



## Owners Manual & Warranty Information Booklet



# WELCOME

Congratulations on your decision to purchase your new Stessco boat.

You are now a valued member of the Stessco family.

At Stessco we pride ourselves on offering premium boating at an affordable price.

Please read this booklet carefully with regards to your warranty and care requirements for your boat.

If you experience any difficulties please do not hesitate to contact your local Stessco dealer for assistance - **[www.stessco.com.au](http://www.stessco.com.au)**

## WARRANTY INFORMATION

Stessco boats are warranted to the original purchaser to be free of defects in materials and workmanship for the periods as listed below:

1. Standard hull 12 months structural warranty.
2. Standard hull purchased and housed on a Stessco trailer 24 months structural warranty.
3. Premium hull 24 months structural warranty.
4. Premium hull purchased and housed on a Stessco trailer 60 months structural warranty.
5. Stessco trailers 24 months structural warranty.

Merlin Marine & Leisure Pty Ltd (ABN: 60 746 105 351) accepts liability for Stessco boats of our own manufacture (i.e. boats made after 14/06/2014 with a HIN: AU-MML onwards). This warranty is not transferable or capable of assignment by the original purchaser to a third party.

Our liability is limited in making good any defects, at our discretion by repairing the same at our manufacturing facility, provided that written notice has been given to Stessco within seven (7) days of the discovery of the alleged defect or if possible within such a time as is reasonable, by repairing at our discretion, at the manufacturing facility, provided that the boat has been operated and maintained in accordance with the special provisions contained in this manual.

## **SPECIAL PROVISIONS**

1. The warranties herein contained extend to the original purchaser (whose details are recorded by Stessco) only, and is subject to proof of purchase and date of purchase to which Stessco records must be conclusive in case of disagreement.
2. The warranty is only applicable if the Stessco New Product Warranty Registration Coupon is completed in full and returned to us within fourteen (14) days from date of sale.
3. The boat and or outboard engine must not have been modified, altered or operated outside safe boating practices or the limits of the original design specifications.
4. The boat must, at all times have been used and maintained in accordance with the Australian Builders Plate (boat capacity plate) attached to the boat as well as the Boat Care Instructions listed in this document.
5. The boat has not been damaged by neglect, accident or misuse or used for competitive or commercial purposes. Stessco does not certify their boats as suitable for commercial application.
6. The 12 month paint warranty is limited to defective paint or application only. NOT against the normal effect of wear and tear, solvents, fuel damage or the normal effect of oxidization and degradation caused by dissimilar metals. Oxidization has the potential to bubble the paint finish. Surface contaminants can cause oxidization if not removed from the vessel.
7. Internal side panels are warranted against defects and not against degradation caused by fuel.
8. Stessco shall not be liable for consequential loss of any kind arising out of the supply, operation or use of the boat.
9. Stessco does not cover any consequential expenses beyond warranty repair of the boat itself e.g. freighting.
10. Any work agreed to be repaired by Stessco will be done ex-factory and freighting costs to and from the factory will be at the purchaser's responsibility. The warranty does not cover items replaced during normal service and maintenance operations which are subject to wear.
11. This warranty is in lieu of all and any warranties expressed or implied, conferred by statute or otherwise and is the only warranty given by Stessco on the boat or any part thereof. Any warranties under the Sale of Goods Act are expressly excluded.

12. All warranties and conditions implied under the Trades Practices Act, including as to one of merchantable quality, are not excluded by the warranty except that Stessco limits its liability for breach to
  - (a) The replacement of proprietary products.
  - (b) The repair of boats or products.
13. Stessco will not warrant boats which have been improperly trailered. E.g. the use of multi-roller trailers, incorrect or insufficient tie down from vessel to trailer, no engine support through an engine support bracket and or off road use.
14. Excluded windscreen/windshield breakage and leakage around windscreens/windshield or other designed openings.
15. Stessco provides a general warranty as to the fitness for purpose for the period of 12 months from date of purchase with regards to upholstery, including lounges, backrests, seats, seat fittings, windscreens, striping, wooden floor, hatches and accessory products.
16. The timber and carpeted floors warranty is limited to installation for a period of 12 months and does not cover the effects of weather or wear and tear.
17. Warranty is only valid if all servicing requirements, as outlined in this booklet, are fulfilled.
18. All servicing to be carried out by an approved Stessco Dealer.

## **GENERAL NOTES**

Our goods come with guarantees that cannot be excluded under the Australian Consumer Law.

It is a condition of sale to you of any boat that the warranties and special provisions as set out above form part of the Contract of Sale between Stessco aluminium boats and you.

The contents of Stessco aluminium boats website, excluding warranty and warranty provisions, will not form part of any contractual agreement. Details referred to in the website are based on pre-production specifications and could be altered or deleted prior to the boat's sale date. Because of variations which occur in manufactured products, all capacities, measurements, dimensions and weights quoted should be taken as an approximate only and are subject to change without notice. Stessco reserves the right to discontinue or change any of the exterior colours and interior trims without notice.

Stessco recommends that all boat owners comply with their local boating regulations and be familiar with safe boating practices.

## **COMMERCIAL USE**

Stessco do not warrant boats used commercially or warrant that the Stessco boats are suitable for particular commercial applications.

## **CARE FOR YOUR NEW PURCHASE**

The following should form the basis and maintenance program for your boat and trailer. Please make sure that you are fully aware of the new boat and new trailer warranty policy. The items listed are in no particular order of importance, as all need to be incorporated into your boat care and maintenance schedule.

### **BOAT**

1. It is the driver of the towing vehicle who is responsible for ensuring that the trailer is correctly and securely attached to the towing vehicle. The driver is also responsible for ensuring all safety chains, tie down straps or ropes are correctly fitted and brakes (where fitted) are working and lights are operating in accordance with the road regulations.
2. A boat on a trailer must not be loaded with items and used as a substitute box or camper trailer. This may damage the boat and may cause the trailer to be overloaded.
3. Boats must never be overloaded. Refer to the plate fitted to your boat which advises the maximum load permitted in your boat.
4. The maximum load indicated for your boat applies to calm water and good conditions. The load must be reassessed for rough weather and inclement conditions. The number of persons allowed in the vessel may need to be reduced to compensate when large loads are carried.
5. Incorrect load distribution may cause the boat to perform poorly or dangerously.
6. If stored outside or where rain or water may enter the boat, (and the boat does not have an underfloor fuel tank) the boat should be stored in a 'nose up' position to ensure it drains correctly.
7. Bungs should be removed for storage and transportation. They must be fitted and tightened prior to launching the boat.
8. Disconnect the battery before washing the boat.

9. Make sure that any metal tackle or foreign objects are removed from the bottom of the boat as these can cause corrosion.
10. Dissimilar metals, ash, cement dust, fertilisers, insecticides etc. can corrode aluminium.
11. Boats with underfloor fuel tanks must not be overfilled. If fuel is spilled on your boat please ensure it is thoroughly cleaned immediately. Boats with fuel tanks should be stored level (not in a 'nose up' position) as fuel from an overfilled tank may disperse from the transom breather and damage paint.
12. To maintain the appearance and value of your boat, it is necessary to perform regular maintenance using proper procedures. Always wash the boat off with fresh water after removing it from the water. This alleviates corrosion-causing surface oils and dirt.
13. Unpainted Boats - the shiny finish on unpainted boats will normally develop a surface oxidation film over time.
14. Painted Boats - oxidation is commonly caused by salt and moisture. This reaction can cause paint to bubble and flake off in areas throughout the boat where paint seal has been broken and allowed moisture to enter. This is only a cosmetic reaction and will not affect the boat structurally. Note: Paint is warranted against defective paint or application NOT against the normal effect of oxidation.
15. Windscreens should be cleaned with fresh clean water and a soft cloth. Chemical based cleaners may scratch or damage the windscreen. They may also mark the boat if splashed on either a painted or unpainted surface.
16. Floors may be washed with a very mild detergent and thoroughly rinsed with clean fresh water. The floor should be allowed to dry completely before being covered for storage.
17. If applying anti-fouling treatment to the bottom of your boat check very carefully that it is completely free of copper or other metals that may cause a chemical reaction.

## **OUTBOARD**

For the care and maintenance of your outboard motor you should refer to the literature supplied with the motor.

1. Safety must be a priority when moving near an outboard motor that is operating.

2. Do not swim near a moving propeller. Regardless of how slowly the propeller seems to be turning, a moving propeller will injure a person.
3. Never attempt to board a boat next to a moving propeller.
4. Never touch a moving propeller. If fishing line gets caught around a propeller you must stop the motor before attempting to free the line. Remove the key from the ignition as an extra safety precaution.

## **TRAILER**

It is the driver of the towing vehicle who is responsible for ensuring that the trailer is correctly and securely attached to the towing vehicle. The driver is also responsible for ensuring all safety chains, tie down straps or ropes are correctly fitted, brakes (where fitted) are working and lights are operating in accordance with the road regulations.

1. Trailers must be completely washed after being immersed or partially immersed in water. Special care must be taken to ensure the brakes and any other moving parts are thoroughly washed with a hose or a low pressure cleaner.
2. Trailer wheel nuts should be checked initially after 50kms and thereafter every 1000kms.
3. Trailer wheel bearings should be regularly checked and repacked if required. Wheel bearing seals should be regularly inspected and replaced as required.
4. The boat should sit solidly on the keel rollers with a slight 'nose up' stance. The full weight of the vessel should be evenly distributed over the centerline keel rollers. The side skids should be used to balance the boat and stop it from rocking from side to side. Side skids should not be used as a load bearing item.
5. The top surface of the side skids should be extended rearwards past the transom by between 25mm and 50mm.
6. Trailers with wobble rollers should not be used. The use of a trailer with wobble rollers may void your boat warranty.
7. The trailer winch is for winching the boat onto the trailer. It is not designed for load securing.
8. The boat must be secured to the trailer at the winch post using the winch cable (or strap) and a suitable chain. The winch cable (or strap) alone does not offer sufficient security.

9. If the winch cable (or strap) becomes damaged it should be replaced as the damage may affect the performance of the winch. A damaged winch cable (or strap) can be very dangerous if it snaps under load.
10. The boat stern must be secured to the trailer behind the trailers rear axle so that it does not move around. Use web type tie down straps or similar. Poor or incorrect tying down may result in damage to the boat. Note that a tie down strap or rope in direct contact with a painted surface will eventually rub through.
11. The vessels transom must be fully supported by the rear keel roller and should not extend rearward past the roller by more than 50mm. If a vessels transom is not supported correctly by the rear roller, damage may occur and warranty may be void.
12. Do not tow this boat without the motor being correctly supported.
13. Keel roller bolts and skid bolts should be regularly checked, adjusted and tightened if and as required.
14. All suspension bolts and winch post bolts must be checked regularly and tightened where necessary.
15. Trailer tyres should be inflated in accordance with the manufacturer's specification.
16. Trailer is not suitable for off-road use. Use of this nature will void warranty.

You are requested to read your new boat and new trailer warranty statement. Should you have any questions about any items please get in touch with your Stessco dealer.

Thank you for choosing a Stessco product, we trust you will have many enjoyable hours using your boat and trailer.

## SERVICING REQUIREMENTS

10 HOUR SERVICE		
Not Applicable	Check/ Adjust	Boat - 10 Hour Service
		Check operation of all electrical equipment including navigation lights, pumps, anchor lights, switches etc.
		Check all plumbing – including bungs.
		Check and torque all screw and fixtures including seat pedestals.
		Check paint and all finishes.
		Check steering system for freedom of movement and correct operation.
		Check security of windscreen, canopy or other optional extras.
		Explain warranty conditions to the customer.
		Carry out water test.
		<b>Trailer – 10 Hour Service</b>
		Check trailer adjustment to suit.
		Check operation of trailer lights.
		Carry out general check over trailer for security of nuts, bolts and fittings.
		Check tyre for integrity and suitable air pressure.
		Explain correct operation/use of trailer to customer.
<b>Dealer stamp, date &amp; Workshop Signature to be applied:</b>		

## 100 HOUR SERVICE OR 12 MONTH SERVICE

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		Check paint and all finishes.
		Check steering system for freedom of movement and correct operation.
		Check security of windscreen, canopy or other optional extras.
		Check hull externally and internally for integrity
		Remove floor and check flotation, fuel tank, condition of tanks
		Check security of battery and terminals
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		Check trailer adjustment to suit.
		Check operation of trailer lights.
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## STESSCO NEW PRODUCT WARRANTY REGISTRATION COUPON

Customer Name			
Address			
City/Town			
State		Post Code	
Email Address			
Boat Model		HIN Number	
Engine Type		Serial Number	
Trailer Type		HIN Number	
Reg. Number	Colour	Date of Sale	

### PRE DELIVERY SERVICE - STESSCO DEALER TO COMPLETE WITH CUSTOMER

Not Applicable	Check/Adjust	Boat - 10 Hour Service
		Check operation of all electrical equipment including navigation lights, pumps, anchor lights, switches etc.
		Check all plumbing – including bungs.
		Check and torque all screw and fixtures including seat pedestals.
		Check paint and all finishes.
		Check steering system for freedom of movement and correct operation.
		Check security of windscreen, canopy or other optional extras.
		Explain warranty conditions to the customer.
		Check all plumbing - including bungs. Explain Bait/Keeper tank overflow.
		Carry out water test.
		<b>TRAILER - PRE DELIVERY SERVICE</b>
		Check trailer adjustment to suit.
		Check operation of trailer lights.
		Carry out general check over trailer for security of nuts, bolts and fittings.
		Check tyre for integrity and suitable air pressure.
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