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Member Member # 25 Topic: Duckbills Installation

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The instructions call for the reuse of the stock bolts, washers and nuts. I used a different set of ss hardware that I had.

For the removal I removed the battery box and used a 8mm socket with 2 extensions inside of the hull to hold the nuts and remove one bolt on each side from the outside, The other bolts were unreachable since the insert for the ride plate bolts were on the way. I decided to drill the head of the bolts out and then the drain plug housing started to melt. I was able to remove it but the bolt remained with the washers and nuts attached to the hull. I grabbed the head the bolt with a set af needle nose grip pliers and cut the head with a dremmel tool. (No damaged to the hull at all since I had the space occupied by the drain plug plug housing.

Once the bolts and nuts where out I read the instructions once again and kicked myself in the A\$\$. Because they call to reuse the OEM hardware and it is a BYTCH to get in there.

I had an idea of what I needed but was not able to locate the tool that I wanted on the net.

So here is how I did it single handed @ @ @





I used the wrench from an old rivet gun that I had, Bend it to 90 and checked to make sure that once inserted on the hole it would center with the bolt holes on the hull. The size on the wrench was different so I hit it with a hammer until it fit Then the questin was how the \*\*\*\* do I hold the nut and washer at the same time. I though of play-doo,but I had none. then I noticed a roll of Teflon Tape and BINGO that did it. I held the nut in the wrench with the washer and wrapped teflon tape around it, about 3 times, then cut a hole to alighn the nut and washer and threaded the bolt to make sure that it would go easy.





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Then positioned the wrench and nut inside the hull



While holding the wrench with one hand I had assembled a allen socket on a nut driver handle and drove in slowly (It was a piece of cake)



While it was still loose I rotated the billet adapter and used the other bolt as a guide and then secured and tighten the first bolt and nut.

I removed the loose guide bolt and did the same procedure with the nut washer wrench and teflon tape on the other side.



The use of teflon tape was awesome. It makes it so easy to remove the wrench because it tears once you press the wrench back to remove.

Enjoy it

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I had the assistance of my son to remove the first two nuts only and the rest I finished alone.

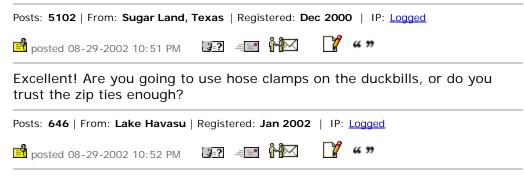
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Member Member # 496 Gary I will probably use zip ties.

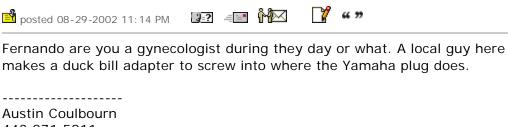
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U got pics of that Austin?

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Mario 2000 GP1200R Super Stock 2002 STXR

2002 Ford SVT Lightning. FOR SALE:

1997 GP1200 "slightly" modified

1998 Wamilton's Superjet (ex-Josh Lustic)

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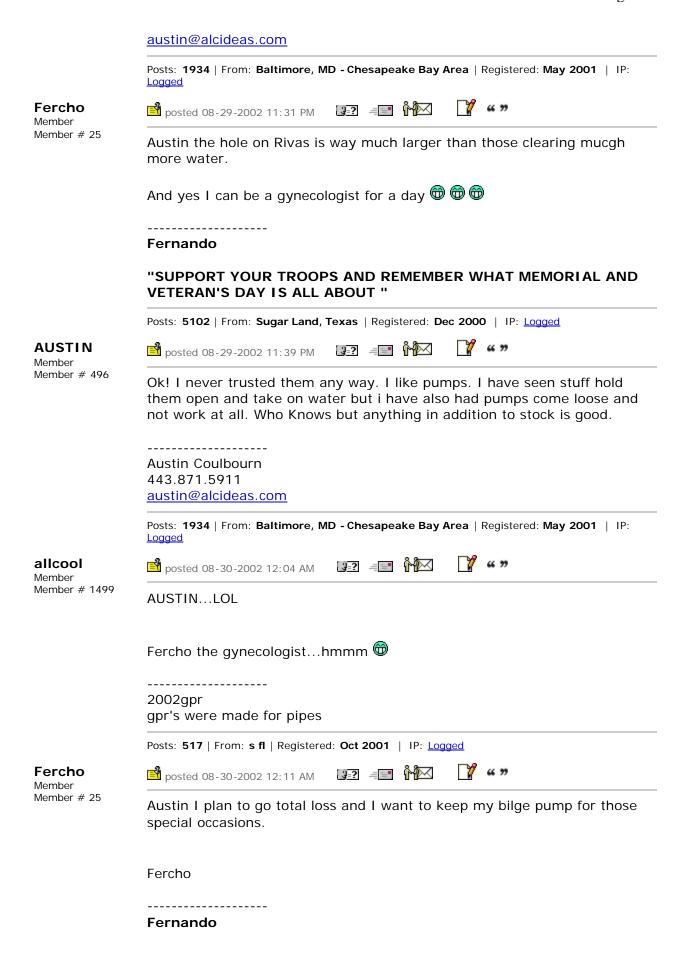




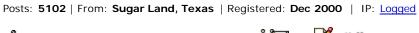
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I put them on my 95 XP thinking they would be great but I was wrong - they deform in the sunlight and leak, or a tiewrap, washer etc gets stuck in them and they leak etc. They don't last more than a season if that, and replacment bills are very expensive - I think Riva sells the bills only but most other companies sell only the whole kit.

The "pepsi" SS GPR I have came with them and I have to say they don't work on it very well either cause of the way the hull liner is designed inside...hard for water to get up to the duckbill...

I'm sure they'd work fine if you have a lot of water in the hull but they dont' get all if it, and if you have something stuck in one, you run the risk of sinking the boat if you anchor it...

If you do choose to run them, protect them by spraying them occasionally with silicon spray, and, whether you wrench a lot or not, check them before every ride and after you come back to the shore to make sure nothing gets stuck in them...

Enjoy all,

### Ray

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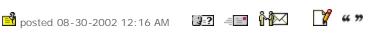
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BTW - I neglected to say "Good Job Fercho", that tool is ingenius, and for those wanting to go that route, a great post...

Enjoy all,

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