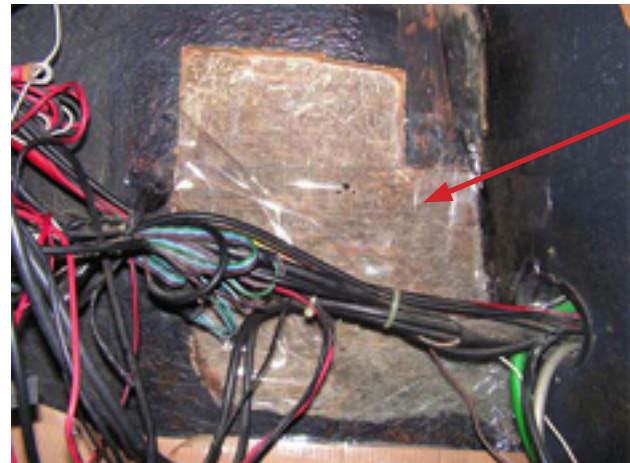




All wood strips cut

I cleaned the edges of all the large boltholes in the outer transom fiberglass with a rat-tail file to provide good bonding of the CPES and L&L epoxy. I also filed all the edges of the fiberglass transom cutout section for a good bonding with CPES and Fill-It. I also cleaned all screw holes in the transom with a small triangular file in a drill. A drill bit smaller than the hole could be use too. I used the Injection Kit to put CPES in the screw holes that went into the original transom wood to seal them. I would later fill them with an L&L/Sawdust mixture to be redrilled for mounting the swim platform support screws, depth sounder and hull drain.

I carefully covered all small holes and bolt holes on the outside of the transom with electricians tape to contain the CPES and the L&L epoxy. I made sure the tape was not concave into the holes, to prevent the opening from being concave once the L&L set. I also used some strong clear packaging tape on larger areas on the inside of the transom where the fiberglass broke through when removing the rotted wood. The tape was used to contain the CPES and L&L. Both tapes worked very well.



Inside break-through area

All the plywood strips were soaked in CPES in a makeshift "pan" out of 4 mil plastic sheeting. I placed the plywood strips on edge and sprayed on CPES until they were saturated. In checking for complete coverage, I found that it was necessary to coat the sides of most of the plywood strips with a brush. The strips took about 2/3rds of a 2 quart unit of CPES. The transom opening and the plywood strips were done in two separate applications. This was done so that I could devote time to each without having to rush or worry. When I coated the sides of the plywood strips, I brushed them in the makeshift pan, and in doing so I poked some small holes in the 4 mil plastic sheeting with the sharp corners of the plywood strips. My suggestion would be to cover the bottom of the makeshift pan with overlapping strips of packaging tape to seal and add resistance to puncturing. If you don't, the CPES will leak through and coat the surface underneath.



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