

## **KeelEazy Application Instructions – Apply at Room Temperature – approximately 70 F/21 C**

### **You will need:**

- Heat gun or hairdryer
- Isopropyl alcohol (provided in the kits)
- Leather glove
- Scissors (to cut it shorter or round the edges)
- Exacto knife or razor blade to cut around skeg (when necessary)

1. **Prepare the surface:** Repair any cracks or holes prior to installing. If there are deep gauges, lightly sand the surface to smooth it out. Clean the area where the KeelEazy is to be adhered well with Isopropyl alcohol. This is extremely important!
2. **Round the corners:** Use a scissors to round off the corners and the ends of the strip. If you purchased a kit, this has already been done for you.
3. **Separate the blue backing strip from the adhesive.** This is probably the most difficult part of the installation. Be sure and leave the adhesive on the KeelEazy and remove the blue backing tape only. Use a razor blade if necessary.
4. **Apply the strip onto the hull:** Once one end is firmly attached you can stretch the strip slightly, being sure to center over the keel. You can cut the KeelEazy with a scissors if the strip is too long for your boat. Then go over the strip with a hair dryer or hot air gun on a low setting to press out any wrinkles. Start in the middle and move out to each end. Also start at the apex of the keel and push outwards to avoid air bubbles or wrinkles. Using a squeegee or roller can help to smooth out any bubbles. Use a low setting. Do not overheat.
5. **To remove or reset:** Simply heat the strip up using low heat and lift it off.
6. **Acute angles and corners:** To go around a sharp corner, you may need to make a notch or scallop at the apex of the corner to go around the corner. If you make a flap, be sure the leading edge goes over the other so that it won't catch when moving your boat.