

LOAD BEARING COLLARS - ABYC H-27 Rated

Installation Instructions:

TRUDESIGN Load Bearing Collars are designed for use with TRUDESIGN Skin Fittings and Ball Valves. The **Load Bearing Collar** spreads the load out on to a larger surface area of the hull, thereby increasing the maximum load the entire assembly can withstand.

TRUDESIGN Skin Fittings and Ball Valves are certified to ISO 9093-2 standards (*Small craft — Seacocks and through-hull fittings — Part 2: Non-metallic),* for use above and below the waterline, by Bureau Veritas & the IMCI.



With a Load Bearing Collar added to an assembly of a Skin Fitting - Ball Valve – Tail, the assembly will now withstand a 500 lb. (227 kg) load applied to the Tail (inboard end), for a minimum of 30 seconds – complying with North American ABYC H-27 standards – Independently verified by Imanna Laboratory Inc., Rockledge FL, USA. (Test Report 20143-1).

Note: Not tested with other manufacturer's fittings

Compliance to ABYC H-27 standard is mandatory for all vessels sold into the United States.





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Technical Information:

- The below table shows the minimum and maximum thread length allowed to protrude inside the hull for each size skin fitting. This will ensure a snug fit of the collar against the hull. It should be noted that for very thin hulls that a backing plate be added to make the "effective hull thickness" a minimum of 20mm.
- The Skin Fitting can be shortened by cutting with a hacksaw. Measure the thread length from the top of the Skin Fitting Nut as pictured below. Then dry fit to ensure a snug fit against hull or backing plate.
- Ensure the thread length after cutting falls between the minimum and maximum values. Remove any ragged internal edges with a small file.
- For additional information on maximum hull thickness for different size skin fittings (Thru Hulls) refer to TruDesign skin fitting information sheet on our web site.
- If not installed correctly (e.g. if the Skin Fitting thread has not been reduced to a sufficient length) the Collar will be loose and will be able to move up and down the Ball Valve. When installed correctly, the Collar will be snug and not move
- For skin fitting installation refer to TruDesign Skin Fitting Information Sheet





Skin Fitting (Thru Hull) Size	Maximum length past Nut	Minimum length past Nut
1/2"	25mm (1")	20mm (¾")
¾" and 1"	20mm (¾")	15mm (5%")
1 ¼", 1 ½" and 2"	32mm (1¼")	22mm (‰")
all dimensions nominal		

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