

## Boat Seat Covers Keep Things Ship Shape

A brand new boat is a splendid thing. From mast to motor, new boats exude style and success. It's the kind of excitement that's hard to find; so when you get it, you want to hold on to the feeling as long as you can.

The trick to keeping a boat looking new is to treat the interior with a great deal of care. If you have recently purchased a boat, the first accessory you buy should be a good quality set of boat seat covers. They'll keep your boat looking clean and tidy, while offering valuable protection from the elements.

You want to look sharp and ship-shape when cruising the lake, and a great set of boat seat covers can suit your style perfectly. They'll keep your craft in pristine condition but, more importantly, they'll protect the interior from all kinds of weather. Rain, snow, ice and even UV rays can take their toll on upholstery, causing it to fade and crack over time. Proper boat seat covers prevent weather damage, as well as messes caused by spills and general use.

### Removable Boat Seat Covers

Some boats come equipped with seat covers that are permanently attached to the basic upholstery. While these types of covers may look good, they're not always practical. If possible, choose removable seat covers for your boat. It can be nearly impossible to clean stains, dust and grime from seat covers that are attached. On the other hand, removable covers allow you to take them off of the boat to be scrubbed, laundered or steam-cleaned. It may cost a few dollars more, but the ease of tossing the covers into the wash and hanging them to dry will be well worth the investment.

### Made-to-Fit Boat Seat Covers

Choosing the best boat seat covers can be a little overwhelming, because there are so many available on the market. Some boaters also find that the covers they've purchased don't provide a secure, tight fit. The best way to overcome this obstacle is to buy custom-made boat seat covers. Ordering covers designed specifically for your seats will ensure a good fit, and will reflect your personal style. Many manufacturers will give you a choice of fabric types, colors and patterns.

When cruising with boat seat covers in place, some boaters find that the covers bunch up and stick to the skin on hot days. To combat this problem, consider removing the covers before setting off on your journey, and then replace them when you return. While you won't have the benefit of cruising in full style, your guests will appreciate the added comfort.

Boat seat covers are available to suit most budgets, however the average price is about \$100 per pair. This is not an unreasonable amount, considering that you can get years of use out of them and it will be much easier to keep them clean.

Owning a new boat is one of the best feelings you'll ever experience. Investing in a set of good quality boat seat covers can make that "new boat feeling" last just a little longer.