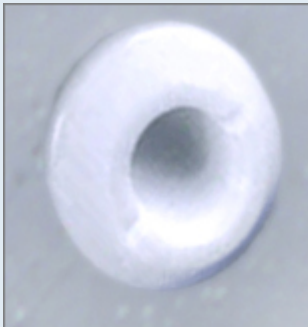


Be Grady-Wise!

Inspect your through-hull fittings regularly. Pre-2000 models need particular attention.



Prior to 1997, Grady-White used polypropylene through-hull fittings (photo left). If your Grady is of that vintage, check fittings for crazing, cracking and brittleness and replace immediately if you see any sign of degradation. Stainless steel is now used for Grady-White through hulls (right).

As part of routine maintenance, inspect your Grady-White's through-hull fittings at least yearly and replace as necessary. THIS IS ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT IN BOATS BUILT PRIOR TO 1997 because at that time metal fittings now in use were not generally available and Grady-White used polypropylene. Over time, polypropylene is subject to degradation (as are many plastics) primarily due to UV exposure. A broken fitting is a hole that can cause a boat to take on water and can damage systems. Despite the fact every Grady-White is unsinkable thanks to sprayed-in foam flotation, you can swamp the boat and encounter an uncomfortable situation.



Grady-Whites 1997-1999 used bronze fittings. Bronze, while impervious to UV rays, should be inspected for corrosion and replaced if necessary.

When you inspect metal through-hull fittings, check to ensure there is no corrosion. Make sure there is no blockage and that the fitting is tight. Look closely at bronze and chrome-over-bronze fittings used in the late 1990s and early 2000s.



Grady-Whites 2000-2005 used chrome-over-bronze fittings. Although unlikely, worn areas have the potential to corrode and should be inspected regularly.

your Grady-White dealer if you have any questions or see any sign of problems.

For more maintenance tips, visit [Boat Sweet Boat](#) at www.gradywhite.com and download our [Quick Reference Maintenance Guide](#).

If you have polypropylene through-hull fittings, make sure they have a smooth and resilient finish and that each and every fitting shows no evidence of crazing, cracking or brittleness.

What do you do if there is any sign of a problem during a routine inspection of your Grady's fittings? Some through-hull fittings are accessible only through inspection plates, so contact

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