

# Keeleazy

*“Protecting beautiful bottoms worldwide...”*

## **INSTRUCTIONS**

Thank you for choosing Keeleazy Keel Tape for your kayak!  
We think this is the best and easiest way to prevent keel line wear and keep your kayak looking good!

Follow these points for a quality fit:

- \* Check out YOUTUBE under “Keeleazy” for a video of tape fitting.  
Ready to start?
- \* Keeleazy should be applied at a comfortable room temperature, not in the sun on a scorching summer’s afternoon or on a freezing winter’s night! Please do not remove Keeleazy from the roll until ready to begin application.
- \* Place kayak upside down on supports.
- \* Gently lay Keeleazy tape along keel line, held in place with a few small pieces of masking tape, to determine bow and stern points. The Keeleazy should extend up bow and stern at least far enough to clear sand on a beaching. Mark these points on the keel. When applying Keeleazy, if your kayak has no obvious keel line, use pieces of masking tape as a guide along the hull to keep it straight. The easiest way to do this is to carefully lay your Keeleazy tape along the kayak, held in place by a few pieces of masking tape. Place a few more small pieces of masking tape 5mm either side of the Keeleazy tape. There’s your guide!
- \* Make sure keel line has no projections. If so, remove with fine sandpaper. Wipe keel line with methylated spirit to remove wax etc.
- \* Find a 50mm diameter spice jar lid in the kitchen. Use a pencil to trace a semi-circle around the lid onto each end of the Keeleazy tape.

\* With sharp scissors, round off each end of the tape.

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\* On one end of the Keeleazy tape, carefully lift blue backing edge off the buff-coloured adhesive with a fine blade. This can be a little tricky – practise on the small pieces you’ve trimmed off. Peel back about half a metre of backing and apply tape to keel line from the bow. At this stage DO NOT fold sides of tape around any of the keel line. Apply complete tape, peeling backing as you go. DO NOT stretch the tape. If your kayak has a skeg box, apply tape straight and flat over the box opening.

\* Now, with a heat gun (on low setting) and starting from the middle of the hull, work first towards the bow, gently heating the tape as you go, pressing it firmly onto the hull and folding around the bow. Repeat in the stern direction. Keep the heat gun moving as you heat the tape. The tape should feel quite warm under your fingers. The use of heat molds the tape onto the keel line contours.

\* If your kayak has a skeg box, now cut out the opening with a fine sharp blade held on an angle to bevel back the tape edge. A little sanding of the tape on the box edges with fine sandpaper will finish the job.

\* Hug your boat and go for a paddle!

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Removing Keeleazy tape: Apply a little heat, lift and peel off tape. Use methylated spirit to remove adhesive residue.

Interim Repairs: If Keeleazy tape becomes roughened or cut, sand Keeleazy lightly with fine grade sandpaper and if need be, apply one or more patch layers of duct tape (not cloth tape).