



Technical BULLETIN

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SAFETY RECALL

This modification has top priority. This bulletin must be performed immediately to ensure customer safety.

NOTE: Bulletins that announce a recall will have an "R" at the end of the bulletin number.

CERTAIN 2019 SPORTSMAN 17 SS and 2020–2025 SPORTSMAN 1610 SS BOATS FACTORY MODIFICATION CAMPAIGN – FLOTATION COMPLIANCE

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INTRODUCTION

The U.S. Coast Guard has identified that certain 2019 Sportsman 17 SS and 2020–2025 Sportsman 1610 SS G3 Boats do not comply with federal regulations for flotation per 33 CFR 183 Subpart G. Affected boats have an increased risk of the boat swamping and capsizing, which could result in injury or drowning.

To correct this non-compliance, G3 Boats is initiating a Factory Modification Campaign. Affected units must have a flotation kit ("Field Service Kit 1") installed. Additionally, all affected boats must be inspected to assess the amount of foam shrinkage present in certain areas of the boat and, if necessary, have a second flotation kit ("Field Service Kit 2") installed.

G3 is notifying all registered owners of affected boats by mail. A copy of our letter is included at the end of this bulletin. Customers should make an appointment with an authorized G3 Boats dealer to bring in the boat, so the dealer has enough time to obtain the Foam Kits to modify the unit.

If your dealership was invoiced for one or more affected boats, a report listing all affected boats invoiced to your dealership is included with a mailed copy of this bulletin. Use the list to help ensure all affected boats are modified.

You must modify all customer-owned affected boats as well as those in your inventory. Any affected boat that you purchase from G3 Boats in the future may also require modification. If you purchase a boat from another dealer or G3 Boats, check to see if the procedures in this bulletin have already been performed before you sell the boat.

G3 Boats that are affected should not be sold or operated until they are modified. It is a violation of G3 Boats policy for your dealership to deliver any affected boat to customers until the procedures in this bulletin are performed.

When the flotation kit installations are complete on each boat, follow the *Warranty Information* section of this bulletin to receive reimbursement.



DEALER ACTION SUMMARY

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Sold Units:

- Check the boat according to the *Identification Procedure* section of this bulletin to be sure the modification has not already been performed, then follow the *Service Procedure* in this bulletin:
1. Perform the initial inspection process at the beginning of the *Service Procedure* to determine if the 1610 SS Field Service Kit 1 installation or both the 1610 SS Field Service Kit 1 and 1610 SS Field Service Kit 2 are necessary.
 2. Install the Sportsman 1610 SS Field Service Kit 1 on all unmodified affected units as instructed.
 3. If the initial inspection process reveals the foam is a 1/2" or more from the walls or plugs, also follow the instructions to install 1610 SS Field Service Kit 2.

Parts:

Yes. Refer to the *Parts Information* section. You need to order Field Service Kit 1 for each affected unit (using the correct part number that matches the color of the boat) and may also need to order Field Service Kit 2 after completing an inspection as instructed in the *Service Procedure*.

Warranty:

Factory Modification Campaign. See the *Warranty Information* section of this bulletin. This modification applies to all affected vehicles regardless of ownership or warranty status.

Notify

Customers:

G3 Boats has sent letters to customers whose boats were registered with G3 Boats as of 4/10/2025. Follow up with any customers who do not contact you for an appointment for the modification.



AFFECTED RANGE

Year	Model Name	Hull Identification Number (HIN)	
		From	To
2019	Sportsman 17 SS	GEN48011B819	GEN54508D919
2020	Sportsman 1610 SS	GEN56028C920	GEN60099E020
2021		GEN63047C021	GEN68811F121
2022		GEN70142G122	GEN75116F222
2023		GEN80008A223	GEN84444E323
2024		GEN90001A324	GEN93482D424
2025		GEN94913G425	GEN96074K425



SERVICE PROCEDURE

Inspection

To determine if the boat needs the 1610 SS Field Service Kit 2 procedure in addition to the 1610 SS Field Service Kit 1 procedure, perform the following inspections.

1. Remove the cable covers and the foam plugs on the port and starboard sides of the battery/fuel compartment (see locations on page 3). Inspect the distance between the foam and the wall.
2. If the foam gap is less than 1/2" from all walls or plugs, then only the 1610 SS Sportsman Foam Service-1 is required.

3. If the foam is 1/2" or more from the walls at any point, perform the 1610 SS Sportsman Foam Service-1 procedure below and then continue with the 1610 SS Sportsman Foam Service-2 procedure shown beginning on page 11.



Field Service Kit 1 Procedure

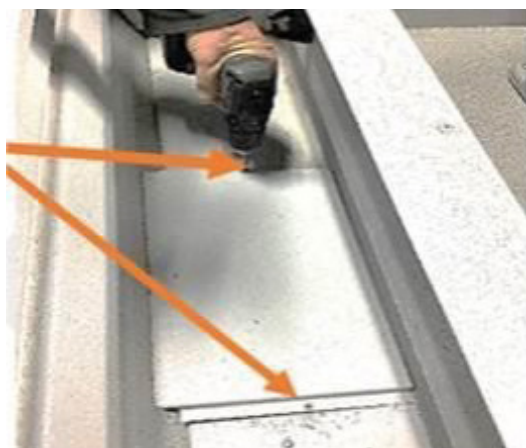
Tools required:

- a) Drill with #11 bit
- b) Screw Gun
- c) Pop rivet gun

Sportsman 1610 SS Field Service Kit 1 (P/N: 73290676 (Shadow Grass Camo)/ 73290674 (Breakup Camo)/ 73290670 (Tan)/ 73290672 (Grey))

PART NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	QTY
73660166	#66 Pop Rivets	30
73852711	Port Rod Box Foam Wall	1
73815087	Aft Bulkhead	1
73875220	Port Rod Box Floor	1
73875221	Port Rod Holder	1
895383	Port Rod Box Foam (2" x 6" x 8")	2
895382	Rear Deck Foam (4" x 6" x 37-3/8")	2
895381	Port Rod Box Floor Foam (2" x 8" x 24-3/4")	1
895384	Port Rod Box Side Foam (2-1/2" x 8" x 47")	1

- 1) Begin by prepping the boat for foam placement.
 - a. Unscrew the (2) black screws from the rod box hose cover.



b. Discard the rod box hose cover and the black screws once removed.

View after hose cover is removed

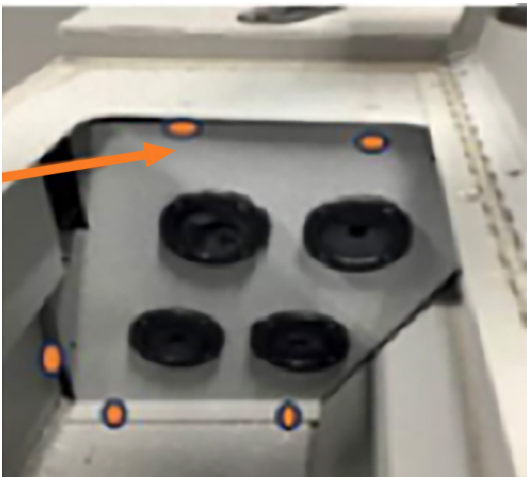


2) Remove the port rod holder:

a. Drill out the (5) pop rivets with a #11 drill.

b. Remove the port rod holder.

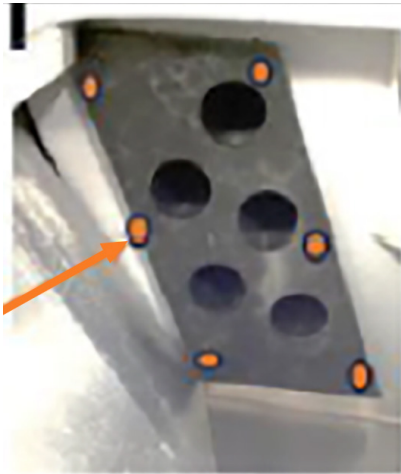
c. Discard the port rod holder unit. The port rod holder will be replaced with the new assembled port rod holder.



3) The new port rod holder (#73875221) is painted, with rod grommets assembled in the rod holder.



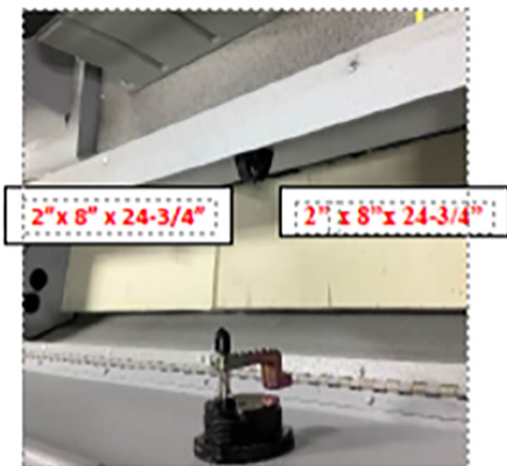
4) Remove the rod tube base by first unscrewing the (6) black screws.



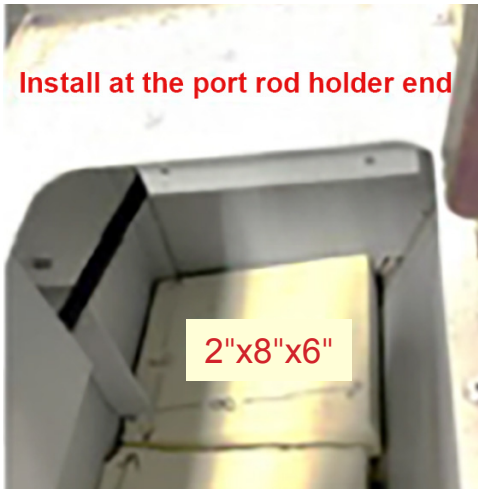
After removal, set aside the rod tube base.



5) Insert the rod box floor foam:
a. 2 pieces of floor foam (2" x 8" x 24-3/4" - #895383)



b. 1 port rod box foam (2" x 8" x 6" - #895381)

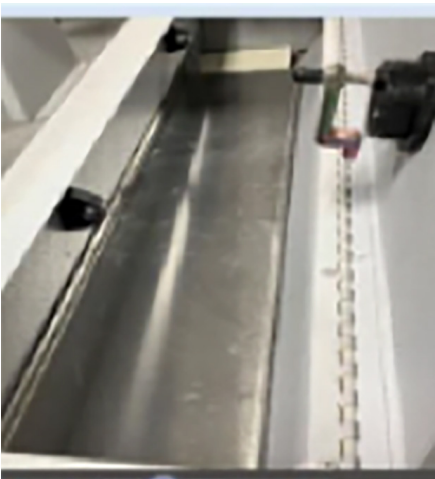


6) Insert the new port rod box floor (#73875220, painted).

a. Insert the port rod box floor on top of the floor foam.

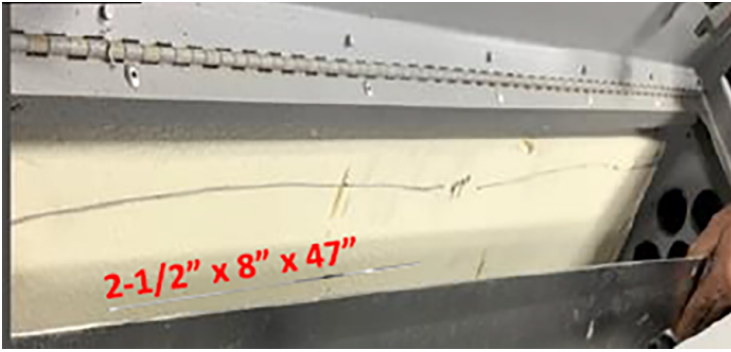


b. Slide the rod box floor in at an angle and then push down.



7) Insert the rod box side wall foam.

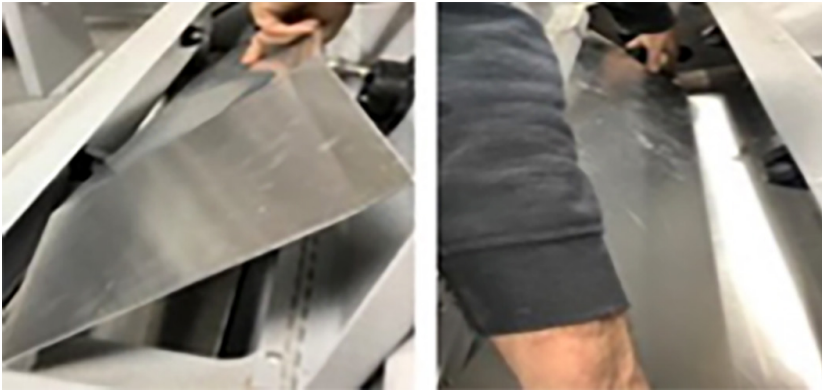
a. Install the piece of foam (2-1/2" x 8" x 47" - #895384) against the port rod box side wall.



8) Insert the port rod box foam wall.

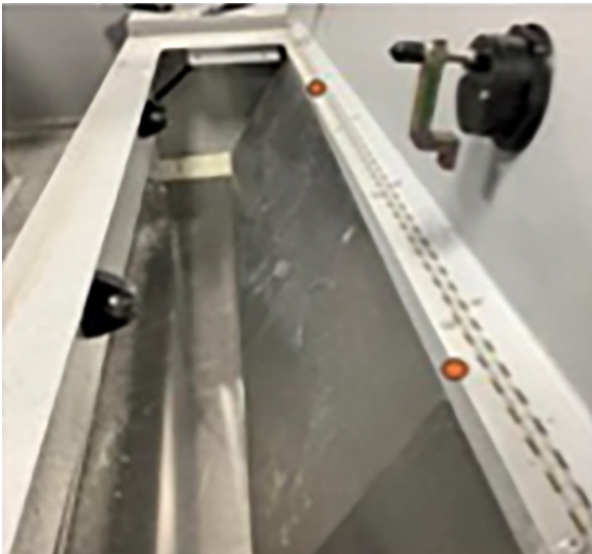
a) Install the port rod box wall (#73852711).

b) Position the foam wall in a slanted position and slide it into place.



c) Once the foam wall is in place, drill a #11 hole in each end of the foam wall into the lid bottom flange.

d) Secure with (2) #66 pop rivets.

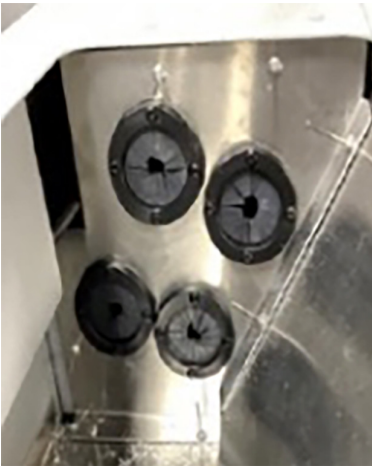


9) Here is a view of the painted rod box after the floor and wall is installed.

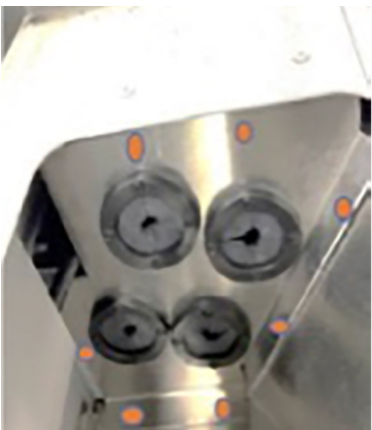


10) Reinstall the new port rod holder with the assembled rod grommets.

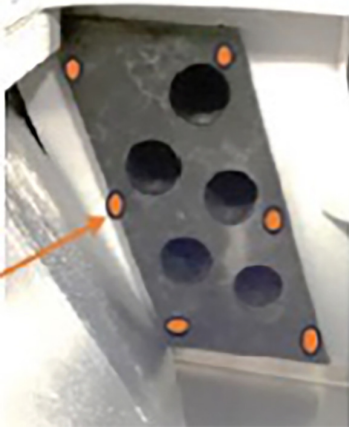
- a. Set the rod holder into place.
- b. Drill (7) #11 holes into the port rod box holder.



c. Secure the port rod holder in place with (7) #66 pop rivets.



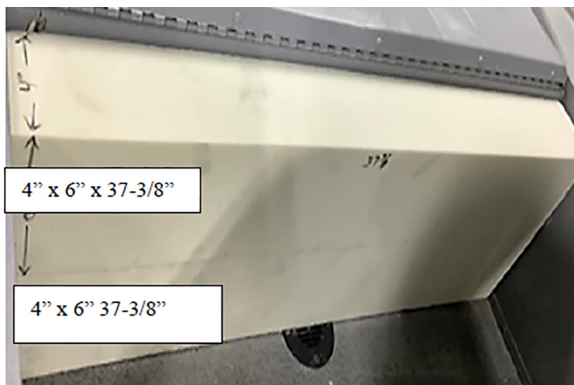
11) Re-install the rod tube base. Use a Drill #11. Using the screw gun, insert the (6) black screws.



12) Next, install the aft bulkhead. First, remove the fire extinguisher bracket. Unscrew the (2) black screws and then set aside. Discard the black screws.

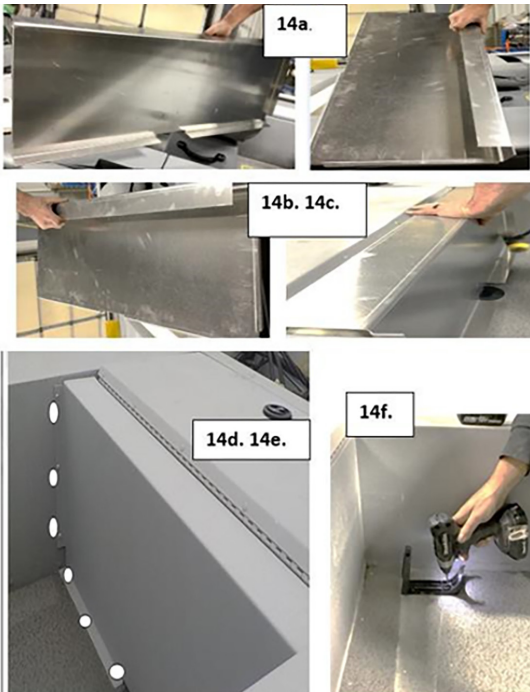


13) Install the rear deck foam by first stacking the (2) pieces of foam (4" x 6" x 37-7/8" - #895382) against the rear bulkhead and the starboard side wall.

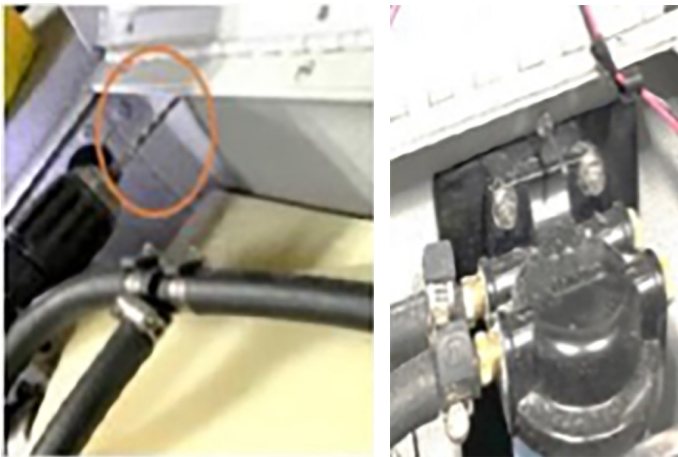


14) Install the aft bulkhead using the following instructions:

- a) Aft bulkhead (#73815087)
- b) Set the bulkhead over the top of the stacked foam.
- c) Tap the aft bulkhead firmly into place against the foam.
- d) Once the bulkhead is in place, use a #11 drill to make (3) holes onto the bulkhead side flange on both the port and starboard sides.
- e) Again, using the #11 drill, make (3) holes onto the bottom flanges on the port and starboard sides.
- f) Reinstall the fire extinguisher bracket. Make sure to set the bracket 5" from the aft bulkhead and 3" from the starboard side wall.



15) Secure the aft bulkhead by first drilling a #11 hole into the fuel tank bulkhead on each end. Next, secure with (2) #66 pop rivets (see picture below).



16) If the boat passed the inspection procedure on page 2, the modification is complete. Place a green dot using a permanent pen or paint marker on the right side of the HIN tag to indicate that the installation is performed. Upon completion, please immediately submit a warranty claim according to the standard warranty procedure under Code RC0900. Otherwise, continue to Field Service Kit 2 Procedure 2 below if it was determined in the inspection process that the foam is 1/2" or more from the walls.



Field Service Kit 2 Procedure

Perform this procedure only if there was a gap of 1/2" or more seen between the foam and the wall during the inspection process on page 3.

Tools Required

- Drill #11 bit
- Screw Gun
- Pop rivet gun
- 1" hole saw

Sportsman 1610 SS Field Service Kit 2 (P/N: 73290677)

PART NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	QTY
895387	Cut foam 4" x 5-1/4" x 17"	2
895388	Cut foam 2-1/4" x 4" x 5-1/4" x 16"	1
895389	Cut foam 4" x 5-1/4" x 16"	1
895390	Cut foam 2" x 10" x 11"	1
73543409	1" black hole plug	12
73480035	Versi-Foam® Kit	4
91050160	Folding drink cup holder	1

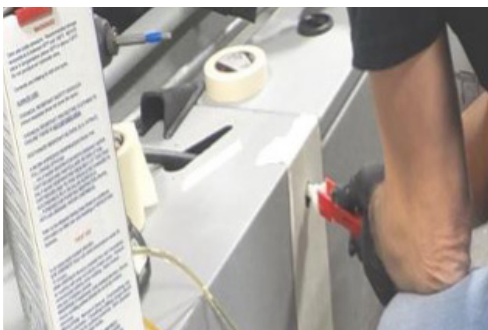
1) Inspect the front pod foam:

- Remove the cup holder at the front of the starboard side pod. First, unscrew the (4) screws and set aside.
- Drill a 1" hole.
- Visually inspect the foam for gaps or visible spaces between the foam and the boat hull. If the gap or visible space is 1/2" or more, additional foam pieces must be installed in the boat per these instructions.



- Using a rod, feel around the foam areas to check where the foam shrinkage is to direct the foam nozzle.
- Tape up around the drilled 1" hole as well as the protective plastic on the floor.
- Fill the space using the Versi-Foam Kit (#73480035). Make sure to read all the Versi-Foam Kit box instructions before starting and follow them carefully.
- Add foam into the 1" drilled hole using the Versi-Foam Kit.

TIP: Make sure the foam gun tip is fully turned off when you open the can valve. Place the tip as deep as possible inside the hole and then start it wide open. This helps mix better rather than starting slow. Move around and fill until the foam starts to come of out the hole.



- h) Push in place the black plug (#73543409) to cover the hole. Remove the protective tape and plastic.
- i) Re-install the fold down cup holder over the drilled hole. Screw in the (4) black screws.



- j) Clean up any excess mixture after it dries.
- k) Match the port side instructions to the starboard side.
- l) Drill a 1" hole, and follow the previous inspection, tape, foam, and plugging procedures.
- m) From the kit, install the cup holder over the 1" drilled hole and screw in (4) black screws.

2) Inspect the rear foam pods:

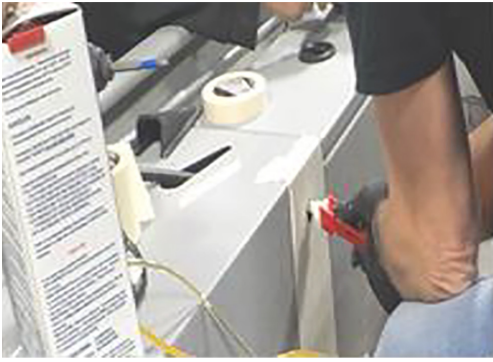
- a) Drill a 1" hole into the rear starboard pod.
- b) Visually inspect the foam for gaps or visible spaces between the foam and the boat hull. If the gap or visible space is 1/2" or more, additional foam pieces must be installed in the boat per these instructions.
- c) Using a rod, feel around the foam areas to identify the areas exhibiting foam shrinkage. This is where to direct the foam nozzle.



- d) Tape the plastic around the area that will be inserted with foam for better cleanup. Fill the space using the Versi-Foam Kit (#73480035) into the accessible area of the cable cover. Read all the Versi-Foam Kit box instructions before starting and follow them carefully.

TIP: Make sure the foam gun tip is fully turned off when you open the can valve. Place the tip as deep as possible inside the hole and start it wide open. This helps to mix the foam so it starts to come out of the hole and move to the rear port pod.

- e) Push into place the 1" black plug (#73543409) to cover the hole.



f) Install the fold down cup holder from the kit. Set the cup holder over the drilled hole and secure the (4) screws. Clean up any excess debris.



3) Inspect the cable covers foam:

- a) There is a foam plug under the cable covers that will need to be removed.
- b) Unscrew the (3) black screws from the cable cover. Next, set the cable cover aside.



c) Visually inspect the foam for gaps or visible spaces between the foam and the hull. If the gap or visible space is 1/2" or more, additional foam pieces must be installed in the boat per these instructions. Place tape around the cable cover area for better cleanup. Fill the space using Versi-Foam Kit (#73480035) into the cable cover areas. Read all the instructions on the Versi-Foam box before starting and follow them carefully.

TIP: Make sure foam gun tip is fully turned off when you open the can valve. Place the tip as deep as possible inside the open area and start it wide open. This helps the foam mix better rather than starting slow. Move nozzle around and fill until foam starts to come out of the hole. Clean up any excess foam after it dries.



d) Re-install the cable covers set back into place and screw in the (3) black screws on the cable cover port and starboard side.



4) Inspect the bow area:

a) Unscrew the (6) black screws from the bow plate then set the bow plate aside. Visually inspect the foam for gaps or visible spaces between the foam and the hull. If the gap or visible space is 1/2" or more, additional foam pieces must be installed in the boat per these instructions.



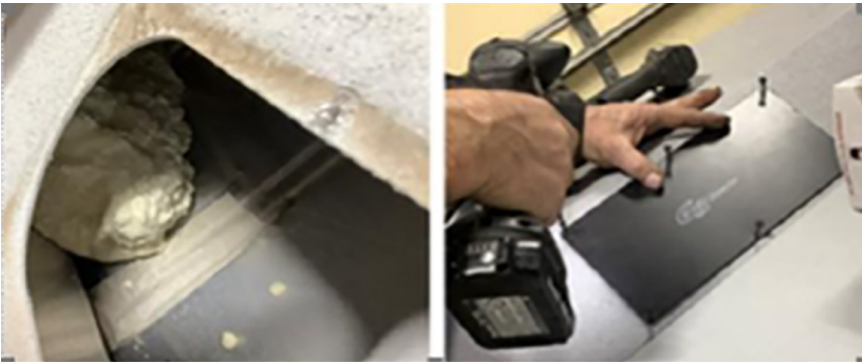
b) Using a rod, feel around the foam areas to identify where the foam shrinkage is taking place. This is where to direct the foam nozzle.



c) Next, fill the space using the Versi-Foam Kit (#73480035) into the starboard and port side of the bow behind the bulkhead. Read all the instructions on the Versi-Foam box before starting and follow them carefully.

TIP: Make sure foam gun tip is fully turned off when you open the can valve. Place the tip as deep as possible inside the open area and start it wide open. This helps the foam mix better rather than starting slow. Move the nozzle around and fill until foam exits the hole. Clean up any excess foam after it dries.

d) Re-install the bow plate set using (6) black screws.



5) Add foam to rear foam pods using the Versi-Foam Kit:

a) On the fuel tank side, drill a 1" hole into the rear pod.

b) Tape plastic around the 1" hole for better clean up.

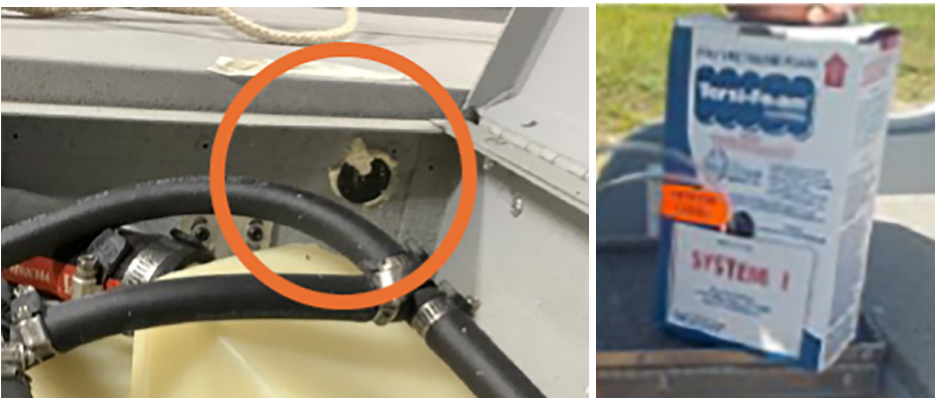
c) Fill the space using the Versi-Foam Kit into the 1" drilled hole. Read all the Versi-Foam Kit #73480035 box instructions before starting and follow them carefully.

TIP: Make sure foam gun tip is fully turned off when you open the can valve. Place the tip as deep as possible inside hole and then start it wide open. This helps mix better than starting slow. Move around and fill until the foam starts to come out the hole and move to next hole until all is filled.

d) Push in place the black plug (#73543409) to cover hole.

e) Move to the next pod.

f) Clean up any excess after it dries.



Fuel /water separator side.

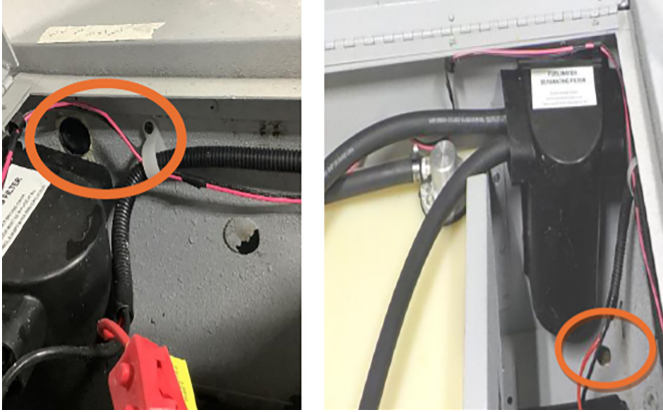
g) Drill two 1" holes.

h) Tape the plastic around the area that will be inserted with foam for better cleanup.

i) Fill the space using the Versi-Foam Kit (#73480035) into the two drilled holes. Read all the Versi-Foam instructions before starting and follow them carefully.

TIP: Make sure foam gun is fully turned off when you open the can valve.

Place the tip as deep as possible until the foam starts to come out of the hole. Push in the 1" black plug.



6) Foam process for motor well pods:

a) Drill a 1" hole into the rear pods, both starboard and port.

b) Tape plastic around the 1" hole for better clean up.

Fill the space using the Versi-Foam Kit into 1" drilled holes. Read all the Versi-Foam Kit (#73480035) box instructions before starting and follow through carefully.

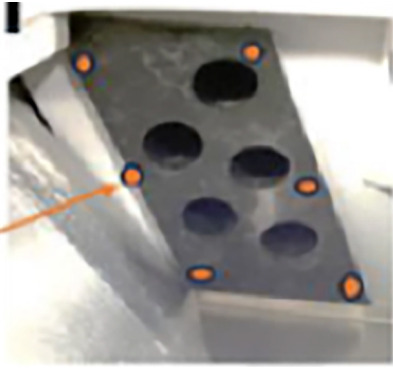
TIP: Make sure foam gun tip is fully turned off when you open the can valve. Place the tip as deep as possible inside the hole and start it wide open. This helps mix better than starting slow. Move around and fill until foam starts to come out of the hole.

c) Push in the black plug (#73543409) to cover the hole on the starboard and port sides.



7) Removing the port rod tube base:

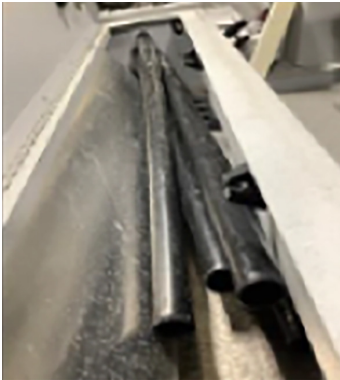
a. Unscrew the (6) black screws on the rod tube base.



b. Set the rod tube base aside.

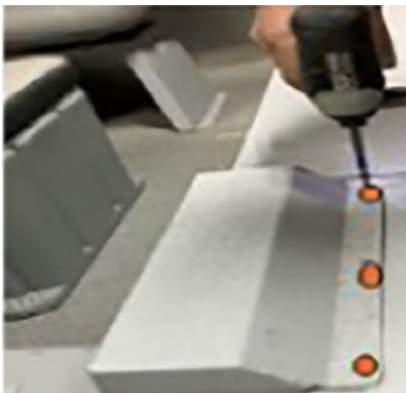


c. Remove the rod tubes by pulling outward and then set aside.



8) Remove the steering mount:

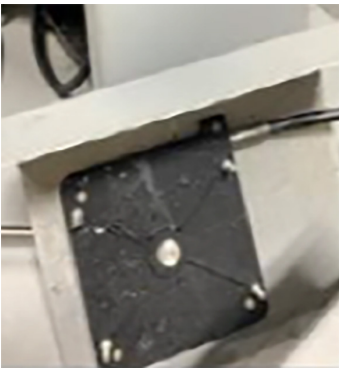
a. Unscrew the (3) black screws from the top body of the steering wall.



b. Unscrew the (6) black screws from the steering mount.



c. Carefully remove the steering mount and place it on in the floor of the boat.



9) Install the forward port wall foam:

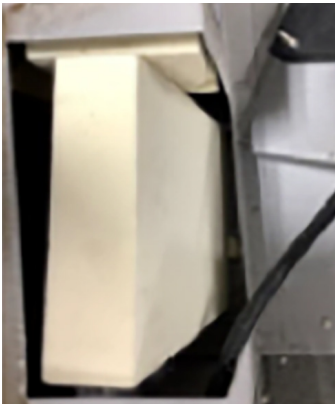
a. Lay the foam on the bottom (2 each—4" x 5-1/4" x 17", #895387 field fix)



b. Lay the foam on the floor of the port wall to the back (1 each—2-1/4" x 4" x 5-1/4" x 16", #895388 Sloped field fix).



c. Set the sloped piece of foam in the front on the top of the floor foam (4" x 5-1/4" x 16", #895389 field fix)



d. Set each piece of foam (2" x 10" x 11", #895390 field fix) in front of the throttle opening.

10) Re-install the steering mount:

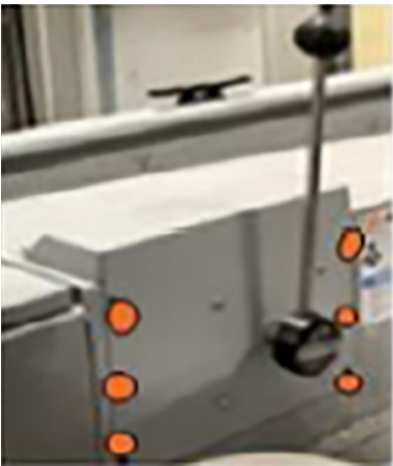
a. Carefully place the steering mount back into place.



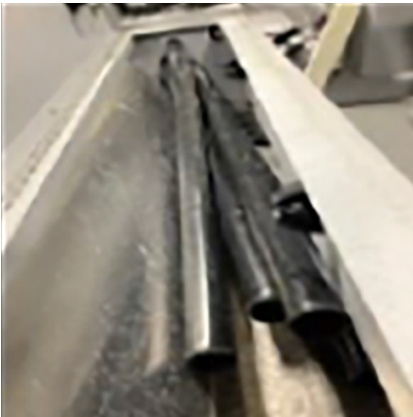
b. Install the (3) black screws to the steering mount flange.



c. Install the (6) screws into the steering mount.



11) Re-insert the rod tubes and rod tube base:
a. Insert the rod tubes by pushing inward.



b. Re-insert the rod tube base set into place and screw in the (6) black screws.



12) Place a green dot using a permanent pen or paint marker on the right side of the HIN tag to indicate that the installation is performed. Upon completion, please immediately submit a warranty claim according to the standard warranty procedure under Code RC0900.



IDENTIFICATION PROCEDURE

After completing the procedure, make sure to properly record and submit the warranty claim for this campaign to ensure correct reimbursement and to update the boat's repair history in G3's database.

If you encounter an unfamiliar boat, check for the presence of the green dot on the right side of the HIN tag as noted in the Service Procedure.

PARTS INFORMATION

PART NAME	PART NUMBER	QTY	DEALER COST
Field Fix Foam Kit 1, Sportsman 1610 SS	73290676 (Shadow Grass Camo) 73290674 (Breakup Camo) 73290670 (Tan) 73290672 (Grey)	1	No Charge
Field Fix Foam Kit 2, Sportsman 1610 SS	73290677	1	No Charge



WARRANTY INFORMATION

The modification is authorized for all affected boats, regardless of ownership or warranty status. Submit a Recall Claim for labor as described below.

When the modification is complete, submit a Recall Claim (Job Code **RC0900**) as described below using the following labor allowances:

- Field Fix Foam Kit 1: **2 hours**
- Field Fix Foam Kit 1 and 2: **6 hours**

To submit your Recall Claim in the G3 Boats Dealer System, go to *G3DS > Service > Warranty > Claims > New Request*. Then, from the menu, select *Warranty / YES Claim – If request is under \$200*.

Complete the claim normally, being sure to choose the RC0900 Job Code for this recall campaign:

Job Codes

Job Code Group: ALL

Job Code: [Dropdown]

Multiple: ADD

Job Code	Description	Multiple	Status	Action
RC0900	RC0900 - Foam Recall (Foam Kit 1)	1		

Enter the Problem, Defect, and Repair descriptions as follows:

*Problem description	Foam recall
*Defect description	Foam Recall
*Repair description	Foam recall performed.

Once claim is complete, click on “Save & Submit.”

NOTE: If you have any questions about submitting a warranty claim, refer to the “G3 Boats—How to Submit a Warranty Claim Manual” found in Messages under the Service tab in G3DS.



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IMPORTANT SAFETY RECALL NOTICE

This notice applies to your boat, HIN xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

Model: xxxxxx

April 11, 2025

Dear G3 Sportsman Owner:

The U.S. Coast Guard has identified that certain 2019 Sportsman 17 SS and 2020–2025 Sportsman 1610 SS G3 Boats do not comply with federal regulations for flotation per 33 CFR 183 Subpart G. Our records indicate that you own the affected boat shown above.

The reason for this recall: Certain affected boats may not meet the flotation test as defined by federal safety regulation 33CFR 183 Subpart G. Affected boats have an increased risk of the boat swamping and capsizing, which could result in injury or drowning.

What G3 and your dealer will do: Your authorized G3 Boat dealer will install a flotation kit, so the boat complies with federal regulations. Your dealer will inspect your boat for foam shrinkage and will install an additional flotation kit if necessary. The complete modification may take up to 6 hours total, but your dealer may need to keep your boat longer. **There will be no charge to you for this procedure.**

What you should do now: Please call your G3 dealer to make a service appointment to have this procedure performed. At that same time, you can find out how long they expect to keep your boat for this service.

Remember to take this letter with you when you take in your boat.

You should not operate your affected boat shown above until this modification is performed.

If you are unable to return to the G3 dealer who sold you the boat, this modification will be performed by any authorized G3 Boat dealer. For the name of a dealer near you, please visit the G3 Boats website at www.G3boats.com and use the dealer locator.

If you have had this repair performed before you received this letter, you may be entitled to receive reimbursement for the cost of obtaining a pre-notification remedy of the problem associated with this repair. For more information, contact G3 Customer Service at 1-800-588-9787.

Federal regulations require that any vehicle lessor receiving this recall notice must forward a copy of this notice to the lessee within 10 days.

If you need help: If, after contacting your dealership, you have questions or concerns which the dealership is unable to answer, please write to:

G3 Boats
Customer Service Department
901 Cowan Drive
Lebanon, MO 65536
Or call: 1-800-588-9787

If, after contacting G3 Boats Customer Service, you are still not satisfied that we have done our best to remedy the situation without charge and within a reasonable time, you may submit a written complaint to the Commandant (CG-BSX-2), U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2703 Martin Luther King, JR Ave SE, Stop 7501, Washington, DC 20593-7501 or call 1-202-372-1062, or email RBSInfo@uscg.mil. Refer to 24GC0035.

If you no longer own this boat: If you have sold your boat to another party, please call us toll-free at 1-800-588-9787 with the name and address of the new owner, along with the Hull Identification Number (HIN) shown above your name on this letter.

We're sorry to cause you any inconvenience, but we are sincerely concerned about your safety and continued satisfaction with our products. Thank you for giving your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

Brian Kincheloe
Customer Service Manager