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VR / VRC 2500/3500/4000
VERTICAL WINDLASS

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## INTRODUCTION

Thank you for purchasing a Muir Windlass. Muir go to great lengths to develop anchoring systems that no only meet all your performance and safety requirements, but at the same time designed with a style and finish that enhances the aesthetics of your vessel. With Muir's commitment to quality and use of superior
materials and processes we know you will be pleased with your investment, and rest assured that through the correct installation, operation and maintenance your new Muir Windlass will give you years of reliable performance.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

To avoid damage to the geardrive, windlass or vessel when bringing the anchor up hard, it is a preferred practice to mark the chain at approximately 5 -meter intervals from the anchor, to alert the operator to the anchor position. Alternatively an Auto Anchor can be used.
If anchor retrieval is impaired by high wind, heavy seas or the anchor is snagged, ease the load by either motoring or sailing slowly forward into the wind.

## SAFE OPERATION

- Ensure that hands, feet, hair and clothing are kept clear of the windlass and other loose gear when in operation.
- Ensure no one is swimming nearby as anchor is being lowered or retrieved.
- Keep hands well clear of capstan, gypsy, chain and rope
- The windlass should never be used for lifting people aloft.
- Do not use a windlass as a bollard for mooring, towing or being towed.
- When the windlass is in use or the anchor stowed, always ensure the clutch is tightened with the clutch handle, and a Chain lock, Devils claw or Snubber Line is fitted to retain the anchor. The use of these accessories will prevent excessive loads on the geardrive and accidental release of the anchor.


INSTALLATION




Figure(I) Locate the windlass centrally fore and aft. Check that
the chain leads unhindered to the anchor roller. The chain leads nto the starboard side of he gypsy, wraps around $180^{\circ}$ and fals below deck through the chain pipe (hawser). Ensure there is sufficient room around the windlass to allow full rotation of the windlass manual/clutch handle (if supplied).
Figure (ii) The centre height of the gypsy must be in the same plane as the chain lead from the bow roller. If the deck is angled (fore \& aft) or curved (port to starboard) a suitably shaped mounting block will be required to spread the load evenly over even footing
Figure (iii) Place the shaped mounting block (if required) onto the deck. Using the layout template supplied, mark the mounting centres and drill the holes, (Refer template).
Figure (iv) Apply an appropriate sealant to the base plate and mounting block (if required) and carefully tighten the nuts \& washers onto the threaded studs under the deck. Remove excess seale
For Aluminium or Steel hull vessels, it is important to insulate the windlass with a non-conductive gasket to avoid corrosion. This also applies below deck with the mounting bolts, nuts and washers.
Where the deck construction is light or of foam sandwich construction, a plywood stiffener of at least $16 \mathrm{~mm}\left(5 / 8^{\prime \prime}\right)$ should be fitted to the underside of the deck to spread the load and to washers on the underside of the stiffener assists to spread the load.

## Figure (v)

1. Mount the windlass from above as shown
2. From below, place washers and nut on each stud and tighten

## Figure (vi)

3. Locate adaptor and align holes.
4. Fasten using cap screws provided.
5. Grease shaft and key, slide geardrive onto shaft ensuring key aligned. Rotate gearbox to prefered mounting position and secure with bolts provided.
6. Locate gearbox and bolt through adaptor
7. Place washers and bolt in the end of the shaft and tighten / Fit circlip.
NOTE: On assembly, grease all moving parts and deck plate grease nipple with a Lithium/teflon based grease. The Motor/geardrive assembly should be protected with anti-corrosion film or grease tape.

## DEPTH OF THE CHAIN LOCKER

Measuring the vertical distance (minimum fall) underside of the deck and the top of the completely stored and heaped anchor rode in the locker will assist in determining the installation to suit your vessel. Refer to the fall depth diagrams to the left, and the options detailed below. It is also recommended that the chain be directed to the center of the chain locker.

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## HANDY HINTS

It is a common mistake to locate the windlass too far forward, or too close to the bulk head, where there is insufficient room for chain and anchor stowing. The chain fail position should be in the centre of the chain locker. If the chain falls alongside a bulkhead or onto the stem it will pyramid and jam.
If the chain falls into an undesirable position, a metal tube can be fitted under the hawser to redirect the chain to a preferred position. This pipe should be at least $1 \frac{1 / 2}{}$ times the diameter of the chain. It should also have as much vertical angle as possible. Position the windlass in the best location with the chain hawser facing forward. Ensure sufficient room to run electric cables to the windlass. Follow the instructions on page 4 including underdeck stiffening, deck camber, alignment, mounting blocks and sealing procedures. The gearbox and motor can be located in one of 22 positions.

## ELECTRICAL

See Wiring Diagrams for wiring instructions.
A circuit breaker must be fitted to ensure warranty. If the windlass is overloaded or stalled the circuit breaker automatically cuts off power to the windlass and protects the wiring and motor. The circuit breaker should not be used as an isolating switch.
Deck Switches are best located out to either port or starboard or directly behind the windlass in a position where it can be easily reached with your foot or knee, preferably where you can view the anchor and chain coming aboard.

Isolating Switch should be fitted in an accessible position for safety, ideally close to the battery or switches The isolating switch is not a circuit breaker.
Batteries are best located as close to the windlass as possible. Larger cables will reduce the voltage drop to the motor and the heat generated when running the windlass. Small diameter cables drop voltage considerably. Use the following table as a guide to your required wire size:

| Distance from battery to motor $(\mathrm{m})$ | Cable Size |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\left(\mathrm{mm}^{2}\right)$ | AWG | Cable Diameter <br> $(\mathrm{mm})$ |  |
| $7\left(23^{\prime}\right)$ | 35 | 3 | $8\left(5 / 16^{\prime \prime}\right)$ |
| $9-17\left(30^{\prime}-55^{\prime}\right)$ | 50 | $1 / 0$ | $10\left(3 / 8^{\prime \prime}\right)$ |

Rotation: Windlasses may be wired for single or dual direction, using single or dual deck switches for raising or owering. Alternatively a remote control solenoid packages with Toggle Switch, Hand Pendant or Auto Anchors are available.


## Solenoid Installation

We recommend that the solenoid is installed in an upright position, and in close proximity to the electric motor of the capstan. The solenoid must not be installed in chain locker. It should be located in dry area only.
For wiring information, please refer to the appropriate wiring diagram.
diagram.

| WINCH MODEL | MOTOR SIZE | MOTOR TYPE |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| VR/C 2500 | 1200 W | 3 POLE |
| VR/C 3500 | 1500 W | 3 POLE |
| VR/C 4000 | 2000 W | 4 POLE |

## WIRING LAYOUT



NOT TO BE USED AS WIRING DIAGRAMS



## OPERATION

Manually: When releasing anchor rode, place the handle into the clutch drive Bi-square (located at the top of the windlass) and release the clutch brake anti-clockwise. Let the anchor fall and control the chain run by rotating the handle clockwise using the clutch mechanism as a brake

Anchoring: When laying at anchor use a chain stopper, nylon/chain bridle or snubber line to preven snatching and direct load on the windlass main shaft. Never use the windlass as a mooring bollard!!
Retrieving Chain: Place the handle in the Bi-square and rotate clockwise to tighten the clutch then remove handle. If the anchor is buried hard, motor forward to pull it free after hardening up on the windlass, to ease the load on the windlass.
Rope hauling on Capstan: The capstan can be operated independently of the gypsy. Secure the ancor rode (via Chainlock, Gypsy lock or Snubber) then release the clutch. The capstan can then be operated in one o the following ways:

1. By place the handle into the off-centre Bi-square and manually winding
2. By the use of the electrical switch gear.

Electric / Hydraulic operation: Releasing and retrieving Anchor rode is identical when operating the windlass Always keep well clear of the windlass when releasing or retrieving chain and anchor. Keep fingers, hair and clothing well clear when the windlass is in operation
Auto Anchor Launching: Two direction windlasses are now standard. If the anchor and anchor roller can be positioned so that it falls as soon as the windlass is reversed, the whole operation can then be carried out emotely from aft or fly bridge. Remote switch controls are self centering and stops the windlass when the operator to judge when the anchor is almost up. Go gently with the last two metres of retrieving by letting go of the switch, rather than waiting for the anchor to fly up over the roller, and banging tight, putting excessive load onto the bow roller, windlass and fore deck.

## SERVICING

Atlantic models have a grease nipple on the aft side of the base plate which lubricates the main drive shaft The geardrive is filled and sealed at factory with long life synthetic oil and does not require replacement. A rinse of fresh water on all your deck gear after every excursion ensures all salt deposits and corrosion are kept to a minimum.
We recommend the windlasses of Pleasure Vessels are stripped yearly and all moving parts cleaned and greased with a Marine Grease, Teflon or Lithium based grease (e.g. Duckhams'Keenol'; 'Castrol LMX'.). In the case of Work and Charter Vesels we suggest it is carried out more frequently. Do not use soap based grease.


Tighten to brake the outgoing line
ully tighten retrieve the anchor under power


## PROCEDURE:

Tools Required: Clutch handle, Allen keys, a small and large flat screwdriver \& Marine, Teflon or Lithium based grease,
VR MODELS ONLY (DIAGRAM 1 LHS)

1. Secure the gypsy, and then remove the clutch nut with handle supplied

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2. Slide the capstan off the shaft taking care not to lose the shaft key

Vr AND VRC models
3. Undo the Thumb Screw and Socket Head Screw with an Allen key to remove the chain cover.
4. Undo the stripper screws into the peeler with a small flat head screwdriver and remove the stripper. The securing screw for the peeler should now be removed with a large flat head screwdriver and then the peeler.
5. The gypsy can now be removed from the main shaft.

NOTE: We recommend the use of Lithium/Teflon based grease

- Before re-assembly, grease the exposed Main Shaft/cone \& Gypsy bore.
- The Winalass Base Plate can be greased via grease nipple located at the rear of the base.



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## ROPE CHAIN MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (RCMS) ADJUSTMENT

Firm tension of the finger is required to reduce rope (nylon line) slipping through gypsy. To adjust this tension (if your line is slipping) refers to the two diagrams and procedure below.


## PROCEDURE:

Tools Required: Allen keys and a large flat screwdriver

1. Undo the Thumb Screw and Socket Head Screw with an Allen key to remove the chain cover
2. Loosen the grub screw on the side of base with an Allen key for finger adjustment.
3. Turn screwdriver clockwise to tension the spring, while holding the tension re-tighten grub screw.
4. Re attaches the chain cover to finish the adjustment

## Rope/Chain Splice



1. To stop rope unravelling, seize rope 400 mm ( $16^{\prime \prime}$ ) from end with whipping twine. Unlay strands.
2. After placing $20 \mathrm{~mm}\left(3 / 4^{\prime \prime}\right)$ of heat shrink sleeve tubing through the last link of chain, pass one strand of rope through sleeve and chain from one side and the other two strands of rope from the opposite side. (See illustration).
3. While pulling all three strands tight, shrink the sleeve tightly onto the rope using a hairdryer / fan heater or by immersing in boiling water.
4. Remove seizing and complete back splice in normal manner for two full tucks. With a hot knife pare down the three strands by 113 and insert two further tucks. Pare down by another $1 / 3$ and finish with two tucks. Cut any remaining tails.

## Line Care

Using the wrong type of line may cause the line to jam causing excessive line wear. Muir Windlasses are designed to run on 3-strand nylon line (supplied by Muir) which has been specially treated with fabric softener to prevent it from hardening. It is recommended to soak your rope in fresh water containing fabric softener every 3 months.

In case of a rope jam, slacken off the windlass clutch to free the jammed line. When retrieving the anchor rode do not continue to run the windlass if the anchor or chain is jammed, as line slippage in the gypsy will cause damage to the line.


Manual Operating System (MOS): allows for manual operation featuring a special handle that fits to the top of the gypsy after the capstan or clutch top has been
removed. (This is optional on the VR/VRC $850-1250 / 1000-1200 / 2200 / 2500-4000$.)


## Manual Override System (MORS):

This allows the operator to manually recover the anchor and anchor rode without the use of the electrics. For manual operation the ratchet drive pawl should be engaged which stops the gypsy from running back wards. Tighten the clutch nut to engage the gypsy by rotating it clockwise (anti clockwise if left hand winch), then place the handle into the offset clutch drive Bi-square. When turning in an anti-clockwise (clockwise if le hand win the handle is moved cawwise (anti clockwise if left hand winch) the weight will be taken by the gearbox and ratchet drive pawls. (This is standard on the VR/VRC 4000 and optional on the VR/VRC 2500-3500.)

## Assembly

To engage the pawls (refer to diagram)

1. Remove the clutch nut (and the D washer for VR models) with handle supplied
2. Remove the capstan assembly (if fitted) and key on the shaft before remove the whole gypsy
3. Loosen off the nylon peeler arm (see RCMS adjustment)
4. Remove the chain cover
5. Remove the gypsy together with peeler stripper assembly
6. Remove the shoulder bolt

Remove the ratchet cone and washer
8. Remove the pawls and replace them into the adjacent slots taking care not to loose the pawl springs 8. Remove the pawls and replace them into the adjacent slots

Note: The ratchet pawl assembly is disengaged when assembled at Muir engineering Pty Lta.



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## Trouble Shooting

## ELECTRICAL

1. Check the battery circuit breaker and ensure the isolating switch is on.
2. Check battery is charged up to 12 or 24 volts.
3. Check that the foot switch plunger is contacting
4. Check remote control solenoid is contacting, if this is clicking the problem may be low voltage, a faulty solenoid or a wire not properly connected.
5. Check wiring between controls, solenoid and motor are in-tact.
6. If the motor will not turn after checking the above points, check that the motor bushes are not worn or sticking.

## MECHANICAL

If the windlass running gear will not turn or operate check the following

1. Check that the clutch above the chain gypsy is tightened to the chain gypsy drive using the manua handle supplied (see operating instructions)
2. If the line slips check the tension on the finger and increase spring tension (see RCMS adjustment on previous page)
Check the drive key on main shaft to gearbox output
3. Check the drive key between the gearbox and motor input

## HYDRAULIC MOTOR

Refer any problems with your hydraulic motor to a Muir service agent or Muir Hobart.

## WATER PROTECTION DIAGRAM





## WARRANTY

## Limited for period of One year (First Owner)

We warrant each new product manufactured by us to be free from defects in material and workmanship for a period of year (first Owner).
This warranty shall become effective only upon receipt of a completed warranty registration, which shall identify the product so registered by serial number. This warranty shall remain in effect for a period of one (1) year from the date of purchase. Where fitted to Charter/Hire/Commercial boats the warranty is limited to 6 months, if prior approval of type selection has not been approved by Muir.

## Conditions

While this warranty applies to defects in material and workmanship, it does not apply to:

- Normal worn parts or to damage caused by neglect, lack of maintenance, accident or improper service/installation
or service by persons other than an authorised Muir representative.
- Muir shall not be responsible for failures due to products being
on warranty claim
.Darnage due to unsatisfactory storage or use of equipment prior to installation in the approved/intended manner.


## Exclusions

incidental and/or consequential damages are excluded from this warranty, Warranties of merchantability and fitness are excluded from this warranty. Implied warranties are limited to the life of this warranty. Some countries do not allow limitations on how long an implied warranty lasts or the exclusion or limitation of incidental or consequential damages, so the above may not apply to you.
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