



Removing Marine Carpet

Depending on the glue adhesion of your marine carpet, removing marine boat carpet can be an involved task. Follow these easy steps to check your marine plywood pontoon deck, checking its integrity, the condition of the existing marine carpet and the edge of the pontoon deck.

Check the following to find if your marine plywood pontoon deck can be saved:

- Remove the existing pontoon furniture, pontoon accessories and parts, captain's helm console and side fencing / railing.
- Carefully walk around each area of the pontoon decking, giving note and attention to deteriorated spots or warped areas in the deck. Additionally, you may tamp different portions with the handle of a broom, testing dry rot areas.
- Check the marine plywood seams, where the sheets are butted together. Warping will generally show itself at these areas.
- Check the marine plywood areas under the side edging. Do the layers appear to be peeling or rotting?
- Check the bottom side of the marine plywood decking for signs of warp, de-lamination or dry rotting.

If all things check out and you feel you can re-use your marine plywood deck, begin in a corner by pulling up the existing marine carpet. If the glue adhesion is still good, cut the marine carpet into manageable strips using a utility knife. Pull the carpet up in these strips, one portion at a time. The use of a scrapper, back and forth will loosen the glue adhesive.

Before installation of the new marine carpet, make sure all of the previous deck adhesive and old carpet backing is cleared from the deck. This will promote good adhesion when the new marine carpet is installed. If the old carpet and adhesive will not come off, consider re-decking your pontoon deck with new marine plywood.

Once you have removed all of the old marine carpet, make one last determination on plywood quality and sweep off any leftover dirt and debris.