

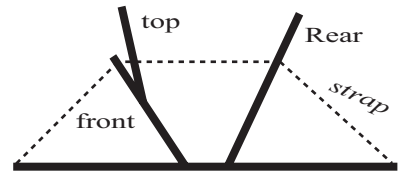
Mud Buddy Quick Flip Blind.



Assemble the blind on a flat surface, then lift on the boat.

First, become familiar with the blind layout. The blind is oriented so the shooting area faces your left when looking towards the bow. The back of the blind is higher than the front. The top bar canopy folds to the back of the blind when open.

The front and rear crossbars are assembled for you. The bow section is marked. Also locate the front of the blind cover. It will have a center zipper. Also, the dog door is on the left side of the boat. Arrange the parts on the floor facing in the correct direction.



This illustration shows how the three blind bar sets look when upright.

Note: Your blind only has the three upright tube sets.

1. Assemble the five straight tube sections. Each section consists of one double tapered tube and one single tapered tube. Fasten the joints together with two self-tapping screws per joint.



2. Insert one complete tube section into each of the two top outside sleeves as shown. Next, insert one tube section into each of the bottom edge of the blind. The lower sleeves have a velcro closure. The bottom tubes do not connect into any other tubes and hang freely along the side of the boat when the blind is up and in the hunting position.

3. Now set the blind cover (with tubes in the sleeves) over the main blind frame. Place the tall vertical tubes to the back of the blind and short bent tubes to the front. The web strap and buckles should be connected at this point also. Loosen the web straps allowing the telescoping tubes on the cross bars to extend. Use a block of wood or rubber hammer if needed to tap the tube joints together.



Do not fasten the joints with the self-tapping screws yet. Wait until the blind is on the boat and has been completely aligned. Make sure the blind is where you want it, the top sections works, etc. At this time, you can then fasten the joints by running the self-tapping screw through the material and into the joints.

4. Lift the entire blind on to the boat. A rubber bungee, shown above and right, holds the assembly together during installation. It can be removed later. It is best to fold the blind to one side prior to lifting. You may need some help to lift the blind.



5. Center the blind cross bars an equal distance from the front and rear, and from each side. Secure the cross bars with friction bolt and on some models, on others, put a self tap screw through the crossbar and into the telescoping tube.

Adjustment: The blind can be moved forward or backwards provided there is enough material to cover the front and rear of the blind. Sit inside the blind as if hunting to ensure good alignment. If not exactly right, the blind can be moved to the front or rear as needed.

The photos to the right show how the blind frame tubes should be positioned when in the upright position. The front and rear tube should slant at the same angle above the crossbars. The distance apart is set at the factory, do not change. Use the adjustable side straps to set the angle and lock the top into position. Again, this can be adjusted now and then again later when broken in.



Mud Buddy Quick Flip Boat Blind Mounting Instructions

Unpack both boxes and lay out parts on the floor. You have one or more of the following mounts.

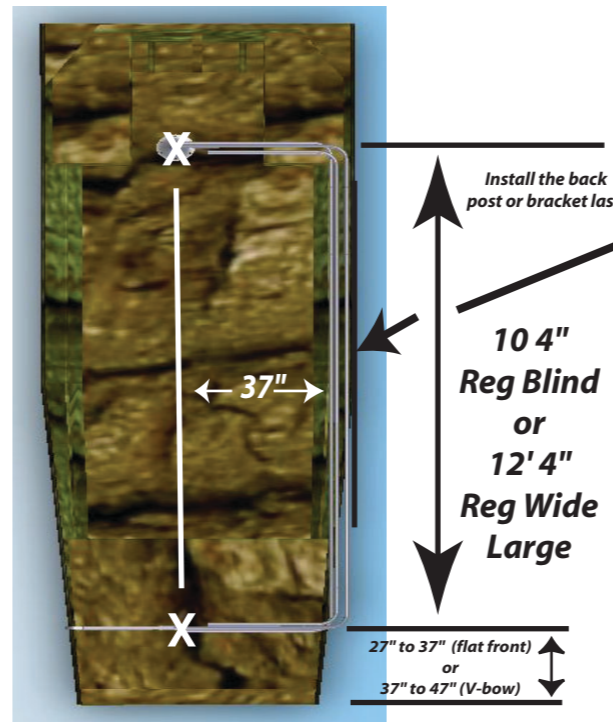
Deck Mount



Post Mount



Clamp on Crossbar



Note: The blind bars should sit on the gunnel and as near the boat as possible. Some boats are very narrow at the front, and you may have to allow the blind to hang off the boat a little.

Step 1. Mark two spots in your boat for mounts. Both the front and rear mount pivot points should be placed 37" from the side of the passenger side of the boat. Measure from the straight imaginary line shown here since the boat tapers towards the front.

Measure the bow mount location first. The bow mount location is 27" to 37" from the front for square front boats, or 37" to 47" from the front for V-nose type boats.

Next measure the rear transom mount location. It is 10' 4" from the front mount position for a regular length blind and 12' 4" for the regular wide and large blind sizes.

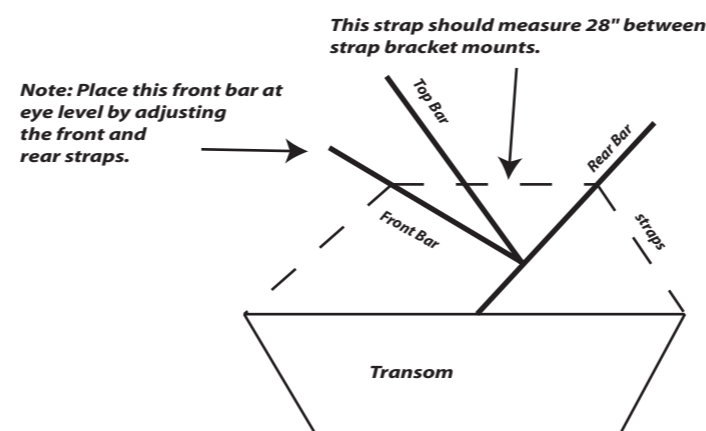
Tip: If using a crossbar mounting option for the front or rear, the side extensions may need to be shortened with a hacksaw in order to fit very narrow boats.

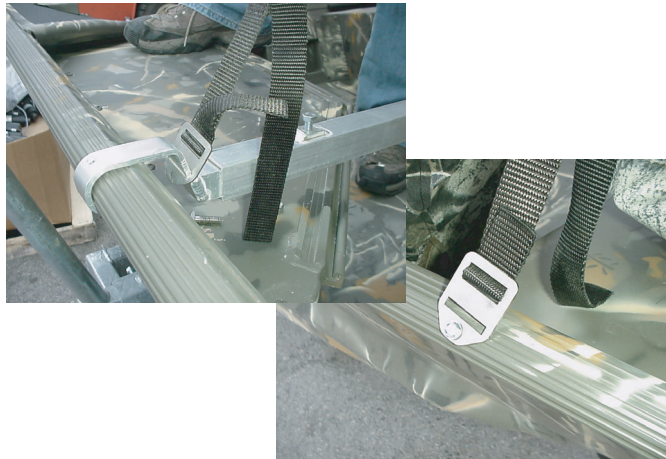
Tip: The post style mount should be near level with the front bow deck mount or cross bar mount

Step 2. Assemble the three blind frame tubes.

- The regular size blind takes two 1" center tubes, one has a single taper (48" long) and the other has a taper on each end and is 60" long.

- The regular-wide and large Quick Flip blinds take 48" and 60" tubes, plus one short straight 24" tube extension.





Step 3. Mount the front strap brackets to the boat using the self tapping screws. See photos to left. One shows the crossbar attachment and the other deck or post mount. The strap brackets are mounted to the gunnel directly in line with their mounts on the tubes.



Step 4. Adjust the frame so the front bar is near eye level while sitting on your seat as shown to left. Note: Boats vary in design and this is just a guide, so do what fits you best.

Tip: The straps are adjustable. However, the center strap must be 28". (see illustration at top of page)



Step 5. Once the blind frame is installed and the tubes evenly spaced, secure each joint with two self-tap screws using an electric drill and the driver tool provided.



Step 6. Hang the fabric on frame with velcro sleeves. Wrap the velcro around the bars. Do your best to keep the velcro even. Do this slowly.



Step 7. The blind is weighted in position by inserting the 3/4" tube sections into the lower sleeve on the front and rear of blind. Connect two tubes for each side. Fasten the joint with a self-tap screw.



Step 8. The blind fits the boat like a shower cap. Pull the shock cord on front and rear of the blind to create a tight fit. Tie the shock cord in a double knot and cut off the loose ends.



Step 9: The Quick Flip top is balanced and stays closed by itself. You may need to adjust the straps for it to work properly. Next install the wind strap shown to the left. To install, snap the strap to the top, run the strap through the dog door and attach the end bracket to the gunnel of the boat. Adjust as needed.



Step 10. The blind folds to the passenger side of the boat, the opposite side of the console. Install the cover with the buckles downward to prevent water from settling into the blind. Note: Lower the top adjustable frame tubes to their lowest hole setting prior to folding the blind into the travel position. Note: Camo cover shown is not available.

Camo Tips: The nylon camo material is very tough, but if exposed to prolonged sunlight, let say, left upright for months, the camo pattern can fade. Cover when not in use.

Mudding helps break up any sheen from the nylon material. Mix a little mud in a pail of water and paint the outside of the blind surface. Although the blind tubes are covered by the blind, you can paint them with flat coatings to enhance the appearance and usability.

Orient the blind, when practical, when in use, with the sun to the rear. This means you should plan ahead when setting up the blind. Let the birds see into the sun. The shadows help cover the opening on the blind front also.

The blind corners are easily hooked on the boat corners, front and back, by making a stick with "y" on the end. Simply use the stick to place the blind over and off of the boat corners.

The blind top can be opened fully on sunny days. Watch the horizon and when you spot birds, just ease the top over you and into position.

When leaving or entering the blind, while the blind is upright, just lift the weighted sides to create an exit.

Train your dog to use the door. Practice by tossing a ball a short distance from the door allowing the dog to become familiar with its location and convenient access. Lift sides if the dog tries to enter elsewhere.

Ensure the cover is placed on the blind with the opening downward to prevent water from rotting the blind material. If the blind does get wet during use, open at the earliest convenience and allow to dry before storing.

The front weather strap is used to hold the balanced top in place. When birds approach, squeeze the buckle and hold together with your hand. Release when ready.

The top has height adjustments. You can add additional 3/8" adjustment holes.

The blind has numerous vegetation straps. Use them frequently to assist matching the blind to the surroundings. Take five minutes to improve the camo while your buddies put out the decoys and you will be amazed at how this effort pays off.

We offer raffia, our product name is Invisagrass. It is very tough, ties on quickly, and helps camo the blind further. Invisagrass is offered in different colors and can be folded up, when attached to the blind for storage.

Do not place excessive weight on the blind tubing.

Warning: You should not use the gun barrel to flip back the top for shooting. Use the handle or your hand.

Although the blind openings are large, do not hunt too many hunters creating unsafe conditions. Keep guns pointed in a safe direction.

When using the blind, watch for numerous pinch points on the frame.

Keep heaters and flames away from the blind fabric.

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