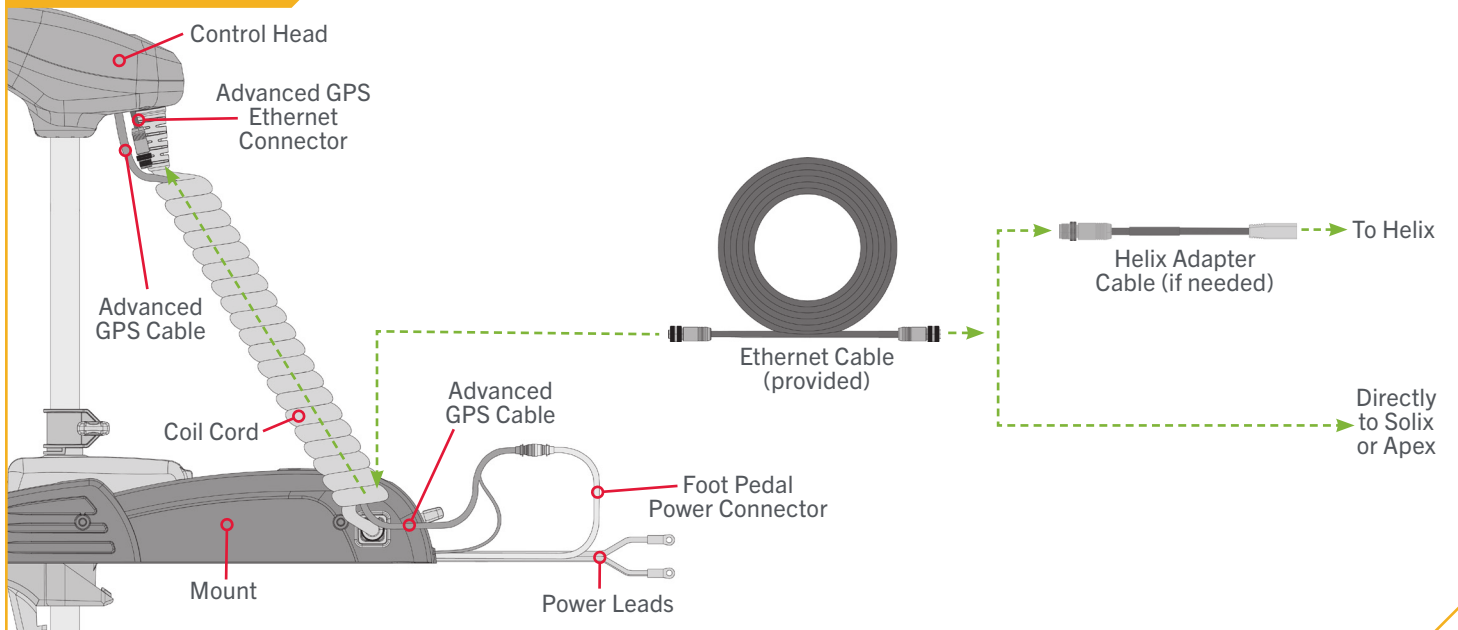
**HUMMINBIRD HELIX ADAPTER CABLES** - Minn Kota provides one Helix Adapter Cable ([AS EC QDE - Ethernet Adapter Cable - 720074-1](#)) with every trolling motor equipped with Advanced GPS Navigation. If the Ethernet connection is being made between the trolling motor and any Humminbird® Helix fish finder, the Helix Adapter Cable should be used. The Helix Adapter Cable directly connects the Ethernet Cable to a Helix fish finder.

**ETHERNET EXTENSION CABLES** - If the 30 ft Ethernet cable provided with your trolling motor with Advanced GPS Navigation is not long enough to reach the fish finder, an Ethernet Extension cable should be used. The Ethernet Extension cable is available from [humminbird.johnsonoutdoors.com](http://humminbird.johnsonoutdoors.com) and is available in a 30 ft length ([AS ECX 30E - 30' Ethernet Extension Cable - 760025-1](#)). The Ethernet Extension Cable will plug directly into any length of Ethernet cable.

**NOTICE:** Minn Kota recommends routing the Ethernet Cable or Ethernet Extension Cable through the Coil Cord when making the Ethernet connection. The cables will be installed from the Mount to the Control Head through the Coil Cord and parallel to the Advanced GPS Cable. Bypassing the Coil Cord when routing the Ethernet Cable or Ethernet Extension Cable is not recommended.

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### GPS Ethernet Connection



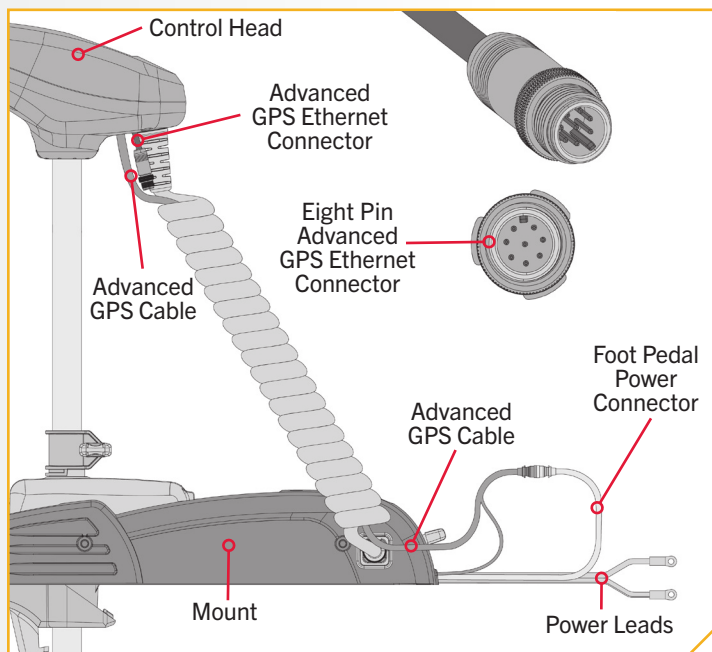
## CAUTION

Failure to follow the recommended wire routing for installed features, if equipped, may cause damage to the product and void your product warranty. Route cables away from pinch points or other areas that may cause them to bend in sharp angles. Routing the cables in any way other than directed may cause damage to the cables by being pinched or severed. Do not over-tighten cable ties as it may damage the wires.

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**NOTICE:** Your fish finder should be turned off until this procedure is complete.

- Place the motor in the deployed position.
- Locate the Eight Pin Advanced GPS Ethernet Connector below the Control Head. The Advanced GPS Ethernet Connector will exit the base of the Control Head and will rest just below the Control Head next to the Coil Cord.





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### ITEM(S) NEEDED



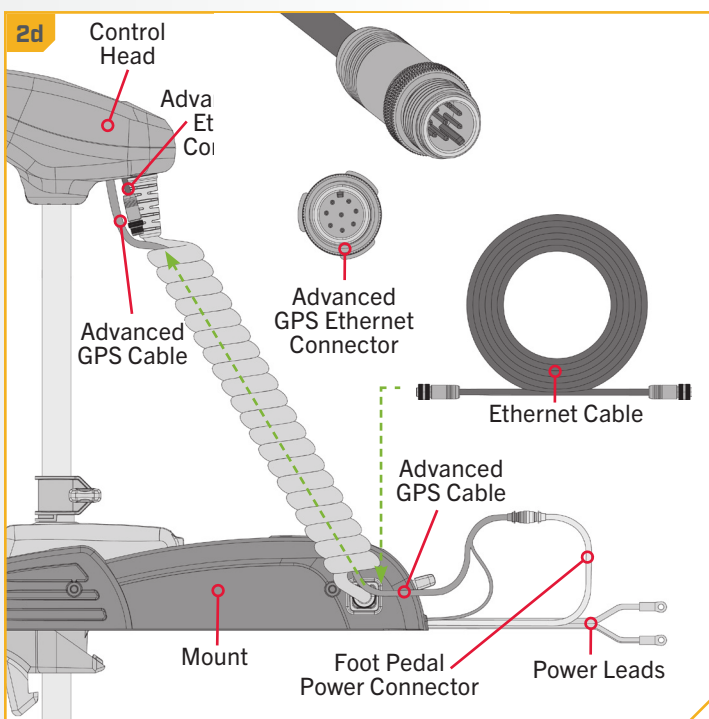
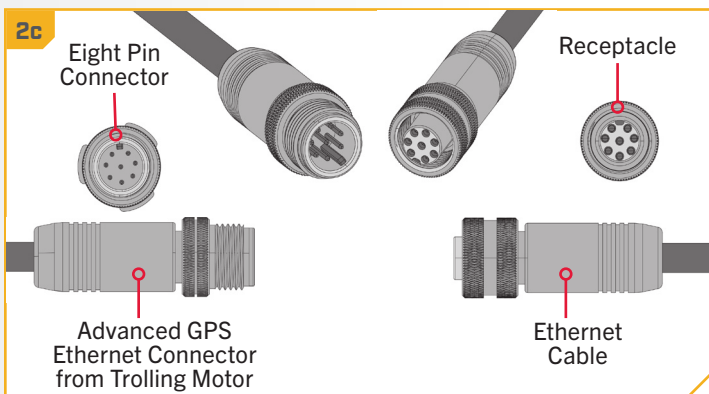
- c. Take the Ethernet Cable (Item #14) and identify the Receptacle on either end. It will be keyed to fit with the Eight Pin Advanced GPS Ethernet Connector below the Control Head.

**NOTICE:** The Ethernet Cable has a Receptacle for the Advanced GPS Ethernet Connector on both ends and either end may be connected.

- d. Leading with either Receptacle, take the cable and fish it through the center of the Coil Cord starting at the end of the Coil Cord attached to the Mount and working up towards the Control Head. The cable will run parallel to the Advanced GPS Cable. Allow enough slack in the cable to attach the Receptacle to the Advanced GPS Ethernet Connector.

**NOTICE:** The 30' Ethernet Cable (AS EC 30E - 30' Ethernet Cable - 720073-4) is provided. If an alternate length is preferred, alternate cable lengths are available from [humminbird.johnsonoutdoors.com](http://humminbird.johnsonoutdoors.com).

**NOTICE:** The 30' Ethernet Extension Cable (AS ECX 30E - 30' Ethernet Extension Cable - 760025-1) is available from [humminbird.johnsonoutdoors.com](http://humminbird.johnsonoutdoors.com) and should be used if the standard 30' Ethernet Cable provided with your trolling motor is not long enough to reach the fish finder.

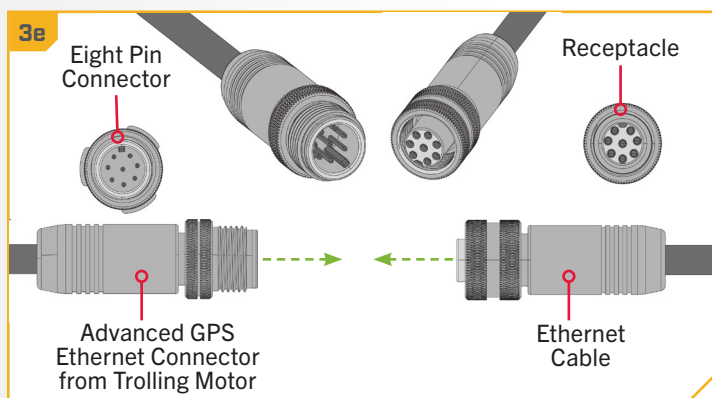
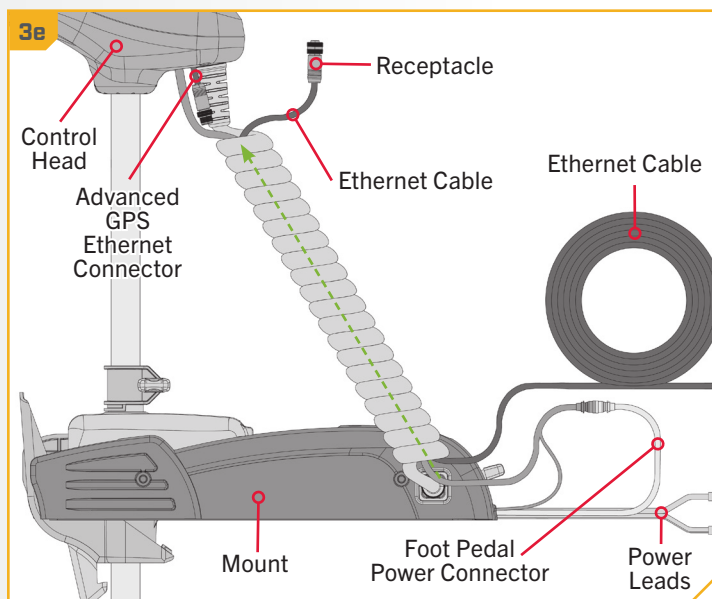


## ADVANCED GPS NAVIGATION

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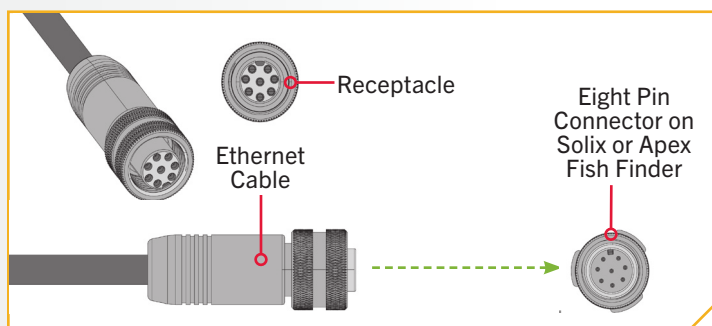
**NOTICE:** Minn Kota recommends routing the Ethernet Cable through the Coil Cord when making the Ethernet connection. The cable will be installed from the Mount to the Control Head through the Coil Cord and parallel to the Advanced GPS Cable. Bypassing the Coil Cord when routing the Ethernet Cable is not recommended.

- e. To install the Ethernet Cable, align the pins on the Advanced GPS Ethernet Connector with the Receptacle on the Ethernet Cable. Notice the keyed connectors. Press the ends together and tighten the Collar from the Ethernet Cable to secure the connection.
- f. The Ethernet Cable will plug directly into a Solix or Apex Fish Finder or directly into a Helix Adapter Cable.



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- g. If installing directly to a Solix or Apex, the connector will be flat on the back of the fish finder display.
- h. Align the Receptacle on the Ethernet Cable with the Eight Pin Connector on the Apex or Solix fish finder. Notice the keyed connectors. Tighten the Collar from the Ethernet Cable to secure the connection. Once directly installed to the Solix or Apex, the connection is complete.



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### ITEM(S) NEEDED

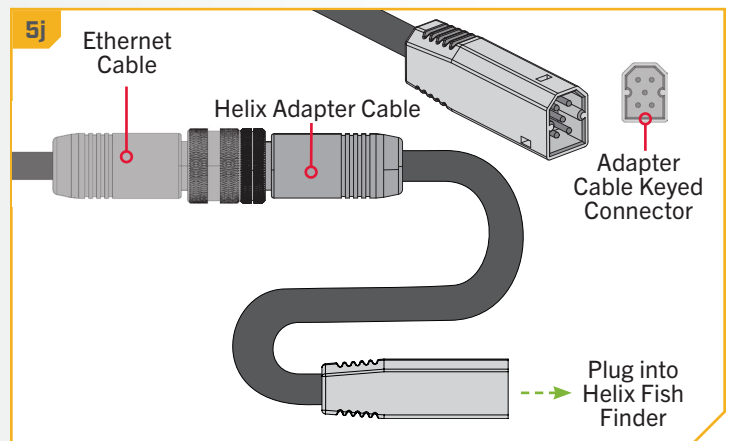
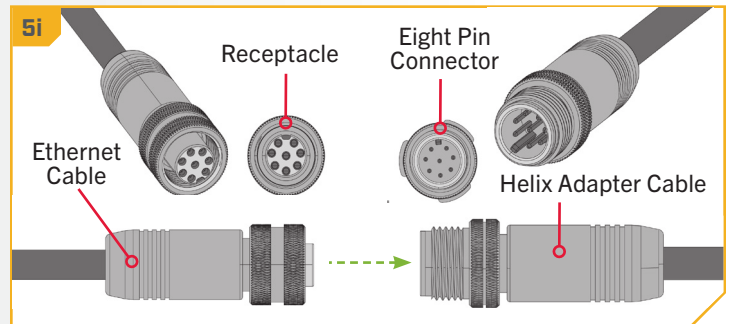
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- i. If installing directly to a Helix Adapter Cable (Item #15), align the Receptacle on the Ethernet Cable with the Eight Pin Connector on the Helix Adapter Cable provided. Notice the keyed connectors. Tighten the Collar from the Ethernet Cable to secure the connection.

**NOTICE:** Minn Kota provides one Helix Adapter Cable (AS EC QDE - Ethernet Adapter Cable - 720074-1) with every trolling motor equipped with Advanced GPS Navigation.

- j. The Helix Adapter Cable directly connects the Ethernet Cable to a Helix fish finder. Locate the Helix Adapter Cable Keyed Connector on the back of the fish finder. Plug the Helix Adapter Cable into the back of the Helix fish finder to complete the connection.
- k. If your trolling motor has more than one external connector for an output device, complete the connection for that specific output and then follow the instructions for "Securing Accessory Cables" to complete the output cable installation.

**NOTICE:** If unsure of what features your trolling motor may be installed with that require connection to an output device, please review the "Identifying Trolling Motor Features And Their Associated Cables" section of this manual.

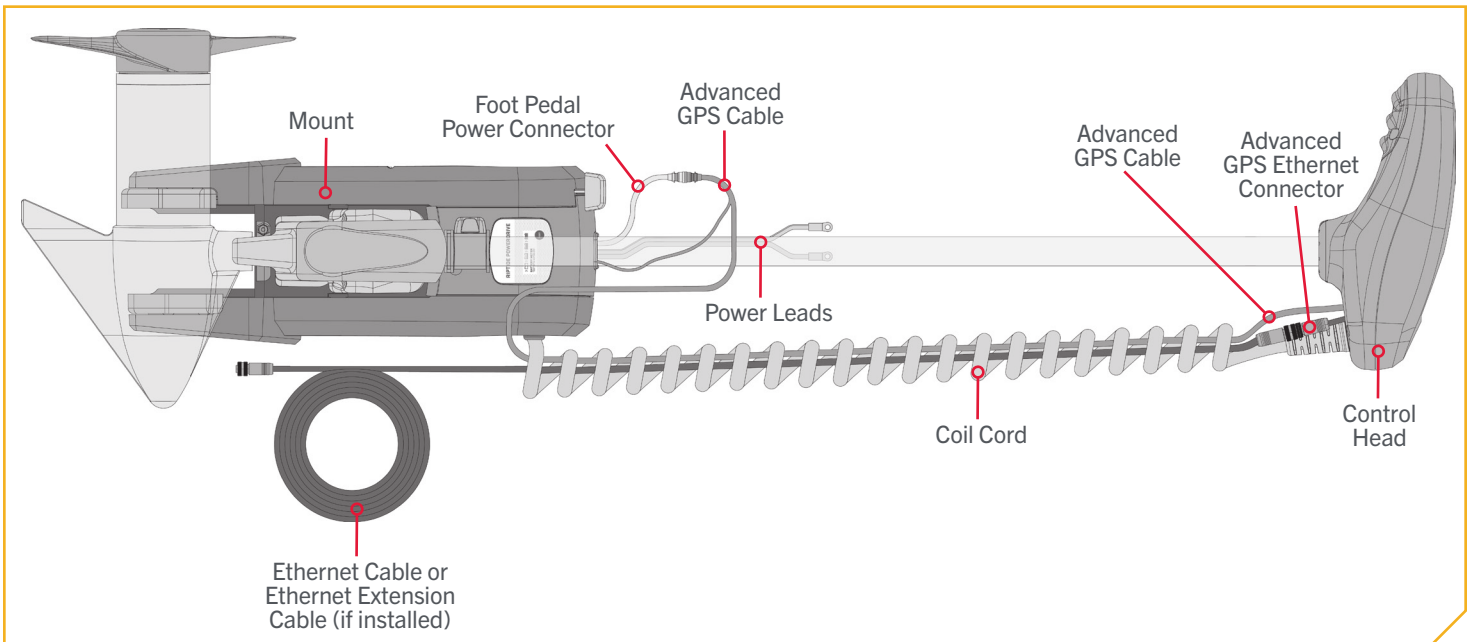


## SECURING ACCESSORY CABLES

### › Securing Accessory Cables

Before securing the cables, please review the "Identifying Trolling Motor Features and Their Associated Cables" section of this document. When identifying features, it is very important to secure the cables if **two or more** connections are present below the Control Head. If only **one** cable is present below the Control Head, this installation is not applicable. All Accessory Cables that will be used on the trolling motor must be routed and all connections secured before completing the installation in this section. To review how Accessory Cables should be routed and connected, please review the "Advanced GPS Navigation" section of this document.

**NOTICE:** If only one cable is present below the Control Head, this installation is not applicable.

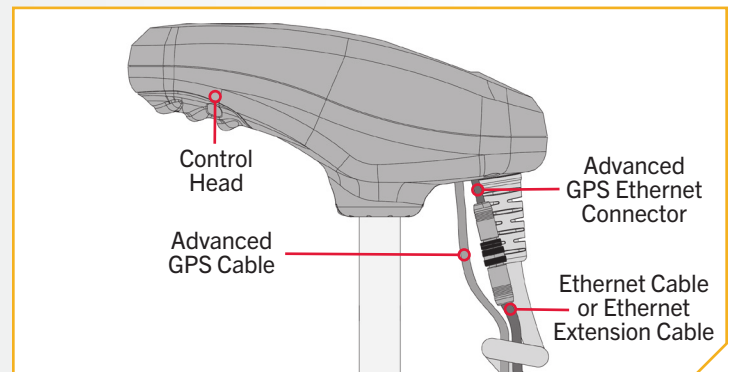


## ⚠ CAUTION

Failure to follow the recommended wire routing for installed features, if equipped, may cause damage to the product and void your product warranty. Route cables away from pinch points or other areas that may cause them to bend in sharp angles. Routing the cables in any way other than directed may cause damage to the cables by being pinched or severed. Do not over-tighten the cable ties as it may damage the wires.

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- a. Begin with the Trolling Motor in the stowed position and have all Accessory Cables identified, routed and connected.
- b. If equipped with Advanced GPS Navigation, the Advanced GPS Ethernet Connector should be present just below the Control Head next to the Coil Cord. Locate the Advanced GPS Ethernet Connector below the Control Head.



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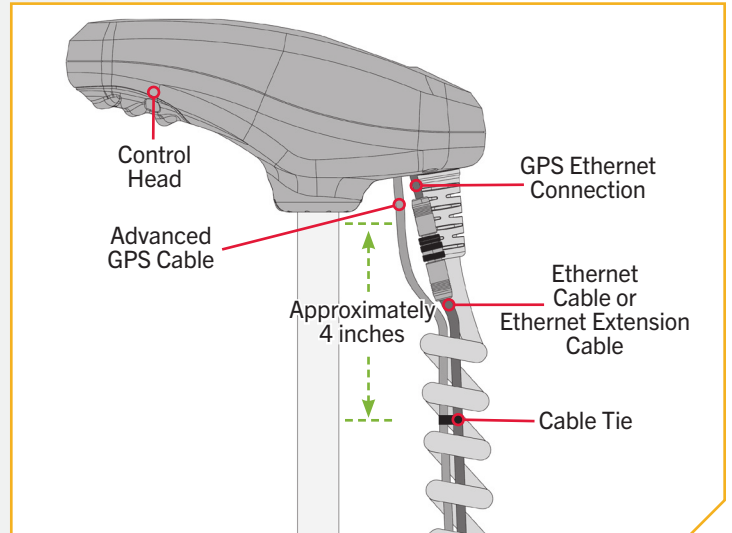
### ITEM(S) NEEDED

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- c. Check the Accessory Cables and confirm that the cables that are connected run parallel down the center of the Coil Cord.
- d. While the motor is in the stowed position, straighten the Accessory Cables so they run neatly from the Control Head to the Mount.
- e. Starting approximately 4 inches below the Control Head, take a Cable Tie (Item #16) and place it around the Accessory Cables inside the Coil Cord.

**NOTICE:** Do NOT secure the Accessory Cables to the Coil Cord. ONLY secure the Accessory Cables with the Cable Ties to the other Accessory Cables. Keep factory Cable Ties in place.

- f. Secure the Cable Tie around the Accessory Cables until it is fingertip tight. Do not over-tighten the Cable Tie as it will cause damage to the Accessory Cables.



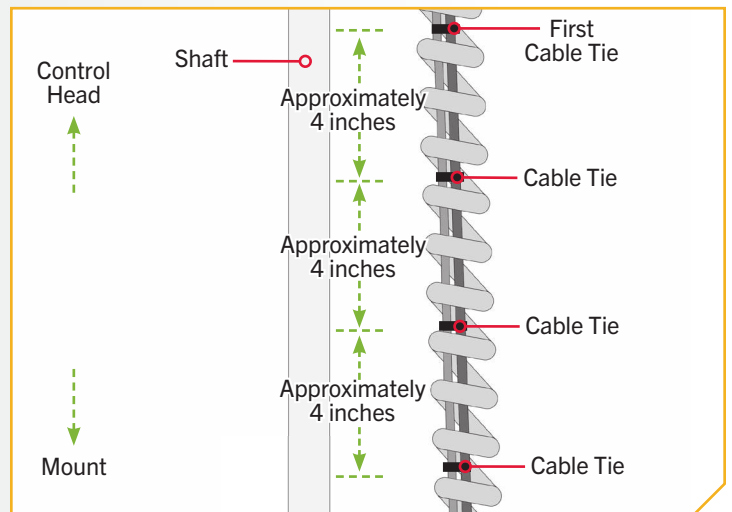
## CAUTION

Do not over-tighten the Cable Ties as it may damage the wires.

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- g. Follow the Accessory Cables from the Control Head to the Mount and place additional Cable Ties every 4 inches around the Accessory Cables after the first Cable Tie. The number of Cable Ties needed will vary depending on the length of your trolling motor Shaft.

**NOTICE:** If additional Cable Ties are needed, a Service Assembly (#2996300 TIE WRAP ASM, 60") is available from the Parts Ordering Portal at [minnkota.johnsonoutdoors.com](http://minnkota.johnsonoutdoors.com).



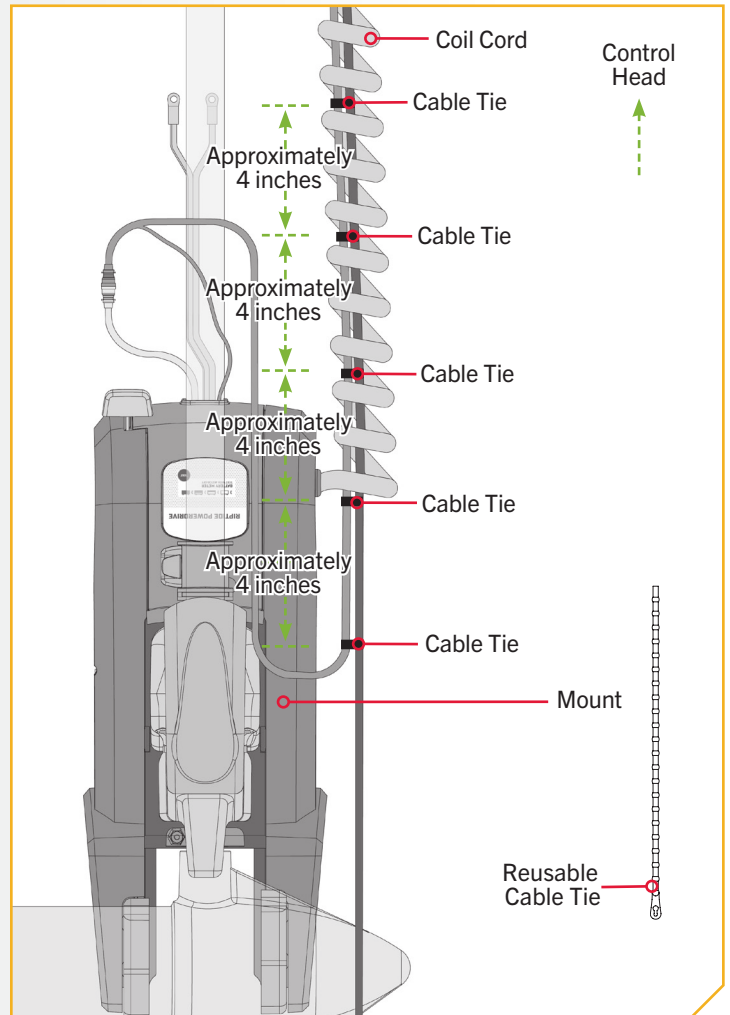
## SECURING ACCESSORY CABLES

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- h. Continue placing Cable Ties around the Accessory Cables until the cables exit the Coil Cord next to the Mount, when the Motor is in the stowed position. The Cable Ties should be placed approximately every 4 inches.
- i. After the Accessory Cables exit the Coil Cord continue to secure the Accessory Cables every 4 inches until there are two Cable Ties in place on the Accessory Cables after the Coil Cord.

**NOTICE:** Secure the Cable Ties fingertip tight. It is recommended to have them **ONLY** tight enough so that they do not slide around on the Accessory Cables and hold the cables together.

- j. Any excess cable should be bundled in a loose loop of no less than 4" in diameter. Use the Reusable Cable Tie provided to secure additional Accessory Cables, if present, once the cable routing is complete.





# BATTERY & WIRING INSTALLATION

## BOAT RIGGING & PRODUCT INSTALLATION

For safety and compliance reasons, we recommend that you follow American Boat and Yacht Council (ABYC) standards when rigging your boat. Altering boat wiring should be completed by a qualified marine technician. The following specifications are for general guidelines only:

### CAUTION

These guidelines apply to general rigging to support your Minn Kota motor. Powering multiple motors or additional electrical devices from the same power circuit may impact the recommended conductor gauge and circuit breaker size. If you are using wire longer than that provided with your unit, follow the conductor gauge and circuit breaker sizing table below. If your wire extension length is more than 25 feet, we recommend that you contact a qualified marine technician.

### CAUTION

**An over-current protection device (circuit breaker or fuse) must be used.** Coast Guard requirements dictate that each ungrounded current-carrying conductor must be protected by a manually reset, trip-free circuit breaker or fuse. The type (voltage and current rating) of the fuse or circuit breaker must be sized accordingly to the trolling motor used. The table below gives recommended guidelines for circuit breaker sizing.

## CONDUCTOR GAUGE AND CIRCUIT BREAKER SIZING TABLE

This conductor and circuit breaker sizing table is only valid for the following assumptions:

1. No more than 2 conductors are bundled together inside of a sheath or conduit outside of engine spaces.
2. Each conductor has 105° C temp rated insulation.
3. No more than 3% voltage drop allowed at full motor power based on published product power requirements.

Motor Thrust / Model	Max Amp Draw	Circuit Breaker		Wire Extension Length				
		Amps	Minimum	5 feet	10 feet	15 feet	20 feet	25 feet
55 lb.	50	50 Amp	12 VDC	8 AWG	4 AWG	2 AWG	2 AWG	1 AWG
70 lb.	42	50 Amp	24 VDC	8 AWG	8 AWG	6 AWG	6 AWG	4 AWG

**NOTICE:** Wire Extension Length refers to the distance from the batteries to the trolling motor leads. Consult website for available thrust options. Maximum Amp Draw values only occur intermittently during select conditions and should not be used as continuous amp load ratings.

#### Reference

United States Code of Federal Regulations: 33 CFR 183 – Boats and Associated Equipment ABYC E-11: AC and DC Electrical Systems on Boats

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# WARNING

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## CONNECTING THE BATTERIES

The negative (-) connection must be connected to the negative terminal of the same battery that the trolling motor negative lead connects to. In the diagrams below this battery is labeled “Low Side” Battery. Connecting to any other trolling motor battery will input positive voltage into the “ground” of that accessory, which can cause excess corrosion. Any damage caused by incorrect connections between battery systems will not be covered under warranty.

### › Automatic Jump Start Systems and Selector Switches

Automatic jump start systems and selector switches tie the negatives of the connected batteries together. Connecting these systems to the “High Side” Battery or “Middle” Battery in the diagrams below and will cause significant damage to your trolling motor and electronics. The only trolling motor battery that is safe to connect to one of these systems is the “Low Side” Battery.

**NOTICE:** The internal bonding wire is equipped with a 3 amp fuse. Improper connections described above carrying in excess of 3 amps will blow this fuse and no further damage will be exhibited. If this occurs, RF interference from the trolling motor affecting sonar units and other electronics will be more significant. If the fuse is blown the wiring error should be found and addressed prior to replacing the fuse. The replacement fuse should be 3 amps or less. An intact fuse does not imply correct rigging; significant damage can be done by incorrect wiring without approaching 3 amps of current.

## CONNECTING THE BATTERIES

### › 12 Volt Systems

1. Make sure that the motor is switched off (speed selector on “OFF” or “0”).
2. Connect positive ( + ) red lead to positive ( + ) battery terminal.
3. Connect negative ( – ) black lead to negative ( – ) battery terminal.

### WARNING

For safety reasons do not switch the motor on until the propeller is in the water. If installing a leadwire plug, observe proper polarity and follow instructions in your boat owner’s manual.

### WARNING

- For safety reasons, disconnect the motor from the battery or batteries when the motor is not in use or while the battery/batteries are being charged.
- Improper wiring of 24/36 volt systems could cause battery explosion.
- Keep leadwire wing nut connections tight and solid to battery terminals.
- Locate battery in a ventilated compartment.

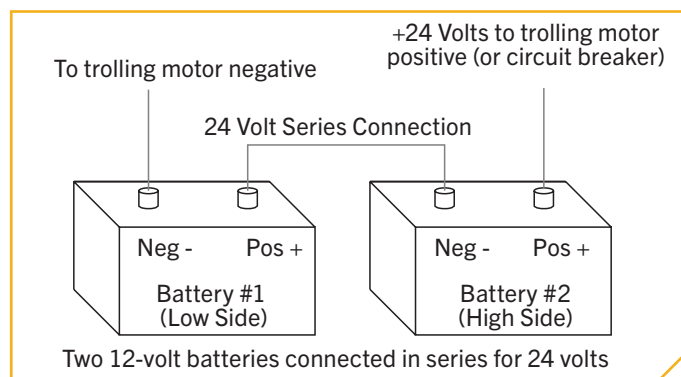
## CONNECTING THE BATTERIES IN SERIES

### CONNECTING THE BATTERIES IN SERIES (IF REQUIRED FOR YOUR MOTOR)

#### ▶ 24 Volt Systems

Two 12 volt batteries are required. The batteries must be wired in series, only as directed in wiring diagram, to provide 24 volts.

1. Make sure that the motor is switched off (speed selector on "0").
2. Connect a connector cable to the positive ( + ) terminal of battery 1 and to the negative ( - ) terminal of battery 2.
3. Connect positive ( + ) red motor lead to positive ( + ) terminal on battery 2.
4. Connect negative ( - ) black motor lead to negative ( - ) terminal of battery 1.



### **WARNING**

For safety reasons do not switch the motor on until the propeller is in the water. If installing a leadwire plug, observe proper polarity and follow instructions in your boat owner's manual.

### **WARNING**

- For safety reasons, disconnect the motor from the battery or batteries when the motor is not in use or while the battery/batteries are being charged.
- Improper wiring of 24/36 volt systems could cause battery explosion.
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- Locate battery in a ventilated compartment.

This completes the installation of your RT PowerDrive.  
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# NOTES



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# RECOMMENDED ACCESSORIES

## ON-BOARD & PORTABLE BATTERY CHARGERS

Stop buying new batteries and start taking care of the ones you've got. Many chargers can actually damage your battery over time – creating shorter run times and shorter overall life. Digitally controlled Minn Kota chargers are designed to provide the fastest charge that protect and extend battery life.



## TALON SHALLOW WATER ANCHOR

Talon is the only shallow water anchor with up to 15' of anchoring depth, multiple anchoring modes, and control from the bow, transom, console, remote or mobile device.



### BUILT-IN WORK LIGHT

Lets you tie lines and work from the transom any time of day — or night. Includes both white and blue LED lights with three brightness settings.



### UP TO 15' DEEP

Control more water and catch more fish with the first 15' shallow water anchor.



### MORE CONTROL OPTIONS

- Control Panel
- Wireless Remote
- Mobile App
- Wireless Foot Switch
- Humminbird® Connectivity
- Advanced GPS Navigation System Remote



### BLUETOOTH® CONNECTIVITY

Lets you control Talon from your mobile device and easily update it. Also opens up communication to other control options.

## MINN KOTA ACCESSORIES

We offer a wide variety of trolling motor accessories, including:

- 60-Amp Circuit Breaker
- Mounting Brackets
- Stabilizer Kits
- Extension Handles
- Battery Connectors
- Battery Boxes
- Quick Connect Plugs



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